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Capt. Bob Trenz presenting a seminar on *Striper Fishing on the Hudson River* at the NY Boat Show, Javits Center, 9 Jan. 2016

"Annual Meeting"

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

The evening began with a scavenger hunt for Jeanette and Helene with help from Nick and a little searching from myself. Storm King is blessed to have a home provided by the Cornwall Yacht Club, even though the Clubhouse Kitchen is beginning a remodel. The North-end of the Clubhouse is complete with the kitchen's pots, pans, bowls, etc. But, the coffee maker was found, a few stainless steel bowls and utensils, as well, so the porch table could be set up with food for the evening, along, of course, with Jeanette's "Happy New Year" chocolate cake... fantastic, as usual.

Commander Evans conducted a short meeting, gave his Annual Commander's Report, referenced Secretary Genco's and SEO Trenz's Reports and then presented CYC Commodore John Ledwith, IV with a check for \$500.00 to help with the Club's kitchen renovations in appreciation for the Officers and Members of

Commander's Message

by Cdr Vince Evans, P

As a Squadron, we are in good shape financially and our membership number is stable. However, our Squadron is like many others across the nation. We are aging out. Our current member base is getting older, and we are not bringing in enough younger members. This is a national trend for the most part. USPS National reported this year that the dues paying membership is down from 50,000 to about 35,000.

We want to be able to provide our members, and the public, with boating courses and seminars that are both educational and meaningful. We would like to offer outside speakers who will present good quality lectures. If you have a special request, please contact a member of the Bridge. We will make a serious attempt to provide it.

Last year we were able to do an evening cruise aboard the *River Rose*. We didn't think that we could justify the cost this year. Instead we decided to do a "Welcome-Back" party that was held at *Pamela's on the Hudson* for our September monthly meeting. Everyone

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Upcoming Events

- * Wed, 03 Feb - SKPS Exec Meeting
- **Wed, 10 Feb - General Meeting**
- * Wed, 02 Mar - SKPS Exec Meeting
- **Wed, 09 Mar - Change of Watch**

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Cdr Evans presents a \$500 check to CYC Commodore Ledwith in appreciation for the support of the Officers and Members of the Cornwall Yacht Club.

the Cornwall Yacht Club for welcoming the Members, families, and friends of our Squadron to their Club and facilities. “Thank you, CYC!”

So, once the small, but enthusiastic group had taken in a little nourishment, Cdr Evans turned the meeting over to P/D/C Wayne Garnsey to conduct the election. With the nomination and second from the floor of Nick Stagliano for Executive Officer, the Bridge became complete for 2016. The Executive Committee will deal later with the remaining three vacancies for elected-Committee positions.

It was now time for Captain Bob Trenz, fresh off his Striper Fishing Seminar gig at the New York Boat Show at the Javits Center, to make a presentation on *how easy it is to catch Striper Bass in the Hudson, right off the front of CYC in Newburgh Bay*. Bob did a “version” of his presentation at the NY Boat Show that held the attention of the group and was filled with laughter and comments. Captain Bob (“Off the Charters”) showed videos of some exciting Striper catching and releasing along with his Power Point on how to catch a Striper with a dollar worm, and demonstrated with rod and reel his tried and true method of setting the

2016 Upcoming District 2 Events

- Sat, 27 February - D2 Winter Council
I-84 Diner, 853 Route 52, Fishkill, NY 12524
(Intersection of Rte 84 and Rte 52)
- Fri, 01 April - D2 Spring Conference
Hosted by Storm King Sail & Power Squadron
Details to come shortly.



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that attended had an enjoyable meal and a great time visiting with fellow members. We also celebrated two birthdays with a cake.

The Nominating Committee had a difficult time this year fielding nominations to open positions on the Bridge. I was supposed to step down as Commander, since this is the end of my second year. Usually the Executive Officer is nominated to fill the position of Commander. Since Jack and Florence Thomas will be leaving the Squadron this year, for their new home in Connecticut, he is unavailable. I have indicated that I will stay on as Squadron Commander again this year. Most of you know that I will become the District 2 Commander this April. To complicate things further, the Committee is unable to find anyone to fill the Executive Officer's position. Perhaps someone will step up to fill the position if nominated from the floor during the elections January 13th.

Throughout the year, I attend events hosted by neighboring squadrons. Paulette, I went to a **Thursday night Sail** that was sponsored by Westchester Sail and

Power Squadron. We also went to their Christmas party on December 11. I went to the **USPS National Conference**, in Jacksonville, Florida on January 22 – 25, 2015. I also went to the **Governing Board Conference** in San Diego from Aug. 24 – 28.

This year Merit Marks for thirty of our active members were submitted to National, and all were approved. I suggest that you keep track of your participation and deeds. It makes it easier to compile the information during the course of the year and then summarize it in November. I want to be able to submit your Merit Mark information and have you get the credit that you deserve.

I want to thank every one of you for the support that you have given me this past year. I know that I can count on you again this year when I need it. This coming year will be my last year as Commander, at least for awhile. Paulette and I are still planning to go to France, right after the District COW in 2017.

curved-rounded hook in such a way as to not seriously injure the Striper, as for Bob and other true fishermen, **Catch and Release** is the real game.

It was a pleasure to have one of CYC's Members and past Officers, Joe Jordan in the audience. As Captain Bob stated, "Joe is a real Striper Expert and I've learned a lot about fishing for Stripers from Joe." Joe joined Bob with many good points about fishing for Stripers, and the life of the Striper, along with one very important message from both fishermen, "Never kill or keep a female Striper. Always care for them gently and after the catch, return them to the River." The health and future of Striper sport fishing depends on the health of the females, each who deposits from half a million to several million eggs every May in the Hudson, mainly from the Newburgh Bay north to Albany.

There were lots of questions and comments and the fact that no one fell asleep during Captain Bob's presentation... only kidding Bob... attests to Bob's enthusiasm for the 2nd (after Nancy) Love of His Life - fishing for Stripers.

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2016 Nom-Com Elected Slate

by P/C Tom O'Connor, P/C John Ledwith, Lt Bill Burbage

The slate of candidates for 2016 are as follows:

Bridge

Commander: Cdr Vincent Evans, P
 Exec Officer: Lt/C Nick Stagliano, Jr., P
 Admin Officer: Lt/C Pete Skorewicz, Jr., P
 Squadron Educ Officer: Lt/C Bob Trenz, AP
 Asst SEO: 1st/Lt (P/C) Philip Cameron, Jr., AP
 Secretary: Lt/C Vingie Genco, JN
 Treasurer: Lt/C Anthony DiStefano, AP

Executive Committee at Large

P/Lt/C Manny Sangervasio, AP
 Lt William Burbage, AP
 Paulette Evans, S
 P/C Thomas O'Connor, AP
 Lt Richard Huff, P
 P/C John Ledwith, IV, S

vacant

Rules Committee

P/D/C, Wayne Garnsey, SN
 P/Lt/C Manny Sangervasio, AP,
 Chairman

vacant



Audit Committee

Lt Nick Stagliano, P Chairman
P/Lt/C Manny Sangervasio, AP
Lt/C Vingie Genco, JN

Scholarship Fund Trustees

Paulette Evans, S, Chairperson
Lt/C Vingie Genco, JN
Lt/C Anthony DiStefano, AP

Nominating Committee

P/C John Ledwith, IV, S
Lt William Burbage, AP
vacant

These elected Officers and Committee Members will take office at the Change of Watch, Wednesday, 9 March 2016.

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Paulette appears “so serious,” and Vince has that “sly smile” on his face. Umm... Wonder what’s really going on here?



Secretary's Annual Report

by Lt/C Vingie Genco, JN

Storm King Power Squadron conducted eleven monthly Bridge and General Membership Meetings in 2015 (no meeting scheduled in July). Each of the Bridge meetings had formal minutes drawn up, reviewed at the following meeting and accepted by the Bridge for distribution to general membership the following month. These minutes documented all Bridge meeting attendance, incorporated detailed monthly Treasurer's and Education reports, and covered all business transacted on behalf of the Squadron as identified by the Commander (or which was brought up for discussion and/or approval by the Bridge).

In addition, Bridge meetings are open to any Squadron member wishing to attend. The minutes also documented all D2 and/or National Forms or Reports filed, including, but not limited to Safety, Budget, Audit, and History Reports, Education Reports/Forms, Nominating Reports, D2 and National Meetings and SKPS attendance at same. The minutes also included a summary of the successful 2015 May SKPS Educational Auction, documented recipients of the 2015 SKPS Scholarships and the Memorial Scholarship, Merit

Mark Reports, as well as the list of 2015-16 Officers and Committees/Members/Terms.

The Secretary has a copy of the complete new SKPS By-Laws drafted and last approved in 2014, the SKPS Rooster with most recent telephone, mail and/or electronic contact information, and has filed all key correspondence received by her or provided to her by Bridge officers in 2015.

The secretary continued throughout 2015 to add the addendum section to the Bridge Mtg. Minutes to keep a more formal record of the following week's General Meeting Attendance and Subjects, Speakers, etc. to allow the Bridge to more easily collect information used for the history, safety, merit mark and education reports. The secretary also collected and has stored soft copies of all key reports/forms/inventory lists for complete and accessible Squadrons records. These



minutes and records are all stored in both hard (at Secretary’s office) and soft form on a dedicated memory stick and are easily available to any member requesting them. In addition, regular reports were provided for incorporation as desired into *The Crown* newsletter.

All 2015 Squadron business has been properly transacted and documented per USPS, District 2, and our Squadron By-Laws.

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Education 2015 Annual Report

by Lt/C Bob Trenz, AP - SEO

2015 was another very productive and rewarding year for the Education Department of Storm King Sail & Power Squadron. We provided numerous educational opportunities for the general public as well as our squadron members.

Phil Cameron instructed the *Weather* class that was started in the fall of 2015. All 6 Students took and passed the final exam and bringing closure to the class. Special congratulations goes to Phil Cameron, Vingie Genco, Paulette Evans, Vince Evans, and the other non Squadron members. *Junior Navigation* was instructed by Matt TenEyck and successfully completed by Jack Thomas and Vingie Genco. These two are now pursuing completion of *Senior Navigation*.

At the January general meeting, the squadron was treated to a fascinating slide presentation by Manny Sangervasio, Bill Burbage, and Ron Salvatore on their experiences traveling the Erie Canal.

Also, in early January, the preliminary planning began for the *ABC3* boating safety course. The primary public education function of the squadron is the *ABC3* course and this past year it was given on March 21, 2015. We had 25 students take and successfully complete the class that was superbly presented by the squadron. A special thanks to Tony Tucci, Phil Cameron, Vince Evans, Vingie Genco, Nancy Trenz, Martin Feldberg, Alexandra

Digilio, Pete Skorewicz, Tony Di Stefano and myself. In all the class was a huge success.

The squadron offered a first aid refresher course on March 5, 2012. 6 Squadron members completed the class. In April, we had a director from Sea Scouts come and speak to the squadron at the general meeting explaining their role in the Boy Scouts of America.

The June Picnic provided us another great educational opportunity for members to experience the proper and safe use of hand held emergency flares.

The September 9th General meeting was organized by myself at Pamela’s on the Hudson. This fully catered affair was a great way for the squadron to reunite after the summer respite.

Thanks to the District 2 Education Officer Carl Filios we were able to re-certify 11 of our instructors at the November general meeting. Congratulations, Vingie Genco, Wayne Garnsey, Jack Thomas, Rich Hollahan, Phil Cameron, Tony DiStefano, Manny Sangervasio, Jeanette Sangervasio, Vince Evans, Bill Burbage, and Bob Trenz.

As the year came to a close the planning of our 2016 *ABC3* class began once again. Current brochures, posters and advertising has commenced for our March 5, 2016 *ABC3* class. The Squadron education department has another productive and successful year in the books. We are anxiously looking forward to the challenges of 2016.

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