



DARIEN SAIL & POWER SQUADRON

A Unit of United States Power Squadrons®

Our History

Organized and chartered on October 12, 1953, the Darien Power Squadron was officially accepted by the Governing Board of the United States Power Squadrons at its annual meeting held in February 1954. Under the sponsorship of the Norwalk Power Squadron, members living in Darien, New Canaan and Rowayton formed an ad hoc committee to consider forming a separate unit to serve these communities.

On October 8, 1953, under the leadership of Richard J. Vogel, SN, the first Squadron Commander, and E. Franklin Phillips, AP, the first Executive Officer, an organizational meeting was held at the home of Monroe L. Dinell, N. Squadron officers were elected, and under the expert guidance of Sparton L. St. John, N, the by-laws for the new squadron were prepared and filed along with the necessary paperwork. Four days later the charter petition was signed.

In March of 1998, the membership voted to change the name to Darien Sail & Power Squadron to better reflect the interests of the organization. The name change was approved by the Governing Board of the United States Power Squadrons at its annual meeting. From the original group of eighteen, the Darien Sail & Power Squadron has now grown to 250+ regular and family members.

Education of boaters (both power and sail) remains the most important mission of the squadron. Advanced, elective, and supplemental courses are offered each year. For those who travel, arrangements can be made for self-study. For courses not currently available in Darien, attendance at classes conducted by other squadrons is encouraged.

The Executive Committee is the planning and governing body of the squadron. It consists of the bridge officers, the immediate Past Commander and the Members-At-Large. Active management is the responsibility of the Commander and the bridge officers. The Executive Committee meets monthly and all members are cordially invited to attend.

The TRIDENT, the official publication of the squadron, keeps the membership informed of all activities and developments. Your suggestions, contributions, and assistance in publishing and distributing *The TRIDENT* are welcome.

As members of this fraternal boating club, the Darien Sail & Power Squadron, we are dedicated to civic service and self-education in matters having to do with safety on the water. We are committed to achieving and promoting high standards of navigation, seamanship, and safety by exemplary personal conduct and performance.



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Past Commanders

Richard J. Vogel, N
E. Frank Phillips, Jr., AP
Charles E. Forsdick, AP
G. Richard Shoemaker, AP
Robert W. Gaines, AP
Marshall B. Sheldon, N
Charles H. Hashagen, AP
A. William Carmichael, JN
Charles W. Cornbrooks, N
Edward J. Geise, N
Edwin W. Sager, N
Richard W. Mitchell, N
Churchill B. Phyfe, AP
James W. Safford, N
William N. Hagood, N
Albert E. Marshall, Jr., SN
Roland Voorhees, SN
James R. Vanderford, Jr., N
James F. Porter, N
George J. Murray, SN
Alan C. Fuller, SN
Edwin H. Betts, JN
Charles A. Campbell, AP
William L. Newton, III, N
William F. Fuller, AP
Charles E. Weaver, AP
Jack A. Doorlay, SN
Hal A. Hartvigsen, P

Albert M. Shoemaker, Jr., SN
Francois R. Barfuss, AP
William R. Swett, AP
George J. Kraft, P
Carol G. Burgess, AP
David V. Bowley, SN
Luke F. Williams, AP
Frank B. Kemp, JN
John A. Amarilios, AP
James H. Walsh, SN
Maryjane C. Pacifico, AP
Richard M. Woods, SN
Theodore L. Grabarz, P
Ronald W. Hiner, JN
Samuel A. Bridges, P
John B. Hess, Jr. AP
Mark E. Haranzo, AP
Carolyn Swiggart, AP
Charles Chiodo, AP
Gunnar A. Edelstein, AP
William S. Beery, AP
Gunnar A. Edelstein, AP
David McKinley, AP
Thomas H. Thornton, S
Alan Santos-Buch, S
Suzanne Schutte, P
John Pedersen, JN
Peter Kelly, JN



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Merit Marks -- 2015

Each year the squadron commander recommends to the United States Power Squadrons that Merit Marks be awarded to individuals who have contributed substantially to the squadron. Teaching and helping with the administrative duties are typical accomplishments listed in the squadron commander's recommendations. The 2015 Merit Marks were awarded to the following DSPS members. Thank you for your service !

Peter Adler

PJ Adler

Michael Crofton

Ted Edwards

Fred Elliott

Jeff Gerwig

Norma Gerwig

John Hess

Minnie Ingardia

Frank Kemp

Roger Klein

Peter Lasalandra

Jim Palen

John Pedersen

Gerry Raasch

Alex Salvi

Jim Travis

Jim Walsh

Gerry Wedell

Chris Winalski

Dick Woods



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Life Members- members awarded 25 merit marks

John Burgess, AP
Harold G. Erichs, SN
Jeff Gerwig, AP-IN

Frank Kemp, JN-IN
James Walsh, SN
Richard Woods, SN

Twenty Five Year Members

Ravi R. Banerjee
Margaret Bigelow
Peter Bigelow, S
John Burgess, AP
Daniel Cooney, P
Harold Erichs, SN
Tadas Gasiunas, P
Jeff Gerwig, AP-IN

Faith Grabarz
Theodore Grabarz, P
Linc Jewett, N
Frank Kemp, JN-IN
Preston Koster, N
Patricia Meyers
William Meyers
Willett Moore, P

Charles Pogany
Bev Walsh, SN
James Walsh, SN-IN
Richard Woods, SN



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The Edwin H. (Bus) Betts Bell Award

This solid brass ship's bell is in memory of Past Commander Edwin J. Betts, JN is awarded annually to a member of the Darien Sail & Power Squadron for outstanding contribution to the boating community.

1982 William R. Swett, AP
1983 Albert M. Shoemaker, Jr., SN
1984 Jack P. Doorlay, SN
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1986 Sidney D. Zacharias, SN
1987 George J. Kraft, P
1988 Carol G. Burgess, AP
1989 David V. Bowley, SN
1990 Luke F. Williams, AP
1991 Frank B. Kemp, JN
1992 John A. Amarilios, AP
1993 James H. Walsh, SN
1994 Maryjane C. Pacifico, AP
1995 Richard M. Woods, SN
1996 Theodore L. Grabarz, P
1997 Ronald W. Hiner, JN
1998 Samuel W. Bridges, P

1999 John B. Hess, AP
2000 Mark E. Haranzo, AP
2001 Carolyn Swiggart, AP
2002 Charles Chiodo, AP
2003 Gunnar A. Edelstein, AP
2004 William S. Beery, AP
2005 Harold G. Erichs, SN
2006 Frank B. Kemp, JN
2007 Leah Beckman, AP
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2009 Leah Beckman, AP
2010 Suzanne Schutte, P
2011 John Pedersen, JN
2012 Norma Gerwig
2013 Peter Adler, JN
2014 Peter Lasalandra, AP
2015 Roger Klein



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The Monroe L. Dinell Memorial Trophy Award

The Monroe L. Dinell Memorial Trophy is awarded annually, when deserved, by the Executive Committee of the Darien Sail & Power Squadron, to that member who, during the preceding year, has best typified the spirit of the Darien Sail & Power Squadron and that of one of its founders, Monroe L. Dinell, N. It recognizes the recipient for outstanding efforts during the year, particularly in education, and for those qualities which go to make our squadron better.

1956 Richard J. Vogel, N
1957 Sparton L. St. John, N
1958 E. Frank Phillips, AP
1959 Charles H. Hashagan, AP
1960 G. Richard Shoemaker, AP
1961 Edwin W. Sager, N
1962 A. William Carmichael, JN
1963 Robert A. Gaines, AP
1964 James W. Safford, N
1965 Arthur O. Buck, AP
1967 Garrett Mott, Jr., AP
1968 Joseph Bohrer, N
1969 Richard M. Mitchell, N
1970 James R. Vanderford, Jr., N
1971 James F. Porter, N
1972 Jeremiah G. Mackenty, AP
1973 Roland Voorhees, SN
1974 Alexander H. Danzberger, N
1975 Albert E. Marshall, Jr., SN
1976 Alan C. Fuller, SN
1977 George J. Murray, SN
1978 Edwin H. Betts, JN
1979 Albert M. Shoemaker, Jr., SN
1980 Ernst H. Schaefer, N
1981 Jack P. Doorlay, SN
1982 William R. Swett, AP
1983 Charles E. Weaver, AP
1984 Willis B. Reals, AP
1986 Sidney D. Zacharias, SN

1987 Harold G. Erichs, SN
1988 Frank B. Kemp, JN
1989 Frank B. Kemp, JN
1990 John M. Burgess, AP
1991 Richard M. Woods, SN
1992 George C. Delage, AP
1993 Richard M. Woods, SN
1994 Jane Nestler, AP
1995 Harold G. Erichs, SN
1996 Jeffrey A. Berg, AP
1997 Mark E. Haranzo, AP
1998 Tove Simonsen, AP
1999 Frank B. Kemp, JN
2000 Frank B. Kemp, JN
2002 James H. Walsh, SN
2003 Lynn Wise Oliver, AP
2004 Judith Hyers, AP
2005 Ian Sidey, AP
2006 Richard M. Woods, SN
2007 David McKinley, AP
2008 Frank Kemp, AP
2009 Thomas H. Thornton, S
2010 Leah Beckman, AP
2011 Peter Kelly, JN
2012 Lynn Wise Oliver, AP
2013 Minnie Ingardia, AP
2014 Gerry Raasch, P
2015 Alex Salvi, AP



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Abbreviations/ Notes

The letters after a member's name indicates educational achievement in the Advanced Grades courses:

S	Seamanship
P	Piloting
AP	Advanced Piloting
JN	Junior Navigation
N	Navigation
SN	Educational Achievement Award. This indicates that the member has passed all of the advanced grade courses, and all elective courses.