



DSPS DISTRICT 2

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Upcoming Activities

Thunderstorms/Severe Weather Forecasting Webinar

Come join DSPS members on Tuesday, Sep 22 at 20 Seagate Road, Darien at 7:30pm. We will provide light refreshments and enough space to hold 20-25 people. Contact pkelly103@gmail.com or 203-655-4688 if you plan to attend. It should be fun...and informative!

Topics include:

- Review of Thunderstorms
- Sounding Diagrams and Data
- Weather Radar
- Professional Forecasts

Educational offerings

Advanced Piloting is the second in the sequence of USPS courses on navigation. It continues to build coastal and inland navigation skill, allowing the student to take on more challenging conditions – unfamiliar waters, limited visibility, and extended cruises. GPS is embraced as a primary navigation tool while adding radar, chart plotters, and other electronic navigation tools. Ten classes of two hours each normally are scheduled for presentation of this course. In addition the students have seven days to complete the open book exam. Topics covered include:

- Review of skills learned in Piloting
- Advanced positioning techniques such as advancing a line of position
- Other electronics: radar, depth sounders, autopilots, chart plotters, software
- Hazard avoidance techniques using electronics (e.g., “keep out” zones in GPS)
- Collision avoidance using radar and GPS
- Working with tides: clearances, depth, effects of current
- Piloting with wind and currents
- The “Seaman’s Eye” – simple skills for checking that one is on course

The cost of the course is \$125 for DSPS members and \$175 for non-members including the USPS texts. The class will meet for 10 sessions starting **Tuesday, September 29, at 7:30pm** at Norwalk Yacht Club, 10 Nathan Hale Drive, Norwalk, CT 06854. To register, please send e-mail to padler@pipeline.com

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Consortium Calendar

We also encourage our members to consider taking course offered by other squadrons in the local area. Many times you can find a time that fits with your schedule by driving to Norwalk, Greenwich, Westchester or Stamford for a course.

For example, **Piloting** is the first of our courses on navigation. It focuses on navigation as done on recreational boats today and uses GPS as a primary tool while including traditional techniques so the student will be able to find his/her way even if the GPS fails. It includes many in-class exercises, developing the student's skills through hands-on practice.

Piloting is being offered by the Greenwich Sail & Power Squadron starting on Tuesday, September 29 at 7:00pm (over six Tuesdays) at the Greenwich Police HQ, Training Room B, 11 Bruce Place. To register, go to

<http://tinyurl.com/Pilot9-29>

For additional classes offered by neighboring squadron see the consortium schedule on our DSPS website at dsps.darien.org/Forms/consortium.pdf

Speaker Series - Save the Date

Similar to last year, we will have a speaker series on nautical/boating topics during the off-season. The speaker committee (Peter Lasalandra, Roger Klein, Gerry Raasch, Minnie Ingardia, Chris Winalski, Michael Crofton and Alex Salvi) have booked our first speaker on Sunday, November 8th from 4-6pm at Norwalk YC. More detailed info to follow as the date approaches. Save the following Sunday afternoon dates of:

- Dec 6th
- Jan 10th
- Feb 21st
- Mar 20th

Norwalk Boat Show

The Norwalk Boat Show is being held at Cove Marina (by Calf Pasture Beach) 10-6pm from Sep 24-27th. Darien Sail & Power will be at the USPS booth. Stop by and use the boat skills virtual trainer which is a big hit with young and old. For more info, see <http://www.boatshownorwalk.com/show-info>

Membership Renewal

Many of you received a 6 month trial membership after taking the Basic Coastal Boating/ Safe Boating class this past winter. It is now time to renew and become a full member of Darien Sail & Power. **It is easy to renew your membership.** Annual membership is **\$95** per person or **\$115** per family. You can:

- Pay on line at: usps.org/dues/ using your certificate number and invoice number received from USPS.
- Remit a check made out to "USPS" to our treasurer:
John Pedersen – DSPTS Treasurer, 35 Dubois St, Darien, CT 06820
- Contact Frank Kemp (membership chair) at FKemp@optonline.net

When you renew your membership you will continue to be on our mailing list and will be informed of the DSPTS activities and activities in the wider boating community as well.

On behalf of the Darien Sail & Power Squadron, we look forward to offering our services to you as a continuing member. **Come join us for an exciting year!**