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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

D/C Lacey M, Williams Jr., AP

Teddy Roosevelt said “speak softly, but carry a big stick.” I have never been accused of speaking softly, but I am going to try. As far as the big stick goes, I was very pleased in receiving this wonderful gavel as a symbol of my office. I promise to use it wisely and not hit anyone with it.



This term of office has started off with a few problems that are in the process of being handled:

Rowayton Power Squadron is no longer a CT Corp., and the formal dissolution of Rowayton as a squadron in the USPS will be put before the Governing Board at the meeting in Greensboro in September.

Cross County is working on shutting down and becoming a part of Westchester which looks like a wise move. Combined, they will have a squadron with 100 plus members. That will make it a lot easier to put together an Executive Committee and provide a larger selection of instructors and volunteers.

Housatonic is in the process of closing its doors from lack of interest. They haven't had an Executive Committee meeting in almost two years and haven't taught a public boating course in over a year. P/C Lee Parratt, JN is holding a squadron meeting later this month to discuss re-organizing or dissolution of the squadron with its members transferring into adjoining squadrons.

There was some turmoil about Tappan Zee still being listed as a NY Corporation, which turned out to be a big to-do about nothing. First of all, it would be just about impossible for us to initiate a dissolution of Tappan Zee as a NY Corp. at this point in time. Secondly, Tappan Zee is a separate corporation not tied to D/2. Third, when the state becomes aware that Tappan Zee is no longer active, they will do a dissolution of that corporation. On advice from our district Law Officer P/D/C Irwin Staple, AP and Lt Robert P. Kelly, SN (both NYS Attorneys) we are doing nothing further with this situation.

Getting all of this put behind us and going on toward a bigger and better future I want you all to know that this D/2 Bridge has pledged to do all they can to help each and every squadron grow and be successful. We need to know if you have a problem before we can help. Don't be bashful, speak up and we will do our best to help.

I am very optimistic about all of the new benefits and plans being offered by National to help us succeed in our efforts to grow. Now all we need to do is put these plans and benefits to work and reverse this downward spiral we have been in for too long.

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DEO George Hallenbeck, AP is holding, or has already held, an Inland Certification program hosted by the Mid-Hudson Sail & Power Squadron in June. George is ready, able and anxious to work with any squadron wishing to do the same thing. Think about it, having your own squadron certifiers. Wow, what an opportunity to catch up with the good stuff that will be the salvation of the USPS. Stop complaining that we don't have enough certified certifiers and get the job done. Contact George at gwlk@aol.com and make a date to get on board.

This organization does too much good for boaters to let it die. We all need to pitch in and help it not only survive, but also to make it grow. With a lot of effort and work we can succeed.

NOTICE TO D/2 BOAT OWNERS

Please bring your boat to the D/2 Summer Council 29-30 July and make this a real District Rendezvous. All sailboats, powerboats, kayaks and dinghies are welcome and will be asked to take attendees on the water between 2 – 4 pm. Skippers will decide what their boat will do - a gentle sail, trawling, some power boat maneuvers, fishing at anchor, or just sunbathing and swimming. We expect a flotilla of kayaks to be available.

On 30 July there will be a sign up board for attendees to choose on which boat to go.

As soon as you know your plans, boat owners please tell Susan Ryan how many people you can take on board and whether you would like refreshments to be supplied. Email: susanpryan@sbcglobal.net Telephone: 203 698 0441. Display your burgees!



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Lt. George A. Friend, P

George was born in Manhattan and then his family lived in DC for two years. The family moved to Byram, CT, and he's been there ever since. His mother was a doctor in Philadelphia General Hospital and also in Port Chester and his father was a director in various non-profit organizations. George went to Rye County School until 9th grade, then to a private school in upstate New York, and actually graduated from Greenwich High School in 1962.

George's career has been interesting; members won't be surprised to know that he worked as a marine mechanic, running a place in Mamaroneck, NY. One task he did was to take a boat into the Manhattan Boat Show in 1964 and his client liked him so much he offered him a job right then and there – and this began George's career in banking.

He was in the Coast Guard from 1964 – 1969, with sea time on patrol boats, doing quarantine work, on a sea tank tender, and finally ending up running a lighthouse on North Brothers Island on the East River, NY, just across from Rikers Island.

Back to banking – and this time with Citibank in Manhattan and working for our member, Ralph Kravitz for many years. After that George had his own consulting business as a programmer, and then in the video business.

When his son was young, George joined the boy scouts and this remains a very important part of him. He's still very involved and he reckons he's spent more than a year sleeping in the woods in boy scout camps!

In 1999, George organized the First Flare Up! in the area. He held it at Greenwich Point and the format has since been followed by Stamford and Darien. He is the 'pyrotechnician *par excellence*' and all year round collects expired flares from the fire departments, police offices and from individual boaters. He's on a mission and once told me that if his instruction during Flare Ups resulted in just one life being saved, it made it all worthwhile.

George continues to live in Byram and is the third generation to live in his house. He lives with his fiancée Merle and her two children. His own children, Genevieve and Robert, are both married and Genevieve lives in California and has two children – Corina who is 3 years and Connor who is two months old. He is extremely busy in the community, helping not only with the Power Squadron but with the boy scouts, Greenwich Boat and Yacht Club and the Byram Shore Boat Club. We are indeed fortunate to have George Friend as OUR friend.



Lt George A. Friend, P, the 'flare' man!

Administrative Officer: D/Lt/C Howard A. Sklar, AP

Ahoy Maties.

Summer is upon us, boats are in the water and are thoughts are of clear skies, calm seas and the days ahead. What a pleasant thought. With that in mind what's new and happening on the horizons.

Your District Administrative Department at the suggestion of our Pirate Captain Lacey M. Williams, AP, is featuring and sponsoring an on the water contest this year entitled "Fly Your Ensign Proudly", from 27 May to 30 September 2011. During the summer months while you are out on the high seas, sailing, cruising, kayaking, canoeing, rowing, jet skiing or any other water activity you are involved in including walking through a marina and you spy the USPS Ensign being flown, for you the contest has begun. Hail that water craft, obtain the boats name, captain or first mates name, Squadron and District they belong to, area you spied the Ensign and report in by email to Pirate First Class Howard Sklar at hasklar@gmail.com. Each entry will receive one ticket towards a raffle to be held at the Fall Conference. The winning ticket will receive pirate booty worth \$100.00 dollars and if that winner is present at the conference there is an additional \$25.00 dollars reward. Look for the flyer within this issue of the D2 News for more information.

On Saturday 14 May, I attended Darien Sail & Power Squadron's "Flare Up". What a marvelous public service event it was. The event was extremely well planned, coordinated and in my judgment very successful. Over 125 local residents (non USPS members) participated with each one having the opportunity of firing off a flare from the beach out over the water. This is an example of community service at its best.

The event was manned by many (at least 20 to 30) of the Darien squadron members with P/C Frank B. Kemp, JN and P/C Richard M. Woods, SN as the on the beach coordinators and marshals.

For those who never attended a "Flare Up" (myself included), here's how it works. The event was held on Weeks Beach, in Darien, Connecticut with the local fire department (both land and sea) in attendance.

There were 10 stations setup at the water's edge 30 to 40 feet apart. Each station is a 6.0 ft by 6.0 ft. roped off area. The stations were manned by a member of the Squadron who had been previously trained and certified in the operation and usage of the various flares. The Squadron had a cache of flares provided by Lt George A. Friend, P of Greenwich Sail & Power Squadron. The participant enters the roped off area and is provided with gloves, goggles, and a bucket with 4 different types of flares to fire off; parachute flare, 12 gauge shell flare along with your typical hand held stick flares and orange smoke. The participant then learns the proper way to hold, light and then fire off the flares that have been provided him or her. All in all it's very exciting.

At the far end of the beach the local fire department was setup and gave instruction and a hands on demonstration of how to put out a fire on board. They lit a gasoline fire in a large bucket like container and allowed the participant to put the fire out with extinguishers they provided.

How many of us have actually ever put out a fire or fired off a 12 gauge or parachute flare. Being boaters it is without doubt a very good thing to know and have had the proper training. The Flare Up was approved by the local Coast Guard, Police and Fire Department. It ran from 9:30 to 11:30 am.

I was very impressed by the amount of detail put into the event and how smoothly it ran. This is an event that all Squadrons within the District should try to setup and run as it gives the local Squadron and the USPS a great deal of visibility with the general public. My hat is off to Darien S&PS and all the many members who contributed their time and energy to put on this wonderful event. (Continued on P. 5.)

(DAO Message continued from P. 4.)

On another front, the District Administrative Department in concert with the D/2 News, is seeking to start a new feature within the newsletter. We are seeking your help in identifying that special person or persons in your Squadron who exemplifies USPS and community service. We would like to spotlight that person or persons with an article about them replete with photographs and possibly a one on one interview. In every one of our Squadrons there is always one or two members that go far beyond the call of duty and the D/2 News would like to recognize and honor these people. So, if you know of a person or persons you would like to see recognized for all of their hard work email our Editor D/Lt/C Mel Goldstein, AP at iluvtouche@aol.com or me at hasklar@gmail.com and tell us a little about him or her and we will do the rest. There are so many people within our District doing good things that at times go unnoticed. We at the D/2 News would like to share their efforts and accomplishments with all. (See story on P. 3 about our first honoree. Ed.)

On the membership scene, hats off to Commander Anne Mahoney, S and her crew at Peekskill Sail & Power Squadron. After their ABC Boating course had finished, they invited all the recent graduates they had previously signed up for the 6 month trial membership to a special meeting just for them entitled "Be our Guest". The Bridge Officers and Executive Committee either brought wine or appetizers to the meeting. There was a graduation cake for these new members; name tags made for them, and all the Squadron officers were asked to buddy up with them; introduce them to others and find out their interests. Anne sent the students a letter of congratulations along with a personal invitation to the meeting, letting them know this meeting was being held in their honor.

For the fun part of the evening a marine raffle was held. The meeting ended with coffee and cake. What a great way to get new members involved in Squadron affairs. Anne told me that she received numerous compliments from her membership; that the meeting was very successful.

These are the types of things and ideas that need to be shared District wide

As I stated in my previous message I welcome all members of the District to pass on to me all of the programs and ideas that are working for them as well as what is not working so that we can as a group share the good with the bad and solve the problems together. My email is hasklar@gmail.com and I welcome all to write as often as you like.

Respectfully submitted.

Educational Officer: D/Lt/C George R. Hallenbeck, AP

You have completed BOC Inland Navigator. What's next? Coastal Navigation.

(CN) is now a current option. So what is it? Think of it as an extension of what you learned in Seamanship and more importantly Piloting. One skill demonstration is a hand's on opportunity to prove what you have learned and it is a fun time on the water with friends. Remember 60 D=ST? You will get a chance to put it to work and actually do some dead reckoning. What, you mean without my GPS? Yes. You can plan using your GPS, but as in real life, how do you get home when the GPS fails? Tides and currents play a part. Size of vessel used is not an issue. The short cruise can be planned on most waters and can be completed within a normal day. Plan on getting a boat or two together for your Squadron and contacting the DEO when you are ready to schedule a date.

As you plan your Fall Education program don't forget to include: Piloting, Weather, Marine Communications and the Seminars (Mastering the Rules of Road, Anchoring, Mariner's Compass and Tides and Currents). It would not be a bad idea to include Marine Radar.

A good place to start is by having your SEO order a BOC Coastal Navigator Starter kit for you (03-67-101).

See you on the water.

Ambassadors for Safety

First Selectman Peter Tesei gave Greenwich Sail & Power Squadron a Town Proclamation; Safety Officer Andy Cummings put posters all over town; we gave our first ABC3 course over just two days (passing 26 students with an average grade of 94.5%); we took part in Ready Set Inflate! organized by DEO George R. Hallenbeck, AP; we manned stations at two Connecticut Flare Ups! and we amassed 100 young kids to watch Marine Police officers demonstrate their safety equipment, and so it went. . . a busy time highlighting safe boating. Oh, and I should mention the letters to the editor of the local papers, an interview with local radio, and other media coverage.

So as Squadron Publicity Officer, I certainly have safety on my mind. However, four events that happened in one week really brought to reality the importance of our safety education.

Pan Pan! Sailing in Captain Harbor, my radio was on Ch 73 and was interrupted with the Coast Guard saying ‘The Pan Pan is over. The missing kayaker has been found. Pan Pan is over.’

Carbon Monoxide poisoning: One of our members attended the wake of a very good friend who was an excellent sailor, and had no sense of smell. He spent the night on his boat early May, closing everything up tightly because it was cold. He didn’t arrive home the next day as expected and later it was confirmed he died of carbon monoxide poisoning. Carbon monoxide doesn’t smell, but other vapors that would have been in the boat along with it would have and had he a sense of smell, he would have noticed something was wrong. He did not have a carbon monoxide sensor.

Weather/Capsizing/Hypothermia: A head was bobbing close to an overturned Hunter. I had wanted to take out an Ideal 18, but with winds at 15 ++ knots, decided not to. A man had rented the Hunter to take out his young daughter. Nearby boats took the girl out of the water but it took a while for the sailing school launch to get to the man . . . in 61° water . . . not good.

Accidents occur dockside/Alcohol: A power boater was bringing her husband to the dock in early evening; he fell between the boat and the dock. Yes, alcohol was involved.

I would like to see each member of District 2 be an Ambassador for Safety and let’s practice what we preach. Let’s ensure any boat we are on has the right equipment and a crew that wears their PFDs and is well briefed on capsizing, man overboard, working the VHF, and all the ‘what if?’ drills. Let’s be the ‘go to’ people when the community wants a presentation on safety. There are so many ways we can represent our Squadron, our District, USPS and SAFETY.

Submitted by D/Lt/C Susan Ryan JN



Marine Police Officers demonstrate safety gear to young children.



Greenwich Sail & Power Squadron Receives Town Proclamation.



Ahoy Mateys

Our Pirate Captain, Lacey M. Williams,

Commander of the Hudson, Sound, Rivers and Lakes within his territorial domain

summons all of his Captains, Mates & Swabs to join in a Treasure Hunt.
And what, might ye ask, is me treasure?

It's, it's, **it's** the **USPS ENSIGN!**

Argh!

As ye sails the seas post a lookout for the Ensign
Hail the ship flying the treasured Ensign

Get the ship's name, captain's name and position of the ship.

Email your sightings to Pirate 1st Class Howard A. Sklar at hasklar@gmail.com.

The pirate with the most sightings of the treasured Ensign will have the most chances to win the hunt.

And what's ye reward? - Pirate Booty!

Argh!

\$100.00 dollars to the winner and if the winner attends
Captain Lacey's Fall Pirate Conference

There is an additional \$25.00 dollars for a total of \$125.00 dollars.

(See contest rules below)

Treasure hunt runs 27 May 2011 thru 30 September 2011. Submissions must be in by 15 October 2011
At the District Fall Conference a raffle drawing will be conducted to determine the winner.

If you spot a boat with an ensign on the water or even in a marina or yacht club, hail the boat on
Channel 9, identify yourself and move to a working channel.

Get the boat's name, captain's name, home port, squadron and district for your submission.

If you are also flying the ensign, provide the same information to the hailed vessel for their submission.

Identify the location where the contact took place - longitude, latitude, marina, yacht club name or approximate port.

Submit details of your sighting to hasklar@gmail.com with all of the information you obtained.

On receipt of your submission, you and the other vessel will be entered into the raffle. If the other vessel also submits, you will get two chances. Multiple submissions are accepted as long as

they sent in by different members at different locations. Sightings at any squadron or district function are acceptable. The more submissions, the more entries you will have to win the raffle.

Participants will be contacted to confirm their eligibility in the raffle.

Lake George Power Squadron donates six firehouse pedestals to the Village of Lake George

By P/C Armand Canestraro, P



The Lake George Power Squadron's gift of six Firehouse Pedestals has been delivered to the Village of Lake George Department of Public Works. The installation along the Beach Road public docks has been completed for National Safe Boating Week and in time for the Memorial Day weekend, the unofficial start of summer. Despite the recent high water conditions brought on by the spring rain and ice and snow melt, the installation is complete. The Squadron funded, purchased and delivered to the Village, six Firehouse Pedestals. These units were purchased from Dock Boxes Unlimited of Irving Texas. In return of the Squadron's generous gift, the Village provided all the necessary labor to complete the initial installation and will provide future upkeep and maintenance of the extinguishers housed therein.

The Squadron has equipped each of the six pedestals with a 10 pound ABC fire extinguisher and an alarm strobe light and siren option to assist in thwarting vandalism to the units. In recognition of this generous donation, the Squadron has affixed to each, a small weather resistant plaque honoring the dedication of Lake George Power Squadron members. A picture of the plaque is shown to the right. "This gift provides an immeasurable safety benefit to both the Village of Lake George and the boating community" said Commander Donna S. Canestraro in presenting the gift on behalf of the Squadron membership. An official dedication ceremony is being planned with Village officials and Squadron members.

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Sail and Power Boating



D/2 Planning CALENDAR

2011

14 June, Flag Day.

19 June, Father's Day.

4 July, Independence Day.

29-30 July, D/2 Summer Council and Rendezvous, East End Yacht Club, Bridgeport, CT.

5 September, Labor Day.

11-18 September, USPS Governing Board, Greensboro, NC.

29-30 September, Rosh Hashanah begins.*

8 October, Yom Kippur.*

10 October, Columbus Day.

6 November, Daylight Savings Time ends.

11 November, Veterans Day.

24 November, Thanksgiving Day.

7 December, Pearl Harbor Day.

20 December, Hanukkah begins*.

25 December, Christmas Day.

26 December, Kwanzaa begins.

*Note: All Jewish holidays begin the evening before the date given.

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