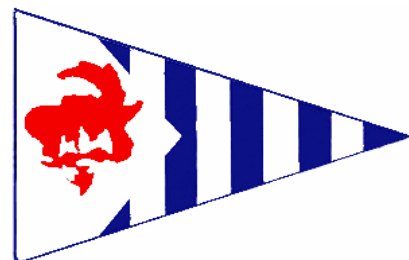


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Commander's Message

Tis the season to busy about getting ready to enjoy the beautiful lake we have so close by. Most of us are deep in all the enjoyable toils of making our pride and joy look it's best for a summer of what we hope will be fantastic sailing / boating

At this month's meeting we had 5 new members in attendance , Nancy Pope , Larry and Chris Davidson , Joe Dumar and Ernie Oakley . Please make them all welcome and include them in our activities .

On the education front it was brought up that it would be nice to have another course taught starting shortly for the new members who would like to continue their quest for boating knowledge . A course that was mentioned was piloting which a few of the other members might join in attending.

The picnic has been scheduled for July 19 at the Treadwell Bay Marina for 1300 with the usual steamed clams , Barbecue chicken and various snacks and soda. It will be a bring your own drinks for those that want to. There will be a demonstration at about 1000 of fire extinguisher use , aerial flare use and hazards and boating safety in general . All are welcome and encouraged to attend . If you have old outdated flares or other pyrotechnics that you would like to try out , bring them to the show.

Cdr. Hugh

Educational Report

The Squadron's Basic Boating Course was again a success. We had ten students and all passed. From the class we have five new members. Thanks goes out to Bob Shivokevich and Margaret Malone, who taught the class, and to Cdr Hugh Conners, Tom Malone, and Ray Dahle who helped with the knot tying, and chart reading and more. Thanks to Frank Williams who helped in recruiting the new members. It helps to be natural salesman!

Seamanship ended and everyone who tested passed,. A big thanks goes to Mike Stephenson for teaching that class.

We are getting ready to offer Piloting, which involves chart reading and plotting. Piloting takes what we learned in Basic Boating to the next level. As soon as we have secured a place to teach and a time we will let you know. Are you interested in taking Piloting? Contact either Hugh Connors 563-2711, lonesail@charter.net, Dave Robertson 562-3186, tropicstar82@hotmail.com, or Bob Shivokevich 493-7251, shivokevich@hotmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHAMPLAIN SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON CLAM BAKE/ CHICKEN BARBRQUE!!

The Annual Squadron's Summer get together our Famous Clam Bake and Chicken Barbecue will be held on Saturday July 19, at Treadwell Bay Marina, in Plattsburgh NY. This is our annual get together, a chance to see old friends and meet new ones. A time to share your adventures and to plan new adventures. Where can you go for \$5.00 per person for hot dogs, hamburgers, steam clams, and the best Barbecue Chicken around??? NO WHERE!!!! So make plans now to be there! Come by car or boat, but be there. SEE THE ATTACHED FLYER AT THE END OF THE NEWSLETTER FOR ALL THE DETAILS!!!!!!!!!!

DISTRICT 2 SUMMER COUNCIL MEETING AT SEAPORT CT.

The District 2 Summer Council meeting will be held on Saturday July 26, in Seaport Ct. on the agenda is a very important vote that will affect our Squadron. District 2 would like to help out with our Spring Conference monetary, but needs approval. Therefore it will be up to vote on that day. If you plan to attend contact Bo Shivokevich 493-7251, shivokevich@hotmail.com, for more information

DISTRICT 2 SPRING CONFERENCE

The District 2 Spring Conference will be held right here in Plattsburgh, NY. Did you know that at that time our squadron will be celebrating 60 years of existence? That the area will be celebrating the 400th Anniversary of the discovery of Lake Champlain?? Did you know that our Squadron will be celebrating the first time ever, that one of our own members will be the Commander of all District 2?? Robert Shivokevich S will become District 2 Commander on March 28, 2009?? Scary, isn't it?? you bet!! The squadron has formed a committee to organize and plan the event. But will need more help in the future. So when they ask, please say yes and help make this a tremendous event. Committee members are
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DAVE ROBERTSON'S DID YOU KNOW??

DID YOU KNOW?

A new Global Positioning System satellite may affect your older GPS equipment, according to a recent advisory issued by the U.S. Coast Guard Navigation Center. The new-generation satellite went online in mid-March, bringing the GPS constellation to a total of 32 satellites, and it isn't recognized by some older GPS units and other equipment (such as Automatic Intelligence System, AIS) that relies on GPS. The Coast Guard recommends monitoring your GPS equipment to determine if signals from satellite SVN48/PNR07 are being received. Source: "Sail Magazine"

CHAMPLAIN SAIL & POWER SQUADRON'S ANNUAL CHICKEN BARBECUE AND CLAM BAKE!!!

WHEN: SATURDAY JULY 19, 2008 FROM 1:00 - 6:00

WHERE: TREADWELL BAY MARINA, COME BY CAR OR BOAT!

COST: \$5.00 PER PERSON PLUS A SIDE DISH TO SHARE!

WHY: FOR FUN AND GREAT FOOD AND A CHANCE TO MEET YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS AGAIN! TO GO SWIMMING!! THE POOL WILL BE OPEN!

THE SQUADRON WILL SUPPLY THE HOT DOGS, HAMBURGERS, STEAM CLAMS, AND THE BEST CHICKEN AROUND, THERE WILL ALSO BE SODA & ICE TEA. YOU BRING NICE DISH TO SHARE AND EVERYONE WILL HAVE A GREAT TIME. IF YOU WANT A FAVORITE BEVERAGE, OTHER THAN SODA/ICE TEA, PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN, AND ONE FOR THE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE OFFICER!!

WHEN YOU SEE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS PLEASE INTRODUCE YOUR SELF AND MAKE THEM FEEL WELCOME, THEY ARE PART OF OUR FUTURE.

JOE DUMAR, ERIC TROTTMAN, NANCY POPE, LARRY AND CHRISTINE DAVIDSON, ERNIE OAKLEY!

SEE YOU THERE !!!

EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES!!

Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their fellow boaters.

Engine Cooling Water Dish Water Overboard Shower
Water Deck
Washdown

See that stream of cooling water coming from the engine? You'll need an EPA permit! Washing dishes on your boat? You'll need an EPA permit! Want to take a shower on your boat? You'll need an EPA permit! Want to wash down your boat? You'll need an EPA permit!

Time is quickly running out. On Sept. 30, 2008 the EPA will be requiring permits for ANY water coming off your boat. Two weeks ago a bill -- S. 2766 -- was introduced into the senate to stop this fiasco that could kill boating as we know it. Kill it because boaters will refuse to pay for this Alice-in-Wonderland nonsense permit. To find out what is going on, what the chances are to stop the madness, and what you can do about it, click on the links below. Remember, this isn't the first time government incompetence has decimated our sport!



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Washing dishes on your boat? You'll need an EPA permit!



Want to take a shower in your boat? You'll need an EPA permit



Illustration 1: Want to wash down your boat? You'll need an EPA permit!

Dear West Skipper,

As you may be aware, there is an issue being played out in the political arena that has the potential to significantly affect Boaters in the United States.

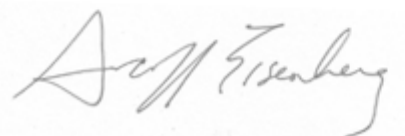
A recent court ruling targeting pollution being dumped from commercial ship ballast water would require all recreational boats to get costly permits by September, 2008. This despite the fact that almost no recreational boats have ballast tanks.

West Marine has joined the movement to support the passage of Senate Bill 2766/H.R. 5949, the Clean Boating Act of 2008. This legislation exempts Recreational Boaters from the costly permits required of large ships.

Please, click on the BoatBlue link at the right to familiarize yourself with the issue. Then, if you agree with the Cleaning Boating Act of 2008, we urge you to make your voice heard by following the "Take Action" guidelines.

We don't normally solicit political action from Customers, but we've made an exception in this case, as the millions of Boaters who shop at West Marine can make a huge impact on this critical piece of legislation.

Thanks, and have a great boating season!



Geoff Eisenberg
West Marine CEO



Tell Congress to
Schedule a Vote on the
Clean Boating Act

Take Action at BoatBlue.org >>



“ Unless we support the Clean Boating Act of 2008, recreational boaters will have to get costly permits by September. ”