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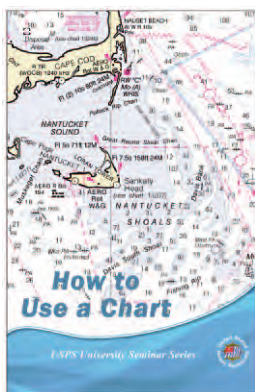
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The Cameron Method of Charting Success “HOW TO USE A CHART”

P/C Phil Cameron, Jr., AP conducted a seminar on “How to Use a Chart” as both a refresher short-course for Squadron Members and as a beginning program for new boaters from this past month’s *America’s Boating Course Three* and also for member-guests from the Cornwall Yacht Club. The program was well attended (see photos page 2) and the food and cake was great as always (thanks Helene and Jeanette AND all the members who brought the delicious items). Cdr John Ledwith, IV, S conducted his first general member meeting as our new Commander, and all went smoothly (congrats, John).



Phil gave an overview of Chart #1, and using both large and small scale NOAA charts explained the symbols and nautical information shown on the charts. The attendees were given a “hands-on” charting and plotting activity, which proved to be not only a lot of fun, but also a great learning experience.

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“The New Watch”

Our new “Head Honcho” is Commander John Ledwith, IV, S, who was sworn-in at the March Change of Watch. John is a long time member of the Cornwall Yacht Club having served as Commodore, Vice Commodore, Secretary, and Director and now serves as the Club’s Vice Commodore (for a second time). John comes with lots of “real” boating experience, not only on the water, but in the garage, where he built a boat for his dad a couple of years ago. John has also remodeled the power on his Mainship Trawler.

Commander Ledwith gets his first exposure to the District at this coming Spring Conference, and then continues with a very busy April through June with the May Auction and June Picnic. It is our Squadron’s very good luck to have John at our helm.

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Treasure Hunt

Contact: Lt/C Vingie Genco, S - Secretarial Scribe

Consider this your invitation to the Storm King Power Squadron Treasure Hunt, or “finding our squadrons treasures.” We need your help, so please listen up. Over the years, our Squadron has purchased or been given many items, from books and videos, electronic equipment including overheads, projectors, computers, monitors, speakers, and other electronic gadgets, flags and burgees, teaching aids, and much more. In general, if an item was needed, especially for our educational classes, someone would come up with the item and once used would be passed along, per-



Cdr John Ledwith, IV, S

haps to another instructor for a later class. Pretty much, the non-sophisticated process worked.

So, why try to get our inventory items identified, logged-in, and properly stored. Hurricane Irene. Unfortunately, she was a primary catalyst as much of the Squadrons bounty was destroyed by her flood waters while stored at N&N Publishing. Your Executive Board is now taking stock of the Squadrons possessions and has directed the Secretary to collect information and spreadsheet the Squadrons stuff.

Your help is needed. Perhaps, over the years, through your teaching or assisting with programs, you have some valuables at your home or business, or you know where some of the squadron wealth has been buried. Please, let the secretary know. Email Vingie at: vingieyvonne@yahoo.com or call: 914-204-4330

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Safe Boating Week

Contact: Lt Bill Burbage, AP - Safety Officer

As part of our civic volunteer work, the Squadron will be supporting and participating in local programs for the National Safe Boating Week, 19-25 May. This year the Boating Council is again featuring the wearing of personal floatation devices (PFDs) with the slogan, “Ready Set, Wear It!” Look for announcements of upcoming participation in both local boat shows and at Newburgh Landing.

Part of this year’s push for safety will involve a concerted effort, lead by our Safety Officer, Bill Burbage, to conduct courtesy exams, “Vessel Safety Checks,” in the Newburgh Bay area. If you want to have your boat checked (free, of course) or become a VSC examiner, contact Bill on his cell: 845-707-5441.

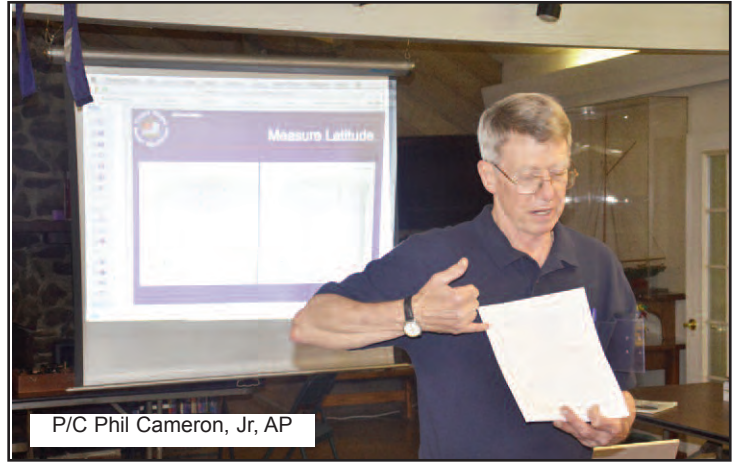
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AUCTION

Wednesday, 9 May 2012



Ben Mazer, SN works with ABC3 Graduate, Luther



P/C Phil Cameron, Jr, AP



Storm King's a uction

by P/D/C Wayne Garnsey, SN - Publications Content Manager

The May 9th regular meeting is the Squadron's primary annual fundraiser for its educational programs and the SKPS Educational Scholarship Fund. It is an auction. The auction is under the direction of the Secretary, Lt/C Vingie Genco, S. If you have any boating or household items that can be donated to the auction (Donation Receipts will be available that night for both donated items [fair market value] and bid donations for the auction items.) Lt Helene Stagliano, S heads up the vendor and local business donations from restaurants and local businesses. If you can obtain a donation of services (gift certificates) from your or one of the businesses you frequent, please contact Helene who will provide a donation and advertising Receipt for that vendor.

Again this year, Anthony DiStefano with the able assistance of Alex Stach, will call the auction. Rumors have it that they have been spending considerable time watching S&E's hit show "Storage

Wars." In fact, Tony is beginning to look and act a bit like Barry Weiss and certainly, Alex is taking on some of the habits of Dave Hester. (Wonder if they will find "Brandi" to "pretty up" the bidding?)

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Hop-o-Nose Rendezvous

by Lt/C Pete Skorewicz, Jr, P - Program & Cruise Director

Save the dates: Friday, 20 July through Sunday, 22 July.

Again, this year, the Squadron will hold its annual summer rendezvous at the Hop-o-Nose marina. Unfortunately, last August, Irene severely damaged the marina, but it has been rebuilt - better than ever! The marina and Creekside Restaurant is located at 160 West Street, Catskill, NY. Look to future announcements for details, marina fees, dining, and the program.

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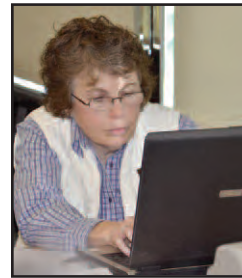
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Lt Florence Thomas, P
P/Lt/C Tony DiStefano, AP
P/C Thomas O'Connor, AP
P/Lt/C Manny Sangervasio, AP

Public Safe Boating education – a BC3

With the hard work of a number of our teachers and assistants, our public safe-boating course, ABC3, was a major success - on every front. The 8-hour class was given on Saturday, 10 March, at the 84 Diner, Fishkill, NY, thanks to the generosity of member and owner of the 84 Diner, George Moustakas. Forty-one graduates were taught by a gang of really great instructors including Tony Tucci, Corey Gower, John Ledwith, IV, Vince Evans, with Anthony DiStefano and SEO Bob Trenz pulling it all together. Manny Sangervasio did a great spiel on Membership, (now) P/C Martin and Treasurer Alexandra along with Nancy Trenz took care of the clerical stuff, and Pete Skorewicz, Yogi and Vincenza Ferro, Rich Hollahan, Florence Thomas and others helped with test grading and tutoring.



Photos: Martin Feldberg



Top: John Ledwith, Tony :DiStefano, the class, Tony Tucci, Vince Evans, Nancy Trenz, Bob Trenz, Corey Gower

educational Scholarship Program

by Lt Florence Thomas, P

The SKPS Scholarship Committee is giving out applications for scholarships awarded to family of SKPS members. Eligibility includes the following:

- age 16 or older
- acceptance at college, trade school or other accredited institution
- good academic record
- involvement at school related or community service
- demonstration of good character
- letter of recommendation from a school official or a SKPS Officer
- completion of SKPS Scholarship Application



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

- 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



ANNUAL "THANK YOU CYC" BARBECUE AND SAFETY SHOW

Hamburgers and Hot Dogs, plus all the Fixings, Drinks, & Dessert
Everything provided **except** BYOB.

Wednesday 13 June 2012
barbecue begins at **6:00 PM**
at the Cornwall Yacht Club,

175 Shore Rd,
Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY
Come for really great food, inspiring conversation, stories and laughter, and just loads of fun!



Storm King Power Squadron has been very fortunate to have the continuing support of the officers and members of the Cornwall Yacht Club for more than a third of a century allowing the Squadron to use their private facilities for meetings and educational events and classes. This barbecue is held in June, every year, in order to thank the officers and members of CYC, who are all (and their families) invited to enjoy the picnic.



Photos - Garnsey June 2011

Applications must be complete and submitted to the committee by May 1, 2012. SKPS members who have a relative who is eligible can receive applications by sending your name and address (of the SKPS member) to Florence Thomas at JohnT12586@AOL.COM, or 40 Noelle Drive, Walden, N.Y.

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Membership Renewal


by P/Lt/C Manny Sangervasio, AP - Member Chair


Anniversary billing is now in effect, so many of our Storm King members have just received or will very soon receive a renewal request via email from Headquarters. It is very easy to renew. Just click on the link provided in the email. Use a credit card and be sure to print the receipt page for your tax records (member fees are fully tax-deductible on your federal and state tax returns).

National Annual Dues (12 months): Single Member is \$43.00. Family Unit (One Member and Spouse plus all family members included) is \$64.50. Life Member who is paying for a Family Unit is \$21.50. Apprentice/Sea Scout (not part of a Family Unit) is \$12.00. In addition, a Single Member added \$4.00 for the District Assessment and a Family Unit adds \$6.00. Our SKPS annual dues are \$14.00 for the Single Member and \$21.00 for a Family Unit.

If you wish to do so, you may add a donation to the Educational Fund (\$1.00 per Single Member and each Family Unit). You may also contribute to the USPS Century Fund which is usually a \$100.00 donation which goes to the USPS Endowment Fund. This is a fund that builds its principle and only uses investment interest to subsidize the national budget of USPS. Please keep in mind that all of the above is a contribution to a 501c3 Not-for-Profit (Charity) and is fully tax deductible. Thanks for your continued support of our Squadron, District Two, and our National Organization.

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