



**DSPS DISTRICT 2**

## THE TRIDENT

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Dear Members,

The second half of summer is here. Hopefully you have enjoyed some outings on the water during this warm weather.

On Friday, July 31 the 19<sup>th</sup> year of Boat/Camp will launch from Noroton YC. If you haven't experienced this amazing day with the kids on the water, make a personal commitment to volunteer next year. It's typically the last Friday of July. Put it in your calendar today ! You won't be disappointed.

We had several members pass the Seamanship course and the Sail course in June. Final results were received from USPS in early July. See the next page for a list of the successful graduates. Congratulations to each of you!

We are working on a class calendar for the Fall and Winter off-season. Watch for the update in the August newsletter when we should have our calendar and instructors finalized. Consider taking a course in the off-season to improve your skills. Discounts are provided to those that would like to re-take a course that they have completed in the last 3 years.

Our speaker committee has begun their efforts for 2015-2016. The dates have been set and the speakers are being finalized. They are listed on the next page. The speaker series makes for a fun Sunday afternoon during the cold weather.

I recently completed an overnight sailing trip from Norwalk to Duck Island Roads, back through the Thimbles, up the Housatonic and along the coast back to Norwalk harbor. It was a fun trip which included lobster and ice cream (most boaters' favorite meal!). We have discussed preparing a cruising guide with day and overnight trips that our members would like to share. We could identify scenic places to visit, dock facilities, eating establishments and side trips for you and your family. If you are interested in contributing, send me an email [PKelly103@gmail.com](mailto:PKelly103@gmail.com) and we will set up a format that could be shared amongst our membership. We aren't looking to replace Active Captain or your Embassy Guide but to share some memorable boating trips.

Enjoy your summer!



### **The Bridge**

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### **Members at Large**

Michael Crofton

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## Upcoming Activities

**Boat/Camp, July 31, Friday, 9am** - The final list of boats and volunteers has been prepared. An email was sent to all members over the last couple days explaining Boat/Camp. The weather should make for a great day. With 19 years of experience, Frank Kemp makes sure every detail is covered for a fun day on the water.

## Speaker Series

Similar to last year, we will have a speaker series on nautical/boating topics during the off-season. The speaker committee is working to identify and finalize the speakers. Peter Lasalandra and the other committee members have asked that you save the following dates Nov 1st, Dec 6th, Jan 10th, Feb 21st, Mar 20th.

We are always looking for an interesting speaker. If you see or hear of one that might be of interest, send an email to Peter Lasalandra at [Plasal@optonline.net](mailto:Plasal@optonline.net). More to come as the speakers are finalized.

## Sailing with Kids – Chris Winalski, JN

With grand ambitions and a list of cool things for the kids to do and learn on the boat – we decided to take a day sail from Norwalk to Oyster Bay – and generally cruise the Sound. The boys (ages 8 and 11) and my wife were all excited. This was our first true outing on the boat. We brought along some snacks. The boys brought some card games (Uno) and we were off.

The boys were fascinated with all the activity and boats going back and forth. They also got a kick out of exploring all the nooks and crannies in the sailboat. The winds were very favorable and as the day progressed, the boys really got used to heeling over and were calling for more! (This is a sharp contrast to our days in the Ideal 18 where the boys freaked out whenever the boat heeled over).

Jack, my youngest, was a great listener through the course of the day and mastered going down the steps into the boat backwards, keeping one hand for himself and one for the boat, and took a liking to the charts on deck. We played a little game of guess where everything is and guess where we are.

Will, my oldest, took a liking to steering the boat. He is still learning that you simply can't steer wherever you want to go – you need to follow the wind.

We keep the day relatively short (just a half day) based on our experience of prior meltdowns on the Ideal 18 – that duration seemed to be just right. The boys lent a hand docking the boat and unloading all of the gear and we went out for ice cream to celebrate a great day on the water.

This weekend, we venture from Mystic Harbor to Block Island for a long weekend. I'll have more interesting stories to share from an extended duration on the boat – when we tackle sleep arrangements, anchoring (or mooring), cooking on board, fishing, and the 'Andiamo' call at 7am in Block for fresh pastries and coffee.



Chris Winalski and son



Congratulations to the following members for successfully completing the Sail and Seamanship courses in June. These members have taken the time to become better boaters. Consider taking our classes this Fall or Winter to improve your skills.



## Sail graduates

Cécile Delannes, James Perito, Alex Salvi, Joe Spinella

## Seamanship graduates

Cécile Delannes, Mark Eagan, Patty Eagan, Neal Konstantin, Jean Moore, Trez Moore,, Bud Olsen, Steve Olvany