



THE TRIDENT

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DSPS DISTRICT 2

Dear Members,

Hopefully you are enjoying this great weather for boating. We have finally found the summer weather and it's a great time to enjoy the local waters.

We have completed printing our membership directory which has not been published in a few years. Yours will be delivered in the next week and you can find it on the website under the "members only" tab (user id: DSPS2011, pswd:Boating both are case sensitive). When you receive your membership directory take a few moments to better understand Darien Sail & Power and the 300+ members that make up our organization. We are one of the largest squadrons in the US. We thank you for your support which allows us to maintain our award winning safe boating education.



Pear Tree breakfast

Our Seamanship class and Sail class finished up in mid-June. The exams have been submitted to USPS for scoring. Hopefully, we will have successful graduates to report to you next month.

Boat/Camp is on Friday, July 31. The weather has always cooperated for this fun day on the water. Frank Kemp organizes Boat/Camp with volunteers from DSPS, Darien Boat Club, Person to Person and Noroton YC. It's a day of fun on the water with day-campers that come from Stamford summer camps sponsored by Person to Person. For those members that would like to volunteer their time, we could always use few more boat captains and volunteers. Contact Frank at 203-656-1129. It is a very fun day.

The months of June, July and August are typically slow activity months for Darien Sail & Power but we are working in the background to organize activities as we start to plan the off-season educational calendar and our speaker series.

We are thinking of holding another rendezvous on the water in July. Once a date is finalized, we will let you know time, place and logistics.

Enjoy the summer !



The Bridge

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Upcoming Activities

We have a few activities and events that we hope you will join:

July 31, Friday, 9am, Boat/Camp - Frank Kemp has organized this event for the past 19 years. This is an opportunity to take 4-5 campers and a camp counselor out on your boat for a few hours. Most of the kids (grades 3– 6) have never been on a boat. The fleet is made up of more than 20 volunteer boats. Lunch and refreshments are provided. A few additional boat captains with power boats over 20ft are needed. The day starts at Noroton YC at 9am and is completed by 2pm. Contact Frank at 203-656-1129 if you would like to volunteer.



September - We will offer the Advanced Piloting course. Those that have taken the Piloting course are eligible for Advanced Piloting. The course will meet once a week for a 2 hour class. Each course is approximately 8 weeks in length. More details will be provided during the summer.

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. If interested, please contact our educational officer Peter Adler at Padler@pipeline.com

Vessel Safety Check (VSC)

A VSC is a courtesy examination of your boat (vessel) to verify the presence and condition of certain Safety Equipment required by State and the Federal regulations. So far this year, DSPS has conducted 22 VSC examinations. The Vessel Examiner is a trained specialist and is a member of the United States Power Squadrons. They will also make certain recommendations and discuss certain safety issues that will make you a safer boater.

This is not a law enforcement review. No citations will be given as a result of the safety check. We will supply you with a copy of our evaluation so that you may follow some of the suggestions given. Vessels that pass will be able to display our distinctive VSC decal. This does not exempt you from law enforcement boarding, but can prepare you for a more positive encounter.



If you would like to arrange for a free Vessel Safety Check anywhere in the harbors near Darien, contact the DSPS Vessel Safety Coordinator Jim Walsh at Sailorman42@yahoo.com



USPS offers a number of online boating courses and seminars. Two new upcoming webinars are listed below. To find out more, see usps.org/edonline

VHF Radio Webinar

Marine radios provide boaters the best and most reliable communication on the water. The newest interactive online seminar offered by USPS, “All About Marine Radio ~ Choosing and using a VHF radio for your boat” will be released in June. This seminar teaches boaters how and when to use VHF radio.

Thunderstorm/Severe Weather Forecasting Webinar

A new USPS seminar, “Thunderstorm/Severe Weather Forecasting” has been tentatively scheduled for Sep 22 at 8pm. Webinar participants will be introduced to the special challenges and techniques of storm forecasting. More details to follow later this summer.