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

The holidays are upon us and the eat-a-rama is in full swing. We all plan to go to Holiday Parties and hope all those treats won't show when we weigh ourselves.

Our November General Meeting was a real winner. Our guest speaker was P/R/C Anne S. Peskin, SN, who gave an interesting, detailed talk all about "Women Sailors and Sailor's Women." Some of us enjoyed a pre-meeting dinner with our guests. Back to the marina and a brief business meeting. We adjourned for refreshments and after an appropriate time moved on to the program. It was a pleasure; Anne has been studying the life of sailors for a long time and did a lot of research for her presentation. We presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation after her talk. If you didn't come, you missed a good show.



You will be pleased to know that all the reported Merit Mark recommendations were accepted by P/C/C Robert L. Woods, SN. There were NO DELETIONS, another first for us. We are a good group even if I do say so myself.

At our next Executive Committee Meeting, 1 December, we will plan the menu for our Holiday Party. Try real hard to attend. We will also discuss some of the plans for the Conference in the Spring, 31 March - 1 April, 2006. If you can't make the meeting, please call me and we'll tell you what we are still missing, or if you have a specialty that you would like to contribute, we will work around it. But please call me at (914)963-9409. We do need to coordinate our menu. Our party is fast approaching. It will be on 15 December at the Willows Condominiums Community Room in Scarsdale. Check the Holiday Flyer for directions.

I hope some of you are planning to submit an article to our Editor of Cross Currents, Lt/C Melvin Goldstein, AP. We need to hear about your experiences, good or bad, sad or funny, but do send something - don't be shy. I know I sound like a broken record urging you to write, but when I read all the Newsletters I receive from Districts 2 and 27, I know a lot of you have had just as much fun and made similar unexpected mistakes.

Lt/C Howard A. Sklar, AP, our Treasurer, gave me a detailed Treasurer's Report. I made enough copies so everyone can look it over and discuss questions with him at the Exec Meeting. He promised to attend. I hope you all had a Happy Thanksgiving and enjoyed filling up on turkey and all the trimmings. We lucked out with the weather. Our P/D/C Susan L. Darcy, JN, in Mass., got 7 inches of snow on Thursday and it snowed all night and into the next day. She spent a lot of time with the snow-blower and the snow shovel. Glad we live here.

Don't forget to support your Squadron. Come to the meetings and join in the Holiday Party celebration; we always have a lot of fun and really good food. See you soon.

IF THEY'RE NOT AFLOAT, THEY CAN'T SINK!!!!

- Lt Donald E. Headen, AP, Safety Officer

We all worry about hurricanes which can really spoil our boating season. But how many of us have the same concern for a NORTHEASTER? If you leave your boat in the water over the winter, here are some thoughts to consider.

Many powerboat owners believe that their bimini tops should be able to withstand winds at least as great as the speed of their boat. Rare is the storm, however, that always blows from the bow of a docked boat. If strong winds find their way under the bimini from abeam or astern, the fabric is likely to be shredded and the frame may give up as well. Be aware that when wind speed doubles, its force *quadruples*!!

Be certain your cockpit drains are kept free of debris, and have your bilge pump wired directly to the battery (with an appropriate fuse) as heavy rains can sink your boat if the drains are clogged and the bilge pump is turned off. Water can also come in through a leak in your drainage lines if the discharge port is below the water line!

Boats on land generally fare better than boats left in the water over the winter according to Seaworthy Magazine to which credit for this article is given.

Happy Boating

November Birthdays:

- Melvin Goldstein, 14th
- Nino Locascio, 16th
- John J. Doonan, 26th
- Robert L. Verona, 26th



December Birthdays:

- Robert D. Richardson, 4th
- Mark Hennelly, 11th
- Lawrence E. Headen, 12th
- Paul H. Wieland, 16th
- Phyllis Z. Bernard, 24th
- Dorothy L. Bartlett, 31st
- Arthur P. Reichling, 31st



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MESSAGE FROM THE SEO

Lt/C Melvin Goldstein, AP

We're coming down the home stretch in our Fall Public Boating Class. Our large class of four students has gone through almost all of the lessons. They have been through Required Equipment, Rules of the Road and Plotting, in addition to the other required chapters in the manual. The last sessions will cover New York State Requirements, Personal Water Craft; then a review session. Our final exam is scheduled for 21 December.

Talking about plotting, in addition to the sample plotting in the student manual, I copied portions from one of my personal charts which covered local areas, and prepared sample problems for the students to work out. The students were required to determine and label course and distance between a sequence of navigation aids that went from the vicinity of Mamaroneck to the beginning of the East River. Time did not permit further work which would have included speed and time computations.; these will be covered in the review session.

Many thanks to P/C Paul H. Wieland, AP and Lt. Joseph N. Pizzuti, AP for filling in for me in class during a personal absence. Also assisting in most classes are Cdr Virginia P. Moore, P and 1st/Lt Guido Dattaro, SN, Ass't. SEO.



Activities Calendar

December 2005 - February 2006

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.

4-8 January, USPS Annual Meeting, Orlando, Florida.

12 January, Thursday, General Meeting at the New Rochelle Municipal Marina at 2000.
Program: TBA.

26 January, Thursday, Executive Committee Meeting at the New Rochelle Municipal Marina at 2000.

2 February, Thursday, General Meeting at the New Rochelle Municipal Marina at 2000.
Program: TBA.

11 February, Saturday, D/2 Winter Council, Ramada Inn, Newburgh, N.Y.

23 February, Thursday, Executive Committee Meeting at the New Rochelle Municipal Marina at 2000.

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LEGISLATIVE REPORT— P/C Arthur Steiner, P

It seems that I just reported on the wild results of hurricane "KATRINA" and now we are preparing ourselves for "WILMA", due this week-end and anticipated to hit us with force THREE! As my ancient forebears would say - "OY!!"

The big Ft. Lauderdale Boat Show is looming on the horizon just a few days after "WILMA" passes through and the storm may disrupt the transport of boats. Hopefully, all will make it down here safely. Financially, this show has been a complete sell-out. However, now, what with the all too familiar price of fuel, hopes are not very high for record breaking sales. As a matter of fact, the Brunswick Corp. has announced a large cut-back in the production of its full line of boats, from Hatteras down. I wonder what affect fuel costs will have on the popularity of sailboats.

Congratulations to the Coast Guard for the superb job they've done on the Gulf Coast. However, and you all will re-call my enthusiasm for this hugely under-acknowledged service, as a pre-WWII Coastguardsman with almost 5½ years of active duty, I'm well aware of the value of this Service and of the dedication of its personnel. The no longer used slogan of the USCG was "You must go out, but you don't have to come back!"

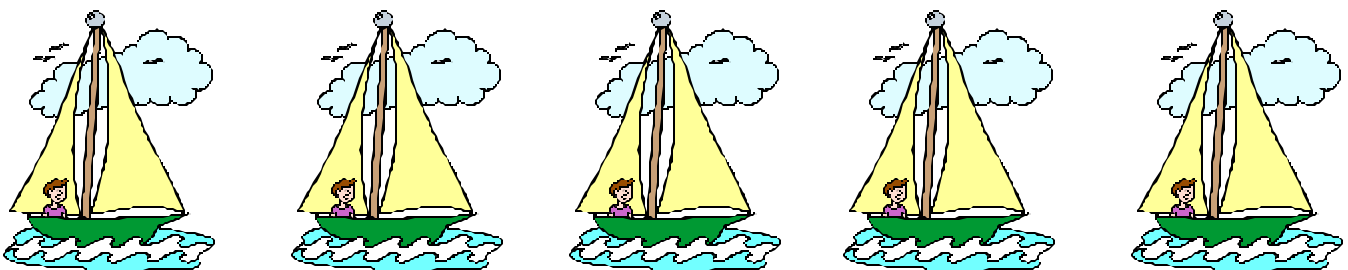
I note that the "Boat U.S. Foundation for Boating Safety" is sponsoring a contest for new ideas in PFD's. This is a recognition that we must get ideas from "out of the box" in order to make progress in the design of these all important pieces of boat equipment. Got any ideas?

I just got a personal shock when I read an item on the "Grand Banks" trawlers. Do you know that it's been FORTY ONE years since these now ubiquitous fore-runners of all yacht trawlers came on the market! Boy, I really must be getting old!!

It might be well for you to note that the State of Connecticut is expanding its "no discharge" area to include the coastal waters between Guilford and Groton. Also, if you are optimistic and plan a cruise on Lake Champlain, be advised that "SEA TOW" is no longer operating there.

Again re the USCG, I note that one of its 36' motor lifeboats has been given a place in the National Registry of Historical places. During my years with the CG, I became very familiar with these rugged boats. They were built to withstand the worst conditions and had the ability to turn-over, recover and continue on its mission. One warning, if you were at all susceptible to mal de mare, stay off! They rolled, even in flat water! Anyway, the one noted while serving at the Chatham, Mass. Lifeboat Station, with four in crew on 2/18/52 went out in virtually impossible conditions and rescued 32 seamen off of a foundering tanker. This exemplifies the above quoted slogan.

It looks like the establishment of that LNG terminal in mid-Sound is now running into more organized resistance. "Save the Sound" has organized "Boaters Against Broadwater." Where is it written that developers (of all types) can take-over whatever they feel will make money for them?





UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS®
District 2



D/2 Winter Council

Saturday 11 February 2006

Held at the Ramada Inn

1289 Route 300, just south of junction with I-84 (Exit 7S), Newburgh, New York

The cost for the day is \$ 29 - includes Continental Breakfast and complete Buffet Lunch.

Those arriving from the **NORTH OR SOUTH VIA THE NY STATE THRUWAY:**
Use **Exit 17** (Newburgh). Follow the exit and signs to Route 17K west. Take Route 17K west to the first traffic light (Route 300 / Union Ave). Make a right at that traffic light onto Route 300 headed north. Proceed approximately ¼ mile to the Ramada Inn on the left.

Those arriving from the **EAST OR WEST VIA INTERSTATE – 84:**
Use **Exit 7S** (Route 300 / Union Ave.). Proceed south approximately ½ mile to the Ramada Inn on your right.

Registration will begin at 0800

Reservations must be received by 29 January 2006- Late Registration fee: \$5.00

Mail reservations to:

D/Lt Alexandra Digilio
25 Thomas Ave
Fishkill, New York 12524
Questions? Call (845) 896-6644
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District 2 Winter Council

11 FEB. 2006

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 _____ RANK/GRADE _____

BREAKFAST/LUNCH \$29.00 PER PERSON

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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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Oct 05

Directions - Crowne Plaza Hotel - White Plains, NY

914-682-0050

Map & detailed directions: log on <http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/cp/hd/hpncp>

From I-287 EAST (Cross Westchester Expressway), EXIT 8W, Bloomingdale Rd. Turn left onto Bloomingdale. Turn right on Maple Ave. Hotel is on the right on the corner of Maple and Hale.

From I-287 WEST (Cross Westchester Expressway), EXIT 8. Follow signs for Rte 119-Westchester Ave. Turn left on Bloomingdale Rd, Right on Maple. Hotel is on the right on the corner of Maple and Hale.

From I-87 New York Thruway, South. After crossing Tappan Zee Bridge, keep left for I-287 East (Cross Westchester Expressway) and follow directions above.

From I-95 South from Connecticut, take exit 21 for I-287 West (Cross Westchester Expressway) and follow directions above.

From Merritt Parkway South from Connecticut, it becomes Hutchinson Parkway in New York. Take exit 26W for I-287, Cross Westchester Expressway West, and follow directions above.

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.

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!

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**Sunset over New Rochelle, NY, from Long Island Sound.
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