



THE TRIDENT

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DSPS DISTRICT 2



Peter Kelly

Dear Members

Summer is coming to a close. Schools are back in session and the boating days start to be limited to the weekends. No complaints about the weather. There was plenty of fine power boating and sailing weather during July and August.

We start to shift our focus toward the off season when we offer additional education classes. For those that took the Basic Coastal Boating/Safe Boating class earlier this year, the next class in the sequence of courses is Seamanship. Now that you have had some

time on the water, Seamanship provides a great way to build on your experiences.

We have also formed a Consortium with the Westchester, Greenwich, Stamford and Norwalk squadrons. See the next page for the link to the consortium calendar. We try to offer the courses so that if you can't make a class in the Fall with Darien Sail & Power another class might be offered by one of the Consortium squadrons in the Winter or Spring. Come out this off season and improve your boating skills.

Darien Sail & Power will offer Seamanship, Advanced Piloting, Cruise Planning, Sail and the Basic Coastal Boating/Safe Boating class over the next 6 months. We will notify you when our dates for the Fall courses have been finalized with instructors and space.

Boat/Camp was held on Friday, July 25. It was a beautiful day on LI Sound. There were 20+ boats that took summer campers onto the water for a 4 hour excursion to Sheffield Island, 5 Mile River area and Ziegler's Cove. Many of the campers were sponsored by Person-to-Person that supports a safe summer camping experience for children from low income families. Volunteers came from Darien Sail & Power, Noroton YC, USCG-Eaton's Neck, Darien Police Marine unit, Noroton Fire Marine unit, Coast Guard Auxiliary, P2P, Sheffield Island staff. Over 90 people: Boat Captains, Boat Crew, on-shore support, and the community volunteers contributed to this successful event. If you haven't participated, mark your calendar for the last Friday in July 2015. You won't be disappointed !

We are working on a once a month speaker series and hope you will join us. If you have an idea for a speaker that other members might enjoy, please contact Minnie Ingardia at minnie.ingardia@gmail.com We are always interested in new ideas.

I want to congratulate 3 members that just renewed their membership for the 25th year. They are Peter Bigelow, Margaret Bigelow and Patricia Meyers. Thank you for your continued support of Darien Sail & Power. We appreciate your confidence in the work that we do for you and the community.

Fair winds,

The Bridge

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Peter Kelly

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Minnie Ingardia

Asst Education Officer

Chris Winalski

Members at Large

Alex Salvi

Roger Klein

Frank Kemp



Upcoming Activities

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. The classes typically meet once a week for 2 hours for 8 sessions but we may try to cover the material over a 4 week period to reduce the overall length of the course. Contact Peter Adler at PAdler@pipeline.com if this would be of interest

Consortium - See the Consortium calendar for classes offered by Darien Sail & Power and several local area squadrons. Upgrade your boating skills during the off season ! See dsps.darien.org/Forms/consortium.pdf for the full list of classes offered.

Instructors & Assistant Instructors – You recently received an email from Peter Adler- Education Officer looking for members that might be interested in being an assistant instructor in our upcoming Seamanship and Advanced Piloting courses. New instructors would teach a course together with a more experienced instructor. To inquire, contact Peter at PAdler@pipeline.com

Membership – Many members have recently received a renewal notice from USPS. We ask that you take a few moments and renew either on-line or thru the mail. Any questions, contact Frank Kemp at fkemp@optonline.net We will happily help you out with the process. Come join us in 2014 !



Top L to R: Noroton Fire Marine unit at Boat/Camp, Boat/Camp participants heading out
Bottom L to R: Frank Kemp and Peter Lasalandra sailing off Block Island, Gabe Salvi on "Moonshine"