

CURRENT SET AND DRIFT

WINTER 2010

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

WSPS Commander Frank E. Palmieri, AP



*Them was the days, sonnie,
Them was the men
Them was the ships
As we'll never see again* (C. Fox Smith in "What the Old Man Said" ca. 1850)

I have served you as Commander of the Westchester Sail and Power Squadron for the last 2 years and it has been an honor and a privilege. When I look back over the Squadron's accomplishments this past year, it is with special pride and a great deal of joy.

Much of this could not have happened without the cooperation and hard work of our friends at Cross County Power Squadron. Our joint programs, including the Holiday Party and the COW are certainly a testament to that. This has helped break ground for other pilot cooperative efforts with Greenwich Sail and Power Squadron and City Island Power Squadron to be announced soon. **Nothing** would have happened without the dedication and planning of the 2009 WSPS Bridge and Executive committees. The Thursday night sails, Friday Cruises, all the educational programs, Girl Scout Safety Day, participation at district meetings were all a direct result of their labors. Our Bridge is the most selfless group of people you have ever met. Get to know them. We are all indebted to you, shipmates!

Absolutely nothing would have been worth doing without the participation of you, our members. I hope you have enjoyed the past year as much as I have. And I know, the Bridge is planning much more in 2010. I will continue to serve in other capacities as the Squadron sees fit.

Here is a list of our 2009-2010 activities. Please take advantage of the even more exciting line up of events for 2010-2011:

- Cruises:
 - Thursday Evening Sails
 - Friday Fireworks Cruise
 - Harbor Cruise
- Norwalk Boat Show Representation
- Boating Safety :
 - Girl Scout Boating Safety Day
 - Post Marine Life Vest Demonstration
- Public Service:
 - STRIDE Sail program
- Courses:
 - 5 Public Boating classes
 - Cruise Planning
 - Engine maintenance Piloting
 - Seamanship
- District Meetings:
 - Pam and Bob Kelly (7) awards
 - District Safety Award to the Squadron
- 4 Newsletters
- Joint Activities with CCPS:
 - Commanders Picnic
 - Blessing of the fleet
 - Thursday night sails
 - Holiday Party
 - Change of Watch (COW)
- Seminars:
 - Chart Reading
 - GPS Seminar
 - VHF/DSC Marine Radio
 - Anchoring

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We learn, we practice, we teach and we have a great time doing it! See you on the water this spring.

BABY BOOMER TRIVIA QUIZ!

Here's a Baby Boomer era test! There are 10 questions. Average score is 6. This may be difficult for the younger set. Answers on page 5. Have fun, but no peeking! Good luck.

1. What builds strong bodies 12 ways?

- A. Flintstones vitamins
- B. The Buttmaster
- C. Spaghetti
- D. Wonder Bread
- E. Orange Juice
- F. Milk
- G. Cod Liver Oil



2. Before he was Muhammed Ali, he was...

- A. Sugar Ray Robinson.
- B. Roy Orbison.
- C. Gene Autry.
- D. Rudolph Valentino.
- E. Fabian.
- F. Mickey Mantle.
- G. Cassius Clay.

3. Pogo, the comic strip character said, 'We have met the enemy and....'

- A. It's you.
- B. He is us.
- C. It's the Grinch.
- D. He wasn't home.
- E. He's really me and you.
- F. We quit.
- G. He surrendered.



4. Good night, David.

- A. Good night, Chet.
- B. Sleep well.
- C. Good night, Irene.
- E. See you later, alligator.
- F. Until tomorrow.
- G. Good night, Steve.

5. You'll wonder where the yellow went...

- A. When you use Tide.
- B. When you lose your crayons.
- C. When you clean your tub.
- D. If you paint the room blue.
- E. If you buy a soft water tank.
- F. When you use Lady Clairol.
- G. When you brush your teeth with Pepsodent.



6. Before he was the Skipper's Little Buddy, Bob Denver was Dobie's friend...

- A. Stuart Whitman..
- B. Randolph Scott.
- C. Steve Reeves.
- D. Maynard G. Krebs.
- E. Corky B. Dork.
- F. Dave the Whale.
- G. Zippy Zoo.



7. Liar, liar...

- A. You're a liar.
- B. Your nose is growing.
- C. Pants on fire.
- D. Join the choir.
- E. Jump up higher.
- F. On the wire.
- G. I'm telling Mom.

8.. Meanwhile, back in Metropolis, Superman fights a never ending battle for truth, justice and....

- A. Wheaties.
- B. Lois Lane.
- C. TV ratings.
- D. World peace.
- E. Red tights.
- F. The American way.
- G. News headlines.



9. Hey kids! What time is it?

- A. It's time for Yogi Bear.
- B. It's time to do your homework.
- C. It's Howdy Doody Time.
- D. It's time for Romper Room.
- E. It's bedtime.
- F. The Mighty Mouse Hour.
- G. Scoopy Doo Time.

10.. Lions and tigers and bears....

- A. Yikes.
- B. Oh, no.
- C. Gee whiz.
- D. I'm scared.
- E. Oh my.
- F. Help! Help!
- G. Let's run.



Ron's Corner - February 2010



Got a minute? I'd like to tell you about sailing with my grandson Jacob; look, I have pictures too! Jacob's four now but we began sailing together when he

was two. Gently introducing him to the wobbles of the boat, we just motored on the river while he steered with the tiller. He caught on to tiller steering right away, you know pushing left to go right but Jacob was so fascinated with the tiller/rudder action that he wouldn't look

where we were going. Safety first of course; he wore a PFD with a tether, okay, a leash and we always have another adult onboard because it takes two to watch kids on the water.



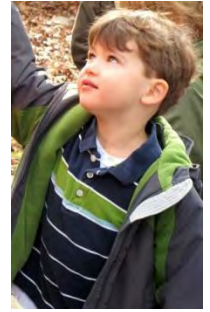
No worries teaching him about this line, that line, mast, boom, etc. questions came every second giving me the chance to connect the dots. By now were out on the Sound, close to shore, and here it comes, the first BIG wake is about to test his tummy tolerance; grandpa wonders how he'll take it. Up & down, smash, splash..... **AGAIN PA, DO THAT AGAIN!** We're still motoring and Jacob is steering figure eights around the entrance buoys 2 and 4. "Going to 4, going to 2, going to 4, going to....." just having fun he is. Remember simple pleasures before keeping to a course?



I was looking forward to raising the sail for the first time; this will really impress him. Up she goes, snapping open in a

big white flurry.....nothing, not even a glance skyward. He's having too much fun ducking under the tiller from one side to the other.

I imagine Jacob as a teen, squinty-eyed, in confidant control, sailing us over the horizon because Pa taught him how.....sigh.



Congratulations to all our Merit Mark Winners

Congratulations to the following members who received Merit Marks this year! We thank them all for their contributions to the Squadron's work. These are the members who make the Squadron run! We hope more members would contribute as these members have, extending and expanding the activities and impact of the squadron on our boating community.

Walter Baggett
Kate Dillon
Ron Gabel
Bill Gratz
Pam Kelly
Jack Kraft
Peter Lavery
Doug Ratford
John Steger
Jeff White

Norwood Beveridge
Michael Dillon
Alan Goldman
Ruth Harkin
Bob Kelly
Marie Lambert
Dennis McGrath
Irwin Staple
Cristiano Tannure
John Wroblewski

It is with regret that we inform you of the death of Ann Palmieri, the mother of WSPS commander Frank Palmieri. Mrs. Palmieri passed away on Saturday February 5th after battling cancer for over a year. The squadron wishes to express its sincere condolences to Frank, his father and the entire Palmieri family

Joint CCPS WSPS and CIPS Holiday Party

WSPS enjoyed a fabulous holiday party with CCPS and had the privilege of attending the City Island Power



Squadron party. CIPS in turn joined us at our party. This was a truly enjoyable event which was held at the New Rochelle Rowing Club on December 17, with absolutely delectable food and companionship – over 50 people attended. We enjoyed the presence of D/2 Executive Officer Frank DeBaggis and his wife Tena along with PDC Jeff Gerwig AP and PDC Martin Feldberg AP and their wives. In addition, we were privileged to have CIPS Commander Susan Taylor JN and husband Jeff and several members of her Bridge attend.

With the superb planning of CCPS P/C Virginia Moore and Lt/C Peggy Howland and the assistance of WSPS Commander Frank Palmieri and others we enjoyed plenty of delicious food provided by many talented cooks, presents, raffles and wonderful camaraderie with new and old friends. It was a great time to get together and reminisce about the fun sails and adventures we experienced together during the past boating season. We also had the opportunity to discuss new possibilities for the upcoming season. We had much to be thankful for as another year closes, and we appreciate all the more our boating friends and colleagues. Our only issue was we all forgot our cameras, but Ron Gabel, with the help of his cell phone was able to capture some of the party excitement.



SEO REPORT

With most boats tucked up for the winter months, and boaters have time to increase and improve their nautical knowledge we had a rather full schedule of classes and seminars this winter. The ABC Class ran for several weeks, and all attendees passed their exam with flying colors. We even had a special class for two new members. Commander Frank Palmieri was the primary instructor for these classes with assistance from Lt/C John Steger. The classes resulted in four new members, **Paul Schefflein, Dennis and Kathleen Troyanos, Eric Jacobs, and Teran Javier** to whom we extend a warm welcome. We also ran several excellent seminars, Chart Reading, GPS, VHF/DSC Marine Radio, and our upcoming Cruising Planning and Knots, Bends and Hitches seminars. The Cruise Planning Class and Engine Maintenance class were completed with all members passing with high grades. The Piloting class is now almost finished and we are confident that all students will do very well with their upcoming final exam.



Working with Other Squadrons

WSPS is pleased to announce we have been working with the City Island Power Squadron (CIPS) and continue to work with the Cross County Power Squadron to bring you more opportunities for classes and seminars. We will begin to publish all classes in the Bronx and lower Westchester for your convenience. We look forward to sharing more events with these two Squadrons.

Marie's Galley:

LINGUINE ALL' AMATRICIANA



2 tablespoons olive oil
 1/4 to 1/2 cup chopped pancetta or good bacon
 1 small onion, minced
 1 (28 oz.) can whole plum tomatoes, drained
 1 lb. linguine (or other long pasta)
 Salt and pepper to taste
 Grated Parmesan cheese
 Minced fresh parsley leaves

Bring a large pot of water to a boil. Place oil and bacon in medium skillet over medium heat. Cook, stirring, until the meat becomes crisp (about 10 minutes).

When meat is done, remove it with a slotted spoon, leaving the fat in the pan. Add the onion and cook, stirring, until it browns. Turn off the heat for a minute (this reduces spattering when adding the tomatoes).

Crush the tomatoes with a fork or your hands and add them to the pan. Turn the heat to medium-high. Cook, stirring occasionally, until the tomatoes break down and mixture becomes saucy, (10-15 minutes).

Salt the boiling water and cook pasta until tender but firm. Drain it, toss it with the sauce, and top with the reserved bacon, the Parmesan, and the parsley.

Serve, passing additional Parmesan at the table.

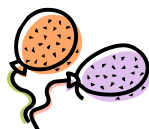
Serves 4 (Time: 30 minutes)

Answers to Baby Boomer Quiz on pg 2

1 - D, 2 - G, 3 - B, 4 - A, 5 - G
 6 - D, 7 - C, 8 - F, 9 - C, 10 - E

Westchester Sail & Power Squadron Calendar - 1st Half 2010

February 4	WSPS Executive Meeting
February 11	Seminar - VHF/DSC Marine Radio
February 27	D2 Winter Council
March 1	CIPS begin ABC Class - 8 classes
March 2	Begin ABC Class - 8 classes
March 4	Joint COW with CCPS
March 18	Seminar: Coastal Navigation
March 25	WSPS General Meeting
April 8	WSPS Executive Meeting-Ops. Training
April 9-10	D2 Spring Conference
April 15	Seminar: Knots, Bends and Hitches
April 24	Single Day ABC Class - 8 hrs
April 29	WSPS General Meeting
May 4	Begin Marine Electronics 8 classes
May 9	Americas Boating Class: 8 hrs one day
May 14	Seminar: TBD
May 22	National Safe boating Week
May 27	WSPS General Meeting-Ops. Training
May 29	Girl Scouts - Boating Safety Day
June 3	WSPS Exec Meeting
June 17	Begin Thursday night Sails/Friday night cruises



WSPS Birthdays:



JANUARY

John Sabatino	1-Jan
Jack Kraft	2-Jan
Paul Schfflein	8-Jan
Gil Landy	12-Jan
Doug Ratford	17-Jan
Irwin Staple	23-Jan
Peter Lavery	26-Jan
Ed Rippstein	28-Jan
Veronica Armour	31-Jan

FEBRUARY

Teran Javier	2-Feb
Herb Gardner	7-Feb
Luis Carter	9-Feb
Michael Quartararo	11-Feb

MARCH

Alan Goldman	4-Mar
Beatrice Boyajian	5-Mar
Kate Dillon	12-Mar
John Steger	16-Mar
Eugene Laska	17-Mar
Paul Okura	24-Mar
Kenneth Waldemar	27-Mar
C. Gustave Wormuth	22-Mar
Mary Broderick	30-Mar

WSPS wishes all members a healthy and happy birthday!

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and
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**ANNUAL CHANGE OF WATCH
Thursday 5 March 2010**



JOHN FOGARTY'S TOWN TAVERN
60 KRAFT AVENUE
BRONXVILLE, NEW YORK

1900 (7 p.m.) CASH BAR
2000 (8 p.m.) DINNER AND CEREMONIES FOLLOWING
(Dinner \$27.00 per person)
Dress Code: Uniform A or Suitable Attire

MENU

Choice of Mixed Green Salad or Soup
Choice of Broiled Sliced Ribeye Steak with Mushroom Sauce
or Chicken Francaise, or Filet of Salmon, or Leg of Lamb
Dessert: Apple Pie or Chocolate Cake
Coffee / Tea / Decaf

Town Tavern (914-337-1122)
is located across the street from the northbound side
of the Metro North Bronxville RR Station

-----DETACH HERE-----

Dinner reservations, accompanied by check made out to
CROSS COUNTY POWER SQUADRON
should be received **NO LATER** than 2 March 2009

NAME _____

GUEST _____

I am enclosing my check of \$ _____
for _____ number of dinners
@ \$27.00 per person

MAIL TO: Lt/C Virginia P. Moore
3 Undercliff Street
Yonkers, NY 10705
(If late, phone reservations to 914-963-9409

(Dinner Reservation is not mandatory
for attendance to the meeting/ceremony)



**United States Power Squadrons
District 2**



D/2 WINTER COUNCIL

Saturday, February 27, 2010

Mercury Grand Hotel

Forming the Best Western

2170 South Road, Poughkeepsie, New York

The cost for the day is \$ 29 - includes Continental Breakfast and complete Buffet Lunch.

General Directions:

From: South: Take the NY State Thruway (Interstate 87) North. Take Exit 17 (Stewart Airport) Route 300, Route 17K (Interstate 84 Newburgh). Take Route 300 North to Interchange 04 East. Take Interstate 84 East to Exit 13 (Ft. Wallkill, Poughkeepsie, Route 9, Poughkeepsie). At the end of the exit ramp, turn left onto Route 9 North. The Mercury Grand Hotel is approximately 9 miles on the right just past the Olive Garden.

From: North: Take the New York Thruway (Interstate 87) South, Exit 10 (New Paltz, Route 299 Poughkeepsie). At end of ramp, turn right onto Route 299 East, turned turn right onto Route 9W South. Take 9W South about 2 miles, follow Route 9W East to Mid Hudson Bridge (left). After crossing the bridge, take first exit on right to Route 9 South. The Mercury Grand Hotel is approximately 9 miles on the left.

From: East: Take Interstate 84 West. Take Exit 13 (Wallkill, Poughkeepsie, Route 9, Poughkeepsie). At the end of this exit ramp, turn right onto Route 9 North. The Mercury Grand Hotel is approximately 9 miles on the right just past the Olive Garden.

From: West: Take Interstate 84 East. Take Exit 13 (Wallkill, Poughkeepsie, Route 9, Poughkeepsie). At the end of this exit ramp, turn left onto Route 9 North. The Mercury Grand Hotel is approximately 9 miles on the right just past the Olive Garden.

Registration will begin at 0830

Reservations **MUST** be received by 12 February, 2010 - Late Registration fee \$10.00

Mail reservations to:

DILL Alexandra Digillo

25 Thomas Ave.

Fishkill, NY 12524

Questions - call (845) 895-6544

Cut & Mail

District 2 Winter Council Due 12 Feb. 2010

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BREAKFAST/LUNCH \$29.00 PER PERSON TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____
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Westchester Sail and Power Squadron

Presents

FOUR GREAT BOATING SEMINARS

ONE EVENING ON EACH TOPIC

1. How to Use a Nautical Chart Thursday, Dec. 10

Where to go and how to get there. Even with GPS and electronic navigation aids, the chart is needed to tell you what is around you and between you and your destination. Navigation aids, landmarks and contour lines are easy to identify, once you know how. We also have photos and descriptions of local harbors to make next summer's trip a snap! Instructor: Cmdr. Frank Palmieri AP

2. Using your GPS Thursday, Jan. 14

It's different from your car! Waypoint Navigation? You can do it. What the buttons do, what the screens show, and how to access the functions you need. Learn about the problems and traps in GPS and how to side-step them. Bring your own GPS unit, and we will try to help you out, but if you don't own a GPS, - come and learn what features to look for when you go want to buy one. Instructor: Cmdr. Frank Palmieri, AP

3. VHF & VHF/DSC marine Radio Thursday, Feb. 11

Learn about "The Red Button" VHF is useful on board - but how is it different from a cell phone? What about the RED BUTTON for search and rescue in event of emergency? How does it work - what do I have to do to make it work? Bring your VHF if you want and we will help answer your questions. Instructor: PIC Ron Gabesl AP

4. Basic Coastal Navigation Thursday, Mar. 18

Do you know how to get there safely? Simple boat navigation with GPS and electronics. Learning what navigation is and how to use the tools of navigation? How to plan for your trip and respond to special conditions. Solving for course, speed and distance using special techniques. Waypoint navigation fundamentals: Overview of electronic navigation. Considering water depth and tides. Instructor: Cmdr. Frank Palmieri AP

Each Seminar is \$25 per person (includes booklet and laminated guide)

Seminars start at 7:30 pm and go until 9:30 pm

ALL SEMINARS WILL BE HELD AT THE ROCHAMBEAU SCHOOL

228 Fischer Ave. White Plains

Register for any or all (take two get the 3rd free)
by sending an email to: lwsteeger@hotmail.com

Or calling 914-474-5520



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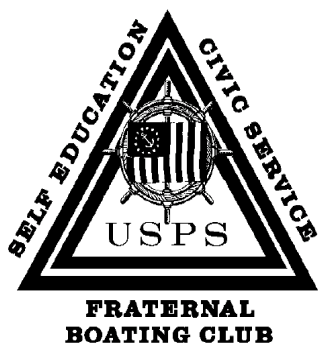
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