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

Cross County Power Squadron won again! At the District Conference held 7-9 October 2005 in Amsterdam, NY, we were selected out of the 20 squadrons in D/2 to win **FIRST PLACE** in the Shipping Over Award. This award is given to the squadron with the highest percentage of membership renewals, who were active members on 1 May 2005. We received a framed certificate to keep. A beautiful large wooden plaque with our name engraved on a brass plate which is ours to keep for one year was also presented at the same time. I'll bring both awards to our next meeting on 3 November 2005, for all to see and admire,



The Conference was very interesting and the Squadron workshops were dedicated to Education, Membership Retention and Squadron Program ideas. I attended the Squadron Program Ideas workshop which was chaired by our own member D/Lt/C Suzanne P. Nentwich, AP. There was lively interest in the presentation and handouts and many innovative ideas on new and exciting programs that we could try in order to encourage participation of our members at forthcoming meetings. We always try to have new and interesting programs, but this seminar was a major source of new topics.

On the drive to Amsterdam, we were very lucky to beat the rain and were able to enjoy the beautiful fall foliage, not as spectacular as in recent years, but lovely just the same. We no sooner arrived and the skies opened up and the deluge continued until Sunday morning. Our return trip was under semi-clear skies.

Because of a family crisis, our National Representative V/C John T. Alter, SN, was unable to attend. Our P/D/C Susan L. Darcy, JN, was asked to deliver the Chief's message. Although the Chief writes the message, it is up to his representative to deliver it in his/her own words, Commenting on some points, and at the same time keeping the members interested and informed, Susan did a wonderful job of interpreting the Chief's message and we all enjoyed the injection of her own humor from time to time. Way to go Susan!

At lunch we had a wonderful speaker from the New York State Canal Corporation. The slides were great and his presentation was very interesting and informative. There were many awards given in the afternoon session and our own member, P/C Arthur Steiner, P, received a plaque and pin commemorating 50 years as a member in USPS. We'll make arrangements to send him this plaque and congratulate him being involved for so many years, and besides that, no more dues. We're proud of you Arthur and keep those articles coming for Cross Currents; we need to keep in touch. Also, awarded for twenty-five years of membership in USPS are P/C Frank A. Bizzoco, AP; P/C Dorothy L. Bartlett, AP and Benjamin T. Parker, P. Congratulations to all!

Speaking of articles, once again I remind you to contribute articles to *Cross Currents*. In talking to many of you, I found a great source of interesting activities & trips that would interest all of us: A trip to Rome with a tiny dog or a member's grandchild being accepted at Annapolis. How about a short article on how you managed to stay dry after all that rain we had recently. Cellar flooded? Garage almost washed away? These are interesting items anyone may write about and it's easy because you can tell it like it really happened. We need all the members to contribute and share their experiences. You can always embroider a simple experience with the side comments of friends and family. You can do it! Give it your best shot! If I can write a message for each issue of *Cross Currents*, you should be able to contribute one every once in a while.

I hope to see you at our next meeting on 3 November, when P/R/C Anne S. Peskin, SN, will present a program about "Women Sailors and Sailors' Women." As always, there will be a pre-meeting Dutch Treat dinner at Bastone's in New Rochelle.

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Come if you can, but let me know so I can make the proper number of reservations, and if you can't make dinner, then come to the meeting and support your Squadron. We need to see all of you as many times as we can.

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We regret to announce the passing of P/C George C. Aid, SN, in Florida on 8 September 2005. George was a long time member of the Cross County Power Squadron, and in recent years after moving south, remained connected to CCPS as an Associate Member. He shall be missed by all who knew him.



EXECUTION ROCKS LIGHTHOUSE
LONG ISLAND SOUND, N.Y.

October Birthdays:

Alfred P. Belluscio, 4th
Benjamin T. Parker, 9th
Edwin Fisher, 10th
John A. Wieggers, 22nd
James H. Levi, 28th



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MESSAGE FROM THE SEO

Lt/C Melvin Goldstein, AP

As of this writing we have had our first session of our fall Public Boating Course. Instead of being elated at a class full of students, we had all of only three students; very discouraging.

We had more proctors than students. In addition to Cdr Virginia P. Moore, P, who is a specialist on student registration, present were P/C Paul H. Wieland, AP; Lt/C John A. Wieggers, AP; Assistant SEO 1st/Lt Guido Dattaro, SN and Lt Joseph N. Pizzuti, AP.

I don't know what the answer is to attracting more students. We have advertised in the same locations as in the past. The course is listed on the National web site as well as the D/2 web site.

Perhaps we will get additional students (we hope) at our next session. I try to keep a positive outlook, but it is getting more and more difficult to be motivated to teach when there is less than a handful of students. Of course the few students don't mind, they are almost getting a one-on-one learning experience.

Anyone with ideas?



Activities Calendar

October - December 2005

6 October, Thursday, General Meeting at the New Rochelle Municipal Marina. Planning Meeting for 2006 D/2 Spring Conference at 2000.

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.

3 November, Thursday, General Meeting at the New Rochelle Municipal Marina at 2000.
Program: P/R/C Anne S. Peskin, SN , presentation of "Women Sailors & Sailors' Women."

1 December, Thursday, Executive Committee Meeting at the New Rochelle Municipal Marina at 2000.

15 December, Thursday, Holiday Party, 1900 at the Willows Condominium Community Room.

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

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HURRICANE "KATRINA":

I don't know how many of you have ever experienced the thrill, excitement and fears of being "there" in a hurricane. I, for one, have been in three (to the best of my memory). My first was at age 18 in September of 1938. A group of us, (and to my knowledge, I'm the sole survivor) would gather on City Island during stormy weather and go sailing in those always great winds. Weather reporting was the daily prediction in the morning paper and, this time little did we know that we were due for a hurricane. We sailed around Hart Island in an 18' cat boat and it was the wildest sail I'd ever experienced! There was some minor damage to the boat, but we did get back to the mooring (there were no marinas in those days) safely. It was only then that we discovered we'd been in the early stages of a hurricane!

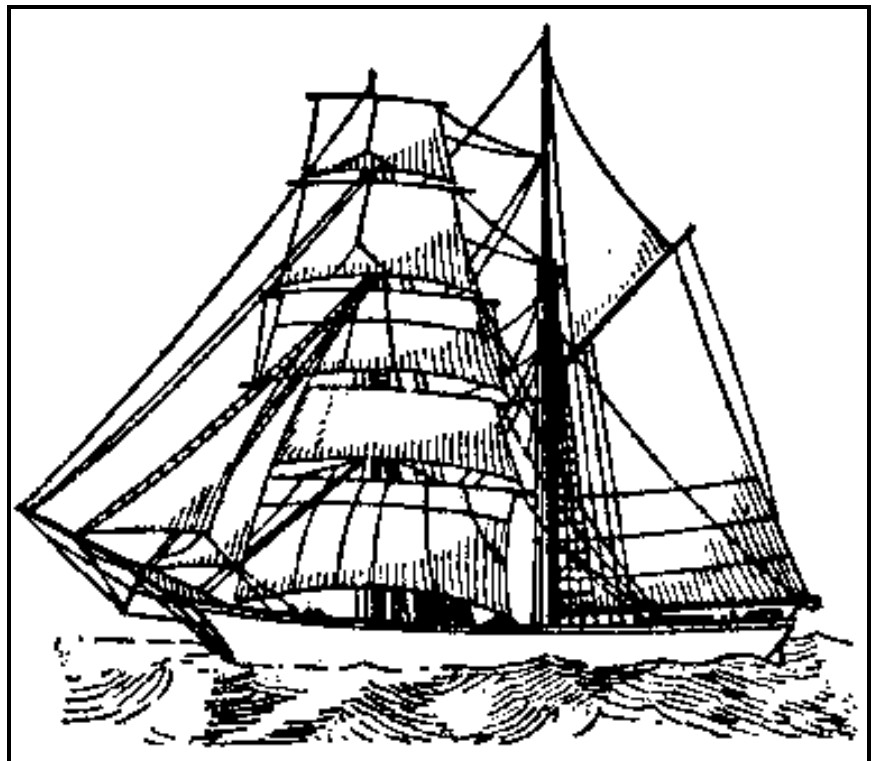
My second experience was during WWII, while on a hermaphrodite brig on antisubmarine patrol, about 300 miles east of Block Island. We were 147' long and very husky. We doused all sail except for a small main-stays'l as we realized that we were in for a substantial blow. Of course, during the war, there was no broadcasting of weather conditions, so again unknowingly, I was sailing in my 2nd big blow.

This time, "KATRINA" was well publicized, but being in my physical dotage, sailing was out of the question. So I drove over to the Ft. Lauderdale beach and watched the surfers riding the "big ones" in and feeling that they were getting a similar thrill to my previous two experiences. I was jealous of their abilities.

Fortunately for us, "KATRINA" achieved only a "Force 1" status here and damage was relatively minor.

To my knowledge, no buildings were damaged, but trees and branches were down in great abundance, all over the place. The City, eventually, picked up all the debris and dumped it over about 3 acres in a city park. It's piled about eight to ten feet high! They are now in the process of putting it through chopping machines and offering it to the public for mulch! Ruth and I were without electric power for 63 hours and no telephone for almost five days. Still thankfully for us, we were no New Orleans. However, we did lose a large refrigerator/freezer full of steaks, chops and other goodies.

On to "legislative": It's reported that the Spencer/Rybovitch boat-building and maintenance yard in Palm Beach, is giving two-thirds of its space to the ever encroaching developers. Spencer has always been a big yacht (Cris-Craft) yard and of course, Rybovitch has been the builder of top-of-the-line sport fishing boats. Another loss to our sea-faring tradition!



It would seem that the town of Lauderdale by the Sea is having problems with the regulating of its numerous man-made canals. Apparently the combination of pier widths and broad beamed yachts is causing navigating problems. Maybe they should just fill them in and sell the land to condo builders?

Back to the hurricane: With the loss of power, we experienced what "old Florida" must have been like with no air conditioning and high temperatures! No thanks!



United States Power Squadrons®
DISTRICT 2 SPRING CONFERENCE

Friday & Saturday, MARCH 31 - APRIL 1, 2006
 hosted by **CROSS COUNTY POWER SQUADRON**

Crowne Plaza Hotel
66 Hale Avenue

White Plains, NY 10601

914-682-0050 (for **DIRECTIONS** see other side)

Friday, March 31	1500-1800	Early registration
	1730-1800	Happy Hour at Outback (1 st drink free with dinner)
	1800-2000	Welcome dinner with the Chief Commander's Representative - Outback Steak House
		After dinner, Friday night fun...
Saturday, April 1	0800-0900	Registration/Continental Breakfast
	0900	Business Meeting begins
	1200-1230	Social Hour before lunch
	1230-1330	Lunch
	1330	Business Meeting resumes
Saturday Evening	1800-1900	Cocktail Hour
	1900-2300	A FESTIVE FROGGY APRIL FOOLS DINNER DANCE

GUEST PROGRAM – Train Party in a private rail car to Grand Central Terminal, with fancy shops, personally-guided behind-the-scenes tours, your choice of restaurants for lunch, Saturday 9:00-4:30. Led by Pam Kelly and George Okvat. (See other side) \$25.00 plus cost of your lunch.

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Registration Form

First Registrant: Name _____ Grade ____ Rank & Position _____

Address: _____ Phone _____ Squadron _____

Town, State, Zip _____ E-mail _____

Second Registrant: Name _____ Grade ____ Rank & Position _____

Is this your first time at a district meeting? Yes _____ No _____

Hotel Room (double or single) Fri ____ Sat ____ nights _____ x \$99/night = \$ _____

Note: \$99 Room rate expires 6 March 2 Double Beds _____ 1 King Bed _____

Smoking Room _____ Non-Smoking _____

Friday Night Welcome dinner at Outback Steak House _____ x \$25.00 = \$ _____

Saturday Continental Breakfast & NY Deli Buffet Luncheon _____ x \$38.00 = \$ _____

Saturday Dinner Dance – choices: Tenderloin of Beef _____ Grilled Salmon _____

Total number of Dinners _____ x \$49.00 = \$ _____

GUEST PROGRAM, NYC Train Party & Grand Central Tours _____ x \$25.00 = \$ _____

Late Fee if received after 6 March \$10.00 per person _____ x \$10.00 = \$ _____

TOTAL REGISTRATION FEE ENCLOSED \$ _____

Please make checks payable to D-2 Spring Conference 2006, and mail with this registration form to: Lt/C Peggy Howland, P e-mail: PegHowland@aol.com

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Free shuttle from White Plains Metro North Train Station or Westchester Airport. Call Crowne Plaza Hotel, 914-682-0050.

The Crowne Plaza Hotel-White Plains is 30 minutes from Manhattan, adjacent to world class shopping at The Westchester with Neiman Marcus and Nordstrom.

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GUEST PROGRAM Saturday, April 1, 2006 9:00 to 4:30

GRAND CENTRAL TERMINAL TOUR AND TRAIN PARTY (“lunch on your own”) Tickets \$25.00 (price does not include lunch)

Most of us, when we are going through Grand Central, are in such a rush to grab that train or taxi that we don't take the time to stop and look around and marvel at this historic building. Its history traces from the original 1800's Grand Central Depot, through its dramatic restoration in the 1900's (thanks to Jackie O for not letting it be torn down), to its transformation into today's destination for dining, shopping, gourmet food and public events.

Shuttle Bus to Tarrytown Train Station, where we will board OUR OWN PRIVATE TRAIN CAR down the scenic Hudson River route into NYC, where we will have a day of TOURING GRAND CENTRAL STATION INSIDE AND OUT, plus BEHIND-THE-SCENES LOOKS AT ITS INNER WORKINGS AND CHARMS. There will be a lunch break when you can choose from one of the many fine restaurants and lounges, from the Oyster Bar, Michael Jordan's Steakhouse, or a Pizza or Hot Dog “on your own”, leaving you time to browse its many shops, before we continue on our tour. After the second half of our tour, it's time to board our train back to White Plains, where the shuttle will take us to our hotel and we will get ready to “Hop” the night away. Make reservations early as you won't want to miss this trip. Dress is casual, and please do wear comfortable shoes, like most native New Yawkers wear, enabling them to catch that train!

(Oct 05)

**PHOTOS FROM CCPS ANNUAL EDUCATION MEETING
6 OCTOBER 2005**



Guest speaker Mrs. Barbara Davis, New Rochelle City Historian, SEO Lt/C Melvin Goldstein, AP and Cdr Virginia P. Moore, P.



Cdr Virginia P. Moore, P presenting P/C Frank A. Bizzoco, AP with his 25 year pin. SEO Lt/C Melvin Goldstein in the foreground.

**PHOTOS FROM D2 FALL CONFERENCE
7-9 OCTOBER 2005
AMSTERDAM, N.Y.**



I/r Lt/C Peggy E. Howland, P, P/D/C Susan L. Darcy, JN and Cdr Virginia P. Moore, P.



I/r Cdr Sherry Hirsch, AP, D/Lt/C Kenneth H. Hirsch, AP, P/D/C Robert E. Beardsley, SN and Mrs. Mena Beardsley



Standing, I/r Mrs. Mena Beardsley and Cdr Virginia P. Moore, P. Seated, P/D/C Robert E. Beardsley, SN



P/D/C Robert E. Beardsley, SN and D/Lt/C Suzanne P. Nentwich, AP

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P/C ARTHUR STEINER, P

At the recent D/2 Fall Conference, at Amsterdam, New York, P/C Arthur Steiner, P, was recognized for being a member of USPS for fifty years. Although Arthur was not in attendance, a plaque and a pin attesting to this accomplishment are to be his.

Although he does not live in the local metropolitan area any more, he is still a Squadron member and regular contributor to *Cross Currents*, as our Legislative Officer. He has also been made Cross County Power Squadron Executive Committee Member Emeritus,

recognizing his many years of faithful and active service to our Squadron. (Including many years as Editor of *Cross Currents*.)

Arthur is coming up for his 50th merit mark this year. We are certain it will be awarded to him.

As an avid sailor, many of his stories have revolved around his own experiences at sea. We are glad that he continues to contribute his time for our Squadron, albeit only for *Cross Currents* articles.

Keep up the good work Arthur!