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DSPS DISTRICT 2

SUMMER HAS BEGUN, SCHOOL IS OVER, AND BOATS ARE IN THE WATER!

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ON MAY 21, DSPS PUT ON ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SPRING REFRESHER. Special thanks to Peter Kelly for once again organizing this event. It was a great day, with temperatures in the high 50's, no rain, and calm waters. We had 21 participants, 5 boats, and the Noroton Yacht Club chase/photography boat. Thank you to all that made this a successful day:



Marco and Jose Echeverria on Alex Salvi's *Never Again 2*

- Gerry Wedell, Fred Elliot, Steve Olvany, Alex Salvi, Jim Palen, and Michael Crofton for the use of your boats and for giving your time on this fun and informative Saturday morning. We could not do this without you.
- Peter Kelly, Lynn Oliver, PJ Adler, Peter Lasalandra, and Peter Adler for your work on the boat as the instructors. The participants learned first-hand how to be safe on the water.
- Gerry Raasch - for the donuts, coffee, and the personalized lunch orders from Mama Carmella's.
- Peter Lasalandra - for the water, Gatorade, and snacks as well as handling the participant payments and the checklist copies
- Geoff Axt - for the lamination of the radio call scripts
- Jim Walsh - for the Vessel Safety Checks of our boats
- Frank Kemp - for manning the chase boat, acting as the roving reporter and photographer, supplying the tow rope for the water ski exercise, coordinating with Noroton YC, and not least for promoting of the Spring Refresher to the Safe Boating class members.



The Bridge

- Commander
Cdr Peter Adler, N
- Executive Officer
Lt/C Jim Travis, JN
- Education Officer
Lt/C Alex Salvi, AP
- Treasurer
Lt/C John Pedersen, SN
- Admin Officer
Lt/C Peter Lasalandra, AP
- Secretary
Lt/C Gerry Raasch, P
- Asst Education Officer
1/Lt Geoffrey Axt, S

Members at Large

- P.J. Adler, P
- Michael Crofton
- P/D/C/ Jeff Gerwig, AP
- P/Lt/C Minnie Ingardia, AP
- P/C Frank Kemp, JN
- Roger Klein
- Neal Konstantin, AP
- Lynn Oliver, AP

DARIEN'S MEMORIAL DAY PARADE — MONDAY, MAY 30

Perhaps because of the threatening weather and some related confusion (Norwalk cancelled its parade; Darien did not), we did not have our usual DSPS turnout. However, what we lacked in numbers, we made up with spirit and imagination. After commandeering a substitute boat, we wrapped it in our banners and headed out. All along the parade route, we received cheers and hearty applause. Congratulations to the stalwart crew, and especially to Mary Kay Daughters and Jeff Brown.



OUR FINAL COASTAL BOATING COMPETENCE COURSE FOR 2016 FINISHED ON MAY 23. There are now 48 safer boaters in Connecticut. Congratulations! Thanks, Frank and Dick (and all their helpers).

NEW MEMBERS' PARTY ON HOLLY POND — SATURDAY, JUNE 11. We had a great turnout, great weather, a spectacular setting, and a marvelous time. Many, many thanks to Frank Kemp for hosting the party as well as providing beer, wine, and soda. Thanks also to Ellen Bobka for calling people both to attend and to help out, and for bringing an appetizer. Thanks to Lynn Oliver and Neal Konstantin for helping set up, bringing appetizers, and for bartending (did you try a Dark & Stormy or a Mount Gay and Tonic?). Thanks to PJ Adler for the shrimp, the two giant cakes (did you see the DSPS burgee cake?), and paper goods. And thanks to everyone else who brought food and drink: Mary Kay Daughters, Judy Hyers, Minnie Ingardia, Roger Klein, John Pedersen, Jim Travis. And very special thanks to everyone who we might have missed.

Upcoming Activities

Saturday, July 23, we will once again have our summer Lobster Bake at Weed Beach. Lobsters – or hotdogs & burgers for kids – will be from Capt'n John's, Norwalk. The invitation has been emailed — or go to the DSPS web site (<http://dsps.darien.org/>) and click the "Events" button at the **top right** of the page.

When: Saturday, July 23, at 4:00 PM
Where: Weed Beach, Darien
Cost: \$30/adult, \$55/couple, \$10/child
RSVP (padler@pipeline.com) by Sunday, July 17

DSPS has joined the 21st Century — you can pay using PayPal or credit card at the web site (see above).



Friday, July 29: The 20th edition of BOAT/Camp at Noroton Yacht Club. Sponsored by DSPS, with significant help from the Noroton Yacht Club and Person-To-Person, this event introduces local under-privileged children to the beauty of Long Island Sound, utilizing the resources and good will of the Squadron and our boating friends. Calls for help to follow, or email Frank Kemp, fkemp@optonline.net.