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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr. Anthony Tucci, S



Most of us will already have taken our boats out of the water for the 2009 boating season. I would like to remind those who will be hunting and fishing from a boat during the fall and winter seasons, that there is a new law.

Between November 1st and May 1st, any person in a boat under 21 feet in length, must be WEARING a life vest. It is not enough that the PFDs are readily available.

I also would like to remind everyone to winterize your boats wisely: A few tips might include using a less-toxic propylene glycol antifreeze (usually pink), avoid cleaners with bleach, ammonia, lye or petroleum distillates, and slipping a plastic bag over used oil filters to prevent drips when doing oil changes. Lets set an example for a clean environment.

SKPS will be offering courses and seminars over the next few months. It is a good time of the year to keep our love of boating fresh in our minds, while learning new skills. You will be notified of the particular courses and dates both by e-mail, and at SKPS monthly member meetings. These classes are a great time to renew old acquaintances, as well as meeting new members, welcoming them to our squadron.

Our annual Holiday Party will be held on December 5, 2009 at the Cornwall Yacht club. This has historically been a fun time and enjoyed by all that attend. Any up-dates or information regarding the party will be discussed at the monthly membership meetings, and through e-mail reminders.

Let's not forget our annual election of officers at the Annual Meeting on January 13, 2010. The final reading of the members to be voted on will be read at the December Party. I would like invite any member who is interested, to step forward and run for office. This is a great time to inject new ideas and enthusiasm into the running of Storm King Power Squadron.

Boat Safely through knowledge!



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During the upcoming boating season -- be sure you get an important professional SKPS Vessel Safety check.

Call Bill Burbage 928-9671

to set one up as soon as you put your boat back in the water. Display that patch proudly.



The Summer Season is over - but 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

After completing the Cruise Planning Course taught by P/C Rose Moskowitz. AP Bob Trenz, Jack Thomas, and Florence Thomas all passed with grades in the mid to high 90s. Congratulations!!! JN is progressing, Rose Moskowitz, Bryan Moskowitz and Ricky Emanuel are enrolled and are beginning their celestial adventure.

More and interesting courses are being planned watch for the announcements

For more information, please contact Nat at:
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Hear Ye! Hear Ye!!!



Come to our November 11 welcome back meeting as our boating season comes to a close. - but best of all come for information and the fact that we will be together with our boating friends and enjoying great food, friendship, and fun. Come with suggestions for the upcoming slate of officers.

WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?

Lt/DC George P. Ghirlando, AP

Flimsy. "Your excuse for being late, sir, is very flimsy." That's the context I am most familiar with concerning the word, flimsy. But a nautical origin?

According to Peter D. Jeans book, Ship to Shore, it is. This is what he writes:

"Originally a certificate of conduct issued in the Royal Navy by the the ship's captain to an officer on the termination of his appointment and his subsequent transfer to another appointment. The report or certificate was written on thin paper, and the name flimsy derives from the word film."

So today we use the word for very thin excuses or paper or anything of thin, weak construction. Another word that has come into our language from the sea.

A New Hudson Valley Park



Walkway Over the Hudson: a place to enjoy the river and a place to appreciate the wonder of an engineering feat unprecedented in its time with a beauty unsurpassed in our generation. The Grand Opening of Walkway Over the Hudson took place the weekend of October 3, 2009. <http://walkway.org>

BOAT SHOW NEWS

by AEO Pete Skorewicz

The following are a list of up coming boat shows that are for the most part close to our area for any members wishing to attend. Be sure to watch for information on our annual trip to the Atlantic City Boat Show that we will be organizing.

**Ft. Lauderdale's Largest inwater Boat Show
10/29/09 - 11/2/09
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida**

**New York National Boat Show
01/20/10 - 01/24/10
Jacob K. Javits Convention Center
New York, New York**

**Atlantic City International Power Boat Show
02/03/10 - 02/07/10
Atlantic City Convention Center
Atlantic City, New Jersey**

**Just to Let You know -
Mark Your Calendars Atlantic City Bus Trip
2010**

SKPS annual bus trip to Atlantic City will be Saturday, February 6, 2010. We will depart from the Newburgh Mall around 8:30am to Bally's Casino which is 5 blocks from the Convention Center where the show is held. We will return to Newburgh approximately 10:30pm. I will provide more information to the membership as the date gets closer.

Now open -- enjoy!!



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>
October 7	SKPS Bridge Meeting	7:00pm CYC
14	General Meeting	7:30pm CYC
November 4	SKPS Bridge Meeting	7:00pm CYC
11	General Meeting	7:30pm CYC
December 2	SKPS Bridge Meeting	7:00pm CYC
5	Annual Holiday Party	6:30pm CYC
January 6	SKPS Bridge Meeting	7:00pm CYC
13	Annual Meeting and Elections	7:00pm CYC



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

Here's to the future 2010 season for a safe and wondrous boating adventure!! Take advantage of the interesting courses offered this winter.



Announcement From the Wintering Floridians

by Rose Moskowitz, AP

Well after finishing teaching Cruise Planning and taking the test on Marine Electronics, it was time for Bryan and me to head South to sunny and beautiful Florida. We both signed up for JN and began taking classes here through the Palm Beach Sail and Power Squadron. The book is daunting but the instructor is very good and patient. After being thoroughly confused by the reading our teacher explained things quite simply -- too bad the book didnt! Any way we are enjoying the class and the squadron, they are 400 strong and very active. I will keep everyone posted of our progress and I encourage you all to take as many classes as you can as they are interesting, informative, and will certainly help you as you sail the wonderful waterways.

Anyone else interested in classes, please see Nat Sobelman and he will set you up. Watch for the upcoming courses that will be announced at our regular meetings..



This picture appeared in a Roumanian newspaper along with a wonderful article about the recilience of the American People



This is the USS New York on her maiden voyage - she was made from steel from the Twin Towers - note her twin towers. Sail On -- God Bless America!!!



2010 Leadership in Storm King Power Squadron

by P/D/C Wayne Garnsey, SN

IMPORTANT MESSAGE -- Please Read!!!

Some USPS – District 2 – Storm King members are trying to understand – and some are concerned about [including myself] – the concept and practices of leadership or lack thereof for our Squadron for the upcoming year. There are a great many reasons to discuss the topic of “Leadership,” including that all organizations are faced with changes like never before. Is USPS and/or SKPS in Trouble?

Applying these “life style” changes to the United States Power Squadrons®, let’s take membership numbers first. USPS now has declined in active membership to about 38,928 (55,962 in 2000) or about a 31% drop in membership since the turn of this century. District 2 now has 1,379 (2,355 in 2000) or a 42% drop, and Storm King has 122 (89 in 2000) or a 37% increase. The obvious observation is that although there is a serious decline in the overall membership in USPS and our District, SKPS is “healthy” – certainly as compared to USPS as a whole. But, are we? The reasons for the decline are diverse and real. Boiled down, our 2010 culture (life style) is very much different than the demographics of a decade and a generation ago. On the whole, both individual and family economics have declined. It costs more to do the same... higher taxes... higher cost of goods... the higher standard of living means higher costs. For example, a TV antenna was all that was needed 20 years ago. A super nice one (adjusted for the dollar value) cost less than the average monthly Direct TV or Cable bill. Almost anything you can think of, costs more money. How much did you spend on the Web, 20 years ago? With the exception of Al Gore, you spent close to zero dollars. How about GPS? Ten years ago, did you have one in your car? Boat? Cell Phone? Keep it going, our standard of living is much more complex and higher, but much more costly.

Time? Well, “baseball” moms transport their kids to all kinds of afternoon, weekend, and evening games. My nephew belongs to a Junior High team, a church team, and a community team. Everyday there is at least a practice and likely a game, as well. Then weekends often have both morning and afternoon games. With the addition of lighting from 2,000 watt halogen bulbs, now the school and community games can be at night. Our lives are changing... changing... changing... A visit to grandma’s house, a generation ago, likely meant traveling ‘cross town or a couple of hours driving, perhaps \$5.00 in gas. Now it is going online, getting your plane ticket at Orbits.com, driving to the airport, parking, going through security, flying to Florida or Arizona, reversing the car and travel (add in some tolls) and arrive at Grandma’s – tired and broke! Times have changed.

So, what does this all have to do with the “healthy” condition of Storm King? And, what does all this have to do with leadership? Storm King NEEDS a couple of members to step-up to leadership positions in the Squadron. Storm King needs a Commander. Storm King needs an Executive Officer. No one has yet volunteered. No one has yet accepted an invitation to serve in either of these leadership positions. Because there have been no positive responses to this need for our coming year, does this mean that Storm King does not have members with leadership capabilities? Of course not. Perhaps our potential Squadron leaders are too busy with work and family. This is understandable. And there are lots of good reasons for our lack of volunteers for these leadership positions.

BUT, perhaps the reason YOU have not offered YOUR talents to the Squadron is that YOU don’t think YOU have leadership skills. Perhaps you feel that you are a good cook, but not a Chef... a Jack-of-all-trades, but a Master of none... an amateur, not a professional... an apprentice, not a master tradesman... a woman, not a man (shame on this sexist thinking)... inexperienced, not experienced... shy, not verbose... prefer to follow, not to lead... Whatever the reason, please take a few minutes to think about LEADERSHIP. First, the concept of leadership is relevant (critical) to any aspect of ensuring effectiveness in organizations and in managing the change we are involved in this century. Leading is a very human activity – we’re all human. Unfortunately, some people make strong assertions about leadership without ever really understanding a great deal about what leadership really is. Understanding the concept of leadership requires more than just guessing or fantasizing about what great leaders should be.

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What is Leadership? Many people believe that leadership is simply being the first, biggest, or most powerful. Leadership in our Squadron has a different and more meaningful definition. Very simply put, a leader is someone who sets direction in an effort and influences people to follow that direction. How the leader sets that direction and influences people, depends on a variety of factors. To really comprehend leadership, you should notice various styles of leadership and check out some of the suggested traits and characteristics that leaders should have. **MAYBE, JUST MAYBE, YOU HAVE SOME OF THESE LEADERSHIP QUALITIES.** Leaders carry out their roles in a wide variety of styles, e.g., autocratic, democratic, participatory, laissez-faire (hands off), shepherd-like, consensus building, etc. Often, the leadership style depends on the situation, including the life cycle (or pending death) of the organization.

Driving Forces of Change: Around the 1960s and on to today, the environment of today's organizations, such as USPS, has changed a great deal. Again, a variety of driving forces provoke this change. Increasing telecommunications has "shrunk" the world substantially. Increasing diversity of people has brought in a wide array of differing values, perspectives, and expectations in our society. Public consciousness has become much more sensitive and demanding that organizations, like USPS, be more socially responsible, serving a broader base of boaters, young and old, power and non-power, large and small, rich and less rich...

As a result of the above driving forces, USPS and SKPS need to adopt a new view on the world – to be more sensitive, flexible and adaptable to the demands and expectations of both longtime and new members. In order to survive, better still grow, many successful organizations have abandoned the traditional top-down, rigid and hierarchical structures to more basic and fluid forms. In other words, they have learned to "go with the flow!"

Today's leaders must deal with continual, rapid change. A Squadron Officer faced with a major decision can no longer refer back to an earlier developed plan or direction. Just because it has always been done this way, does not mean it should continue in the same way. Good leadership must continually notice changes in the environment, membership, and organization, assess this change and manage the change. Managing change does not mean controlling it, but rather understanding it, adapting to it where necessary and guiding it when possible. Leaders can't know it all! Leaders must count on and listen more to their fellow members. Consequently, new forms of organizational leadership are becoming more common, e.g., member-centered teams, self-organizing and self-designing teams, etc. In other words, consensus... and working together.

TEAM: Together **E**veryone **A**ccomplishes **M**ore

Become a leader in our Squadron. Use your talents. Take a chance. Step up to the plate... take a swing... Not a homerun? Not necessary. Just keep moving the base runners along. Eventually, we will all together accumulate the runs and **WIN THE GAME. Go Storm King!!**

A Ship Called Storm King Power Squadron

Volunteerism is the lifeblood of an organization -- SKPS needs you and your suggestions, your assistance, your expertise, and most of all your ideas, your thoughts.

Please join your fellow boaters on our ship called Storm King and become part of the crew that helps steer this wonderful boating organization on another successful voyage as we enter our 33rd year.





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yourself and
Learn boating
skills and win!*



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United States Power Squadron members can take any one or more of the following courses between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010 to be eligible for the following prizes:

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JN:	WIN A CHARTPLOTTER
Weather:	WIN A BAROMETER
Marine Electrical Systems:	WIN A MULTIMETER
Engine Maintenance:	WIN A MULTIMETER

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2. Successfully pass the examination before June 30, 2010
3. You will be automatically entered in the drawing

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| 1. For Seamanship | (3) Handheld VHF Radios |
| 2. For Piloting | (3) Handheld GPS |
| 3. For Advanced Piloting | (3) Sets of Navigational Software |
| 4. For JN | (1) Chart Plotter |
| 5. For Weather | (3) Barometers |
| 6. For Marine Electrical Systems | (3) Multimeters |
| 7. For Engine Maintenance | (3) Multimeters |

The winner's names will be drawn at the 2010 Governing Board held in Seattle from August 30th through September 4th, 2010.



Congratulations to: Lt. Tom J. O Connor for achieving his 25 year gold member pin. Manny Sangervasio presented the pin to Tom at our October general meeting.



Now Here This... □
Come One! Come All!
2009 Storm King
Power Squadron
Holiday Party



*Meeting and greeting friends at the October meeting;
 Swearing in of new members: Mr. and Mrs. Edward Woo by Manny Sangervasio and Cdr. Tony Tucci*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5TH
AT CORNWALL YACHT CLUB
STARTING AT 6:30PM - MIDNIGHT
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AUCTION

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Happy Halloween and

Happy Thanksgiving!!!

