

CURRENT SET AND DRIFT

Fall 2013

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

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As we approach the end of the year, it is time for us to reflect on our accomplishments and start planning for 2014. Thanks to the great leadership of our Past Commanders and other squadron members our squadron now has a wide array of activities. Our Education Dept. is offering a variety of classes and seminars. We have been offering Thursday evening sails which bring more people to the pleasures of sailing. We are well represented at Boat Shows in Norwalk and Manhattan. We have interesting speakers at our monthly General Meetings and the list of our activities keep getting longer and more integrated with other boating organizations.

I am very appreciative of all the members of WSPS who volunteer their time to make these activities possible. I also want to specifically mention Orienta Yacht Club, Mamaroneck Beach & Yacht Club, Stuyvesant Yacht Club, Post Marine Store and all other external supporters who also are invaluable in making our activities possible.

Aside from the various activities we have traditionally been doing, I would like to share some of the new initiatives which have been underway to make the United States Power Squadron more visible and position our organization for successful future. Our Bridge Officers are aware of these new initiatives but we wanted to share the progress we are making with everybody in our squadron.

Please enjoy the pictures in this Newsletter which are a summary and reflection of all the wonderful activities and programs squadron members have initiated and been involved in this year.

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Change of Watch March 2013



The old Bridge is thanked for their service



New Commander Paul Okura is sworn in



The new bridge is sworn in



John gets his Past Commanders Flag



Bill and Jay



Joe, Aphrodite, Andy and Paul



Virginia and Guido



George, Howard, Marcia, Nancy, Harriet, & John

Flare/UP at Mamaroneck Beach and Yacht Club October 2013



Two groups firing off flares on the beach



A delightful spread of coffee and treats from MBYC



Paul instructing the past Commodore of the MBYC



Howard and Andrea at the Flare/Up



Frank and Bob firing a Solas



George and Andrea



Andy and Mel checking on equipment and flares

New York and Norwalk Boat Shows



Paul at the console at the New York Boat Show



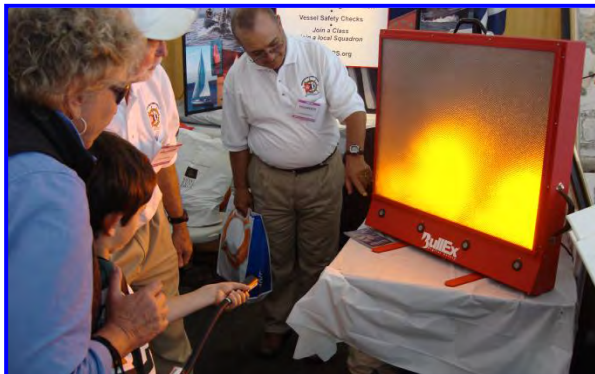
The USPS display at the New York Boat Show



Cristiano signing up a young boater at the NY Show



George controlling the Fire Laser at the NY Show



Andy demonstrating the Laser Extinguisher



John and a young boater at the Norwalk Show



Susan engaging a young boater at the Show



A crowd around our booth at the Norwalk Show

Boating Safety Week and the Memorial Day Parade



Our boating safety display at Post Marine Store



Frank and John staffing our booth



Our new marketing kiosk and canopy



Our boating safety week display



Andy driving our parade 560 SL Mercedes



Color Guard massing for the parade



Paul in his VSC jacket prepared to step off



Scarsdale HS band prepared to join the parade

Thursday Night Sails



Sunset over New Rochelle



Andy at the helm



Beautiful sunset from Frank's boat



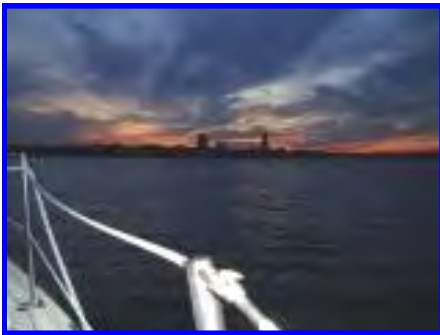
Content and sailing on John's boat



Crew on the bow of Russ' boat



Stepping Stones lighthouse



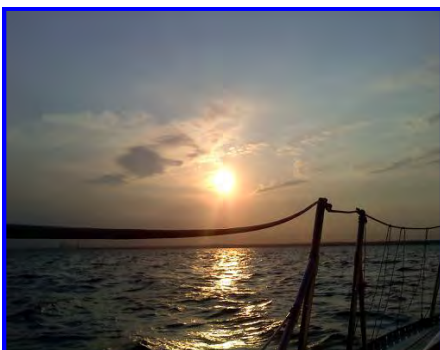
No sunset but it was a good sail



Andy hoisting the main sail



Harriet enjoying the evening breeze



The end of another wonderful sail



Dennis delighted at the helm



Guido and Kate, our crew



Classes, Seminars and On-The-Water Training



P/C Ron Gabel – Engine Maintenance



P/C Alan Goldman – Knots seminar



Students in Knots seminar



P/C Mel Goldstein – GPS seminar



Students in ABC Class



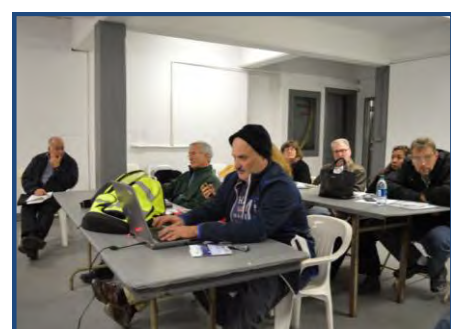
P/C Frank Palmieri – Piloting Instructor



Capt. Mike Miller – Sailing Class



Frank – with his on water Piloting class



Students at GPS seminar



On water part of sailing class



Louise takes a bearing in Piloting class



Paul at the helm in Piloting class

Vessel Safety Checks, and Youth Poster Contest



Andy prepared to accept requests for VSCs



Andy talking to John Mckiernan after a VSC



Oriental YC where we did some VSCs



Our Vessel Examiners with MYBC Commodore



Cassandra's National 2nd place youth poster



Cassandra receiving \$100 award check

Commander's Picnic – D2 Councils and Conferences



P/C George Okfat choosing his dessert



Choice of desserts provided by members



Enjoying the lobster/clambake with friends



Russ and Paul relaxing on the OYC porch



Bob, Pam and Guido at dinner



P/C Howard Sklar, accompanied by his family, being sworn in as the new District 2 Commander



SEO Andy Papademetriou attending D2 Summer Council



Cdr Paul Okura and P/D/C Susan Ryan at D2 Fall Conference

Super storm Sandy Devastated Some of Our Members



Piermont Yacht Club after Sandy



Another cruiser moved far off its blocks



Paul Okura's boat—a total loss!



Beginning of Sandy clean-up and recovery



Paul looking at the destruction of Sandy.



Frank's boat Fra-Jo-Li also a total loss



The twisted frame of Frank's boat



Several boats destroyed at Stuyvesant YC

WSPS and NY City of Water Day Festival



Bob Verona volunteered his boat



UN building in the background



NY Fire boat adds to the celebration



Motoring down the East River



Brooklyn Bridge was also visible



Paddlers enjoying the day



Paddlers arriving at Governors Is.



Kim from D4 and Paul from WSPS



NYC buildings in background



Young paddlers leaving
Governors Island

The City of Water Day is an annual event in NYC intended to bring together everything about the water that is exciting and fun, from port commerce to environmental education to active recreation. The event is a celebration of the potential of the waterfront. District 4 invited **WSPS** to participate with them and protect paddlers going from Liberty State Park, Manhattan and Brooklyn to Governors Island and back.



Paddlers with Statue of Liberty
in the background

General Meetings – A Pictorial Review



January Meeting – Beth Leonard
Director of Tech. Svcs. for BoatUS



Beth Leonard giving information on
how BoatUS responded to Sandy



Beth receiving appreciation plaque



Chris Corkery, of McMichaels ship yard
explaining decommissioning details



Capt. Mike Miller presenting chartering
and how to choose a charter company



Chris Corkery proposing use of a
tablet and software for navigation



Russ Michel explaining and
demonstrating **Active Captain**



Russ receiving appreciation plaque
from Commander Paul Okura

WSPS and NY State Boating Legislation



Commander Paul Okura with State Senator David Carlucci and Assemblywoman Sandy Galef, the sponsors of the Boating Legislation Bill, at the Press Conference in Albany



Cdr. Paul Okura and State Senator David Carlucci with Boating Safety sign at the Press Conference in Albany on May 20, 2013



Left: NY State Seal

Right: The Journal News interviewed Paul Okura and John Steger on June 12, 2013 about the boating legislation.. WSPS was an active supporter of the bill which was signed into law and takes effect on May 1, 2014



Thank You All

We would like to thank all those who provided pictures of and participated in the various Squadron events throughout the year. The WSPS Bridge did a great job and were supported by many members without whom, the Squadron could never have accomplished so much.

We hope all members will join in for our last event of the year which is the Holiday Party on December 12 at the Orienta Yacht Club. The announcement flyer is attached to this newsletter.

We wish you all a wonderful and Happy Holiday and a joyful New Year!

The editor.



Happy Holidays



WESTCHESTER SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON

Invite you to our

2013 HOLIDAY PARTY



DECEMBER 12, 2013
THURSDAY at 7 P.M. for Dinner
AT THE Orienta Yacht Club



\$20 per person

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



OUR FRIENDS FROM ORIENTA YACHT CLUB ARE ALSO INVITED

PLEASE BRING:

A "Toys for Tots" gift. An unwrapped gift for a boy or girl up to 16 years of age for this Marine program.-
A WRAPPED GIFT for the Holiday Gift Exchange -value about \$10 - marked man, woman, or unisex
A holiday appetizer or 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 & a game of skill!!!
- III. Wine and beer will be served. If you'd like "booze", bring your favorite.



Reservations needed by Friday, Dec. 7 so that we can order the appropriate amount of food

**RSVP: P/C Frank Palmieri 914. 424.2255 or Frankp56@optonline.net or
P/C John Steger 914 472-5520 or jwsteger@gmail.com**

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



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