



# THE TRIDENT

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**FEBRUARY 2017**

## DSPS DISTRICT 2

Dear Members,

The first 2017 session of our Coastal Boating Competence course is well underway, although we were snowed out last Thursday. By the end of February, we'll graduate another 30 safe Connecticut boaters.

The second session of the course will begin on Monday, May 8. If you have any family or friends who need their Connecticut Safe Boating Certificate, be sure to let them know. Pre-registration is not yet available, but for any questions, please email [DSPS@optonline.net](mailto:DSPS@optonline.net).

The Advanced Piloting course is scheduled to begin on February 28. Please sign up if you've taken Piloting and want to learn how take on more challenging conditions, including unfamiliar waters, limited visibility, and extended cruises. In Piloting, you learned how to plot a course from here to there. In Advanced Piloting, you'll learn how deal with the forces that make your boat go someplace other than the direction in which you're steering it: tides, winds, and currents.



No Wind Where We're Going

For details, see our website: <http://dsps.darien.org/DSPSNews.htm>



Q & A With Robert Patton

We had a good crowd who braved the "wintry mix" on Sunday, February 12, to attend the fourth in our Sunday Speaker series. The speaker was Robert Patton, who presented a very interesting discussion of "Patriot Pirates," the rag-tag bunch of privateers who harassed British shipping during the Revolutionary War. If you weren't there, you missed a really interesting and informative presentation. For more information: <http://www.roberthpatton.com/>



## 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/C Frank Kemp, JN

Roger Klein

Neal Konstantin, AP

Lynn Oliver, AP

## Change of Watch: Sunday, March 19

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Darien Nature Center

Cherry Lawn Park: 120 Brookside Road, Darien

Please RSVP: [DSPSct@gmail.com](mailto:DSPSct@gmail.com)

The Change of Watch ceremony is when next year's officers of our organization will be sworn in. It's also the Annual Meeting of the Darien Sail & Power Squadron. **All members should attend.** Not only will you get to meet your officers (and much more interesting birds and small animals), but you'll get to listen to another interesting speaker and have some excellent hors d'oeuvres. There's no charge.

Our speaker will be Kevin deRegt, who took a year off before grad school, bought a 1987 Catalina 27, and sailed the "Great Loop." Starting in Norwalk, Kevin sailed down Long Island Sound, up the Hudson River, across the Erie Canal to Lake Ontario, through the Trent-Severn Canal, up Georgian Bay & the North Channel, down Lake Michigan to Chicago, down the river system in the middle of the country, into the Gulf of Mexico at Mobile, AL, around Florida, and back up the east coast (with a side trip to the Bahamas). I think you'll enjoy Kevin telling us about some of his adventures.



### Nominees for Darien Sail & Power Squadron Bridge 2017-2018:

#### Bridge Officers

Commander	Peter Adler
Executive Officer (XO)	Geoffrey Axt
Education Officer (SEO)	Alex Salvi
Assistant Education Officer	PJ Adler
Administrative Officer	Jim Travis
Ass't Administrative Officer	Peter Lasalandra
Treasurer	John Pedersen
Secretary	Gerry Raasch

#### Members at Large

Frank Kemp  
Jeff Gerwig  
Roger Klein  
Lynn Oliver

#### Advisors

Neal Konstantin  
Ellen Bobka

#### Nominating Committee

Peter Kelly  
Peter Adler  
Frank Kemp