



DSPS DISTRICT 2

THE TRIDENT

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Peter Kelly

Dear members-

We finished off May and opened the boating season with some great weather.

On May 14th we held “Emergencies Afloat” at Norwalk YC. This seminar was attended by DSPS and Norwalk YC members who were shown by the Darien EMS-Post 53 team how to handle “near drowning” incidents, perform CPR, and Hands for Life using “dummies”. We were also educated on helping a hypothermia victim, heat illness and treating marine bite/stings.

The following Saturday, we held our Spring Refresher. We took members and their guests onto LI Sound to “refresh” their skills in pre-launch review, navigating the channel using navigational aids, reading a chart, plotting a course, estimating time of arrival based on 60D=ST, anchoring, man-over-board procedures, rules of the road and returning to the docks. A lunch was provided to all participants upon arrival at the docks. We started at 8:30 and everyone was on their way by noon. It was a fun time on the water covering many of the essentials for a safe boating season.

We completed our May activities with the Darien Memorial Day parade. For many years the squadron has had a “boat/float” provided by Art Van Sciver and The Bait Shop of Rowayton. Art passed away suddenly this Spring. His memory lives on as The Bait Shop provided a new trailered Mako which we decorated with flags, banners and smiling children waving to their friends along the route. DSPS also participated in the annual Post 53 Food Fair held at Tilley Pond. We had a tent and promoted safety on the water along with nautical tattoos for the young & older folk. We were joined by the RC Club who sailed their remote controlled sailboats on Tilley Pond. Everyone had a great time. Come join us at some of our upcoming events during the summer.

We have added a number of new members this year and are looking to reshape the squadron to better address the activities that might attract our members and their families. One of our goals this year is to do things differently. Come join us! Peter Lasalandra and Chris Winalski are holding several focus groups starting on Wednesday, June 25th. If you would like to participate and/or listen, contact Peter Lasalandra at plasal@optonline.net. We would appreciate your input.

June and July are for fun on the water. We will start up a couple seminars late in August and our classes will begin in September. Until then, enjoy a safe time on the water.



The Bridge

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Upcoming Activities

Summer months are for fun on your boat. We do not have many activities planned for June, July & August but we have a few:

June 25, Wednesday, 7:30pm: Focus Group (1 hour) - Whether you are a long time member, new member, young family member, member with grandchildren, we want to hear from you. We are reshaping DSPS. Come talk to us about how we can improve our offerings (classes, seminars, activities).

Aug 2, Saturday, Rendezvous - We are looking for a place to meet up for lunch and have some fun on our boats. You will hear more from us soon.

August 18 & 19 - We will hold 2 seminars "Using the Mariner's compass" and "Rules of the Road". Logistics will be finalized next month. Email padler@pipeline.com to pre-register.

September - Our plans are to offer the Seamanship and Advanced Piloting courses. Specific dates will be coming soon. Those that have taken the Basic Coastal Boating/Safe Boating course may want to take the Seamanship course which is the next suggested class in USPS training.

Vessel Safety Check (VSC) is a review conducted by a certified vessel examiner who will perform a free Vessel Safety Check at your boat, at a time of mutual convenience. There is no charge and no consequences if you do not pass. Our goal is simply to help make boating as safe as possible for you, your family and your friends. Contact Jim Walsh at sailorman42@yahoo.com to set up a convenient time.



Top row: Spring Refresher participants, Memorial Day parade "boat float", DSPS tent at Tilley Pond
Bottom row: Chatham Bound anchoring exercise, all aboard the "boat float", remote control sailing at Tilley Pond