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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:

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Bieber, Nancy	Oakley, Vonda
Boll, Ken	Olds, Dave
Daniels, David	Park, Justin
Daniels, Linda	Penny, Frank
Gould, Donna	Penny, Grace
Gould, Bob	Rohde, John
Herrick, William	Rohde, Joann
Herz, Carol	Rought, Linda
Kucharek, Bob	Smith, Anna
Kucharek, Mary	Smith, Les
Lenzo, Denise	Young, Jack
Lenzo, Tony	

20 January 2016

**General Membership Meeting
&
All You Can Eat
Pizza, Wings and Salad
Coffee, Tea and Soft Drinks
\$13.00 Inc. tax & tip**

**Brother's 2
Endwell, NY**

**6:00 Pm Dinner
7:00 PM Meeting**

How do you like our new heading banner?

National has issued a new 'Branding Manual' which has requirements that will bring all USPS® references into conformity. In the future when USPS® is referred to in print form the public will see the same logos. This will make our brand more easily recognizable and identify us as the premium boating educational association.

The new banner was designed by Dave Olds, Karl Oakley and Jack Young.

Change of Watch

Reserve this date—19 March 2016

More details to follow in later issues.

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Commander's Column



Reflecting back on 2015, I'm struck by the number of significant events that occurred for our Squadron and for me personally.

The year's highlights began with Change of Watch, and with me becoming Commander. Soon afterward our Squadron hosted a very successful District 6 Spring Conference at which two of our own were installed, Bill Herrick, JN, as District Commander and Nancy Bieber, P, as District Administrative Officer.

Our Squadron received a large grant from the USPS Educational Fund allowing us to provide a *Sisters Under Sail* scholarship for a U.S. military daughter to learn and sail aboard a tall ship.

We salvaged the canceled Squadron Summer Rendezvous with a great get-together at the St Lawrence River in September.

At the District 6 Fall Conference in Auburn, the USPS Governing Board honored Lt Bob Kucharek, P, for his 50 years of membership, all with our Susquenago Sail & Power Squadron. We also enjoyed several other occasions including fun times at the Halloween, Thanksgiving and Holiday parties

On the personal side, both my wife Missy and I fully retired in 2015. After her recovery from two major surgeries and some other medical issues, we were finally able to begin working on emptying our bucket list. Our first objective in retirement is to do more long-distance traveling to visit family and friends that are spread across the country. After years of saving and looking to find a small affordable motor home, the planets aligned and we found the perfect unit last Spring. So far, we have succeeded in making two major trips—one to the coast of Maine and another to Minnesota to visit my sister and family.

For the Squadron, looking ahead to this New Year, many activities have already been planned including new educational opportunities and the District 6 Summer Rendezvous in the Finger Lakes. (see page 11 of [The Deep 6](#))

Watch for new special events that are being developed for our Squadron. They will be announced in a future *SeaChest* edition.

The Squadron faces some challenges this year to fill Bridge positions, maintaining membership and finding ways to gain new members. I am thankful, however, that we are currently financially sound and that we have a solid and faithful core membership. I'm confident we can move beyond these issues and continue our exceptional organization.

Please join us on 20 January 2016 for our General Membership Meeting with a Pizza, Wings and Salad Dinner at Brothers 2 Restaurant. (see notice in this issue)

I wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Dave

Commander David Olds, AP

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.

How Smart Are You?

A woman from New York married ten different men from that city, yet she did not break any laws. None of the men died, and she never divorced. How was this possible? **Ans.** *She was a Justice of the peace.*

An electrician and a plumber were waiting in line for admission to a home show. One of them was the father of the others son. How could this be possible?

Ans. They were husband and wife.

Nominations

Change of Watch is fast approaching. What a wonderful opportunity for our members to volunteer to serve on our bridge. Being a bridge member is a prestigious position. Contact 1st/Lt Les Smith at 607/797-7391 (lsmith84@stny.rr.com) and tell him you want to help out the squadron and serve on our bridge.

We also need other positions filled and Les will be happy to tell you what they are and discuss the duties of office for these and the bridge positions.

Our squadron provides a valuable service to our community. Be part of our team. Volunteer. It's the popular American way to be of service.

Congratulations

Robert W. Arnold and Paula W. Williams have been members of Susquenango Sail & Power Squadron for 25 years. In recognition of this distinction, a special gold-wreathed 25-year pin will be awarded to each of them at our 20 January 2016 meeting at Brothers 2 Restaurant in Endwell, NY.

Susquenango Sail & Power Squadron 2016 Class Schedule

Course	Start Date	Number Sessions	Person Responsible/Phone
ABC³ Public Safe Boating Must attend all sessions	15 February 6:30 to 9:00 PM 1st Night 7 to 9 PM Successive Nights	5 Successive Tuesday nights Last night is final exam	Les Smith 797-7391 Ken Boll 757-0072
ABC³ Public Safe Boating Must attend all sessions	25 April 7 to 9 PM 30 April 8 AM to 4 PM 02 May 7 to 9 PM	Monday Saturday Monday (Final Exam)	Les Smith 797-7391 Ken Boll 757-0072

All classes are held at the Johnson City High School Main Cafeteria



On the Horizon Susquenango Events

20 January
Dinner 6:00 PM
Meeting 7:00 PM

General Membership Meeting
Pizza, Salad & Wings
Brother's 2
Endwell, NY

17 February
7:00 PM

Executive Meeting
Brother's 2
Endwell, NY

19 March

Change of Watch

District Events

15 -18 July

District 6 Summer Rendezvous
Watkins Glen to Ithaca



AKZO Nobel Coatings
Meguiars Marine Care Products

3104 Ash Road
Vestal, N.Y. 13850
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Christmas 2015



Book by **Tom Jones**
 Music by **Harvey Schmidt**
 Lyrics by **Tom Jones**
 Based on Les Romanesques by **Edmond Rostand**

January 28 - February 14

Musical

Talk about a time-proven audience-pleaser! "Try To Remember" a time when this romantic charmer wasn't enchanting audiences – it's the longest-running musical in the world, and with good reason. *The Fantasticks* is a funny and romantic musical about a boy, a girl, and their two fathers who try to keep them apart. The narrator, El Gallo, asks the audience to use their imagination and follow him into a world of pure simplicity that manages to be nostalgic and universal at the same time. The boy and the girl fall in love, grow apart, and finally find their way back to each other. Engaging the audience's imagination and showcasing a strong ensemble cast, its moving tale of young lovers who become disillusioned, only to discover a more mature, meaningful love is punctuated by a bountiful series of catchy, memorable songs, many of which have become classics.



Our Member involvement Chair person, Nancy Bieber, would like to know if anyone in the Squadron would like to attend the dress rehearsal of the latest Cider Mill Playhouse presentation-*The Fantasticks*-on Wednesday, 27 January. If so, please let Nancy know by the next meeting night, 20 January. Nancy will pick up the tickets, which are \$15.00, and meet everyone at 7:00 PM in the playhouse lobby. Nancy's phone number is 775-4952.



Bright Ideas To Help You With Your Boating Chores

Every now and then, pour a shot of cooking oil into your marine toilet, especially if it's difficult to pump. This will lubricate the seals, "O" rings and moving parts.

If you are going to bathe in salt water use shampoo or joy. A rich cleaning lather will result.

Add a little rice to your salt shaker to help keep the contents flowing easily.

Formula for figuring out how much bottom paint in gallons you'll need for one coat. One coat = your boat's LOA x Beam x .85 divided by square feet covered per gallon listed on the paint can.

For two cycle engines that require a 50: 1 mix of oil to gas, use one pint of oil for every six gallons of gas. For a 100: 1 mix of oil to gas use 1/2 pint of oil for every six gallons of gas.

After washing the interior of your boat, add a small amount of Mildicide powder to the rinse water. This will keep the interior mildew free longer.

To remove mildew from the interior walls of your boat pour two tablespoons of non-chlorine bleach into a spray bottle. Spray then wipe. It cleans the mildew away and will help prevent the mildew from coming back.

Increasing a propeller's pitch by one inch will reduce the rpm by 50 to 100.

Next time you haulout, polish your propeller then coat it with Teflon grease. No living critter can hold onto it. It will last for months.

In clear water, to determine your distance from the horizon, use this formula. Distance from the horizon = 1.17 x the square root of the height above the sea in feet.

To find the eye of a hurricane, face the wind and with your right hand, point 112 degrees to your right. In the southern hemisphere face the wind and with your left hand, point 112 degrees to your left.

For a quick clean up of your fish blood stained and smelly cutting board, rub in meat tenderizer paste, let sit for 20 minutes. Rinse with cool water then rub with half of a lime.

Use liquid neoprene to seal electrical connections that won't stay dry. It seals as well as insulates.

Try unplugging your trailer's light harness from your tow vehicle before backing up into the cold water. This will maximize bulb life, because the bulb won't be subjected to the thermal shock.

To eliminate corrosion, increase durability and improve serviceability of trailer light bulbs, boat running lights, remove each bulb and coat the metal base with dielectric grease.

Excerpted from BoatSmart.com

Try to Keep a Straight Face

ATTORNEY: What gear were you in at the moment of the impact?

WITNESS: Gucci sweats and Reeboks.

ATTORNEY: She had three children, right?

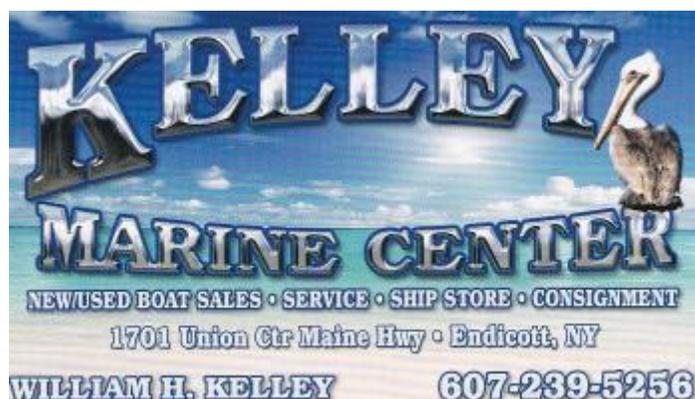
WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: How many were boys?

WITNESS: None.

ATTORNEY: Were there any girls?

WITNESS: Your Honor, I think I need a different attorney. Can I get a new attorney?



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