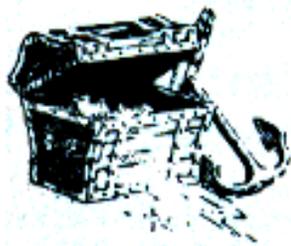


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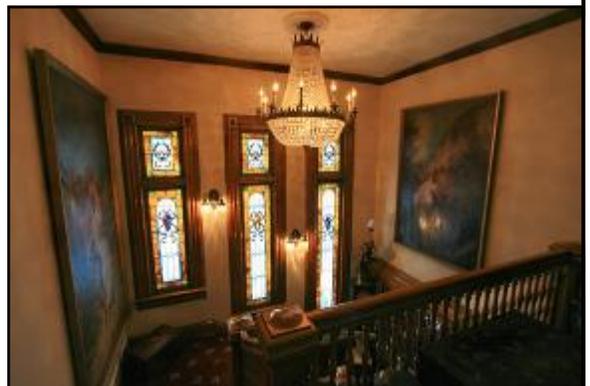
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## General Membership Meeting and Bundy Museum Guided Tour

**129 Main Street  
Binghamton, NY  
21 January 2015  
6:30 PM Tour  
7:30 PM Meeting**



In 1889, two brothers, Willard Bundy a jeweler and inventor, and Harlow E. Bundy, a young entrepreneur, opened a time recording clock company in downtown Binghamton. By the turn of the 20th century, thousands of workers were clocking in and out of work on Bundy Time Recorders. The company flourished, moved to Endicott, and eventually became IBM.

While the factories in Binghamton are now long gone, you can experience the world that spawned the Bundy Manufacturing Company at Harlow Bundy's home – now the Bundy Museum of History & Art, 129 Main St. on Binghamton's Westside.

The Bundy Museum seeks to not only honor the accomplishments of Binghamton's entrepreneurs like the Bundys, but also to pay respects to the culture that influenced them.

The Bundy Museum has given the Squadron a special price of \$5.00 per person for our guided tour. Our meeting will take place in the theater behind the museum at 7:30 PM after our 6:30 PM museum tour. Special arrangements will be made for those who wish to attend the meeting, but not the tour, by calling Commander Nancy at 775-4952.

If you thought you knew a lot about Binghamton's history I'm sure you will find out that there are some things you just didn't realize. This museum is chock full of Binghamton memorabilia and history.

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### Commander's Comments



Here's hoping that all my fellow members had a wonderful Christmas and Hanukah season with friends and family. I'm looking forward to a happy and healthy 2015 for everyone. I'd like to commend Jack Young, Karl Oakley, and Vonda Oakley on the great Sea Chest newsletters, especially the nice job done on the Holiday wishes printed for our members. It's always nice to see greetings from our friends.

As we come to the end of one year and begin a new one, it's time to think about which office you would like to hold. Les Smith or one of his committee persons will be contacting you soon. Be positive and help him fill our slate of officers. It's a rewarding experience and not nearly as difficult as you might expect. You gain insight into the organization as well as yourself and what you are capable of. Spring Conference will be held

17-19 April 2015 at The Holiday Inn in Binghamton. As you all know we will be hosting the conference. We now know the date and place, and we need to get to work to ensure a successful conference.

This year's Holiday party was a great success. Well attended, delicious food, fine company, and great entertainment. Thanks to Linda Daniels for the beautiful blue and silver centerpieces and to Jack Young for arranging our Magic Show. Dan the Magic Man was a lot of fun and very entertaining. It was a pleasure to have him there.

Several members, including, Ron and I, made the trip to Seneca Falls for the "It's a Wonderful Life" celebration. We met ZuZu, had our picture taken with celebrities from the show, took a horse and wagon ride around the town, and generally had a good time. Thanks to Tony and Denise Lenzo for steering us to a great restaurant for lunch.

January's meeting will be held at the Bundy Museum of History and Art, 129 Main Street, Binghamton. In 1889 Willard and Harlow Bundy opened a time recording clock company in Binghamton. As the company flourished it was moved to Endicott and eventually became IBM. The museum's collection ranges from early manufacturing and broadcasting artifacts to international art designed to enrich our local culture. All who wish can tour the museum from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM for our reduced rate of \$5.00. Our general membership meeting will follow in the theater behind the museum at 7:30 PM.

Our weather has been crazy lately. Snow for Thanksgiving, but none for Christmas. Maybe that means we will have Red Skies at Night from now on.

Commander *Nancy Bieber, S*

## Merit Mark Recipients for 2014

A merit mark is awarded by the Chief Commander to a member for substantial effort in personally furthering the interests, programs and objectives of USPS, its districts and squadrons. It is the only official recognition a member receives for his/her efforts. Only one merit mark per member may be awarded in a year, no matter how extensive the contribution. Recommendation for a merit mark is made by one's superiors.

A member who earns 25 merit marks is awarded lifetime membership without the need to pay membership dues.

This year's merit mark recipients are:

Anstey, Lynn	Lenzo, Denise
Bieber, Ron	Lenzo, Tony
Boll, Ken	Oakley, Karl
Daniels, David	Oakley, Vonda
Daniels, Linda	Olds, Dave
Gould, Donna	Rought, Linda
Gould, Bob	Rumrill, Donald
Herrick, William	Smith, Anna
Herz, Carol	Smith, Les
Jurena, Dave	Young, Jack
Kucharek, Bob	Young, Katie
Kucharek, Mary	



*It's a wonderful life in Bedford (Seneca) Falls and to prove it here is a picture of the Bieber', Lenzos and Youngs with mean old Mr. Potter and beautiful Violet.*

*We had a great time visiting the local stores and chatting with actors playing the roles of various movie characters. Some of us even went on a horse driven buggy ride.*

*It was a wonderful time in wonderful Bedford (Seneca) Falls.*

### In Memoriam

Members of the Susquenango Sail and Power Squadron wish to extend their condolences to the Ebbers family on the loss of Francis Ebbers.

Francis was the wife of P/C Phillip Ebbers, SN, our Commander in 1990. Francis was a devoted wife and dedicated to the mission of the Squadron. She was a delightful person and a pleasure to be around. She will be missed.

## A Thank You from the SeaChest Staff

The Staff of the SeaChest wishes to thank all those who extended Holiday Greetings to fellow members by placing their names on the cover or on cards within the Holiday issue. Thanks to your generosity the Squadron will be able to continue publishing the SeaChest.

The SeaChest is a self-supporting activity. Financial needs are met by donations, fund-raising activities and sponsors, whose business ads are published in each issue. Please remember to support our sponsors and mention seeing their ad in our SeaChest.

### Susquenango Class Schedule Spring 2015

Course	Start Date	Number of Sessions	Person Responsible/ Phone
Piloting	3 February 2015	10 Tuesdays 7—9 PM	Les Smith—797-7391 Bill Herrick—723-4818
Public Boating - 1	23 February 2015	5 Mondays 7-9 PM	Les Smith—797-7391
Public Boating - 2	20 April 2015 25 April 2015 27 April 2015	Mon 7—9 PM Sat 9am—4 PM Mon 7—9 PM	Les Smith—797-7391
Seamanship	5 May 2015	5 Tuesdays 7—9 PM	Les Smith—797-7391 Dave Jurena—786-5739

## Highlights of the December Executive Meeting

**Commander Nancy Bieber, S**, called the meeting to order at 1940.

**Lt/C Ann Smith, S**, reported that there was a quorum present. The minutes from the November General Membership Meeting were distributed and accepted.

**P/D/Lt/C Jack Young, AP**, submitted the treasurer's report.

**Lt/C David Olds, AP**, stated that there was no need for a change to the bylaws regarding the cancellation of the post office box. SeaChest return mail goes to Jack Young's home address. Any documents from the state go to David Old's home address (the state's address of record for the squadron).

The Sam's Club membership renewals take place in January. Each person should take care of their own renewal at Sam's Club before the end of January 2015.

**Lt/C Les Smith, AP**, submitted a report detailing the scheduled classes for spring 2015. There will be two ABC classes offered and one Seamanship class. All classes will be taught at the Johnson City High School. There was discussion about the ABC class (for children only) which is expected to be taught by JoAnn and J. C. Rohde, N. JoAnn is in contact with the Seneca Squadron which has offered this course before. Also, steps are being taken to have JoAnn become a NYS certified instructor.

**P/R/C Dave Daniels, SN**, commented that the ABC class books and exams will be updated in the next couple of months and asked Les to be aware of this when ordering the books and exams for the upcoming classes.

**P/C Bob Gould, AP**, reported that the squadron currently has 66 members.

**P/D/Lt/C Jack Young, AP**, stated that he had one returned SeaChest newsletter that was mailed to Barry Wood. He asked if anyone had an updated address for him.

**Lt/C Mary Kucharek**, stated that she is initiating the advertising for the spring 2015 classes.

**Membership Involvement:** The January Membership meeting will be held at the Bundy Museum of History and Art located at 129 Main Street, Binghamton on Wednesday, January 21st. The evening will start with the members touring the museum at 6:30 p.m. The membership meeting will be held in the museum meeting room at 7:30 p.m. The cost per member for the tour is \$5.00.

**Commander's Comments:** Nancy Bieber commented that the Christmas party was a good time. She presented a certificate of appreciation to Dan Young (accepted by Jack and Katie Young) for his magical performance at the party.

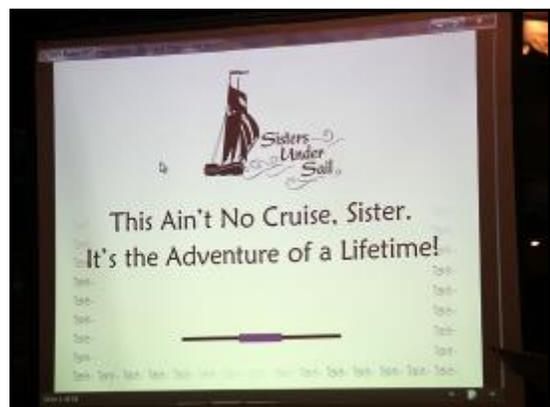
**New Business:** A presentation on the Sisters Under Sail program for teenage girls was shown to the squadron by Commander Nancy. A motion was made by Jack Young, and seconded by Les Smith, that the squadron request a USPS Education Grant for \$1,500.00 to sponsor a teenage girl related to an actively deployed military person or fallen hero at the Captain's sponsorship level. In addition, the Squadron sponsorship will be noted on the Sisters Under Sail website. The motion passed. Nancy Bieber will be the officer overseeing this project.

The meeting adjourned at 2025.

Excerpted from the Squadron meeting minutes submitted by Secretary Ann Smith



Katie and Jack Young accepting a certificate of appreciation for Dan Young for his magic show presentation at our Holiday party.



Cover slide of the Sisters under sail program for teenage daughters of military personnel.



### USPS Educational Grant Request

I am so excited about our decision to submit a USPS Educational Grant Request that I want to share with you the actual description of the project that was submitted. I wanted to get it submitted prior to the National Conference in Jacksonville, Florida in hopes of getting a response as soon as possible. The description is as follows:

#### Sisters Under Sail

We are requesting USPS to provide a scholarship for an educational program aboard the S/V Denis Sullivan to the daughter of a deployed US military person or daughter of a Fallen Hero. Sisters Under Sail is a not-for-profit organization that provides tall ship sailing skills, builds confidence and leadership in girls through innovative programs based on rich maritime traditions working with a professional all-female crew.

The S/V Denis Sullivan is a member of Tall Ships of America and Wisconsin's official flagship. Through collaboration with Sisters Under Sail, also a member of Tall Ships of America, this Great Lakes schooner focuses on environmental science that enhances the leadership program.

During a weeklong sail, girls are assigned to "watch groups" alongside crew to perform tasks necessary for a successful voyage. Professional facilitators help participants set goals related to lessons including setting sail, navigation, piloting, knot tying, engine room maintenance, shipboard communication, and helmsmanship. Nightly the girls are encouraged to translate these skills into life lessons in terms of responsibility, dealing with unexpected obstacles, handling fears, and working as a team through increased confidence.

Through this sailing opportunity we aim to honor a girl who faces everyday teenage challenges as well as the challenge of having a parent deployed for months on end. The sponsored applicant must complete an essay and provide references. They are asked to contribute \$200 toward their voyage establishing a legacy fund to support future scholarships. Upon completion, the girls will be required to host/attend a peer event to share their experiences and pass on their knowledge of sailing.

With tenacity and compassion already instilled deeply in their hearts, the military daughter has the potential to soar to infinite height. Our support will honor this girl by giving her the tools and encouragement needed to fly for many years.

Submitted by

Commander Nancy Bieber

Those who don't know their history are doomed to repeat it.

You have to expose who you are so that you can determine what you need to become."

Cynthia A. Patterson:



#### On The Horizon

#### Susquenango Events

01/21/2015  
6:30 PM Tour  
7:30 Meeting

General Membership Meeting &  
Bundy Museum Tour  
129 Main Street  
Binghamton, NY

## Ten Essential Tools to Carry on Your Boat

What do you do when the latch that secures the lid on your livewell won't lock and you just finished throwing a cast net for two hours so that you'd have enough bait for a day of fishing? Or, when you are boating around the lake with your family, and then realize that you left one of your drain plugs back at the dock? These are two examples of situations when having the right tools on board can help save the day. While large boats will often require additional tools since they have more mechanical parts, the below is a good basic list of essential tools to use in a starter kit.

1. *Pliers*. Make sure you have a good pair of pliers on board that will resist corrosion and rust. Pliers can be used to take hooks out of fish, rig wire leaders, and they come in handy for minor repair tasks. Buy a pair that has built-in line cutters if possible.
2. *Extra Drain Plugs*. It's always a good idea to keep extra drain plugs on board in case one gets lost, falls into the water, or is left behind at the dock.
3. *Multi-Tool*. Find a heavy duty multi-tool that is corrosion-resistant (keep in mind that even when tools are corrosion-resistant, they will last longer if you rinse them in a bucket of freshwater after each use). The extra tools that are included in many of the multi-tools on the market, such as files or scrapers, won't be found in standard tool kits, but can be very useful on a boat.
4. *Wrenches and Screwdrivers*. It's best to make sure that your tool kit includes wrenches and screwdrivers. These can be used for basic fix-it tasks, such as replacing lights or fuse blocks. Many marine stores even sell tool kits in waterproof or floating boxes that are compact and convenient.
5. *Flashlight or Marine Light*. You may not plan on being on your boat after sunset; however, you don't always know what may happen to cause your plans to change. Always keep a working flashlight or marine light on board in the event that you need it for reading navigation markers and taking care of boat maintenance tasks.
6. *Extra Flashlight Batteries and Spark Plugs*. Always keep a set of back up batteries for your flashlight and spare spark plugs.
7. *Duct Tape*. Duct tape can be used in a pinch for temporary pipe repairs or to patch minor leaks.
8. *Tie Wraps*. Tie wraps are helpful in a number of situations, but they are most often used to hold wiring or hoses out of the way.
9. *Scissors*. A pair of utility scissors will come in handy for tasks such as trimming cable ties, cutting through rope or net, and for cutting natural baits.
10. *Socket Set*. Buy a portable socket set to keep on board for changing fuel filters or repairing hatch latches. An 11-piece socket set will work well for a smaller boat and won't take up much storage space.



Submitted by Mary Kucharek

## Holiday Party 2014 At Owego Treadway Inn



# More Holiday Party 2014



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