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Coming January 8th

Hudson River Lighthouses

by P/D/C Wayne Garnsey, SN - Editor

Since ancient times, lighthouses have guided sailors into safe harbors and warned them of coastal hazards. Author Kevin Woyce explores the history of lighthouses, from the ancient Pharaohs of Alexandria to the modern world; shows how they were built and how they work; and shares the stories of some of the brave men and women who tended the lights. Woyce is the author of four acclaimed books on lighthouses.



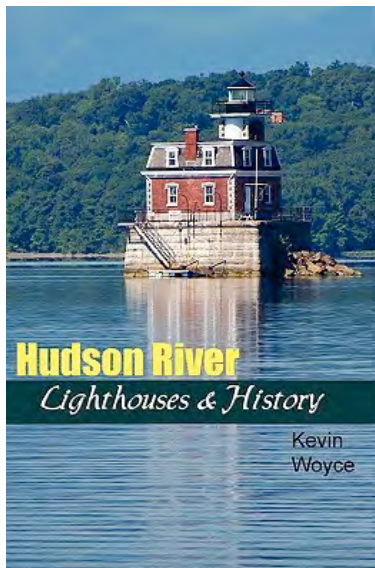
Kevin Woyce is an author, photographer, and lecturer. His regional history books, illustrated with original black and white photography, include: *Jersey Shore History & Facts*, *Hudson River Lighthouses & History*, *New Jersey State Parks: History & Facts*, and *Liberty: The Amazing Story of America's Favorite Statue*.

A lifelong resident of the Garden State, Kevin grew up in East Rutherford, the eldest of 15 siblings. He now lives in Lyndhurst with his wife, Carin.

Henry Hudson explored the river that now bears his name in 1609. The arrival of the steamboat 200 years later, and the opening of the Erie Canal in 1825, made the Hudson one of America's busiest rivers. From 1826 until the middle of the 20th century, more than a dozen lighthouses guided ships past its islands and shallows.

Hudson River Lighthouses & History is an illustrated tour of these lights, past and present, and of the river they marked—from its Revolutionary War battlefields and early industries to modern-day cities, bridges, and parks.

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Commander's Message

Cdr John Ledwith, IV, S

*Merry
Christmas and
a Happy New
Year!*



It has been a great and very busy year 2014 that unfortunately "ended" with an "Act of God" in the form of a snow storm that made the roads treacherous. We were to have a number of valued District friends of Storm King including District Commander Howard Sklar, District Executive Officer Denise Terry, and District Educational Officer Carl Filos. We missed your company, but thank you anyway, after all, "it's the thought that counts," and hopefully we will get another opportunity for us to enjoy your company and you, our hospitality.

Next up is our Annual Meeting on Wednesday, 8 January 2014. Let's hope that the weather cooperates. For sure, it will be worth your effort to attend, enjoy the food, fellowship, business, and of course, Mr Kevin Woyce.

Upcoming Events

- * SKPS X-Com Mtg, 2 Jan, 7 PM
- * Annual Meeting, 8 Jan, 7 PM



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Annual Meeting - 8 January 2014

by P/D/C Wayne Garnsey, SN - Editor

The Squadron's Annual Meeting is on 8 January 2014. At the meeting, the members will vote on the Officers and Committees of the Squadron for the year beginning, March 2014 through March 2015 (see the Nom-Com Report that follows in this newsletter). Also, each Officer and Committee Chairperson provides a report of their department's work during the past year.

In addition, January's General Member Meeting will feature speaker, author Kevin Woyce. Mr. Woyce has written several nautical themed books, one of them being *Lighthouses of the Hudson River*. He will be doing a 45-60 minute multi-media presentation for us. The Executive Committee authorized an honorarium of \$95.00 to help cover his expenses. Mr. Woyce will also be bringing some signed copies of his book for interested members to purchase. And as always, we will have a planned dinner for this meeting. CYC and other local yacht club members are being invited to join us at CYC for this presentation.

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Atlantic City Show Bus Trip 2014

by Lt/C Pete Skorewicz, Jr., P - Admin Officer

Saturday, 8 February 2014 will be the day for the SKPS annual bus trip to the Atlantic City Boat Show. I am still awaiting confirmation for the 2014 pricing from West Point Tours, but the cost will be between \$35-\$40 per person. As always members, friends and family of SKPS are welcome. Please contact me ASAP if you would like to go as we are limited to the 50 passenger bus. When I receive confirmation from West Point tours, I will send a mass email to everyone. Usual departure time has been between 9-9:30 from Newburgh Mall and we return between 10-10:30pm. Thanks Pete Skorewicz, Admin Officer. videoventures65@optonline.net.

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District 2 Fall Conference - 9 November 2013

by Lt/C Vince Evans, S - Treasurer

Alexandra, Martin, Paulette, and I attended the D2 Fall Conference hosted by the Berkshire Sail and Power Squadron. It was held at the Williams Inn, in Williamstown, Massachusetts. The conference was scheduled for Friday evening of 08 November 2013, and Saturday 09 November 2013.

The agenda for Saturday consisted of the following:

- A presentation of the History & Heraldry of District 2 and Presentation of the Squadron Battle Ribbons.
- Senior Boating Safety Presentation
- HQ-800 Ins and Outs
- DB2000 - Updating and Reports



- Presentation of Committee Reports
- Presentation of By-Laws for review. After a 2 hour review, and debate, the review was tabled till the Spring Conference where additional time will be reserved.
- Presentation of Awards – Storm King received the **P/R/C Frank Gratz Memorial Award**. It is a new Plaque, and it will be transferred between Squadrons each year. Storm King also received the **Second Place award for Boating Safety** given to P/D/C Wayne Garnsey, SN (congratulations)

A Dinner Dance concluded the evening. The Spring Conference will be held in Saratoga Springs in April 2014.

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Education Report

“Just another ho-hum year”

by Lt/C Bob Trenz, AP - SEO

Storm King Power Squadron can be extremely proud of the dedicated efforts of many of its members for making 2013 one of the most productive in recent years. The following is a comprehensive list of our accomplishments for 2013.

On 5 Jan 2013, in conjunction with the Bass Busters Fishing Club a one-day, 8-hour **ABC3** class was held at the American Legion Hall in New Windsor, NY. There were 34 people in attendance, all of which passed the National Exam and the New York State Exam. The instructors were Tony Tucci, Tony DiStefano, Vingie Genco, Vince Evans, Pete

Skorewicz, Manny Sangervasio and myself (Bob Trenz). The proctors for the day were Phil Cameron, Alexandria Digilio and Martin Feldberg. (Vingie Genco and Alexandra Digilio also helped with check-in and distribution of the educational packages).

In January, John Ledwith IV completed instruction for the **Communications** class that was started in the late fall of 2012. The tests were taken by eleven students - everyone passed the exam. Phil Cameron has completed the instruction for **Piloting** that was also started in the fall of 2012. Exams were taken and all 4 students passed the exam.

In April, the squadron offered and completed a **First Aid/CPR/AED** class at Cornwall Yacht Club. Richard Huff and Jim Bayreuther taught what proved to be an extremely interesting and informative class for us. With the help of Bill Burbage we were able to certify 19 Storm King and Cornwall Yacht Club members. Emergency First Responder cards have been issued by mail to all the participants.

In June, with the help of some very dedicated instructors and proctors Storm King Power Squadron completed another **ABC3** class at the 84 Diner on June 22, 2013. Tony Tucci, John Ledwith, Vince Evans, Vingie Genco and myself did the teaching and Martin Feldberg, Alexandra Digilio and Nancy Trenz provided proctor and administrative support. We certified 10 boaters after they completed the 8-hour course and successfully passed the exams making Storm King a leader in boating education in the Hudson Valley.

SKPS – 2014 Calendar (tentative / event dates to be added)

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

2014...Year of the Horse (31 Jan 2014)			
01 Jan, Wed	New Year's Day 2014	05 Mar, Wed	SKPS Exec Com Meeting (CYC)
02 Jan, Thur	7:00 PM - SKPS Exec Com Meeting (CYC)	09 Mar, Sun	Daylight Savings Time begins
08 Jan, Wed	7:00 PM - SKPS Annual Meeting (CYC)	12 Mar, Wed	SKPS Change of Watch (may change)
20 Jan, Mon	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	17 Mar, Mon	St. Patrick's Day
		20 Mar, Thur	First Day of Spring (vernal equinox)
02 Feb, Sun	Groundhog Day	01 Apr, Tue	April Fool's Day
05 Feb, Wed	7:00 PM - SKPS Exec Com Meeting (CYC)	02 Apr, Wed	SKPS Exec Com Meeting (CYC)
12 Feb, Wed	President Lincoln's Birthday	09 Apr, Wed	7:00 PM - SKPS Member Meeting (CYC)
12 Feb, Wed	7:00 PM - SKPS Member Meeting (CYC)	15 Apr, Tue	Passover
14 Feb, Fri	Valentine's Day	18 Apr, Fri	Good Friday
17 Feb, Mon	President's Day - National Holiday	20 Apr, Sun	Easter
22 Feb, Sat	Pres Washington's Birthday	22 Apr, Tue	Earth Day

Sail was offered this fall. The class was taught by Tony DiStefano. The class was completed all 7 the participants completed and passed the exam.

For the General Meetings, we have taken on a pro-active policy to obtain speakers from the Hudson Valley. The September meeting speaker was Captain Duke Panzella of *The River Rose* who did a very engaging and personal presentation of his beloved *River Rose* vintage paddle wheeler. In November, the squadron was treated to a unique education experience given by Colonel Ty Seidule of the United States Military Academy at West Point. Both he and his wife joined us for the November 13th general meeting. Those in attendance were educated and entertained by his unique perspective on the graduates of the academy.

The Squadron purchased a very nice portable amplifier at Sam's Club for the squadron that has been used for our **ABC3** classes, seminars and squadron events.

As we move forward to 2014 an **ABC3** class has been scheduled for March 29th. **Advanced Piloting** will be taught by Phil Cameroon and Dick Winchell.

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D/2 Winter Council - 8 March 2014

Email from D/C Howard Sklar, AP

The D2 Winter Council to be held on 8 March 2014 at the I-84 Diner on Route 52 in Fishkill, NY., has a wrinkle that to the best of my knowledge has not previously occurred in our district.

As we were unable to finish the work needed to approve the revised District's bylaws at the Fall Conference, due to time constraints we put it over to March 8th.

On the morning of March 8th, we will reconvene the conference to finish the bylaw discussion. When the discussion is completed and the bylaws have your approval we will then close the Conference and convene our Winter Council.

I will need all of your help along with your attendance on March 8th to discuss and approve the District's bylaws as this portion of the day's meetings will require a conference quorum and vote.

There will be more information forthcoming in the very near future. Thank you all. All the best in USPS

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The Story of Chanukah

P/D/C Wayne Garnsey, SN - Editor

Chanukah (Hanukkah) is one of the best known Jewish holidays. This year, Chanukah began in the evening of Wednesday, November 27 and ended in the evening of Thursday, December 5. It is the *Jewish festival of Rededication*, also known as the *festival of lights*, and is an eight day festival beginning on the 25th day of the Jewish month of Kislev.

The story of Chanukah begins in the reign of Alexander the Great. Alexander conquered Syria, Egypt and Palestine, but allowed the lands under his control to continue observing their own religions and retain a certain degree of autonomy. Under this relatively benevolent rule, many Jews assimilated much of Hellenistic culture, adopting the language, the customs and the dress of the Greeks, in much the same way that Jews in America today blend into the secular American society.

More than a century later, a successor of Alexander, Antiochus IV was in control of the region. He began to oppress the Jews severely, placing a Hellenistic priest in the Temple, massacring Jews, prohibiting the practice of the Jewish religion, and desecrating the Temple by requiring the sacrifice of pigs (a non-kosher animal) on the altar. Two groups opposed Antiochus: a

basically nationalistic group led by Mattathias the Hasmonean and his son Judah Maccabee, and a religious traditionalist group known as the Chasidim, the forerunners of the Pharisees (no direct connection to the modern movement known as Chasidism). They joined forces in a revolt against both the assimilation of the Hellenistic Jews and oppression by the Seleucid Greek government. The revolution succeeded and the Temple was rededicated.

According to tradition as recorded in the Talmud, at the time of the rededication, there was very little oil left that had not been defiled by the Greeks. Oil was needed for the menorah (candelabrum) in the Temple, which was supposed to burn throughout the night every night. There was only enough oil to burn for one day, yet miraculously, it burned for eight days, the time needed to prepare a fresh supply of oil for the menorah. An eight day festival was declared to commemorate this miracle. Note that the holiday commemorates the miracle of the oil, not the military victory: Jews do not glorify war.

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THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS

P/D/C Wayne Garnsey, SN - Editor

According to the Apostle Matthew...

Celebrated December 25th. This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her

to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"—which means, "God with us."

When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: "'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel.'" Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense



and of myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."

So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son."

When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled: "A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more."

After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child's life are dead."

So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets: "He will be called a Nazarene."

--Matthew 1:18 - 2:23 New International Version

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The Festival of Kwanzaa

P/D/C Wayne Garnsey, SN - Editor

Kwanzaa is a 7 day festival celebrating the African American people, their culture and their history. It is a time of celebration, community gathering, and reflection. A time of endings and beginnings. Kwanzaa begins on December 26th,



the day after Christmas, and continues until New Years Day, January 1st.

Each evening a family member, usually the youngest child, lights candles in a special candleholder (kinara) and discusses one of the seven principles of Kwanzaa. On the sixth day, which falls on New Years Eve, family and friends get together to enjoy a large feast and to celebrate their history, culture, and the upcoming new year.

The holiday of Kwanzaa was created by Dr. Maulana Karenga in 1966, during the period of US history in which African Americans were involved in struggles for their civil rights. This was the period of Martin Luther King, the Civil Rights movement, and Black Power.

Dr. Karenga wanted to create a holiday that would bring African Americans together in celebration of their black culture. He was inspired by the "first fruit" or harvest festivals that were celebrated throughout Africa.

In fact the name he gave to the holiday, "Kwanzaa," comes from the Kiswahili phrase for "first fruit" - matunda ya kwanza. (Kiswahili, or Swahili, is the largest spoken language on the African continent and thus the language of Kwanzaa). When Dr. Karenga chose the word "kwanza" for the name of his festival he added the extra "a" at the end to give the word greater significance.

Dr. Karenga used these first fruit festivals as his model for Kwanzaa because they shared characteristics which he felt were important. These characteristics were:

- The people gathered together to celebrate their crops and harvest
- The people would give thanks to their Creator for a good harvest and life.
- They would remember and celebrate their ancestors and the past.
- They allowed the people to recommit themselves to their community.
- They celebrated their history, culture, Creator, and the promise of the next year.

It was these characteristics that inspired Dr. Karenga when he developed the Nguzo Saba, or Seven Principles, of Kwanzaa. (Nguzo Saba is Kiswahili for "Seven Principles") These principles are unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity, and faith. These are the foundation of Kwanzaa.

The dates of the celebration, December 26 - January 1, were chosen to correspond to the end of the year celebrations in America. Kwanzaa begins the day after Christmas. This to bypass the commercial buying period but to take advantage of the seasonal holiday spirit.

<http://www.holidays.net/kwanzaa/story.htm>

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Nominations For Officers & Committees for the 2014-2015 Year

Vote is 8 January 2014 and the COW is 12 March 2014

by P/D/C Wayne Garnsey, SN - Chairman, SKPS Committee on Nominations

In accordance with provisions of the Squadron Bylaws, Article 6 Section 6.8, the Nominating Committee unanimously submits the following report of nominees to be voted on at the Storm King Power Squadron Annual Meeting, 8 January 2014. Form Ed-80 was submitted for the nominees for SEO and Asst. SEO. Approval from the District Educational Officer and the National Education Officer for the positions of SEO and Asst. SEO has been received by the Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

SKPS 2014-15 Slate of Officers of Officers and Chairs

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Commander: Cdr Vincent Evans, P (blue 3 tridents)
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 Administrative Officer: Lt/C Pete Skorewicz, Jr., P (red 2 tridents)
 Squadron Educational Officer: Lt/C Bob Trenz, AP (red 2 tridents)
 Assistant Squadron Educational Officer: 1st/Lt (P/C) Philip Cameron, Jr., AP (white 1 red tridents)
 Secretary: Lt/C Vingie Genco, P (red 2 tridents)
 Treasurer: Lt/C Anthony DiStefano, AP (red 2 tridents)

Executive Committee at Large (1 year term)

P/C Anthony Tucci, Jr., P	P/Lt/C Manny Sangervasio, AP
William Burbage, AP	Lt Florence Thomas, P
P/D/C Martin Feldberg, AP	P/C Thomas O'Connor, AP
Lt Richard Huff, P	P/C John Ledwith, IV, S: "Most Recent P/C willing to serve"

Rules Committee

P/Lt/C Manny Sangervasio, AP, Chairman (3rd of 3 years)
 P/R/C Richard (Dick) Winchell, SN (2nd of 3 years)
 Lt/C John (Jack) Thomas, Jr., P (1st of 3 years)



Audit Committee

Lt Nick Stagliano, P Chairman (3rd of 3 years)
P/Lt/C Manny Sangervasio, AP (2nd of 3 years)
Lt/C Vingie Genco, P (1st of 3 years)

Scholarship Fund Trustees

Florence Thomas, P, Chairperson (1 year term)
Lt/C Vingie Genco, P (1 year term)
Lt/C Anthony DiStefano, AP (Treasurer: permanent)

Nominating Committee

P/D/C Martin Feldberg, AP, Chair (3rd of 3 years)
P/C Thomas O'Connor, AP (2nd of 3 years)
P/C John Ledwith, IV, S (1st of 3 years)

Respectfully Submitted for the Committee:
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P/C Thomas O'Connor, AP
P/D/C Martin Feldberg, AP

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