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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE - Virginia P. Moore, P.

I think summer is over, but these wonderful warm lazy days of September have me considerably confused. The past few weeks we've had miserably hot, muggy days interspersed with cool ones - some unbearably humid, that felt you could cut the humidity with a knife.

It was a good time to be out on the water sailing or motoring in the cool breezes. However, we were blessed with relatively calm weather, so far that is. The terrible hurricane "Katrina", makes us respect again Mother Nature and her whims. I have a summer home in Fairfield, CT right on Long Island Sound and we have endured several bad storms in past years. Monday last, the Town of Fairfield had a meeting for all beach residents and the Fire Chief explained what evacuation procedure was planned.



We were informed of how we would receive warnings and how much time was allotted for getting out. Also discussed was an evacuation kit that could be prepared in advance and stored conveniently - to be checked frequently for expiration dates, etc. Many suggestions were made and first and foremost were a waterproof case with important papers and a list of where they are kept for easy retrieval. Also important was a stash of cash in the event that the ATM machines were not operating. This supply kit was suggested to last 3-4 days. Think about what you need to medicate, feed, clothe and sleep in. Provide electronic and/or electrical equipment with extra batteries and provide lots of bottled water. The list could be endless, but must be contained in a carrier one could handle. It's food for thought.

This is much like outfitting your boat for a cruise and preparing to pass a safety inspection. Did you know that there are windup radios? They don't need batteries. I was amazed to hear that and quite a few other newly designed gadgets that don't require batteries. Our area being somewhat inland and above sea level gives us a small edge, but being prepared is a very good idea.

Our Squadron teaches safe boating classes twice a year and we feel we are doing our part to warn prospective boaters of the dangers of lack of knowledge while at sea. Our Fall boating class starts 19 October and hopefully we'll have a good sized class. We need proctors to help the instructor and to assist new boaters to read charts, tie knots etc. It is only two hours a week for 8 weeks (Wednesday evenings 7:30 to 9:30). You will refresh your own skills and have an opportunity to impart your own experiences to the new boaters. We are a small squadron and are always in need of new members. It is your duty to Cross County Power Squadron to get our name out there in your marina and tell prospective members the value of more education. Let us pull together to enlarge our squadron by recruiting new members and encouraging older members to get re-involved.

Hope to see all of you at our meetings. We are anxious to keep up the good work, but it's important for each of you to help at the Boating Class, attend meetings and help with the plans for our District Conference in 2006. That is when our own member D/Lt/C Suzanne Nentwich, AP, is to be sworn in as District Commander. If we all work together, how could we possibly miss getting bigger and stronger?



Racing on Long Island Sound

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Daniel W. Zygmunt, 10th
Robert Thaule, 20th
Donald A. Bernard, 22nd
John Loperfido, 22nd
John F. Ferreri, Jr., 28th
Mark Feldman, 28th



September Birthdays:

Joseph J. Hvisc, 13th
Donald E. Headen, 22nd
Frank A. Bizzoco, 28th
Janet Birgler, 29th
Peggy E. Howland, 29th



MESSAGE FROM THE SEO

Lt/C Melvin Goldstein, AP

Another Public Boating Class is about to begin. The starting date at the Mamaroneck High School is Wednesday evening 19 October, Room A-353, 1930-2130. We have been fortunate that the school has given us the room which we have been using for the past few years. We have our own locked cabinet so that we may store our overhead projector and educational materials without concern from others.

We never know how many students will register for the class, but certainly a few good men and women members are needed to assist in the registration on the first evening of classes.

On a general note, National now includes a recent copy of The Ensign to be provided with the boating manual, for each student. Also, literature on boat insurance, PFD's and a flyer from NOAA are included. National is trying to attract potential new members with this extra "stuff". We'll hope it works.



Activities Calendar

August—October 2005

25 August, Thursday, Executive Committee Meeting at the New Rochelle Municipal Marina at 2000.

6-11 September, Tuesday-Sunday, Fall Governing Board, Portland, OR.

15 September, Thursday, Annual Education Meeting, at the New Rochelle Municipal Marina at 2000. Program : Mrs. Barbara Davis, Acting City Historian, City of New Rochelle, slide presentation on the History of Davids Island.

29 September, Thursday, Executive Committee Meeting at the New Rochelle Municipal Marina at 2000.

6 October, Thursday, General Meeting at the New Rochelle Municipal Marina. Program TBA.

7-9 October, Friday-Sunday, D/2 Fall Conference, Amsterdam, NY.

27 October, Thursday, Executive Committee Meeting at the New Rochelle Municipal Marina at 2000.

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LEGISLATIVE REPORT— P/C Arthur Steiner, P

Well, after a longer than originally planned stay "up-North", here I am back in not as hot as you are, Ft. Lauderdale!

I was glad to see you all at the New Rochelle Marina "Blessing of the Feet" party. Unfortunately I didn't get to see you all again, due to distance. I was staying with my son, some 70 miles away.

Affluence rears its head again in pleasure boating. For years we had "yachts." Then we acquired "super-yachts." Then, along came the "mega-yachts" (less than 150' - but more than 80'). Now, believe it or not we've come to the "GIGA-YACHT!" The largest (currently) measures 525', but new ones are on the boards, or sliding down the ways in sizes up to 650 feet!! Equipment on board will include helicopters, submarines, full size movie theatres, missile detection systems and 18 hole golf courses! I believe that when this spate of yacht-building comes to an end, the only thing stopping them from building bigger ones will be the English language's inability to create appropriate descriptive terminology. By the way, most of the buyers of these monsters are U.S. citizens and, it's been said, the availability of money for them is a direct result of the current tax laws.

Speaking of money, newly rich China has signaled its intention to sponsor an "Americas Cup" contender. I wonder which U.S. boat builder will "outsource" its know-how to build in China? They have, obviously, come along way from their ageless junks.

A bill has been introduced by Sen. Rick Santorum (R.Pa) to eliminate NOAA from broadcasting weather forecasts. His logic? They tend to be too competitive with private weather broadcasting services. The only exception would be for the instance of severe weather. What's your thinking on this one?

Have you contacted your Legislator on the establishment of that Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) terminal in mid- L.I. Sound? Do it now!!

The National Marine Manufacturers Assn (NMMA) has announced that it is assessing its 400 members a total of \$12 million, to entice more buyers into the show-rooms. I wonder what this will do to the price and availability of mooring/storage facilities. Better they should spend their money saving boatyards and other waterfront facilities from the ravages of condo builders.

I'm happy to note that the New York and Connecticut Legislations are working together to co-sponsor a "Save Long Island Sound" bill which would protect this wonderful body of water for recreational purposes. This move was given impetus by a potential of that (above mentioned) mid-Sound LNG monster.

Among the "things not to miss" is the collection of Rosenfeld photos at Mystic Seaport Museum. Included are shots from every Americas Cup race from 1885 to 1992. It is worth noting that the Rosenfelds lived and operated from City Island and their "Photos" were a familiar sight to many of us Western L.I. bound sailors.

Among the news items, I note that Connecticut has enacted a boat noise law and fines for excessive noise will be more than nominal. New York is considering raising the age for PWC operators from 10 to 14. Children from age 14 to 18 would have to pass an approved safety course to operate a PWC. Children under age 14 would be permitted to operate if attended by an adult. There has been a relaxation of the rules for PWC operation in the Fire Island National Seashore. If you plan to be there with your PWC, you better check on these rules.

Upon my return to Florida, I was saddened by the news of the passing of Edna Fink. In my book, Edna was a consistently valuable and reliable worker for CCPS. In addition to availing herself of many of our educational programs, she was a willing worker in many of them. She was "there" at many public classes and was always a willing worker and contributor at our after-meeting snacks. Edna was husband Harvey's "rock" and was there with him in all of his many duties in the Squadron's activity.

We will all miss you Edna.

**Photos from D2 Summer Council
Captain's Cove Seaport, Bridgeport, CT
29-31 July 2005**

First the Business Part



THE WINNING CHILDREN'S POSTERS



LET THE GAMES BEGIN!



More Photos from the D2 Summer Council



Can you hula like this?



Or fly a kite like this?



Our members who attended the Summer Council. Where were you?



And when you become D2 commander, this is what you have to do.

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Welcome dinner with the Chief Commander's Representative 1900-2100

Saturday: 0800 Registration/Continental Breakfast
0900 Business Meeting Begins
1130-1200 Cocktail Hour before lunch
1200-1300 Lunch with guest speaker from NYS Canal Corp
1300 Business Meeting resumes
1800-1900 Cocktail Hour
1900 Dinner 2000-2300 Dancing with your musical hosts the Norm Stoddard Trio

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