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Annual Educational Fund Auction

by P/D/C Wayne Garnsey, SN Thanks, Cdr Evans for the PhotosP

On Wednesday, the 11th of May, Storm King held their annual auction to benefit the Storm King Educational Fund. Again this year, the Squadron's Secretary, Vingie Genco, was the primary organizer and director of the program with a lot of help from our two auctioneers, Tony DiStefano and Alex Stach, who humorously presented dozens of items for bid. In total, there were 27 bidders whose generosity allowed the auction to raise about sixteen hundred



Commander's Message

by Cdr Vince Evans, P

Greetings Fellow Squadron Members

We have experienced a mild winter, a short spring or so it seems and officially summer will start in four weeks. Unofficially I think that it has already begun. In reality, I think my body just doesn't cope with the heat as well as it use to.

Many of you know about how to safely operate your boats but some times we forget to prepare ourselves for the summer weather. I'm talking about wearing sunscreen and protective clothing to prevent the sun's UV rays from damaging or burning the skin. Remember to bring plenty of water with you if you are going out on a boat for the day. Dehydration can be a serious problem to a boater, even with water all around you.

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**Wednesday, June 8th, starting at 6:00 PM
Storm King's "Thank You to CYC Picnic"**



dollars for the Squadron which in turned allowed the Squadron to award four \$500 scholarships this year.

Commander Evans along with Alexandra Feldberg and Vingie Genco did the accounting work. Along with the many item donations, Helene Stagliano, again this year, worked her magic with local vendors and businesses and brought in hundreds of dollars in donated services and products. A MAJOR "THANK YOU" goes to these Squadron Members who the rest of us count on every month.

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Educational Fund Auction Contributors

by P/D/C Wayne Garnsey, SN

Thanks, Lt/C Nicholas Stagliano, Jr., AP for the Info

Storm King is blessed to have both great, hard working members, such as Helene Stagliano and local businesses who have generously donated to our Annual May Auction to benefit the SKPS Educational Scholarship Fund. Please visit these vendors and thank them for their generosity and enjoy their services and products.





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Our annual June meeting is next Wednesday, June 8th. In keeping with tradition, we will be having our SKPS picnic to kick off the summer boating season. We hope to see familiar faces and welcome all new comers to our meeting. As in the past we welcome members of CYC to join us in our celebration.

The Scholarship committee will be presenting scholarships to four students this year. They will each receive a total of \$500. Vingie will be presenting two memorial scholarships that she has done for the last couple of years. The recipients will be attending, along with their families and friends.

I received a couple of messages from Stf/C Daniel Flinn, SN-CN and P/R/C William Husted, SN both of whom represent USPS national with the Government Relations Committee and the Homeland Security Committee. The following excerpt is from one of their emails:

We perform a variety of assignments, but the USPS HS function basically consists of two primary elements: 1) promote the USCG's "America's Waterway Watch" program, and 2) support a variety of objectives with Citizen Corps, our MOU affiliate as of several years ago. In support of the latter, you'll be receiving from me a number of email forwards from both Citizen Corps and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). I encourage you to review www.citizencorps.gov and www.ready.gov for important information. Keep in mind that Citizen Corps has hundreds of alliances but we in USPS are its official "eyes and ears on the water."

Basically they are reminding us to be aware of unusual activities on the water, near bridges and other protected facilities, like power plants.

I am looking forward to seeing you soon at the Storm King picnic. I want to wish everyone a great boating season and by all means, a safe one.

Below is a list of donations (17) that Helene Stagliano obtained for the SKPS auction: Hanaford's Marine-fire extinguisher; Loughran's-(2) dinner entrees; Chile's-(5)-5.00 gift certificates-(\$25.00 value); Longhorn's-\$25.00 gift card; T.G.I.F-(8)-\$8.00 gift certificates-(\$64.00 value); Applebees-\$10.00 gift certificate; Starbuck's-(2) 1lb. bags of coffee (\$24.00 value); Cosimos-\$25.00 gift certificate; Village Pizza-1 large pizza; Prima Pizza-1 large cheese pizza; Leo's Pizza- 2 large pizzas; Union Square-\$25.00 gift certificate; Canterbury Inn-\$25.00 gift certificate; Orange County Choppers Cafe-\$25.00 gift certificate; Irish Eyes-\$25.00 gift certificate; Dunkin Donuts-(2) 1 lb bags of coffee; Iron Cafe-lunch for two (2) certificate.

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Educational Fund Scholarship Winners

from Paulette Evans and Vingie Genco

This year, the following students are being awarded educational Scholarships: Receiving the *Paul C. Genco Memorial Scholarship* is Ashley L. Ehlers and the *Vingie Yvonne Van Matre Dempster Memorial Scholarship* is Brianna M. Reilly, both scholarships are donated by Squadron Member and Secretary, Vingie Genco, JN.

The students receiving the *Storm King Sail & Power Squadron Educational Awards for 2016* include Dykota Hillman, Ashley L. Ehlers, Jordan N. Fusco, and Brianna M. Reilly. Congratulations to



Manny Sangervasio
One incredible WINNER!

these young people and their CYC and USPS parents and grandparents. Thanks to all who have contributed the thousands of dollars that have gone to meritorious students, as the Squadron continues to “Pay it Forward” for the last 17 years (Scholarship Fund was established January 2000).

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Vessel Safety Checks



Although Bill Burbage has retired as a Vessel Examiner for both USPS and USCGA, Bill will put you in touch with a USCGA Vessel Examiner. Contact Bill: email: w.j.b@frontiernet.net Home Phone: (845) 707-5441

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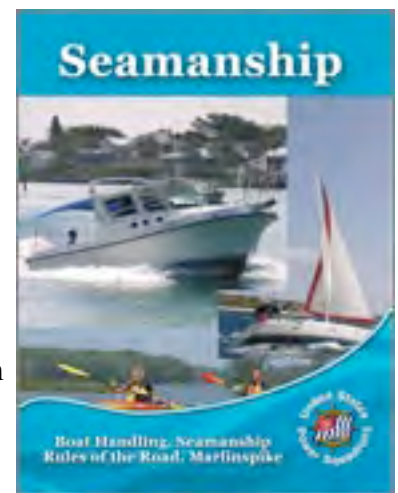
Education Outlook

by Lt/C Bob Trenz, AP

The Navigation course continues with students Vingie Genco and Jack Thomas. Both have now submitted their Sight Folders, representing (honestly) hundreds of hours of celestial observations, calculations, and plotting, to P/D/C Wayne Garnsey, SN who is our Sight Folder Checker – still a way to go...

We are planning to teach the Seamanship courser this fall and in addition to our own members and families, invite in addition to CYC members, others from local HRBYCA yacht clubs.

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District 2 Elected Officers

for 2016-2017

from Winter Council Minutes

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SK's "Thank You to CYC Picnic"





Some of the Fun and Food from the 2015 “Thank You CYC” Picnic



CYC Director & Chef Jason Annan on the Grill



Some of the CYC Members Enjoying the Barbecue

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So good to have Godfather Stu and Jackie Steagall enjoying the evening

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Plenty of Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Salads, and all the Fixings of a great Picnic



A Gift for Manny's 90th Birthday

“Thank You CYC” June Barbecue

Photos P/C John Ledwith & Cdr Vince Evans



Under the watchful eyes of Nick Stagliano, Bill Burbage, and John Ledwith, many young people learn flare skills



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