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CANDYGRAM

The Holidays have come and gone, our boats are all wrapped and out of the water, and the snow is approaching very rapidly. The Boating Season really went fast this year. We lost many boating weekends to wet weather. (Did you ever wonder why my boat is named RAIN E DAZE?) But as a Squadron, we had many exciting and fun filled days and events to participate in.

During the 2006 boating season we had raft-ups and get togethers including Friday Night rendezvous at Playland to watch the fireworks. We will continue this next boating season. You received a copy of the WSPS Roster and by now, you should know that our name has been officially changed to Westchester Sail and Power Squadron. Thank you Bob Kelly for taking on these two endeavors.

In July our District 2 Summer Council Meeting was held in Bridgeport, CT. Information was shared and new friendships were formed. If you weren't there, you missed some fun-filled competition activities including: frisbee, kite flying, paper airplane flying, hoola hoop and yo-yoing. During the day, some of us opted to take a "cruise" on Long Island Sound. It was fabulous. Dinner at the council included a lobster and clam bake as well as chicken on the deck of the facility overlooking Long Island Sound. Next year, I have been told that we will have sailboat racing (real boats) on the Sound. That should be fun!! Save the date: Sat. July 28th, 2007

August 17th-20th was an exciting time for USPS. The annual Governing Board Meeting was held in New York City at the Grand Hyatt. There were activities and special meetings galore for the hundreds of USPS attendees to attend. Lt/C Efrain Hernandez, Pam Kelly and I attended the cruise around Manhattan. We met many Commanders from local areas that we have been in touch with over the months and will plan joint raft-ups and functions with next boating season. Once you go to these events, you get addicted to them and the wonderful people that you meet. We all have one goal in common. . PROMOTE SAFE BOATING on our waters.

Wishing you a wonderful 2007, filled with happiness and good cheer.



Commander Candyce Corcoran decided that navigating throughout LI Sound was just not adventurous enough. She was an invited guest of the Captain on a Christmas Celebrity Cruise to observe the disembarkation process out of Nassau, Bahamas.

Member Awards and Achievements



*Carol Cohen-Charitan
Marie Lambert
Candyce Corcoran
Candyce Corcoran*

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Inducted in Who's Who.*

January 18, 2007

General Meeting; Rochambaue School, White Plains; 8 PM

Fishing Trip to Montauk (aka “The End”)

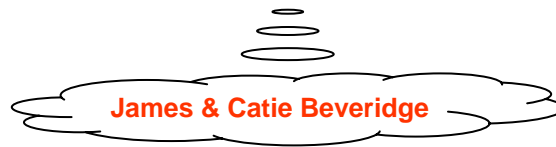
It was that time of year again – last week of June and time to plan a fun, interesting vacation that the kids would enjoy and Miriam and I would find challenging and relaxing (what a combination!) We figured that to keep ourselves moving up the boating learning curve, we would try out our new USPS-certified piloting and navigation skills gained over the course of the winter months and that with a few trips to the beach and several nights sleeping on the boat, the kids might have a good time too. Our 20-ft SeaPro Walkaround with its Yamaha 4-stroke 150hp is just on the wrong side of the size equation for a fishing trip to Montauk, but with our new skills, the right electronics (including redundancies) and a healthy respect for the sea, we agreed that a trip out to The End might be the right thing for our gang.

After loading the boat onto the 5 Starr trailer, checking the tie-downs and remembering to bring a drain plug (being rack customers at Nichols in Mamaroneck, usually the guy dropping us in will do this), we headed to our first stop in Hampton Bays – Jackson’s Marina at the entrance to the Shinnecock Canal. Our dealings with Chris and Nancy there were easy, but the boat spent its first several rain soaked days mournfully looking out at Shinnecock Bay while we and the kids worked on our PlayStation 2 and Sudoku skills. When sunshine emerged on the third day, we grabbed our rods and some frozen squid strips and headed out in search of the famous South Shore fluke that populate that area in the month of June. Although the ‘doormats’ weren’t biting that day, a huge three pound bluefish gobbled the bait and we boated him with the landing net and a little luck. Broiled with a little sauce that Miriam improvised later that evening, s/he was delicious!

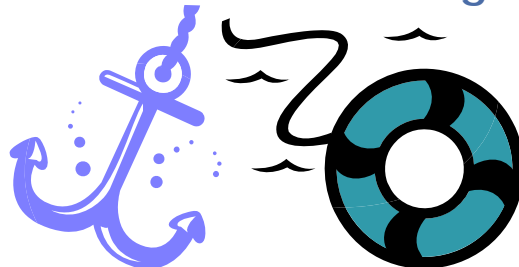
The next day we loaded back onto the trailer (not that we didn’t want to take the long, wonderfully scenic ride through the Peconic Bays and Plum Gut – but with the price of gas this summer, it was deemed a luxury) and headed out to the Star Island Yacht Club where the transient slips were a bit pricier than at Jackson’s, but with more amenities and all the glamour that goes along with Montauk, we accepted as part of the price of admission.

The people at Star Island, on the other hand, were as down to earth as any marina folks you could want to meet and didn’t look at us twice when we tied up a boat that was half the size of all the beautiful Luhrs, Tiara and Viking sportfishing battlewagons that were occupying the slips around us. Funny thing about those boats too – their owners weren’t just there to show them off, since every morning at 5am in a parade, they all headed out to Shagwong Reef and the rips off the point to find the big billfish and hundred pound sharks that those waters are famous for.

We mixed in a trip to the Montauk Lighthouse (overpriced, but you will want to do it) and several meals at the well-known Gosman’s dock, so that everyone had sufficient time off the boat to avoid cabin fever (pun intended). In the end, we can definitely say that The End is a boater’s and fisher’s paradise that offers a lot to see and do for everyone. By: Lt/C Norwood Beveridge, P



Promote Safe Boating



We all have many encounters with boaters of all kinds!!!! The good, the bad and the ugly. As members of the USPS it is our responsibility of sharing our knowledge of safe boating practices with those we meet who may not be up to par. Just a few helpful boating tips could make a big difference in the operation of their boating habits on the water.



WESTCHESTER SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON HEMPSTEAD HARBOR RAFT-UP

By Dennis McGrath



On Saturday, August 12, 2006, four WSPS boats carrying a total of 15 people, one Bichon Frise and two Coton De Tulears, navigated around (mostly), but occasionally through (oops!), a surprisingly large sailboat regatta on their way into Hempstead Harbor. The stated purpose of this voyage was to raft-up for an afternoon of socializing, swimming, eating, drinking, and exchange of boat related stories and information with other WSPS members and friends. The four boats, their captains, crews, and passengers included *Rain-E-Daze* with Candyce, Dave, Oliver, Beamer and Lexus Corcoran (the latter being the Bichon Frise and the two Coton De Tulears, respectively); *Green Stamps* with Pam and Bob Kelly, Mary Ellen Kelly, Peg and Bob Mayo, Becky McElhinney, and Trudy Albrecht; *Boiling Point* with Frank Palmieri and Ron Gable; and *Osprey* with John Steger, Cristiano Tannure, Peter Templer, and Dennis McGrath.

The weather was perfect with nearly cloudless skies, temperatures in the low-90's, and a favorable northwesterly breeze. The air waves were filled with frequent VHF radio transmissions back and forth between the four vessels as they made their way into Hempstead Harbor, attempted to find one another, and searched for a suitable anchoring spot.

After abandoning the initial anchorage because of too much wave action from passing boat traffic, a much quieter and more suitable anchorage was selected - SE of the entrance to Mosquito Cove (N 40° 50.9'; W 73° 39.2'). With two sailboats and two power boats in our flotilla, we decided on a raft-up alignment of sail-power-sail-power to keep a physical separation between the sailboats and prevent their masts from swinging into one another. *Osprey* served as the anchor boat, but since her crew had never rafted-up before, they relied on the expert tutelage of the other crews to set spring lines and strategically place fenders. The anchor was barely set, when the swim ladder on *Osprey* went down and the first swimmer entered in the water. It was a good thing because a swimmer in the water actually helped to identify the anchor boat to the other boats that arrived shortly thereafter (a key factor since few of us knew the other boats by sight).

Once the four boats were rafted-up and all lines were secured, the fun really began. Safety swim lines were deployed, floats were inflated, and more swimmers entered the water to cool off from the August heat. A buffet of tasty hors d'oeuvres and an array of refreshing beverages quickly appeared on *Green Stamps*. The passage of individuals back and forth between the four boats was virtually continuous with everyone helping themselves to some food or a drink, socializing, or inspecting each of the other boats. As the afternoon progressed toward early evening, two of the boats departed to begin the short trip back to New Rochelle while the other two boats carried on into the early evening hours. I believe I speak for the entire group when I say that it was a thoroughly enjoyable day for all, but you can judge for yourself by looking at the photos that accompany this article.

By the time you read this account, the 2006 boating season will be behind us, our boats will be winterized and on the hard, while we await the start of a new boating season. Hopefully we can plan more raft-ups next year with more WSPS member participation. Hope to see you in 2007!





As you can see from our happy faces, we all had a blast on the Mohegan Sun Trip! The entire day from the bus ride and movies, to the casino and the food was fabulous! On the bus ride home everyone was in agreement, we all came back with less money. .. but ready for a “do-over” next year!



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