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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Commander Anne M. Mahoney, S

I hope everyone has had a great summer so far, just remember, It Ain't over Till It's over! So continue to enjoy a safe, sensational boating summer.

Peekskill Sail and Power Squadron By-Laws state meetings are not held July and August so that our members can have more time to enjoy the summer boating season. However, this summer some of our members continued to work in the USPS spirit by using their knowledge and skills and continued to provide education to the public.

Marty Faherty used his USPS education to help a local Yacht Club with a fleet trip they had to Long Island. He spent many hours planning, organizing and printing out information on tides, currents, fixed structure clearances and general safety considerations. At a Yacht Club meeting, he handed out informational packages. He then reviewed and answered all questions. The package contained material on how to call on the VHF radio for bridge openings and included alternate routes. Security areas were also highlighted and a critical bridge height discussed. Tide and current information was presented to allow the cruise to navigate through Hells Gate in the best conditions and optimize fuel consumption.

Howard Hellman took time from precious boating time to teach an ABC3 Course this summer. He organized, planned, scheduled and taught this course by himself. He met with the class regularly and went over section by section and discussed each in great depth. Thanks to Howard all of the students passed with flying colors and will be safer boaters.

We are lucky to have such devoted Power Squadron members and I know you'll agree with me that we are proud of them for going above and beyond. Thank you gentlemen!

✚ In July we had the 2nd phase of our 2 part, Presentation – Destination Bannerman's Island. At our June General Membership Meeting we had phase 1 with a lecture and slide presentation by Thom Johnson on Bannerman's Island. We then had a follow-up boat field trip to the Island. 17 PSPS members and friends took their personal boats to the Island where we hiked and listened to a 90 minute guided tour.

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE - continued

- ✚ The weekend of July 29-30 was D2 Rendezvous and Summer Council at East End Yacht Club, Bridgeport, CT. Eight of our members attended the meeting and enjoyed the boat rides and planned activities.
- ✚ It is time again for the Boarman Youth Poster Contest. This year, the theme is "Be a Survivor-Wear It". The Contest is open to children ages 6-14 years. With 3 age categories. We will have further details at September's GMM and on PSPS Web page. So tell your kids and grandkids to warm up their crayons and paint. The PSPS winning poster from each age group will go on to District the end of October for judging. District winners will then be forwarded on to the National level in January. Remember, last year we had a National winning poster from our Squadron.

Editors Note: *Link to application form and further information on the Boarman Youth Poster Contest*

<http://www.usps.org/national/membership/youth/poster.htm>

- ✚ We wish fondest farewell to Cathy and Lou Weber who will be relocating to the Sunshine State (FL). We wish them the best, we will miss them and we thank them for their many contributions and service to PSPS. Lou has graciously agreed to continue to be our long distance Web Master and Newsletter Editor.
- ✚ In this Issue you will see the PSPS calendar for the remainder of this Watch. Mark the dates on your own calendar.
- ✚ Peekskill Sail & Power Squadron would like to thank Peekskill Yacht Club, Cortlandt Yacht Club & Shattemuc Yacht Club for use of their facilities and our members who secured them for our events and classes.

See you at the **September 8th General Membership Meeting!**

Commander Anne M. Mahoney

It is with deep regret that I notify you of the passing of P/C Bob Pease, JN. Bob was a valued member of Peekskill Sail and Power Squadron for over 28 years. He served as Squadron Commander in 1988; he taught numerous USPS Courses and was very active in the Squadron. Bob had over 23 merit marks. Our sincere sympathy goes out to his wife Betty and their family.

Commander Anne



P/C Robert N. Pease, JN
11/15/1927 – 08/14/2011

Peekskill Sail & Power Squadron Past Commander Robert N. Pease, JN passed away in Clifton Springs, NY on August 14, 2011. Bob was born on November 15, 1927 to Ray and Ruby Pease. Bob served in the U.S. Army from 1945 – 1947 and after that he worked for *Stauffer Chemical* in Westchester and, after retirement, volunteered at the *Peekskill Library Bookstore*.

Bob joined the USPS on January 27th, 1983. During the following 6 years Bob took elective and advanced educational courses and earned the educational grade of Junior Navigator along with the educational designation of “Senior Member”. During that time he also took the USPS Instructor Qualification course so that he could give back to the squadron and the community by teaching both the basic boating course to the public and elective and advanced grade courses to USPS squadron members. In 2008 Bob earned his 23rd Merit Mark for making substantial contributions to the squadron in each of those 23 years. In 2007 Bob was presented his 25 year membership pin from our national headquarters and a plaque of appreciation from the Peekskill Sail & Power Squadron for all of the volunteer work in which he had been involved.

Bob is survived by his wife Betty of Clifton Springs, NY; children: Lori Pease of IL, Lisa Pease Jackson of NJ, Bonnie Dunn of ME, Sue McNear of Clifton Springs and Tom Parker of CA; grandchildren: Kate, Caroline and Carly Jackson, Ali and Brendan Dunn, Molly, Russell and Evan McNear; great grandchildren: Maya Wilson, Madeline and Aithea Rhine.

A graveside service was held on August 19th at 1:00 PM at the *Amawalk Hills Cemetery*, Yorktown Hgts., NY. Peekskill members attending that service included: Cdr Anne and Lt Jim Mahoney, P/C Martin and Barbara Faherty, P/C Roland and Ingrid Seidel, P/C Charlie FitzRandolph and P/D/C John Supple. P/C FitzRandolph led the prayer service followed by a U.S. Army detail providing the funeral military honors. The Pease family was very appreciative of the PPSPS representation at the graveside service.

Article submitted by P/D/C John H. Supple, AP

The X/O's Corner - Matthew *Croussouloudis*, S

As the summer of 2011 begins to wane, I hope everyone has had a SAFE and happy Boating Season. It seems just yesterday that we were scraping and painting hulls, replacing vital engine parts, and washing and waxing our beloved boats. All in anticipation of the glorious, but all too short, boating season that the weather of the Lower Hudson Valley allows us.

I plan to take advantage of every last drop of warmth and sunshine I can until that ill-fated *D.O.D.*, **Day of Decommissioning**. So get out on the water with me. Every day on the water is another story to embellish on during those long, cold, and almost disheartening days of winter's snow and ice.

So grab a friend, pack a lunch, and get out there. What, other than boating, really can't wait for tomorrow. That's what we're all about. That's why we are all drawn to the water . . .

'cause Boating **Is Fun**.

I want to see you all of you at our upcoming monthly meetings, so I can hear all the things you did during your time on the water. Please check the calendar for time and place.

From the Galley -

Don't know what to do with all those luscious summer fruits still out in full force?

Try a simple Fruit Cobbler. This one is for Blackberries, but Raspberries, Strawberries, Peaches, Plums or Cherries can be easily substituted. And during the rest of the year frozen fruits can substitute, but be sure to thaw and drain the fruits completely.

2 ½ cups fresh blackberries, rinsed and gently patted dry (Strawberries are to be hulled, Peaches, Plums and/or Cherries are to be pitted and cut up)

1 cup sugar (for the Sugar conscious – try Splenda Sugar Blend. Replace sugar with ½ cup Splenda Sugar Blend)

1 cup all-purpose flour

2 teaspoons baking powder

½ teaspoon salt

1 cup milk

½ cup butter, melted

- 1.** In medium bowl, stir together blackberries and sugar. Let stand about 20 minutes or until fruit syrup forms.
- 2.** Heat oven to 375°F.
- 3.** In large bowl, stir together flour, baking powder, salt and milk. Stir in melted butter just until blended. Spread in ungreased 8-inch square pan. Spoon blackberry mixture over batter.
- 4.** Bake 45 to 55 minutes or until dough rises and is golden. Serve warm. Goes very well with Ice Cream.

Education

The Bridge Officers of Peekskill Sail & Power Squadron would like to congratulate all our teachers for their hard work and time given to teach our **Basic Boating Course** and **Advanced Courses**.

Our dedicated instructors:

Deet Choka - Marty Faherty - Richard Frank - Tim Halecki - Howard Hellman - Anne Mahoney - Jim Mahoney - Pete Pizzolongo - Roland Seidel - Diane Supple - John Supple

The Squadron is planning to give a Piloting Course this fall. If you are interested contact Tim (914-736-3518) or Howard (914-669-5872).

Advanced Education

Additional boating courses are available to members of the Peekskill Sail and Power Squadron. These include Seamanship, Piloting, Celestial Navigation, Cruise Planning, Engine Maintenance, Marine Electronics, Sailing and much more.

In addition, USPS offers more than two dozen self study courses on such subjects as the Water Sports, Boat Insurance, Oceanography, Introduction to Sailing, and much more

VSC

Our vessel safety examiners have done an outstanding job also this year. Interested in becoming a VSE, please contact P/C Charlie FitzRandolph. We are always looking for more VSE.

Our Vessel Safety Examiner are:

P/C Charlie FitzRandolph, P (Chairman), P/C Marty P. Faherty, AP and Lt Jim Mahoney, S.

Salty wants to let you know: over 40 vessel safety inspections were done this season, **Way to Go!**

Salty Dog Sez

Hope all of you Boaters had a Safe and Fun Filled Season while Boating on our Waterways. Salty knows that the Peekskill Sail and Power Squadron with its Educational Department Staff and Vessel Safety Inspectors go to Great Lengths to make the Public Aware and Safe . He knows that there members reached out , to help another Squadron Members become Vessel Safety inspectors when they didn't have one . He's looking forward to hear at the next Squadron's meeting, some of its members seasons adventures while boating. Salty is proud of his Squadron, and its Members, on leading the way .

And Remember Salty's Motto - Safety First!

Trivia Question

1. What do five short blasts indicate – (Answer to appear elsewhere in this newsletter!)

Mark Your Calendars!

2011/2012

- September 8** - Thursday PSPS - 19:00 (7:00pm General Meeting) -
Cortlandt Yacht Club, Presenter: Richard Frank – Boat Decommissioning &
Nautical Trivia
11/18 – USPS 2011 Governing Board Meeting, Greensboro, North Carolina
- October 13** - Thursday PSPS - 19:00 (7:00pm General Meeting) - Instructor Appreciation
Night at restaurant (TBA)
28/30 - D/2 - Fall Conference, Ethan Allen Hotel & Conference Center, Danbury, CT
- November 10** - Thursday PSPS - 19:00 (7:00pm General Meeting) - Spaghetti Dinner at PYC
- December** - Holiday Party – date/location TBA
- January 12** - Thursday PSPS - 19:00 (7:00pm General Meeting) - Cortlandt Yacht Club.
Pot Luck Dinner.
- February 9** - Thursday PSPS - 19:00 (7:00pm General Meeting) - Cortlandt Yacht Club.
Chili Cook-off.
- March – PSPS Change of Watch - TBA**
3 - D/2 Winter Council

Boat Shows -

- Sept 8-11th - Atlantic City In-Water Boat Show -Farley State Marina
Details available on their website www.acinwaterboatshow.com
- Sept 15-18th - Newport International Boat Show – Newport along Americas Cup Avenue
Details available on their website www.newportboatshow.com
- Sept 22-25th - Norwalk International boat Show - Norwalk Cove Marina
Details available on their website www.boatshownorwalk.com

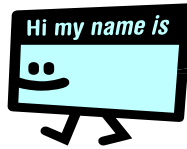
WOW!! 25 YEARS!!

LOOK WHO....

Martin P. Faherty



For 25 years of service in the Peekskill Sail and Power Squadron!
WAY TO GO!!



“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

Boating is fun...we'll show you how

The symbol of the USPS is a triangle whose three sides represent the three main aspects of USPS.



Civic Service
Self Education
Social Activities

Answer to trivia question – Danger

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