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District 2



### Its Almost Here !!!

By Cdr. Rose Moskowitz, AP

*I can almost hear the birds chirping, the water slapping against the hull of the boat, the wind blowing through the sails and the whirring sounds of motors slicing through the strong currents of the Hudson. Listen carefully, and you too will hear it. Its only moments away - check the calendar - but please do not look out the window. The white stuff will soon disappear, I promise! I hope you had a safe and pleasant winter and I know you are looking forward to a great boating season. Your bridge has been busy planning education, courses, special programs, and exciting boating experiences.*

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 are two basic fundraisers: a journal in which we are selling 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! Bring the ticket stubs and money to the March meeting. If you still need to buy, then you will have a last opportunity at the March meeting! Good Luck!!

Even though we have been planning for the upcoming season, programs and courses have been ongoing throughout the winter. We had a very successful trip to Atlantic City Boat Show, an important January meeting where elections were held and annual reports shared, February had a brilliant presentation by our own George Ghirlando, D2 had its Winter Conference and National held its annual Governor's Board meeting in Jacksonville, Florida.

This season we will have our annual Auction - so start collecting those boating items from your favorite boating store or restaurant, get ready for our great June picnic, and of course, our exciting trip to Hop-O-Nose for our annual Rendezvous. Courses on AP, Piloting, and Seamanship will be offered along with Cruise Planning, Marine Electronics and Instructor Development. There will be more fun-filled day rendezvous planned by our Tony DiStefano.

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 once again. If you are interested in participating, please call Jeanette or George.**

## Cruising with the MAR-KAT

by Amy Denison

The day after Christmas was a moderately cold day and the excitement for a week of winter cruising the Southwest Florida waters of the Intercoastal waters was finally here. After a pleasant plane ride on Jet Blue from Stewart we had a short drive to the docks of Marinatown where the **MAR-KAT** was securely tied up and waiting. Many hours of advance planning and looking at the charts and cruising guides were done in the months beforehand. After provisioning and doing some route planning we were ready to leave on December 27<sup>th</sup>.

The plan was to travel up the Gulf InterCoastal Waterway about 30 miles north of Boca Grande pass. Along the way we saw many species of birds and marine wild life. It seemed that the Bottlenose Dolphin like to play along side our boat as we cruised. Sometimes, as many as 4 were seen diving under the boat or jumping out of the water next to it. We thought

that maybe the engines were creating some sort of harmony that they enjoyed. I thought the engines were in sync. They would travel with us sometimes for 10 minutes or more and then would disappear. They were faster than we were at 8 knots.

Three nights were spent at marinas and one night at a serene spot near Englewood Beach. The temperatures were warm and the sunsets beautiful. We never once thought about the cold winter back home. The temperatures were in the mid 70's during the day and 60's at night. We found good restaurants along the way. One that was memorable was at Cabbage Key where it is rumored that Jimmy Buffet wrote "Cheeseburgers in Paradise". On the walls were signed dollar bills taped up like wallpaper. The waiter was asked what happens to the ones that fall off since the glue on the scotch tape dries out. He said they are donated to a local charity.

New Year's Eve was spent on the boat back at Marinatown with a bottle of champagne. Then back to New York and work.

## 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  
Carol Donovan  
Adrian Maxwell-Berry**

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

## **GETTING THRU THE DOG DAYS OF WINTER. By Ricky and Jackie Emanuel, AP**

Well, when your home bound during the winter months, this couple likes to head out of town. So, as she usually does so well, Jackie booked us on an Atlantic crossing cruise leaving from Tenerife, Spain to San Juan Puerto Rico.

We left from JFK on November 7th, on a non stop flight into the quaint island of Tenerife, the largest of the 7 Canary Islands off the southern coast of Spain and off the most northeastern portion of Africa. It was a one hour cab ride from the Southern Airport to our 4 star hotel which revealed breathtaking vistas of the Atlantic Ocean from our terrace on the top 5<sup>th</sup> Floor. The weather was balmy, reaching the 70 degree area in the morning and warming to the 80s by mid afternoon. It was here that we met the other two couples we were to travel with, as they checked into the hotel just a couple of hours later.

Restaurants adorned the narrow side streets throughout the city proper, allowing only one car to transverse the cobblestone streets as we ventured along on the skinny sidewalks. One false move and your body would be cleaning the windshield on the approaching traffic.

We spent three days in Tenerife taking in all the sights that was in walking distance from the Hotel. The local restaurant and shop owners spoke very little English. Thank goodness a couple of us spoke some Spanish, otherwise you could wind up having funning looking things on your plate that you never realized you ordered. Fortunately that didn't happen and the wine and food was spectacular.

After the three days we checked out of the hotel grabbed our taxi down to the Port of Tenerife where we met up with our waiting Yacht, the Sea Dream Yacht Club II. A 54 cabin 108 passenger motor yacht boasting 91 crew. Unlike all the security precautions other ships have you go thru; check-in on Sea Dream is casual and informal with no hassles or stress. As you walk up the guest stairway after you've checked in, you are immediately greeted by Captain Johannes Tyesse, who I might add is a dear friend of ours. After being given cool washcloths to freshen up, we are immediately presented with Champagne, caviar and hor'orderves. The crew begins to learn your name almost immediately as they also put to memory what you like to drink and what your favorite foods are. This will prove invaluable, as they bring to you all the things you enjoy even before you know you enjoy it.

Jackie certainly knows how to strategically request a room as our cabin on deck number one is on the same level as the dining room!!! Better still, she was able to get our two friends in cabins right across the hall. The rooms have virtually everything. To very large portholes that put you just feet above the water line. Really a spectacular view when you're underway. A king size bed, stereo, CD, VHS, TV, and of course web access for all those addicted. Two large closets two dressers with vanity and a modern toilet facility with separate shower jet shower enclosures, round out the room. Dining is when you want. They call it casual elegance, no jackets or tuxes required, however they do want you to be in slacks and collared shirt. If I hadn't mentioned it before a cruise on Sea Dream is all inclusive. Everything is top drawer from the adult beverages, caviar, water toys, scuba diving....etc. The only thing that you pay extra for are shore excursions. And since we weren't getting off the ship for 9 days there was no place to go unless of course you wanted to take a dive in 6 thousand feet of water in the middle of the Atlantic.

We could give you our daily itinerary, but it would take pages and pages. However, I must say that the seas the entire 9 days were as calm as the Hudson is on a beautiful weather day in the summer. The weather was balmy, with temperatures in the 80s most days. The nights are so dark with their cloudless sky's and temperatures in the lower 70s that the stars seem to somehow touch the water. They are virtually everywhere. The bridge is open to the passengers 24/7 and that's where Jackie and I spent a good portion of our time. Chatting with the first officer, watching them plot their course on the paper charts, and recording a "fix" every hour. We arrived in Puerto Rico 9 days later, and 3 pounds heavier, the culmination of a fascinating excursion. I'll miss the guest lecturers, the dancing, and the friends that we made. The only thing I won't miss however, are those losing nights in the small casino. We enjoyed this cruise so much that Jackie booked us for the same crossing in 2008!! Something to look forward to as we try to get thru those dog days of winter!

Happy cruising!

### **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.



## 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>
JMar. 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 CYC
June 6	Bridge Meeting	7:00pm CYC
13	June Family Picnic	6:30pm CYC
July 11	Bridge Meeting	7:00pm CYC
20-22	Rendezvous	starts 1:00pm Friday-noon Sunday



### 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 March Meeting

by AO Lt/C Pete Skorewicz, P

**On Wednesday, March 14th SKPS will be having its annual Change of Watch. Join SKPS members as they celebrate the ending of the three year term by Commander Rose Moskowitz, AP and the installation of the new bridge and new Commander Geroge Ghirlando, AP. Awards will be made to members who proved to do outstanding work for our organization, achieved mastery in boating skills, and we will all share in the awards achieved by SKPS as an organization.**

**Come to this fun-filled "roast" and presentation -- all will enjoy this great event!!!**

### 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.. ..

**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.

### 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 8 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.



## 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



### 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.

### SKPS Annual Auction



May 9, 2007, will be the date of the SKPS annual auction. We will have our regular membership meeting at 6:30 followed by the auction. Please—if you helped last year getting donations from various restaurants, and business it is not too early to start asking for them **now**. Also, if you have anything to donate let us know. Invite your friends to attend as this is our primary fundraiser. Looking forward to a great auction in May—mark your calendars! every year and I am proud to say we have raised over \$2000 in each of the last 4 years due to the hard work of our members.

## 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" tickets

### Atlantic City Boat Show Trip

by Lt/C Pete Skorewicz, P

We had a great time heading down to Atlantic City for our annual trip to the Power Boat Show at the Atlantic City Convention Center on Saturday, February 3rd. We had 45 registered for the trip but had 39 members on the bus—unfortunately a few could not make it that morning and some members were turned away. As usual there was plenty of food being passed around the bus on the trip down and back—yes eating is a SKPS specialty!! I want to thank Lorraine from the office and our driver Dennis from West Point Tours for making the trip very enjoyable. We had a movie on the ride back—"Pirates of the Caribbean Part-2." I will say I did not notice any boats being trailered behind the bus on the way back to Newburgh. however, there were some winners and losers from Bally's. I want to thank all the members who made the trip especially to some of our new members who came, as well. Look forward to the trip next February and hopefully we'll sell out a bigger bus. Book early!!

### Upcoming Boat Show News

by Lt/C Pete Skorewicz, P

Just a few dates to keep in mind. The Boat Show at the Rockland Community College campus will be the weekend of March 16th-18th. Stop by and visit the Tappan Zee Squadron who will have a booth there. Also looking ahead the annual Norwalk boat Show will be September 20th-23rd. A very good web sight for boat shows is—[www.boatshows.com](http://www.boatshows.com)—full of information of the various shows sponsored by Discover Boating. Also another web sight—[www.usboat.com](http://www.usboat.com)—contains plenty of information!

**WHEN YOUR PLANS CHANGE...**

By Lt/C Anthony DiStefano, AP

*My winter vacation was to take the big boat that I own with another from its resting place at St. Petersburg, Florida to the Keys for Christmas. Friends from Arizona were joining Mona and me for the trip. Rule number one; Do not try to do a three day sail (223 miles) with non sailors. We left early the first day, after 6 hours of motor sailing we had gotten about 35 miles from the dock when mutiny set in. This is boring and we want to do something. It was like being with kids on a car trip. The weather was a bit cloudy and warm but no wind so no excitement. Now behind schedule, it was decided to go back to the dock and do day trips using the boat as a motel (not what a sailboat is for but then again this has 2 staterooms and 2 baths.)*

*So, this is what we did with the trip each day - out into the bay with little or no wind, fished and relaxed till after Christmas when the guests left. We were visited by another set of guests from New Jersey who wanted to sail. It was overcast but windy and we hit 6.7 knots on the GPS - great sailing.*

*Rule number two: You can do it. With just Mona and I there was no one to help with the launching and docking (Mona does not do that). So we sat on the boat reading, when I decided to take it out. And sure enough we got out; Mona did help with the lines. We had sailed and back again to the dock with no dents in the boat or my pride. (Go no faster than you want to hit something).*

*Rule number three: Do not listen to the people on the dock. The boat in the slip across from me (a 54 foot Irwin) was leaving for a few day trip and those of us in the area helped with the cast off. There was a little problem and the words "too much boat for the owner" came up. It was my turn to leave and no one was around. So with those words in mind, I was overly careful and it took much longer - as I kept watching to see if anyone was looking,- and still made it out and back in with no dents.*

*Rule number four: Don't let them know you have fear. The roller furler for the jib was not working as the halyard was twisted at the top of the mast. Someone had to go up and fix it - and there was only Mona and she would not go. So I had to do it up the 40-45 foot mast. I did it (what a view from up there) and again no dents. A little work on the furler and it worked fine.*

*Rule number five: Install the depth finder you brought with you. Left the dock again getting to be a pro, sailing was great we were clipping along at 5.5 heading for Fort Desoto Beach for the night. We were talking and just enjoying the boat when the water color changed and before I could adjust my direction the boat came to a sudden stop. I put on the motor but it was no help. Unlike my Mac (additional 12 feet and much more weight) I could not get out and move it. As if they knew there was trouble, first one then about 10 dolphins came around the boat and stayed there till the towboat US confirmed my location. Then they were gone, just before the towboat arrived the dolphins came back and did a circle of the boat and gone again. It was as if they knew we were ok now. What a thrill that was! It was also a thrill to find out that my unlimited towing made the tow free.*

*Rule number six: It's a sailboat with no place to go so just enjoy and let it happen. I could not have been in a better place to be grounded. The water was clear and the weather was beautiful so we turned up the radio and opened our books and enjoyed till the tow came along. I still have five days left and cannot wait to see what else will happen. But I'm mellow and can get the boat in and out of the dock with no dents, they will not talk about me. What more can you ask for?*



**SKPS July Rendezvous**

*by Lt/C Pete Skorewicz, P*

It is not too early to start planning for the annual SKPS Rendezvous at the Hop-O-Nose Marina in Catskill, NY. We will be heading there the weekend of July 20th-22nd. We were given 26 slips last year and filled 20—we would have sold out but the rainy weather kept a few people from boating. Remember you can also come by land on Friday or all day Saturday as well. See me at the MArch meeting to register - this year will prove to be better than ever so reserve you spot early.

**Important Announcement to All Members**

**Newly Elected Slate of Officers 2007**

<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**

**Join us at our annual Change of Watch for the installation of your elected bridge**

**Announcement  
 Special Training Program**

*by AEO-Elect Wayne Garnsey, SN*

On 25 March Sunday 11:00 AM (after breakfast at CYC), there will be a special training program for anyone in the Squadron who is interested in assisting in any way, shape, or form with our education: teaching, proctoring, assisting, registering, carrying stuff, etc. We are hopeful in getting a good response so as to reduce some of the individual loads and get an even greater number involved. Need more information, call SEO George Ghirlando 845 838-1559 or SEO-elect Wayne Garnsey 845 496-5950.



Recent graduates of our Instructor Training Program conducted by Lt/C Jeanette Sangervasio, AP



### **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:

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|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 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 comittment 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**  
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Meet Storm King Power Squadron s Commander-elect.- George Ghirlando. AP.

Join us Wednesday, March 14th for our Change of Watch where George will take command of SKPS for 2007. Please ehelp and support him in all our endeavors to ensure our continued success.



Lt. Jeanette Sangervasio, AP teaching Instructor Development class

### **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

