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## **The following was submitted by Cdr Teresa F. Hennelly, P:**

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### **STOP BROADWATER**

On Wednesday, 7 November 2007 at 7pm, the Babylon Green Party will feature an update from the Anti-Broadwater Coalition [www.stopbroadwater.org](http://www.stopbroadwater.org) with Maureen Dolan, Executive Programs Manager of Citizens Campaign for the Environment [www.citizenscampaign.org](http://www.citizenscampaign.org). The new location for the Babylon Green Party Gathering is at Pisces Cafe, 14A Railroad Avenue, Babylon, NY (631-321-1231) Come hungry! [www.piscescafe.net](http://www.piscescafe.net).

Energy companies are currently attempting to build dozens of large, dangerous Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) importation facilities onshore and offshore of some of our coastal communities throughout America, Canada, Europe and Mexico. A LNG facility, called Broadwater, is planned off of Wading River on the North Shore of Long Island

Broadwater, a joint venture between Shell and TransCanada Energy, is a proposal to place a Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) terminal in the middle of the Long Island Sound, approximately 9 miles from Rocky Point. The LNG terminal would be permanently moored to the bottom of LIS—destroying 13,000 square feet of critical habitat for lobsters. The LNG terminal would also require 2-3 LNG tankers per week, causing constant disruption to the waterway. A new 22-mile pipeline would be required to transport the gas into the existing Iroquois Pipeline.

Recently, the United States Coast Guard's Safety and Security Report and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Draft Environmental Impact Statement were released regarding the proposed Broadwater Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) terminal proposed for the middle of the Long Island Sound.

The massive LNG terminal will forever change the way we currently use the Sound. It would require a Permanent NO Public Access Zone and an Additional Moving No Access Zone. A "no public access zone" of 1.5 square miles will surround the LNG terminal. This means that for the first time in the Sound's history, a section of the open water body will be given over to a private corporation. Gunned security vessels would patrol the no access zone 24/7. No fishing, boating, canoeing, swimming or sailing will be allowed. The Coast Guard report mandates an additional moving "no public access zone" around the incoming LNG tankers that would be 2 miles in front, 1 mile in back and 750 yards on each side. Armed escort boats would surround the tankers as they transverse the Sound, marking the moving zone and requiring all vessels to get out of the way.

The LNG terminal would also disrupt "The Race," the strong currents and navigational challenges that are the main passageway into the Sound. There would be two to three LNG tankers that enter The Race each week. The Coast Guard report identified that The Race as having a heavy concentration of recreational fishermen throughout the boating season.

These security zones would disrupt and conflict with traditional uses including commercial and recreational fishing, boating activities, fishing, shell fishing, sailing and even enjoyment of our beaches.

The Broadwater Energy proposal is awaiting a New York State consistency ruling under the Federal Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA). The CZMA summary shows why Broadwater is inconsistent with the values and uses of Long Island Sound, and therefore should be denied.

The Anti-Broadwater Coalition serves to alert, inform and protect our Long Island communities that are now facing the imminent peril of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) proliferation, which would have a disastrous impact on our residential communities if we just sit idly by.

Only the construction of nuclear energy plants would be more dangerous for our residential communities.

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**June Birthdays:**

Robert E. Beardsley, 11th

**July Birthdays:**

Patricia A. Headen, 11th

**August Birthdays:**

Daniel W. Zygmunt, 10th

Robert Thaulé, 20th

Donald A. Bernard, 22nd

John Loperfido, 22nd

John F. Ferreri, Jr., 28th

Mark Feldman, 28th

**September Birthdays:**

Joseph J. Hvisc, 13th

Peggy E. Howland, 29th

**October Birthdays:**

Benjamin T. Parker, 9th

Edwin fisher, 10th

John A. Wieggers, 22nd

James H. Levi, 28th

**November Birthdays:**

Melvin Goldstein, 14th

John J. Doonan, 26th

Robert L. Verona, 26th

**December Birthdays:**

Robert D. Richardson, 4th

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Building a liquid natural gas (LNG) storage facility in the middle of Long Island Sound would be turning a wonderful natural resource and national treasure that hugs the entire Long Island shoreline into an industrial site.

The Sound is one of the most beautiful and significant bodies of water in the United States. In 1987, after Congress allocated funds for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to research, monitor, and assess the water quality of the Sound, it became designated as an "Estuary of National Significance." It contains thousands of species of wildlife, and is a vital part of our nation's environment. And, it provides employment and recreational opportunities for hundreds of thousands of people throughout our region.

Over the past ten years, the federal government, and the states of Connecticut and New York, have spent hundreds of millions of dollars to restore and protect the water quality of this national treasure.

TransCanada and Shell have also made it clear that the natural gas they would import to the factory-like facility they call "Broadwater" will be from sources outside of North America. The proposal for a natural gas storage facility in the middle of Long Island Sound is not environmentally sustainable. A sustainable project would have to incorporate both an aggressive energy efficiency and conservation effort.

In addition to Citizens Campaign for the Environment, some of the other members of the Anti-Broadwater Coalition include Citizens for a Progressive Energy Policy; Eastern Long Island Audubon Society; Environmental Advocates of New York; Grassroots Environmental Education; Greenpeace; Long Island Citizens Action Network; Long Island Drinking Water Coalition Long Island Environmental Voters Forum; Long Island Pine Barrens Society; Long Island Progressive Coalition; New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG); Peconic Baykeeper; Renewable Energy Long Island; Solar Community Corp. and the Sustainable Energy Alliance of Long Island.

Citizens Campaign for the Environment (CCE) was formed in 1985 by a small group of concerned citizens who recognized the need to provide public involvement in the course of advancing stronger environmental policy. Today, after 20 years as a not-for-profit, non-partisan advocacy organization, CCE has grown to an 80,000-member organization with offices throughout New York State. CCE continues to work to empower the public by providing members with opportunities to participate in the political process and thereby advance a progressive environmental agenda.

Through education, research, lobbying and public outreach, CCE helps citizens to increase their influence and activism, both individually and collectively. Through such activism, citizens will have a stronger voice in the development of public policies and legislative agendas.

CCE's experienced program staff works to identify key environmental concerns in communities across New York State and coastal Connecticut. By working with other environmental activists and through ongoing communication with local, state and federal elected officials and environmental and public health agencies, CCE has been successful in advancing policies and programs that benefit the natural environment and public health. Our achievements through public involvement have resulted in greater awareness and protection of drinking water quality, preservation of open spaces and a reduction in pollutants that impair our air and water resources.

The December Babylon Green Party Gathering will take place on Wednesday, 5 December 2007 at 7pm. The December Gathering will be the annual Green Party Holiday Party featuring feminist folk Singer Holley Anderson. [www.hollygoanarchy.com](http://www.hollygoanarchy.com). For directions to the Babylon Green Gathering, call 422-4702 or email [ian.wilder@yahoo.com](mailto:ian.wilder@yahoo.com). Children are welcome. All gatherings are Free of Charge, and Open to the Public. You can enroll in the Green Party by checking the box marked "Other" on the voter registration form and writing in the word "Green" on the line next to it.

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## **LEGISLATIVE REPORT (MAY) - P/C Arthur Steiner, P**

Unlike you, in the northeast, we, down here in South Florida, have been suffering through an extended dry spell which has caused a serious water shortage and many, many wild-fires. The saving grace has been remarkably clear and low humidity weather. However, things are now changing for the wetter and we are starting to see daily showers. Furthermore we are being reminded that the annual hurricane season is almost on us and we should begin our preparations. This warning goes for you too. While your current yachting season is still young, it's not too soon to make certain that you too, have prepared for the late August/September storms. Heavy dock/mooring lines with elastic snubbers are a must.

In an earlier writing, I reminisced on former Squadron years, when sitting Commanders were privileged to supply "refreshments" to attendees at Executive Meetings and also to splurge on a "Commander's Cocktail Party." Attendance at these affairs was always gratifying and participation in Squadron affairs was never in want for volunteers. Times have changed with attendance and finances and I now note that there will be a "fee" for attending the Commander's Cocktail party and Fleet Blessing. I wonder if this will discourage attendance.

I wonder just what's happening with those proposals for offshore LNG depots. The old sayings of "silence is golden" or "no news is good news" brings forth the question of "hey, what's going on?" Just make sure that your voice is heard by your Legislators. My comparison of a gasoline tank in the middle of Route I-95 still holds.

I'm glad to note that an organization - "Working Waterways and Waterfronts" convened a meeting in Norfolk, Va., to discuss the diminishing waterfront access to pleasure and commercial boat people. I sure hope that something solid comes out of it. We certainly have a sufficiency of high-rises whose residents cry for help every time a storm approaches.

Did you read about the South Florida marina developer buying the major marina on Montauk Point to re-develop into a mega-yacht attraction? Somehow, I just don't believe that this can be successful. With all the attractions of relatively near New York City, why would any of these millionaires want to stop-off at Montauk, except for a possible over-night?

Back to water-front use: In my last report I told of a 15 story lush building for boat storage up to 45 feet in length. Well, a local uproar has caused the developer to reduce his height to 11 stories! It seems that the good folks, inhabitants of several water-front high-rise condos, complained bitterly that this new boating facility would obstruct their views! Hey, HOW ABOUT ALL THE LOW RISE BUILDINGS THAT THEIR CONDOS BLINDED?

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## **LEGISLATIVE REPORT (JUNE) - P/C Arthur Steiner, P**

Oh Boy, it's really hot down here! We've managed to eek our way through a gorgeous dry spell, which resulted in a severe water shortage. Now, the rains and summer temps have started and the gorgeous past couple of months is but a fond memory. – However ----

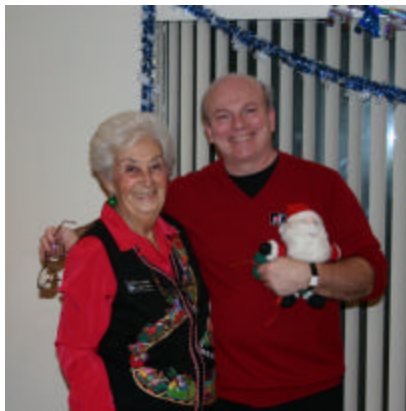
The National Park Service is conducting hearings on the restricting of various types of power-boats in the Everglades. Should you be considering doing some boating and fishing in the Everglades, it'd be wise for you to check out the rules.

The newspapers have reported on a couple of unusual fish stories. First was about a woman who was injured by a jumping sturgeon! What with the sturgeon population in the Hudson, it would be well advised for those of you who cruise the Hudson, to wear protective covering against the impact of these hard-backed monsters. The next story was about a whale, caught in the Alaskan waters that had a bomb-lance head embedded between the head and shoulder of the animal. The markings on the bullet indicated that it had been manufactured during the 1890's! The whale's age has been estimated to be not less than 130 years.





PHOTOS FROM OUR HOLIDAY PARTY  
13 DECEMBER 2007



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**UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS®**

**D/2 Winter Council**

*Saturday 2 February 2008*

Held at the **Best Western Inn**

2170 South Road, Poughkeepsie, New York



**The cost for the day is \$ 28 - includes Continental Breakfast and complete Buffet Lunch.**

**General Directions**

**From: South.** Take the NY State Thruway (Interstate 87) North. Take Exit 17 (Stewart Airport, Route 300, Route 17K, Interstate 84 Newburgh). Take Route 300 North to Interstate 84 East. Take Interstate 84 East to Exit 13 (Fishkill, Poughkeepsie, Route 9, Peekskill). At the end of the exit ramp, turn left onto Route 9 North. The Best Western Inn & Conference Center is approximately 9 miles on the right just past the Olive Garden.

**From: North.** Take the New York Thruway (Interstate 87) South, Exit 18 (New Paltz, Route 299, Poughkeepsie). At end of ramp, turn right onto Route 299 East, to end turn right onto Route 9W South. Take 9W South about 2 miles, follow Route 44/55 East to Mid Hudson Bridge (toll). After crossing the bridge, take first exit on right to Route 9 South. The Best Western Inn & Conference Center is approximately 4 miles on the left.

**From: East.** Take Interstate 84 West. Take Exit 13 (Fishkill, Poughkeepsie, Route 9, Peekskill). At the end of the exit ramp, turn right onto Route 9 North. The Best Western Inn & Conference Center is approximately 9 miles on the right just past the Olive Garden.

**From: West.** Take Interstate 84 East. Take Exit 13 (Fishkill, Poughkeepsie, Route 9, Peekskill). At the end of the exit ramp, turn left onto Route 9 North. The Best Western Inn & Conference Center is approximately 9 miles on the right just past the Olive Garden.

Registration will begin at 0900

Reservations must be received by 18 January 2008 - Late Registration fee: \$5.00

Mail reservations to:

D/Lt Alexandra Digilio  
25 Thomas Ave  
Fishkill, New York 12524  
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District 2 Winter Council

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## **PAST COMMANDER'S REPORT (DEC) - P/C Arthur Steiner, P**

Sitting down here in semi-warm Ft. Lauderdale, I think, with envy (!!!), of your pleasures in getting the snow off of your sidewalks and cars and the fun of driving on skiddy roads - Have fun and good luck!

USPS, as with most other organizations, is having a big membership problem. This stems from the large variety of tasks we all have allowed ourselves to take on and with darned little time to get everything done. With USPS and Cross-County, a major factor is the decreasing number of new boat buyers, fewer boat buyers, fewer students, no?

USPS is and always has been an organization of "givers." Think of how much it has given to you in terms of education, friendships, activities and camaraderie. Now in it's time of trouble, don't you think that it's time for you to pay it back with a little more participation and effort? I believe that it's within your power to help revitalize and renew Cross County. Attend meetings, take courses and in the course of doing this, renew old friendships.

Pleasure-boating has many current problems what with the cost of fuel, dockage and storage taking a disproportionate share of your available dollars. However, the pleasures it gives you are certainly worth these new factors.

So, come to meetings and participate more by offering your hard-working and worried Officers, your help and enthusiasm. You'd be amazed at the feeling of satisfaction you will achieve!

My best wishes to you all for a great New Year and my thanks for your help in revitalizing Cross County Power Squadron.

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