



THE TRIDENT

DSPS DISTRICT 2

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Dear Members,

Hopefully you enjoyed our extended summer this year and were fortunate enough to be boating in our area before storing your boats. I enjoyed a number of great sailing days with some strong Fall breezes during September and October.



Our off season speaker series is about to begin. We have speakers scheduled Sunday afternoons on Nov 8 (Norwalk YC), Dec 6 (Darien Social), Jan 10 (Norwalk YC), Feb 21 (Norwalk YC) and Mar 20 (Darien Social). See the next page for details. These have always been enjoyable afternoons with nautical topics and some food & drink with Darien Sail & Power friends and guests.

The Advanced Piloting class started in September and is going to be restarted in January due to a number of class conflicts with student and instructor schedules. If you are interested in taking Advanced Piloting in January, contact our Education Officer Peter Adler padler@pipeline.com to see how you might enroll and catch up with the class.

The Norwalk Boat show was in early October. USPS had an exhibit and the virtual boating skills trainer that was supported by members of the local squadrons. Darien Sail & Power had Peter Lasalandra, Gerry Raasch and Alex Salvi helping with the Friday PM sessions. I hope you stopped by to say hello. Thank you to these members for assisting during the event.

The 2016 Nominating Committee is starting the process to nominate a new Bridge and members-at-large. Dick Woods, Chris Winalski and John Pedersen are responsible for leading this effort and presenting a slate for the March Change of Watch. If you are interested in participating in our planning, scheduling and teaching efforts, send me an email (pkelly103@gmail.com) and I will discuss the time and effort associated with being a more active member of Darien Sail & Power.

Come join us!



The Bridge

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Upcoming Speaker Event

“Long Island Sound, Our Good Neighbor” presented by Joseph Schnierlein

When: November 8, 2015 from 4 to 6 pm

Where: Norwalk YC, 10 Nathan Hale Dr, Norwalk

This first speaker of the 2015-16 off-season will provide us with a brief description of the geological origins of Long Island Sound, an assessment of the health of the Sound and its inhabitants; fish, mollusks and other harvestable residents; what is affecting them, and what can be done to protect the future resources and productivity of this great waterway we all enjoy.

This year there have been many sightings of whales in the waters of western Long Island Sound. The closing subject of current interest will be why they may have come to visit and will we see them again.

Mr. Schnierlein, is the Research & University Liaison the Maritime Aquarium at Norwalk, is a past adjunct professor of Science and Marine Biology at Sacred Heart College, Norwalk Community College, and a Marine Biology teacher at Brian McMahon High School. He holds a Master of Science and has been an active member and consultant on many State and local environmental committees.

Guests accompanied by a DSPTS member or Norwalk YC member are welcome. Light refreshments will be served following the presentation. Please RSVP to Norma Gerwig nagerwig@aol.com by Nov 5th.

Speaker Series - Save the Date

The speaker committee (Peter Lasalandra, Roger Klein, Gerry Raasch, Minnie Ingardia, Chris Winalski, Michael Crofton and Alex Salvi) have additional speakers for the following Sunday afternoons:

- Dec 6 Speaker and holiday party
- Jan 10 Speaker and light refreshments
- Feb 21 Speaker and light refreshments
- Mar 20 Speaker and Change of Watch

More details will follow as the dates approach.

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!**