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SKPS Educational Scholarship Winners
Jordan Fusco, Brianna Reilly, Ashley Ehlers, and (not pictured Dykota Hillman (in England) with Scholarship Trustees Paulette Evans and Vingie Genco.

Past Commander's Message

by P/D/C Wayne Garnsey, SN

Another year has passed for our Storm King Sail & Power Squadron's meetings and classes. Thanks to a dedicated group of members, Storm King has had yet another good year. As the locals say, "much water has gone over the dam" during the past quarter century since I joined the USPS® and Storm King Power Squadron and took the position of Squadron Commander for a small, but vibrant group of Storm King members.

Jane and I joined "for the education" and to become more skilled and relaxed boaters. Then, over the course of these many years, the developed friendships have become the focus of our involvement in our Squadron, our District 2, and our USPS®.

From the early beginnings of our Squadron, Storm King has been blessed. We've had the support of the Officers and Members of the Cornwall Yacht Club (many have been or continue to be Members of our Squadron and USPS) for our meetings, educational classes, and all our special events and programs. And, the support continues.

We, as a Squadron, have also been fortunate to have had good leadership over the years and a nucleus of members who continue to support our members and the Community. (For example, see the

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Annual CYC "Thank You" Picnic

by P/D/C Wayne Garnsey, SN

Every year on the second Wednesday of June, the Officers and Members of the Storm King Sail & Power Squadron celebrate the "gift of support" provided by the Cornwall Yacht Club for hosting the Squadron for three decades at the beautiful CYC Clubhouse. This picnic is, along with scholarships awarded to CYC member families, a way that Storm King thanks the Club for using its facilities for meetings, classes, and special programs.

The festivities began around 6:00 PM with the food coming out around 6:30 PM. Following the meal, Cdr Evans held a brief meeting and then introduced Paulette and Vingie, trustees of the SKPS Educational Scholarship Fund, who then presented four students with a total of six scholarships. Each young lady received

Upcoming SKPS Events

- * Wed, 03 Aug - SKPS Exec Meeting
- Wed, 14 Sep - Welcome Back Meeting



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Attendees enjoy the hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, fixings, watermelon, and cake.

\$500.00 in scholarship along with a *Certificate of Educational Merit*, four from Storm King and two from Vingie Genco. Dykota Hillman received a *SKPS Educational Award*, Brianna Reilly received the *Vingie Yvonne Van Matre Dempster Memorial Scholarship Award* and a *SKPS Educational Award*, Ashley Ehlers received the *Paul Genco Memorial Scholarship Award* and also a *SKPS Educational Award*, and Jordan Fusco received a *SKPS Educational Scholarship Award*.

Following the award ceremony, Safety Officer Bill Burbage talked about the need to wear PFDs and educated the group on the proper way of handling signal



Brianna Keilly has her first flare experience, following being awarded a Educational Merit Scholarship. Good luck in College this fall.

flares, prior to the “hands-on” flare demonstration on the front lawn, overlooking the beautiful Hudson River.

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2016 Upcoming District 2 Events

- Sat, 23 July - USPS D2 Summer Council at the Tarrywile Park & Mansion, 70 Southern Blvd, Danbury, CT
- Fri-Sat, 7-8 October – USPS D2 Fall Conference at the Maron Hotel, 42 Lake Ave Ext, Danbury, CT



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lead story in this newsletter concerning the Educational Scholarships earned and presented to this year's four great students.)

Consistently, every month, for many many years, Jeanette and Manny Sangervasio have given of their skills, time, and efforts from positions of leadership, on the Bridge, teaching classes, setting up and cleaning up for meetings, and of course, Jeanette making fabulous cakes and decorations. And, we are fortunate to have another couple, Helene and Nick Stagliano, who give of skills, time, and efforts, every month, also with positions of leadership in the Squadron. Nick with his knowledge of marine engines and systems has taught courses and given seminars, and from whom many of us have learned to better maintain our boats. And, Helene, who is our master at obtaining vender donations for our Educational Scholarship May Auction - every year - as well as her organizing the refreshments at our meetings.

And there are so many more members that continue to contribute every month to our Squadron success in education the Squadron has a real fishing Captain, Bob Trenez, known throughout the community for his "Off the Charters" striper fishing on the Hudson, and within our Squadron for his work as our SEO, heading up numerous USPS Americas Boating Classes and bringing to the Squadron, dozens of great, special speakers and programs.

Our own Commander Vince and Paulette are another very special couple. This year, Vince becomes the 4th Storm King Sail & Power Squadron Commander to also become a District 2 Commander. The first was P/R/C Ralph B. Delano, Jr., N 1956-1957, P/D/C Wayne H. Garnsey, SN, 2002-2003, and P/D/C Martin E. Feldberg, AP 2007-2008. That also says something about the quality



Cdr Vince Evans presents CYC Commodore John Ledwith, IV with a certificate of appreciation which reads:

"The Officers & Members of the Storm King Sail & Power Squadron Gratefully Acknowledge the Outstanding Contributions and Support of the Officers and Members of the Cornwall Yacht Club through the Use of Your Facilities for Squadron Civic, Educational, and Fraternal Functions for more than Three Decades."

of Storm King members and our commitment to our USPS District 2.

When I first came to Storm King, there were three couples, in particular, that gave of themselves to stabilize Storm King and build it up as a successful Squadron. Although John and Fran Harrison have left New York for retirement in Florida, their contributions to Storm King were great and long lasting. Rich and Terry Hollahan have been with the Squadron since its inception and faithful supporters of our programs, especially with Hooley's many years on the Bridge and his skillful teaching in the public boating classes.

There are many members over these past 25 years that deserve recognition from our Squadron for all the work they have done, and I just cannot relate all of them in this op-ed, but, I absolutely must speak of the dedication and faithful work of yet another couple who were a part of Storm King, also, since its inception, Martin and Ina Feldberg. Although, they have retired to Florida, they keep up their membership and support of both Storm King and District 2. For many years, Alexandra Digilio Feldberg and Martin were the representatives of Storm King to both the District and National. From organizing dozens of Councils and Conferences, hosting the induction of this Past District Commander as well as several others, to faithful working at dozens of our public boating classes, and Squadron and District booths at boat shows, to meetings of the Squadron, "whatever needed to be done..."

Thank you, to all mentioned here. And to the dozens that I have left out of this article, Jane and my sincere thanks and appreciation for making our lives and the lives of so many Storm King and USPS members much more fulfilled than had we not had your friendship.





The picnic begins with the pledge to the American Flag, led by Cdr Evans and a prayer from Chaplain Jeanette Sangervasio.



Nick and Helene accept the scholarship for granddaughter Dykota Hillman.



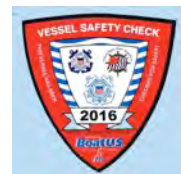
Jordan Fusco receives her scholarship award from Paulette Evans.



Brianna Reilly receives her scholarships as Paulette and Vingie look "proudly" on.



Ashley Ehlers is awarded scholarships from SKPS and Vingie Genco.



Bill Burbage recommends that anyone requesting a Vessel Safety Check (VSC) to please contact Sonya Van Vallenburg, Flotilla Commander, USCGAux, Flotilla 20-02, (914) 474-6310.



RiverFest 2016

by D/C Vince Evans, P

Every year, on the first Saturday of June, the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson hosts “RiverFest” a celebration of the beginning of summer with bands, vendors, food, fun, the magic of Kevin Wurster, Story Laurie, and games at Donahue Park on the Hudson River just north of the Cornwall Yacht Club. This year, bands included Galea and the Galvanizers, Hudson Blue, Some Guys and a Broad, The Sumerville Brothers, and Feast of Friends.

Again, this year, Commander Evans and Paulette, with help from other SKPS members, set up our tent and safe boating information table, greeting RiverFest attendees, adults and children. A number showed interest in obtaining education

and learning more about USPS and Storm King. All were given invitations and literature.

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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.

We are planning to teach the Seamanship course 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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May 2016 Auction - photo by Martin Feldberg



May 2016 Auction -Tony DiStefano, auctioneer



May 2016 Auction – Alex Stach, auctioneer



May 2016 Auction Winners!



May 2016 Auction - photos by Martin Feldberg



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