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Picnic - Summer Kick-off BIG SUCCESS

This Picnic celebrated the beginning of summer. It also provided the squadron members the opportunity to “thank” the members of the Cornwall Yacht Club, all of whom were invited to the barbecue, for their generous contribution to the success of our squadron through allowing us to use their clubhouse and facilities for our Executive and General Member meetings, many of our advanced grade and elective courses (of course, the CYC members are also invited to take our courses), and our special events. The only time that SKPS pays 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.

Chiefly organized by Helene Stagliano, setup and decorated by Jeanette Sangervasio, with member donations of lots of difference salads, baked beans, casseroles, a variety of chips, and hot dogs and hamburgers, the picnic got underway. With cooks Tony DiStefano, Alex Stach, and a whole bunch of assistant cooks and servers (almost everyone was doing something to help), the grills kept turning out nicely cooked meats. Add a bun or two, and it felt like a real party. Some brave souls (or foolish young people) stayed outside in the high heat and humidity. (Us smart folks kept mostly in the air conditioned clubhouse.

Once everyone was filled, perhaps “stuffed” is a better descriptive term, the safety demonstrations began dockside. Pete Skorewicz, adorned in his wet-suit, was our drowning “volunteer” with Bob Wilson and Alex Stach (plus a whole bunch of others) standing by to pull Pete from the water between demos of (1) the wrong sized PFD, (2) the right sized standard PFD, (3) the manually operated suspenders type PFD, the automatic suspender-style PFD, and the “fanny pack” PFD. The automatic suspenders worked with incredible speed and success, turning Pete face-up quickly. Had he been unconscious, he would have been breathing air, not water!

Next came the fire extinguisher demo with fireman, Captain Steve Nachbar. Using a dozen on-lookers, Steve instructed each on

the use of the various types of fire-extinguishers. It was dramatic and the audience as well as the participants got a real education on extinguishing fires. Great job, Steve.

The Sun was now setting, a little cooling (not much) began, and became the backdrop for the flare demonstration. John Ledwith and Tony DiStefano assisted both adults and children with the igniting and safe and proper handling of the flares, including handhelds and aerals. There was a little “holding of one’s breath,” when Corey Gower fired off an aerial/parachute flare. In fairness to Corey, there did not seem to be any breeze, and he did fire the flare well into the “safe-zone,” BUT... as the flare drifted slowly down and toward P/D/C Garnsey’s boat...



Tony DiStefano and Rich Hollahan assist members and guests with a demonstration of flares.

A sigh of relief, and the safety demonstrations were complete. All flares and fires were extinguished and it was time for Jeanette’s chocolate cake. A delightful conclusion to another exceptional Storm King Power Squadron meeting. **Did you miss this one?**

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Advanced Grades Completed

As the summer begins, educational classes at Storm King have come to a very successful conclusion. Thanks to the efforts of our SEO, Nat Sobelman, and an excellent group of dedicated instructors, six new Seaman have emerged from our ranks: Vincent J. Evans, Vingie Genco, John C. Ledwith IV, Warren L. Washington, Jeffrey T. Croucher, and Jill Croucher. Thanks at least in part (plus a little studying) to the fine teaching by Nat Sobelman and Tony DiStefano, all six students scored in the 90’s, a remarkable achievement. **CONGRATULATIONS, ALL!**

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With the hot and humid weather, some attendees stayed in the air conditioned clubhouse, while others braved the beautiful evening on the lawn.



Our *Piloting* class also went well, although fewer students, both Florence Thomas, P and John (Jack) Thomas, P did extremely well – **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Piloting with a navigator’s precision. **CONGRATULATIONS!**
 Note: Interestingly enough, Larry did not start off with *Seamanship*, but began his Squadron Education with *Piloting*, so he is now challenging *Seamanship* (as a Naval Captain) so he can be awarded the grade of AP. Way to go, Capt. Lawrence Kirwan, ret. (and you thought the Navy’s regulations were tough)!!

Finally, for our Advanced Grades (helped along by Wayne Garnsey), both our Acting SEO, Lt/C Corey Gower, AP and Larry Kirwan, P did a great job and passed their *Advanced*

2011 SKPS Bridge, Committees, & Officers

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

FRIDAY - AFTERNOON & EVENING, JULY 22ND
SATURDAY - ALL DAY, JULY 23RD
SUNDAY - MORNING, JULY 24TH

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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Capt. Steve Nachbar and Alex Stach
guide Jeanette Sangervasio.

Vessel Safety Checks

A VSC 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.

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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.

01 Jun, Wed . . :7:00 PM - SKPS Bridge Meeting
08 Jun, Wed . . :7:00 PM - SKPS CYC Appreciation Picnic
14 Jun, Tue . . .Flag Day
17 Jun, Fri . . .Hospice Benefit Dinner at CYC 6:00 PM (free)
19 Jun, Sun . . .Father's Day

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

http://www.darcy-systems.com/district/2011_07_29-31_Summer_Council_Fill-In_Enabled.pdf

Now it is time to enjoy our boating and begin thinking about our boating skills and what more we want to learn this coming fall and winter. If you have a course in mind that you want the Squadron to offer this fall, contact SEO Corey Gower. Not sure what USPS has to offer in education, go to:

<http://www.usps.org/national/eddept/main.htm>


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July - August Hiatus

There are no regularly scheduled membership meetings during the summer boating season. The Executive Committee continues to meet during July and August on the first Wednesday's of each month. Absolutely, all SKPS members are welcome to attend these meetings which start at 1900 at the CYC clubhouse.

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