



# The Crown



## Cdr Ledwith's Message

Cdr John Ledwith, IV, S

### *Welcome Back*

to a great ten months of great meetings with special speakers, educational programs, and fun fantastic events.



If you missed our September meeting, you lost out on a most interesting and great guest speaker, Capt. Duke Panzella, owner and captain of the **River Rose**. Our Fall line-up for education includes **Advanced Piloting** and **Sail**. Contact SEO Lt/C Bob Trenz.

During the next two months, we need to find SKPS members who are willing to assist in the administration of the Squadron. So, if you have an interest in working in the Squadron, please contact a member of our Nominating Committee: Wayne Garnsey, Matin Feldberg, or Tom O'Connor.

## Welcome Back

the "new year" Began with Capt. Duke

### Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting

by Lt/C Vingie Genco, S - Secretary and Commander John Ledwith, IV, S

More than 30 attended the first general member meeting for Fall 2013 thru Spring 2014. The special speaker was Capt. John "Duke" Panzella – owner of the **River Rose**. During the program he told his own story and the history of the **River Rose**.

Capt. John, better known as "Duke," has been around boats his entire life. He restores boats as a hobby.

Capt. Duke told the group that he had a dream one night about owning a big party boat. In his dream he saw many people, young and old, laughing and enjoying themselves on a boat. The music

was playing and people were dancing. When he woke that dream never left him; he thought about what he dreamt of all the time.

After a short time he saw The **River Rose**, a big beautiful New Orleans paddle wheeler, with a "for sale" sign on her. He bought The **River Rose** in 2000 and Duke's dream became a reality. The **River Rose**, once a small casino boat on the Mississippi River, is now entertaining young and older generations on the beautiful Hudson River with dance parties, dinner cruises, Sunday brunches, fireworks cruises, and two hour narrated sightseeing cruises. Families and tour groups come from all over the Tri-State area.

Capt. Duke then brought the group up-to-date with his **River**

## Upcoming Events

- \* Sail Class Begins - 24 Sep, 7 PM
- \* SKPS Exec Mtg - 2 Oct, 7 PM
- \* SKPS GM Mtg - 9 Oct, 7 PM
- \* AP Class Begins - 10 Oct, 7 PM
- \* SKPS Exec Mtg - 6 Nov, 7 PM
- \* SKPS GM Mtg -13 Nov, 7 PM



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*Rose* operations. Duke's business is to take the public on the beautiful Hudson River aboard the *River Rose*. The greatest rewards of his business is making beautiful memories for his clients. Duke has a lot of memories and photographs of the *River Rose* and continues to make more memories and lasting friendships each season.

Capt. Duke stated, "I am on every one of my cruises. Come aboard the *River Rose* and allow me and my friendly crew to make your cruise a memorable one!"

*River Rose* stats: Home port is Newburgh, New York. It is an original New Orleans Paddle Wheel Boat built in 1984. Length approximately 100 Feet, Width 26 Feet. She has 2 Decks with a bar on each deck. There is an awesome panoramic view of the Hudson Valley from the upper deck. The lower deck is fully enclosed and air conditioned. The upper deck can either be open air or fully enclosed for inclement weather. The boat accommodates 150 passengers plus a 1st class crew. The *River Rose* is wheel chair accessible.

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## Fall Classes

by Lt/C Bob Trenez, AP - SEO

Contact Capt. Trenez if interested in taking one of the classes. BUT, do it today. Space is filling and limited.

**Advanced Piloting** instructors are Phil Cameron and Dick Winchell. Starts on Thursday, October 10, 2013 (10<sup>±</sup> weeks). Time is 7:00-9:00. Cost is \$45.00. Site is CYC.

The **Sail** instructor is Tony DeStefano. Starts on September 24, 2013 (7<sup>±</sup> weeks). Time is 7:00-9:00. Cost is \$45.00. Site is CYC.

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## September Education

by Lt/C Bob Trenez, AP - SEO

From the Educ. Report at Exec Meeting

**ABC3** class was completed in June. With the help of some very dedicated instructors and proctors Storm King completed another **ABC3** Class at the **84 Diner** on June 22, 2013. Tony Tucci, John Ledwith, Vince Evans, Vingie Genco, and I did the teaching and Martin Feldberg, Alexandra Digilio, and Nancy Trenez provided proctor and administrative support. We certified 10 boaters after they completed the 8-hour course and successfully passed the exams. My thanks go out to these individuals for again rising to the occasion and making Storm King a leader in boating education in the Hudson Valley. Thank you for making my job so rewarding.

The next **ABC3** class will be given in March 2014. A specific date, time and cost will be established so that squadron members can inform the public of our offering. All assistance is appreciated. Our goal for this class is 40 students.

Fall course offerings for SKPS are **Sailing** and **Advanced Piloting**.

It has come to my attention that the topics for the education portion of our general meetings should be expanded to include local history and Hudson River activities.

For our September 11, 2013 meeting, Nancy Trenez and I procured Captain Duke Panzella of the *River Rose*. It was a great meeting. I have contacted the West Point history department for a presentation on the history of West Point. I have been asked by members to try to get a speaker to come and give an Astronomical overview of the main constellations in the summer and winter skies.

Look for more exciting programs throughout the year.

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## District 2 Summer Council & Fall Conference

<http://www.usps.org/d2/d2event.html#District>

### District 2 Summer Council

Saturday, 21 September 2013

Held at the I84 Diner 853 Route 52, Fishkill, NY 12524-1561

The cost for the day is \$17 - includes full Brunch and breaks. Registration will begin at 0830. Reservations must be received by 11 September 2013 - Late Registration fee: \$5.00 MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: USPS DISTRICT 2. Mail reservations to:

D/Lt Alexandra Digilio, 25 Thomas Ave, Fishkill, New York 12524  
Questions? Call (914) 475-3740

PLANNING ON ATTENDING THE GPS SEMINAR? Check YES or NO  
Please register thru the USPS HQ800 to make certain there will be enough Guides.  
<http://www.usps.org/cgi-bin/nat/eddept/800/getregform.cgi?S-4704>

### District 2 Fall Conference and 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

November 8-9, 2013

Williams Inn

1090 Main Street, Route 7 Williamstown, MA 01267-2620 Phone: 413-458-9371

Hosted by Berkshire Sail & Power Squadron

Guest Program: A "Behind the Scenes" tour of the Clark Art Institute that features European and American painting, sculpture, works on paper, and decorative art from the Renaissance to the early twentieth century. As an alternative, there are Outlet Shopping Malls in Lee, MA and Manchester, VT. Maps will be provided for your own transportation. Remember if you signed up for the Saturday Breakfast/Luncheon, have your lunch at the Williams Inn with the conference attendees between shopping experiences.

Saturday Dinner: Pianist John Sauer accompanied by singer Jeannie Laurin will provide both dinner music and entertainment after dinner for your listening and dancing pleasure.

To download the Fall Conference Registration Form with the program, costs, and directions, go to:.....

<http://www.usps.org/d2/d2event.html#District>

### SKPS – 2013 Calendar (tentative / event dates to be added)

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

2012...Year of the Dragon			
02 Oct, Wed	7:00 PM - SKPS Bridge Meeting	04 Dec, Wed	7:00 PM - SKPS Bridge Meeting
09 Oct, Wed	7:00 PM - SKPS General Meeting	07 Dec, Sat	6:00 PM - SKPS Holiday Party (tentative)
14 Oct, Mon	Columbus Day	25 Dec, Wed	Christmas
31 Oct, Wed	Halloween	31 Dec, Tue	New Year's Eve
03 Nov, Sun	Daylight Savings (set clock back 1 hour)	2014...	Year of the Horse (31 Jan 2014)
05 Nov, Tue	Election Day	01 Jan, Wed	New Year's Day 2014
06 Nov, Wed	7:00 PM - SKPS Bridge Meeting	08 Jan, Wed	7:00 PM - SKPS Bridge Meeting (tentative)
11 Nov, Mon	Veteran's Day	15 Jan, Wed	7:00 PM - SKPS Annual Meeting (tentative)
13 Nov, Wed	7:00 PM - SKPS General Meeting	20 Jan, Mon	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
28 Nov, Thu	Thanksgiving		
28 Nov, Thu	Chanukah (begins at sunset)		

**USPS Member Benefits Tools page:**

[http://www.usps.org/national/admin\\_dept/membenefits.htm](http://www.usps.org/national/admin_dept/membenefits.htm)

**Welcome to Member Benefits.** Here you will find information on special benefits you receive for being a member of USPS...



*Your certificate number is your ticket to real savings! So, if you have not recently been to the UPS Website, go now and check out the many special member benefits – more than 45 special benefits are now available. In addition, there are many special opportunities for Squadron members. Below are a few:*

- Community Leadership Service through the [Cooperative Charting](#) Program
- A Free [Vessel Safety Check](#) Program for members certifies your water craft as meeting all current U.S. Coast Guard regulations for boating safety. To promote the VSC program, Boat/US offers a 10% discount on safety-related equipment purchases to boaters who show their copy of the completed VSC inspection form (whether pass or fail).
- [Special Programs](#) for your Children and Grandchildren. Your family can get involved in the squadron, the Sea Scouts, the Kid's Crew Program and other Youth Activities.
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