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District 2



It's Finally Here!!!

by Cdr. Rose Moskowitz, AP

Well, it certainly took long enough!! But its finally here...**Boating Season- YEAH!!** I know we can't wait to put our babies back in the water and have a great time. I also know that this season will be especially difficult for travelling too far and for too many times as the gas prices are soaring and almost seem prohibitive. I for one will be enjoying, for the most part, my "water front" property on the dock rather than on the water. But if you are limiting your journeys then let me suggest that at least be selective. Please reserve the date of our wonderful July Rendezvous as we are planning to have another fabulous time at Hop-O-Nose. Shawn is eagerly waiting for us and will once again offer a weekend to remember. So mark your calendar for July 21-23 and make your reservation with AO Pete Skorewicz. Space is limited to 30 boats.

April presented an interesting meeting devoted to Ops Training. This activity as presented by L/C George Ghirlando, AP provided information about the history of USPS including its goals, objectives and expectations. In addition, L/C Rich Hollahan, AP gave all of us insight into the history and formation of SKPS. This meeting was informative and also, as a result, all attending will receive a completion sticker to place on their education/membership certificate.

A great big **THANK YOU** to all who attended and supported our annual May Auction. Another special **THANK YOU** to those members who made phone calls, visited vendors and restaurants to secure gift certificates and nautical supplies - Renee Maggio, Helene Stagliano, Yogi Ferro, Tony DiStefano, Lisa Skorewicz, Butch McCleary, Marty Feldberg. **THANK YOU** to our bakers: Tony Martin, Alexandra Diglio-Feldberg, Jan Silver, Cathy Nugent, Renee Maggio, and me. **Everyone's** efforts proved to be the very reason for our tremendous success. We had record number of attendees and beat the last two years receipts --- a whopping \$2,200!!!!!!

Mark your calendars for our special June 14th Family picnic "**Baby Boomers' 60th Birthday Bash.**" There are a number of us who will be turning "60" this year so we are throwing a huge birthday party and you are all invited!! June 3rd is our annual participation in the Cornwall on the Hudson RiverFest. We will once again maintain an information booth, giving out information on safe boating. Help out by offering to sit at the booth, distribute informational flyers and encourage safe boating.



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Welcome to New Members

The Storm King Power Squadron extends a warm welcome to our newest members: **Gerald and Sharon Ford and John Ledwith**; be sure to say hello and introduce yourselves to these great new friends at our next meeting and make them feel welcome!

Know a boater? Have a friend who's into boating? Become a **Power of One** winner. Bring a new member and be recognized by USPS "Power of One" program. See Manny Sangervasio, Membership Chair

MAY AUCTION

A big THANK YOU to all who participated in our Annual May Auction. A special THANK YOU to all who collected items to be auctioned off including those who baked. In addition, we had wonderful vendors who gave quite generously.

We were very successful this year due to everyone's effort and support. Please see the list of contributors on page #7 of the Crown and please do your best to patronize these wonderful vendors.

Each year a lot of work is put forth to ensure that our one fundraising project is successful. Each year our membership achieves that goal. This year: \$2200!!



Notes From the Treasurer

Lt/C Richard Hollahan

Annual billing has started. Bills have been mailed by National. Be sure to renew your membership as soon as possible. Mail your checks directly to USPS as we have started a new billing program called anniversary billing. For most of us that time is now in May; however, for new members, they will be billed on their anniversary date. So those new members who signed up in April -- they will be billed again in April '07.

Reimbursement: Reminder, anyone who needs to be reimbursed, must submit a completed expense voucher with receipts attached.

Its **Scholarship** time: SKPS will award a \$250 Scholarship to a graduating senior who is going to college and whose parent or grandparent is a member of SKPS, Cornwall Yacht Club, Marlboro Yacht Club, and/or Newburgh Yacht Club. If interested send letter of introduction to SKPS c/o Rich Hollahan PO Box 452, Cornwall NY 12518 by June 1st.

December Holiday Party

by Cdr. Rose Moskowitz, AP

Well, I know its is only May -- But plans are already underway for our big Holiday Gala Event in December. Sooo... Mark your calendars for Sat. December 2, 2006 at the Cornwall Yacht Club from 6:30pm until ??

We will have the Two Tones entertaining us again and we are in the process of interviewing various caterers for our sumptuous feast. If you have any ideas that will enhance this event then call or e-mail me -- looking forward to getting new thoughts and ideas to make this the best ever holiday program.

THE CONSERVATION ETHIC

SEO LT/C GEORGE P. GHIRLANDO, AP

As the boating season here in the northeast is thankfully soon upon us, I am asking all our squadrons to remind their members of the vital importance of practicing diligently a strong conservation ethic. I would be delighted to learn that squadrons everywhere are participating in projects that will bring into the consciousness of all those who use our waterways to use them with care. The rivers, lakes and oceans are a wonderful natural resource.

Where I boat on the Hudson River, for example, tidal marshes are particularly vulnerable. The plants and animals here are an important source of fuel for life in the river, and are easily disturbed by boats running aground on the flats or by people trampling on vegetated areas. Although plastic is not toxic, once ingested by sea birds or turtles the indigestible substance interferes with ingestion and leads to death by starvation.

How serious is the problem of marine debris? During the International Coastal Cleanup, more than 170,000 people turned out for the 2000 Coastal Cleanup in the United States. They came from 46 states plus the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. They covered over 10,231 miles on shore and underwater. Together they picked up over 5,074,227 pieces of debris weighing over 4.4 million pounds. More than 3,900 divers hauled up nearly 107,000 pounds of trash, covering a combined area of about 350 miles. They removed 78,362 pieces of debris from below the water's surface. The inventory of items was astounding: a pregnancy kit, dentures, hair curlers, guns, passports, flare gun castings, an arrest warrant, a soccer ball signed by Carla Overbeck, a bag of cocaine, a bottle with a message inside, an overhead projector, whoopee cushion, and much, much more.

Marine pollution is overwhelming, long lasting, and often deadly for marine wildlife. Every year volunteers find animals entangled in trash left on the beach or floating on the water. The most horrible offenders are monofilament fishing lines, fishing nets, six-pack rings, and strapping bands. The animals suffer ghastly deaths from these objects. For example, heavy large plastic sheets suffocate or entrap sand-dwelling animals and drown those that rise to the surface to breathe.

I am making a plea to all those who read these words to fulfill our United States Squadron Mission by teaching in our courses to the public and each other the practice of low-impact recreation, take out what you bring in, and leave alone what belongs there.

Sources: The Hudson River Watertrail Guide, The International Coastal Cleanup 2000

National SAFE BOATING WEEK

May 20-26, 2006

National Safe Boating Week was designed to alert all boaters and those who participate in boating as guests to remember that in order to have real fun on the water -- safety must come first. USPS encourages all squadrons to participate in activities that helps to foster this goal. To that end we are going to be stationed at the Newburgh Landing on Saturday May 13th from 9:00am - 1:00pm handing out information on safe boating, reminding the public to put safety first this season. George Ghirlando, Anthony Tucci, and Nat Sobleman are spearheading this effort. Please come to the landing and offer your support to our Squadron and this important effort.

Another activity is to extend this community service to Saturday, June 3rd from 10:00-4:00 at the Cornwall Community Riverfest at the Cornwall Landing where we will have a booth. We are looking for volunteers to help man the booth during the day. In addition, the Education Dept. is offering its Boat Smart course at NFA from May 11 - 25.

Annual USPS National Governing Board Conference in New York City

by Cdr. Rose Moskowitz, AP

The annual USPS National Governing Board Conference will be held in New York City on August 15-20, 2006 at the Grand Hyatt. There is usually a rather large gathering about 1000 members from all over the US and Canada attending this annual conference. Many topics are discussed including important resolutions that have been reviewed and decided upon at various district meetings for input to national. New and updated courses are introduced, ideas that work are shared, and the various delegates express concerns and suggestions with the National Bridge.

Yours truly will be attending and will share all points of interest that have occurred at that time. It is important as a squadron that we are informed of decisions that will directly and indirectly affect us and how we conduct business. It would be wonderful if our other members could take advantage of the close proximity to the city and take the time to go to an annual meeting as it gives meaning to our purpose and direction as a squadron in relation to USPS.

SKPS CALENDAR 2006

All Regular meetings start at **7:30 PM** at Cornwall Yacht Club. They are held on the **Second Wednesday of each month.**

All Bridge meeting start at **7:00 PM** at the Cornwall Yacht Club. They are held on the **First Wednesday of each month.**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Comments</u>
May 3	Bridge Meeting	7:00pm CYC
10	General Meeting	6:30pm Annual Auction
May 19-21	D2 Northern Trek	Lake George
June 3	One Day BoatSmart Class	9:00am-5:00pm 84 Diner
June 3	Riverfest	10:00am - 4:00pm Cornwall River Front
June 7	Bridge Meeting	7:00pm CYC
June 14	General Meeting	6:00pm CYC Anual Family Picnic
July 5	Bridge Meeting	7:00pm CYC
July 21-23	Rendezvous	Hop-O-Nose, Catskill Creek
August 2	Bridge Meeting	7:00pm CYC
Sept. 6	Bridge Meeting	7:00pm CYC
Sept. 13	General Meeting	TBA - Special
Oct. 4	Bridge Meeting	7:00pm CYC
Oct. 11	General Meeting	7:30pm CYC
Nov. 1	Bridge Meeting	7:00pm CYC
Nov. 8	General Meeting	7:30pm CYC
Dec. 2	HOLIDAY PARTY	6:30pm CYC
Dec. 6	Bridge Meeting	7:00pm CYC

Suggestions & Comments

by AO Lt/C Pete Skorewicz, P

As was discussed at prior meetings, we always welcome suggestions and comments about SKPS squadron activities. After all, this squadron's strength is composed of the good people we have with many ideas. Always feel free to talk to any bridge members about any questions, comments, or suggestions you have.

SKPS Clothing Update

by AO Lt/C Pete Skorewicz, P

I need to place another order for T-shirts, sweat shirts, hooded sweat shirts, and staff shirts but I need 6 more requests before I will have a full order. If you would like to purchase any other the aforementioned items, as I would like to get this order complete by June so that we will have the items for the summer and especially for the Rendezvous, please contact me ASAP (845) 440-3174. Be sure to wear these items proudly at each of our functions.

Current and Upcoming Classes:

Piloting	Fall '06
Seamanship	Completed
Weather	Ongoing
BoatSmart Class	Ongoing
One-day Boat Smart	Sat. June 3



SKPS Burgees ARE IN!!!

by AO Lt/C Pete Skorewicz, P

Just a reminder that our Storm King Power Squadron Burgee are in. If you would like to purchase a SKPS Burgee for your boat, please let me know. The cost on the burgee is \$22.00 each. So if your burgee is worn out or you are a new member and want a burgee, let me know.

SKPS Annual June Picnic

by AO Lt/C Pete Skorewicz, P

Wednesday June 14, 2006, during our regularly scheduled general meeting, we will have our SKPS annual family picnic at the Cornwall Yacht Club. This year we have created a theme to honor a host of members who are from the "Baby Boomer" generation and turning a young 60 years old. Please let us know if you are planning to attend. As usual with the picnic we will have a flare demonstration (like birthday candles) next to the water. Please remember to bring your outdated flares to the party so that we will have ample amount to light. In the past this has been a greatly attended event by SKPS members, Mid-Hudson members, and of course, our friends at CYC. Hope to see you all there !!!



New Billing Set for USPS

USPS has been field testing a new concept for billing members. With its success, it has offered the opportunity to all Squadron and related Districts. As a unit, District 2, of which we are a member, voted to participate in this program. It will eliminate the annual billing in June for all and the monthly declining enrolment costs for new members; rather, we have instituted anniversary billing. So that depending upon which month a member joined -- one year later on the anniversary of that date he/she will receive a bill. We have instituted this program with the new year. Those who have already paid for this year will receive a bill next year in June. The only members in our Squadron this new program will effect will be new members who have joined this past month and from this point forward.

Bills have been sent out already -- we are stressing that all pay them promptly as this will give us immediate revenue to continue our programs.

USPS Cookbook By Land and By Sea

WOW!!! What a great opportunity!

USPS is offering a cookbook through the Ship's Store. It is a wonderful cookbook with exciting recipes for boaters. It is the right size to place on your boat and offers easy and tasty recipes that could enhance your summer fun.

Cost to SKPS members is \$20. See Pete to Place your order.



Remember -- All Children under 12 years of age are required **BY LAW** to wear a lifejacket under any circumstance when on the water.

Safe boating means more than just following the regulations; it also requires us to maintain our boats in good working order and strive to improve our seamanship skills. Be sure to have any one of our Vessel Safety Inspectors check your boat and equipment to ensure you have all the necessary safety items and that they are up-to-date. Then place the Vessel Safety Check sticker on your boat and wear it proudly. See: Bill Burbage, Tony Martin, Rick Hollahan, Tony Tucci, Carl Wantje, or Andy Juras.

Rendezvous 2006

by Lt/C Pete Skorewicz, P

We are quickly approaching our annual rendezvous the weekend of July 21, 22, and 23rd. Again this year we will return to Hop-O-Nose Marina in Catskill Creek. Shawn the owner is eagerly awaiting our weekend and is going out of the way to accommodate us fully. We are planning a dinner in their restaurant on Friday night with a set price as he gave us last year. Saturday morning we will have our "boaters breakfast" and then have wedges, salads, and munchies for lunch. We will also have the clam bake later in the afternoon as we did last year. We will have the barbecue Saturday evening and then Sunday morning we will be treated to our "Commander's Continental Breakfast." Also in the afternoon on Saturday on the outside patio my band, The JAF-Band, will be playing and likewise in the bar Saturday night we will be playing. So bring your appetites, your song requests—your dancing shoes—like Lou Palazzo did last year. What we decided on this year to insure an accurate count for people and food - if you are coming by boat there will be a \$10.00 fee to secure your spot and this will cover 2 people as was the case last year. If there are extra people on your boat or for anyone driving up for Saturday only there will be a \$5.00 per person fee collected in advance to help with some of the costs for the Saturday barbecue. We will supply cards to the members after they have paid as a receipt so we have a count for the food and for the slips. We are privileged this year by Shawn to be able to have space for 30 boats. I already have taken recreations for boats and from those coming by land Saturday. Space is going quickly, so please contact me at the meeting or call 440-3174 and let me know.

THANKS



Important Statistic: Fatalities from 1991 to 2004 have decreased 17% through awareness programs; however, in 2004 of the 676 fatalities, approximately 70% drowned. Of those, 90% were not wearing a life jacket or PFD. So the lesson to be learned...**EVERYONE** should be wearing a life jacket...at all times when you are on the water -- even if you think you are a good swimmer.



EDUCATIONALLY SPEAKING

Lt/C George Ghirlando, AP



ENGINE MAINTENANCE: Our Engine Maintenance Course, taught by Nick Stagliano, has just been completed along with Seamanship, taught by our own commander, Rose Moskowitz, and yours truly. We are waiting for the results.

WEATHER is still underway with Part 1 completed and Part II due to be finished in a few weeks. This course has been long awaited and that master educator, Wayne Garnsey is teaching it. When it comes around again, be sure to enroll.



BOAT SMART & JET SMART session has just finished at the NFA, and a new one is just starting May 11. However, mark your calendars, because on Saturday, June 3rd, from 9 to 5, at the I-84 DINER, we are having a one-day Boat & Jet Smart class. For only \$45.00 students will receive books, materials, continental breakfast, and lunch! Unbelievable! We are expecting a full class, so have your friends call today OUR NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER: (845) 863-4939. Pre-registration is required. All is good.



WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?

Lt/C George Ghirlando, AP

Down the Hatch: The expression “down the hatch” has been used as a toast by sailors for centuries. The analogy is fairly obvious: the hatch on a ship is opened and the cargo is dumped down it just the way the mouth is opened and the whiskey is tossed back. The toast became popular ashore in the late 1800’s. The proper way to do it was to shout, “Bung Ho!” pause, then yell “Down the hatch!”, and gulp down your whiskey.

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Dick Winchell from Mid-Hudson PS is leading the class through Advanced Piloting



Class is working hard to understand the necessary plotting and charting techniques



!! THANK YOU !!

The following are the vendors whose graciously contributed to our Annual Auction. Please stop by and thank them for their generosity and tell them how their contribution ensured our success. Please be sure to shop or eat there to show how much we as members of the **Storm King Power Squadron** appreciate their participation:

Samalot Marina - Stony Point
Pete & Lisa: gift cert. Video
River Rose Cruise - Newburgh
Renaissance Beauty Parlor
Totally Trim and Tone
Casey's Fine Food - Marlboro
Laughrans - Washingtonville
Prima Pizza - Cornwall
Storm King Boats - Newburgh
Alex Marine - Newburgh
Wild Fire Grill - Montgomery
Lake View Restaurant
West Marine - Haverstraw
Nicky's
Totally Trim and Tone
Leo's - Cornwall
TGIF
Precision Propeller - Newburgh
White's Marina
Greenbaum & Gilhooley - Wappinger's Falls

CB Driscoll - Newburgh
River Grill - Newburgh
Savory Grill - Highland Mills
Torches Restaurant - Newburgh
Cosimo's - Newburgh
84 Diner - Fishkill
Pennybridge Marina - Haverstraw
Canterbury Inn - Cornwall
River Bank - Cornwall
Neptune Diner - Montgomery
Pamela's Traveling Feast - Newburgh
Sea Tow - upper & lower Hudson
Haverstraw Marina
Hanaford's Boat - Newburgh
Rondout Yacht Basin
Antonella's Restaurant - Fishkill
Cracolici's Restaurant
Royco
Hop-O-Nose - Catskill
Chilji's

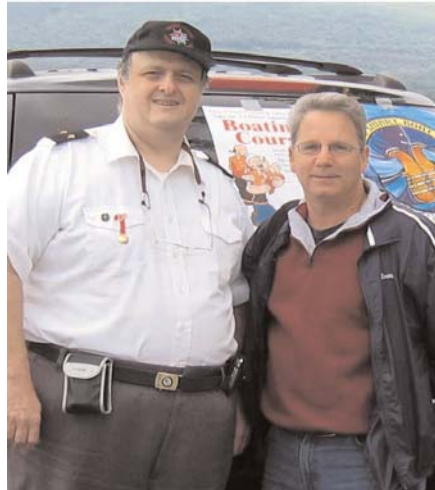
Thank you again to all who participated in this great event.





Nat Sobelman, Tony Tucci, and Tony DiStefano make packets filled with literature on safe boating to handout to boaters

Meet the hard workers who stationed themselves at the Newburgh Boat Launch on Saturday May 13th and handed out information on the importance of Boating Safely during National Safe Boating Week



Here's SEO George Ghirlando organizer of this successful event with working member "Yogi" Ferro.



Tony Tucci discussing membership into SKPS and the courses that we offer with a fisherman/boater



**May 20-26, 2006
National Safe Boating**

Boat Safe, Be Educated, and Enjoy the Boating Season.



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