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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE — Teresa F. Hennelly, P

It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve all of you as the Cross County Squadron's Commander this year and look forward to working for you and the Squadron for another term! Being Commander is not only an opportunity to get things done that need doing, it is an opportunity to get to know you all so much better. As Commander, I am reporting the events of the past year in the spirit of consolidation. At this point the spirit is willing but some flesh is not. However, judging by the turnout at the Change of Watch, we can work together until we can live together in the foreseeable future.



We have joined with Westchester Sail and Power Squadron for the following events:

1. Hosting and working at the D/2 Change of Watch.
2. Four of us attended a joint meeting at the Orienta Yacht Club. Thank you Candyce.
3. I also joined Westchester Sail and Power Squadron while at our joint Mohegan Sun outing.
4. The Holiday Party was attended by the Lambert's, et al as a show of solidarity between both Squadrons.
5. We partied at the Blessing of the Fleet with thanks to Joe Pizzuti for running the White Frog Sale.
6. Mel Goldstein attended a USPS Seminar at the Rochambeau High School.
7. And most recently I had the pleasure of partying with D/2 in Jacksonville at the USPS National Meeting (a mixed group to say the least).
8. I owe a group hug to my faithful comrades in Cross County. Let me mention you all by name, Virginia, Peggy, Bob, John, Mark, Mel, Guido, Howard, Joe, Arthur, Harvey, and the ever present Arthur Steiner, and of course our Queen - Suzanne. It was an epiphany for me as your Commander and I will continue to cajole and press you to do what is best for our joint Squadrons.

In short, we've had fun, got down to business, wrote articles and brainstormed. We made some of our meetings less formal. We worked with National on the ways we can bring the message of safe boating to everyone. I think as a group we deserve a round of applause. Bless you all.



What kind of a buoy is this?
Answer on Page 4.

If you haven't noticed, the Cross County PS newsletter *Cross Currents*, has again won USPS National recognition. We have been awarded the Distinction in Journalism for the year 2006.

Thanks to all who have contributed articles and assistance in making the above possible. I would especially like to thank P/C Arthur Steiner, P, who, without fail, submits an article every month. Keep up the good work Arthur. And to all of you others, get your article, story, poem, comment or photo in to me.

Editor

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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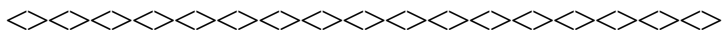
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MESSAGE FROM THE SEO

Lt/C Melvin Goldstein, AP

Our spring Public Boating Class has started, this year at the Lincoln High School in Yonkers. From what I have been told (this article is being written in Florida), we have a large class of four students, an increase from our fall class of three. Not too good! I am sure there are many boaters out there who would want and need the education. Where are they?

Thanks to P/C Howard A. Sklar, AP, for instructing the class, with assistance from P/C Virginia P. Moore, P; P/C Paul H. Wieland, AP; 1st Lt Guido Dattaro, SN and Lt Joseph N. Pizzuti, AP.



Activities Calendar

March — May 2007

8 March, Change of Watch at Fogarty's Town Tavern, Bronxville, NY, jointly with Westchester Sail and Power Squadron at 1900.

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

30-31 March, Friday-Saturday, D/2 Spring Conference, Poughkeepsie, NY.

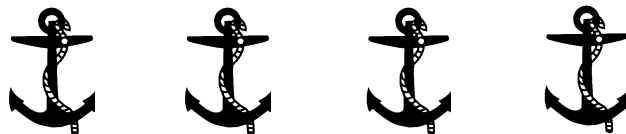
18 April, Wednesday, Joint General Meeting with WS and P Squadron at the Orienta Yacht Club, Mamaroneck at 1930. Program: Mr. Bryson Van Eck, News 12 Meteorologist.

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

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

19-25 May, National Safe Boating Week.

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



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LEGISLATIVE REPORT - P/C Arthur Steiner, P

The huge Miami Boat Show ended yesterday and, of course, it's too early to report on sales. However, the unusually cool weather must have deterred a lot of "lookers" because from early projections, attendance was down from last year's numbers. Also, reports from various sources indicate that buying, too, has decreased. This seems to be in the area of mass production craft and not the "big" guys.

USCG Commandant Thad Allen has, obliquely put forth a suggestion that there should be Federal Licensing of all boat operators. His reasoning is not to set standards for boat operation, but rather for national security purposes. He readily admits that his suggestion faces some pretty tough opposition.

Another hoax "may day" caller has been caught. He's a 23 year old guy from Daytona Beach. The Coast Guard estimates that his prank cost us some \$75,000! They went on to say that there were at least 12 other false calls from the Florida North Atlantic Area. CG watch-standers are increasingly able to identify call locations which will cause heavy fines and jail time for these "fun-lovers".

The phasing out of the dependable Loran-C system is receiving a lot of discussion, especially now that our Chinese "business partners" have demonstrated their ability to shoot down our satellites. A couple of well placed shots could cripple our GPS system. More than ever, we can't afford to not have a back-up system.

In the category of "what's next!", a commercial fisherman dredging for scallops off of George's Bank, hauled in a foot-long mastodon tusk. This points up how our land-masses have changed over the thousands of years. Additionally, rising waters have caused the flooding of an island off of the Indian Coast. Several other Pacific islands have similarly disappeared. The cause has been attributed to global warming.

I read that TV personality Geraldo Rivera is a confirmed yachtsman. He owns a seventy-foot aluminum ketch and he commutes from his Edgewater, N.J. home to work in New York City via a fifteen minute ride onboard his thirty-six foot Hinkley "Picnic."

Getting back to an item in my last issue re off-shore gas terminals, I noted that a French company was proposing one for Florida. The name of this company is "Suez" and they were the ones who successfully dug the Suez Canal. However on the other hand they were a dismal failure in trying to build the Panama Canal! Their proposal for Florida seems to endanger the ecology of coral reefs and the already threatened ocean bottom. By the way, I haven't heard anything, lately, about the Long Island Sound proposal - have you? Oops, here's something of a similar nature: The Department of Environmental Protection has denied the laying of a gas pipe-line stating that it would endanger water quality, shell-fish beds and natural habitats. The proposal would have put the line through the Thimble Islands, Connecticut.

As a matter of general information and for those who may be interested, I just achieved my 87th birthday and honestly, I don't feel a day more that eighty-six and one-half!!

(A belated Happy Birthday Arthur and again congratulations on receiving an award from National on the occasion of your 50th Merit Mark- Ed.)

Answer to photo question on Page 2: The buoy is a red lighted channel buoy with a solar panel for power and four 'wavy' posts atop the panel to keep the birds off. (The wavy posts don't always work!)

**REPORT OF THE ANNUAL CHANGE OF WATCH
JOINTLY, FOR THE FIRST TIME
CROSS COUNTY POWER SQUADRON AND
WESTCHESTER POWER AND SAIL SQUADRON
HELD AT JOHN FOGARTY'S TOWN TAVERN, BRONXVILLE, N.Y.
8 MARCH 2007**

It was a great night weather-wise and people-wise. Everyone was in a festive mood and the ceremonies went on without a hitch. After a brief respite for mingling, drinking and snacks, Cdr Teresa F. Hennelly, P, started the ball rolling and Cdr Candyce Corcoran, P, kept it going. The pledge of Allegiance was given by the Flag Lt of Westchester S&P. A moment of silence was requested in memory of the members of both Squadrons who had passed away this last year. The memorial moment and invocation was given by D/2 Chaplain Peggy E. Howland, P.

Immediately following, all attending dignitaries were introduced and received a rousing welcome from everyone, lots of clapping and whistles made everyone feel special. It was my pleasure to introduce everyone. While we waited for dinner, to be served, each Commander gave her message outlining special events of the past year. D/C Suzanne P. Nentwich, AP, was then asked to pledge in two new members for Cross County Power Squadron - Russell and Siobhan Green, who were presented with their USPS Certificates, name tags and appropriate pins. A round of applause followed.

DINNER WAS SERVED

As always, for the past ten years, Fogarty's did us proud; the meals were delicious and well served.

Time for the ceremonies: D/C, Suzanne asked CCPS for the report of its Nominating Committee. It was read and accepted. Cdr Hennelly was pledged in first, and then the Bridge was pledged in. Directly following, Cdr Corcoran was asked for her Nominating Committee Report, which was presented and accepted. Cdr Corcoran was pledged in and was followed by the pledging in of her Bridge.

The District Commander gave an interesting summary of up and coming events in the District and encouraged all members to attend the Change of Watch at the end of the month and to get involved in attending all Councils and Conferences and the Northern Trek. She thanked everyone for coming and was presented with a USPS Tote Bag.

Cdr Corcoran was most generous in presenting all attendees with small candles in glass cups commemorating the Change of Watch 2007 and interesting stress relief stars you could carry around to keep one stress free.

Submitted by P/C Virginia P. Moore, P.



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CROSS COUNTY POWER SQUADRON
53rd CHANGE OF WATCH



WESTCHESTER SAIL AND POWER
SQUADRON
71st CHANGE OF WATCH

CELEBRATING TOGETHER
8 MARCH 2007
JOHN FOGARTY'S TOWN TAVERN
60 KRAFT AVENUE
BRONXVILLE, NEW YORK



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