



# The Crown- STORM KING POWER SQUADRON

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ROYAL UNIT\* OF DISTRICT 2 OF THE UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS®

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## Summer went by **ALL TOO FAST!**

by **Cdr Martin Feldberg, AP**

I hope everyone had an enjoyable and fun summer. The summer weather was another wet one including “terrible” hurricane Irene. I know a number of you had problems with both your boat and the marina or yacht club where your boat is kept. Our boat nearly sank the day before the hurricane due to an engine backfiring, so late Friday night it was hauled and placed on high ground. I secured my dingy and bridge enclosure and was not affected by Irene. Unfortunately, I have not been able to do the needed repairs so I guess my fall boating is over before it started. I hope most of you will be able to do some fall boating before it is time to haul and winterize. The river and its scenery is beautiful this time of the year.

As I sit here writing this message, there has been a major downturn in the temperature. It is now time to start planning for the dreaded winterizing of our boats. If you have any questions about winterizing your vessel, I suggest you contact our resident engine and winterizing expert, Nick Stagliano. He can be reached by checking the Storm King Directory. If you do not have one and would like a copy, please contact me at martinfeld@optonline.net, and I will email you a copy.

Boating season is almost over but Storm King activities still continue. Our October meeting will feature Wayne giving the ID (Instructor Development Re-certification) program. Please come early and enjoy the refreshments. The meeting will start promptly at 1855 in order for the program to be completed by 2100.

Wayne has also volunteered to conduct the Operations Training program in November. It will be a great refresher for long time members, but it is also important for those relatively new members. The program will give you an insight into the workings of the Power Squadron.

Our holiday party is scheduled for 3 December. Vingie Genco has been busy making the arrangements for the party (see page 4). As always, I know it will be a great event.

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## USPS Fall Governing Board

by **Cdr Martin Feldberg, AP**

On 13 September, Alexandra and I traveled to Greensboro, NC to attend the Fall Governing Board. For those of you that are not familiar with National USPS, twice a year members of the United States Power Squadrons® meet in various cities to discuss major issues facing the Squadrons. In addition to that, there are seminars and meetings of the many Squadron departments. Of special interest was the dissolution of three Squadrons from our District 2: the Housatonic Sail and Power Squadron, Rowayton Sail and Power Squadron and the Cross County Power Squadron. The Governing Board voted to increase the USPS National dues for active members by two dollars beginning in the year 2012. Family membership dues will be increased by three dollars. The next National Annual Meeting will be in Jacksonville, Florida on January 25th thru the 29th.

Alexandra and I are planning to attend, so if you are interested, please let us know, and we can help you with your plans.

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Cdr Martin “the Reluctant” Feldberg, AP

## Teachers Certification Program

by **P/D/C Wayne Garnsey, SN**

At the October 12th general member meeting, P/D/C Garnsey conducted a two-hour USPS Instructor Re-Certification Course. In addition to 16 instructors being re-certified, 13 new teacher certification students began their course which will involve additional evening classes.

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## The AC Boat Show Is Coming

by **Lt/C Pete Skorewicz, AP**

Storm King is again this winter planning a bus trip to the February 4th Atlantic City Boat Show (and Casino) We are waiting to hear back from West Point Tours on the exact price, but I am sure we will still be in the range of \$35.00 per person. Usually we need about 34-35 people to break even. The trip is always open to our friends at CYC, Marlboro, Newburgh, and of course any friends and family of SKPS members.

Hopefully this year the weather cooperates since we have missed the last 2 years. Also the trip will probably be to Trump Plaza rather than Bally's because for some reason Bally's do NOT take busses in between 11:30-2:00 pm - go figure! More to come.

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## District 2 Summer Rendezvous and Council Meeting

by **Cdr Martin Feldberg, AP**

Alexandra and I attended this year's D/2 Summer Council which was held in Bridgeport, CT. The Council is a combination of both a meeting and social events. The purpose of the meeting is to set the agenda for the Fall Conference. If a resolution is to be voted upon at a Conference, it must be placed on the agenda at a



Council. Michael Brown, Chairperson of the Norwalk Boat Show presented a resolution requesting monies to replace the Boat Show Display (see page 2) which has been in use for over twenty years and is antiquated and in poor condition. After a discussion, a motion to place the resolution on the Fall Conference Agenda was approved. Unfortunately, District 2 lost three Squadrons this year. Rowayton Sail and Power Squadron, Housatonic Sail and Power Squadron and the Cross County Power Squadron were dissolved. Let's hope that we do not have to follow them.

The afternoon saw three major events in addition to the party that was sponsored by D/C Lacey Williams. There was a Texas Hold'Em card game and a number of members (that had boats at the rendezvous) took their boats and those that wanted to go on an afternoon cruise on Long Island Sound. D/Lt/C George Hallenbeck

was able to obtain a "laser fire extinguisher" from National. It uses a laser that permits one to practice extinguishing a fire. It is one of the requirements necessary to obtain the Inland BOC Certificate. This was the first time we have seen it, and it was extremely popular. The day was capped off by an evening lobster feast.

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## Storm King Summer Rendezvous by Cdr Martin Feldberg, AP

This summer our Squadron Rendezvous was held on 23-25 July. It was another huge success. We had eight boats make the trip to Hop-O-Nose Marina in Catskill with about 20 people on board. Friday night dinner saw a number of people that came by car including the organizer of the event, Pete Skorewicz and family,

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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**

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



**Social Program and Lunch on Saturday: Master Gardener and Author Colleen Plimpton**

**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**

[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)

Rich and Terry Hollahan and Tony DiStefano with his Janet. We were pleasantly surprised when our Past Commander, Rose Moskowitz along with Brian showed up. There was a brief meeting on Saturday morning after a great breakfast prepared by many including Jeanette Sangervasio, Helene Staglino, Jackie Emanuel and our head chef Rich Emanuel. The rest of the day was spent relaxing and swimming. Yours truly sponsored the traditional Commander's breakfast on Sunday morning after which most boats left for their home port. I was lucky enough to be able to stay one additional day for more swimming and relaxation. I would like to thank all those that worked that I forgot to mention. Everyone chipped in and helped. It was a great weekend.

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**Emergencies On Board**  
by Lt/C John Ledwith, IV, S

Storm King members enjoyed a multi-media presentation by Executive Officer Ledwith at the 14 September general member meeting. John talked about boat crews knowing what to do when something "bad" happens, how to be prepared to handle potential emergencies, and what to do if the Captain is disabled. Some of the boating emergencies discussed included Running Aground, Man Overboard, a Fire, Taking on Water, Losing Power or Steering,

Abandoning Ship, Towing, and Medical Conditions.

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**Vessel Safety Checks**  
by Lt Bill Burbage, AP

This summer, our Squadron contributed to the safety of boaters on the water was through conducting Courtesy Safety Exams (VSCs) for local boaters. Lt Bill Burbage, AP is the Squadron's Safety Officer and himself did 30 courtesy exams at CYC. P/C Tony Tucci, P added nine more to the total. Others also did additional VSCs, but those numbers are not yet in.

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**Operations Training**  
by P/D/C Wayne Garnsey, SN

Part One of the USPS Ops Training will be presented at the November 9th GM meeting. The main topic will include a brief history of USPS from 1914 and the USPS Organization. Come, enjoy the food and fellowship, the education and banter, and above all, spending a little quality time with boating friends.

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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.

- 05 Oct, Wed . . .7:00 PM - SKPS Bridge Meeting
- 10 Oct, Mon . . .Columbus Day
- 12 Oct, Wed . . .7:00 PM - SKPS General Meeting - "ID Recert"
- 31 Oct, Mon . . .Halloween
- 02 Nov, Wed . . .7:00 PM - SKPS Bridge Meeting
- 06 Nov, Mon . . .Daylight Savings (set clock back 1 hour)
- 07 Nov, Tue . . .Yom Kippur (begins at sunset)
- 09 Nov, Wed . . .7:00 PM - SKPS GM Meeting - "OPs Training"
- 11 Nov, Fri . . . .Veteran's Day
- 24 Nov, Thu . . . .Thanksgiving
- 03 Dec, Sat . . .6:30 PM - SKPS Holiday Dinner Meeting
- 07 Dec, Wed . . .7:00 PM - SKPS Bridge Meeting
- 20 Dec, Tue . . .Chanukah (begins at sunset)
- 25 Dec, Sun . . .Christmas

- 2012...Year of the Dragon**
- 01 Jan, Sat . . .New Year's Day
  - 04 Jan, Wed . . .7:00 PM - SKPS Bridge Meeting
  - 11 Jan, Wed . . .7:00 PM - SKPS Annual Election Meeting
  - 16 Jan, Mon . . .Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
  - 23 Feb, Mon . . .Chinese New Year - "Dragon"
  - 01 Feb, Wed . . .7:00 PM - SKPS Bridge Meeting
  - 02 Feb, Thu . . .Groundhog Day
  - 08 Feb, Wed . . .7:00 PM - SKPS General Meeting
  - 12 Feb, Sun . . .Abe Lincoln's Birthday
  - 14 Feb, Tue . . .Valentines's Day
  - 20 Feb, Mon . . .Presidents's Day
  - 22 Feb, Wed . . .Geo Washington's Birthday



**Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2011** (starting at 6:30 P.M.)

**Cost: Members & Guests - \$20.00**

**Bring a fun or serious gift up to \$10.00 for the “real” Chinese Gift Auction**

**Seating is Limited – Must Sign Up by Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup>**

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**Chef Lasky's  
Holiday Festival Dinner**



Appetizer, Rolls & Butter  
 Green Salad & Dressings  
**Roast Pork**  
**Seafood**  
**Chicken francese**  
 Potato & Vegetables  
 Dessert, Coffee & Tea, Punch & Soda  
 BYOB - or - Bring Your Own Beverage



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