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Cdr Vince Evans, P takes the Oath of Office from P/D/C Howard Sklar, AP

Change of Watch 2015

by P/D/C Wayne Garnsey, SN photos by Wayne Garnsey

Storm King celebrated another year for Commander Vince Evans, P (AKA - Executive Officer, District Lt Commander Vince Evans, P)... but this story does not begin with Vince. Instead, the first to greet the attendees were the workers of the Cornwall-on-Hudson Water Department who had blocked off Dock Road (main way to get down to CYC) due to a water main break which also meant that the CYC clubhouse had no water. But that would not stop the program. CYC Commodore Jeff Schaack came to the rescue, bringing a hundred plus gallons of water to the clubhouse to help with Cathy's cooking and of course the "necessary flushing." **THANK YOU, JEFF!** It was an unexpected delight, when at about 6 PM, the water department foreman came into the Club to announce that they had fixed the break and we again had water.

So, the evening was a little delayed, but all the dignitaries made it and the Dinner and Change of Watch went off "without a hitch." P/R/C Susan Darcy, JN joined the festivities from Berkshire, MA. Thanks Susan - a very long drive, and we were all happy that the weather had finely turned to the good. Marsha brought her husband P/D/C Howard Sklar, AP to the program so that Howard could do the honors of swearing-in Commander Vince Evans, P and our SKPS Bridge for 2015-2016.

Following the pledge to the American Flag and Chaplain Jeanette Sangervasio, AP prayer "asking the Blessing of God on our Commander,

Commander's Message

by Cdr Vince Evans, P

The following is a brief overview of my attendance at the USPS National conference held in Jacksonville, Florida in January. I registered to take the *Leadership 101* course on Friday the 23rd. The session is recommended for new Admin officers. Over 40 members enrolled for the class. I met many new people from all over the country.

The instructor was very knowledgeable as she has spent many years in the corporate environment. The class focuses on developing leadership skills to successfully aid in planning and execution of events. A concept that is taught is called **RACI**. It stands for responsibility, accountability, consult or communicate, and inform. The class was split up into teams to take a fictional situation and develop possible solutions to problems that were stated.

The all day meeting on Saturday was used to conduct business at hand and recognize members for their contributions and accomplishments to USPS. A little over 500 members were in attendance. The National Bridge was reinstalled, as there were no changes.

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Upcoming Events

- * Wed, 01 Apr - SKPS Exec Meeting
- * Wed, 08 Apr - SKPS GM Meeting

April 8th Meeting will feature a special presentation by the Sea Scouts (Division of the Boy Scouts of America).



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Bridge” (of course the food), and remembering the very recent passing of one of our members, P/Lt/C Steve Linderman, AP.

P/D/C Sklar took over the Squadron and both edified and entertained the attendees with his unique brand of humor and praise for the accomplishments of the *Storm King Sail and Power Squadron*. Thank you, Howard! Following his monologue, P/D/C Sklar gave the “long version” of the oath of office to first Commander Vince Evans, P and then the much appreciated “short oath” to the attending members of the Bridge. Howard gave the meeting back to Vince.

The 2nd term Squadron Commander then took the opportunity to thank the Squadron Members and also to “warn” the members of things to come in 2015-2016. On April 18th, Vince, who is currently also on the District 2 Bridge as Administrative Officer, will take the oath of office as District Executive Officer for 2015-2016. If all goes as expected, Vince will then become District Commander in the Spring of 2016 - just a year away. Vince talked about all those things that the Squadron will need to work on for his installation as District Commander. P/R/C Darcy, P/D/C Sklar, and P/D/C Garnsey contributed to the discussion with “words of wisdom” for Vince. It was informative, but also lots of laughs.

At the close of the evening, Cdr Evans and the group gave Cathy and Pete a very large round of applause for the most excellent buffet dinner which included chicken, ham, pasta, veggies, etc. - a great tasting meal! Thank you Chef Cathy.





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this year. Some of the Bridge will be replaced next year as their 3-year terms will be concluded.

A marketing group will continue to develop the “branding concepts” that is deemed necessary to promote continued growth of USPS. Membership loss and growth is still a major concern, as the overall numbers continue to drop. At the time, there were 32,416 active members reported. There have been some enhancements to Member benefits. Check the USPS website for details.

There will be quite a few COW's in the next two months. I will attempt to make as many of them as possible. We had our COW on the 11th and the Winter Council will be the 14th. A motion will be entered to amend the *D2 Bylaws* that will change the duration between Council and Conference dates.

I have been asked to preside at Sacandaga's COW on the 15th, and I will be one of the instructors for the **ABC3** class on the 21st at the 84 Diner. I sent in the registration form to reserve a vendor space at the Cornwall-on-Hudson **RiverFest** community event. It will be held on June 6th this year.

The D2 Change of Watch will be held at the Stamford Hilton on April 17th - 19th. D/Lt/C Gino Bottino, AP will become the new District 2 Commander, and I will move up to the Executive Officer position. All USPS members are welcome to attend the 2 day meeting. Please refer to the D2 website for a list of activities and costs.

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With the Change of Watch completed, it is time for Storm King's Educational Department, under the able direction of Captain and SEO Bob Trenz, AP to get back to the job of providing boating safety education to the public. Next big event, the **ABC3** course at the 84-Diner on March 21st.

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SKPS Education March Report

by Lt/C Bob Trenz, AP - SEO

The **ABC3** course is set for 21 March 2015 at the 84 Diner in Fishkill, NY. The cost has been established at \$75.00 for the first family participant and \$50.00 for each additional family member that is willing to share the book. Fliers, posters, and YouTube Video have been printed and distributed to the Squadron members to publicize the course. I will finalize the instructor's assignments and meet with the instructors before we present the class. As of this time we have 10 students committed to the class. Let's get the word out.

Junior Navigation (instructor Matt TenEyck) has been completed by Vingie Genco and Jack Thomas. Congratulations, both passed and are now Junior Navigators. I have secured the computer and projector from Matt. Matt will be the keeper of the sextants as of now. Any squadron member can contact him for their use.

Paulette Scheurer has completed and passed *Seamanship*. Congratulations, Paulette.

Matt TenEyck has requested that I order the instructional material for *Navigation* which I have done. The materials have come in and I have distributed them to Matt. He will look over the material with the possibility teaching the class for Storm King.

The *Weather* course had to be postponed until later this spring as the response was very weak. After several tries to generate interest in this very valuable course, the Squadron showed little interest. I have removed it from the USPS site. Phil Cameron has offered to wait until spring at which time we will re-offer the class and hope for a better response. I will poll the squadron and determine the level of interest in this course. Hopefully we can get members interested in participating.

Two years ago we offered a *First Aid /CPR/AED* class to the squadron. It is recommended that a refresher course be taken to keep participants current. I have contacted Richard Huff one of our members and one of the instructors of the course and he has consented to give the refresher course on March 5th 2015 at 6:00 at CYC. I notified the previous participants and have received responses from several that they are interested and will be participating in the class. The class was given (see photo above).

I have contacted the supervisor of the Sea Scouts and have scheduled them to come and do a presentation of their program for us at our April 9th 2015 general meeting. I will stay in contact with them and let's try to have a good turnout at our April meeting.

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5 March 2015, some of the CYC and SKPS Members observing 1st Aid-CPR-AED Instructor (retired NYC Paramedic Firefighter) Jim Bayreuther, assisted by Jim's daughter Briana placing a leg splint on his son Jim's right leg. Jim, assisted by SKPS, Engineer Rich Huff, taught the "refresher" course in First Aid, CPR, and AED to a number of our CYC and SKPS members, including Capt Bob and Nancy Trenz, Bill Burbage, Manny Sangervasio, John Ledwith, and Wayne Garnsey, who earned their "Emergency First Response" certificate. The students were re-trained and re-certified in their skills as possible "first responders" at CYC and the use of the life-saving Zoll AED for Infants (CPR), children (CPR and AED), and adult (CPR and AED). Special thanks goes out to the SKPS Educational Officer, Capt. Bob Trenz and SKPS BOD Member Richard Huff.

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Sea Scouts - April 8th

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Venturing/seascouts.aspx>

Sea Scouts is a specialized segment of the Boy Scouts of America Venturing program, which was organized to address members' boating skills and promote knowledge of our maritime heritage.

Sea Scout units, called "ships," focus on sailing and cruising either sailboats or power vessels. During the boating seasons, Sea Scouts learn



to maintain and operate their vessels with a focus on learning the safe and proper methods of handling boats. Sea Scouts also learn the meaning of buoys and lights, how to take advantage of wind and tide, and how to drop anchor or approach a dock.

For more information about the Sea Scouts, including how to join or start a Sea Scout ship in your area, please come to the April 8th SKPS meeting.

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SKPS Educ Scholarship

by Lt Florence Thomas, AP

Scholarship Trust Fund Chairperson

Applications for the scholarships are available for students whose relatives are members of Storm King, the Cornwall Yacht Club, Marlboro Yacht Club, or Newburgh Yacht Club. A scholarship application can be obtained from Florence Thomas or Vingie Genco (also by emailing P/D/C Wayne Garnsey).

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Safe Boating Week & VSCs

by 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, 16-22 May. This year the Boating Council is again featuring the wearing of personal floatation devices (PFDs) with the slogan, "Ready

Set, Wear It!" Visit the NSBC website at

<http://www.safeboatingcampaign.com/>

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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District 2 Spring Conference

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

The District 2 Fall Conference is hosted by the Stamford Sail & Power Squadron on April 17-19 at the Hilton Stamford Hotel & Exec. Meeting Center, 1 First Stamford Place, Stamford, CT. See the above D2 Website for information and registration.

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P/Lt/C Steve Linderman, AP

Sadly Storm King Power Squadron member, Steve Linderman, AP lost his battle with cancer on March 6th. Steve and wife, Yvonne joined Storm King in 1999 and for many years were very active. In recent years, they have not been able to attend Squadron functions on a regular basis. Steve earned his Educational Proficiency in 2003, Senior Member in 2005, and earned 8 Merit Marks. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Yvonne and sons, Patrick and Brian.



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Broken water main



CYC Past Commodore and
SKPS P/C John Ledwith



CYC Commodore Jeff Schaack
with Vingie Genco and Matt TenEyck



SKPS – 2015 Calendar (tentative / event dates to be added)

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

2015...Year of the Sheep (Goat) (19 Feb 2015)

04 Mar, Wed SKPS Exec Com Meeting (CYC)
 08 Mar, ASun Holiday - Daylight Savings Time Begins
 11 Mar, Wed SKPS Change of Watch (CYC)
 14 Mar, Sat District 2 Winter Council
 17 Mar, Tue Holiday - St Patrick's Day

01 Apr, Wed SKPS Exec Com Meeting (CYC)
 01 Apr, Wed Holiday - All Fools' Day
 05 Apr, Sun Holiday - Easter
 08 Apr, Wed SKPS General Member Meeting (CYC)
 17-19 Apr District 2 Spring Conference
 22 Apr, Wed Holiday - Earth Day

06 May, Wed SKPS Exec Com Meeting (CYC)
 05 May, Tue Holiday - Cinco de Mayo
 10 May, Sun Holiday - Mother's Day
 13 May, Wed SKPS Scholarship Auction Meeting (CYC)
 16-22 May Nat'l Safe Boating Week
 25 May, Mon Holiday - Memorial Day

03 Jun, Wed SKPS Exec Com Meeting (CYC)
 10 Jun, Wed SKPS CYC Thank You Picnic (CYC)
 14 Jun, Mon Holiday - Flag Day
 21 Jun, Sun Holiday - Father's Day

01 Jul, Wed SKPS Exec Com Meeting (CYC)
 04 Jul, Sat Holiday - Independence Day
 08 Jul, Wed SKPS General Member Meeting (CYC)

05 Aug, Wed SKPS Exec Com Meeting (CYC)
 12 Aug, Wed SKPS General Member Meeting (CYC)

02 Sep, Wed SKPS Exec Com Meeting (CYC)
 07 Sep, Mon Holiday - Labor Day
 09 Sep, Wed SKPS General Member Meeting (CYC)
 14-15 Sep Holiday - Rosh Hashana (Jewish New Year)
 23 Sep Holiday - Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement)

07 Oct, Wed SKPS Exec Com Meeting (CYC)
 12 Oct, Mon Holiday - Columbus Day
 14 Oct, Wed SKPS General Member Meeting (CYC)
 31 Oct, Sat Holiday - Halloween

01 Nov, Sun Holiday - Daylight Savings Time Ends
 04 Nov, Wed SKPS Exec Com Meeting (CYC)
 11 Nov, Wed SKPS General Member Meeting (CYC)
 11 Nov, Wed Holiday - Veteran's Day
 26 Nov, Thu Holiday - Thanksgiving Day

02 Dec, Wed SKPS Exec Com Meeting (CYC)
 05 Dec, Sat SKPS Holiday Party (CYC)
 07-14 Dec Holiday - Chanukah (Festival of Lights)
 09 Dec, Wed SKPS General Member Meeting (CYC)
 25 Dec, Fri Holiday - Christmas

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01 Jan, Fri Holiday - New Year's Day 2016
 06 Jan, Wed SKPS Exec Com Meeting (CYC)
 13 Jan, Wed SKPS Annual Meeting (CYC)



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