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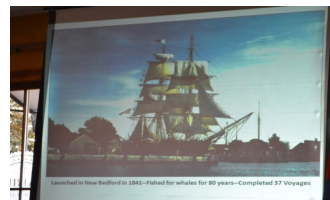
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DSPS DISTRICT 2

Dear Members-

Our final “off season” speaker was at our Annual Member Meeting on Sunday, March 22 at Darien Social. We conducted our **Change of Watch** and swore in the new Bridge which is listed on the right side of this newsletter. Congratulations to Peter Lasalandra who was presented the Betts “Bell” Award and to Gerry Raasch for the Dinell Trophy. Both Peter and Gerry were recognized for their outstanding contribution to DSPS in 2014. Thank you!

Chris Freeman from Mystic Seaport made a great presentation on the 1800’s whaling ship Charles W. Morgan that is moored at Mystic Seaport. If you missed this talk, I highly recommend that you plan a day trip to Mystic in the near future to see this whaling ship.



Charles W. Morgan

We start to switch gears as we quickly approach the boating season. We have several classes (Sail, Seamanship and Basic Coastal Boating/Safe Boating) along with several activities (Tilley Pond Regatta, Spring Refresher and the Memorial Day parade). For more on these classes and activities, see the next page or visit our DSPS website dsp.s.darien.org/CalendarList.htm for full details.

I have been asked what the letters (**S, P, AP, JN, and N**) mean after each Bridge member’s name. These letters identify the boating courses that a person has completed. You could say “A badge of honor”. The sequence of classes after taking the Basic Coastal Boating/Safe Boating class is: (**S**) Seamanship, (**P**) Piloting, (**AP**) Advanced piloting, (**JN**) Celestial Navigation, and (**N**) Navigation.

If you are interested in improving your boating skills the Seamanship course starts April 20. We periodically offer electives like Sail, Weather, Cruise Planning, and Engine Maintenance. On April 22, we will offer the Sail course. Consider taking either Seamanship or Sail this Spring and be more prepared for the boating season.

We have joined up with the Darien Youth Commission to assist at the Tilley Pond Regatta on Sat, May 2 from 11am-1pm. Bring your young children to make a boat (\$10 kit) and float the boat on Tilley Pond. It will be a fun time! We will have remote controlled sailboats that the kids can operate as well.

Our Spring Refresher will be offered on Sat, May 16 from 8:30-11:30am. We are looking for volunteers and boats. We leave out of Noroton YC. Coffee, donuts and lunch will be provided and you will be finished before Noon. This is great annual event which never disappoints.

If you can help out with the Tilley Pond Regatta or the Spring Refresher, send me an email (Pkelly103@gmail.com). Come join us!



The Bridge

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Upcoming Activities

Education

- **Seamanship course** will start on Mon, April 20 at Norwalk YC. This is an ideal course for those that have completed the Basic Coastal Boating course and would like to improve their boating skills. Course will cover: Rules of the Road, Knots and lines, Anchoring, Mooring, Boat handling and Emergencies afloat. For more information, see dspdarien.org/DSPSNews.htm
- **Sail course** will start on Wed, April 22 at the Darien YWCA. This course will cover basic sailing skills and knowledge necessary for both novice sailors and experienced sailors. Areas that will be addressed include: boat design, naming nomenclature, rigging, safety along with the physical aspects of sailing forces and techniques. For more information, see dspdarien.org/DSPSNews.htm
- **Basic Coastal Boating/safe Boating course** will start on Thu, Apr 30 at Noroton YC in Darien. If you know someone that needs their CT Safe Boating certificate or would like a refresher course, let them know. See dspdarien.org/index.htm

Events

- **Tilley Pond Regatta** Sat, May 2 at Tilley Pond, Darien, 11am-1pm - Bring your children and build/paint a sailboat for racing on Tilley Pond. Sponsored by the Darien Youth Commission. DSPS will assist with the event. Remote controlled sailboats will also be available.
- **Spring Refresher** Sat, May 16 at Noroton YC, 23 Baywater Dr, Darien, 8:30-11:30am - "On the water" activity. Using a DSPS member boat we will "refresh" your safe boating skills. Practice what you learned in the Basic Coastal Boating/Safe Boating course. Be prepared for the upcoming season. Open to DSPS members, guests and graduates of Basic Coastal Boating/Safe Boating. Coffee/donuts, box lunch and refreshments provided.
- **Darien Memorial Day parade** Mon, May 25 at Goodwives Shopping Center: 8:30-10am - Children and adults are invited to walk in the Darien parade or ride the float.



Peter Lasalandra and Bell Award; Gerry Raasch with the Dinell Trophy; Peter Kelly being administered the commander oath; Members enjoying the food & drink at Darien Social