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Fall 2010

Westchester Sail and Power Squadron, a Unit of the United States Power Squadrons®

WSPS Commander Walter O. Baggett, AP



Summer is over, and what a summer it was. From the blessing of the fleet to the **Commander's Picnic, we had fun.** Thursday evening sails ran smoothly, with many good times on the water. We finished off the season by going to the District Two meeting and winning the Stamford-Doolittle Prize for the display of the best educational teaching aids. And the prize is: (drum roll) the use of an absolute top of the line Weems & Plath Sextant for a year!

And why, you may ask, do we need the use of a sextant? The answer is a breakthrough in cross-squadron training. Five of our members have been going down to City Island to take the Junior Navigation course under the tutelage of their excellent Senior Navigator, Jeff Taylor. The class has been joined by District Two Administrative Officer, Susan Ryan and we expect members from other squadrons to take advantage of this opportunity to tap into navigational expertise. It also explains our need for sextants.

Our electronics course, the first of three under a new USPS curriculum, is going along great and we should roll into the next course. The bridge is also working on Meet

Up social networking which should help us get new members into our basic boating course and also our advanced courses which are now available for non-members.

Finally, we should round out our year with a great joint holiday party with the Cross County Power Squadron at the Orienta Yacht Club.



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Cruise Planning Lessons

by Cdr. Walter O. Baggett, AP

Although I've been a boat owner for a number of years and have cruised on Long Island Sound, to Cape Cod and Block Island, I felt I should shore up my cruising knowledge and recently took the USPS Cruise Planning course as a refresher. Still there is nothing like a bare boat charter to provide a hands-on test of your knowledge.

The August 2010 issue of *Cruising World* (pp. 21-22) provides a list of cruising considerations:

- Decide on the right boat
- Don't skimp on sleeping berths
- Space is Important
- Do you need to hire a skipper
- Stock up on beverages
- Simplify the menu
- Buy Cruising guides

So how to start preparing for a charter:

First: Planning is the most important. It begins with picking the general area you want to cruise in. In our case, we had decided on the Barrier Reef, and were lucky enough to find a copy of David Colfelt's *100 Magic Miles of the Great Barrier Reef*. This truly became our guide to paradise.

Next: As you get closer to the charter date, order up the local charts you think you will need. The cruising guides should give you information on the ones you will need. When you order them on-line, there should be further guidance on what is available and the level of detail (the scale) associated with the various charts.

Finally: Chart out various routes through your proposed cruising ground. Your guide may prove helpful, but you will need to look at distances and decide on how much time you want to spend at each anchorage. To keep track of this effort, set up a Waypoint Listing (see waypoint chart below). Many of our charts have this information already printed on them, as do many cruising guides. However, you may not be so lucky in other parts of the world. Calculating the waypoint Lat/Lon, entering them into your handheld GPS and taking them with you **saves a lot of time once you're actually on the water.**

A major benefit of this whole drill is that it gets you thinking about your charter. It makes you more confident once you arrive so that the joy of anticipation morphs into the thrill of the on water experience.

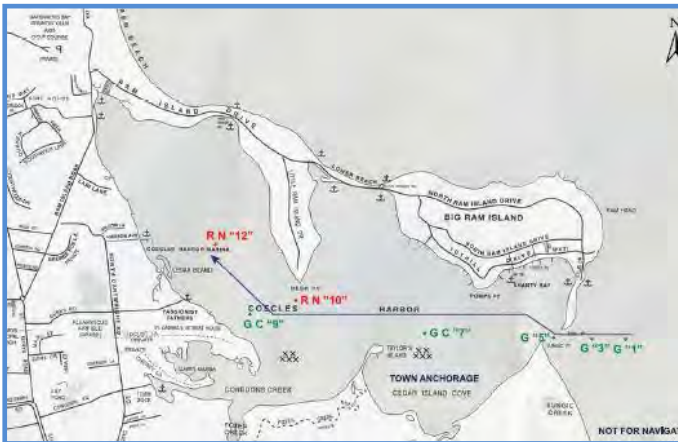
GOOD LUCK ON YOUR NEXT CRUISE!

Waypoint	Description	S	Latitude			E	Longitude		
HH01	Hamilton Island Harbor Center	S	20	20	80	E	148	57	14
HHOUT	Outside Hamilton Harbor	S	20	20	80	E	148	56	73
FITZ01	Fitzalen Passage	S	20	19	80	E	148	56	73
FITZ02	Around North End	S	20	19	70	E	148	56	95
FITX03	Hamilton Island	S	20	20	15	E	148	57	35
SOL01	South End Solway Passage	S	20	19	31	E	149	03	80
SOL02	Mid Solway Passage	S	20	18	18	E	149	03	80
SOL03	North End Solway Passage	S	20	17	50	E	149	04	00
WHSO	Whitehaven Beach South End	S	20	17	45	E	149	03	55
WHNO	Whitehaven Beach North End	S	20	14	00	E	148	01	60

Waypoints –

By 1st Lt. Ruth Harkin S

Coecles Harbor N 41.04.0 W 72.17.5 on Shelter Island is a nice days sail (or quick hop for a power boat) from various points on the Connecticut side of the Long Island Sound, about 21m from Westbrook. I have been there several times in September and only a few other boats were anchored. I'm sure it is busier in season and guidebooks state there are time limitations for anchoring (48 hrs in a 72hr period). The Mashomack Nature preserve surrounds the anchorage creating a sense of serenity and seclusion. The depths are good even close to shore except for one line of unmarked rocks off the shore in the SE corner which are only visible



at low tide. Look at the chart closely. On the other hand, if seclusion is not your thing the guide books describe several restaurants that can be reached from the town dock, and services available at the Coecles Harbor Marina including bike rentals.

This anchorage can be a reasonable starting point to move on to Block Island or just stay in the area and move on to Three Mile Harbor, West Neck Harbor, Sag Harbor, Greenport, and to cruise around Gardiners and the Peconic Bays. Next time I am in the area I plan to stay longer and spend time exploring the Island and nature preserve.

If anyone knows how to pronounce the name let me know. While looking for the pronunciation on the net I did find www.ospreysguide.com which has lots of information about the area, navigation and things to do. One way or the other you will probably find yourself going through Plum

Gut. Guide books make it sound worse than it is, but it can be an adventure between ferries going in and out of Orient Pt and currents. Do pay attention to the advice to go with the tides.

Norwalk Boat Show

Joined by members of the Mid Hudson Squadron, the Westchester contingent staffed the booth from 9am on Sunday morning through 2 pm on Sept. 26. The squadron promoted safe boating and distributed literature and flyers for boating classes in Westchester and Connecticut. This is the 3rd year the squadron has assisted at the show. With 6 members assisting, we were able to both staff the booth and see the show. A nice perk since volunteers get into the show free!! Members of the squadron who volunteered were: Frank Palmieri, Walter Baggett, Cristiano Tannure, Paul Okura, Harriett Okura and John Steger



Girl Scout Safe Boating Day 2010

P/C Frank E. Palmieri



In what has become an annual event, fifteen members of WSPS travelled to the Girl Scout Camp Hayden Marks, in Fishkill, NY on Saturday Sept. 11. We planned to demonstrate to 74 young ladies a number of aspects of safe boating and boat handling. The weather cooperated magnificently with a bright sun and a bit of breeze to keep things cool. There were 4 sessions through the day with about 20 Girl Scouts in each group. Each session consisted of about 4 modules including a PFD fashion Show in which the proper care and use of life jackets was demonstrated; Hypothermia in which the girls immersed their arms in a bucket of ice cold water for 90 seconds to illustrate how difficult it would be to put on a life jacket under such conditions; Boat Trim in which the proper loading, overloading and distribution of people and materials was demonstrated for small craft with the use of model boats and weighted objects; Line Coiling and knot tying important to boat operation. In addition, Paul Okura introduced a fun game to the older scouts which consisted of identifying objects that would be critical to have on hand in the event of an emergency. From the comments we received, the young ladies found it to be a lot of fun. Although all would agree the day was exhausting, it was extremely satisfying with club members feeling a great sense of accomplishment.

The event was initiated by Miriam and Norwood Beveridge and organized at the Girl Scout end by Ms. Amy Cooper from the Larchmont Girl Scouts. WSPS participants included Commander Walter Baggett, John Steger, John Wroblewski, Cristiano Tannure, Paul and Harriet Okura, Mark Arcieri and daughter, Patty Morrison, Frank and Gigi Palmieri and last but not least, Cookie the sea dog who demonstrated doggy lifejackets.

Equipment and prizes were donated by Marie Lambert and Alan Goldman and Paul Okura. Proudly, 17 members of WSPS directly or indirectly participated in this event.



Commanders Picnic 2010

P/C Frank E. Palmieri A/P

On Saturday October 10, 2010 WSPS and CCPS held the annual Commander's Picnic. The event was held at the Orienta Yacht Club, to whom we are very grateful for allowing us to use their wonderful facilities. Commander Walter Baggett was at the center of it all (it is his Picnic after all) by being organizer, chef and host to all our guests, including our District Commander, Frank DeBaggis and his wife, Tena. In all, over 70 participants including a number of members from Orienta Yacht Club attended the event.



Cdr. Walter Baggett making a point

The Picnic has been a traditional feature of WSPS and more recently a joint effort with CCPS. Originally conceived as a kind of 'going-into-commission' party to kick off the busy fall and winter teaching activities, it has also become a way to have new members meet

other members and for the Commander to thank his Board in advance for their anticipated help in the coming teaching season as well as for CCPS and WSPS members to mingle. Fun was had by all. Peter Lavery from WSPS conducted a fantastic, fun raffle in which everyone won something. His description of each item was hilarious including a US Navy Department mug guaranteed to keep the Coast Guard at bay in case of boarding. The food was plentiful and included sliced steak, hamburgers, sausages, hot dogs, veggie burgers and salads. Deserts, brought by members, overflowed and it was part of the fun to try the many and various kinds. John and Nancy Steger, Virginia Moore, Peggy Howland, Cristiano Tannure and John Wroblewski helped decorate the facilities. Jack Kraft donated the use of his propane grill which became crucial for getting-the-food-out. We are indebted, as always, to Bob

Kelly who was the major factor in helping to arrange for our use of the club facilities.



Peter conducting the raffle!



WSPS enjoying the great food.



CCPS party members having fun.

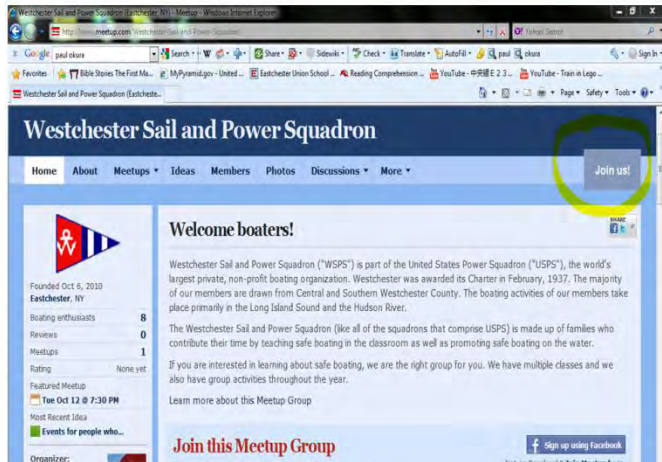


D/C Frank DeBaggis and his wife Tena.

WSPS HAS CREATED A MEETUP SITE:

by Lt/C Paul Okura, XO

To enhance communication with our current members and to attract new members, we have recently created a WSPS MeetUp Group site. It has a link to WSPS Facebook, and our website, so we have now a social media platform which our members and prospective members



We would like all current WSPS members to join WSPS MeetUp to improve communication about our activities (such as general sail meetings, holiday parties, cruises, classes and seminars, our calendar and link to SailAngle) and to let prospective members know how large our squadron is. There is no cost to you to sign-up.

The WSPS MeetUp site will enable the bridge to communicate with our members regarding our activities in an efficient and automatic way, and we hope that providing this information will also attract potential new members who are already users of MeetUp.

We have designed our MeetUp site so that anyone who lives in Westchester or its surrounding area will access it when they do a search on MeetUp for topics such as boating safety, boating classes, sailing safety, sailing classes. By being more visible, we have the opportunity to reach out to a wider audience and attract

them to our events/classes/seminars and also to become member of WSPS.

To view any pages of WSPS MeetUp site, all you have to do is to use the internet to access the site. But if you want to sign up to the events or classes or to input any feedback, you must first sign in.

So please sign up today and explore various pages in the WSPS MeetUp Group.

To join the WSPS MeetUp Group, please follow the instruction below. If you have any difficulty in joining please contact Lt/C Paul Okura, Executive Officer of the WSPS (pokura@cmitsolutions.com) and Paul will be glad to help you with the process.

1. Use the internet and type **<http://www.meetup.com/Westchester-Sail-and-Power-Squadron/>** (or copy and paste).
2. There is a "Join Us" box at the top right side of the page so just click that box to become a member of the WSPS MeetUp Group.
3. Fill out the questions in Your MeetUp Group Profile. You may also upload a photograph of yourself if you wish. **It is just that simple, check it out!!**

Editors Note: WSPS would like to thank Lt/C Paul Okura and 1stLt. Peter Lavery for their initiative and efforts in setting up our MeetUp page and helping to bring our squadron into the 21st century technologically.

- A Few Factoids from Our Nautical Humorist:**
- Lines look they came off the Titanic? Put into the washing machine with a little Oxy, dry gently and store indoors for the winter!
 - Vent your shrink wrap this winter to avoid blue cheese in the spring.
 - Have your bottom power washed every fall

Ron's Corner Nov 2010

THURSDAY NIGHT SAILS: Russ Michel wrote that he was suffering from Thursday Night Sail withdrawal, and Patricia Swords said that she missed the weekly anticipation of sailing on Thursdays and now had to fill the void. Thursday nights in Westchester used to mean that stores stayed open late; not much else was happening around here unless that was your eat-out-at-the-diner night. Now, a new wave, excuse me, is upon us; our Thursday sail and après sail dinner at Dudley's is so popular that the stores are empty.

The weather was beautiful every evening we sailed and that made the magic happen along with the sunsets and Kate Dillon's wine. We sailed with Captain Frank from City Island and Captain John from New Rochelle. Here are the "we": Mark Arcieri, Walter Baggett, Jean Darwick, Guido Dattaro, Dr. Judith Dattaro, Kate Dillon, Michael Dillon, Ron Gabel, Ruth Harkin, Peg Howland, Yvonne Ibarra, Peter Lavery, Eddie Martinez, Patrice Michel, Russ Michel, Patty Morrison, Suzanne Nentwich, Harriet Okura, Paul Okura, Kenji Okura, Minerva Palmer, Frank Palmieri, John Steger, Patricia Swords, Cristiano Tannure, Cathy Troyanos, Dennis Troyanos, John Wroblewski.

A new series of electronics classes that began in October with *Marine Electrical Systems* is the first of four technical courses I'm teaching on Tuesday evenings at Rochambeau School. Directly following Electrical Systems will be *Marine Communication Systems* and *General Systems*. Each course is approximately seven weeks and prominently includes practical hands-on training. The fourth course, scheduled for spring 2011, is *Marine Engine Maintenance*, and like the electronics courses includes plenty of hands-on training with actual engines.

Editor's Note: Ron coordinated all our Thursday Sails and was responsible for making this one of our most popular activities. In addition he is now teaching our Marine Electronics class which will continue for two more modules and then will teach Engine Maintenance.



SEO Report

As indicated in the Commanders message, and Ron's report, we are currently running a **Marine Electronics** class, and have 5 squadron members taking the **Junior Navigation** course with an excellent City Island Instructor. We also just finished a single day ABC class with only 3 students. Our regular ABC standard 7 week class was cancelled because of lack of students. We are hoping that our new MeetUp website spreads the word on our classes to a wider audience, which will result in more students for our classes.

Our spring schedule is just getting underway, but we promise a full set of classes and seminars to increase your Nautical education. Check the schedule on Our Upcoming Events, pg. 8.



District 2 Fall Council Meeting

Four members of the squadron made the trip to Albany for the Oct. 23-24 D2 Council. **Cdr. Baggett couldn't make the meeting but** XO Paul Okura attended in his stead. He was assisted by P/C Frank Palmieri, SEO John Steger and 1st/Lt Jack Kraft. The meeting had some excellent workshops where we learned more about the new Boat Operators Certification (BOC), use of Internet for more public information where Paul Okura explained our new MeetUp page, and a session on increasing membership. In addition WSPS was given another award for their activities in support of Boating Safety, and we were very favorably represented in the Education Aids contest for which we were happy to win the use of a great Sextant for a year.



Marie's Galley by P/C Marie Lambert, P BRAISED PORK SHOULDER

(Martha Stewart suggests using for meals with potatoes, pasta, or sandwiches)



6 oz. pancetta, finely chopped
2 medium onions, thinly sliced
1 bone-in pork shoulder (6-7 lbs.) skin on
Coarse salt and freshly ground black pepper
2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
1 head garlic minced
2 teaspoons ground fennel seeds
1 teaspoon crushed coriander seeds
2 cups ale
1 cup low-sodium chicken stock

1. Preheat oven to 300
Crisp pancetta in large Dutch oven over medium low heat until fat is rendered (10 min.) Transfer to a plate with a slotted spoon.
2. Add onions to Dutch oven. Cook over medium high heat stirring occasionally until caramelized (25 min.) Transfer to plate with slotted spoon.
3. Season pork with salt and pepper. Add oil to Dutch oven, and sear pork, fat side down, until golden. (5 min.) Flip and repeat.
4. Add garlic and spices to pot. Cook until fragrant. (1 min.). Add ale, stock, pancetta and onions; bring to a simmer. Transfer to oven and braise pork, covered, basting every hour until meat is falling off the bone about 4 hours. Shred meat (just what you are using) using a fork and drizzle with warm skimmed jus. (Serves 8).

WSPS Planned Upcoming Events

Dec. 2	WSPS Exec Meeting
Dec. 14	Anchoring Seminar
Dec. 16	Holiday Party
Jan. 4	Marine Communications (7 wks)
Jan. 6.	WSPS Exec Meeting
Jan 13	Using GPS Seminar
Jan. 27	General Meeting
Feb. 3	WSPS Executive Meeting
Feb. 10	How to Read a Nautical Chart Seminar
Feb. 17	Begin ABC Class (8 week class)
Feb. 24	General Meeting at Orienta Yacht Club
Feb. 26	D/2 Winter Council - Poughkeepsie NY
March 3	Joint WSPS/CCPS COW
March 8	Begin Engine Maintenance (& wks)r
March 19	ABC one day class
March 31	General Meeting
April 1-3	D/2 Spring Conference
April 7	WSPS Exec. Meeting
April 28	General Meeting

(Please call 914 472-5520 to confirm dates)

WSPS Birthdays



DECEMBER

Steven Skalicky	06 Dec.
Walter O. Baggett	15 Dec.
Edmond Malone	15 Dec.
Eddie Lee Armour	18 Dec.
Frederick Cronin	23 Dec.
Jack Berger	24 Dec.
Anthony Weiner	28 Dec.
Ronald D. Sernau	29 Dec.
Egbert Jan de Vries	30 Dec.

JANUARY

John C. Sabatino	01 Jan.
Jack Kraft	02 Jan.
Gilbert Landy	12 Jan.
Cristiano Tannure	15 Jan.
Doug Ratford	17 Jan.
Irwin Staple	23 Jan.
Peter Lavery	26 Jan.
Ed Rippstein	28 Jan.

FEBRUARY

Herbert Gardner	07 Feb.
Stephen Kost	07 Feb.
Luis Carter	09 Feb.
Michael Quartararo	11 Feb.
Robert Lent	21 Feb.

MARCH

Alan Goldman	04 Mar.
Kate Dillon	12 Mar.
Andrew Mancusi	14 Mar.
John Steger	16 Mar.
Eugene Laska	17 Mar.
Michael Dillon	22 Mar.
Gustave Wormuth	22 Mar.
Paul Okura	24 Mar.
Kenneth Waldemar	27 Mar.
Mary Broderick	30 Mar.



WSPS wishes all these members
A Healthy and Happy Birthday!

Don't Forget Our Joint Holiday Party!



Happy Holidays



**CROSS COUNTY POWER SQUADRON
WESTCHESTER SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON**

Invite you to our

JOINT 2010 HOLIDAY PARTY



**DECEMBER 16, 2010
THURSDAY at 7 P.M. for Dinner
AT THE Orienta Yacht Club**



FREE PARTY

- ** A HOT DINNER BUFFET **
- ** HOLIDAY GIFT EXCHANGE **
- ** MERRIMENT & FRIENDS **
- ** MUSIC and GOOD CHEER **



OUR FRIENDS FROM ORIENTA YACHT CLUB ARE COMING TOO!

PLEASE BRING:

A WRAPPED GIFT for the Holiday Gift Exchange -value about \$10 - marked man, woman, or unisex
A holiday dish (dinner dish / appetizers / beverages / dessert) -For people bringing appetizers, please make sure to come early to the party so that we can serve them before the main dish.

PLEASE ALSO BRING AT LEAST 2 MORE THINGS:

- I. Yourself - and your guests (tell us how many are coming)
- II. Money for the 50/50 raffle tickets & game of skill !!!
- III. Wine and beer will be served. If you'd like "booze", bring your favorite.



Reservations must be by Saturday, Dec. 11 so that we can prepare appropriate amount of food for everybody

RSVP: P/C Virginia Moore 914-963-9409 or reloads@usa.net
X/O Paul Okura 914 961-3697 or pkodance@aol.com

PLEASE ASK VIRGINIA OR PAUL WHAT YOU CAN BRING FOR DINNER, APPETIZERS, BEVERAGES OR DESSERT



THE ORIENTA YACHT CLUB
is on POST RD. just past MAMARONECK AVE. in Mamaroneck
Turn into the Mamaroneck Diner driveway (past Brewers)
Drive through to Orienta Yacht Club Parking Area



This will be a great Party. Hope to see you there.



Don't Forget the Holiday Party – Dec. 16

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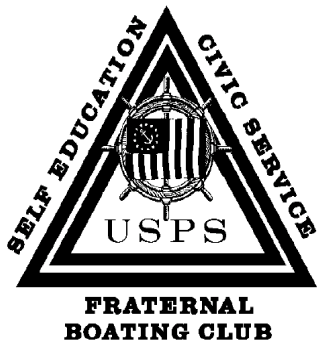
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