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Commander's Comments

Commander Anne Mahoney, S

You know boating season is over when in the morning, the ice in the drink from the night before is still frozen.

November's General Membership: A good time was had by all. The food from the international pot luck was delicious; the speaker, Captain Lada Simek's discussion and slides were both entertaining and educational. We're hoping we can persuade him to come back to give us another presentation.

Merit Marks: Merit Mark recommendations have been submitted for this season. The time frame to earn MM is November 16th this year through November 15th next year. So you can start to become eligible for MM by joining a Committee; becoming an Officer, running/organizing a party; helping with a Public Boating Course, etc.

Bylaws: The Committee has completed their recommendations. The Bylaws are now in the review and comments portion of the process. We want to thank the Committee for all their hard work.

Budget: The Proposed Budget has been forwarded to the Bridge/Executive Committee for review and comments. The Budget Committee has done a great job.

Nominations: The slate is almost filled. There's only one position left, Commander. How about you? Being on the Bridge is a good way to get to know how things are done, to try out your ideas, to get involved! Come on you can do it.

Wishing everyone joy and peace during this upcoming hectic holiday season!

Cdr Anne

Seasons Greetings

EDUCATION

Seamanship (S): As a result of inclement weather and scheduling problems, the summer in-water Seamanship course with Lake Candlewood PS was canceled. In order to satisfy the needs and wants for our squadron members we have scheduled our own seamanship course. This course is scheduled to begin Thursday, 3 December. It will begin at 1900 and end between 2100-2130 hrs. Students will be notified of the course location. In the spring an in-water follow up course will be scheduled with Lake Candlewood PS.

Piloting (P): Upon completion of Seamanship, we will schedule a Piloting course. The Piloting course is the first in the sequence of USPS courses on navigation, covering the basics of coastal and inland navigation. This all-new course focuses on navigation as it is done on recreational boats today and embraces GPS as a primary navigational tool while covering enough of traditional techniques so the student will be able find their way even if their GPS fails.

Instructor Recertification: In October a number of members completed an Instructor Recertification class. In the coming weeks another class will be scheduled for those members that could not attend the first class. It is important we maintain experienced instructors in our squadron not only to teach but, also, to provide guidance to our less experienced instructors.

SEO, Lt/C Jim



Holiday Party:

Sunday, December 13, 2009 – 6pm - Peter Pratt's

\$56 per person

Come out and join us for a good time!

Don't forget to get your voice in good form for the famous

PSPS's "Annual Table Caroling Contest"

RSVP to Elle @ (914) 737-6659



"TIM'S PINS"

Anyone wanting to order a new PSPS name tag (pin or magnetic) contact Tim Halecki at

914-736-3518.

The name tags are \$8.00 each



*Wishing everyone celebrating a Birthday,
Anniversary or special occasion this winter,
Congratulations and Best Wishes!*

FYI.....

Lou Weber is working on creating a PSPS brochure which will be distributed to Marine stores, Yacht Clubs, etc. It will describe USPS, PSPS and include course dates.

Upcoming Events.....

January General Membership Meeting

Thursday, January 14 – Cortlandt Yacht Club
Reminder notices will be sent out

D2 Events

Spring Conference

April 9-10, 2010
Williams Inn, Williamstown, MA

Boat Shows

New York National Boat Show

January 20-24, 2010
Jacob Javits Convention Center
655 West 34th Street
New York, NY

Atlantic City International Power Boat Show

February 3-7, 2010
Atlantic City Convention Center
Atlantic City, NJ

Miami Boat Show

February 11-15, 2010
Miami Beach Convention Center
1901 Convention Center Drive
Miami, FL

Change of Watch

March 20, 2010 (Tentative Date – details to come)
Traveler's Rest



Salty Dog Sez ...

Hope everybody had a safe and fun filled season. Now comes the time when we put all our boats and equipment away. Take this time to check out your equipment for malfunctions, holes, tears, expiration dates and so on. It's not that you won't be checking next season, it's just to save you frustration, money, and most importantly time when trying to get back out on the water.

And Remember Salty's Motto - Safety First!



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