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## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE - Teresa F. Hennelly, P.

What a long strange winter it has been! The weather is so unpredictable, the politics all too predictable. Now that we have turned the clocks ahead and celebrated our own Change of Watch we can move on with a new Bridge and some new ideas.

Our attention primarily is directed at the District 2 Change of Watch when D/Lt/C Suzanne P. Nentwich, AP, will be pledged in as District Commander the weekend of 31 March - 2 April, 2006. I trust you have all made your reservations and plan to attend the festivities to honor one of our own.

It was pleasure meeting Candyce C. Corcoran, S, new Commander of the Westchester Power Squadron. Both of us being novices at this game, we're out to experiment with some different ideas. Candy graciously invited our squadron to their meeting on 20 April at the Orienta Yacht Club. The speaker will be Greg Cirillo, the owner of the Precision Marine Center, New Rochelle. He will be talking about engine maintenance. What to look for, what to do and what not to do before getting your boat commissioned. We plan alternating meetings with guest speakers in the future since we are both small squadrons. Any new ideas are welcome or any old ideas that haven't worked lately can be resurrected.



The following is an article that was written for me in the *North Fork Magazine* with the assistance of Terri Baldwin, Editor and daughter.

After the storm, we listened to the news reports from afar. We didn't know what to expect when we drove up to the house on the cliffs. As of last summer, the house had a commanding view of the Sound and an ample spread of sand between the edge of the cliff and the house. This little sliver of beach was hard won. Years of planting, bulkheading, transplanting, and terracing gave us this wonderful perch. We had a table, chairs, lounges and even a small vegetable garden there. This was the best place to catch the breezes and toast so many beautiful sunsets.

After the storm, we found that nature has her own will. We were lucky in that we did not experience her will as wrath. Instead, she gave us a reality check: the sandy top layer of the cliffs became sodden with the summer rains, causing the heavy sand to slide down the clay base - taking cliff tops, bulkheads and stairways down in the process. It was as if the cliffs opened up to receive these things and distribute them in disarray.

We salvaged what we could, but something is always lost or left behind. It was now time to realize that what we see one day is not what we'll get the next, that our grand designs are fragile and fleeting. In spite of Providence, caution and good insurance, things we value can disappear in a nanosecond and we'd better accept the tough reality that things can disappear in time.

After the storm, all we can do is appreciate what we've had and what does remain.

Together we will move on and keep this ship afloat.

We regret having to announce the recent passing of long time member Nino Locascio, P. Although living in Florida, Nino maintained his membership in our Squadron.

We also regret the passing of Antoinette Arrigo, mother of Andrea Pizzuti and mother-in-law of Lt Joseph N. Pizzuti, AP.

Our condolences to both families.



On a happier note, congratulations to Lt Robert L. Verona, AP for receiving the Educational Proficiency Award. This recognition is given to those members who have attained the grade of AP and in addition, successfully completed four elective courses.



### **March Birthdays:**

Earl Millett, 1st  
Marcia Sklar, 1st  
Nettie Goldstein, 9th  
Suzanne P. Nentwich, 12th  
Joyce Riess, 18th  
Miriam G. Stevens, 26th



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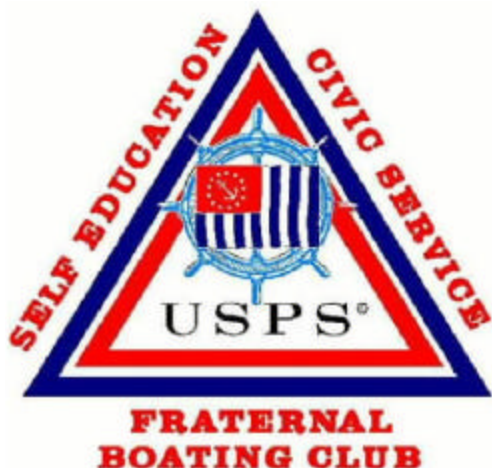
## MESSAGE FROM THE SEO

Lt/C Melvin Goldstein, AP

Our spring Public boating Class is in full swing with instructor Lt/C Howard A. Sklar, AP taking over for yours truly. We have eight registered students plus one and maybe more students from our fall class who wish to brush up on their charting skills. Thanks to P/C Virginia P. Moore, P who helps with the registration and refreshments; P/C Paul H. Wieland, AP who helps with the educational materials; Assistant SEO Guido Dattaro, SN who also helps with refreshments; Lt Joseph N. Pizzuti, AP who helps add his personal experiences to the classroom work and Lt/C John A. Wieggers, AP who helps the slower students stay up on the class material.

On another subject, it may be of interest to readers that the New York State Legislature has a number of bills in committee relating to mandatory boating safety certificates. One of these covers all boaters; the other only those under the age of eighteen. Who knows—maybe one of these days we may be swamped (not to make a pun) with students for our Public Boating Class.

Also, attention all members with a grade of AP. If you are interested in taking the JN Course, P/D/C Robert E. Beardsley has offered to teach. Please let Bob or me know if you are interested.



## Activities Calendar

March 2006 - May 2006

9 March, Thursday, Annual Change of Watch.  
John Fogarty's Towne Tavern, Bronxville, NY at 1900.

31 March - 2 April, Friday - Sunday, D/2 Spring Conference,  
Crowne Plaza Hotel, White Plains, N.Y.

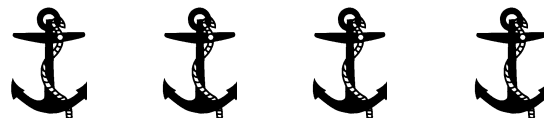
6 April, Thursday, General Meeting at the New Rochelle  
Municipal Marina at 2000.  
Program: TBA

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

4 May, Thursday, General Meeting at the New Rochelle  
Municipal Marina at 2000.  
Program: TBA

20-26 May, Sat-Fri, National Safe Boating Week.

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



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