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DSPS DISTRICT 2

Your Squadron's new Bridge took office at our annual Change of Watch ceremony on March 22. The new officers and members at large are listed to the right. We thank our immediate past Commander, Peter Kelly, for a job well done over the past two years.

District 2 held its Spring Conference on April 1 and 2. Darien Sail & Power Squadron was recognized by D2 with a number of awards:

- 2015 Commander's Award for Outstanding Squadron
- 2015 Outstanding Achievement Award – Given to the Squadron with the best overall performance of all the objectives being judged including administrative functions
- USPS Educational Fund Certificate of Merit for 100% Participation – Awarded to DSPTS for the 32nd time
- 2015 Distinctive Communicator Award – In recognition of distinctive performance for USPS websites
- 2015 Past District Commander's Award – 2nd Place

In between cold and rainy days, Saturday, April 30, was bright and sunny with just enough wind to make the race interesting at the Darien Youth Commission's Tilley Pond Model Boat Regatta. DSPTS was there, as were several future squadron junior members.



Geoff Axt's grandkids Kieran, Lilah, Remi, and Charlie (L to R)



The race is on



The Bridge

Commander

Cdr Peter Adler, JN

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



Saturday's weather also helped P/C Peter Kelly, Lt/C Peter Lasalandra, and Lt/C Gerry Raasch prepare our "adopted garden" — Ziegler Memorial Park — for spring. Stop by the Pear Tree Point boat launching ramp and check it out.



We have many activities coming up:

Starting **Monday, May 2**, the final 2016 DSPS Coastal Boating Course begins at Noroton Yacht Club. If you know someone who needs their Connecticut Safe Boating Certificate, tell them to come to Noroton Yacht Club at 7:30 Monday evening. Details and pre-registration are available on the DSPS web site:

<http://dspsbasic.blogspot.com/>. Table instructor volunteers are also welcome. Any questions, email: DSPS@optonline.net

Saturday, May 21, DSPS will again have our Spring Refresher at Noroton Yacht Club, 23 Baywater Drive, Darien, 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. "Practice What We Teach" – on the water. This event should be particularly helpful for graduates of our February and May Coastal Boating Competence Courses, but if you're feeling a bit rusty after a winter off the water, please join us. Open to DSPS members and guests. Coffee/donuts, box lunch and refreshments provided. To volunteer, with or without a boat, or for further details, email Peter Kelly: pkelly103@gmail.com.

Monday, May 30. Come join us at the Darien Memorial Day parade. The parade starts at 10:00 from Goodwives Shopping Center. Plan to be at Goodwives around 8:30.

Saturday, June 11, is our New Members Party. I hope to see all squadron members there to make our newest members welcome. The party will be at Frank Kemp's, 20 Seagate Road, Darien. Details to follow.

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. Details to follow.

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.

It's shaping up to be a great summer on the water. Hope to see you there.

— Cdr Peter Adler, JN