



The Crown



“Prepping for Winter Storage”

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

Our Wednesday, 14 October General Member meeting got started with a great array of food, highlighted by the pulled “chicken” pork, which was not only delightfully tasty, but the topic of friendly argument on whether we were enjoying ‘pulled pork’ or a really unique ‘pulled chicken.’ Whatever the final consensus, it was great. Of course, Jeanette’s Halloween cake finished off the attendees appetites, making ready for a presentation by Lt Nick Stagliano, P presentation on getting our boats ready for winter.

SEO Lt/C Bob Trenz, AP reported that our classes are going well: the *Weather* class, being taught by P/C Phil Cameron, Jr, AP and *Navigation* taught by P/Lt/C Matt TenEyck, JN. Bob also announced that at the Wednesday, 11 November GM meeting, District Educational Officer, Carl Filios, SN will be presenting the

Commander’s Message

by Cdr Vince Evans, P

Greetings, to my fellow Storm King members and friends. After a successful welcome back meeting and get together at Pamala’s restaurant in September, we had a very good turnout at CYC this month. Nick Stagliano gave a knowledgeable presentation regarding the winterization of your boat. It is always great to listen to Nick talk about engine maintenance. It reminded me that I needed to check on the transmission fluid, as I

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Upcoming Events

- * Wed, 04 Nov- SKPS Exec Meeting
- Wed, 11 Nov- GM - Instructor Recert



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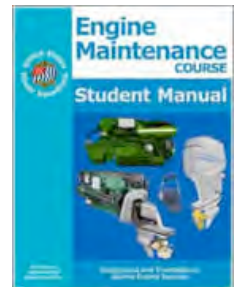
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Instructor Development Teaching Certification program for Storm King public education instructors.

Commander Vince Evans, P announced upcoming Storm King events, including the annual Holiday Meeting and Party, to be held at the Cornwall Yacht Club on Saturday, 5 December, beginning at 1800 (6:00 PM). Save the date and watch for announcements.

Cdr Evans turned the meeting over to Nick, who then talked about the proper way to winterize our boat systems, from water systems to engines, generator, and air conditioners, to batteries. Nick talked about outboards, outdrives, and internal engines, gas and diesel. Nick used his training, expertise, and personal experiences, making the program interesting as well as informative. Nick is also the Squadron’s Engine Maintenance instructor, so if interested in a more in-depth understanding of boat systems, contact Nick or Bob Trenz. If there is interest, perhaps Nick will offer his maintenance course in the Spring.



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took my boat out this week and started to winterize it.

I spoke briefly at the October meeting to inform everyone that our upcoming November meeting will be brief. We will be doing a recertification for instructors as our current term is about to expire. Carl Filios, SEO for District 2, has agreed to come down to our meeting. He will do the instruction which includes 90+ slides in the Power Point presentation. Bob Trenez will be notifying the instructors who need to be re-certified. However, everyone may stay for the presentation.

I attended the District 2 Conference which was held at the Hyatt in Fishkill on October 17. One of the main topics was the adoption of a new budget for 2016. With declining revenue due to reduced membership, a thrifty budget was introduced and passed after a lengthily discussion. I received an award on behalf of SKPS. It was the **Mel Cohen Safety Award** for third place in effective communication for the publishing of **The Crown** by Wayne Garnsey. Wayne continues to be an outstanding resource to our Squadron. Bill Burbage was also recognized by Robert Terry in his preliminary report for Vessel Safety Checks. Storm King had the second highest number of VSC's with 43, which was 2 less than the 45 that Sacandaga recorded. Bill had submitted a total of 42 which was

the highest individual total. Awards will be presented at the Winter Council meeting in January 2016.

I have been meeting with representatives of the Ramada Inn in Fishkill to arrange the conference facilities for the D2 Change of Watch next year. The Feldberg's assisted Paulette and I in working out the suitable arrangements of meeting rooms, food, and lodging. My thanks to them as they continue support SKPS. The Spring Conference will be held on April 1 – 3, 2016. I will keep you advised of my progress.

Merit Mark information should be submitted to Jack Thomas for me to review before he enters it into the USPS national database. Remember it is due by November 01, 2015 to be considered for this year.





Storm King Sail & Power Squadron

September Dinner Meeting
"Welcome Back"

Wednesday, 9 Sept 2015

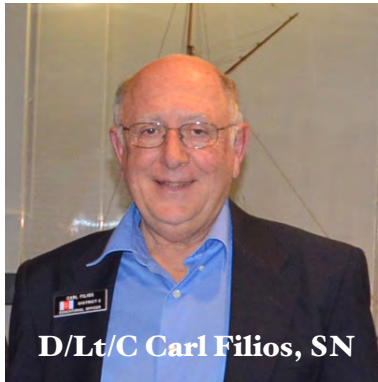
6:00 to 8:00 PM

at Pamela's on the Hudson

About 30 members enjoyed a fantastic dinner buffet, kicking off the Fall 2015 General member meetings, which are normally held at the Cornwall Yacht Club every second Wednesday of the month.



Certified Instructor



D/Lt/C Carl Filios, SN

USPS Instructor Recertification

At our Wednesday, 11 November GM meeting, District Educational Officer, D/Lt/C Carl Filios, SN will be presenting from the USPS Instructor Development Department, *USPS Instructor Recertification* for Storm King public education instructors. This presentation will follow our gustatory delights by Jeanette and Helene with all the volunteer contributions of great foods – rumor has it, Pizza Night and a short meeting with a reminder of the upcoming, Saturday, 5 December 2015, Holiday Party.



WINTERIZING CHECKLIST

OUTDRIVES

- If water intake is in lower unit, flush and run antifreeze through using muffs
- Drain gear oil and add fresh lubricant
- Inspect/replace anodes

BELOWDECKS

- Pump out holding tank and add antifreeze to head
- Drain water heater and bypass it
- Drain freshwater system and run antifreeze through it
- Run antifreeze through refrigeration, deck washdown pump, etc., per owner's manual
- Drain shower sump and other places where water pools
- Remove food
- Open lockers to air
- Take home cushions or store on their sides
- Take home portable electronics
- Close propane valves and take home portable canisters
- Verify bilge pump and switch operate properly
- Clean and dry bilges
- Secure all ports and hatches
- Turn off all circuit breakers

IN THE WATER

- Close all seacocks except for cockpit drains
- Plug exhaust ports
- Check docklines and chafe guards – center boat in slip
- Add or adjust fenders for proper placement

BEFORE YOU GO

- Tie off tiller/steering wheel
- Cover/shrinkwrap boat
- Lock cabin and leave spare key with marina manager

HAPPY HALLOWEEN



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Dec 5th 2015

Storm King's Holiday Dinner Party & Chinese Gift Exchange

Saturday, December 5th 2015

6:00 P.M.) Hors d'oeuvres

6:30 PM Buffet Dinner

Cost: Members & Guests - \$25.00 (per person)



Bring a fun or serious gift [value: up to \$10.00] for the Chinese Gift Auction.

Must sign up by Monday, November 30th

Questions & Information - Contact Commander Vince Evans

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Cathy Pattison's Holiday Festival Dinner Buffet

Veggie & Fruit Platters & Hot Hors d'oeuvres
Bread & Green Salad & Dressings
Roast Pork & Roast Turkey
& Flounder Almandine
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy & Cranberry Sauce
Corn & Green Beans
Dessert, Coffee & Tea & Soda
BYOB - or - Bring Your Own Beverage

