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The 2nd USPS National Safe Boating Test

There are some 80 million recreational boaters in America engaged in all sorts of activities from paddling to cruising, from fishing to sailing. Yet many states do not require certification of any kind to operate a recreational boat. That's why the United States Power Squadrons®, in cooperation with the United States Coast Guard, has produced this program.

By watching this program, you can test your knowledge on topics important to your boating enjoyment. Featuring 27 questions on a wide range of boating topics including Homeland Security, Rules of the Road, Aids to Navigation, Carbon Monoxide, and Small Boat Safety, you will watch real life scenarios and answer questions about what you would do in these situations.

As you watch, score yourself. You may want to hone your skills and increase your knowledge. We suggest that you take a USPS Boating Course or one of our other public courses or seminars to help make your boating a safer and more enjoyable activity. USPS is dedicated to bringing you and its members practical information. Informed boaters have more fun and statistics show, are far less prone to accidents afloat.

USPS has the widest range of programs available and has been teaching safe boating longer than any other organization. Take the test and then come talk to us. We can help you better enjoy your time on the water.

Organized in 1914, USPS has grown to become America's largest boating educational organization with about 50,000 volunteer members in over 450 local squadrons providing public and advanced boating courses, courtesy Vessel Safety Checks and much more. For details on USPS courses and membership call toll free 888-FOR-USPS or visit our web site www.usps.org



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Includes many safety tips and 27 boating safety questions to test your knowledge on such topics as:

- ▶ Homeland Security
- ▶ Rules of the Road
- ▶ Aids to Navigation
- ▶ Carbon Monoxide
- ▶ Small Boat Safety
- ▶ and more...

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Test your boating knowledge



Cdr Ledwith's Message

Cdr John Ledwith, IV, S - "Da Boss"

Greetings and hope you are having an enjoyable and safe boating season.

There are only a few weeks left of the good August weather, but still plenty of time to enjoy our Hudson Valley. In



another month, the change of seasons will begin - a time that is beautiful and peaceful on the Hudson. Fall color watching on our rivers and lakes is wonderful. Be sure to include it in your "end of season" plans.

The coming of Fall is also a time to think about updating and improving our own boating education... The September 12th squadron meeting will kick-off our Fall education with a challenging and very enjoyable "Safe Boating Test."

Thanks to the education team and to our X-Com who have worked during the summer - preparing for a great meeting and education "line-up" for the next 10 months. See you all Wednesday, 12 Sept, 7:00 PM.

Storm King Power Squadron

Member and Guest Meeting

Wednesday, 12 Sept. 2012

Program Starts at 7:00 PM

Bring the family, but beware, the kids may "show up" the parents!

Food, Fun, Fellowship, and Education.

Test Your Boating Knowledge.

Fall's Education

Contact: Lt/C Bob Trenz, AP - Squadron Educational Officer

Our Squadron's Education kicks off with our September Meeting - a test of your boating knowledge (see above). Invite your family and friends to this enjoyable - yet very educational - presentation of "what you should know on the water..."

The squadron is offering the *America's Boating Class 3 (ABC3)* public boating class this fall at Mount St. Mary College on the Desmond campus. The class covers the safe operation of your boat and PWC. The class will be given in four two hour sessions starting on September 27, 2012. The class dates are Sept. 27, Oct. 11, 18 and 25. All classes must be attended in order for

Upcoming Events

- * SKPS Exec Mtg - 5 Sep, 7 PM
- * SKPS GM Mtg - 12 Sep, 7 PM
- * SKPS Exec Mtg - 03 Oct, 7 PM
- * SKPS GM Mtg - 10 Oct, 7 PM



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the participant to be eligible to take the New York State Boating Certification test on Oct. 25.

The total cost is \$59.00 which includes all instruction and course materials. *The class is limited to 20 participants.* Pre-registration is necessary. Anyone wishing to take the class or who knows someone in need of the class please contact Bob Trenz at 845-238-7508 for further information. **Remember, if you are operating a PWC in New York you need this class to do it legally.**

The squadron will be offering *Piloting* and *Marine Communications* this fall. The times, dates and costs have not been established. We will be developing a list of students that are interested in these Advanced Grades and Electives offerings. If you or someone you know would like to any of the classes, please contact me at 845-238-7508 or by e-mail at bona@verizon.net.

Also, if you are available and would like to help out with some of the instruction please contact me.

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Squadron Provides Four \$250 Scholarships to Deserving Students

by Florence Thomas, P

Scholarship Trust Fund Chairperson

Four scholarships were awarded at the June 13th SKPS meeting. Dykota Hillman, granddaughter of SKPS members, Helene and Nick Stagliano, NiRey Reynolds, granddaughter of SKPS member, Warren Washington and Alisha Galli, sponsored by Cathy Nugent through the Newburgh Yacht Club each received \$250 toward college expenses. Emily West was granted a scholarship in the same amount in memory of Paul Genco.

Each year, the Scholarship Committee chooses recipients from

applications of deserving young people within the community served by the Squadron.

Students awarded scholarships should be no more than 21 years of age, have been accepted or are enrolled at a college or trade school, have good academic record, good character, and have been involved in school related or community service. They must provide a letter of recommendation.

Applications for the 2013 scholarships will be available at the fall and winter meetings of SKPS and are due no later than May 1, 2012.

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Hurricane Irene Relief Possible - Empire State Development Program

Follow-up: This past spring, 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."

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."

With the help of Cdr John Ledwith and Lt/C Bob Trenz, Wayne began the application process for grant money from the Empire State Development program. On 9 August 2012, a \$802.74 check was received which is half of the approved losses. Storm King has until the end of the year to replace the approved items, send the receipts to ESD and receive the remaining grant of \$802.74. The X-



Com will discuss these items at the September X-Com meeting, 5 Sept.

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Membership Renewal

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

Storm King has about 66 “paid” members listed on the USPS website (see the Status Analysis chart below). We also have quite a number of “non-renewals” and “past members.” If you are reading this article and fall into one of these member categories, please know that you are missed and completely welcome to re-join our fraternity.

It is very easy to renew. Go to www.usps.org and click on the “Member Stuff.” In the drowp-down menu, go to “Membership Renewal” and just follow the simple directions. It will ask you for your certificate and your invoice number. If you do not have those numbers, just email or call Manny or Wayne. We are always very happy to assist. When you use this method, you need a valid credit card and be sure to print the receipt page for your tax

Status Terms	
Due	One month before dues month
Life	Life member
New Member	Dues Paying will display for 10 months Trial will display for 4 months
Non-Renewal	No longer a member
Paid	Dues have been paid
Past Due	Past payment due date
Past Member	Non-Renewal previous year
Pending	Two months before dues month

records (member fees are fully tax-deductible on your federal and state tax returns).



Status Analysis

Status	CURRENT					PAST				
	On File	Total	Dues P	Life	Trial	Total	Dues P	Life	Trial	
<u>DUE</u>	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<u>LIFE</u>	6	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	
<u>NON-RENEWAL</u>	13	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	
<u>PAID</u>	66	66	66	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<u>PAST MEMBER</u>	19	0	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	
<u>PENDING</u>	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total	109	77	71	6	0	32	32	0	0	

Of course, there is no requirement that anyone have a current membership in order to attend our meetings and classes, but we sure hope you will re-join us and take advantage of all the benefits available for USPS members. See the web link below (all one word):

www.usps.org/national/admin_dept/membenefits.htm

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Boat Show News

by Lt/C Peter Skorewicz, Jr, P

The following is an updated list of various boat shows in our area:

September 6th-9th, 2012
Atlantic City "In water" Boat Show
Farley State Marina (next to Golden Nugget Casino)

September 20th-23rd, 2012
Norwalk Boat Show - Norwalk Cove Marina

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

2012...Year of the Dragon
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

Calendar (tentative / event dates to be added)

13 Nov, Tue Election Day
22 Nov, Thu Thanksgiving

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

- National Safe Boating -
Every Day!

READY
SET
WEAR IT!



National Safe Boating Council
Safer Boating Through Education, Outreach and Training

January 3rd-6th, 2013
NY Boat Show - Javits Convention Center

February 6th-10th, 2013
Atlantic City Boat Show
Atlantic City Convention Center
(SKPS annual bus trip on Saturday February 9, 2013)

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Marine Communications

Class is Coming this Fall

Marine Communication Systems (MCS) is an in-depth, nine chapter review of communications systems available to the recreational boater. Radio history and spectrum definitions are presented along with definitions of radio circuits that the student should learn, to choose the best communications method for his/her situation. One chapter is devoted

to the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) and another to FCC Rules and regulations. The remaining chapters cover High Seas radio (MF/HF and satellite communications) and other systems such as Family Radio Service transceivers. There is also a chapter on troubleshooting of radio installations.

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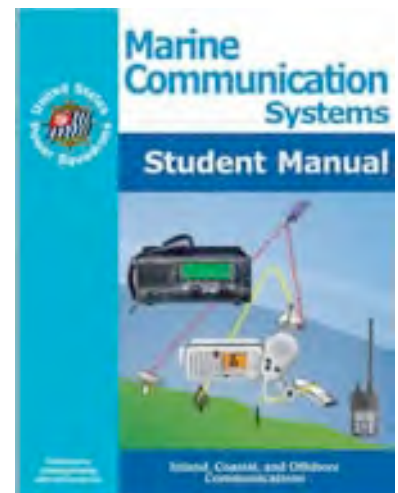
**WEAR IT!
PLEDGE CARD**

ALWAYS WEAR YOUR LIFE JACKET!

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



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