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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE — Howard A. Sklar, AP



Hello, and welcome to my world. It's been awhile since we last talked and some interesting things have happened over the course of this summer.

First and most important to me is that I am currently in the process of buying a new (used) boat to do some LI Sound boating. As one who has not really ventured into the Sound I am looking forward to it with great excitement and anticipation. Although it's late in the season I know that I will get much enjoyment out of catching late summer and fall fish as well as tooling around The Sound. Being that the area will be relatively new to me, utilizing the charts of the Sound to navigate its waterways and harbors will be exciting experience. Guess I should take a Public Boating class to freshen up my skills, which leads me to announce that our first class of this season will start on Oct 6th at the New Rochelle Marina. Please

pass the word around at your marina, boating stores, boating areas and anywhere else you might think that someone will be interested.

I along with D/Lt/C Mel Goldstein, AP, Lt/C Virginia P. Moore, P and P/D/C Suzanne Nentwich, AP, and attended the D/2 Summer Council at East End Yacht Club, Bridgeport, CT, on 31 July. It was a most interesting meeting as the bulk of it pertained to amendments to the District's bylaws and resolutions for the District to adopt. The reason it was particularly of interest to me was, all of the proposals were assigned to the District's Rules Committee of which I am the chairman (agghhh...to Suzanne). As for the proposals they deal with the manner in which the district collects its assessment from squadron members and how the district's monies are spent.

Darien PS has proposed that there be a moratorium of sorts on District spending and that monies within the district treasury be spent to promote public boating and boating activities through advertizing. This is something similar to the national program entitled Coop Advertizing where a squadron can receive money providing their paperwork is in order for monies spent on advertizing and/or promoting that Squadron and USPS. While as rules chairman I remain unbiased and impartial, as Commander of CCPS I find this proposed program to be somewhat redundant, if national has a program already in place and working then why should the district be involved. It sounds a little like double dipping to me, similar to what we have all been reading of late in regard to NY State pensions.

The District serves as a conduit of information to and from national and requires money to operate and perform. If one has a problem with how or why the district spends its money then address that issue and change it if necessary, but to add a new program that is basically already in place makes little sense to me. Also, the moratorium or repayment of assessment monies back to the squadrons that was proposed creates an unfair advantage for the large squadrons. If a Squadron like CCPS participated in this program and with its 50+ members received let's say \$5.00 dollars back for every \$6.50 collected by the district assessment we would roughly benefit about \$250.00 dollars while a squadron with 200+ members with the same equation would benefit about \$1000.00 dollars creating a bigger bang for their buck and an unequal playing field. I am all about fair play and if a program like this is accepted and implemented by the Conference I am of the opinion that all 19 Squadrons should benefit equally if they participate in the program.

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The national program is based on money spent and not on a per capita basis. I invite all CCPS members to come out to the next EXCOMM and tell me your thoughts for as your Commander I speak for you and would like to know how you feel on this issue as well as other issues.

In June there was a joint Blessing of the Fleet held at the New Rochelle Marina by CCPS and WS&PS. Unfortunately I was unable to attend however I would like to thank all of the members of CCPS and WPS who participated and provided the good time had by all, I'm sure.

And finally it is with deep regret and sorrow that I have to inform the members of CCPS that Paul Wieland passed away in August. Paul was a Past Commander of CCPS and an important integral part of the Public Boating Class for many years. Paul will surely be missed by all.

In closing, boat safe, boat smart and most of all have fun as the days of summer are rolling past at a fast clip.



The late P/C Paul H. Wieland, AP

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



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MESSAGE FROM THE SEO

D/Lt/C Melvin Goldstein, AP

Summer is almost over and I've hardly been out on my sailboat. You may ask why. Well, rain, too much wind, too little wind and other commitments, that's why. I haven't even been able to participate in the Thursday evening sails, because of non-Squadron commitments. But I sail (or try to) until Thanksgiving, weather permitting.

Now for business. Our Fall Public Boating Course will start on Wednesday evening, 6 October, at our usual time 7:30-9:30, at the New Rochelle Municipal Marina. Cdr Howard A. Sklar, AP, will again be instructing the class. After using the ABC-3 course this past Spring, we decided to go back to the Squadron Boating Course. Alas, that material is being phased out, so we will again use the ABC-3. We plan to augment the ABC-3 curriculum with information from the Squadron Boating Course. ABC-3 hardly touches on charting and plotting, which we think is an important part of the course. We will add those sections from the Squadron Boating Course. In fact we added the charting and plotting section to the exam this past Spring.

I haven't gotten any member feedback on Seminars that are available. Don't be bashful, I'm sure you know how to contact me if you are interested. They only run one evening for an hour or two. So let's hear from you.

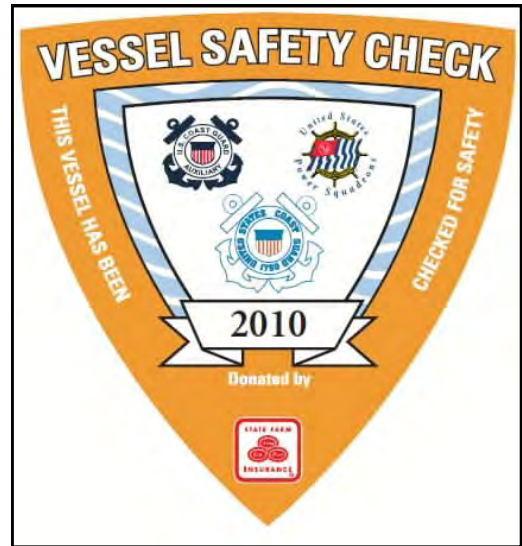
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Activities Calendar

September - November 2010

- 1-5 September, USPS Governing Board, Bellevue, WA.
- 16 September, Executive Committee Meeting, at 2000, New Rochelle Municipal Marina.
- 7 October, Annual Educational Meeting, Mr. Robert Walters, Director of the Science Barge, Yonkers, at 2000, New Rochelle Municipal Marina.
- 28 October, Executive Committee Meeting, at 2000, New Rochelle Municipal Marina. Program: Merit Marks review.
- 4 November, General Meeting at 2000, New Rochelle Municipal Marina. Program: TBA.
- 2 December, Holiday Party Planning Meeting at 2000, Location TBA.
- 16 December, Holiday Party, details TBA.



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Lt/C Peggy E. Howland, P, Co-Editor

LEGISLATIVE REPORT - P/C Arthur Steiner, P

Well here it is, the middle of a terribly hot August and I am happy to tell you that my hard-working air conditioner is working just fine!

The boating news from South Florida is sparse, the only notable things were that, in two separate incidents, two open fishing boats broke down some twenty miles off shore and after floating around for three days, were located and rescued. In both cases, their radios failed to send, but could receive. Imagine how these intrepid fishermen felt, hearing rescue efforts but not being able to reply! Lesson? Make sure your radio works BEFORE you go out.

Speaking of "safety", how up-to-date are your charts? I've been reading that most individually owned charts are at least five years out of date! When was the last time you updated yours?

You couldn't help reading about that 16 year old girl who suffered a dismasting and a failed "round-the-world" voyage. There are many opinions out there and I'd like to add my own. Good for her!! As long as she had sufficient sailing experience and a good knowledge of navigation, age had nothing to do with her ultimate failure. It's hard to establish the number of more adult sailors who have suffered dismasting. Apparently, she wants to try again, and I say good for her!

Ethanol. The controversy continues as to whether the amount in fuel can be increased from its current 10% to 15%. Engine manufacturers are claiming extensive engine damage will occur, **but** the fuel manufacturing group is loudly putting that claim. THE EPA HAS DELAYED ITS DECISION UNTIL SOMETIME THIS FALL.

The Northeast has established a disastrous new record. There were 21 deaths so far this year. Motorized vessels accounted for 10. Six kayakers and 5 canoeists accounted for the rest. What more reason should you have to urge people to enroll in USPS courses?

Four U.S. Senators, Gillibrand and Schumer of New York and Lieberman and Dodd of Connecticut have introduced legislation to improve the restoration of L.I. Sound. This will bring \$325 million to the project over the next five years.

I've recently received a copy of the current District 2 Financial Report and am happy to note that they seem to be operating well under budget, although this doesn't preclude that they spend too much anyway. Let them keep up the good effort by reducing dues!



District 2 2010 Fall Conference

Hosted by

Sacandaga Power Squadron

October 22-24 2010

The Ramada Inn of Albany

(formerly the Carlton Hotel)

8 Watervliet Avenue Extension, Albany NY (518) 458-8481 (see reverse side for directions)



Date	Time	Event
22 October	1500-1700	Early Registration
	1800-2300	Reception for the Chief's Representative and Attendees Buffet Dinner in Nassau/Helderberg Room
23 October	0630-0900	Hot/Cold Breakfast Buffet in Delta Blue Grill
	0730-0930	Registration
	1000-1600	Guest Program (see reverse side)
	0900-1200	General Meeting and Awards
	1200-1330	Cocktails and Lunch Buffet
	1330-1630	Workshops and Discussion
	1800-2300	Cocktail Hour and Dinner Dance Music by DJ David Wilkinson

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REGISTRATION FORM

First Registrant Name _____ Grade _____ Rank/Position _____

Second Registrant Name _____ Grade _____ Rank/Position _____

Address _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Squadron _____ Email _____

First Time Attending a District 2 Meeting? Circle YES or NO A confirmation of reservation will be sent via email

Friday Night Dinner 22 October _____ Number Attending at \$28 Total \$ _____

Saturday Hot Breakfast/lunch Buffet 23 October _____ Number Attending at \$23 Total \$ _____

Saturday Guest Program Trolley Tour (pay lunch on own) Number Attending at \$38 Total \$ _____

Saturday Dinner Dance 23 October _____ Number Attending at \$40 Total \$ _____

Menu Choices:

Apple-herb stuffed Chicken _____ Atlantic Salmon, dill beurre blanc _____ Prime Rib _____

Hotel Rooms Queen _____ King _____ Smoking _____ Non-smoking _____

Friday night _____ Saturday night _____ Cost per night \$90.00 Total \$ _____

Grand Total \$ _____

Reservations must be received on or before **October 5 2010** to ensure availability of room rate. Reservations and payment to Sacandaga Power Squadron sent to P/C Denise Terry, 217 Calderwood Rd, Amsterdam, NY 12010-8103. Questions call or email love2boatny@nycap.r.com (518) 842-1102 form date 24 August 2010

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D/2 FALL CONFERENCE 2010

DIRECTIONS: NOTE IF USING A GPS SYSTEM YOU MUST INCLUDE "EXT" IN THE ADDRESS OR YOU MAY BE DIRECTED TO AN INCORRECT LOCATION!

From the North: Take I-87 South to I-90 East. Take Exit 5 Everett Road. Turn right at light at end of ramp. Turn left at first light onto Watervliet Avenue Ext.

From the South: Take NYS Thruway north to Exit 24. Go straight onto I-90 East. Take Exit 5 Everett Road. Turn right at light at end of ramp. Turn left at first light onto Watervliet Avenue Ext.

From the West: Take NYS Thruway east to Exit 24. Go straight onto I-90 East. Take Exit 5 Everett Road. Turn right at light at end of ramp. Turn left at first light onto Watervliet Avenue Ext.

From the East: Take the Berkshire Spur to I-90 west exit 5 Everett Road. Turn left at light at end of ramp. Turn left at second light onto Watervliet Avenue Ext.

GUEST PROGRAM DETAILS:

Guest program attendees will board a trolley from the hotel lobby. You will first enjoy a narrated tour of the Historic District of the City of Albany. Albany celebrated its 400th Anniversary last year. Then you will be taken to Colonie Center Mall where you can dine at your choice of PF Chang's or the Cheesecake Factory restaurants. The trolley tour will then continue on to the famous Krause's Candy Factory store where your eyes, nose and taste-buds will be delighted by the sights and smells of homemade chocolate delicacies. And it doesn't end there. Your next stop will be at the Chocolate Gecko where if you didn't get enough to satisfy your sweet-tooth at Krause's, you will definitely be able to here!