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"Thank You CYC" Barbecue

by P/D/C Wayne Garnsey, SN

On June 10th 2015 the members of Storm King Sail & Power Squadron hosted our annual "Thank You CYC Barbecue and Start of Summer Celebration" at our host Cornwall Yacht Club. Thanks to the hard work of "the usual, always, AND splendid" Jeanette Sangervasio and Helene Stagliano, together with their volunteer food providers and helpers, and the cooking talents of CYC House Director Jason Annan, the picnic was a great success with an outstanding crowd from both the Squadron and the Cornwall Yacht Club.

Several of the Scholarship winners (see following article) received their awards. Cdr Evans presented SKPS Member, Cathy Nugent with her Senior Plaque, other awards were presented, and the entire group helped the upcoming 90th Birthday of Founding Member, P/Lt/C Manny Sangervasio, AP. Jeanette had both a special cake for Manny and for the SKPS Celebration. When night started to fall, CYC Safety Officer, Director Nick Stagliano and SKPS Safety Officer Bill Burbage conducted the "hands-on" flare demonstration encouraging many young people, who had never handled a burning flare, to learn the correct procedures for lighting and holding flares.

Commander's Message

by Cdr Vince Evans, P

Correction: We apologize for a spelling error in the *Commander's Message* in our May edition of *The Crown*. The correct spelling for the new Squadron Commander of the *Stamford Sail & Power Squadron*, Alvin "Herbert" is Commander Alvin Hebert.

I attended a meeting of the Hudson River Boat and Yacht Club Association on May 26. The meeting was hosted by the Newburgh Yacht Club. HRBYCA is a member organization of over 35 Hudson River Marinas and Clubs who are located on the Hudson River. I had heard many good things about the association. I just received a membership application to join HRBYCA. I am planning on joining as a representative of District 2. Our interaction could be beneficial to both organizations.

Jeanette Sangervasio had requested that we combine our June meeting with a celebration of Manny's 90th birthday. The Bridge thought that it was a great idea, although it would be a challenge to keep it a surprise for Manny. Last night we had our meeting, and the surprise was a success. We pulled it off as though it was our regular picnic. Besides the hamburgers and hot dogs, Jeanette provided salads, and baked

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Upcoming Events

* Wed, 05 Sept - SKPS Exec Meeting • Wed, 12 Sept - Beginning of Fall



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SKPS Education Getting Back into Swing!

by Lt/C Bob Trenz, AP - SEO

The Squadron Educational Department is working on our educational courses for fall 2015. *Weather* is planned for a start in September, most likely on Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Watch for announcements this summer.

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SKPS Educational Scholarship Program

by Lt Florence Thomas, AP, Scholarship Trust Fund Chairperson

It was a banner year for scholarships with Seventeen Hundred Dollars in Educational Scholarships going to young people to assist in their schooling. *SKPS Educational Scholarship Awards* of \$250 were given to Jordan Fusco, Christopher Reilly (both grandchildren of Pat Martin), Ricardo Gomez (step grandchild of Manny), Dykota Hillman (grandchild of Helene and Nick), and Krystal Boughen (daughter of CYC Vice Commodore Ellen Coulon). The *Paul Genco Memorial Award* was given to Ricardo Gomez, and the *Vingie Yvonne Van Matre Dempster Memorial Scholarship* was awarded to Megan Bender (grandchild of Cdr Evans).

Jordan Fusco, Megan Bender, Ricky Gomez attended the picnic and received awards in person. Dykota's was accepted by her mother and Christopher's by his grandmother. Krystal received hers at the CYC June General Member meeting.

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District 2 Fall Conference

from the District 2 Website - P/R/C Susan Darcy, JN - Webmaster

The District 2 Fall Conference will be hosted by the District on 17 October 2015 at the Hyatt House, 100 Westage Business Center Drive in Fishkill, NY. Save the date and more information will follow.

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"USCG Boating Safety App"

by P/D/C Wayne Garnsey, SN [from: USPS News Blast]

A welcome addition to any boater's mobile phone, the new U.S. Coast Guard Boating Safety App is now available for iOS and android devices. The app includes a wealth of data, including state boating information, a review of must-have and should-have safety gear, and a quick rules of the road review. You can even file a float plan with the app. Of particular interest to Homeland Security Officers is the option to report suspicious activity. I strongly encourage boaters to download the FEMA and BoatUS apps if they haven't already.



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beans, courtesy of Cathy. For desert, we had plenty of watermelon, and two beautiful birthday cakes. The food was great, and the many conversations were better. Everyone had a good time. A few of Manny, and Jeanette's friends were there, and a good number of CYC members attended. Everyone had a great time!!

I purchased a birthday gift for Manny on behalf of the Squadron. I got him a cut crystal wine decanter, with stopper. The stopper can be engraved. I will have the engraving done, and then take a picture of it, before giving it back to him.

The scholarship awards were presented to 6 recipients that the scholarship committee had selected. Three of the recipients, and two representatives were able to attend. The recipient from CYC was given the award in advance at CYC's meeting last Friday evening. A total of \$1750.00 was distributed. There were five regular scholarship awards from the Squadron, and Vingie presented the two memorial awards.

I announced that we were considering doing a River Rose cruise in September. I didn't get much of a positive response. Bob Trenz has inquired about a date and price. Hopefully as we get closer to September we will have more interest.

I will present it to the other D2 Squadrons at the Summer Council meeting in August.

We will have a Bridge meeting in July, and possibly another in August. As it has been our custom, there will be no membership meetings during the summer. Everyone have a happy, healthy, and safe summer.

Lastly, I heard from Tony DiStefano on Wednesday by email. He stated that his mother had passed away on Sunday, May 31, 2015. I replied my condolences to him, and his family. I instructed Vingie to send a card from the Squadron.

The USCG Boating Safety App features include:

- Find the latest safety regulations
- · Request a vessel safety check
- · Check your safety equipment
- File a float plan
- Navigation Rules
- Find the nearest NOAA buoy
- Report a hazard
- Report pollution
- · Report suspicious activity
- · Request emergency assistance

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The USPS® Ship's Store

by P/D/C Wayne Garnsey,

Website: store.shopusps.org/

One of the updates to the USPS Website that you might find both valuable and interesting, is the new USPS Ship's Store. The Ship's Store now has a much improved and enlarged catalog of items, including, Apparel, Education/Licensing, Gift Ideas, Insignia/Flags, Safety, Magazine, and Sale Items. While viewing the site, you might want to "sign-up" for the USPS Compass. a very informational and enjoyable online magazine which comes to you via email.

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"RiverFest & Kayak Safety"

Info from Cdr Vince Evans

Storm King, under the "hands-on" direction of Commander Vince Evans, continued community service in "boating safety" with two additional events in June. Cornwall-on-Hudson had their annual RiverFest on Saturday, June 6th. The Squadron set up a tent and with the help of P/C Rich Hollahan and Lt/C Vingie Genco, Cdr Vince Evans and Paulette handed out safety literature, encouraging families to take the *USPS ABC3* Safe Boating Course and get a VSC. Although the weather did not cooperate, it was still a good day and PR opportunity for SKPS.

The second event was the Kayak "Safety N Skills" Program (Cold Spring Kayak Club) held from 4 to 6:00 PM on Friday, June 19th at the Cornwall Yacht Club with the cooperation of both CYC and SKPS. Safety Officers, Bill Burbage and Nick Stagliano, along with Manny





Krystal Boughen receives the 2015 Storm King Sail & Power Squadron Educational Merit Certificate and \$250 Scholarship, presented by SKPS P/D/C Wayne Garnsey, SN with proud mom, CYC Vice Commodore Ellen Coulon cheering Krystal on. Congratulations, Ellen.

photo: John Ledwith



Sangervasio and Commander Evans and Paulette, supported the event and provided safety materials for the twenty or so kayakers attending. Paulette brought her Kayak and demonstrated safety procedures in the small bay between the Park and CYC Clubhouse.

Nick spoke briefly about safety, and awareness as being foremost while kayaking. He had some *NYS Boating* handbooks, and *Wear It* printouts that he shared with the kayakers who came for the event. Bill Burbage did about 8 VSC's for those who wanted them. The Cold Spring Kayak Club's president was the principle instructor and gave instructions before they entered the water. One of the members volunteered to bail out of her kayak, then demonstrated to the others how to reenter the kayak from the water.

Thanks to our SKPS members who supported this kayak safety program; thus showing that SKPS is contributing to all levels and ages for boating safety in our Hudson River Valley.

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SKPS and CYC Support the Special Cold Spring Kayak Club's *Kayak Safety Program*. Photos: Cdr Vince Evans



















"Thank You CYC" June Barbecue

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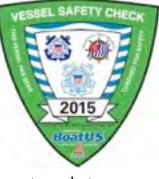
Safe Boating Week... 'continues' & VSCs

by Bill Burbage - Safety Officer (USPS & USCGA)

As part of their our volunteer work, the the Storm King Sail & Power Squadron and USCGA will be supported and participated in local programs for the National Safe Boating Week, 16-22 May. This year the Boating Council again featured 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 has involved a concerted effort, lead by our Bill Burbage, to conduct courtesy exams, "Vessel Safety Checks," on the Hudson River 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.







Megan Bender and Ricardo Gomez receive their SKPS Educational Scholarship Awards [not pictured is Jordan Fusco.1

Photos Cdr Vince Evans



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

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

2015Year of the Sheep (Goat) (19 Feb 2015)		01 Nov, Sun	Holiday - Daylight Savings Time Ends
01 Jul, Wed	SKPS Exec Com Meeting (CYC)	04 Nov, Wed 11 Nov, Wed	SKPS Exec Com Meeting (CYC) SKPS General Member Meeting (CYC)
04 Jul, Sat	Holiday - Independence Day	11 Nov, Wed	Holiday - Veteran's Day
08 Jul, Wed	SKPS General Member Meeting (CYC)	26 Nov, Thu	Holiday - Thanksgiving Day
05 Aug, Wed	SKPS Exec Com Meeting (CYC)	02 Dec, Wed	SKPS Exec Com Meeting (CYC)
12 Aug, Wed	SKPS General Member Meeting (CYC)	05 Dec, Sat	SKPS Holiday Party (CYC)
		07-14 Dec	Holiday - Chanukah (Festival of Lights)
02 Sep, Wed	SKPS Exec Com Meeting (CYC)	09 Dec, Wed	SKPS General Member Meeting (CYC)
07 Sep, Mon	Holiday - Labor Day	25 Dec, Fri	Holiday - Christmas
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)		
		01 Jan, Fri	Holiday - New Year's Day 2016
07 Oct, Wed	SKPS Exec Com Meeting (CYC)	06 Jan, Wed	SKPS Exec Com Meeting (CYC)
12 Oct, Mon	Holiday - Columbus Day	13 Jan, Wed	SKPS Annual Meeting (CYC)



14 Oct, Wed

31 Oct, Sat

USPS District 2 Website:

SKPS General Member Meeting (CYC)

Holiday - Halloween

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