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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

D/C Susan L. Darcy, JN

Sitting here staring at a blank screen, trying to think of something not only useful but also uplifting to write. After all, boating season is almost over – and boats will be on the hard. Sad time of year – looking back at the golden days on the water and watching the leaves change knowing winter is just around the corner. Wow how depressing is that opening – certainly nothing you would want to continue reading.

So, pulling out things the might make Squadrons have not only a little fun but brighten the 'dark days of no boating' until the brighter days of fitting out. Think about having a Fall or Winter Blahs Auction. The stuff that we take off the boat that we want to get rid of (and maybe make a little cash?) and the stuff we need for next year. Or how about doing the two hours Weather Seminar? Not only hone your own skills but help others be safer boaters. There are lots of short seminars that may pique a member to take a longer course but the short ones can also increase their knowledge.

Heard an interesting technique to engage our new members and seasoned members— for each event, search the roster for members (both old and new), who have birthdays that month. Call (notice not email?) each of them and assign them a small duty – example, give out name tags, collect payment, help setup or help cleanup and this is done WITHOUT asking if they are attending. Think about what happens – the newer members get to meet and work with more seasoned members – you've got some workers who really won't be worn out and going forward may actually volunteer for other tasks. Seems like a win-win situation. Someone no doubt tried it and it didn't work but try it again – maybe this time it will. Remember, Thomas Edison said after "MANY" attempts to light a bulb, paraphrasing, Edison didn't fail but found many ways to not light a bulb.

What other things can you do to engage your membership? One thing you may want to do is look at your event attendance – do you find attendance at evening events has dropped off? Are there older members who don't drive at night? Maybe offering rides will bring them back. How about providing approved baby sitters at another event so that younger members with children can attend.

Sometimes, we give new or older members big tasks and although we tell them they will get lots of help, they don't and they get turned off. People are willing to help but they really have to know what you want them to do. Building a team to do tasks does take time but if you care about what you are doing, you'll take the time and they will be successful.

Personally, I think a movie night showing something like the Finest Hours (Coast Guard), or All is Lost (Redford) or other sea movies plus lots of popcorn with all the stuff one wants to put on popcorn besides salt. How about sending me an email with YOUR great ideas and I'll share them with the other Squadrons. Remember, we're all in it for the benefit of our Squadrons and our members. Need my



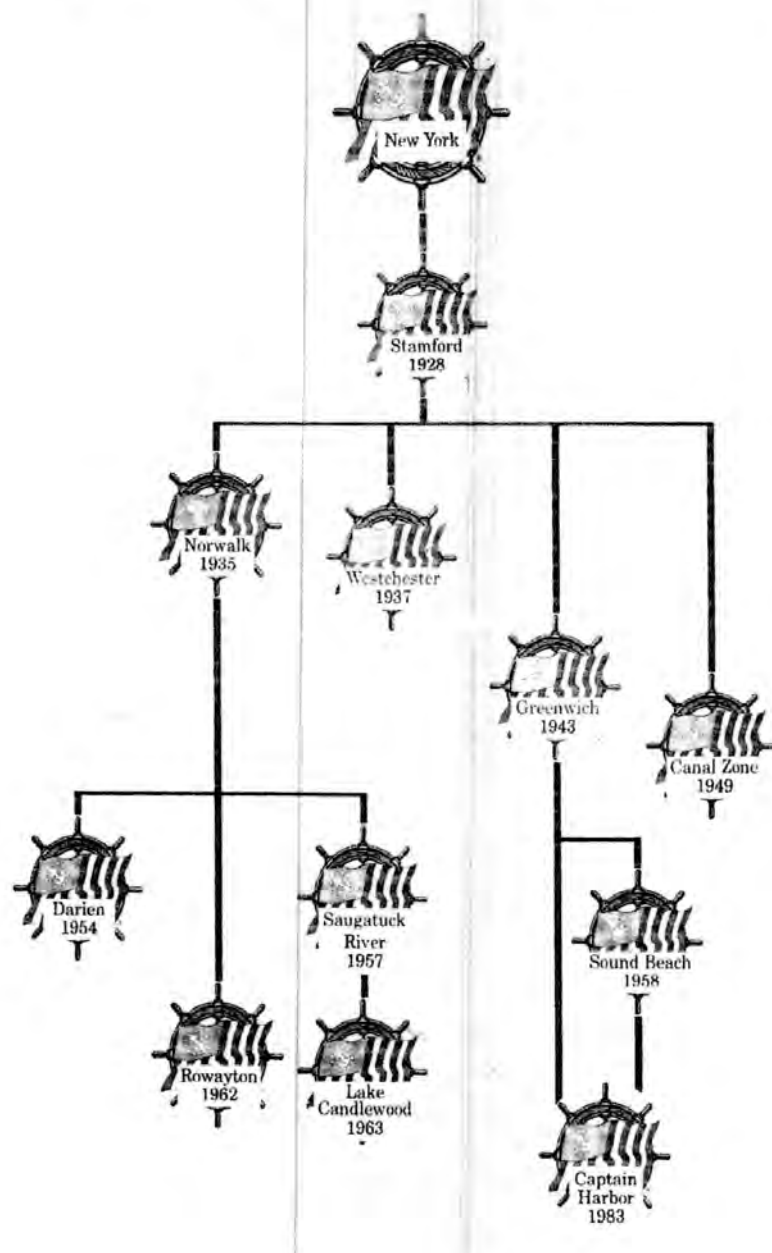
(Cdr's Message continued from P. 1,)

email? It's sldarcy@roadrunner.com -- looking forward to your great suggestions. We all need YOUR help and fresh ideas to bring back the enthusiasm in our Squadrons! So please share!

This goes along with my theme: **Be YOUR Best and Have Whales of Fun in USPS.**

Submitted by P/R/C George Hallenbeck, AP-IN

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One of my first duties as DXO has been to represent District 2 at the Memorial Day Celebration of the Mid-Hudson Power Squadron and the Poughkeepsie Yacht Club on 26 May 2018. It was a well attended event by members of the Squadron as well as other D/2 representatives. Mid-Hudson Commander Katherine Somogyi, AP, and Squadron members did an excellent job in organizing the event,

I am looking forward to visiting more of the District's Squadrons and participating in their activities and events.

Submitted by D/Lt/C Robert J. Terry, P.

From: Allan B. Furtado [<mailto:abfurtado@comcast.net>] **Sent:** Thursday, November 1, 2018 4:15 PM

To: a=safety@nycap.rrcom

Subject: VSC Notice from Safety Committee

Dear Robert J. Terry,

I am glad to say that the 2019 VSC decals have arrived at HQ and will be mailed out to the Squadron Commanders starting December 1, 2018.

As we get closer to the end of the year, again I would like to remind you of an important date.

All Vessel Safety Check forms (ANSC7012 and ANSC7012A) must be submitted to the data base by November 30, 2018 to be counted for this year's awards.

This information is very important. In addition to the awards, it is used to determine the number of decals to be issued next year.

Please verify that your submission have been accounted for by viewing them on: <https://www.usps.org/national/hq/vsrpt2.txt>. Just scroll down to your District and Squadron to verify your input.

If you are a VSC Chair remember to submit each newly qualified Vessel Examiner for a Merit Mark. In addition, any Vessel Examiner who completes 10 or more VSCs this year, should also be submitted for a Merit Mark.

I take great pleasure in thanking you for all of your hard work this year.

I also want to put a short notice for all Squadrons to contact me with a total of all the 2019 NYS Boater's Guides that they want next year. I will be distributing them as last year, at the Winter Council and the Spring Conference/ Full boxes can be sent directly to the Squadron.

“Come for the Boating Education.....Stay for the Friends”SM

Administrative Officer: Robert J. Terry. P

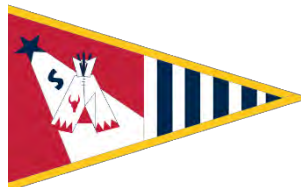


As your new Administrative Officer 2018-2019, I want to thank you for your support in my election to this office. I hope I can do a good job for our District. I am getting acquainted with the aspects of the position. If you look at the D/2 website, you will see that there are openings as chair of several of the Administrative Committees. If you are interested in chairing one of the committees, or are interested in working on a committee, your help would always be welcome. Whether you choose an Administrative Committee or any of the many other Committees, your District will be grateful for your help.

With our combining of the Friday night D/2 Summer Council with our Saturday Fall Conference, I hope to have more opportunity to meet with our many District members outside the meetings.

In my working with many of the safety committees in my own Squadron for many years, it has been a challenge for me. I always thought that we had need of additional Committee members to learn the aspects of the Committee and be trained to eventually take the chair position of a Committee that they were interested in. When you have a small Squadron, without the influx of new members, we only seem to have the chair-person on the Committees and no-one that you can train to take over when they feel comfortable in moving up to it.

As part of the Administrative Department I hope to learn more this year about how the interaction of the Member Benefits, Member Involvement and Operations Training can work together to bring in the new members from our ABC-3 Classes. I have not heard about any statistics of how the new Marketing Campaign promoting our organization as "America's Boating Club" is working for Squadrons in our District. I hope there will be some information given out at our Conference. See you there.



“Come for the Boating Education.....Stay for the Friends”SM



A First for Greenwich!

On 18 August at the National Meeting of the United States Power Squadron in Minneapolis, Chief Commander Gary Cheney gave the first place Carl Mahnken PR award to District Commander Susan L. Darcy, JN, for Greenwich's presentation on 'Proven Marketing'. The PowerPoint created by P/D/C, Susan P. Ryan, JN, was shown at the meeting as an example of how to bring students into classes - and included statistics with the proven results. While Greenwich has received many District awards, this is the first National award in living memory.

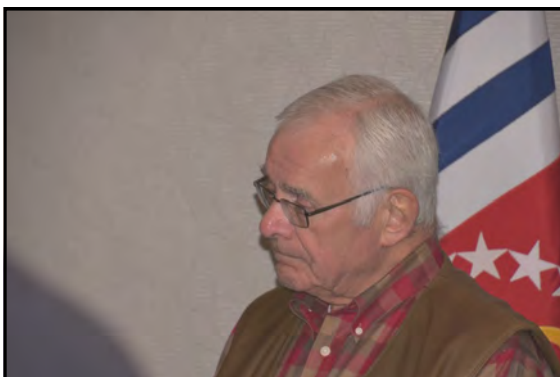
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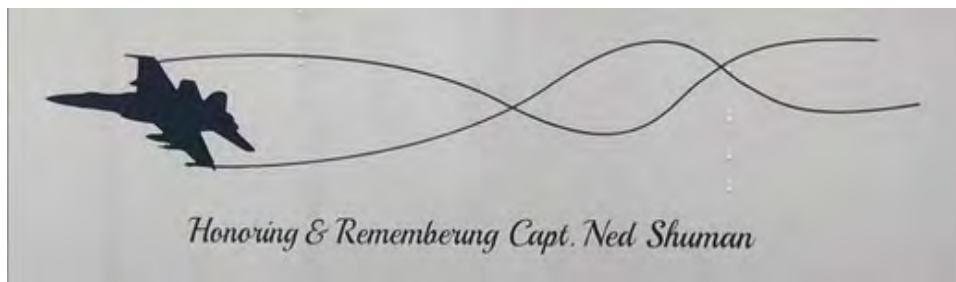


P/D/Lt/C Joseph A. Lynch, JN

Submitted by P/D/C Susan P. Ryan, JN



Snap Roll owned by Captain Len Lipton, America's Boating Club of Greenwich, District 2. Captain Len bought this 38' Freedom Sloop a few years ago and thought of changing its name to one more relevant to him personally. Then the seller told him about her husband, Captain Ned Shuman and his extraordinary life as a boater, a naval aviator and a POW. Here's the link to his obituary <https://tinyurl.com/nedobit> Len inscribed the memoriam on the boat and kept the name.





Assistant Treasurer: Stf/C Martin E. Feldberg, AP

A Different Perspective

Recently, Alexandra and I attended the District 22 Fall Council and Conference which was held in Punta Gorda, Florida. District 22 consists of 16 Squadrons that are located on the West coast of Florida. I thought you might find it interesting to see how another District has their meetings. I am not suggesting their way is better, just different. The venue for all the event was terrific. The hotel, the meeting location and the boat club are all adjacent to Peace River and within walking distance of each other.

District 22 is fortunate to be able to have their meetings at the Charlotte Harbor Events Center which has several small and large meeting rooms. Most of the members of the District are relocated seniors from the North and therefore, they do not have to worry about having meetings during the week. Although meetings did not begin until Friday, October 5, 2018, because we live nearly three hours away from Punta Gorda, we chose to arrive on Thursday.

This year, the District tried something new. On Friday morning, there was a Commander's meeting that was represented by all but one Squadron. A questionnaire was previously prepared and distributed to each Commander and then the Commanders commented on the questions. After all the questions were addressed, the group broke into smaller groups to continue the discussion. After a working lunch, each group gave a 2-3 minute summary of what was discussed.

The District Council meeting was held in the afternoon for about two hours after which we proceeded to the Punta Gorda Boat Club for an inexpensive Octoberfest Buffet Dinner. The buffet was catered but the desserts and beverages were supplied by the Squadrons.

Saturday morning began with two rounds of workshops, each running about 1 1/2 hours. Some of the topics were "Use of Open CPN software", "What's new in Education", "Fall Cruise Planning Classes", HQ 800 — Membership's Friend" and a Town Hall meeting with the District Commander and the National representative. There were display tables, a Chinese Auction and a teaching aid display.

Lunch and the award ceremonies were combined. After a short break, the Conference was held. Every Squadron was represented with 9 of the Squadrons having 100 % of their authorized delegates present. The meeting comprised strictly of reports and business that had to be conducted. The time seemed to go by quickly due to the different kinds of short meetings. The Conference was over by 3:30 and all were invited to the D22 Hospitality room that was in the Conference Center. Everyone was on their way home by 4:30.

Photos courtesy of Stf/C Martin E. Feldberg, AP, 2018 D/2 Fall Conference



Cdr Alvin Hebert, AP,
P/R/C Anne S. Peskin, SN &
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P/D/C Frederick E. Mangelsdorf, SN

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D/2 Planning CALENDAR

2018

4 November, Daylight Savings Time ends
6 November, Election Day
11 November, Veterans Day
22 November, Thanksgiving Day
3-10 December, Hanukkah
25 December, Christmas Day

2019

1 January, New Year's Day
21 January, Martin Luther King, Jr., Day
12 February, Lincoln's Birthday
18 February, Presidents' Day
22 February, Washington's Birthday

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

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