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A Message From the Bridge

To all our wonderful members -- May you and your family have a happy, healthy, and safe boating New Year! As we enter this new year filled with hope and wonder may we experience peace and understanding and good health. May our boating days be sunny and safe and may all our experiences be exciting and filled with joy.

There are many wonderful activities being planned for you so let's watch for the announcements, attend our monthly meetings, and most of all come out and participate in all of them - here's to FUN!!!!

Important: Be sure to attend our January 9th meeting as we will be voting for the new Bridge and hearing the annual reports from the current bridge.



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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. Call Nat or Wayne.

Holiday Honesty by Garry Dugan

The Newburgh Yacht Club, (of which I am a member), had their annual Christmas Party on Dec. 1st, upstairs at Pamela's On The Hudson and my wife, Lorraine , and I went. When we came home, Lorraine discovered that her engagement ring was missing. She has been wearing it for 38 years. I don't know what it is worth now, but 38 years ago, I paid \$1300.00 for it. I'm guessing that today, it's worth at least \$10,000.00. Anyway, after searching the car and tracking her footsteps into the house, I called Pamela's, and there was no answer. The next morning, Lorraine called again, and after telling them what happened, the employees started searching. One of the bus-boys found it at the coat rack. She probably lost it after taking off her coat. He was rewarded, of course. However, I thought that the members of the Power Squadron would like to know about the honesty of the employees at Pamela's, and if you are able, give them your support. Happy Holidays.

Atlantic City Boat Show

Hello Everyone and a very Happy New Year to you!

from Lt/C Pete Skorewicz, P

I have secured the bus for our trip to Atlantic City for the boat Show on Saturday, February 9, 2008. As in past years we will go to Bally's Casino which is about 5 blocks from the Convention Center where the Boat Show is held. We have a 49 passenger bus as we did last year so space will fill up quickly. The cost will be the same as it was last year:

\$40.00 per person

"includes a tip for the driver"

\$15.00 back in coin voucher from Bally's

We will meet at the Newburgh Mall 7:45 am that Saturday morning for an 8:00am departure. We have a 7 hour stay in Atlantic City and leave for home at 7:00pm getting us back to Newburgh by 10:30pm. Please E-mail me or call me ASAP to confirm your seat. as always the trip is done on a first come first serve basis. We always have plenty of snacks and a movie for the ride home as well. Hope to see you all.

HOLIDAY TRAGEDY*by Bill Burbage, P*

It is with great sorrow and a heavy heart, that we announce the sudden and unexpected demise of “Frosty”our beloved twinkle lighted Snowman.

Thanks to the generosity and truly wonderful gift giving Christmas Spirit of our dear friends and fellow Storm King Power Squadron members Pat & Tony Martin, our “Frosty” spent several past Holiday Seasons standing in front of the Burbage mansion. He could be seen nightly...completely lit against the chilly December frigid weather.... cheerfully greeting passerby’s with his top hat aglow!

On Wednesday morning, January 2, 2008, “Frosty’s” broken and battered body was discovered at 6:30am, lying still without any sign of life, in the frozen ice and snow. “Frosty” suffered a fractured skull as the result of being viciously thrown to the ground off the mansion front steps. This literally...put “Frosty’s” lights out for the final time! A preliminary investigation revealed “Frosty” to be the victim of a homicide! The prime suspect in this dastardly deed is Mother Nature. The weapon of choice suspected to be a strong gust of wind during the early morning hours! Since there are no witnesses to this crime...this is pure speculation! A reward is being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible.

“Frosty’s” broken and battered body was rushed into the workshop and crazy glue was applied to the fractured body parts as a last ditch effort to revive “Frosty” but in vain! Workmen were unable to save “Frosty” and efforts were discontinued when they were unable to detect a “spark” of life!

“Frosty’s” body was removed from the scene after being placed in a black, heavy duty, Black & Decker garbage bag, and his remains were transported to the Orange County Recycling Dump for interment. Donations to the “Replace Frosty Memorial Fund” may be sent to the Burbage mansionno checks pleasecash gratefully accepted.

Thank you, The Burbage Family

Important Announcement**Hear Yea!!! Hear Yea!!!**

All members of Storm King Power Squadron are called to the January 9th General Membership Meeting. This is our annual election of officers and annual bridge reports. The following lists the Slate of Officers for 2008

Cdr.	George Ghirlando, AP
Executive Officer	William Denison, P
Administrative Officer	Peter Skorewicz, P
Education Officer	Nat Sobelman, P
Secretary	William Zink, AP
Treasurer	Richard Hollahan, AP
Assistant SEO	Anthony DiStafano, AP

Members at Large: 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

Be sure to attend this important meeting and VOTE!!

**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 2008

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 2	Bridge Meeting	7:00pm CYC
9	General Meeting Election	7:00pm CYC Annual Report and Elections!
Feb. 6	Bridge Meeting	7:00pm CYC
9	Atlantic City Boat Show	7:30am Newburgh Mall
13	General Meeting	7:30pm Presentation
21-24	USPS Annual Meeting	Texas
Mar. 5	Bridge Meeting	7:00pm CYC
12	General Meeting Change of Watch	6:30pm CYC
April 2	Bridge Meeting	7:00pm CYC
9	General Membership Meeting	7:30pm CYC
May 7	Bridge Meeting	7:00pm CYC
14	Annual Auction	Refreshments 6:00pm



Upcoming Boating Course - ABC by Lt/C Nat Sobelman, P

Happy New Year to you all,
We have confirmation for Saturday, March 22, '08 to offer the ABC Boating course at the 84 Diner in Fishkill starting at 8:00 am. The cost for the course, including continental breakfast, & lunch is \$65.00.

Please share this information with your family, friends, and fellow boaters who have not as yet taken a boating course. Encourage them to participate in this important program -- for their safety and ours!!!

Also any member who would like to participate and share their expertise and enthusiasm, please call me and I would be happy to have you attend.

Anyone interested in taking our great Engine Maintenance course with Nick Stagliano, please contact me so we can set up a date.

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 fall!

Upcoming January Meeting by AO Lt/C Pete Skorewicz, P

On Wednesday, January 9th SKPS will be having its annual reporting from the bridge. In addition it is time to elect our new officers. The nominating committee presented the slate at our November meeting and it is now time to vote on that slate. So please join SKPS members as they conduct a very important activity as part of our organization. It sll starts at 7:30pm at 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 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 March 22, 2008

ABC Boating 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 March 22. To all those members who participated in this program in the past a special thank you as your services ensured the success.

Where: I-84 Diner Fishkill, New York

Date: Saturday March 22th

Time: 9am - 5pm

Includes: Continental bkfst, lunch, & coffee all day

Information From the Education Department:

Congratulations Sailors



Word has come from the USPS Educational Department that Storm King now has 13 additional sailors. Our members completing and passing both Sail 101 and 102 include, our District Commander - Martin Feldberg, Ingrid Anderson, Amy and Bill Denison, Pat and Tony Martin, Bernard Mazer, Rose and Bryan Moskowicz, our incoming SEO - Nat Sobelman, Linda Stulgis. and our Sail instructor - Tony DiStefano, Congratulations all!

Educational Achievement Award

The highest educational achievement in USPS is completing all six grades - Seamanship, Piloting, Advanced Piloting, Junior Navigation, and Navigation - and also passing the six electives - Cruise Planning, Engine Maintenance, instructor Development, Marine Electronics, Weather, and Sail. The completion of all these courses results in a grade of Navigator (N). This is the highest educational recognition award given by USPS. A person with this award is known as a Senior Navigator, and uses the printed grade designation of SN. In the past, a Senior Navigator was referred to as a "Full Certificate" and used the printed grade designation of N.

With the successful completion of Sail 101 and 102, two of our members have now earned the Educational Achievement Award - **Ingrid Anderson and Bernard Mazer.**
CONGRATULATIONS! They now join our one other full certificate holder, P/D/C Wayne Garnsey, SN. If all goes according to the "norm," Ingrid and Ben will receive their beautiful Educational Achievement Plaques from the Chief's Rep at the District 2 Spring Conference in March.

BOATING GUIDE to AMERICA

Boating Guide to America is written collaboratively by thousands of USPS members! It uses a special type of website, called a "wiki", that makes collaboration easy. You may already be familiar with "Wikipedia", a hugely popular collaborative encyclopedia. Boating Guide to America is like a "boating destinations" version of Wikipedia.

The results of our effort are an on-line boating guide available to the public through the USPS web site. It appears as a USPS boating guide titled "Boating Guide to America". Preview it by looking at the web site <http://www.boatingguidetoamerica.com/> As you can see the "Boating Guide to America", covers virtually every harbor and port-of-call in America and is accessible through USPS websites. The content includes Charts, photographs, port facilities, emergency services, things to do while in port, restaurants, anchorages, history and much, much more. And all USPS members are eligible to contribute to the content.

Don't be afraid to edit-any USPS member can edit almost any page, and we encourage you to be bold! Find something that can be improved, either in content, grammar or formatting, and fix it. Or add an article about your favorite boating destination - coastal, lake or river. Your changes will be recorded as "recent changes". Inappropriate changes will be removed by a USPS Moderator, and repeat offenders will be blocked from editing. You can't break this website. Anything can be fixed or improved later. So go ahead, edit an article and help make Boating Guide to America the best information source on boating destinations on the Internet! We are in partnership with Maptech, who provides the computer facilities and the software support. The software has been written, the computers have been purchased, the system has been tested and is up and running.

Annual Report of the Educational Department - 2007 SEO Wayne Garnsey, SN

Concerning Storm King's on-going Educational Achievements, year Two Thousand and Seven has continued the educational success of the Members of the Storm King Power Squadron. In accordance with the USPS Mission Triangle, Storm King conducted a number of Self-education courses for our Squadron Members; Advanced Grade courses included: Seamanship, Piloting, and Advanced Piloting. Elective courses included: Sail 101 and 102, Engine Maintenance, and a few final completions of the Weather course. The Squadron also conducted an all-day ABC public course at the 84 Diner in Fishkill, New York where 47 students were graduated. Two of our long-time members, Ingrid Anderson and Bernard Mazer completed their full certificate and earned the USPS highest member educational standing, the Educational Achievement Award, with the grade of Senior Navigator. They join Past District Commander Wayne Garnsey, SN; thus, Storm King now boasts three Full Certificates. In addition, a CPR-AED course was conducted with 19 SKPS Members receiving or renewing their certification in infant through adult CPR and AED operation. The Squadron conducted an Instructor Development Program and 22 SKPS Members were qualified or requalified with Instructor Certification through 2011. This makes a total of 30 SKPS Members with full teaching credentials.

The success of the SKPS educational program is the Educational TEAM: The instructors and proctors of our Storm King Educational Team for 2007 include: Manny and Jeanette Sangervasio, Bryan and Rose Moskowitz, Rich Hollahan, Bill Burbage, Pete and Lisa Skorewicz, Phil Cameron, Tony DiStefano, Nat Sobelman, Nick Stagliano, George Chirlando, Jane and Wayne Garnsey, Chris Jinks, Steve and Yvonne Linderman, Martin and Ina Feldberg, Kathy and Jim Nugent, Brian Lester, Sally and Mike Mattausch, Paul Genco, David and Barbara Levi, Rick Emanuel, and Linda Stulgis and Bob Ingram. What an incredible and dedicated teaching staff! Finally, my deep personal thanks to Assistant Squadron Educational Officer, Nathan Sobelman for his yeomans work and support of the Squadron Educational Officer and the Squadron. The Squadron's education future and fate could not be placed into better, more capable and willing hands. Nat, thank you and congratulations on both District and National approval of your election as SEO. Thanks also to Tony DiStefano for again coming forward to be the Asst. SEO for 2008. There is no question that this next year will be a continuing banner year for the Educational Department of the Storm King Power Squadron.

UPDATED COURSES - USPS

Early this calendar year, USPS issued major updates to three courses: Seamanship; JN; and Engine Maintenance. Seamanship and JN went through extensive beta programs late last year with excellent feedback. These new courses represent a major breakthrough in content and course structure. All are selling at a rate over three-times greater than recent years. The new JN, in just 10 weeks, covers offshore navigation using celestial sights of the Sun as the backup to electronics. Seamanship includes substantial coverage of boat handling and navigation rules and its content now represents a significant step beyond basic boating. Engine Maintenance covers modern engines and diagnostic troubleshooting with of new electronically controlled engines. The Navigation course companion to JN is in development with a beta early 2008. Weather has been rewritten and has entered beta review. Updates for Sail and Instructor Development are also in the works and will be beta tested next year.

BOAT OPERATOR CERTIFICATION

A major initiative under USPS University is BOC it will issue certificates of boating competency that will be widely recognized. We began this effort with planning and have spent considerable effort to brief what we are doing to the Coast Guard and the boating community. Feedback has been excellent. Basically, we are offering a recreational boating credential heretofore largely unavailable short of a professional Coast Guard license. These certifications require completion of a set of USPS courses and seminars for each of the four levels, and demonstration of skills appropriate to each level. The Inland Navigator Certificate requires demonstration of on-the-water powerboat handling skills. We have adapted the U.S. Sailing Safe Powerboat program to our needs and as part of our partnership with them, U.S. Sailing has trained a number of our instructors. The rollout of BOC is awaiting implementation of new insurance coverage that will backup our instructors while on the water. This should be available within a few months. Inland certification will be released first, followed shortly by Coastal Certification. Advanced Coastal and Offshore certifications will come next year and into 2009. Any member interested in learning more about BOC go to the web site

www.usps.org/national/eddept/boc/main

Administrative Officer report 2007 - AO Peter Skorewicz, P

This past year was another busy year for Storm King Power Squadron. We hit the ground running with our annual meeting in January where the new slate of officers was introduced and voted in. Then in February we had our annual bus trip to Atlantic City for the boat show. We had 39 SKPS members, family and friends take the trip. The boat show was great as was the bus ride with all the food and of course the movies we watched as well. In March we had a busy month with our own "Change of Watch" and our biggest event in March was hosting the District 2 "Change of Watch" where our own member Martin Feldberg was installed as our District Commander. Thanks to all who helped make the weekend a success at the Poughkeepsie Best Western.

In May we held our annual SKPS auction to raise funds for our squadron. My thanks to all that helped to secure donations from various businesses and to those who donated items as well, especially to Rose Moskowitz and Helene Stagliano for their extra hard work. We had a very successful year again raising over \$2000.00. Also thanks to our friends from Mid Hudson for coming that night. In June we held our annual summer picnic at CYC. We had guests from our neighboring squadrons and of course our gracious hosts from Cornwall Yacht Club attend. Thanks to all who helped out at the picnic as the food and good times were plentiful!

July saw SKPS return to Hop-O-Nose Marina for our rendezvous. We did have some weather issues Friday evening but we ended up with close to 70 members and friends over the course of the weekend. We had fun with the introduction of some contests this year from our Commander. Thanks to everybody who came and brought food and goodies to make this year another success. Also thanks to our host Shawn and his staff from the marina for taking care of all our needs. After a busy summer we returned in September with another pizza party meeting. Some of our members shared stories of what they did over the summer and the Commander outlined his goals for the following months. We also had a guest speaker for the evening, Charlie from Oceans Marine Service in Peekskill. Charlie is a marine surveyor and gave us a wealth of information. Also in September we participated at the Norwalk Boat Show with other squadrons in District 2. Thanks to our members who helped out at the booth over that weekend.

At our October meeting we were treated with a guest speaker from our Squadron. Nick Stagliano gave a presentation of winterizing your boat. It was a very informative presentation and a big thank you to Nick. At our November meeting we had a guest speaker, Jim Herron. Jim gave a presentation on Denning's Point and also has a book that he wrote on the subject. Thank you to Jim for coming to our meeting. We wrapped up 2007 with our annual holiday party at CYC. There was good food, music and holiday cheer. We held our Chinese auction and everyone had a great time. Thanks to all who helped make the evening a success, especially to Rose, Helene and Jeanette.

I would like to thank everyone who helped make my job as Administrative Officer easier especially my wife Lisa. Without the efforts and the time spent by our members, SKPS would not be successful. Everyone has something to add and I encourage comments and suggestions from our members. I look forward to being your Admin Officer again in 2008. Thank you all again!

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT'S FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO SUCCESS OF USPS

Our educational programs also represent a major element of operating margin to support program development and operations. The two major USPS revenue components are dues and education. Of the two, educational programs last year produced 30% of the USPS gross revenue after cost of materials. This year, we expect that to rise to 34% and with the addition of more public programs in the seminar series, the educational component is expected to rise to 40% or more. These operating revenues help to keep dues down while providing needed services for our members. Anecdotal data from squadrons indicate that many squadrons are also supporting much of their operating costs via the educational programs. It is with that in mind that the department seeks to expand the product line to increase offerings.

Happy Birthday to the following members whose Birthdays were in December:

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| 10- Sean Jinks | 12- Yvonne Linderman |
| 15- Madaline Knaggs | 16- Jayme Bussell |
| 25- Christopher Jinks | 29- Eileen Ternay and |
| 31- Bryan Moskowitz | Manny Sangervasio |





Thanks to CYC Auxillary for a beautifully decorated room!



S K P S Holiday Party -- a great time was had by all who attended!!!



Great food and wonderful music shared by fabulous friends!



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