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FULL STEAM AHEAD!

By Cdr. George Ghirlando, AP



As we finally begin this spring season, with the promise of boating right behind it, your new bridge is happy to report that we are ready too. As you read this newsletter you will be convinced, as I am, that only good things are in store for Storm King this year. The education department has already set in motion a full program both for the public and our members. The on-the-water activities will be new, fun and challenging. The membership committee is finding new and wonderful people to invite to join our squadron, and we ask you to do the same. Our guest speakers are being booked for next season, and I assure you they will be very special. The auction in May is shaping up to be the best ever, followed by our June picnic filled with food, laughter, song and surprises. And starting Thursday, April 26th, there is the first rehearsal for our Storm King Singers!

Our goals are the goals you, the membership, have related to us are important to you. Our plans are the plans you, the membership, have said you thought should be made. Our dreams this year are the dreams, wishes and hopes of the collective. The Storm King Power Squadron is not the domain of the bridge, but in reality the bridge is the domain of the squadron. Taking everything in account, it truly is full steam ahead!

HAPPY STRIPER SEASON TO ALL!



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Three New Pilots

By SEO Wayne Garnsey, SN

Congratulations to Amy Denison - P, Bill Denison - P, and 1st/Lt Nat Sobelman - P for their successful completion of the Piloting course. Continued congratulations goes to their instructor, P/C Phil Cameron, Jr., AP, for another "job well done."

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 (2006) focuses on navigation as it is done on recreational boats today and embraces GPS as a primary navigation tool while covering enough of traditional techniques so the student will be able to find his/her way even if their GPS fails. The course includes many in-class exercises, developing the student's skills through hands-on practice and learning. Topics covered include:



- * Charts and their interpretation
- * Navigation aids and how they point to safe water
- * Plotting courses and determining direction and distance
- * The mariner's compass and converting between True and Magnetic
- * Use of GPS – typical GPS displays and information they provide, setting up waypoints and routes, staying on a GPS route.
- * Pre-planning safe courses and entering them into the GPS
- * Monitoring progress and determining position by both GPS and traditional techniques such as bearings and dead reckoning
- * The "Seaman's Eye" – simple skills for checking that one is on course.

Again, congratulations to our new Pilots and a reminder to our Seamanship students and graduates - the **Storm King Educational Team** will be conducting Piloting and Advanced Piloting classes this coming Fall and Winter. So, we encourage you to continue upgrading your boating skills through education.



Advancing the Cause of “Self Education”

by P/D/C Wayne Garnsey, SN - SEO

Our boating organization uses as its symbol of service, a triangle. The three sides represent the three major missions of USPS. Although we are a “fraternal boating club,” that is not all we are. We have a non-profit 501 C3 corporation status with the federal and state governments because of the other two sides of our mission triangle: Civic Service and Self Education. Our civic service - “work for the good of the general public” - comes from free services to the public, such as cooperative charting on both land and sea and courtesy safety examinations of the safety equipment on recreational boats. And, our educational “work for the good of the general public” is our public boating classes, teaching safety and basic boating skills to mainly novice boaters.

To many who join our Squadrons, the Self Education part of USPS is the most important, very often, the main reason for joining USPS. To that end, USPS has developed (and is always refining, updating, and re-writing) a great number of educational courses that help to improve our boating skills and confidence. These courses are most often only available to our members, and we (your Squadron Educational Committee) encourage you to take full advantage of the course offerings.

Seamanship (the first level of advanced courses) begins May 1st at 7:00 PM at the Cornwall Yacht Club. It is being taught by our Commander George Ghirlando and our immediate Past Commander Rose Moskowitz and Bryan Moskowitz. If you have not yet begun your educational program, this is a great place to start.

One of our elective courses is **Sail 101 and 102**. Sail begins on May 7th, again at 7:00 PM, but at the Marlboro Yacht Club. Our own veteran sailor, Anthony “Ragman” DiStefano, will be keeping a weathered eye on an unruly crew of 16 (that class is more than filled).

A personal note: before I took the Sail course years ago and learned to “come-about” properly (that means without killing any crew members), I was only good as a crew member, taking orders as “rail meat.” But, Mike taught me well, and although I am a practicing “stink potter,” I am a “rag man” at heart.



Starting in September, Jeanette Sangervasio will be helping many of you, “**Plan a Cruise.**” Jeanette, along with being our chaplain, is also our “cruise director.” Manny can tell you, the Sangervasios are “not wanting” on any of their cruises. Jeanette is always prepared.

We will also be conducting **Piloting** (course number two in the series of advanced grades) and **Advanced Piloting** (the third in our basic navigation of lakes, rivers, and coastal waters).

Of course, all of these courses are in addition to our public boating safety outreach, “**America’s Boating Course**” which is being taught at NFA beginning Monday, April 16th at 6:30 PM and continues on the 18th, 23rd, 25th, and 30th (for a total of 5 sessions). If you have a couple of hours, please join us at NFA and help the new boating students with their knots and other skill and safety items. On May 5th, we do a one day, all day, America’s Boating Course at the 84 Diner in Fishkill, and there is a good chance that we will be holding yet another ABC one day class at the Cornwall Yacht Club during the first couple of weeks of June. Got it yet? Of course you do. We are about “self education” and improving our boating skills. So, please, join us and add to our Educational Committee. Take courses. Teach courses. Involve yourself. Remember, “**TEAM**” - **Together Each Achieves More**. See you in class!



SKPS CALENDAR 2007

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>
April 4	Bridge Meeting	7:00pm CYC
11	General Meeting	7:30pm Presentation
16,	America's Boating Course	6:30pm NFA
18,23,25,30		
May 1	Seamanship Course	7:00pm CYC
2	Bridge Meeting	7:00pm CYC
5	America's Boating Course (Full Day)	9:00am - 5:00pm 84 Diner Fishkill, N. Y.
May 7	Sail Course	7:00pm MYC
9	Annual Auction	6:30pm CYC
June 6	Bridge Meeting	7:00pm CYC
13	June Family Picnic	6:00pm CYC
July 11	Bridge Meeting	7:00pm CYC
20-22	Rendezvous	starts 1:00pm Friday-noon Sunday



Coming this May 9th: **NEWS**

Come to our Annual Auction!!



Not only is this is our major fundraiser - it is a huge amount of fun!! As you know SKPS is the "having fun" squadron. We will have lots of items that all can use. Items related to boating and, of course, eating -- restaurants, places to boat and stay, fun things to use, and just that stuff you have been looking for. Auctioneers Tony, Rose, and George will provide the humor and fun while Jeanette and Helene will ensure that we have enough to eat starting at 6:00. Come eat, view the items to be auctioned and come with your checkbook.

Please ask those vendors, with whom you make purchases and restaurants that you may frequent, for a donation or gift certificates. I have special donation certificates that may be given to those vendors who make donations. Please contact me (845) 820-0990 (c) and I will be sure to get those certificates to you or the vendor.

COME! BID! ENJOY! HAVE FUN!! and Help us raise revenue for our functions.



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.



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

Here's to a safe and wondrous boating season!

SKPS Needs YOU!!

The Education Department is looking for volunteers to help proctor or teach sections of the ABC Boating 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. Please call SEO Wayne Garnsey if you wish to participate.

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.



Mark your Calendars from the Education Department

By SEO Wayne Garnsey, SN
Public Boating Classes Scheduled for the Spring

America's Boating Course; Chart Smart:

Where: NFA Lecture Hall Newburgh, New York
Dates: M&W April 16, 18, 23, 25, 30
Time: 6:30pm - 9pm

America's Boating Course (only)

1 Day Course:

Based upon the successful full day Boating 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 Wayne Garnsey 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 America's Boating Course 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 Wayne 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.

Update on SKPS Change of Watch

On Wednesday, March 14th, SKPS held its 29th Change of Watch in its usual fashion of fun, food, and friendship. There were approximately 60 attendees including our friends from Mid-Hudson Power Squadron. As Cdr. Rose Moskowitz handed over her trident to new Cdr. George Ghirlando, D/C Suzanne Netwich installed our new bridge and our new Commander. A special induction of Commander George was made by our own "Godfather" Stu Steagall with the royal robe, crown and trident. This was followed by a series of interview questions by SKPS Past Commanders to determine if Rose was "worthy" enough to be inducted into the Past Commander's Fraternity. After a number of considerations, it was determined that Cdr. Rose would become P/C and a member of this prestigious group.

Awards were given to all those SKPS members who worked hard and gave of themselves during the year to ensure that all we endeavored to accomplish were successful. Special recognition was given to: Helene Stagliano, Jeanette Sangervasio and Tony DiStefano. In addition, awards were given to teachers, proctors, and assistants of our educational courses. Other recognitions were made to those who had achieved Senior Member status: Rose Moskowitz, Bryan Moskowitz, and Tony DiStefano.

Again through the efforts of Jeanette and Helene, those in attendance were well fed.

7 New members to SKPS were installed by D/C Suzanne Netwich. At that time a winner was chosen for the D2COW raffle - trip to Myrtle Beach, So. Carolina.

SKPS knows how to party -- and we sure proved it once again!!!!

Upcoming Boat Show News

by Lt/C Pete Skorewicz, P

Just a few dates to keep in mind - look ahead to the annual Norwalk boat Show will be September 20th-23rd. A very good web sight for boat shows is—www.boatshows.com—full of information of the various shows sponsored by Discover Boating. Also another web sight—www.usboat.com—contains plenty of information!

SKPS Clothing Update

by 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. We still have beautiful blue shirts from D2 COW. Let me know at our next meeting.

National Safe Boating Week - May 19-25, 2007 PROCLAMATION

Recreational boating is fun and enjoyable, and we are fortunate that we have sufficient resources to accommodate the wide variety of pleasure boating demands. However, our waterways can become crowded at times and be a place of chaos and confusion. While being a marvelous source of recreation, boating, to the unprepared, can be a risky sport. Not knowing or obeying the Navigation Rules or the nautical “Rules of the Road,” drinking alcohol or taking drugs while operating a boat, or choosing not to wear your life jacket when doing so is clearly not the smart thing to do, are all examples of human error or a lack of proper judgment. One particular behavior that can reduce the number of boaters who lose their lives by drowning each year by approximately 80% is the wearing of a life jacket. It is a simple task that has the potential to reduce terrible loss in lives. Knowledge and skills are important in reducing human error and improving judgment. If people are aware of the risk, they are likely to take the precautionary measures to protect themselves and their friends and family. That is why we must continue to spread the messages of boating safety not only during **National Safe Boating Week** but also throughout the entire year.

Whereas, on average, 700 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the U.S.; nearly 70% of these are fatalities caused by drowning; and

Whereas, the vast majority of these accidents are caused by human error or poor judgment and not by the boat, equipment, or environmental factors; and

Whereas, a significant number of boaters who lose their lives by drowning each year would be alive today had they worn their life jackets; and

Therefore, the Storm King Power Squadron does hereby support the goals of the North American Safe Boating Campaign and proclaim May 19-25, 2007, as National Safe Boating Week and the start of the year-round effort to promote safe boating.

In Witness Thereof, we urge all those who boat to **“Boat Smart. Boat Safe. Wear it.” and practice safe boating habits.** Welcome to the 2007 North American Safe Boating Campaign!!

As boating season approaches we are beginning to prepare for another campaign to spread the message of safe and responsible boating. This year we are hoping to educate the boating community about life jacket wear and the options that are available when it comes to comfortable and lightweight jackets. We are also working closely with our partner organizations to create a larger grassroots network and create a more consistent campaign message. We are hoping these collaborative efforts will increase awareness about the importance of wearing life jackets while on the water.

THERE'S NO REASON NOT TO WEAR IT!

It's too hot! It doesn't look cool. I know how to swim. Nothing is going to happen to me. These are just some of the many reasons people claim that they do not wear their life jackets. But with approximately 700 people drowning each year from recreational boating accidents, it is imperative for you to wear your life jacket at all times while you are on the water. Life jackets are no longer the orange, hot and bulky vests that are commonly associated with on the water safety gear. New innovations and developments in life jackets have produced a smaller, sleeker, and much more comfortable version of a life jacket, leaving you with no reason not to WEAR IT!! Whereas, modern life jackets are more comfortable, more attractive, and more wearable than styles of years past and they deserve a fresh look by today's boating public.



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 May meeting to register - this year will prove to be better than ever so reserve you spot early.

Important Announcement to All Members

Newly Installed Slate of Officers 2007

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



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



Safe Boating Checklist

When you're preparing for a day on the water, always cover the basics:

- * Arm yourself with swimming and boating skills: enroll in a swim course and boating course in your area.
- * Buckle up with a comfortable and properly fitted life jacket.
- * Install and maintain a CO detector in accommodation areas. Remember that you can be exposed to dangerous levels of carbon monoxide both inside and outside the boat.
- * Watch the weather to prepare for local conditions and electrical storms. Because water conducts electricity, it is time to stop boating if you can see or hear a storm.
- * Communicate your trip details in case of emergency. Tell your plan to a friend on the mainland: who is on the boat, where you will be, and how long you will be gone.
- * Never operate a boat while or after drinking alcohol.
- * Remember to keep all boat maintenance chemicals in their original containers. Keep these, as well as medications, lighter fluid, bug killers, lamp oil and alcohol out of sight and reach of children.
- * Post the Poison Control Center number, 1-800-222-1222, on the boat and call its 24-hour hotline for any suspected problems or questions concerning carbon monoxide or other poison emergencies.
- * Learn CPR procedures.
- * Maintain constant supervision of children, regardless of their swimming abilities or use of life jackets.
- * Do not swim or wade near a boat's exhaust pipe, sit on the swim platform when the enclosed exhaust vent area under a swim platform! Exhaust from boat engines can be deadly sources of carbon monoxide poisoning.

BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF POISON CONTROL CENTERS AND THE NATIONAL SAFE BOATING COUNCIL



SKPS COW
Rick and Pete;
King George and
Godfather Stu;
PC Rose kissing
Stu's ring;
D/C Marty and
P/D/C Suzanne
Netwich at D2
COW





P/C Rose placing Cdr. George; P/C Rose getting burgee; At D2 COW P/C Rose receiving D2Flag Lt Burgee; having a laugh at SKPS COW; Installation of the SKPS bridge; Installation of new members



Top left: April meeting; Carole Donovan being installed; D2 new Bridge; King George in the Cake; P/C George Danko from MHPS presenting at April meeting

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