



DSPS DISTRICT 2

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Upcoming Activities

Sunday – March 20, 3:30pm at Darien Social Club, Darien

Our annual **Member Meeting** and **Change of Watch** is scheduled for Sunday, March 20th. An email was sent on Feb 6 to all active members identifying the 2016 slate that will be elected to the DSPS Bridge. Other nominations can be made by petition in writing of five active members to our Secretary, Minnie Ingardia minnie.ingardia@gmail.com up to 14 days prior to Mar 20, 2016.

The Change of Watch is the swear in ceremony for the 2016 Bridge members. The ceremony will begin at 3:30pm followed by our speaker Eric Dolin at 4:15pm. Eric will speak to us about his recently released book “Brilliant Beacons”. The lighthouse history in America has an interesting history and colorful past. For more information on our speaker, see the next page. Guest are welcome. RSVP details will follow as the date approaches. **Come Join Us !**

Education

Seamanship course will start on Tue, April 5 at Norwalk YC in Norwalk. 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.

Basic Coastal Boating course (Spring course) will start on Mon, May 2nd 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.

For more information on these courses, see dsps.darien.org/DSPSNews.htm

Education Achievement

John Pedersen was recently awarded the SN - Senior Navigator designation by USPS. To receive this award, John needed to complete all Advanced Courses (Seamanship, Piloting, Advanced Piloting and 2 celestial navigation courses—JN and Navigation) along with 6 electives. Congratulations ! No one in DSPS has achieved this distinction in 10+ years.

Consider expanding your boating skills and sign up for one of our upcoming courses.

The Bridge

Commander

Peter Kelly, JN

Exec Officer

Peter Lasalandra, AP

Education Officer

Peter Adler, JN

Treasurer

John Pedersen, JN

Admin Officer

Gerry Raasch, P

Secretary

Minnie Ingardia, AP

Asst Education Officer

Alex Salvi, AP

Members at Large

Michael Crofton

Frank Kemp, JN

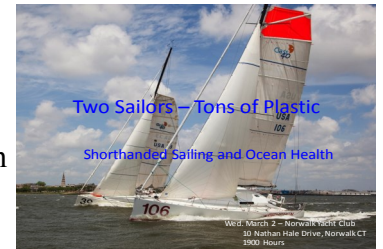
Roger Klein

Chris Winalski, JN



DSPS Member Invitation

Norwalk YC will host a presentation on **Shorthanded Racing and Ocean Health** on Wednesday March 2 at 1900. Ed Cesare from NYC will discuss his race team Pleiad Racing and their partnership with 5 Gyres an educational and activist organization working on healthy, plastic free oceans. Pleiad Racing will conduct citizen science research for 5 Gyres while sailing over 3,000 miles during its 2016 campaign. It will be an entertaining, multi-media presentation combining both subjects in a fun way. The presentation will be held at Norwalk YC, 10 Nathan Hale Drive, Norwalk .

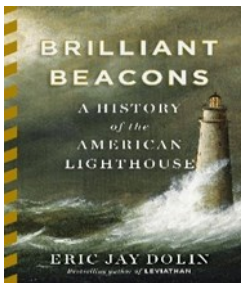


Noroton YC will sponsor an **America's Cup Night** at Stamford YC with Tucker Thompson on Thursday evening March 24. Expect a fun evening and multi-media presentation about the upcoming America's Cup including an overview of the Cup's storied history, a chance to relive the dramatic comeback of AC34, the latest on the AC World Series (including racing in NY Harbor on May 7--8), and an inside look at what to expect for AC35 in Bermuda. \$15 adults/\$5 children. For more information contact information@stamfordyc.com or (203)323-3161.



DSPS Speaker Series—March 20th, 3:30pm at Darien Social Club

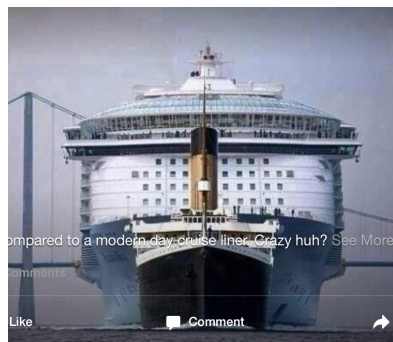
Speaker: Eric Dolin author of Brilliant Beacons



Brilliant Beacons is a work rich in maritime lore and brimming with original historic detail. In his book Mr. Dolin presents the most comprehensive history of American lighthouses ever written. The book traces the evolution of America's lighthouse system, highlighting the political, military, and technological battles to establish the system we have today. In his talk, Mr. Dolin will tell stories of many interesting events and colorful characters involved in the development and operation of our lighthouses.



Eric has advance degrees in environmental management and has worked for the National Fisheries Service, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Harvard's Museum of Comparative Zoology as well as many domestic and foreign environment agencies. Mr. Dolin will have copies of his book available for purchase for cash or check.



Over 50 members and guests from Darien Sail & Power and Norwalk YC enjoyed the February 21st Speaker presentation "**From a Pilot's View**" with **Capt. Bill McGovern - Sandy Hook Pilots Association**.
Come join us !