



# The Crown - STORM KING POWER SQUADRON

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## May 2011 SK Auction BIG SUCCESS

With everyone full of food and soft drinks, the first order of business was the ringing of the bell and *Pledge of Allegiance*, followed by Chaplain Sangervasio's welcoming prayer. Then, Commander Feldberg gave a few announcements and called upon Tony DiStefano and Alex Stach, our able auctioneers, to rally the attendees to dig deep and bid high. After all, the tax deductible donations go to the charitable efforts of the Squadron and the Storm King Educational Scholarship Fund.

Vingie Genco deserves a lot of credit for organizing and getting together all the excellent donated bid items and also Helene Stagliano who is "the best" at obtaining so many local business gift certificates. Of course, many of the members of Storm King contributed their time, their efforts, their money for all these auction items which included everything from a Southern Condo Vacation for a week, to home-made cakes, fishing, camping, and hunting equipment, boating items, clothes, electronics, and the list goes on and on...

Again, like so many meetings and functions of the Squadron, it took many members helping to set-up, donate food-stuffs, Jeanette's cake and decorations, recorders of the bidding, the clean-up crew and on and on...

Ready for the next event? During the auction, Helene was already moving around the room with her clipboard, signing up the members food and drink contributions for the June 8th Picnic. It is the last big event of this year (before summer). **DO NOT MISS IT!**

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### "My Watch" – by Cdr Feldberg



Cdr Martin "the Reluctant" Feldberg, AP

We had our annual auction during our May meeting. Thanks go to our auctioneers, Tony DiStefano and Alex Stach, who did a terrific job. We must also thank Vingie Genco for stepping up and heading the committee that made the arrangements for all the donated items. As usual, Jeanette Sangervasio and Helene Stagliano made sure there was enough food for everyone. This year the donations made by local businesses helped to make the auction



Auctioneers Tony DiStefano and Alex Stach kept the bidding going with their unique brand of collective humor. Thanks MEN, you made the evening a night to remember!

successful. Your Commander received very little respect from your fellow squadron members and was outbid too many times as far as he was concerned. We raised over \$2,300.00 for our educational endeavors and scholarship fund.

We are now in the process of preparing for the ABC3 boating course that will be held on June 18th at the 84 Dinner in Fishkill. It will be appreciated, if you can help Corey that day. With Nat Sobelman's temporary absence (Nat will be missed greatly), the course falls on Corey's shoulders. So if you can help, please let him or me know.

I hope the weather is not hampering your efforts to get you boat ready for the summer. Unfortunately, the weather and personal commitments have slowed my boat preparation to a crawl, but I hope to have it in the water by early June. If you are interested in horror stories, ask Alexandra to tell you about our recent boat trip from Lindenhurst, NY to Old Saybrook, CT.

For most of you, your USPS membership comes due this month. If you have not yet renewed, so please do. Don't forget you can pay online by going to USPS.ORG and clicking "HOW DO I" and then "PAY MY DUES."

Please get your reservations for the July Hop-o-nose Squadron Rendezvous to Pete Skorewicz. The registration information can be found in the newsletter.

Let's all keep Nat Sobelman in our thoughts and prayers.  
**DON'T FORGET OUR ANNUAL PICNIC ON 8 JUNE. WE HAVE SOME SPECIAL EVENTS PLANNED FOR THE EVENING.**

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From Nat Sobelman, 18 May 2011: "Thank you so very much for your cards and well wishes. I greatly appreciate your many thoughtful words of encouragement."

Part of the crowded room of SKPS members, friends from the Cornwall Yacht Club and the Mid-Hudson Power Squadron.



### Advanced Grades Completed

Just in from USPS HQ, Storm King has two new *Pilots* – John (Jack) Thomas, Jr., P and Florence Thomas, P. **CONGRATULATIONS!** The *Advanced Piloting* students are currently taking their open book tests and charting work, so their work is almost completed. Unfortunately, it appears that the *Seamanship* tests were lost, but new ones are being ordered. More to come.

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### Weds., June 8th “Thank You” Barbecue

The STAR (or maybe “goat”) of the evening will be our own Pete Skorewicz. Pete will be doing IN WATER safety demonstrations with auto-inflatable suspenders and fanny-pack, as well as standard USCG approved PFDs. And, after nightfall, the Hudson will be lit up with a demo of signal flares - hand and aerial.

This Picnic celebrates the beginning of summer and provides the squadron members the opportunity to “thank” the members of the Cornwall Yacht Club, all of whom are invited to the barbecue, for their generous contribution to the success of our Squadron

Tony demonstrates his method of fishing: (1) scare the fish so it jumps. (2) catch it in a net. (3) beat it silly with a skinning paddle. But, way to go Tony, he sold someone on the bogus equipment!



through allowing us to use their clubhouse and facilities for our Executive and General Member meetings, many of our advanced grade and elective courses and our special events. The only time that SKPS is asked to pay a \$100 rental charge to the Club is for our special weekend events, such as our holiday party and COW. The officers and members of CYC are most supportive of our squadron and this special evening is always very well attended and appreciated by the members and families of CYC.

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### July - August Hiatus

There are no regularly scheduled meetings during the summer. The Ex-Com continues to meet during July and August on the first Wednesday’s of each month. All SKPS members are welcome to attend these meetings which start at 1900 at the CYC clubhouse.

But, there are boating events throughout the summer sponsored by our squadron and other District 2 squadrons, as well as the Summer Council and Rendezvous on Long Island Sound (07/29/11-07/31/11). Storm King has a weekend rendezvous at Hop-o-nose Marina, creekside at Catskill, NY.

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# STORM KING 2011 SUMMER RENDEZVOUS AT HOP-O-NOSE MARINA



Hop-O-Nose Marina  
160 West Main Street Catskill NY  
(518) 943-4640

**FRIDAY - AFTERNOON & EVENING, JULY 22<sup>ND</sup>**  
**SATURDAY - ALL DAY, JULY 23<sup>RD</sup>**  
**SUNDAY - MORNING, JULY 24<sup>TH</sup>**

**Marina Fee: \$1.75 / foot / nite**  
(15 slips available)

**Friday nite Dinner: \$20.00±**  
(select & pay off Creekside menu)

**Saturday all day:**  
**\$5.00** (SKPS members)  
**\$10.00** (guests & non-members)  
(children under age 5: free)

**Sunday Breakfast:**  
(Commander Feldberg's treat)

**Contact Pete & Lisa Skorewicz  
for Reservations**  
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## Vessel Safety Checks Anyone?

A Vessel Safety Check can identify SAFETY and money saving items:

- By preventing citations by meeting federal and state and local safety equipment requirements.
- By identifying educational and equipment-related possible boating insurance discounts.
- By increasing awareness of safety practices to avoid accidents and costly breakdowns.



A Vessel Safety Check can reduce accidents and injuries by educating the boater as to the value and use of marine safety equipment, and other safe practices on the water.

**FOR A COURTESY VSC, CONTACT:**  
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## SKPS – 2011 CALENDAR (TENTATIVE / EVENT DATES TO BE ADDED)

Note: Dates subject to change. Watch for Meeting Announcements and Email Bulletins.

29 May, Sun . . .John F. Kennedy's Birthday  
30 May, Mon . . .Memorial Day

01 Jun, Wed . . .7:00 PM - SKPS Bridge Meeting  
**08 Jun, Wed . . .7:00 PM - SKPS CYC Appreciation Picnic**  
14 Jun, Tue . . .Flag Day  
**18 May, Sat . . .8:00 AM - ABC3 at 84 Diner (all day class)**

19 Jun, Sun . . .Father's Day

04 Jul, Mon . . .Independence Day  
06 Jul, Wed . . .7:00 PM - SKPS Bridge Meeting

13 Jul, Wed . . .7:00 PM - SKPS General Meeting  
03 Aug, Wed . . .7:00 PM - SKPS Bridge Meeting  
10 Aug, Wed . . .7:00 PM - SKPS General Meeting

05 Sep, Mon . . .Labor Day  
07 Sep, Wed . . .7:00 PM - SKPS Bridge Meeting  
14 Sep, Wed . . .7:00 PM - SKPS General Meeting  
28 Sep, Wed . . .Rosh Hashana (begins at sunset)

05 Oct, Wed . . .7:00 PM - SKPS Bridge Meeting  
10 Oct, Mon . . .Columbus Day  
12 Oct, Wed . . .7:00 PM - SKPS General Meeting

**Join the Fun at the 2011 District 2 Rendezvous  
East End Yacht Club, BRIDGEPORT, CT  
FRIDAY JULY 29, SATURDAY JULY 30 RAIN OR SHINE**

**FREE DOCKAGE FOR USPS MEMBERS, FRIDAY, SATURDAY and SUNDAY!  
Call Gene Boone to make arrangements. Do not call Yacht Club.  
UPON ARRIVAL IDENTIFY YOURSELF AS A USPS RENDEZVOUS PARTICIPANT.**

EVENT SCHEDULE      DRESS CODE – USPS Casual

**Friday Evening:** Restaurant available for dinner.

**Saturday Morning:** 9 AM -- D/2 Council private room

Lunch available on deck special hot/cold buffet \$9.00 incl. tax & tip

**Saturday Afternoon:** 2 – 4 pm Let's do something different and pretend we are a boating club. How about members who can, bring their sailboat, powerboat, kayak or dinghy and take conference attendees out for a time on the water? Skippers will decide the plan for their own boat – a sail, time fishing at anchor, or some power boat maneuvers, all on board will be encouraged to crew. Burgees to be flown

If you don't wish to go out on a boat there will be: Our usual favorites: Kite-flying, Hula Hooping, Frisbee throwing and on water boating events such as a kayak race and the popular blindfolded dinghy race. Many Prizes -- BRING CHAIRS -- BIG PARTY hosted by D/C Commander and bridge in the shade of the Supples' motor home.

**Saturday Evening:** 6 PM cash bar and 7 PM Dinner in the club's Private Dining room. SATURDAY DINNER MENU: (Note we are limited to 150 people first come first served). Choice of 2 lobsters (\$40) Chicken Florentine (\$31) Prime Rib (\$36) or Vegetarian special (\$30) including pasta, vegetables, salad and dessert. Children's Menu available (Call Gene for details) Musical show and dancing to dinner music we all love RSVP – Reservations and payments for dinners are required by 21 July 2011. Please make all reservations with check payable to USPS D/2 and mailed to: P/C Eugene R. Boon, Jr., AP, 498-B Niantic Lane, Stratford, CT 06614, Phone: 203-380-9964 Email: bgstep@sbcglobal.net

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**United States Power Squadrons®      DISTRICT 2 Fall CONFERENCE 2011  
Hosted by Lake Candlewood Power Squadron      Friday and Saturday, October 28-29, 2011  
The Ethan Allen Inn, 21 Lake Avenue Extension Danbury, CT 06810 203-744-1776**

**Friday: 3:00 pm** Registration begins  
**5:00 pm** Social Gathering  
**7:00 pm** Dinner with the Chief's Rep

**Saturday: 8:00 am** Registration/ Coffee  
**9:00 am** Morning Session begins  
**12:00** Lunch Break  
**1:30 pm** Afternoon Session begins  
**6:00 pm to 7:00** Cocktail hour  
**7:00 pm to 11:00 pm** Dinner and Dancing

**Dress: Fri. Dinner – Blazers, Sat. Meeting - Uniform G or appropriate attire, Sat Dinner – Uniform A or appropriate evening attire.**

[http://www.darcy-systems.com/district/2011\\_10\\_28-30\\_Fall\\_Conference\\_Fill-In\\_Enabled.pdf](http://www.darcy-systems.com/district/2011_10_28-30_Fall_Conference_Fill-In_Enabled.pdf)



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