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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

By: Cdr. George P. Ghirlando, AP



Ahoy! Squadron Members!

Yesterday I was at my yacht club and had a field day (read my column inside for the nautical meaning that expression) on my boat as I gave a final cleaning of George's Angel II before we wrapped her up for the winter. As I was doing that, the quote from Robert N. Rose came to mind: "Land was created to provide a place for boats to visit." However, in this part of the world boats not only visit, but stay the winter. Boat yards all up and down the east coast become boat motels. It is a period of deep sleep and hibernation for the vessels we love and fret about. And while we wait for Spring and rebirth of our boating life, what do landlubbers do?

This is an excellent question answered by the carrion cry of the old fashion newspaper boys, yelling in the street, "Extra! Extra! Read all about it!" Inside this issue of our newsletter are many wonderful and exciting things to do with just your squadron alone. One example is to join us at our next meeting, Wednesday, November 14th, at 6:30 p.m, at the Cornwall Yacht Club, for a light repast, and a presentation by the author Jim Heron, the author of, "Dennings Point." He will be there with his visuals, stories and of course his book. I heard him speak before on this topic, and invited him to share it with us. Jim has a long and colorful background, which I hope he will share as well. Then is our Holiday Party on Saturday, December 1st, at CYC. Believe me Storm King Power Squadron really knows how to throw a party. There is always great food and live music. And what better place then right on the Hudson River in winter?

Besides the wonderful social activities, we are constantly giving courses to the public and our members. Please contact us about these events and find out how we can help you participate with us while our boats are visiting on land.

Have a great nautical day!

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-Robert N. Rose



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SKPS Educational Department

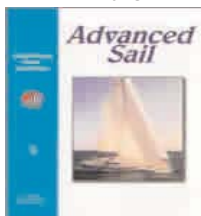
by SEO P/D/C Wayne Garnsey, SN

Sail 102 Students Take Test

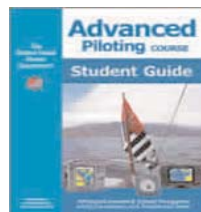
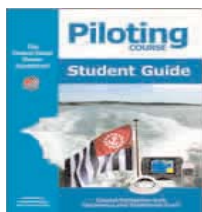
The Sail 102 class, under the able instruction of Tony DiStefano, has completed its work and 14 students took their final test. We wish them all well and hope for a 100% passing. Ragman Pilot DiStefano (ask him about that one) seems pretty smug and happy now that he has added "before the mast" fourteen able body sailors. However, "stink potter" Garnsey is also happy that there are more sailors. "After all," he was quoted as saying, "with the shortages in fuel, those guys using the wind will leave more diesel for the rest of us..."

It seems that riding "before the wind" is not good enough for Tony, as now he is riding "on the wind!"

Congratulations, Tony, on your new method of getting higher - flying, that is!



Piloting is being taught by Phil Cameron & Mike Mattausch and Advance Piloting just began and is being taught by Bryan Moskowitz & Rick Emanuel.



Winter Engine Maintenance Class Proposed

Instructor Nick Stagliano has offered to teach the NEW ENGINE MAINTENANCE course (see other article on new EM course) during this winter. If you are interested, please call Nick or Wayne Garnsey (845-342-1677 days - 845-496-5950 evenings) to get on the list for the new EM class materials. The cost of the course is \$50.00 which covers all course materials, shipping, and tests. Sign up! Engine Maintenance 2007



New **Engine Maintenance Course 2007** is now available at USPS HQ. This new course is complete in one student manual with one exam. It is a complete rewrite, not a rehash of the old course. The new edition has been put into one ten chapter course that stresses the diagnosis of modern systems, while also teaching the basics of engine layout and operation. Gasoline inboards, outboards, and diesel engines are taught in a that reinforces the common aspects of how engines work.

Modern engines offer high reliability and good performance through the use of computerized systems for fuel delivery and engine timing. Most of these systems are "black boxes" that can no longer be serviced by weekend mechanics with ordinary tools. The EM course covers those repairs that do-it-yourselfers can still perform, teaches how to diagnose problems that might be beyond your ability to fix, and how to share information with your mechanic so the right repairs get performed. The new Engine Maintenance 2007 also covers basic mechanical systems such as drive systems (propellers), steering systems, and engine controls.

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS!!

New Bylaws for SKPS Approved

P/D/C Artemas M. Pickard, SN (now of Scarborough, ME) gave final USPS Committee on Rules approval on 22 October 2007 to the revised Storm King Power Squadron Bylaws. At the SKPS Executive Committee meeting, 7 November 2007, SKPS Rules Committee Chairman, P/D/C Wayne Garnsey, SN provided copies of the new bylaws to the members present. The balance of the copies of the new Bylaws was given to Secretary Lt/C Bill Zink, AP to be given out at the General Member meeting, 14 November 2007. If you miss the meeting, please contact Secretary Zink for your copy.

NOW HEAR THIS.....

Boat Operator Certification Is Underway by SEO Wayne Garnsey, SN

Boat Operator Certification (BOC) is a new program for USPS. With BOC, we will be certifying our members as recreational boat operators at one of four levels ranging from certification to operate on rivers and small lakes up to ocean crossings. We are now rolling out the first level, Inland Navigator. To manage this program, we are training certifiers who will observe and document skill demonstrations and help members with other aspects of the program.

We plan to have certifiers in every squadron. Each certifier will report to one of eight regional chairmen of certifiers, also called regional certifiers. Each district is assigned to one of eight geographic regions. Regional certifiers have one or two assistants, depending on the membership in the region, and report to the NEO. Some certifiers are also specially trained to teach the US Sailing Safe Powerboat Handling on-the-water course. They are called advanced certifiers and will also report to the regional certifier or in some cases could also be a regional certifier.

At this time, regional and assistant certifiers have been assigned for all regions and advanced certifiers for all regions except Southwest and Pacific Islands. We expect to train more advanced certifiers soon.

We are preparing a web site that will have more information, including the complete certification manual, certifier training presentations, and contact information for the assigned regional, assistant regional and advanced certifiers as well as useful forms and tools for certification.

The regional certifiers are now running training seminars for certifiers in their regions. If you would like to be a certifier, ask your SEO to nominate you by submitting a nomination form to the regional certifier. Nomination forms and the Candidate's Guide for Inland Navigator Certification will also be available on the web site. Be part of this exciting new program.

On the Water Skills

As part of the new Boat Operator Certification program now being rolled out by USPS, eight of your fellow members completed a US Sailing Safe Powerboat Certified Instructor Course and are now USPS instructors for that course. This course, that will be offered to USPS members, is a way to both learn and demonstrate the skills required for the Inland Navigator (IN) level of the USPS Boat Operator Certification (BOC) Program.

Although all eight students were experienced boaters, the skills learned included on-the-water maneuvers that they had not done before or had not done in a long time. It did, of course, teach how to handle boats safely in tight quarters around docks, other boats and people in the water. In the open water, there were demonstration skills that included high speed turns, stops and other maneuvers they had not done before. The idea, of course, was to give the confidence needed to handle a boat under power in a variety of situations and transfer that confidence to USPS students

So now that USPS has a few Safe Powerboat Handling (SPH) instructors who are BOC advanced certifiers, we have the beginning of the infrastructure needed to help our members complete Boat Operator Certification. These advanced certifiers will now train other advanced certifiers.

All members need to demonstrate basic boat handling skills to be certified. We will encourage new boaters to enroll in the SPH on-the-water program and even experienced boaters should consider completing it. Alternatively, our experienced members can demonstrate their skills to a certifier on-the-water thereby completing the powerboat handling skill requirement without taking the Safe Powerboat Handling program.

All of the advanced certifiers are very enthusiastic and ready to go. They feel that the on-the-water boat handling program will be a great addition to the educational opportunities now offered to our members.

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>
Nov. 7	Bridge Meeting	7:00pm CYC
14	General Bridge Meeting	7:30pm CYC -- Speaker
Dec. 1	Holiday Party	6:30pm CYC -- Dinner and Dance
5	Bridge Meeting	7:00pm CYC
Jan. 2	Bridge Meeting	7:00pm CYC
9	General Membership Meeting	7:30pm CYC - Election of officers
Feb. 6	Bridge Meeting	7:00pm CYC
13	General Membership Meeting	7:30pm CYC
Mar. 5	Bridge Meeting	7:00pm CYC
12	General Membership Meeting - "Change of Watch"	6:00pm CYC - COW
April 2	Bridge Meeting	7:00pm CYC
9	General Membership Meeting	7:30pm CYC - Speaker



Up Coming Boat Show News

By AO Pete Skorewicz, P

Looking ahead the **New York Power Boat Show** at the Javits Center will be December 29, 2007 through January 6, 2008. Further down the road will be the **Atlantic City Boat Show** at Convention Center from February 6th through the 10th 2008. As usual I'll get the bus trip organized for that one. An excellent source for information is the web sight www.boatshows.com. And the **Rockland County Boat Show**, March 13th through the 16th, 2008.

S.K.P.S. Clothing Update

Many people have asked me about the shirt order. Unfortunately, last year I had been trying to get orders together, but we still do not have enough shirts to make the 36 piece minimum I need to place an order for shirts. Again if anyone is interested in a T-shirt, hooded sweatshirt, regular sweatshirt, of a staff shirt please let me know so hopefully I can get an order placed. Sorry to all those people who have been waiting!!

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. Give me a call or send me an E-mail if you would like a burgee.

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.



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

Here's to a safe and wondrous boating season!

WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?

By: Cdr. George P. Ghirlando, AP

Field day As a child we had field day once a year at our school. There may games and activities scheduled, and also prizes were given out for good performances. This tradition is still being down in schools everywhere. Also, I heard the expression used in other contexts, "She took her holiday money and had a field day shopping at the mall." But I never guessed its origin is nautical, until I was preparing my column. Well, here it is the nautical meaning for: Field day.

It refers to the activity of cleaning up above and below deck, usually in readiness for an inspection, or scrubbing any of the ship's gear. Seaman took great pride in their ship, it being a matter of great honor to them never to permit another vessel to disgrace their own when it came to matters of appearance and conduct.

I suspect most of us had a field day recently when our own boats came out of the water and ready of winter storage. Our members did plenty of cleaning and scrubbing above and below deck. Next spring we all do it again to get ready to launch our love boats for summer.

Trawlerfest

By Bill and Amy Denison

In early August, there was a gathering of trawler cruising enthusiasts for a three-day series of seminars and boat show at Mystic, CT, sponsored by Passage-maker Magazine. Amy and I were two of the approximately 200 seminar participants who were there to share stories and to learn different aspects of cruise planning and safety preparedness. Each day started with two seminar sessions followed by lunch. The afternoons were set aside for exploring the historic seaport and learning some local history. Dinners were part of a social time we spent each day getting to know other folks with the same interests.

Seminars included presentations on emergency situations that may occur at sea such as flooding, fire and grounding. Having proper spares was also discussed. It is amazing what a roll of duct tape can accomplish as a temporary repair. It is essential that there be a good compliment of filters, hoses and belts on board. As a general rule if it pumps, turns or carries fluid you should carry a spare. That is fairly simplistic but think about the basics that can put a stop to an enjoyable day on the water.

There were other seminars that talked about cruising the NY canal system and the Intra Coastal Waterway and the Gota Canal in Sweden. All the presenters shared their experiences and offered tips.

There were many trawler boat manufactures represented showing off their new models. The PDQ Power Cat was the most interesting design that had 2 staterooms in each hull with a large salon in between. There were several Krogens on display as well as Nordhavns, Grand Banks and Nordic Tugs. Owner's boats were also on display and offered their hospitality on board. We met people from as far away as Florida, North Carolina, Ohio and Canada, and even a retired pilot from United Airlines.

Watch for next years Trawlerfest and plan on attending



SKPS Scholarship Important Notice --- from the Scholarship Trustees

Each year SKPS awards scholarships to a graduating senior whose parent is a member of either SKPS, CYC, MYC, and/or NYC.

Its never too early to begin thinking about an upcoming graduate for next year and have them apply for this award. For further information on how to apply call either Bryan Moskowitz or Rich Hollahan.



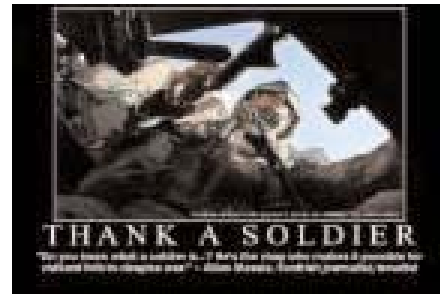
Something Cool that Xerox is Doing

If you go to this web site:
www.letssaythanks.com. you can pick out a thank you card and Xerox will print it. Then it will be sent to a soldier that is currently serving in Iraq. You can't pick out who gets it, but it will go to some member of the armed services.

How AMAZING it would be if we could get everyone we know to send one!!!

This is a great site. Send a card.
It is FREE and it only takes a second.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if the soldiers received a bunch of these? Whether you are for or against the war, our guys and gals over there need to know we are behind them



Update From the A O

by AO Pete Skorewicz, P

Atlantic City Bus Trip

As I mentioned at the September meeting there was a change in weekends for the Atlantic City Boat Show for this year. It actually falls on the second weekend of February from the 6th through the 10th. I will arrange to have our yearly trip on Saturday February 9th, leaving from the Newburgh Mall at 8:00am and returning at 10:30pm. I will have more information to follow when I get the pricing from the bus company. But mark your calendars now. More information about the show can be obtained at www.acboatshow.com.

Cruising with the MAR-KAT and Bill and Amy Denison

Leaving the colors of fall behind us, we traveled to North Fort Myers, Florida to escape work and play on the MAR-KAT, which we haven't seen since January. The weather was quite hot in Florida. The first two days we were there it was in the low 90's and very humid. It was nice to feel the summer warmth again.

In the slip she was as we had left her, nice and clean and ready for a cruise. One thing was different and that was she had new upholstery throughout and all new electronics. Our radar and autopilot had recently failed and we decided to install an integrated Raymarine GPS, radar and autopilot package. After spending the night at the dock, we were ready to take the MAR-Kat out for a sea trial with the folks from Seatech who installed the new equipment. They needed to calibrate the autopilot under way and they offered some on-water training. There are many functions to learn and after the sea trial we had 2 hours of dockside training learning how to insert waypoints and autopilot functions. I have a feeling that we have just touched the surface. We will learn more on the water.

The next day we set off for a three day cruise around Pine Island Sound. We found a nice anchorage in Pelican Bay just north of Cabbage Key. The rains came just as we set the anchor in the afternoon so we stayed inside and read boating magazines and monitored our anchor for dragging as it was quite windy. It held fast and we had an enjoyable evening dinner and sleep.

The next morning we launched the inflatable and cruised around the local waters to explore the nature preserve that surrounded the bay. We landed on a sandy beach and explored for a sort time. Hoisting anchor we set out for Ussepa Island, which is a private island that has history that dates back hundreds of years with the Indians of that time. In the 1800's it was an island that was quite famous for fishing and people came from all over to catch large Tarpon. They would row out in skiffs to catch one hundred pound fish. I wonder who was catching whom? As we were guests of one of the residents of the island, we got a guided tour from Vic Hansen and then enjoyed a nice meal at the Ussepa Inn that night.

We left Ussepa the following morning for a run out Boca Grand Pass into the blue water to do some work with our new electronics. The GPS was right on the money and the radar was rotating above our heads as we gained experience on interpreting targets. The autopilot guided us to our waypoints and finally we arrived back at North Fort Myers dock where we needed to do a thorough wash down of the boat and get ready to go home.

We are already planning our next adventure on the MAR-KAT in March. Then, we will leave the snow behind us.



**Come One !!!
Come All!!!**

**Come to our November
14th General Membership meeting at
7:30pm at the Cornwall Yacht Club.**

**We will have refreshments, 50/50
and best of all a great speaker, Jim
Heron, who will share with us informa-
tion about Denining's Point.**





Now Here This... □
Come One! Come All!
2007 Storm King Power Squadron
Holiday Party

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1TH
AT CORNWALL YACHT CLUB
STARTING AT 6:30PM - MIDNIGHT**

FOOD, MUSIC, DANCING, CHINESE AUCTION
(BRING A WRAPPED GIFT FOR AROUND \$5)
AND LOTS OF FUN !!!!

cost: \$35/person

**PLEASE MAKE RESERVATION BY
NOVEMBER 15TH**
call either: Helene (564-1107), or
Jeanette (564-2590)

Be there or be square!

→ **LAST chance to sign up -- need to call in numbers to caterer**



**News From
the Nominating Committee '07**

Wishing All our Storm King Power Squadron members and associate members and their families heartfelt, warm wishes for a healthy, happy



Let's also celebrate the 400th Anniversary of the Voyage of the Half Moon by Henry Hudson and the discovery of the Hudson River



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The following are the nominees for Storm King Power Squadron for 2008. These nominees will be presented at the November General Membership Meeting and voted upon at the January Annual Meeting. All elected officers will be installed in March during the annual Change of Watch:

Commander:	George Ghirlando, AP
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Administrative Officer:	Peter Skorewicz, P
Education Officer:	Nathan Sobelman, P
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Treasurer:	Richard Hollahan, AP
Assistant SEO:	** TBA

Members at Large (7): John Ledwith IV, Amy Denison, Bryan Moskowitz, John Cuneo, James Nugent

Rules Committee: Wayne Garnsey, Luis Rodriguez, John Ledwith IV

Audit Committee: Bryan Moskowitz, Manny Sangervasio, Nick Stagliano

Nominating Committee: Rose Moskowitz, Manny Sangervasio, Wayne Garnsey

