



# The Crown



## May Auction - Big Success! Educational Scholarship Fund Benefit

The CYC clubhouse was crowded with a rowdy (but good-natured) bunch of bidders (standing room only). After the pledge to the American Flag and Chaplain Sangervasio's prayer, Cdr Ledwith gave a brief description of the evening's events and the eating replaced the jovial conversations. As usual, Jeanette did a bang-up job (especially as Helene was away). With the donation by many members who brought the "pot luck" items, no one went away hungry, and Jeanette's incredible cake topped off the full bellies!

Then, it was time to get down to business, as Cdr Ledwith introduced the auctioneers for the evening, Lt Tony DiStefano and Lt Alex Stach. These guys lit the fire and presented

the auction items. By the end of the evening, hundreds of items were "sold" and both guys' voices were horse! Between the auction and raffle tickets, it was reported that about \$1,700 was raised for the educational efforts of the Squadron.

Major, MAJOR thanks goes to SKPS Secretary, Lt/C Vingie Genco, who spear-headed the auction, organized it, put the incredible raffle baskets together, and basically turned this year's auction into a BIG success. In addition, the tiring leg-work of Helene Stagliano, who takes care of the gift certificates (solicited from local businesses and restaurants) with additional contributions from other SKPS member solicitors, really makes the auction work. Thanks to the many

## Cdr Ledwith's Message

Cdr John Ledwith, IV, S

*Greetings and a Happy and Safe Boating Season to come!*

It has been only a little over a month since D/Lt/C Howard Sklar, AP gave me the oath of office as your Storm King Squadron Commander, and after just a couple of meetings, I can state without questions, that the strength of Storm King is our Members.



As you read this edition of *The Crown*, look at all the member worker/volunteers and their contributions to our successful educational, civic, and fraternal successes. Consider the time spent and efforts of our active members which led to six awards at this past Spring Conference.

I especially invite ALL of our members to join in the fun and edification at our last get-together before summer - the June "Thank You" Picnic, June 13<sup>th</sup>. It is worth the effort! See you then!

## Upcoming Events

- \* June Picnic - 13 June, 6 PM
- \* Hop-o-nose - 20-22 July
- \* D2 Rendezvous - 4-5 Aug
- \* SKPS Exec Mtg - 5 Sep, 7 PM
- \* SKPS GM Mtg - 12 Sep, 7 PM



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local businesses who contributed their items and services and continue to support the educational programs of Storm King. For those who won and will enjoy their gift certificates, please remember to thank the vendor for his/her contribution and enjoy your winnings!

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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## 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

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## Storm King Meetings

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

Storm King will kick-off the summer boating season with our June 13th “Thank you CYC” picnic. This barbecue is a tradition with Storm King and a great time for the families of SKPS members and CYC families





to mingle and enjoy a delightful feast on hamburgers and hotdogs and all the fixings!

So, during the year, keep your second wednesdays of each month OPEN and put the dates into your smart phone and computer calendars. The meeting programs are every bit worth the time and effort, BUT most importantly, the FRIENDSHIPS are really Storm King’s “trump card!”

But, remember, during the months of July and August, there is no regular 2nd Wednesday General Member Meetings. However, the Executive Committee continues to meet every 1st Wednesday of the month at CYC. Watch for announcements of the SKPS and District 2 Rendezvous and Special Boating and Land Events throughout the summer 2012.

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## D2 Spring Conference Six Awards Won!

The members of Storm King were presented with six awards at the Spring Conference, 21 April 2012. The awards included:

\* The **2012 District 2 Outstanding Squadron Fraternal Boating Award**. Storm King was recognized for its member involvement in member programs throughout the year.

\* First Place winning the **District 2 P/R/C Richard Moore, SN 2011 Operations Training Award**. Taught by P/D/C Wayne Garnsey, SN this past fall and winter 2011, more than 30 SKPS members took the 4-part program.

\* For the 27<sup>th</sup> year, SKPS achieved 100% dollar contributions to the USPS Educational Fund and won this years **Educational Fund Merit Award**. This is a very fitting tribute to our Squadron that ranks as one of the District’s most involved in education, both for public and advanced grades, electives, and seminars. Congratulations Storm King.

\* Storm King, thanks to the superior efforts of R/C Susan Darcy, JN (Berkshire), won the National Communications Award, **Distinctive Communicator for Website**. Do you visit the site? Do it on a regular basis and stay informed: [www.usps.org/d2/storm\\_king/](http://www.usps.org/d2/storm_king/)

\* “The Crown,” our Squadron monthly newsletter, was also recognized for excellence and won the National Communications Award, **Distinctive**

## 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	10 Oct, Wed	7:00 PM - SKPS General Meeting	
02 May, Wed	7:00 PM - SKPS Bridge Meeting	31 Oct, Wed	Halloween
05 May, Sat	Cinco de Mayo		
09 May, Wed	7:00 PM - SKPS GM Auction	04 Nov, Sun	Daylight Savings (set clock back 1 hour)
13 May, Sun	Mother’s Day	07 Nov, Wed	7:00 PM - SKPS Bridge Meeting
28 May, Mon	Memorial Day	14 Nov, Wed	7:00 PM - SKPS General Meeting
29 May, Tue	John F. Kennedy’s Birthday	12 Nov, Mon	Veteran’s Day
		13 Nov, Tue	Election Day
06 Jun, Wed	7:00 PM - SKPS Bridge Meeting	22 Nov, Thu	Thanksgiving
09 Jun, Sat (tentative)	18:00 AM - 5:00 PM ABC3 at 84 Diner		
13 Jun, Wed	7:00 PM - SKPS GM Picnic	01 Dec, Sat (tentative)	6:00 PM - SKPS Holiday Dinner Party
14 Jun, Thu	Flag Day	05 Dec, Wed	7:00 PM - SKPS Bridge Meeting
17 Jun, Sun	Father’s Day	08 Dec, Sat	Chanukah (begins at sunset)
		12 Dec, Wed	7:00 PM - SKPS General Meeting
04 Jul, Wed	Independence Day	25 Dec, Tue	Christmas
11 Jul, Wed	7:00 PM - SKPS Bridge Meeting	31 Dec, Mon	New Year’s Eve
01 Aug, Wed	7:00 PM - SKPS Bridge Meeting		
		2013...Year of the Snake	
03 Sep, Mon	Labor Day	01 Jan, Tue	New Year’s Day 2013
05 Sep, Wed	7:00 PM - SKPS Bridge Meeting	02 Jan, Wed	7:00 PM - SKPS Bridge Meeting
12 Sep, Wed	7:00 PM - SKPS General Meeting	09 Jan, Wed	7:00 PM - SKPS Annual Meeting
16 Sep, Sun	Rosh Hashana (begins at sunset)	21 Jan, Mon	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
25 Sep, Tue	Yom Kippur (begins at sunset)		
03 Oct, Wed	7:00 PM - SKPS Bridge Meeting		
08 Oct, Mon	Columbus Day		



### STORM KING POWER SQUADRON



Hop-o-nose Marina  
Catskill Creek  
Latitude: 42.21342°  
Longitude: 73.66732°

## 2012 SUMMER RENDEZVOUS AT HOP-O-NOSE MARINA



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 Ledwith's treat)



FRIDAY - AFTERNOON & EVENING, JULY 20<sup>TH</sup>  
SATURDAY - ALL DAY, JULY 21<sup>ST</sup>  
SUNDAY - MORNING, JULY 22<sup>ND</sup>

Contact Pate & Lisa Skorewicz for Reservations  
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– National Safe Boating Week –

May 19 - 25

READY  
SET  
WEAR IT!



National Safe Boating Council

**WEAR IT!** ALWAYS WEAR YOUR LIFE JACKET!

**PLEDGE CARD**

I believe that life jackets save lives, and that drowning fatalities related to boating accidents would be dramatically reduced if more boaters wore life jackets. By accepting this life jacket, I pledge to:

- "Wear It!" while boating and fishing
- Know how it works and keep it in good condition
- Encourage others to wear a life jacket while boating and fishing
- Tell other boaters about new life jacket styles
- Boat safely and responsibly at all times

SafeBoatingCampaign.com



**Communicator for Squadron Newsletter.**

\* And finally, National recognized the overall efforts of our members in Civic Service, Self-education, and Fraternity and awarded Storm King the prestigious **Doing It Right Award for 2011.**

So, all 88 of us now have “big shoes to fill” for 2012. It will really take some doing to better our Squadron efforts for this coming year, AND ‘you betcha,’ we will!

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**Hurricane Irene Relief Possible - Empire State Development Program**

A month or so ago, NYS (Empire State Development) initiated a program to assist NYS businesses and Not-for-Profits in recovering some of their losses due to Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee. This is the “Business Flood Recovery Grant Program.”

As previously reported, Storm King lost about \$3,200 in equipment and materials when the flood severely damaged the N&N Publishing Co warehouse, where much of the SKPS inventory was stored. Unfortunately, the N&N insurance claim was denied due to destruction by “surface water”

placing P/D/C Garnsey’s Company in the group of thousands of NYS and national businesses that did not have and could not buy “flood insurance” prior to the disastrous storms.

With the help of Lt/C Bob Trenz, Wayne began the application process for grant money from the Empire State Development program. Cdr Ledwith completed and signed the application and is following up with the state. Although there are absolutely no promises or guarantees, there is hope that the Squadron will recover some portion of its losses. We’ll let you know!

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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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