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District 2



COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr. George P. Ghirlando, AP

My Reflections

Recently I went to China and spent six weeks there to marry my fiancé in her hometown of Chongqing. While I was there I was asked many questions about American life and what I do here in the states. Naturally the United States Power Squadron came up as I mentioned our activities here in many of my conversations. While I was there, I had the opportunity to reflect on what a year it has been for all of us at Storm King.

We are so pleased and proud that we have five members either working on a national or district level for U.S.P.S. Of course our own Martin Feldberg has served this year's District 2 Commander, as well being active as a Governing Board Member for National. On the topic of members, our squadron this year has grown to a record high.

Our meetings were always rich in fellowship and education, having this year eleven speakers who came to us and made informative presentations. Our boating activities were numerous including, but not restricted to, raft-ups, and a July rendezvous. Our member participated in district affairs, national affairs and community affairs. Our education department was busy with the public boating courses, Seamanship, Piloting and Advanced Piloting. In addition, we held elective courses in Engine Maintenance, Sail, Weather, and ID. And in regards to education, we have another two Full Certificate Members: Ingrid Anderson, and Ben Mazer.

Our achievements were also recognized with an Excellence in Journalism for "The Crown," with P/C Rose Moskowitz, AP, at the helm of the presses, who is also our District Flag Lieutenant. There was recognition in the areas of USPS Education Fund, new member recognition awards to Manny Sangervasio and myself. The squadron gave out scholarship awards to students for Storm King Power Squadron, Cornwall Yacht Club, Marlboro Yacht Club, Newburgh Yacht Club and Newburgh Free Academy.

At our Change of Watch this year I am going to elaborate on all the achievements of our members and recognize those who will receive meritorious recognition of the work they accomplished. Any attempt to remember all and name all in this limited space is to try to empty the ocean into a small cup. Just in closing, a great big "Thank You" to each member who came forward whether asked or not, to all those who helped because they are friends of Storm King, and to all those in the dark of night worked without ceremony just for the love of it all.

Have a great nautical season!

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Report From Acting Commander Executive Officer Bill Denison, AP

As acting commander, I will say a few words for the Crown. Winter seems to be never ending this year but one thing is certain and that Spring will come and the shrink wrap will come off and we will be back on the water. A few weeks ago I was in Destin Florida on vacation seeking refuge from the cold. I was surrounded by water and the Gulf Intra-Coastal Waterway was a few hundred yards away. My mission was golfing but I could not help but think about boating and fishing. I was able to find a local boat show and Amy and I could not resist spending a few hours looking at boats we didn't need. Yes.....boating is a sickness or maybe better described as a disease. We did meet some nice people and we saw a boat that was worth \$1,000,000 that would do about 85 knots. I bet it got good gas mileage. Needless to say there was not a long line to look at it.

So here we are back in snow country. There are several more general meeting that will be fun for all. The Change of Watch, Annual Auction and the June picnic. We welcome Commander George back from his honeymoon and hope he has some good stories to share with us. I want to thank the membership and the executive committee for their help and guidance they offered me during the past few months while George was gone.
Best regards and thanks to all.

Atlantic City Boat Show by Lt/C Pete Skorewicz, P

I want to thank everyone who came on our trip to Atlantic City on February 9th to Bally's Casino and the Boat Show. We had quite a few people this year who could not make it at the last minute but we still had 26 on the bus. Welcome to all our new friends who came this year. Also I want to thank West Point Tours for a safe and comfortable ride and also big thanks to Nat for bringing us a great movie for the ride home.

Special Note of Thanks

On behalf of our family, Lisa & I would like to thank our "second family"—SKPS—for all the phone calls, E-mails, cards, flowers and those who came to the wake and funeral for my Mother on February 7th and 8th. It has been a tough few months with every thing that happened but it was a great feeling for Lisa and me to have all of your support during this difficult time. Again a heart felt thank you!

Tri-State Boat Show at Rockland Community College

The weekend of March 14, 15, and 16th will be the Boat Show at the campus of Rockland community College in Suffern, NY. Thank you to our new members from Tappan Zee Squadron for their assistance in this show. If you can spare a few hours to help out at our education booth please let me know ASAP so I can make some sort of schedule. This may be an ideal weekend for SKPS because the following Saturday after the show we will have our 1-day course at the I-84 Diner. So perhaps we can get some students and potential new members.

Administration Officer's Report, cont'd

Auction 2008

Our May meeting will mark the return of the **SKPS Annual Auction**. If you have items, preferably nautical, to donate please get them ready and bring them that night, but please call Rose Moskowitz to let her know. Please ask your favorite vendor or eatery for either an item to donate or a gift certificate. We will also need assistance in picking up gift certificates from the many vendors that have supported us in the last 5 years. To help or any questions, please call Rose at 845 820-0990.

June Picnic 2008

It has been suggested that we do something special for our June picnic this year since SKPS will be marking its 30th anniversary. The picnic will be Wednesday, June 11th at CYC at 6:30pm. Please contact me for suggestions and lets put something special together.

February Meeting Cancellation

Unfortunately Mother Nature was NOT on our side for the February meeting. I have contacted Chief Gagne from the Saugerties U.S. Coast Guard and he indicated that he wishes to attend another meeting to come and speak to us. I am going to see what we have on our schedule and see when we can get him to come to a meeting.



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.

Important Announcement

**Hear Yea!!! Hear Yea!!!
Your Attendance is Requested at
SKPS Annual Change of Watch**

All members of Storm King Power Squadron are called to the March 12th General Membership Meeting. This is our annual Change of Watch where our newly elected officers are installed for the new year. The following are to be your new bridge officers for 2008-2009

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| 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, Tom O'connor

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

Happy Birthday to the following members whose Birthdays are in March and April:

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| 3/12 Lisa Skorewicz | 3/17 George Ghirlando |
| 4/9 Brian Lester | 4/11 Sally Mattauch |
| 4/15 Barbara Levi & Wayne Garnsey | |
| 4/22 Julie Crandall & John Cuneo | |
| 4/24 Phil Cameron | |



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> |
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| Mar. 5 | Bridge Meeting | 7:00pm CYC |
| 12 | General Meeting Change of Watch | 6:30pm CYC |
| April 2 | Bridge Meeting | 7:00pm CYC |
| 4-5 | District COW/ Meeting | Norwalk, Conn. - D/C Martin Feldberg completed his term |
| 9 | General Memership Meeting | 7:30pm CYC |
| May 7 | Bridge Meeting | 7:00pm CYC |
| 14 | Annual Auction | Refreshments 6:00pm |
| June 4 | Bridge Meeting | 7:00pm CYC |
| 11 | Annual Picnic | 6:30pm CYC |
| July 18-20 | Annual Rendezvous | Hop-O-Nose, Catskill, N. Y. |
| August 6 | Bridge Meeting | 7:00pm CYC |



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

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 Maintance 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 new season!!

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.



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 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. So join us on Saturday, April 5th and share in their success.

WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?

Cdr. George P. Ghirlando, AP

Gripe. Recently I overheard someone tell his companion over dinner, "Stop griping all the time." I haven't heard that expression in while. Since doing this column over the years, I discovered so many everyday words have a nautical origin. I wondered about the word, "gripe." Here is what I found:

A vessel is to gripe when, through bad design or sail balance, she repeatedly noses up into the wind which causes her sails to flap and her speed to fail.

Here then is another of many expressions that sailors have applied metaphorically to humans. In case some of you youngsters out there never heard of the word, gripe, it means to complain continually. So the next time you are sitting next to a complainer, you might want to bring back this old word and apply it, cautiously.

(Source: Salty Dog Talk by Bill Beavis and Richard McCloskey)

SKPS Annual Auction

by P/C Rose Moskowitz, AP

May 14, 2008, will be the date of the SKPS annual auction. We will have our regular membership meeting at 6:30, viewing of the merchandise and 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— so mark your calendars!

For each of the last 4 years, I have been proud to say that we raised over \$2000 in each due to the hard work and dedication of our members. This year we have wonderful new members -- please share our successes with them and invite them to participate in this great annual event.

Should you have anything to donate that is nautically inclined, or if you know a vendor who will donate an item or a gift certificate, please call me at (845) 820-0990 and I will arrange to have it picked up. If you pick it up please let me know as we have special recognition certificates that we give to each donor. We also recognize each contributor at our meetings and in the Crown.



UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS
2008 DISTRICT 2 CHANGE OF WATCH
April 4 & 5, 2008

The Norwalk Inn & Conference Center
99 East Ave., Norwalk, CT 06851

Hosted by
Rowayton Sail & Power Squadron

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| Friday: | 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm 4:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm | Registration Begins P/D/C Meeting Cocktail Party Buffet Dinner |
| Saturday: | 8:30 am – 11:00 am 7:30 am 9:30 am 12:00 pm 12:30 pm 2:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm | Registration Continental Breakfast Business Meeting Call to Order Meet & Greet (cash bar) Luncheon Buffet Business Meeting Cocktail Hour (cash bar) Dinner Dance (cash bar) <i>Uniform A, formal or semi-formal attire</i> |

REGISTRATION FORM

First Registrant: Name _____ Grade _____ Rank/Position _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____ Squadron: _____
 First Time at D2 Meeting _____ (Y -N)

Second Registrant: Name: _____ Grade _____ Rank/Position _____

Luxury Hotel Room (*Double Queen*) Friday _____ Saturday _____ Nights @ \$99 = _____

Note: Cutoff Date for Hotel Rooms is March 10, 2008.

Reservations received after this date are subject to Space & Rate availability.
 Friday Dinner: **Buffet, Sliced Sirloin, Chicken Scampi, Stuffed Filet of Sole** _____ @ \$35. = _____ **Non Smoking, Smoking**

Saturday: Continental Breakfast & Lunch
Buffet, Yankee Pot Roast, Oriental Stir Fried Chicken _____ @ \$42. = _____

Saturday Dinner:
Prime Rib _____ *Chicken Marsala* _____ *Poached Salmon* _____ @ \$50. = _____

Guest Program: _____ @ \$40. = _____
TOTAL: \$ _____

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Incoming District 2
 Commander Jeff Gerwig
 and his wife Norma at
 the National Governing
 Board Meeting in Dallas,
 Texas



Outgoing District 2
 Commander, our own SKPS
 member, Martin Feldberg
 and his wife Alexandra at
 the National Governing
 Board Meeting in Dallas,
 Texas

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!

Congratulations to:

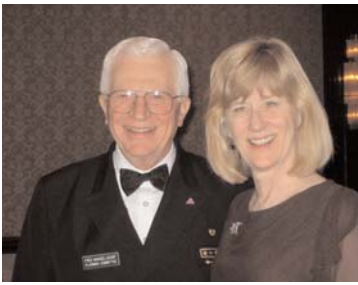
Philip Cameron, AP on achieving his 25th Merit Mark and becoming a life member.

Recognition was made at the annual meeting of the USPS National Governing's Board in Dallas, Texas on February, 2008



Report on the Annual Meeting of the USPS National Governing Board by P/C Rose Moskowitz, AP

February 20-24, 2008 in Dallas, Texas, approximately 1,000 delegates attended the USPS Annual Governing Board Meeting. Many issues were discussed, announcement of upcoming courses, awards were given out to districts, squadrons, and individual members for their achievements over the years. We received the National Award for Distinction in Journalism and Philip Cameron was awarded his 25 year Merit Mark and life membership. SKPS was represented by D/C Martin Feldberg and Alexandra and myself. District 2 was well represented by 25 members.



Dallas, Texas National Governing Board: Fred & Liinda Mangelsdorf, John & Diane Supple. Rose Moskowitz & Susan Darsy



D/C Martin Feldberg & C/C Ernest Marshburn and his wife



Jeanette Sangervasio leading a cheer; our own Acting Cdr. Bill Denison at January '08 elections. Wayne Garnsey teaching important information. Bryanna Moskowitz, PPaul and Viny Genc reviewing the wisdom that Wayne is sharing; and members listening intently at our meeting at the Cornwall Yacht Club



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