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“Lovingly Restored...”

ESOPUS MEADOWS LIGHTHOUSE

P/D/Lt/C Ed Weber, SN kept the SKPS members and guests riveted with his stories and photos of the history and restoration of the Esopus Meadows Lighthouse. The lighthouse, fondly nicknamed the “Maid of the Meadows,” was completed in 1871. It replaced an earlier structure built in 1839. A lighthouse was needed on the Hudson River to warn mariners of the mud flats known as the Esopus Meadows located off the western shore of the Hudson River south of Kingston, New York.

The 1871 lighthouse was built on a new foundation, located to the south of the former location, traces of which are still visible on the adjoining small island. Two hundred and fifty piles, each 40 feet long, were driven into the river bottom. They were cut off three feet below the mean low water mark, capped with 12 inch square timbers and topped with a deck of three-inch pine. Granite blocks were stacked 16 feet at the base and 46 feet at the top. On top of this pier was built a wooden keeper’s dwelling with a mansard roof and clapboard exterior. Inside the house is a kitchen, sitting room, and equipment room on the first floor and three bedrooms and a bath on the second.

The light tower extends above the living quarters with an octagonal deck housing the light. Situated 53 feet above the mean water line, the lantern room contained an optic fifth-order Fresnel lens providing a 270 degree arc of light that was visible for 12 nautical miles.

The lighthouse was tended by resident keepers until 1965 when it was replaced by an automatic solar powered system. Although only accessible by boat, without the care of on-site keepers, the light house fell into ruinous hands of vandals and Mother Nature.

1979 saw the Esopus Meadows Lighthouse listed on the Nuangola Register of Historic Places. Restoration did not really begin until 1990 when the “Save Esopus Lighthouse Commission” was formed.

A 1997 reorganization of SELC, as well as new volunteers from Aids to Navigation Coast Guard Station in Saugerties, continued to bring the lighthouse back to life.

The fall of 2000 brought an impressive milestone in restoration efforts and the stabilization and leveling of the house was completed. July 2001 brought another milestone for the lighthouse. The restoration was reorganized as a museum under the New York State Regents producing a Provisional Charter as the Esopus Meadows Lighthouse which allows the pursuit of additional funding and ownership of the house. In September 2002, the lighthouse stewardship was formally granted by the General Services Administration to the newly-chartered EML.

Perhaps the most rewarding achievement to date happened on 31 May 2003. After 38 years of darkness, a new light was installed in the tower, thereby deeming the house “a working navigational aid.”

For more information, reservations to visit the lighthouse, or to contribute and become a member and help with the restoration of this historic Hudson River maritime treasure, go to:

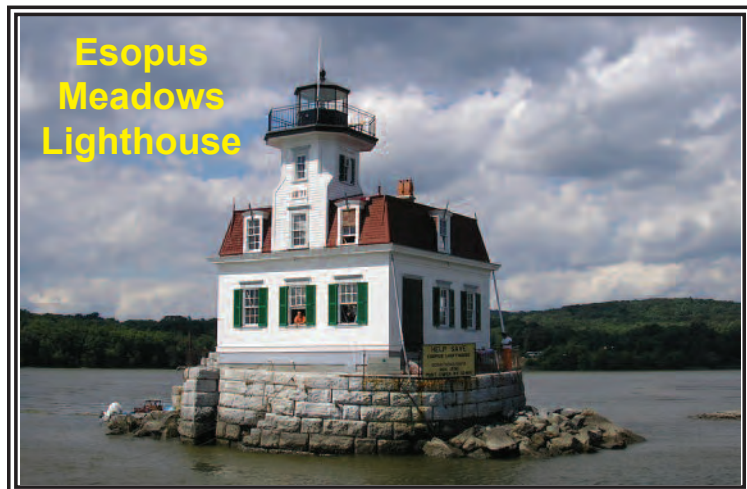
Esopus Meadows Lighthouse
PO Box 1290, Port Ewen, New York 12466-1290
845-848-3669

<http://www.esopusmeadowslighthouse.org>

Since 1979, the Esopus Meadows Lighthouse has been lovingly restored by concerned volunteers and history buffs alike.



Cdr Martin Feldberg, AP Thanks P/D/Lt/C Edward Weber, SN for his excellent presentation on the Esopus Meadows Lighthouse.



My “flying-bye” Watch

by P/D/C Martin Feldberg, AP

This past year as your Commander has flown by. Being your Commander has been a wonderful and educational experience. I have had a chance to meet and speak with many of you this year. We, also, have been fortunate to have a number of new members that have taken an active part in our Squadron.

Alexandra and I recently returned from the Annual Meeting in Jacksonville all pumped up with information about Power Squadron education, Social Networking, DB2000, Sail Angle, and much more. We had a chance to spend some time with members of other Districts and also members of District 2 to discuss our common problems and ways to solve them.

Our February meeting brought Ed Weber, a member of the Mid-Hudson Power Squadron, to SKPS who gave a presentation about the work that has been done to restore the Esopus Lighthouse which is the only remaining wood lighthouse on the Hudson River. I received a number of compliments from the members about how interesting it was.

This year's Winter Council will be held on 3 March at the Clarion Hotel in Poughkeepsie. In addition to the business meeting, there will be an educational workshop and a presentation by a representative of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. Our favorite, R/C Susan Darcy, JN, will also be conducting a workshop that I suspect you do not want to miss. The registration for the Council meeting is attached to this newsletter.

Please also consider attending the District Spring Conference which is being held on 24 April in Greenwich, CT. In addition to a number of workshops, you will have a chance to see Susan Ryan become our new District Commander and also have

Esopus Meadows Lighthouse volunteer, Edward Weber, tells his “first-hand” stories and provides history of the restoration of the Lighthouse.



a chance to speak with the V/C Bob Brandenstein, our new National Educational Officer.

There are a few members that have given of their time well above the call of duty. Wayne Garnsey, again, has been the not so hidden force behind the success of the Storm King Power Squadron. Day after day, he was on the job helping both me and the entire Bridge whenever he was needed. We can never thank him enough for the great work he has done this year. When Nat Sobelman passed away last year, Bob Trezn has stepped in to take his place and is doing a magnificent job. I would like to thank Nancy, his wife, for putting up with Bob while spending so much time as your Educational Officer. Vingie Genco has stepped in as Secretary and is doing a terrific job. I attribute our

2011 SKPS Bridge, Committees, & Officers

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Change of Watch

Guest Invitation

Storm King Power Squadron



24 March 2012 6:00 PM

6:00 PM [dinner at 6:10]

Cornwall Yacht Club

175 Shore Rd, Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY

Installation of New Commander & Celebration of our Past Commander



Cdr John Ledwith, IV, S

Program

- 1730 Mingle with Friends
- 1800 Call to Meeting and Welcome
- 1810 Dinner, Refreshment, and Good Talk
- 1900 **Awards Ceremony and Change of Watch**

SENIOR MEMBERS John Ledwith, IV, S & Catherine Nugent, P
10 MERIT MARKSAnthony DiStefano, AP
15 MERIT MARKSWilliam Burbage, AP
20 MERIT MARKSWayne Garnsey, SN

OATHS OF OFFICE

Dismissal of 2011 Bridge and Induction of the 2012 Bridge
 Commander**John Ledwith, IV, S**
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 Treasurer**Alexandra Digilio, P**
 Asst. Educ. Officer**Corey Gower, P**

Recognition of 2011 Committees, Officers, and Staff

Celebration of the **Passing of the SKPS Trident**

Tribute to Past Commander Martin "The Reluctant" Feldberg

Special Presentations and Closing Remarks

BILL OF PARTICULARS

COST OF ENTIRE EVENING

Cost per Individual \$ 20.00

DINNER

Chef Bill Lasky's

**Roast Turkey, Roast Pork Loin,
& Tilapia Dinner Buffet**

appetizers (hot and cold), salad, potato, vegetable,
all the fixings, and a Celebration Cake
Soda, Coffee, and Tea included with dinner, BYOB

RESERVATIONS DEADLINE: 19 MARCH 2012

Names _____

Call Alexandra (845) 896-6644 or email to
alex2143@gmail.com and bring a check
to the Change of Watch, made out to:

Storm King Power Squadron

Or, mail names and check to
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25 Thomas Ave., Fishkill, NY 12524-1106

THE 24TH IS FOUR DAYS AFTER SPRING EQUINOX;
THEREFORE, THE "UNIFORM OF THE DAY" IS
COMFORTABLE, CASUAL SPRING ATTIRE.



regular meetings success to Jeanette Sangervasio and Helene Stagliano for seeing to it that we have a great menu and plenty of food brought by our members to each meeting.

I would like to congratulate all the soon to be officers and bridge members. I would like to especially congratulate John Ledwith for agreeing to become Commander this year. I know he will do a great job. Please also note that our Change of Watch will be held on 24 March. The COW night is the highlight of our calendar year so please try to attend. The information for the evening can be found in another location in this newsletter. Our incoming Commander, John, will be looking for volunteers to help during the coming year. I know many of you feel that you may not have much to contribute but there are many projects that will not take a lot of your time but will be a rewarding experience. So call John and let him know what you would like to do.

As a parting message, I would like to thank all of you that have helped and put up with me for the past year. It was an experience that I am glad I finally had after being a member for over 30 years.

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Education

by Lt/C Bob Trenz, AP

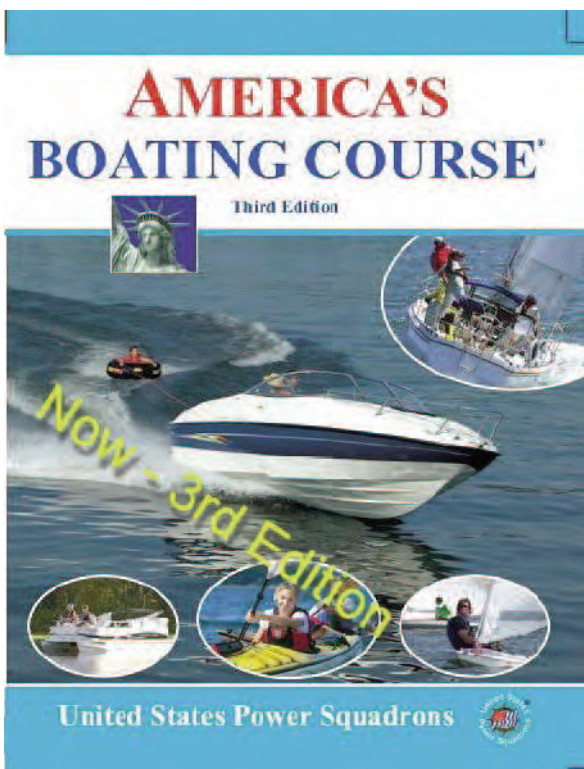
The entire Engine Maintenance class, under the instructorship of Nick Stagliano, completed and passed their tests. Congratulations to Vingie Genco, John Ledwith, IV, Warren Washington, Vince Evans, Jeff Kantor, and Geoffrey Louis.

Also, the ten students of the Marine Electrical Systems course, taught by the educational team of Larry Kirwan, Bob Trenz, and Wayne Garnsey, completed and passed final exams.

Congratulations to John Ledwith, IV, Vingie Genco, Phil Cameron, Jack Thomas, Vince Evans, Florence Thomas, Larry Kirwan, Ben Maggio, Geoffrey Louis and Bob Trenz.

The next course is for the public, **ABC3**. See page 4 for details. Bob Trenz is currently setting up the teaching schedule for the day. The plan is to utilize our great “Certified Instructors” as Storm King is fortunate to have over two dozen qualified instructors. If you can instruct, help with proctoring, or simply assist during some part of the 8-hour day, please contact Bob Trenz.

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For information on the **USPS** public boating course closest to you, call **1-888-FOR-USPS** or check out our Online Schedule:

http://www.usps.org/e_stuff/public_ed.htm

NYS Certification requires a 8-hour classroom instructor taught course. This one-day class meets that requirement.



Sat, March 10th: America's Boating Course 3 including NYS PWC certification – All Day [8 hours - starts at 8:00 AM] at the 84 Diner, Fishkill, NY (at the junction of I-84 and Rte 52) **\$70.00** [price includes coffee and buns and a full lunch].

Online Registration:
<http://www.usps.org/cgi-bin-nat/eddept/cfind.cgi>

Space is limited, so to secure your place in the class, please pre-register now: Capt Bob Trenz:
Call: **(845) 238-7508** Email: bona@verizon.net

FOUNDERS DAY – WHAT WE CELEBRATE

In 1914 the United States Power Squadrons organization was founded when the men of the Boston Yacht Club banded together and chose Founder Roger Upton as our first United States Power Squadrons Chief Commander and in 1916 Charles F. Chapman as our first USPS Treasurer. Members were required to take part in navel-type maneuvers and drills annually in order to retain their membership. Everyone was addressed as “Captain”. A free nautical school trained men for maritime services in 1918.

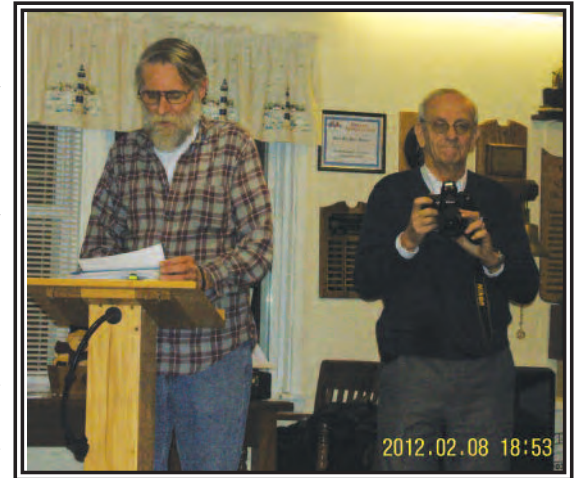
After World War I in 1919, education became a major concern for USPS. A 5-week class in Nautical Astronomy and a Junior Navigation class were offered. Merit marks in the 20’s were bestowed by the Chief Commander. In 1922 the mandatory drills were discontinued, and a cruise and one drill were substituted instead. As a preliminary to Junior Navigation, Piloting and Chart work classes were instituted in 1926—the Advanced Piloting course was added in 1931 and taught by George Rice NYPS). P/R/C George Ruckdeschel, N (NYPS) became our first National Historian. This enthusiastic national officer tried very hard to encourage local squadrons to tell their story, and to appoint historians, and to keep their histories up-to-date.

During World War II, in the forties, many new courses were added: Motor Mechanics (later Engine Maintenance), Weather, Visual Aids, Seamanship, First Aid, Signaling, Aviation, Navigation, and Teacher Training. Later in the forties, the First Director of Education, L.H. Johnson, N held this office. In the 50’s, the Radio Technical course was added which later became Marine Electronics. In 1969 self-taught courses were added, and Piloting Films were aired on NBC-TV in 1971. A great change occurred when Basic Boating replaced the Piloting course for the general public, this course became a great boon for the public because in some states certificate holders could get a state boating license and could more easily get boating insurance if they took our courses.

The Senior Member Award and the 1973 Education Achievement Awards were soon a reality. The greatest change in the seventies occurred in the nomenclature and ranking of bridge members: The Squadron Education Officer, Secretary and Treasurer became bridge members and were ranked as Lieutenant Commanders, rather than First Lieutenants as heretofore. In addition, as we drifted away from the naval type maneuvers, cooperative charting, raft-ups, beach cookouts, rendezvous, mini-cruises, and week-long annual cruises became popular.

In 1982 women were invited to membership at the San Antonio USPS Governing Board and the USPS Constitution and By-laws so amended. In 1990 a woman was elected Staff Commander (Jean Ruckdeschel).

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In honor of “USPS Founder’s Day,” P/C Rich Hollahan, AP presents a brief history of the beginnings of the United States Power Squadrons, 2 February 1914.

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

14 Feb, TueValentines's Day
 20 Feb, MonPresidents's Day
 22 Feb, WedGeo Washington's Birthday

07 Mar, Wed7:00 PM - SKPS Bridge Meeting
 10 Mar, Sat8:00 AM - 5:00 PM ABC3 at 84 Diner
 11 Mar, SunDaylight Savings (set clock ahead 1 hour)
 14 Mar, Wed7:00 PM - SKPS General Meeting
 17 Mar, SatSt. Patrick's Day

01 Apr, SunApril Fool's Day
 04 Apr, Wed7:00 PM - SKPS Bridge Meeting
 07 Apr, SatPassover (begins at sunset)
 08 Apr, SunEaster
 11 Apr, Wed7:00 PM - SKPS General Meeting
 16 Apr, MonTax Day
 22 Apr, SunEarth Day

02 May, Wed7:00 PM - SKPS Bridge Meeting
 05 May, SatCinco de Mayo
 09 May, Wed7:00 PM - SKPS GM Auction
 13 May, SunMother's Day
 28 May, MonMemorial Day

06 Jun, Wed7:00 PM - SKPS Bridge Meeting
 09 Jun, Sat18:00 AM - 5:00 PM ABC3 at 84 Diner (tentative)
 13 Jun, Wed7:00 PM - SKPS GM Picnic
 14 Jun, ThuFlag Day

17 Jun, SunFather's Day

04 Jul, WedIndependence Day
 11 Jul, Wed7:00 PM - SKPS Bridge Meeting
 01 Aug, Wed7:00 PM - SKPS Bridge Meeting

03 Sep, MonLabor Day
 05 Sep, Wed7:00 PM - SKPS Bridge Meeting
 12 Sep, Wed7:00 PM - SKPS General Meeting
 16 Sep, SunRosh Hashana (begins at sunset)
 25 Sep, TueYom Kippur (begins at sunset)

03 Oct, Wed7:00 PM - SKPS Bridge Meeting
 08 Oct, MonColumbus Day
 10 Oct, Wed7:00 PM - SKPS General Meeting
 31 Oct, WedHalloween

04 Nov, SunDaylight Savings (set clock back 1 hour)
 07 Nov, Wed7:00 PM - SKPS Bridge Meeting
 14 Nov, Wed7:00 PM - SKPS General Meeting
 12 Nov, MonVeteran's Day
 13 Nov, TueElection Day
 22 Nov, ThuThanksgiving

01 Dec, Sat6:00 PM - SKPS Holiday Dinner Party (tentative)
 05 Dec, Wed7:00 PM - SKPS Bridge Meeting
 08 Dec, SatChanukah (begins at sunset)
 12 Dec, Wed7:00 PM - SKPS General Meeting
 25 Dec, TueChristmas
 31 Dec, MonNew Year's Eve

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.

Download Registration Form: <http://www.usps.org/localusps/d2/d2event.html#District>

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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