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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr. Anthony Tucci, S



I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all the members of Storm King Power Squadron a Happy Holiday Season and a happy and prosperous New Year. To those that attended the Holiday party, I would like to say thank you for your good cheer and making it a great party.

Although we are now in the winter season, it is no time to stop thinking about our favorite pastime, boating. There is equipment to buy and courses to take. This is an excellent time to gain new knowledge through the USPS training programs. Storm King Power Squadron members should be very proud of it's members who attended these classes in 2009. At the District 2 Fall Conference in Lake George, in October, SKPS was the recipient of the Lake Candlewood Award. This award is given to the Squadron that has offered the most number of advanced courses to its members. A second award was given to SKPS for the retention of over 90 % of it's membership. Once again, Storm King Power Squadron members have helped build a Squadron to be proud of.

As we enter a new year, I want to remind all our Members of the importance of attending our Annual Meeting January 13, 2010. This is a very important meeting. The membership will not only be apprised of the status of the Squadron, but will be voting on the Storm King Power Squadron Bridge for the year 2010. Nominations for the position of Commander, and Executive Officer, will be accepted from the floor at the time of the voting. Please attend!

Remember: Boating safety



through education!

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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

Lots going on -- Seamanship completed on Tuesday, December 22, 2009 with Piloting to start 2nd week of January 2010.

Weather taught by Wayne Garnsey to start February 2nd. Seamanship course is under way with 3 people attending. ABC course will be re-scheduled for January 23, 2010 - need members to attend to share expertise. Engine Maintenance will be held in January, 2010.

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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The JN Adventure

by P/C Rose Moskowitz, AP

OMG - No one told me there would be days like this!!! I find JN a very exhausting course. Interesting but very exhausting. Our teacher here in Florida from the Palm Beach Sail and Power Squadron is very helpful and tries very hard. He is knowledgable and takes his time to explaing everything - over and over again!!!

I think I offered to quit at least 3x's - but we are still plugging along - not to give up! We are not sure when we will be ready to take the test, but we will keep you all infomed when we do. In January we will be heading to the beach to take our sightings, record them, compute them, and hopefully get them right.



Hear Ye! Hear Ye!!!



Come to our January 13th meeting!!! Join us for the SKPS Annual Meeting. Hear your current Bridge give its annual report and then it will be time for elections of the new bridge for 2010. Meet the new slate of officers and let's get together with our boating friends, enjoy great food, friendship, and fun.

**USPS Monthly Broadcast January '10
Act now for 2010 NSBC awards**

As the foremost coalition for advancing and promoting a safer recreational boating experience through education, outreach and training, the National Safe Boating Council joins patron level partner organizations to offer two annual contests and one grant.

These opportunities recognize individuals and organizational partners in the boating community that create innovative programs designed to improve boating education and raise awareness of recreational boating-safety issues. Squadrons and districts are urged to apply for these funding opportunities. -Joyce Shaw

READMORE: <http://ent.groundspring.org>

Vessel Safety Check and Recreational Boating Safety merge

The Vessel Safety Check and Recreational Boating Safety committees have merged under the new name "Safety." No drastic changes are planned, but the group will evolve over the next year, so stay tuned.

On course for another great year, squadron vessel examiners have already exceeded their target number of VSCs for 2009. We are also close to reaching our goal of having 2,300 certified vessel examiners. Track our progress on the VSC home page, and please share our appreciation with your VSC committees.

Additional inflatable life jackets are available. Check with your district VSC chair if you need more or have extra. -Bob Miller

READ MORE www.usps.org/national/vsc

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.

**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.

Have you activated your SailAngle.com account?

If not, you need to act now! You are missing out on all the features specially designed for the USPS that have made SailAngle.com our "standard communication platform." - Dave Hinders

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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>
January 6	SKPS Bridge Meeting	7:00pm CYC
13	Annual Meeting and Elections	7:00pm CYC
February 3	SKPS Bridge Meeting	7:00pm CYC
10	General Meeting	7:30pm CYC
March 3	SKPS Bridge Meeting	7:00pm CYC
10	Change of Watch 2010	6:30pm CYC
April 7	SKPS Bridge Meeting	7:00pm CYC
14	General Meeting	7:30pm CYC



Storm King Power Squadron - USPS District 2 Report of the Nominating Committee - 5 December 2009

In accordance with provisions of the Squadron Bylaws, Article 6 Section 6.8, the Nominating Committee unanimously submits the following report of nominees to be voted on at the Storm King Power Squadron Annual Meeting, 13 January 2010. Form Ed-80 has been submitted for the nominees for SEO and Asst. SEO. Approval from the National Education Officer for the positions of SEO and Asst. SEO is approved and has been received by the Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

2010 Executive Committee Squadron Bridge Officers (1-year terms)

Commander: vacant (nomination to be accepted from floor, 13 January 2009)
Executive Officer: vacant (nomination to be accepted from floor, 13 January 2009)
Admin Officer: Lt/C Peter Skorewicz, P
Education Officer: Lt/C Nathan Sobelman, P
Secretary: Lt/C Robert Trenz, P
Corresponding Sec: Lt Renee Maggio, S ("good & welfare" Chairperson)
Treasurer: P/C Richard Hollahan, AP
Assistant SEO: 1st/Lt Linda Stulgis, S

2010 Executive Committee Members-at-Large (1-year terms)

Members at Large (7): P/Lt/C Manny Sangervasio, AP Bryan Moskowitz, AP
 Cory Gower 1st/Lt Linda Stulgis, S
 P/C Thomas O'Oonnor, AP Lt John (Jack) Thomas, Jr., S
 Robert Ingram, AP

2010 General Committees

Rules Committee: P/D/C Wayne Garnsey, SN, Chairperson (not voted on: 3rd of 3 years)
 P/Lt/C Manny Sangervasio, AP (not voted on: 2nd of 3 years)
 Lt John (Jack) Thomas, Jr., S (1st of 3 years)

Audit Committee: Lt Nick Stagliano, P Chairperson (not voted on: 3rd of 3 years)
 P/Lt/C Manny Sangervasio, AP (not voted on: 2nd of 3 years)
 Lt Bryan Moskowitz, AP (1st of 3 years)

Nominating Com: P/D/C Wayne Garnsey, SN (not voted on: 3rd of 3 years)
 Robert Ingram, AP (vote on to fill out term - 2nd of 3 years)
 P/C Cdr Tony Tucci, S (1st of 3 years)

Scholarship Fund Trustees: Lt/C Nathan Sobelman, P (1-year term)
 P/C Tony Tucci, S (1-year term)
 P/C Richard Hollahan, AP (not voted on: permanent member)

Respectfully Submitted:

P/C Rose Moskowitz, AP, Chairperson; P/D/C Wayne Garnsey, SN



Weather Course - Starting February 2010

by P/D/C Wayne Garnsey, SN

The SKPS Educational Department is offering to Squadron and Cornwall Yacht Club members, the new USPS Weather Course.

Course Background: The USPS Marine Environment Committee launched the new weather course with its completely rewritten manual at the beginning of 2009. Wx2008 returns to a one-manual format, has full four-color graphics, contains concise explanations of some of the more difficult topics in atmospheric dynamics, and includes Internet sources and content as an integral part of the curriculum.

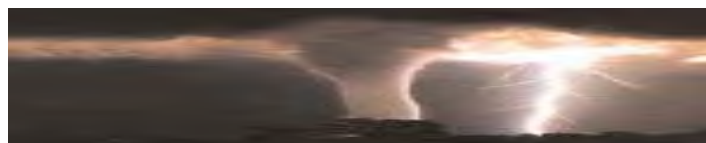
Course Description: The safety and comfort of those who venture out-on-the water have always been weather dependent. In this course students will become keener observers of the weather, but weather observations only have meaning in the context of the basic principles of meteorology - the science of the atmosphere.

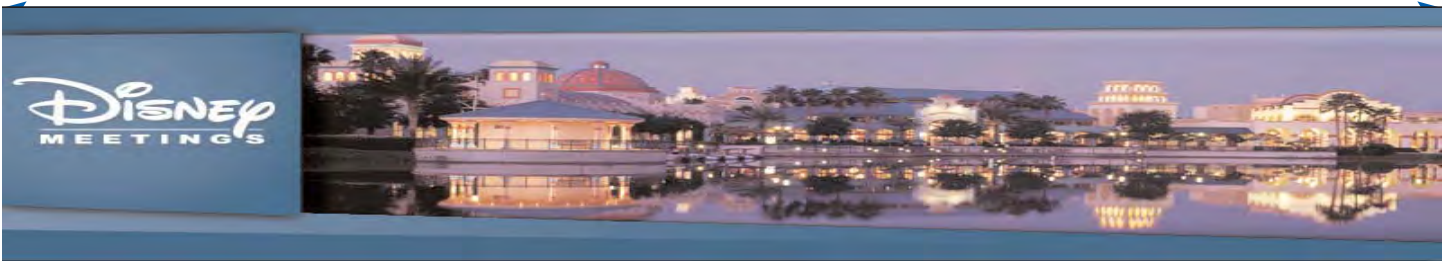
The 10-week course focuses on how weather systems form, behave, move, and interact with one another and reflects the availability of all sorts of weather reports and forecasts on the Internet. Wx2008 is a general weather course benefiting those sitting in their living rooms, as much as those standing behind the helm. Each student receives:

► a Weather Manual - USPS Weather - an explanatory text with full color photographs and drawings covering weather in the United States and its coastal and inland waters; ► a set of three Daily Weather Maps - learning aids with a complete explanation of map symbols designed to develop weather map reading and analysis skills; and ► NOAA's Sky Watcher Chart - a reference to assist in identifying cloud types - helpful indicators of approaching weather.

Course Instruction: The course is presented in a multi-media format, using Power Point instruction, videos, and text work. The instructor, P/D/C Wayne Garnsey, SN is a certified NYS teacher and the author of several educational science books, including weather. His boating and life experiences, as well as those of "guest" speakers and class members, will add the "color" to the class lectures.

Course Registration and Cost: To register for the course, contact Wayne via email (wayneg1@frontiernet.net) or by phone (day at N&N Publishing: 845-342-1677 or evening at home: 845-496-5950). Please, if interested, contact Wayne ASAP as the enrollment is limited to 15 students. Class books will be available the middle of January. Pending final approval of the Executive Board, the cost for all materials (there is no charge for instruction) is \$65.00 (make your tax-deductible donation check to "Storm King Power Squadron"). Upon successful completion of the course, each student will receive a On Board Weather Forecasting Quick Guide, a great waterproof guide for boaters concerned with "weather on the water."





USPS Annual Meeting

Tuesday, February 2, 2010 thru Sunday, February 7, 2010

Save the Date -- Fun in Sun Annual Meeting
Disney Coronado Springs Resort

Make reservations at the Hotel Web Site
1000 West Buena Vista Dr
Lake Buena Vista, Florida 32830

Telephone: 407-939-1020 407-939-1020
Rate: \$146.00



Announcing - Save the Date D2 Winter Council - Change of Watch

When: Saturday February 27 2010

Where: The Mercury Grand Hotel [formerly Best Western
2107 South Road, Poughkeepsie, NY

Contact: D/C Robert Shivokevich, SN

Champlain Sail & Power Squadron

518-493-7251 518-493-7251 or rshivokevich@yahoo.com

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.

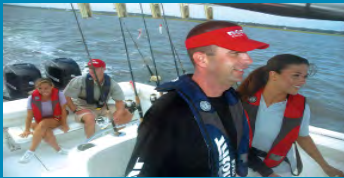
Please join your fellow boaters on our ship called Storm King and become part of the crew that helps steer this wonderful boating organization on another successful voyage as we enter our 34nd year.





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yourself and
Learn boating
skills and win!*



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between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010!

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:

Seamanship:	WIN A HANDHELD VHF RADIO
Piloting:	WIN A HANDHELD GPS
Advanced Piloting:	WIN A SET OF NAVIGATIONAL SOFTWARE
JN:	WIN A CHARTPLOTTER
Weather:	WIN A BAROMETER
Marine Electrical Systems:	WIN A MULTIMETER
Engine Maintenance:	WIN A MULTIMETER

To enter the drawing, all you need to do is the following:

1. Take and complete the qualifying course or courses between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010
2. Successfully pass the examination before June 30, 2010
3. You will be automatically entered in the drawing

The Available Prizes:

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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.

Ocean Navigator Weather 2-newsletter:



Ocean Navigator's Weather e-newsletter periodically provides mariners with useful weather insights that build their understanding of marine weather. The Ocean Navigator Weather e-newsletter is written by weather consultant Ken McKinley at Locus Weather in Camden, Maine, who produces custom weather forecasts and weather routing for both recreational and commercial clients. Receiving McKinley's weather newsletters is like having your own weather expert explaining the concepts behind the forecasts.

To receive it, click on www.oceannavigator.com/weather.

ATLANTIC CITY BUS TRIP

Saturday, February 6, 2010 will be the date of our annual trip to Atlantic City and the Atlantic City Boat Show at the Convention Center. So far we have 14 members signed up to go. PLEASE contact me ASAP to reserve your space on the bus. The cost this year will be the same as last year at \$35.00---PRE-PAID or \$40.00 on the bus. We will leave the Newburgh Mall at 8:30am and return around 10:30pm. I look forward to seeing you all and having the great time we have come to expect from the SKPS bus trip

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**A Special Note of Thank You to SKPS
by Lt/C Nat Sobelman**

Thanks to all SKPS members for their kind thoughts following the passing of my mother. Your kind words, thoughts, cards, and special offerings were well appreciated by my family and me.

Happy New Year to all Storm King Power Squadron Member - May you all have a very healthy, happy, and safe New Year. May the upcoming Boating Season be then best ever!!!!



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