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## “Stronger Than Ever”

by P/D/C Martin Feldberg, AP

Alexandra and I would like to wish you all a **Very Happy and Healthy New Year**. This past 2011 has been a difficult one for the Storm King Power Squadron, but with the support of all our members we have pulled through, and I believe, we are now stronger than ever. The rough economic times have caused a few members to leave the Squadron, but we have been fortunate to have new and energetic people join during this past year.

I hope December was as good of a month for you as it was for Alexandra and me. Our holiday party was one of the best we have ever had thanks to the hard work done by Vingie Genco and her committee. Our holiday was absolutely terrific this year. We spent our first night of Hanukkah with our new grandchild, and then we spent both Christmas day and New Year’s Eve on a cruise ship in the Atlantic Ocean. It was not as great as being on the *Shalom* but considering the boat almost sank this past fall and

considering the December temperatures, it was great place to be.

Last week, without the aid of the municipal water system, we decided to have our Annual Meeting at which we elected our 2012 officers and approved this year’s budget. I would like to congratulate all the soon to be officers and bridge members. I would like to especially to congratulate John Ledwith, IV for agreeing to become Commander this year. I know he will do a great job. Bob Trenz will continue to be our Educational Officer. I am amazed at how much he has done in such a short time. He has seen to it that we have started the *Engine Maintenance* course and the *Marine Electrical Systems* course. Thirty four (34) people passed the *Operations Training Program* given by Wayne Garnsey over the course of four evenings. I personally would like to thank Wayne for presenting the program.

It is still not too late to take the bus trip to the Atlantic City Boat Show on February 4. If you are interested, please contact Pete Skorewicz at 845.440.3174. It is a great way to get the boating season started early.

Our February meeting will bring Ed Weber, a member of the Mid-Hudson Power Squadron, who will tell us about the work that has been done in the restoration of the Esopus Lighthouse which is the only remaining wooden lighthouse on the Hudson River.

Please also note that our Change of Watch will be held on Saturday, March 24. The COW night is the highlight of our calendar year so please try to attend. Our incoming Commander, John will be looking for volunteers to help during the coming year. I know many of you feel that you have nothing to contribute but there are many projects that



Cdr Martin “the Reluctant” Feldberg, AP

will not take a lot of you time but will be a rewarding experience. So call John and let him know what you would like to do to continue strengthening our Squadron.

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## 2012 BRIDGE ELECTED

11 January 2012 – Presented by P/C Anthony Tucci, Jr., P

Due to the threat of freezing rain, ice, and therefore poor road conditions, our District Representative, D/Lt/C Howard Sklar, AP was wisely unable to attend (Howard will be conducting the SKPS COW installation on March 24th). Commander Feldberg asked P/D/C Wayne Garnsey, SN to conduct the election. As the ED-80 had already been submitted and the SEO and Asst. SEO approved, and as there were no petitions or contested positions, the election was quick and easy. The following officers and Committee Chairpersons for 2012 were elected and will be installed at the March COW:

### Bridge:

- Commander: Cdr John Ledwith, IV, S
- Executive Officer: Lt/C John Thomas, Jr., P
- Administrative Officer: Lt/C Pete Skorewicz, Jr., P
- Squadron Educ Officer: Lt/C Bob Trenz, P
- Assist Educ Officer: 1st/Lt Corey Gower, P
- Secretary: Lt/C Vingie Genco, S
- Treasurer: Lt/C Alexandra Digilio-Feldberg, P

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 1st/Lt Corey Gower, P  
 Lt Florence Thomas, P  
 Lt Anthony DiStefano, AP  
 Lt Thomas O'Connor, AP  
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**Audit Committee:**

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**Committee on Nominations:**

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 P/D/C Wayne Garnsey, SN (2nd of 3 years)  
 P/D/C Martin Feldberg, AP (1st of 3 years)

**Scholarship Fund Trustees:**

Florence Thomas, P, Chairperson  
 Heidi Gower  
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**Education**

by Lt/C Bob Trenz, AP

The educational program at Storm King is moving ahead with two courses currently nearing completion. **Engine Maintenance**, taught by Nick Stagliano, P, will be taking their test within a week or so. There are six students, Vince Evans, Vingie Genco, Jeff Kantor, John Ledwith, Geoffrey Louis, and Warren Washington.

**Marine Electrical Systems** is being taught by Retired Naval Captain Larry Kirwan, USCG Captain Bob Trenz, and P/D/C Wayne Garnsey. The class will be completed within a couple of weeks. There are ten students, Phil Cameron, Jr, Vince Evans, Vingie Genco, Larry Kirwan, John Ledwith, IV, Geoffrey Louis, Ben Maggio, Florence Thomas, John Thomas, Jr., and Bob Trenz.

On the public education front, the Squadron will be conducting an **ABC3** safe boating course on Saturday, March 10th for 8-hours starting at 8:00 AM at the 84 Diner, Fishkill, NY (at the junction of I-84 and Route 52) **\$70.00** [price includes coffee and buns and a full lunch]. **Space is limited**, so if you know anyone who wants the class, please pre-register now: Capt Bob Trenz: (845) 238-7508 or [bona@verizon.net](mailto:bona@verizon.net)

As an extra educational bonus, on April 11th at 7:00 PM, the Squadron will be presenting a 2-hour seminar, "How to Use a Chart." The seminar is free and there is no obligation to purchase anything! However, if attendees wish to purchase the "How to Use a Chart" book, the

**2011 SKPS Bridge, Committees, & Officers**

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waterproof “On-the-Water Guide” and/or charting tools, these items will be available for purchase. CYC Members and their families, the public, and all **ABC3** students are welcome to attend.

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## Operations Training Completed

by P/D/C Wayne H. Garnsey, SN

Thirty-four of USPS's finest members earned their Operations Training Certification with the conclusion of the four Modules on Wednesday, 11 January 2012. The First Module was presented at the 12 October 2011 General Member meeting. The multi-media program was continued in November and December. During every session, the audience was attentive and involved, even when some of the lecture material was quite mundane or already well known (by some). Attendees contributed their own insights and questions were asked. BUT, there was much new material and the early history of USPS was one of the most appreciated parts of the program.

One of the lightest moments was when the “squadron heckler,” P/C Tony Tucci, challenged instructor Garnsey

over a technical problem with the instructor's Mac computer and the projection system. It was a fun moment as just about everyone in the room well knows of Wayne's “love of Mac” and his “intense dislike of PCs.” It was a demonstrative example of the warmth and friendly atmosphere found at Storm King. But, after all, we are a “royal unit of the USPS.”

On the serious side, the program really is for “everyone” as it covers everything from USPS history to Squadron - District - National structure and organization, leadership and staffing, meetings and protocols, and USPS benefits and sources of information, such as [www.usps.org](http://www.usps.org). Congratulations to all thirty-four “winners!”

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## Storm King Meetings

by P/D/C Wayne Garnsey, SN

Great Spring Meetings coming up:

Wed., Feb. 08, 7:00 PM - **Esopus Lighthouse** - Ed Weber

Sat., Mar. 24, 6:30 PM - **Change of Watch** Dinner

Wed., Apr. 11, 7:00 PM - Seminar: **How to Use a Chart**

Wed., May 09, 6:30 PM - Educational Scholarship **Auction**

Wed., Jun. 13, 6:00 PM - **Boating Season Start Picnic**

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# SKPS – 2012 CALENDAR (TENTATIVE / EVENT DATES TO BE ADDED)

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

### 2012...Year of the Dragon

01 Feb, Wed . . 7:00 PM - SKPS Bridge Meeting

02 Feb, Thu . . .Groundhog Day

08 Feb, Wed . . 7:00 PM - SKPS Esopus Lighthouse

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

07 Mar, Wed . . 7:00 PM - SKPS Bridge Meeting

10 Mar, Sat . . .8:00 AM - 5:00 PM ABC3 at 84 Diner

11 Mar, Sun . . .Daylight Savings (set clock ahead 1 hour)

17 Mar, Sat . . .St. Patrick's Day

14 Mar, Wed . . 7:00 PM - SKPS General Meeting

01 Apr, Sun . . .April Fool's Day

04 Apr, Wed . . 7:00 PM - SKPS Bridge Meeting

07 Apr, Sat . . .Passover (begins at sunset)

08 Apr, Sun . . .Easter

11 Apr, Wed . . 7:00 PM - SKPS GM - Seminar on Charting

16 Apr, Mon . . .Tax Day

22 Apr, Sun . . .Earth Day

02 May, Wed . . 7:00 PM - SKPS Bridge Meeting

05 May, Sat . . .Cinco de Mayo

09 May, Wed . . 7:00 PM - SKPS GM Auction

13 May, Sun . . .Mother's Day

28 May, Mon . . .Memorial Day

29 May, Tue . . .John F. Kennedy's Birthday

06 Jun, Wed . . 7:00 PM - SKPS Bridge Meeting

09 Jun, Sat . . .18:00 AM - 5:00 PM ABC3 at 84 Diner (tentative)

13 Jun, Wed . . 7:00 PM - SKPS GM Picnic

14 Jun, Thu . . .Flag Day

17 Jun, Sun . . .Father's Day

04 Jul, Wed . . .Independence Day

11 Jul, Wed . . 7:00 PM - SKPS Bridge Meeting

01 Aug, Wed . . 7:00 PM - SKPS Bridge Meeting

03 Sep, Mon . . .Labor Day

05 Sep, Wed . . 7:00 PM - SKPS Bridge Meeting

12 Sep, Wed . . 7:00 PM - SKPS General Meeting

16 Sep, Sun . . .Rosh Hashana (begins at sunset)

25 Sep, Tue . . .Yom Kippur (begins at sunset)

03 Oct, Wed . . 7:00 PM - SKPS Bridge Meeting

08 Oct, Mon . . .Columbus Day

10 Oct, Wed . . 7:00 PM - SKPS General Meeting

31 Oct, Wed . . .Halloween

04 Nov, Sun . . .Daylight Savings (set clock back 1 hour)

07 Nov, Wed . . 7:00 PM - SKPS Bridge Meeting

14 Nov, Wed . . 7:00 PM - SKPS General Meeting

12 Nov, Mon . . .Veteran's Day

13 Nov, Tue . . .Election Day

22 Nov, Thu . . .Thanksgiving

01 Dec, Sat . . .6:00 PM - SKPS Holiday Dinner Party (tentative)

05 Dec, Wed . . 7:00 PM - SKPS Bridge Meeting

08 Dec, Sat . . .Chanukah (begins at sunset)

12 Dec, Wed . . 7:00 PM - SKPS General Meeting

25 Dec, Tue . . .Christmas

31 Dec, Mon . . .New Year's Eve

### 2013...Year of the Snake

01 Jan, Tue . . .New Year's Day 2013

02 Jan, Wed . . 7:00 PM - SKPS Bridge Meeting

09 Jan, Wed . . 7:00 PM - SKPS Annual Meeting

21 Jan, Mon . . .Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

## UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS®

### D/2 Winter Council

**Saturday 3 March 2012 [8:00 AM - Registration, 9:00 AM Call to Order]**  
**FORMERLY THE MERCURY GRAND HOTEL**  
**2170 South Road, Poughkeepsie, New York**

The cost for the day is \$ 20 - includes Continental Breakfast and complete Buffet Lunch. General Directions From: South. Take the NY State Thruway (Interstate 87) North. Take Exit 17 to Interstate 84 Newburgh East. Take Interstate 84 East to Exit 13 (Fishkill, Poughkeepsie, Route 9, Peekskill). At the end of the exit ramp, turn left onto Route 9 North. The Clarion Hotel & Conference Center is approximately 9 miles on the right just past the Olive Garden. From: North. Take the New York Thruway (Interstate 87) South, Exit 18 (New Paltz, Route 299, Poughkeepsie). At end of ramp, turn right onto Route 299 East, to end turn right onto Route 9W South. Take 9W South about 2 miles, follow Route 44/55 East to Mid Hudson Bridge (toll). After crossing the bridge, take first exit on right to Route 9 South. The Clarion Hotel & Conference Center is approximately 4 miles on the left. From: East. Take Interstate 84 West. Take Exit 13 (Fishkill, Poughkeepsie, Route 9, Peekskill). At the end of the exit ramp, turn right onto Route 9 North. The Clarion Hotel & Conference Center is approximately 9 miles on the right just past the Olive Garden. From: West. Take Interstate 84 East. Take Exit 13 (Fishkill, Poughkeepsie, Route 9, Peekskill). At the end of the exit ramp, turn left onto Route 9 North. The Clarion Hotel & Conference Center is approximately 9 miles on the right just past the Olive Garden.

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## UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS®

### D/2 Spring Conference

Hosted by **Greenwich Sail & Power Squadron**

**Friday & Saturday 20 - 21 April 2012**  
**at the Hyatt Regency Greenwich**

**1800 East Putnam Ave, Old Greenwich, CT 06870 (203) 637-1234 <http://www.greenwich.hyatt.com>**

Friday: 3:00 pm Registration begins  
 5:00 pm Meet & Greet, Hospitality Suite  
 7:00 pm Dinner with Chief Commander's Representative

Saturday: 8:00 am Registration/Coffee  
 9:00 am Morning Session  
 12:00 noon Lunch  
 1:30 pm Afternoon Session  
 5:00 pm Meet & Greet, Hospitality Suite  
 7:00 pm Dinner and Dancing, Riverside Ballroom

Dress: Fri. dinner: Blazers. Sat. meeting: Uniform G or appropriate attire. Dinner: Uniform A or evening attire.

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