



THE TRIDENT

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DSPS DISTRICT 2



Peter Kelly

Dear members-

We are half way through the summer and the tough winter and spring seem like a long time ago. I hope you are enjoying this great weather and have found time to practice your boating skills on the water.

The months of June, July and August are slow activity months for Darien Sail & Power but we are working in the background to organize activities over the next several weeks and are starting to plan the off-season educational calendar.

Peter Lasalandra and Chris Winalski recently conducted a focus group with several new and longtime members. We are re-shaping Darien Sail & Power and want your input. We want to make this an organization that is focused on education, seminars and activities that you will enjoy and fit into your schedule. Our objective is not to do more, but to do things a little differently to attract a few additional participants from our 300+ members. One idea is to record a class so you could keep up with the course materials if you could not attend. If you have some ideas email Peter Lasalandra at plasal@optonline.net

Boat/Camp is on Friday July 25. The weather forecast looks great and it will be a fun day. For those members that have not participated in Boat /Camp, give it a try next year. Boat/Camp is typically the last Friday in July and is organized by Frank Kemp. Frank pulls volunteers from Darien Sail & Power and Noroton YC along with 18+ boat captains. The day-campers come from Stamford summer camps sponsored by Person to Person. It is a day on the local waters for children, many of whom have never been on LI Sound.

We will be holding 2 seminars for members that are looking to improve their skills in using a "mariner's compass" and refreshing their skills on "rules of the road". Several members are looking to complete the requirements for the BOC (Boat Operator's Certification) and these brief seminars are part of that requirement. If you would like to join us contact Peter Adler at padler@pipeline.com to register. The seminar sessions will be held on Aug 18th and 19th in Darien.

Peter Lasalandra and I are trying to coordinate a "rendezvous" on Saturday Aug 16th. We will meet at a designated location around 11:30am, have lunch, swim, relax and leave around 3pm. We are interested in a location similar to Lloyd Harbor, where we went 2 years ago. The location had moorings and a beach that you could swim or paddle to. We are open to new ideas. Let me know at pkelly103@gmail.com if you have a favorite place that we could sail to in a couple of hours or the power boaters could motor in 45 minutes.

Enjoy your summer !



The Bridge

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Frank Kemp



Upcoming Activities

We hope you are enjoying this great boating weather. We have a few activities and events that we hope you will join:

Aug 16, 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". Email padler@pipeline.com to register.

September - We will offer the Seamanship and Advanced Piloting courses. Those that have taken the Basic Coastal Boating/Safe Boating course are encouraged to take the Seamanship course. This is the next course in the USPS training. Each course will meet once a week for a 2 hour class. Each course is approximately 8 weeks in length.

Instructors & Assistant Instructors - For the more experienced boaters and members of Darien Sail & Power, if you have an interest in teaching, let us know. We will start you out as an assistant instructor and give you an opportunity to help us with the training we offer under the guidance of our experienced instructors. You will have a fun time and learn the materials in greater depth.

Membership – Many former members have received a letter from Darien Sail & Power. We have asked you to renew your membership with us and help us re-shape the organization. We hope you will take us up on the offer. Give us another chance. Come join us in 2014 !



Roger Klein (Owl) and Frank Kemp (Lovinde) recently completed a circumnavigation of Long Island. Congratulations on an extended sail !

L to R: Owl in full glory; Lovinde and Owl with a back drop of the New York skyline; 2 happy sailors