

# Champlain Skipper

Champlain Sail & Power News Letter

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## Commander's Message

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Next meeting 11/13/07

### *Educational News*

Gil Murray has arranged for a free presentation from the Burlington National Weather Service on Thursday, November 8, at the American Legion. It has been publicized and hopefully we will have good attendance. Gil is currently promoting a remote local weather station which would assist Plattsburgh boaters. We should hear more about it at the program.

We will have a sign up sheet available at the Burlington National Weather Service presentation for a Boat Smart and Jet Smart course. This eight hour course will occur on Saturday November 10 and November 17 at Gander Mountain Lodge. The course will be divided into two four hour sessions. These will be given on the above dates from 900 to 1300. The cost of the course will be forty dollars. Prospective students can also sign up at the Gander Mountain checkout counter or by calling John Boule' (561-4980) or sending him an E-mail at [drboule@aol.com](mailto:drboule@aol.com). Bob Shivokevich is starting to arrange for the Squadron Boating Course in the spring of 2008. It will be here before we know it.

We are still waiting to begin our Piloting Course and the Marine Electronic course. More on that will be coming up soon.

**SEO John Boule**  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**PLEASE NOTE!! MEETING DAY CHANGED!! FROM THE FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH TO THE SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH!!!!**

**NEXT MONTHLY MEETING!! TUESDAY NOVEMBER 13, AT THE AMERICAN LEGION ON THE QUARRY ROAD!! STARTING AT 7:00 pm!!!! PLAN TO BE THERE!**

### SKYWARN GUEST SPEAKER!

On Thursday November 8, 2007 we will be featuring a speaker from NOAA. John Goff will be talking about weather patterns on Lake Champlain. He will even discuss the weather event that happened at Treadwell bay Marina. Bring your weather questions and a guest, for this event is open to the public, free of charge!! This is a good opportunity to support your squadron by attending and spreading the news to your friends!. SEE YOU THERE THURSDAY!!

### *Dave Robertson's Did You Know??*

When is a 12 volt battery considered dead? Is a 12 volt battery dead at 10.5 volts or 11.7 volts? Battery voltage measurements can be confusing. Most U.S. companies define a battery as dead when it cannot sustain 10.5 volts under load. Once the load is removed the battery voltage immediately begins to climb, and one can measure open-circuit voltage. A battery discharged to 10.5 volts should bounce back to approximately 11.7 volts, open-circuit. For an accurate open-circuit voltage measurement, the battery must have no loads for a minimum of several hours. According to the industry group, Battery Council International, the open circuit voltage, state of charge and specific gravity of a lead-acid battery are as follows: 12.6 volts, 100%, specific gravity 1.265; 12.4 volts, 75%, 1.225; 12.2 volts, 50%, 1.19; 12 volts, 25%, 1.155; and 11.7 volts, 0%, 1.12. To prolong the life of your batteries you should try not to discharge your batteries below the 50% mark.

### HAULING OUT DINNER

Thanks to everyone who attended the Hauling Out Dinner on Sunday, October

28. Although Mr. Sorensen had to cancel his appearance due to family matters, he promised me that he will still like to speak to our Squadron. So he has agreed to speak at a later date. I enjoyed to comradery of my fellow members and hope to see more of you at upcoming squadron events.

D/Lt/C Robert Shivokevich

### EDITOR'S NOTE.

*In a little over a year I will become District 2 Commander, and this will involve more of my time, SO!!!*

***I AM LOOKING FOR SOME ONE TO TAKE OVER BEING THE SKIPPER'S EDITOR. I HAVE BEEN EDITOR FOR THE LAST 4-5 YEARS AND WOULD LIKE SOME ELSE TO TAKE OVER. I BELIEVE THAT THE SKIPPER IS A VERY IMPORTANT TOOL FOR COMMUNICATIONS TO SQUADRON MEMBERS. INTERESTED? CONTACT ME ROBERT SHIVOKEVICH, 493-7251 OR E-MAIL [SHIVOKEVICH@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:SHIVOKEVICH@HOTMAIL.COM).***

### CROWN POINT BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

The Crown Point bridge is scheduled for replacement or total refurbishing in the year 2012. Although this seems like a long way off they are in the planing stages now. I have been asked by the NYS Department of Transportation,(DOT) to serve on the Public Advisory Committee(PAC) for this project. I am the voice for the boaters concerns. The PAC has already met twice this year and I have been in attendance both times. This process is like running a Marathon, a long and slow process. If you have any concerns about how this project will affect boating in the lower have of Lake Champlain please feel free to contact me at [shivokevich@hotmail.com](mailto:shivokevich@hotmail.com). There is also a website for the project, and can be found at the following website:

[WWW.nysdot.gov/lakechamplainbridge](http://WWW.nysdot.gov/lakechamplainbridge)

Take time and visit the website and learn some interesting facts about the bridge.

# Frank's Safety Corner

SEVENTH SAFETY TIP OF THE SEASON

## The Dangers of Carbon Monoxide

### What is Carbon Monoxide?

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless, and tasteless gas. It is produced when a carbon-based fuel—such as gasoline, propane, charcoal, or oil—burns. Sources on your boat may include engines, gas generators, cooking ranges, and space and water heaters.

### Why is it so dangerous?

Carbon monoxide (CO) enters your bloodstream through the lungs, blocking the oxygen your body needs. Prolonged exposure to low concentrations or very quick exposure to high concentrations can kill you.

Early symptoms of CO poisoning include irritated eyes, headache, nausea, weakness, and dizziness. They are often confused with seasickness or intoxication, so those affected may not receive the medical attention they need.

Altitude, certain health-related problems, and age will increase the effects of CO.

Persons who smoke or are exposed to high concentrations of cigarette smoke, consume alcohol, or have lung disorders or heart problems are particularly susceptible to an increase in the effects from CO. However, anyone can be affected. Another factor to consider is that physical exertion accelerates the rate at which the blood absorbs CO.

### Emergency Treatment for CO Poisoning

CO poisoning or toxicity is a life-threatening emergency that requires immediate action. The following is a list of things that should be done if CO poisoning is suspected. Proceed with caution. The victim may be in an area of

high CO concentration, which means you or others could be in danger from exposure to CO.

Evaluate the situation and ventilate the area if possible.

Evacuate the area and move affected person(s) to a fresh air environment.

Observe the victim(s).

Administer oxygen, if available.

Contact medical help. If the victim is not breathing, perform rescue breathing or approved cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), as appropriate, until medical help arrives. Prompt action can mean the difference between life and death.

Shut off potential sources of CO, if possible. Correct ventilation problems and/or repair exhaust problems as appropriate. Investigate the source of CO and take corrective action, such as evacuating and ventilating the area or shutting off the source of the CO, while at the same time evacuating and ventilating the area.

P/C Frank Williams, AP

### EDITOR'S NOTE:

THANKS FRANK FOR SENDING THE SAFETY TIP. AND REMEMBER THAT CO POISONING IS NOT LIMITED TO YOUR BOAT. NOW THAT WINTER IS COMING AND WE LOOK FOR ALTERNATE WAYS FOR HEATING OUR HOMES. BE CAREFUL ABOUT USING DEVICES THAT BURN FUELS IN AN ENCLOSED AREA. MAKE SURE YOU FOLLOW ALL THE MANUFACTURERS INSTRUCTIONS !! WE WANT TO SEE YOU ALL NEXT SUMMER. HAVE A SAFE WINTER AND TAKE A COURSE. THIS WILL HELP PASS THE COLD WINTER MONTHS FASTER!!!