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.
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 Sola; 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

Cristiano signing up a young boater at the NY Show

The USPS display at the New York Boat 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
Andy prepared to accept requests for VSCs

Orienta YC where we did some VSCs

Cassandra’s National 2nd place youth poster

Andy talking to John Mckiernan after a VSC

Our Vessel Examiners with MYBC Commodore

Cassandra receiving $100 award check
Commander’s Picnic – D2 Councils and Conferences

P/C George Okf at 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

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.
General Meetings – A Pictorial Review

January Meeting – Beth Leonard
Director of Tech. Sves. 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

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.
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 *

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
Westchester Sail and Power Squadron

Current Set and Drift
342 Heathcote Road
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