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Special Greetings to SKPS Members

From Rose Moskowitz, AP Nominating Committee Chair

With the holiday season coming to a close we look forward to a wonderful, fun-filled New Year with health, happiness, and a stressfree boating season. To start the year off the nominating committee cordially invites all to attend SKPS January 14th meeting for our annual bridge election and a presentation of annual reports by your current bridge. This evening will prove to be interesting and informative and most of all will start the year with meeting and greeting your boating friends - it will certainly warm your heart while the weather is so, so cold!!

On March 21st a special meeting will be held at CYC where the elected officers will be installed at our annual Change of Watch. At that time you will be able to thank all those who dedicated their time and energy and a little money this past year ensuring that SKPS met their goals for: education, boating safety, and friendship. They will in turn will assist the incoming bridge for a smooth transition.

Be sure to attend these important meeting in January and in March. The success of SKPS and its programs depend upon you and the dedicated officers that you will elect.

I want to thank the members of the nominating committee Wayne Garnsey and Manny Sangervasio for working so diligently to select a new slate of officers who are eager to work hard and continue with the programs SKPS offers to its members and to the community.

Be at the CYC Wed. January 14th at 7:30pm and cast your vote for your 2009 Bridge.



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Soon the Summer Season will be here - its time to think safety and to purchase enough life jackets for your boating guests to wear.

Remeber: Safety First

Special Education Award

Steve Nachbar was awarded the USPS Grade of "AP" by National. Steve holds a Captains certificate with the Coast Guard. Steve will instruct boat handling to BOC certifiers



Important Announcement

At our regular February 11th general meeting our own Wayne Garnsey will conduct an operational training course that will gain everyone in attendance a completion sticker for their certificate of courses. So be sure to attend this informative meeting.



From the Education Department

by Lt/C Nat Sobelman, P

We will be offering four different opportunities for Ops Training to our members. Pick the date that is good for you and sign up: Sunday Feb. 1st, Sunday Feb. 8th, at the Feb 11th General meeting, & on Sunday Feb. 25th It will be taught by our own inimitable P/D/C Wayne Garnsey SN.

We are also privileged to have 5 members, Tony DiStefano, George Ghirlando, Ben Maggio, Lou Palazzo, & John Shearing, taking Jr. Navigation through an independent study group. For more information, please contact Nat at: nats@hvc.rr.com or 845 386-8810

A Sad Announcement

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the death of Ken Lemm, a very active member of USPS and SKPS.

Ken was Squadron Commander for Tappan Zee in 2001-2002. He had at least 16 Merit Marks. Ken joined the Tappan Zee PS in 1989 and when it was dissolved he joined SKPS in 2007.



Hear Yea! Hear Yea!!!



**Mark your calendars
for a very special event:**

SKPS annual Change of Watch will be held on Saturday, March 21st at 7:00 PM at CYC. We are having a roast beef dinner with all the fixings. The special low cost is \$17.50 per person and just \$25.00 per couple. Food will be great and of course it will be accompanied with all the pomp and circumstance of a coronation - well there will be a crowning!!! Please join all your SKPS friends and colleagues for a wonderful, special event that brings in our new Commander Tony Tucci and his dynamic bridge. Please show him your support and encouragement by attending and wishing him and your bridge well for the upcoming year.

*2008 Report of the Squadron Secretary
by Lt/C Bill Zink, AP*

This will be my final report as I am stepping down from the Bridge after several years in this position. It has been a pleasure working with these guys; however, have other obligations that make this necessary. That said, this squadron has been around since 1978 - 30 years! The mere fact proves there were people who wanted this squadron to continue. They formed the foundation and each subsequent bridge continued the tradition. The squadron survived.

There was a time when membership fell off sharply, and interest took a back seat. Whatever the spark, something brought about the change and the squadron got back on track bringing it to this place and time. This past year the Tappan Zee squadron disbanded. Whatever the root cause, at least 18 of those members wished to stay onboard. Change is good, that is why we have the COW each year.

Time will tell, but I have to note some of the things from this past year that show me the health of this Squadron:

**Attendance at our general membership meetings is always good; * Bridge members consistently attend the bridge meetings; *We have very interesting speakers at our meetings; *We have a newsletter editor that puts much effort into putting out a consistent document;*

ATLANTIC CITY BUS TRIP 2009 by L/C Pete skorewicz, P

Mark your calendars for our annual bus trip to Atlantic City. **Saturday, February 7, 2009** we will be leaving at 8:00am from the Newburgh Mall to Bally's Casino. As always this trip runs at the same time as the Atlantic City boat Show at the Convention Center. We will return to Newburgh around 10:30pm that night. The trip is open to all members of SKPS and family and friends. Also, anyone from our neighboring yacht clubs are always welcome, as well.

We will have a 49 passenger bus and seats are reserved on a first come, first serve basis. It is very important that people who want to go and make the commitment do attend. The pricing is based on a specific number of people in order to get the bus and keep costs as low as possible. So this year we are having 2 ways to make a reservation:

1. Advanced reservations for the trip must be paid prior to February 7 and will cost \$35.00 per person.
2. Anyone who wants to pay the day of the trip the price will be \$45.00 per person depending on seat availability.

I urge everyone who wants to attend to contact me to reserve their seat on the bus. I will be collecting payments at the meetings or you may call me and mail me your payment, as well. Hope to see a large group. As always we will have snacks on the bus—what would a SKPS event be without food—and a movie for the bus ride home. Call for reservations - Pete: 845 440 - 8385

**The training and the people that make that happen. *The monthly Birthday wishes bestowed to us all by Renee should not go unnoticed; *The preparation and kitchen work by Helen and Jeanette makes each meeting delicious; *The facility owned by The Cornwall Yacht Club is greatly appreciated; *The district events attended by our members; *The rendezvous and Atlantic City bus trip; *The June picnic, the Tony D. raft ups, the Holiday party and Annual Auction.*

Those things that keep us all coming back don't just happen. They are planned and carefully implemented. We have members who take on all these responsibilities and put in the effort to make them safe, interesting, and fun.

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.**

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Jan. 7	Bridge Meeting	CYC 7:00pm
14	General Meeting/ Elections/Reports	CYC 7:30pm
Feb. 3	Bridge Meeting	CYC 7:00pm
7	Atlantic City Boat Show Bus Trip	Newburgh Mall 8:00am
11	General Membership Meeting	CYC 7:30pm Speaker
Mar 4	Bridge Meeting	CYC 7:00pm
21	SKPS Change of Watch	CYC 7:30pm Dinner
April 1	Bridge Meeting	CYC 7:00pm

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.

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.

Finally on a personal note I would like to express my thanks to Wayne, and N&N Publishing who is always there with whatever help I needed. Thank you also to Tony D. who is available for anything I ask.



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

Here's to a safe and wondrous winter season!!

Stay warm and dry!!

Annual Report Squadron Ed. Officer

by Lt/C Nat Sobelman, P

Before I begin to extol the many accomplishments of our Education department I would like to thank two establishments without whom we could not as easily exist. Cornwall Yacht Club and its Governing Board, & 84 Diner and SKPS member/owner.

Throughout the 2008 calendar year we certified over 100 Safe Boaters in three separate classes, 2 at the 84 Diner & 1 at CYC, also through these classes we signed up at least eleven new members. In addition to open to the public Safe Boating Course we conducted a number of member Advanced Grade Courses, such as two Seamanship classes, a Piloting class, an Advance piloting & Engine Maintenance as an Elective course. We are also starting a self-study Junior Navigation course. During Safe Boating Week a group of members worked the Newburgh Boat Ramp handing out Safety pamphlets & doing Vessel Safety Checks. We had group of us working a booth at the Cornwall Riverfest singing the praises of Paddlesmart.

It is our members & their continuing volunteer efforts that make our Ed.Dept. the success that it is. I would like to thank the instructors & proctors, who include George Ghirlando, Tony DiStefano, Phil Cameron, Pete Skorewicz, Wayne Garnsey, Nat Sobelman, David Levy, Nick Stagliano, Mike Mattausch, Rose & Bryan Moskowitz, Rick Emanuel, Tony Tucci, Ina & Martin Feldberg, Bill & Amy Denison, Thomas J. O'Conner, Manny Sangervasio, Chris Genco, Cathy & Jim Nugent, Pat & Tony Martin. These are truly great people, without whose dedication our Education Department would not exist!



Tony, Should We Get Out on Deck?

By Tony DiStefano, the Captain of the Beep

The last thing you want to hear at 2:30am is: "Should we abandon the boat?" However, those were the words that greeted me. But let's back up a little and get the full flavor of the trip. For the last three years at Christmas, I have my holiday sail from St. Petersburg, Florida. Alone or with company, I take the 37 Irwin to someplace for a holiday adventure that sets my mood for the New Year. This year my friends from Arizona, Annette & Bob, joined me for a trip that was to include Key West for Christmas then the Dry Tortugas, then back to St. Petersburg just after New Year. That was the plan, but with a sail boat the wind makes the plans.

After provisioning the ship and doing a few repairs we left the dock on Saturday the 20th under Southwest wind. Not good to get to the Keys but with a late leave we chose to anchor at the Manatee River for the night and catch the Northwest winds that were due the next day. Anchor set, we planned the next day and went to bed early. At midnight, I woke to high winds so I let out an additional 20 feet of rode and went back to sleep only to wake at 6am to 25 knot winds and a chop in the lovely bay we were in. The winds were from the NW but gusting to 30 knots and there was a small craft advisory in the Gulf with 4 to 6 foot seas. Calm seas do not make a good sailor but when on vacation why fight the wind and sea, so we stayed at anchor and enjoyed our books and music and did a little fishing. The next morning the wind was out the NW but at 5 knots so off we went to the Keys. Well I should say at about 3.5 knots per hour. 9 hours later we had covered about 35 miles and it was getting late, we chose not to sail but anchor again. A check of the charts and Sarasota was the place to go but the entrance to the intercostals had shoaled and there was only 5 feet of water and we draw 5.5. So it was back 10 miles to Long Boat Key. What a great area, the bridge operator told us the correct channel to take and where to be careful and led us to a lovely anchorage tucked in a cove that was calm and so restful with a great sun, sea, and sunrise. In the morning we took stock of our supplies and we realized we had eaten more than we should so back to the dock to spend Christmas and stocking up. After a great day and night walking around St. Pete it's off again in the morning with a SW wind we chose to go north. First to DeSoto Beach, one of the best in Florida then up the coast to see the Don Caesar from the water then back to the north channel for the night. It being 5pm, we needed an anchorage fast, so we followed the intercostals to the Pass a Grill area and saw a bunch of sail boats anchored, so we joined. Our chart did not show this area well but the depth sounder showed 11.5 feet and we anchored behind the last boat for the night.

I awoke at 2:20 am feeling something wrong. Then it happened!! The boat went over on its starboard side and continued to do so for about 10 minutes until it stopped. I was now standing on the starboard porthole of the v-birth not the deck. Bob called from the aft cabin and asked should we get out on the deck and we did. It was dark, but I could see that the keel of the boat was out of the water and the starboard side was in the water. We had been blown on a sand bar and as the tide went out the boat fell over. As light came we noticed the water in the cabin, at first I thought we were holed but it was the result of the sink with a direct outlet to the sea, the fix was simple we put the sink stopper in and the flow was stopped. Then, I realized we had just put 180 gallons of water in the tanks and there was no plug just a plastic bag closing the filler hole. At this moment the bilge pumps came on and a mighty stream of water came out. My new worry was that the engine was wet and would not start. But it was cold and we lay on ports to the salon naming the items as they fell from the port to starboard side. The pumps got a lot of the water out but the water not in the center of the bilge could not be pumped and with the pumps on battery we did not know how long they would work. We went back into the boat and got the manual bilge pump handle just in case. As it got lighter Bob went overboard to check for damage but there was none and he said we only have to swim about 10 feet across the channel to land. "Should we abandon the boat he asked?"

At 8:00am, I made a captain's decision and called Tow Boat US to have us pulled off. It was 8:30am, 6 hours out in the night for the three of us before they arrived and did the wonderful job they do. It took two pulls, one each way to get us off, and the engine started and we were free again, tired and cold. We put things back in order in the salon and the two cabins, made a pot of tea, and headed out to the gulf. The plan was to get back to port to take on water (only 20 gallons left) then head out again but the wind was from the North and we were doing 7 to 7.5 knots, so once again it was off to the Keys, we could get water anywhere. Three hours later the wind stopped, it was back to port under motor. At the dock we did a complete inspection of the boat, filled the tanks, checked the batteries and dried out the wood that was wet. Then off the next morning to Manatee River for a two night stay and dink around exploring of the parks. We returned to port New Years Eve and enjoyed St. Pete's first night party in the parks complete with fireworks. Then it was clean the boat and head home. All systems on the boat worked great and the best part of the trip was, of course, sharing my Holiday Adventure with friends.

Storm King Power Squadron NomCom 2009 Slate of Officers
Come Vote January 14th

Commander: Anthony Tucci, P
Executive Officer: Lt/C William Denison, AP
Administrative Officer: Lt/C Peter Skorewicz, P
Education Officer: Lt/C Nathan Sobelman, P
Secretary: P/C George Ghirlando, AP
Corresponding Secretary: Renee Maggio, S
Treasurer: Lt/C Richard Hollahan, AP
Assistant AEO: 1st/L Anthony DiStefano, AP



Members at Large: Lt/C Manny Sangervasio, AP
 Lt. Bryan Moskowitz, AP
 James Nugent, P
 1st/L Anthony DiStefano, AP
 P/C Thomas O'Connor, AP
 Bernard Ben Mazer, SN
 Linda Stulgis, S

Rules Committee: P/D/C Wayne Garnsey, SN, Chair
 Lt/C Manny Sangervasio, AP
 John Ledwith, IV

Audit Committee: Lt Bryan Moskowitz, AP, Chair
 Lt/C Manny Sangervasio, AP
 Lt Nick Stagliano, P

Nominating Committee: P/C Rose Moskowitz, AP, Chair (3/3 years)
 P/C George Ghirlando, AP (1/3 years)
 P/D/C Wayne Garnsey, SN (2/3 years)

Scholarship Committee: P/C Richard Hollahan, AP, Chair
 Lt Bryan Moskowitz, AP



Storm King Power Squadron proposed new Commander Tony Tucci and his lovely wife and member Lynne

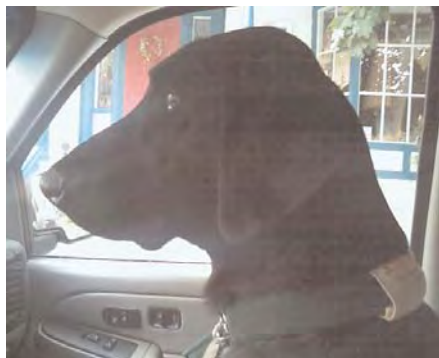
Come to the January 14th meeting and vote for our slate of officers then come to our special March 21st Change of Watch and help honor our new commander and bridge as they accept the responsibility of leading our squadron to another successful year

To all members of Storm King Power Squadron From Rose Moskowitz, Nominating Committee Chair

Wednesday, January 14th, 2009 you will be given the opportunity to exercise your right to vote for the Storm King Power Squadron Bridge for the 2009 working year which runs from March '09 - March '10. On that January date you will meet the candidates and vote for the slate of officers that have been selected by your nominating committee. Then on March 21th '09 the elected officers will be installed at our Change of Watch. At that time you will be able to thank all those who dedicated their time and energy and a little money to ensure that SKPS met its goals for: education, boating safety, and friendship. They will in turn assist the incoming bridge for a smooth transition.

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**Duffy
on his way to be tested at ATF, VA**

**MY PAL DUFFY - PART 3
By Bill Burbage**

Hopefully, I left a lasting impression with my previous stories about Duffy: Parts 1 & 2 the Explosives Detection Canine (Bomb Dog). He is now assigned to the Mt. Weather Police Department...the center of operations for FEMA, located in the Blue Ridge Mountains area of Virginia. This is the re-location site for the White House, the Supreme Court and much of the Executive Branch. This is a secretive underground facility, which was pretty much unknown to the general public nationwide, until 1974, when TWA Flight # 514 crashed, and was reported, and thus, the facility, and its purpose was disclosed by the media. The Department of Homeland Security operates numerous emergency service departments to protect this site. One of the "protections" in place is the team of EDC Duffy, and his Handler, Police Officer Karl, Mt. Weather Police Department. To say that this team has an extremely important daily mission would be an understatement.

On Monday evening, December 22, 2008, while responding with Christmas cards to family and friends, I opened an envelope and what to my wondering eyes should appear...a photo of Duffy and his Handler at home with his entire family. I think I detected a smile on Duffy's face! I know everyone in his new family loves him, especially the children...and I'm told the neighborhood children think Duffy the Police Dog is really "cool"! Duffy and Karl have the distinguished honor and duty of providing protection during the upcoming Presidential Inauguration in Washington, D.C. in January, 2009. What a wonderful proud moment for Duffy's Raiser Jason, Mid-Orange Correction Facility, and the entire Puppies Behind Bars (PBB) Team. I'm sure many of the other PBB EDC graduates and their Handlers from numerous Federal and local law enforcement agencies will be representing the outstanding PBB Program during their duty of protecting us from harm and ensuring our freedom. Look carefully in the media on Inauguration Day ...Duffy is the svelte, black Labyou'll know him by the "Regal" look on his face!
God Bless you Duffy and Karl!! Be Safe.



Annual Reports By Members of the Bridge:

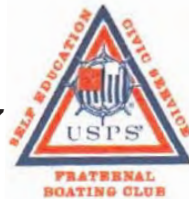
2008 Report of the Squadron Executive Officer - Lt/C Bill Denison, AP

The past year has definitely been one full of many challenges but looking back we have much to be thankful for. Our boating organization is one that binds us all together by a common interest in safe boating and the love of being on the water. I am appreciative of the whole membership who have contributed so much during the past year and who have made the Storm King Power Squadron such a vibrant and successful squadron. We have had many interesting meetings with speakers that have presented technical insight about our boats as well as meetings that have presented some insight about our local history. Our educational department has been very active in providing safe boating courses to the boating public including advanced courses offered to our membership. This takes a great deal of time and planning and many people have shared their talents to make this program such an integral part of what USPS is all about. Thanks to everyone. Special thanks goes to the Cornwall Yacht Club who have been great hosts with offering us a perfect meeting place.

2008 Report of the Squadron Administration Officer - Lt/C Pete Skorewicz P

This past year was another busy year for Storm King Power Squadron. We began the year 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. In March we had a busy month with our own "Change of Watch" and also many members attended the D2 "Change of Watch" when D/C Jeffrey Gerwig was sworn in and took over the watch of D2. We also participated at the Rockland Community College Boat Show having an education booth there for the weekend. Our April meeting was a good one with Chief Gagne from the Saugerties Coast Guard coming to speak at our meeting. He informed us of many things the Coast Guard does and also thanked the Squadron for all we do to make boating safer in the area. In May we held our annual SKPS auction to raise funds for our squadron. My thanks to Rose Moskowitz and all that helped with secure donations from various businesses and those who donated items as well. We had a very successful year again raising over \$2000.00. Also thanks to our friends from Mid Hudson for coming. We also had members handing out information pamphlets for National Safe Boating Week at Newburgh Landing and surrounding marinas. In June we began with promoting safe boating by having a booth at Cornwall Riverfest. Thanks to all who helped that day. We also held our annual summer picnic at CYC. Also special thanks to the Saugerties coast Guard who sent down their new 24" boat with 3 members and gave us a tour and answered questions. We also had a flare demonstration for members and the Cornwall Fire Department came to demonstrate putting out fires with extinguishers. July saw SKPS return to Hop-O-Nose Marina for our rendezvous. We had great weather 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. We had our first pool party barbecue this year with very hot weather. And our Friday dinner was fantastic. After a quiet summer we returned in September with our re-organizational meeting. Some of our members shared stories of what they did over the summer and the Commander outlined his goals for the following months. 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.

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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 guest speaker Charlie Gruetzner owner of Oceanis Marine Surveyors returned to Storm King with a great presentation on surveying boats when purchasing or selling. Our members had many questions. He is also changing his membership in USPS to our squadron---welcome Charlie!!

We wrapped up 2008 with our annual holiday party at CYC. There was good food, music and holiday cheer. We had our Chinese auction and everyone walked away with a holiday gift. There was also a video picture show at the holiday party showing the SKPS "year in review". Thanks to all who sent me photos to include. Thanks to all who helped make the evening a success.