

CURRENT SET AND DRIFT

Summer 2007

Westchester Sail and Power Squadron: *A Unit of the United States Power Squadrons*



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The WSPS's Blessing of the Fleet took place at the New Rochelle Marina on June 23, 2007 in conjunction with Cross County Power Squadron. Summer is quickly coming to an end and the cool nights of autumn are rapidly approaching

During the 2007 boating season we had a few get-togethers, including Friday Night Rendezvous at Playland to watch the fireworks. The season has not ended and many of us will continue to be in the Playland Cove on Friday Evenings. In July, our District 2 Summer Council Meeting was held in Bridgeport, CT. Unfortunately, WSPS was not represented in full force.

As a Squadron, thanks to SEO Frank Palmieri, AP, we have many new members who took classes with WSPS over the winter and fall months. We need more participation from you the member. Ongoing talks have taken place regarding squadron mergers. John Steger, P Squadron Secretary, and I were the guests of Tappan Zee Sail and Power Squadron for a Lobster Festival during the spring. They too are in the midst of thinking about merging with another squadron.

One advantage of being a United States Power Squadron Member is that you have instant friends around the country that share your love of boating. Over the past few months, I have contacted the squadrons located within the area that I visited for my book signings. (www.worldofoliver.com) I have met some wonderful USPS Members and we all share the same squadron problems, concerns and are all trying to come up with new ideas to get members motivated. If you have an idea, we are open to all suggestions. This is YOUR Squadron.

You are cordially invited to celebrate

70 years of Westchester Sail and Power Squadron's Boating History



70th Anniversary Gala !

Sunday, October 28th 2007

6:00 PM Cocktail Hour

7:00 PM Dinner and Dancing



Riverview Caterers

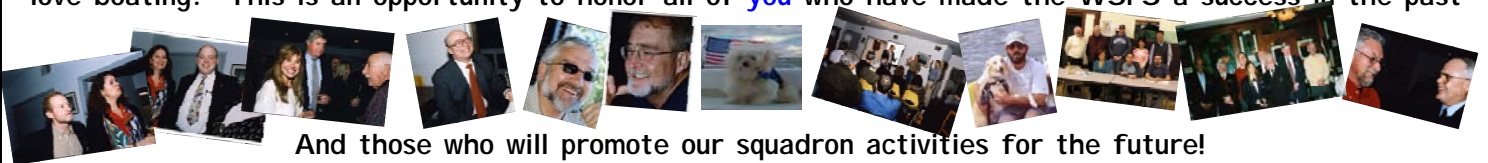
1 Warburton Ave., Hastings, NY

A fantastic venue for a fabulous occasion.



WSPS will celebrate its 70th Anniversary at the Riverview Caterers in Hastings, NY. This elegant restaurant with magnificent Hudson River views offers us an opportunity to dance, dine, meet and greet old and new friends and celebrate 70 years of WSPS History!

WSPS was founded in 1937 and is dedicated to promoting boat safety, education and serving those who love boating. This is an opportunity to honor all of **you** who have made the WSPS a success in the past



And those who will promote our squadron activities for the future!

Please come and participate in this wonderful evening!

\$45.00 USPS Member

\$55.00 Non Member

Let us know if you will be attending! Please RSVP By October 19th

Call or email your intentions, or send your check to John or Candyce

Yes, I (name) _____ will be attending and bringing ____ guests.

Enclosed is my check for \$_____

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Life Jackets Increase Your Chance of Survival - Wear One!!

Of the hundreds of people who die each year in boating accidents, mostly from drowning, about eight in 10 aren't wearing life vests. A primer on the types of personal flotation devices:



**Type I
Offshore life jacket**

This personal flotation device is designed for extended survival in rough, open water. It usually will turn an unconscious person face-up and has 22 pounds of buoyancy. This is the best life jacket to keep you afloat in remote regions where rescue may be slow in coming.



**Type II
Near-shore life vest**

This classic personal flotation device comes in several sizes for adults and children and is for calm inland water where there's a chance of fast rescue. It is less bulky and less expensive than a Type I, and many turn an unconscious person face-up in the water.



**Type III
Flotation aid**

These life jackets are generally considered the most comfortable, with styles for different boating activities and sports. They are for use in calm waters with a good chance of fast rescue because they generally will not turn an unconscious person face-up.



**Type IV
Throwable device**

Designed to be tossed to a person in the water. Throwable devices include boat cushions, ring buoys and horseshoe buoys. They must be supplemented by a life jacket. It is important to keep these devices immediately available for emergencies, and they should not be used for small children or nonswimmers.



**Type V
Special-use device**

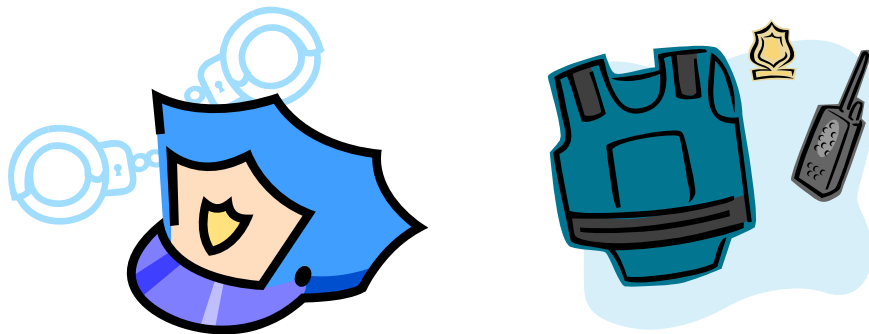
Special-use personal flotation devices include work vests, deck suits and hybrids for restricted use. Hybrid vests contain some internal buoyancy and are inflatable to provide additional buoyancy.

Sources: U.S. Coast Guard and GNS research

Online visit:
www.uscg.mil/

Janet Loehrke, Gannett News Service

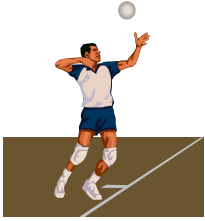
WSPS Joins With Local Police Marine Units To Promote Boat Safety



WSPS Commander Corcoran has joined forces with the Mamaroneck and Rye Marine Police Units to promote Boat Safety on our local waters. Kudos to these two forces for distributing our Boat Safety Course Information and Flyers. During the Winter Months we will try to get all of the local Police Departments on board to work hand in hand with the WSPS.

Volleyball Anyone?

The son of WSPS Assistant Education Officer, 1st/Lt Cristiano Tannure, represented Hudson Valley in the men's volleyball open division in the recent Empire State Games. Otto Tannure, a 1997 graduate of Scarsdale HS, came to the United States from his native Brazil in his sophomore year. He played for his college team while majoring in business at SUNY New Paltz. He currently works for Wachovia Securities and plays whenever he can. During the week "it's a lot of hard work. But I work hard, knowing that on the week-end I can relax a little and play volleyball." The work hard, play hard philosophy is perfect for the passionate Tannure who relishes the effort it takes to stay in peak physical condition to play at a high competitive level. Representing the Hudson Valley in the open men's team, Otto was in top shape for the kick off of the Games on July 20. Although competitive, the team did not do as well as last year when they won the gold medal. This year they had fewer players, and the three days of competition with limited players left them out of the medals. Despite this Tannure felt that participating in the Games was well worth the effort for both the people he met from all over the state and the experience he gained from the high level of competition. "At Empire State Games you have fun - a lot of fun" he said. "You can meet new people and see friends. I think it's really interesting because you play with and against really good people, and it just adds to your game. With this experience you can only get better."



With his third Empire State Games under his belt Tannure can cast an eye enthusiastically to the future, ready for anything that may come his way. Volleyball will continue play an important role in his busy schedule. Hudson Valley's spike-serving, fist pumping star can't envision life without playing the sport he loves. (condensed from an article in the Scarsdale Inquirer)



Feel like a Boat Show??

How about pooling with another WSPS Member? Consider sharing the travel expense and enjoy the company of a fellow boater to/from and at one of the end of season shows.

Here are the upcoming shows in our area:

- Newport - Sept 13-16 - Newport Yachting Center, Newport, RI
- Norwalk - Sept. 20-23 - Norwalk Cove Marina, Norwalk, CT
- NY/NJ - Sept 27-30 - Liberty Landing, Jersey City, NJ
- New Jersey Fall Boat Show - Sept 28-30 - NJ Convention Ctr. Edison NJ.
- Annapolis - Oct. 4-8 Sail, Oct 11-14 Power, City Dock, Annapolis, MD
- New Jersey - Oct. 5-7, - New Jersey Convention Center, Edison, NJ
- New York - Dec. 28- Jan 06 - Javits Center, NY City

Call WSPS Secretary John Steger (914) 472-5520 (jwsteger@hotmail.com) if you think you would like to hook up with someone. John can tell you who else might be planning to go to a particular show.



A Fabulous Cruise through the Champlain Canal and Locks

A Summer Trip Report from Lt/C Doug Ratford and First Mate Pat McMahon

Pat and I decided to make another trip through the locks. Since our last trip two years ago, we found "good news" and "bad news". The "good news" was that the lock fees had been waived for the season; the "bad news" was that in many places the speed limit has been increased from 10 mph to 30 mph!



On this year's trip we were able to enjoy many of our favorite boating locations and pastimes. At the same time, we also had the opportunity to meet new people and experience new adventures! Our trip up the Hudson included stops at the Kingston Town Dock and Troy. While in Kingston, we were fortunate enough to catch the end of a Classic Boat Show. We met a couple, Lou and Donna, owners of a 32' 1964 Chris Craft Classic (Blast from the Past). They invited us to join them for a sunset cruise around Kingston Harbor. It was a truly enjoyable, informative evening!



While in Troy, based on a recommendation received from the dock master, we decided to try a new (to us!) restaurant called Laportos. Pat was reluctant to enter based on its appearance, but when she saw it had won all kinds of awards from the CIA (not the government, but the Culinary Institute of America) and Capital Region, we decided to give it a try. The food was outstanding as was the service provided by a 9 year-old young lady who described herself as the "owner" of the restaurant!



With fenders placed high on both sides of the boat and gloves and poles in hand, we tuned our radio to channel 13, and departed Troy. Six hours later, after going through 4 locks, we arrived at Schuylerville Yacht Basin. Schuylerville is a stop that should not be missed. This wonderful marina is owned by Judy and Phil Dean – two of the nicest people you could ever meet! A side trip to Saratoga for a day at the racetrack was a lot of fun. We even managed to pick 3 out of 4 winners! Our betting method is simple. If we like a horse's name, then we pick it! Another side trip we took was to Lake George for an afternoon of walking and biking. What a great vacation spot!



On Friday, we started our trek home, surviving a torrential downpour as we approached Lock C4. Locking through proved easy, despite the winds. After exiting Lock C1 we pulled into Waterford, NY for an overnight stay. Waterford offers a free tie up along with a visitor center. The staff there are most welcoming and very helpful!

Saturday found us continuing our trip south. We stopped for lunch at the Point restaurant (Catskills) and then proceeded to Kingston for the night. After enjoying brunch at the Ship To Shore Restaurant the next morning we headed for home. Upon arriving safely back at our home port, we celebrated with our traditional safe arrival drink, Champagne and Cranberry Juice (Poinsettia) and immediately began preparing for our next trip! We find the more boat trips we take, the more boat trips we want to take!!!! Next year we are thinking of spending the summer on Long Island Sound. However, the memories of another wonderful summer on the Hudson will stay with us no matter where we choose to boat!



United States Power Squadron



Westchester and Rockland Counties

Cross County Power Squadron
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2007 Boating Classes for You

These courses are free, with only a fee for the course materials. The Public boating classes are open to everyone.

Other classes are available only to USPS members

<i>Class</i>	<i>Duration</i>	<i>Begins</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Contact</i>
Boat Smart Class <i>Public Class</i>	4 weeks 7:30 – 9:30	September 18 Tuesdays	Rochambeau School 228 Fisher Avenue White Plains, NY	Frank Palmieri 914 997-1940 FrankP56@optonline.net
Squadron Boating Class <i>Public Class</i>	8 weeks 7:30 – 9:30	October 10 Wednesdays	New Rochelle Marina 22 Pelham Road New Rochelle, NY	Mel Goldstein 914 337-4026 ILUVTOUCHE@AOL.COM
Seamanship <i>USPS member class</i>	8 weeks 7:30 – 9:30	February 05 Tuesdays	Rochambeau School 228 Fisher Avenue White Plains, NY	Frank Palmieri 914 997-1940 FrankP56@optonline.net
Advanced Piloting <i>USPS member class</i>	8 - 10 weeks 7:30 – 9:30	October 23 Tuesdays	Rochambeau School 228 Fisher Avenue White Plains, NY	Frank Palmieri 914 997-1940 FrankP56@optonline.net
Sail Trim and Rig Tuning <i>Public Class</i>	Single day seminar 7:30 – 9:30	October 16 Tuesday	Rochambeau School 228 Fisher Avenue White Plains, NY	Frank Palmieri 914 997-1940 FrankP56@optonline.net
Using GPS <i>Public Class</i>	Single day seminar 7:30 – 9:30	November 6 Tuesday	Rochambeau School 228 Fisher Avenue White Plains, NY	Frank Palmieri 914 997-1940 FrankP56@optonline.net

Boating courses are NASBLA approved and can be used for Jet Ski certification. They cover:

- legal requirements for your boat
- navigation rules and aids
- getting underway, docking, anchoring, trailering
- local state requirements
- handling accidents and emergencies
- basic water safety
- fire on board
- boater responsibilities

United States Power Squadrons (USPS®) is the largest and most respected non-profit educational/fraternal boating organization in the world, covering all 50 states, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Japan. Our goal is the promotion of the highest standards of navigation and seamanship. We're dedicated to making boating safer and more fun. Members contribute to their communities by promoting safe boating on the water and in the classroom. USPS instructors who teach public courses are certified regarding their ability to teach and use modern instructional methods.

WSPS General Meeting



Tuesday October 16, 2007

7:30 PM

Rochambeau School

228 Fisher Ave., White Plains, NY

We are extremely pleased to provide the USPS
Seminar on

Sail Trim and Rig Tuning

This seminar will show in clear and simple terms how to use and adjust sails for optimum performance under a wide range of conditions. The seminar comes with a waterproof USPS *Captain's Quick Guide* written by North Sails and *Student Notes*.



Dennis McGrath

14 year USPS member and many more years of sailing experience

Questions: call Frank 914 997-1940 or John 914 472-5520

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