



**DSPS DISTRICT 2**

## **THE TRIDENT**

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**DECEMBER 2014**

Dear members...

The holiday season is here and we are racing to the close of 2014. It was a good year for Darien Sail & Power. We focused on attracting and retaining our members. Our efforts have shown some success and we are gaining momentum. We hosted 50+ members and guests at the Darien Social on Dec 7th. Ralph Naranjo was our guest speaker who spoke of his life-long boating experiences. His tips on safety awareness were eye opening. His examples of boaters with the latest communications and navigation equipment did not eliminate the need for charting, sights, planning and double checking to avoid mishaps by even the most experienced boaters. It was a very informative presentation.



**Ralph Naranjo**

Your membership fees help fund our speaker events and other activities that we do in the community. One of the water safety efforts we are involved with is the ongoing spring/fall hauling and maintenance of buoys marking rocks within Darien Harbor. The Darien police maintain the speed limit markers in the harbor; the Darien harbormaster maintains the channels markers and DSPS/Darien Boat Club/Noroton YC maintain the rock markers. In 2015 the Darien Commission on Coastal Waters will be identifying potential hazard areas that they would like to place additional warning markers. These warning buoys make the Darien Harbor a safer place for all boaters in our community. If you have some particular hazards that you might have experience with and should be marked, send an email to [PKelly103@gmail.com](mailto:PKelly103@gmail.com). I will pass along the information.

In 2015, we will continue our off-season speaker series on January 25, February 22 and March 22. So mark your calendars and come join us for a couple of hours. Our last 2 events have been well attended and very enjoyable.

We hope to see you on Jan 25th at our next event!  
Happy holidays to all....



### **The Bridge**

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Peter Kelly  
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### **Members at Large**

Alex Salvi  
Roger Klein  
Frank Kemp



## Upcoming Activities

### **Sunday - January 25, 4:30pm at Norwalk YC, 10 Nathan Hale Road, Norwalk**

If you see a tanker, cargo ships or cruise liner coming into the NY port, it may be Captain Bill McGovern at the helm. For more than 30 years, Captain McGovern has piloted commercial vessels into and out of New York Harbor and the surrounding channels and bays. He works for the Sandy Hook Pilots, based in Staten Island. McGovern guides about 170 ships a year to one of the busiest harbors in the country. Power boaters and sailors can learn from Bill McGovern's experience. Bring your young boaters too. There is plenty of commercial traffic just off our local harbors. Hear Bill McGovern's tips for boaters to stay safe on the waters and avoid a collision with a commercial vessel. Please RSVP to Norma Gerwig [nagerwig@aol.com](mailto:nagerwig@aol.com) by Jan 22nd



**Education** - The Basic Coastal Boating course will start on Feb 25th at Middlesex Middle School in Darien. If you know someone that needs their CT Safe Boating certificate or would like a refresher course, let them know. This also makes a great stocking stuffer. If you contact Frank Kemp (203-656-1129) arrangements can be made to deliver a course certificate to your door. See [dsp.s.darien.org/index.htm](http://dsp.s.darien.org/index.htm) for more details.

If any current member would like a Darien Sail & Power name tag (similar to the one shown), please send an email to [Pkelly103@gmail.com](mailto:Pkelly103@gmail.com) and we will order one for you free of charge if you promise to wear it to our next event.



Clockwise: A few refreshments before the presentation; Members and guest listening to Ralph Naranjo; VIPs greeting members and guests to Darien Social; Gerry Raasch (DSPS treasurer) and Tony Leigh enjoying the event