

# The Crown

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### Happy New Year!!!

By Cdr. Rose Moskowitz, AP

*My goodness!! Can you believe it? The holiday season is here and almost gone. Let me wish you all a Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah, and a most Healthy and Happy New Year!! We started off the season with a most successful holiday party on Saturday, December 2nd at the Cornwall Yacht Club. We had great food, fabulous music and a wonderful fun-filled time with our friends. Since it was deemed a success, we have initially booked the same band and caterer for next year - probably the second Saturday in December. Our November meeting was facilitated by Pete Skorewicz, putting together an interesting media presentation culminated the year's activities. January's upcoming meeting will be a presentation by your bridge giving their annual report of the 2006 activities. In addition, it is time for the annual elections. The membership will be able to vote on the slate as selected by the nominating committee but as always members may make nominations from the floor prior to elections. February will have two programs in it: Feb. 3rd our Atlantic City Boat Show Bus Trip and at our regular meeting an extraordinary presentation by our own George Ghirlando; March is our annual Change of Watch; April we will have a special and interesting presenter; May is our annual auction (start saving those items) and June will be our annual picnic. The Education Department under the careful guidance of SEO George Ghirlando and AEO Tony DiStefano have been planning many courses for your boating excellence. This winter: Piloting, Instructor Development, and Engine Maintenance; while in the Spring: Cruise Planning, Seamanship, Marine Electronics, and JN. Lots of great stuff is planned!*

*A very special event will take place in March - our own Marty Feldberg will become our District 2 Commander. We are honored to be asked to coordinate and run his "coronation" which will take place March 30, 31, and April 1, 2007. As a squadron, we need to raise money to ensure that this event will be the best ever. Therefore, there will be two basic fundraisers: a journal in which we will sell ads and a raffle. We are raffling off a one week stay in Myrtle Beach at the Montego Inn Resort. It is a time share apartment on the beach and is available April 15-22. Tickets began selling at our November meeting and will continue until SKPS Change of Watch Wednesday March 14th at CYC at which time the drawing will be made. Only 150 tickets will be sold for \$25 each. The odds are pretty good that you could be a winner!! If you are selling tickets -- let's push, push, push! If you are buying, then let's buy at the January meeting! Good Luck!!*

*So you can see, your bridge has been busy planning activities, great meetings, and important courses for you in which you can all participate. If you have a boating friend, invite them to our meetings, help them to share in our comradere, interesting presentation, and just good fun. See the articles throughout this issue for more information.*



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## SKPS Needs YOU!!

**The Education Department is looking for volunteers to help proctor or teach sections of the BoatSmart course. We need new blood and a new voice in our instruction. Even if you have never done anything like this before - we will guide you through the process as you discover how rewarding it can be. Jeanette will be starting her Instructor Development course on Monday, November 6th. Anyone interested in participating, please call Jeanette or George.**

## Welcome to New Members

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  
Call Manny Sangervasio, Membership Chair,  
564-2590

**New Members: Luiz Rodriguez  
Phillip Rudolph  
Carol Donovan  
Gus and Luz Carson  
Adrian Maxwell-Berry**

Be sure to welcome our new members and make them feel at home. We now have 100 members!



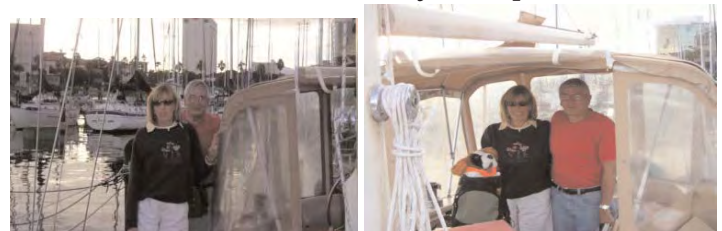
## When Friends Come to Call

By AEO Anthony DiStefano, AP

*It was November and we were working on the new boat in SW Tortuga St. Petersburg Florida. There were things to do, fix and clean. The boat had to be ready for the Christmas trip and November was the time to do it. The cell phone went off and it was Bob and Linda, they were in Florida and could they come and see the boat. Sure, nothing better than showing a new toy to a friend. We figured by Tuesday we would have enough done and the boat could go out. Well, the gods were not with us and it was a day of rain. But even with the boat not ready and the rain falling, they came just to see and help.*

*After lunch (we recommend the Lucky Dill Deli in St. Pete), Ed worked on the aft toilet while I played the host, showing off the cabins, the heads, the salon etc. Ed calls me and asked what does it mean when sea water comes into the boat. Bob asked if we should put on the life preservers but I got a bung and Ed plugged the leak while we all looked for the valve that would stop the water flow. We found it and the rest of the toilet removal went by the book.*

*When you purchase a boat that needs work and you are getting it done, it's nice to have a friend come by to see how you are progressing. It gives you the opportunity to show off your boat. Even with the rain and work we plan to do it again next year and this time we'll take the boat out for a trip.*



## THE USPS UNIVERSITY

By SEO George P. Ghirlando, AP

This is very exciting. Today, USPS is embarking on a grand plan for expanding their educational base through an outreach program known as USPS University. The USPS has developed and made available, a program of continuing education that has the flexibility of change and is provided in a recognized format: The USPS University and United States Power Squadron Boater Certification Program.

The Boater Certification Program, identifies, provides and instructs the courses that will enhance specific on the water experiences and provide the correct and necessary need-to-know information. This (USPS University, cont'd) ... boater certification will include proficiency and skill building activities plus instruction and examination, covering elements of recognition for close to shore operations and navigation. Instruction for the offshore sailor and cruiser as well as advanced coastal navigation covers coastal boating with curriculum ad instruction target to offshore and extended boating adventures.

The university courses are envisioned and modeled on a principal similar to the US Coast Guard Captains License, as for credit courses and enhanced mini-courses, and short seminars. Completion of the programs will lead to a boater operator certification in four increasingly complex levels of competency, i.e. Inland, Coastal, Advanced Coastal, and Offshore Navigation. Coupled with recognition of our recreational boating partners, the program will provide certification that is nationally recognized with the fun and satisfaction of educational and personal success.

At the successful completion of the various levels of the program certificate is awarded as well as a wallet card for personal identification.



### New Fundraising Project

**In order to raise the necessary funds for the March '07 District 2 Change of Watch to honor and coronate our own Marty Feldberg as District Commander, we are offering a special raffle:**

**One week stay in Myrtle Beach at the Montego Bay Resort April 15-22, 2007.**

**We have printed only 150 tickets so the odds at winning are very high. Each ticket is for \$25 They are being sold at each meeting until the drawing on Wednesday, March 14th. For more information - come to our January 10th meeting and you will be able to purchase your "winning"**



Cdr. Rose and Manny Sangervasio swearing in new member Phillip Rudolph at our November meeting



"Meeting of the minds" with George leading at the November meeting.

## WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?

SEO George Ghirlando, AP

**Three Sheets to the Wind.** I have heard this expression for years. As a youngster I thought it had something to do with laundry flapping in the breeze. Later on it was explained that it meant someone was drunk. I accepted that explanation until I started to this column. According to Terri Degler, any sailor knows that a sheet isn't a sheet at all. It's a rope, a very specific rope that is attached to the end of a sail and used to change its position or to make it secure. So, what's the connection to three sheets? This is what she writes: "When a ship a one to sheet to the wind, the end of one of her sails had come loose and was flying wildly about. This caused an imbalance in the way the wind was pushing the ship and made her begin to reel. If another sheet came loose, the skipper would start to lose control of the ship. If a third sheet came undone, the ship would twist crazily and swing in circles."

She says with just a little imagination for those ashore to see the similarities between a ship with her sheets to the wind and a drunken sailor. At one time people even used the term to describe varying states of drunkenness. A sailor with one sheet to the wind was slightly tipsy; with two sheets to the wind, he was feeling no pain; and with three sheets to the wind, "he could be found doing a jig on a dead man's chest."

Source: SCUTTLEBUTT by Teri Degler.



# 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>
Jan. 3	Bridge Meeting	7:00pm CYC
10	General Meeting	7:30pm CYC Annual Report & Elections
Feb. 3	Atlantic City Boat Show and Bus Ride	8:00am Newburgh Mall Pick up
7	Bridge Meeting	7:00pm CYC
14	General Meeting	7:30pm CYC Presentation & Happy Valentines's DDay
Mar. 7	Bridge Meeting	7:00pm CYC
14	General Meeting COW	6:30pm CYC Change of Watch!
30,31	D2 Change of Watch	<b>Special for Marty Feldberg - new D2 Commander</b>
April 1		
4	Bridge Meeting	7:00pm CYC
11	General Meeting	7:30pm Presentation
May 2	Bridge Meeting	7:00pm CYC
9	Annual Auction	6:30pm



## Coming this April:

By SEO George Ghirlando, AP



**Jim Heron**, the project historian for the Beacon Institute for Rivers and Estuaries, wrote the book: **DENNING'S POINT (A HUDSON RIVER HISTORY)**.

"This extraordinary book tells a 6000-year story of an extraordinary 64 acres on the eastern edge of the Hudson River, 60 miles north of New York City." Said Pete Seeger

From the back flap of the book **DENNING'S POINT** is a remarkable saga that leads from newspaper moguls and back room museums to a "hands-on" archaeological dig that confirmed the presence of pre-historic American Indians on Denning's Point as early as 4000BC. Henry Hudson's crew may have landed there in 1609, as George Washington certainly did during the Revolution. The most exciting discovery by far, however, was finding proof that it was on Denning's Point that Alexander Hamilton first set ideas on paper in a series of editorials that grew to become the Federalist Papers. (there is much more)

The author has a colorful past. He retired in 2003 as an Episcopal priest. Was at ground zero as a ground zero chaplain. Likes motorcycles, etc.. What a great opportunity to listen in awe of an interesting writer and speaker. Don't miss this meeting!!



Let's all be the beacon of light that illuminates the way to safe boating!

Here's to a safe and wondrous fall!

## Upcoming January Meeting

by AO Lt/C Pete Skorewicz, P

**On Wednesday, January 10th, SKPS will be having its annual meeting which includes each bridge member presenting their annual report - a summary of the year's activities and their goals. Also at that time, will be a presentation of the 2007 Slate of Officers by the membership committee along with the opportunity for the general membership to make additional nominations from the floor. Following, will be the election of officers. This is an important meeting for all members. George and I will also open up a conversations as to suggestions our members might have for activities. Please be there!**

## 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 may have.. ..

## SKPS Burgee's Available

by AO Lt/C Pete Skorewicz, P

If you would like to purchase a SKPS burgee for your boat please let me know. I have 2 left and will be placing another order shortly with the company. 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 please let me know and I will place the order.

**Name tags:** -- To place an order please see Manny Sangervasio. It is great to wear your name tag to all our functions. Cost \$8.00 each.



### Mark your Calendars from the Education Department

By SEO George Ghirlando, AP

### Public Boating Classes Scheduled for the Spring

#### Boat Smart, Jet Smart & Chart Smart:

Where: NFA Lecture Hall Newburgh, New York  
Dates: M&W April 16, 18, 23, 25, 30  
Time: 7pm - 9pm

#### Boat Smart and Jet Smart (only) 1 Day Course:

Based upon the successful full day Boat Smart classes that we have been offering, we again present the same program on Saturday May 5th . To all those members who participated in this program a special thank you as your services ensured the success. See or call George Ghirlando if you want to volunteer in other programs or if you know someone who would benefit from a future class. We will repeat this class if there are 6 or more people who would like to take our BoatSmart class in this one-day format.

Where: I-84 Diner Fishkill, New York  
Date: Saturday May 5th  
Time: 9am - 5pm  
Includes: Continental bkfst, lunch, & coffee all day  
Cost: \$55  
call George to register at our SKPS number: 863-4939



See our recent graduates for our Piloting Course taught by Phil Cameron:

John Ledwith IV  
Amy and Bill Denison  
Nat Sobelman

### SKPS Clothing Update

by AO Lt/C Pete Skorewicz, P

If you are interested, I can place orders for T-shirts, sweat shirts, hooded sweat shirts, and staff shirts for all the members who wish to order them and wear them proudly at all our meetings and functions. please let me know.

### EDUCATIONALLY SPEAKING

By SEO George P. Ghirlando, AP

We are underway! Jeanette completed teaching **Instructor Development** classes at her studio in Walden. All those who participate in teaching some segment of the public boating course needs this important certificate.

**Piloting** taught by our own Phil Cameron with guest teachers from the squadron is also completed.

Nick Stagliano finished his long-running **Engine Maintenance** class. He dazzled participants with his knowledge and helped prepare them should the need for servicing arise.

I am happy to report a great season ahead for courses offered to squadron members. Get involved. Show up to class. It's only once a week, and isn't furthering your nautical education one of the reasons you joined?



### Important Notice --- Scholarship Awards

Each year SKPS awards scholarships to a graduating senior whose parent is a member of SKPS, CYC, MYC, and/or NYC. This year we awarded one scholarship of \$250 to a child of a member of CYC. Begin thinking about an upcoming graduate and have them apply for this award. For further information and how to apply call either Rose or Rich Hollahan.





Saturday, Dec. 2nd a Great Holiday Party was held at the CYC.

Here are some pictures from that great holiday party!

Good food - plenty of it;

Wonderful music;

A very funny Gift Exchange devised and led by Tony DiStafano.

Beautiful holiday decoration displayed by the women's auxiliary of the CYC led by Vingy Genco

And most of all almost 50 members had a great time with each other.



### Important Announcement to All Members

#### New Proposed Slate of Officers 2007

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Commander</b>              | <b>George Ghirlando</b> |
| <b>Executive Officer</b>      | <b>Rick Emanuel</b>     |
| <b>Administrative Officer</b> | <b>Pete Skorewicz</b>   |
| <b>Education Officer</b>      | <b>Wayne Garnsey</b>    |
| <b>Assist. Ed. Officer</b>    | <b>Nat Sobelman</b>     |
| <b>Secretary</b>              | <b>Bill Zink</b>        |
| <b>Treasurer</b>              | <b>Rich Hollahan</b>    |
| <b>5 Members @ Large:</b>     | <b>Bill Denison</b>     |
|                               | <b>Amy Denison</b>      |
|                               | <b>Brian Lester</b>     |
|                               | <b>Yogi Ferro</b>       |
|                               | <b>John Cuneo</b>       |



#### 2007 Nominating Committee (4):

- Rose Moskowitz**
- Manny Sangervasio**
- Nat Sobelman**

#### Auditing Committee (3):

- Bryan Moskowitz**
- Nick Sangervasio**
- Manny Sangervasio**

#### Rules Committee (3):

- Wayne Garnsey**
- Chris Jinks**
- Luis Rodriguez**



Please review the slate, and feel free to nominate yourself or someone from the floor at our January 10th meeting. These are the positions for which the membership is required to elect. There are a number of other positions that are appointed. If you would like to serve on either an elected or appointed position, please call Manny or speak to him at the January meeting. Elections will take place at January's General Meeting.

Respectfully submitted by  
SKPS Nominating Committee,  
**Manny Sangervasio, Chair**

# STORM KING POWER SQUADRON

**ANNOUNCES:**

**ATLANTIC CITY BOAT SHOW**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2007**

**TAKE A LEISURELY BUS RIDE FROM THE NEWBURGH MALL  
TO BALLY'S CASINO AND BACK AGAIN!!  
ENJOY THE ATLANTIC CITY BOAT SHOW AND VISIT BALLY'S  
CASINO**

**LEAVE NEWBURGH MALL AT 8:00AM ON A COMFORTABLE  
BUS WITH FRIENDS, FOOD, AND FUN AND RETURN AT 7:00PM**

**COST: \$35/PERSON  
BALLY'S WILL CREDIT \$10(+)**

**TO REGISTER:  
CALL PETE SKOREWIZC: 845-440-3174 OR  
E-MAIL: NATDIAMNY@AOL.COM  
(DEADLINE: JANUARY 20TH)**

**JOIN US FOR THIS ANNUAL EVENT ! BRING SNACKS, GOOD CHEER, AND  
LOTS OF LUCK FOR A GREAT TIME!!!**



## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We need volunteers to help prior to and during the D2 Change of Watch in March '07. It will be held at the Best Western in Poughkeepsie Friday night Mar.30, Sat. all day and evening Mar. 31, & Sunday April 1st. The critical days for registration are Friday night and Sat. during the day, Ship's Store is for Friday night and Saturday. Hospitality, proctors and decoration is for Sat. only. The following positions need to be filled in order to ensure success of this most important event:

Pre-Registration	Registration at the Event
Decoration Committee	Ship's Store
Hospitality	Raffles
Journal	Proctors for Presenters
	Saturday Non-Member Program

The following have already made a commitment to volunteer:

**Registration:** Amy Denison, Cathy and Jim Nugent, Jackie Emanuel, and Ina Digilio

**Decorations:** Cathy Nugent, Helene Stagliano, Jeannette Sangervasio, Rose Msokowitz

**Ship's Store:** Manny Sangervasio, Pete and Lisa Skorewicz, Phillip Rudolph

**Hospitality:** Tony Tucci, Bill Denison, Cathy and Jim Nugent, George Ghirlando

**Journal:** Helene Stagliano

**Proctors:** David Franklin, Bryan Moskowitz

If you would like to help, please call Rose:  
928-7566

**Moskowitz**  
35 Oakland Avenue  
Central Valley, New York 10917

## **IS YOUR BOAT STOLEN?**

By: SEO George Ghirlando, AP

I recently read about a new online service: [www.boatfax.com](http://www.boatfax.com) archives. Hull Identification Numbers (HIN) allows boaters to identify a boat that may be stolen. The Web site allows users to search a range of features, including the HIN, serial numbers, and identifying characteristics. The site also lists information about manufacturers and product recalls. The SmatSearch feature identifies numbers that thieves could have easily altered, such as changing a three to a eight. The U.S. Coast Guard, government officials from Canada and the United States, and insurance companies and individuals who have signed up for the service provide the details. The HIN look-up service is free. Additional services are available on a pay-per-search basis.

### **Now Hear This by SEO George Ghirlando, AP**



GPS Chartplotter, Marine VHF, Loud Hailer with Fog Signals all in one package, now that's integration! This new product looks interesting!

TFT 256 Color 7-In. Display (Screen Resolution: 800 x 480)  
C-Map NT+ or MAX Compatible  
1000/Routes: 20 (Max 50 waypoints each)  
Commercial Grade ITU Class D DSC VHF  
DSC Polling; Capable of Connecting Optional Second Station Remote Microphones  
Dual Watch, Tri-watch scanning, NOAA WX alert and more  
30 W Loud Hailer with Listen Back and 4 Fog Horns, Bells & Whistles; Fish finder option; 3 Year Warranty