



DSPS DISTRICT 2

THE TRIDENT

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Dear Members

September cool weather is here. The warm days for boating are numbered. Hopefully you can get out a few more times over the next month.

Our Seamanship class starts on Monday, September 29th. It's a great follow-on to the Safe Boating class and a good refresher for the experienced boaters. See page 2 for registration details.

Peter Kelly

We held a seminar in August on the "Mariner's Compass" and "Rules of the Road". These were seminars targeted at members looking to complete their Boat Operator Certification.

We are planning to expand our on water training next Spring. We have had numerous requests for boat handling skills from parents of teenagers. Plans are being made to supplement our Safe Boating course and our Spring Refresher with additional hands on training. More to come on this topic.

The Norwalk Boat Show was held last weekend at Cove Marina. The USPS Trainer/Simulator was at the show. I know a number of you had a chance to practice your skills on leaving and returning to a dock, turning a boat and overtaking a boat. We are looking at how we might incorporate the simulator into our education programs.

Our speaker series starts on Nov 2 with Michael Tougias, author of *Rescue of the Bounty*. His book is about the sinking of the Bounty during hurricane Sandy in 2012. Mark your calendars for the Norwalk Yacht Club from 4:30-6:30pm. It should be an interesting tale. See page 2 for more details.

We are looking for ideas for future presentations as our off-season programs kick into gear. Peter Lasalandra is coordinating. If you have any suggestions, please email Peter at plasal@optonline.net

Darien Sail & Power is a volunteer organization. We could always use a few new hands to help with our member programs and events. Please contact me at Pkelly103@gmail.com if you would like to become more involved.

Fair winds,



The Bridge

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Upcoming Activities

September 29th, Seamanship course. Those that have taken the Basic Coastal Boating/Safe Boating course are encouraged to take this course which is the next course in the USPS training. The cost of the course is \$125 for USPS members and \$175 for non-members. The course fee includes the USPS text, One-Minute Guide to the Nautical Rules of the Road, and all class room materials. Seamanship will be taught by Captain Jim Travis and Peter Kelly. Classes will be held at St. Luke's Parish at 1864 Post Rd, Darien starting **Monday, September 29, 7:30pm**. To register, please send an email to padler@pipeline.com.

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.

November 2nd, Presentation/Author - Michael Tougias, author of *Rescue of the Bounty*, will give a dramatic visual presentation about this event at the Norwalk Yacht Club, 10 Nathan Hale Dr, Norwalk on November 2nd at 4:30 pm. The tall ship *Bounty*, featured in the Marlon Brando movie *Mutiny on the Bounty*, sank during Superstorm Sandy in 2012. The captain and a crewmember perished in the accident but the Coast Guard performed harrowing helicopter rescues to save the other fourteen sailors. Tougias will use slides of the storm, the survivors, and the rescue to make this "an edge-of-your seat" visual program.

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Interactive Online Seminars

Each of the United States Power Squadrons Interactive Online Seminars—Weather for Boaters, Partner in Command, and Boating on Rivers, Locks and Lakes—are just \$29.95 through the rest of September. This promotion is part of the rollout of the newest seminar, Weather for Boaters. Just visit www.usps.org/edonline, choose the seminar you wish to take, click on "Register Now" and use the Promotional Code **WEATHER** when you buy. Tell your dock mates and other boating friends about this opportunity.



Chris Winalski and friends recently completed a day cruise from Darien to/from the New York Harbor. He provided a few shots of the activity along the East River and New York Harbor including the Heliport in Manhattan, Queen Mary 2, and US Coast Guard