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District 2



COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr. George P. Ghirlando, AP



With apologies to General Mac Arthur for fracturing his quote, I begin my last address as commander of the Storm King Power Squadron:

As I was about to begin to write this last address as commander, the words from a dozen movies and TV shows came to mind as the condemned is about to be executed, "Any last words?" "Yeah," I answer, "Tell my squadron that I love them." Teary yet? Well, no need for tears by anyone, because our squadron history shows, that past commanders never fade away, but continue to be very active with the Power Squadron. Many go on to serve at the district level bringing their experiences with them, and continue to be a major contributor to the squadron.

Soon we will have our own Change of Watch and Tony Tucci will be our new squadron commander. I wish to see you there as I hand over our crown and trident to a great talent. He will be working with a dedicated support team, just as I did. Thanks to them our squadron grew dramatically these last two years, and I know it will be even more exciting in the year to come. I understand they going to roast me as a parting tradition. Sandwich anyone? Details about the Change of Watch are inside this issue.

In parting, I wish to thank everyone who helped me, guided me, consoled me, backed me, congratulated me, showed concern for me, and reached out their hand and called me, friend. As I move on to become District Secretary, I promise to make our squadron proud and continue to be a positive force for Storm King.

Thank you, but not "goodbye."

**OLD COMMANDERS NEVER
DIE, THEY JUST HAVE A C.O.W.**



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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

From the Education Department

by Lt/C Nat Sobelman, P

There was a **Safe Boating Course** held 14 Mar'09 at the 84 Diner in Fishkill, 8am-5pm.

ON A PERSONAL NOTE: I would like to thank all the Teachers & Proctors who gave up their Saturday to make the New ABC-3 Safe Boating Course such a success. It was a totally new course to all of us & everyone really helped to make it work. Result: **Thirty one** newly certified boaters, & two new members.

Thank You to: George Ghirlando, Dave Levi, Tony Tucci, Pete Skorewicz Jr., Tony DiStefano, Bob Trenz, Tom J. O'Connor, Alexandra Digilio-Feldberg, and Martin Feldberg. And a special thanks, as always, to SKPS Member George Moustakas owner of the 84 Diner



As the new season approaches and you begin to prepare your boat -- be sure you get a professional SKPS Vessel Safety check.

Call Bill Burges to set one up ASAP and wear that patch proudly.

Sad News About the Passing of Dr. Peter Nielsen

Dr. Peter Adams Nielsen, age 82 of Trumbull, passed away Wednesday, March 11, 2009. Dr. Nielsen was born in Evanston, IL. He received his B.S. degree from Williams College. He received his Masters and PhD. from Columbia University. Dr. Nielsen was a retired microbiologist for Richardson-Vicks (Proctor and Gamble). He was a World War II Navy veteran. He was a member of the National Publications Committee for the National Power Squadron and a past commander in chief for the Housatonic River Power Squadron. Survivors include his beloved wife, Barbara; two children, Frederick Nielsen and his wife, Pamela Morrell Nielsen of Milford and Lois Miller and her husband, Richard of Darien; two grandchildren, Michael and Laura Miller.

The funeral will be on Sat. March 21 at 1PM at Christ Episcopal Church Tashua – 5170 Madison Avenue, Trumbull. For those wishing to send messages of sympathy to Barbara and the family: 7 Firehouse Road Trumbull, CT 06611. Please keep Barbara and their family in your thoughts and prayers. At the request of the family calling hours have been omitted. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Christ Episcopal Church Tashua Building Fund.

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.

D/2 Change of Watch

Don't forget the 2009 District 2 Spring Conference March 27 & 28 being held in Plattsburgh, NY. You are all invited to the D/2 Change of Watch. Call or e-mail if you have any questions:

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laceym@nycap.rr.com.

District 2 will also be getting a new commander at this March, 2009 District 2 Spring Conference. Also Champlain Sail and Power Squadron will be celebrating 60 years of boating education and District 2 will be installing its first Commander from the Champlain Squadron, D/Lt/C Robert Shivokevich. The most fun is the dinner dance on Saturday night. Call George if you want to go and set up a carpool.



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

Our annual bus trip to Atlantic City took place on **Saturday, February 7, 2009**. We left at 8:00am from the Newburgh Mall and drove to Bally's Casino. As always this trip ran at the same time as the Atlantic City Boat Show at the Convention Center. We returned to Newburgh around 10:30pm. The trip was open to all members of SKPS and their family and friends, as well as, anyone from our neighboring yacht clubs were always welcome.

We had almost a full bus and as usual had a wonderful time going down, while there and on the ride back. As always we had snacks on the bus—what would a SKPS event be without food—and a movie for the bus ride home. Start planning your trip for next year -- don't miss out on the fun!!!!

Calendar of Events

March 21 - Come to SKPS COW
March 27-28 D2 COW
**April 15 - Note Change of Date
for General Meeting**
May 13 - Annual Auction
June 10 - Annual Family Picnic
July 17-19 - Annual Rendezvous

Announcement From SEO

Nat Sobelman, P

I have ordered copies of the new marine Electronics Course & will set up a course shortly. It is a three part course consisting of 101, 102, 103. Very interesting and informative regarding the electronics, communications system and wiring aboard your boat.

P/C Rose Moskowitz, AP has consented to teach Cruise Planing & will set that one in the Spring. This course will help in planning your special boat trip and point out some important factors that will ensure a safe cruise. I will keep you posted of additional upcoming courses.

SKPS CALENDAR 2009

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>
Mar 4	Bridge Meeting	CYC 7:00pm
21	SKPS Change of Watch	CYC 7:30pm Dinner
7- 28	D2 COW	Holiday Inn Plattsburg, N.Y.
April 1	Bridge Meeting	CYC 7:00pm
15	General Meeting	CYC 7:30pm - Speaker
April 18	Annual MHPS Auction	Poughkeepsie Yacht Club.
May 6	Bridge Meeting	CYC 7:00pm
13	Annual Auction	CYC 6:30pm
June 3	Bridge Meeting	CYC 7:00pm
10	Annual Family Picnic	CYC 6:30pm

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. Nat



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

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

Enjoy the new season!

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Please note: 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 .



Do you remember Tony Distefano's wonderful story featured in the last issue of the Crown concerning his cruise?? The one where the boat was somewhat beached and not perpendicular to the water???

Well here are some of the picture he took of that memorable event!!



Message From Incoming Commander Anthony Tucci, P

As yet another winter season nears its end, a new boating season has begun. It is now the time of year that we concentrate on uncovering our boats, and getting them safe and sea worthy. It is indeed the time of year that we all looked forward to, when we can forget about the snow covering the boat shrink wrap and canvas and begin to clean and restore and get ready for a new boating season.

As USPS members, we have many opportunities to educate ourselves in both boat maintenance and safe boat operations. This year, may we all use our training and make this a fun and safe new year.

On March 21, 2009, I will be sworn in as the Storm King Squadron Commander at the Change of Watch. I would like to take this opportunity to invite all SKPS members and their friends to attend this Annual event at the Cornwall Yacht Club. There will be a fantastic dinner served, and a fun night for all. I am looking forward to honoring our outgoing Commander, George Ghirlando, and thanking him for all the work that he has done during his two years as the Commander of SKPS. On March 28, 2009, George will assume the duties as the United States Power Squadron District 2 Secretary. I wish George well, and offer him any assistance that he may require in his new position.



Storm King Power Squadron incoming new Commander Tony Tucci and his lovely wife and member Lynn



Storm King Power Squadron 2009 Slate of Officers

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: Lt/C Robert Trenez, S
 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
 Catherine Nugent, P



**Congratulations are
 in order for our
 5 new Seaman:**

John [Jack] Thomas Jr.
 Florence Thomas
 Lynn Ruback
 Desmond Uchlein
 Fred Schneider



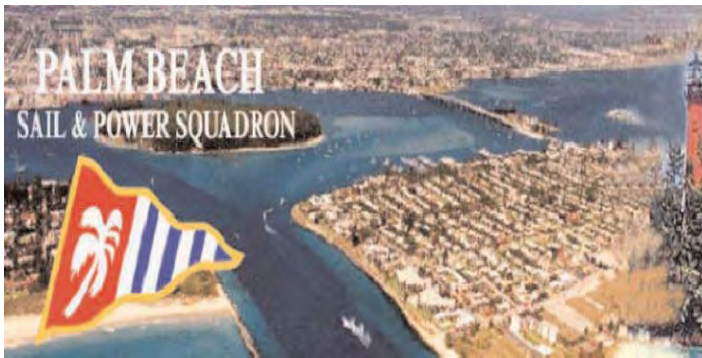
28 Storm King Members Complete Operations Training

P/D/C Wayne Garnsey, SN completed a series of presentations on USPS Operations Training at the February meeting of the Squadron. The first session was held at the January Annual Meeting, where the main emphasis was on the History of USPS. Between then and the February meeting there were special sessions on Sunday mornings when squadron members went to the Cornwall Yacht Club and enjoyed Hooley's Breakfast. P/C Rich Hollahan and Terry cook and serve great breakfasts at the Club on Sunday mornings throughout the winter. Often, squadron members as well as CYC members get together for breakfast and discuss items of interest or meet to work on projects. Those that attended were enthusiastic and very attentive. Storm King is very fortunate to have a good strong nucleus of working, caring and involved members which is evidenced by the 42 Merit Marks granted by the Chief Commander for Distinguished Service to the Squadron during 2008. Cdr. Ghirlando and SEO Sobelman and the bridge, together with all those involved should be proud of their efforts and warmly appreciated.

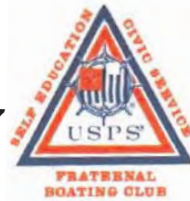
Merit Marks

The only compensation active members receive for the substantial effort they personally perform that ensures the continued success of SKPS programs, activities, events, classes is a merit mark that is awarded by the National Chief Commander. A member may receive only one merit mark in a calendar year regardless of the amount of work accomplished. A merit mark is earned by a review of the number of hours worked and personal service performed by the individual member. While many of our members work on various projects, those who achieve the annual merit mark are recognized for going above and beyond. This year 42 SKPS members were recognized by National. Your name will be announced at the COW. However, every member of SKPS has contributed to its ongoing success and longevity.

Thanks to all of you for all that you do!



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News From Florida

by P/C Rose Moskowitz, AP

Hi all from the Southern state known as South New York. Sorry to say but this winter the weather was wonderful -on the chilly side at times - only reached 67-69 on some days, however, most of the time it was in the low to mid 70's.

We settled in and quickly located a squadron here in Palm Beach - Palm Beach Power and Sail. They have over 400 members but only about 30-40 really participate in the work effort (so they tell me). We have just over 100 members and at any given time, there are 35-40 actively participating -- so I feel SKPS is doing wonderfully!! We joined the PBPS squadron here as associate members and that allows us to participate in their activities and take their classes, which we have already done. Bryan and I are currently taking Marine Electronics - very interesting and informative -- if given the opportunity - take it!!! We given the opportunity to visit the very active Coast Guard Station and observe all their modern electronic equipment. They have activities all year round - classes, rendezvous, picnics, etc since the weather is very accommodating. We look forward to attending the annual COW and seeing all our wonderful SKPS friends. Here's to a Great Season!!!!