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CALENDAR

- 9 Dec 1400** (second Sunday)
D1 Holiday Party
Campagna's Restaurant
151 Marlborough St., Portland
- 13 Dec 1800-2100** (second Thursday)
NHSPS Holiday Social
Cdr Peter DePascale's home, 839
Donna Drive, Orange
- 4-6 Jan '19** (first Friday - Sunday)
Rhode Island Boat Show
(formerly the Providence Boat Show)
Rhode Island Convention Center
Providence, RI
- 8 Jan 1830** (second Tuesday)
Coastal Navigation Course begins
INYC, 87 Harding Ave., Branford
- 9 Jan 1830** (second Wednesday)
Bridge & Membership Meeting
INYC, 87 Harding Ave., Branford
- 17-20 Jan 1830** (third Thursday)
Hartford Boat Show
New Expo Center at Mohegan Sun
Uncasville
- 23-27 Jan 1830** (fourth Wednesday)
New York Boat Show
Jacob Javits Convention Center, NYC
- 9 Feb 1300-1700** (second Saturday)
NHSPS Change of Watch Dinner
Brazi's Italian Restaurant
201 Food Terminal Plaza, New Haven
- 27 Feb 1830** (fourth Wednesday)
Bridge & Membership Meeting
Location TBD
- 10 Mar 0000** (second Sunday)
Daylight Savings Time
spring ahead... We Made It !!!
- 16 Mar** (third Sunday)
D1 Spring Conference
Location TBD

For more information about Squadron Events, visit the NHSPS website: www.nhspss.org
Info: info@nhspss.org

For District 1 Events, see The *Sounds of One* or D1's website: d1events.blogspot.com

MESSAGE FROM Cdr. Peter DePascale, AP

This Summer's Favorite Trip

Hi Mates,

I hope everyone had a fun boat filled summer. We were lucky enough to use our boat quite a bit. This is the story of one of my favorite trips.

On a late August night, while on a mooring in Menemsha, Martha's Vineyard, we were rafted with a boat that spends the summer on a mooring in Newport. They offered us the use of their mooring. One of our most memorable sails of the summer was from Menemsha to Newport. The winds were predicted to come out of the NE at 15-20 kts with gusts to 30, seas 4-6 feet. The winds were right on our starboard quarter which made for a broad reach. Perfect!

We left our mooring about 0700 to catch the favorable current in Vineyard Sound. As we approached the transit of Buzzards Bay the wind and waves increased as predicted. The next 5 hours were very exciting. As we turned north to sail up the east passage of Narragansett Bay, the strong wind was now directly on our nose. We made the sail into the wind and tacked our way north. We had to dodge many boats going to and leaving Newport, from mega yachts to commercial boats to cruisers. Much fun. We finally made our last tack into Newport harbor after 1 1/2 hours of tacking. After securing the mooring, we made our way to the Newport Yacht Club and enjoyed the spectacular view of the harbor.

I owe a big part of my confidence and enjoyment to the USPS courses that I have studied. For those who may be hesitant to enjoy cruising like this, I encourage you to make good time of the winter months and take some boating courses to sharpen your skills and gain more confidence... it really makes a difference!

Stay warm ☼



Cdr Peter DePascale, AP, receives D1 Sailing Trophy from D/C Charles L. Marino, P, for his First Place performance at this year's sail race held at the Branford Yacht Club in July.



NHSPS Members at the recent D1 Fall Conference, Branford Yacht Club
(L-R) Lt/C Robert Frost, P/C Nancy Miller, P/C Richard Hackley,
guest speaker P/R/C Anne Peskin, Cdr Peter DePascale, and P/C Donna Ferrucci



A look at Menemsha Harbor, Martha's Vineyard, where some of the movie *Jaws* was filmed. Photo by Peter DePascale

NHSPS 2019 Bridge

The Nominating Committee has put together the following slate of officers who will be voted on at the December Holiday Party and sworn in at the COW ceremony on Saturday, 9 February.

Bridge Officers:

Commander - Cdr. Robert Frost, P
Executive Officer - Open
Administrative Officer - Lt/C Patricia Kaiser, P
Assistant Administrative Officer - Lt Stan Nimiroski, AP
Squadron Education Officer - P/D/C Arthur Andrea, AP
Assistant Squadron Education Officer - P/C Peter DePascale, AP
Secretary - Lt/C Patricia Kaiser, P
Assistant Secretary - Open
Treasurer - D/Lt/C Peter Jenkin, SN
Assistant Treasurer - Lt Peter Leonardi, S

Committee Chairs:

Public Relations - Open
Newsletter - P/C Richard Hackley, AP
Membership - P/C Nancy Miller, SN
Safety Officer - P/D/C Arthur Andrea, AP
Assistant Safety Officer - Cdr Robert Frost, P
Website - Lt Brian Jones, AP

Executive Committee from Membership (members at large):

P/C Michael Drozd, AP
Michael Ganci, P

Nominating Committee:

P/C Donna Ferrucci, AP
P/C James Yeske, P
P/C Peter DePascale, AP

Members who may be interested in filling any of the Open positions may contact P/C Rich Hackley at (home) 203-315-0135, or email hack1963@yahoo. You may also contact Cdr. Peter DePascale at (cell) 203-671-2420 or email bathworksinc@gmail.com. You can also contact any other officer for information.

Change Of Watch Ceremony & Luncheon

Our Change of Watch is always a wonderful event to socialize and enjoy a nice meal as we acknowledge the past year and welcome the Bridge and committee chairs for the upcoming year. It will begin at 1300 on Sat., 9 Feb., with a cash bar social hour at Brazi's, 201 Food Terminal Plaza, New Haven. Social hour will include cold antipasto consisting of fresh mozzarella, tomatoes, cold cuts, olives, artichoke hearts, roasted red peppers, and provolone cheese.

It will be followed at 1400 by a sit-down meal consisting of salad, pasta, entree, vegetables, breads, coffee, tea, and soda, and dessert. The meal selections are: Eggplant Parmigiana, Sole Francese, Brazi-syle Chicken (stuffed with broccoli rabe and cheese, rolled in egg batter, sauteed in lemon white wine sauce, & topped with wild mushrooms), and Veal Marsala.

Please indicate your meal choice on your check for \$35 per person payable to New Haven Sail and Power Squadron (NHSPS) and mail to D/Lt/C Peter C. Jenkin, 32 Fieldstone Ct., North Haven CT 06473-2892 to arrive no later than Wed., 30 Jan., as the restaurant needs a meal count at least a week in advance.

If you have any questions, email Ladybug.Peter@gmail.com or call him at 203-234-7794.

NHSPS Loses Past Commander and Life Member

Elliot J. Wilcox, SN

Past Commander and Life Member Elliot Wilcox, SN, died Thursday, October 11, 2018. He joined NHSPS on January 19, 1965, and had 33 Merit Marks. He was an instructor who was well known for teaching the weather course.

**Obituary from Guilford Funeral Home:**

Elliot J. Wilcox, longtime resident of Guilford and more recently of Evergreen Woods, North Branford, entered peacefully into eternal rest on October 11, 2018, surrounded in love by his family. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Nancy N. Wilcox; four children; Mark Wilcox and his wife, Susan of Cohasset, MA; Martha Wilcox Grigsby of Madison, CT; Peter Wilcox and his wife, Laurie of Cheshire, CT; and Peggy Wilcox Russell of Guilford, CT; eight grandchildren, his sister, Charlotte Weiler of Broomfield, CO, a niece, two nephews and their families, and a multitude of friends.

Elliot was born in Stratford, CT and graduated from Stratford High School, Class of 1947. He graduated from UCONN Class of 1955, with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering.

Elliot enlisted in the Navy and proudly served his country for four years aboard the destroyer, the *USS Newman K. Perry*.

Upon retirement from Southern New England Telephone, Co. after more than 30 years employment, he opened the Bayberry Creek Boat Shop on Chafinch Island Road in Guilford where he handcrafted wooden boats.

Elliot's love of boating is evidenced throughout his life. He was a founding member and Commodore of the Guilford Yacht Club; an Instructor and Commander with the New Haven Sail and Power Squad-

ron; and served as Board member and President of Schooner, Inc.

Elliot was a Master Mason for 58 years at St. Alban's Lodge #38 during which he held many distinguished positions, most recently as Chaplain to the Worshipful Master. His involvement with the Masons was one of his greatest joys and commitments.

A member of Christ Episcopal Church since moving to Guilford in 1954, Elliot filled many leadership roles and was assisting with services until very recently.

Many local organizations benefited from Elliot's service, including Guilford Interfaith Housing, Planning and Zoning Commission, Indian Cove Association and several Evergreen Woods Resident Committees, to name a few.

He pursued his love of genealogy as an active member of the Genealogical Society, several Historical Societies, and Libraries.

Elliot loved to sail, was an avid reader, a gifted gardener, and enjoyed a sport in every season, particularly UConn Women's basketball.

He was most passionate about his family. Elliot and Nancy married on January 4, 1958 and settled in Guilford where they raised their four children, moving to Evergreen Woods in 2005. The family wishes to express sincere gratitude to the EW staff and residents for their love and care of Elliot and Nancy.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Masonic Charity Foundation of CT, P.O. Box 70, Wallingford, CT 06492, or a charity of one's choice.

Welcome New Members

The NHSPS is pleased to announce the following new members: **P/C Michael Drozd, AP, and his wife Inge** of Hamden, who previously owned a sailboat, have rejoined. Mike and Inge were members for many years, and they dropped their membership after they sold their sailboat and got involved in other things. They have missed us and are looking forward to helping our Squadron and to taking part in our activities again.

Squadron Notes

● **DePascale's Holiday Social** Once again Cdr Peter DePascale, AP, is opening his home to all NHSPS members for another Holiday Social. Peter and his wife Sheila have made this a tradition in recent years and a good time is always had by all. This year it will be on Thursday night, Dec. 13, beginning at 1800. Please call or email Peter for more information or to coordinate a dish to bring. Coordinates are: 839 Donna Drive, Orange; cell phone 203-671-2420; email bathworksinc@gmail.com.

● The NHSPS Education Department will be teaching a **Coastal Navigation course**, historically known as Piloting, starting Tuesday, January 8, 1845-2045. The course is \$75 and will run 8 consecutive weeks, weather permitting, on Tuesdays. Cdr DePascale is expecting a good turnout from membership and hopes that members will encourage their family and friends to also sign up and add to their boating skills during the off season. The course will be held at the Indian Neck Yacht Club, 87 Harding Ave., Branford. For more information contact SEO Art Andrea, 203-641-0954 or Cdr Peter DePascale, 203-671-2420.

● P/D/C Art Andrea, AP, is leading a committee to man a booth at this year's **Hartford Boat Show, Jan. 17-20**. This year's location has been changed from Hartford to the new Mohegan Sun Expo Center, Uncasville. Art is actively seeking volunteers to take shifts during the 4 day event, including help in setting up and breaking

Oops! Car Launch



This photo was sent to D1 Treasurer Peter Jenkin by a Vessel Safety Examiner from D/22 who was conducting exams at a boat ramp in Miami when this took place. **Lessons Learned: Always pay attention, and Toyota's don't float!**

down the booth before and after the show. Please contact him if interested, 203-641-0954.

● District Holiday

Party D1 is hosting on Sunday, 9 December, at Campagna's Restaurant, 151 Marlborough Street, Portland, CT 06480. Everyone enjoyed this venue in 2015 and 2016. We'll meet at 2:00 p.m. and enjoy cocktails before ordering what you want off the menu. The Crazy Sock contest has been expanded to a "Crazy Socks, Funny Socks and Pretty Socks contest" with a Prize for each. We'll also have a tea-cup raffle with lots of prizes. Please bring a "TOYS FOR TOTS". For reservations please contact RuthAnne Collins at rdctruffles@sbcglobal.net 860-444-9027 or 860-334-5971 by Monday, 3 December.

● **How fast things can go wrong, Yikes!!** Anyone who wants a reminder, go to this site to watch a short video clip of an amazingly fast sinking, it will make you a more conscientious boater when returning from sea... www.instagram.com/p/Baz02FXlxTs/

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