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## Change of Watch and Founder's Day

**19 March 2016**

**Saturday**

**Jonathan's**

**534 Hooper Road, Endwell, N.Y.**

**Cocktails 6:00 PM    Dinner 6:45 PM**

**Cash Bar**

**\$28.95 Per Person - Tax and Tip Included**

Appetizer

Entrées

Choice of Delmonico Steak, Chicken Piccata, or Stuffed Flounder

Baked Potato, Vegetables, Salad & Breads

Dessert

Coffee or Tea

**Reservations: Linda Rought - 607/760-6388**  
**Reservation/Cancellation Deadline - 14 March**



**Note: The restaurant will charge the squadron for the number of reservations made for our Founders Day event. Persons failing to cancel reservations prior to the deadline date will be expected to pay for their dinners.**

### **Explanation of Change of Watch and Founder's Day Event**

Change of Watch is the time when we change our bridge members. Traditionally the Commander steps down and the remaining bridge members step up one position. Recently, our Commanders have agreed to accept the position for two years.

Founders Day celebrates the founding of our squadron. We were incorporated in June 1956. We will be 60 years old in June 2016. We are commemorating the anniversary at this event. Please join us if you can. I believe you'll really enjoy it.

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<b>Education Officer.....</b>	Lt/C Leslie J. Smith, AP	(797-7391)	P/Lt/C Donna M. Gould	(258-0023)
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## Commander's Column



This is the time of year we begin feeling the urge to look at the boating catalogs and publications to see what's new. It's also time to possibly take in a boat show or two. The Central New York Boat Show will be held Thursday, 18 February, through Sunday, 21 February, at the New York State Fairgrounds. Syracuse Sail & Power Squadron will host and we have been invited to participate. D/Lt/C Jeff Freedman, AP, has again arranged to have the Boating Skills Virtual Trainer (BSVT) available for demonstrations. This is a boating simulator for marine craft. The BSVT is a USPS training unit that has three 20-inch monitors, a steering wheel with trim tab controls, a throttle, and a computer program that simulates on-the-water boating situations. Please contact me if you would like to help out at the booth and I will arrange free

admission to the show.

At our December meeting I introduced the concept of developing a Strategic Plan for our Squadron. The plan is something our National organization and some squadrons in our district have created to help organize their efforts to gain new members, offer more courses and, more importantly, to help secure their future. It's no secret that many organizations, including ours, have been losing more members than they have gained for various reasons. I'm not ringing the alarm bell and I don't believe our squadron is going away any time soon; however, I feel it is prudent for everyone to understand our situation and for us to learn the wishes and desires of our members with regard to the future of our Squadron. Some squadrons in our district have had some success at beating the odds and have even increased their membership. There are plans to share this information and other ideas throughout the District. I plan to bring those ideas to you in a special meeting in the Spring after the snow birds return.

This SeaChest issue contains the Nominating Committee Report with the proposed slate of officers for the next Change of Watch on 19 March 2016. I wish to express my sincere appreciation to all those who have agreed to stay on for another term and especially to Mary Kucharek who will become our new Secretary and to Ann Smith who will take over as our Public Relations Officer.

I would like to express our appreciation to Bob Arnold, AP, and Paula Williams, P, who were both recognized at our last meeting for being members of USPS and Susquenago Sail & Power Squadron for 25 years. Bob taught Seamanship for our squadron for 10 years. He attended the meeting and was presented with a special gold wreathed pin. Paula's award will be sent to her with our gratitude.

Lt/C Les Smith, AP, & P/Lt/C Ken Boll, P, reminds us that the next ABC<sup>3</sup> Public Safe Boating Course begins on Tuesday, 16 February at JCHS. Proctors are needed, so please contact Ken if you're able to help out.

Please join us for our annual Change of Watch & Founder's Day event on Saturday 19 March at Jonathan's Restaurant in Endwell. Cocktails are at 6:00 PM and are on me. Dinner is at 6:45 PM with meeting to follow.

Warmest Regards,

**Dave**

Commander David Olds, AP

## Bridgette Hobart Janeczko Accomplishments

Bridgette Hobart Janeczko, daughter of Dr. Richard and Margie Hobart, longtime members of the Susquenango Sail and Power Squadron, is the first documented person to swim the length of nine of the Finger Lakes. She was not allowed to swim Hemlock and Canadice Lakes as they are water sources for the city of Rochester.

This past summer she spent most of her weekends swimming the length of the lakes with a dedicated crew and her husband, Bob, kayaking beside her. She began her challenge on Canandaigua Lake on 11 July taking 7 hours and 38 minutes. The following weekend she conquered Keuka Lake in 9 hours and 7 minutes. Skaneateles Lake was completed on 26 July in 7 hours and 27 minutes.

Bridgette's parents, along with Susquenango members Bob and Mary Kucharek, were at Treman Marina boat launch on 8 August to welcome Bridgette as she finished her 38 mile swim of Cayuga Lake in 20 hours and 33 minutes. Seneca Lake is the same Length as Cayuga, but due to poor weather conditions it took 24 hours and 33 minutes for completion on 29 August. During the September 18 and 19 weekend she swam Honeoye Lake in 2 hours and 2 minutes and Canesus Lake in 3 hours and 46 minutes. She completed her swim of Owasco Lake on 26 September in 5 hours and 57 minutes after completing Otisco Lake the day before in 2 hours and 56 minutes.

In all, she swam for 129 hours to master the Finger Lakes swim. She also swam the English Channel in September 2014 and 120 miles of the Hudson River in June 2015. For her year-long performance as she balanced work, family and organization of her charity swims, Bridgette was given the *World Open Water Swimming Woman of the Year Award*. She also received the 2015 Distinguished Alumni Award from Nazareth College. Pretty amazing feat. We are proud of you, Bridgette.

**Contributed by D/Lt/C Nancy Bieber, P**



Bridgette with her parents, Dr. Richard and Margie Hobart, after her swim of Cayuga lake on 8 August 2015

Photo by Mary Kucharek

### Susquenango Sail & Power Squadron Winter 2016 Class Schedule

Course	Start Date	Number Sessions	Person Responsible/Phone
<b>ABC<sup>3</sup> Public Safe Boating</b> Must attend all sessions	16 February 6:30 to 9:00 PM 1st Night	5 Successive Tuesday nights	Les Smith 797-7391
	7 to 9 PM Successive Nights	Last night is final exam	Ken Boll 757-0072
<b>ABC<sup>3</sup> Public Safe Boating</b> Must attend all sessions	25 April 7 to 9 PM	Monday	Les Smith 797-7391
	30 April 8 AM to 4 PM	Saturday	Ken Boll 757-0072
	02 May 7 to 9 PM	Monday (Final Exam)	

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



### On the Horizon Susquenango Events

17 February 7:00 PM	Executive Meeting Brothers 2 Endwell, NY
19 March Saturday 6:00 PM Cocktails 6:45 PM Dinner & Meeting	Change of Watch & General Membership Meeting Jonathan's Endwell, NY

### District Events

15 -17 April	District 6 Spring Conference Holiday Inn-Auburn-Finger Lakes 75 North St. Auburn, NY
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## Nominating Committee Report

In accordance with the provisions of the Susquenango Sail & Power Squadron By-Laws, Article 11, the Nominating Committee submits the following nominations for office for the 2016-2017 year:

### Executive Committee Members

#### Elected Officers

Commander	David Olds, AP
Executive Officer	Vacant
Education Officer	Leslie J. Smith, AP
Administrative Officer	Linda Rought, P
Secretary	Mary Kucharek
Treasurer	John Young, AP

#### Elected Committees:

Immediate Past Commander	Nancy Bieber, P
Local Board of Boating	Leslie Smith, AP Kenneth Boll, P
Local Bd of Advd Grades	Lowell W. Stever, Jr., SN
Local Bd of Elect Grades	Lowell W. Stever, Jr., SN
Membership Committee	Robert Gould, AP
Members at Large	Ronald Bieber, S Karl Oakley, P William Herrick, JN Robert Gould, AP Ken Boll, P Tony Lenzo, P Donna Gould Ann Smith, S

#### Elected Officers and Committees (not part of the Executive Committee)

Assistant. Education Officer	Don Rumrill, P
Assistant. Secretary	Margaret Olds, S
Assistant. Treasurer	Catherine Young, S

#### Auditing Committee:

Carol Herz, S

#### By-Laws and Rules Committee:

David Olds, AP  
John J. Young, AP

#### Nominating Committee:

Chairman	Leslie Smith, AP
One Year	Vacant
Immediate past Commander	Nancy Bieber, P

Each nominee has been personally contacted, made aware of the duties of the office and has accepted the nomination for that office.

Respectively Submitted  
Leslie Smith, AP  
Chairman Nominating Committee

## General Membership Meeting January 2016



“Bob Arnold receives congratulations and a Gold Wreath Pin from Commander Dave Olds for his 25 years of membership in USPS and Susquenango Sail and Power Squadron.”



Bob Kucharek displays a bound album of old SeaChests.



An evening at the Cider Mill Playhouse.

## Highlights of the Executive Meeting—16 December 2015

**Commander David Olds, AP**, called the meeting to order at 1907.

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

**P/D/Lt/C Jack Young, AP**, distributed the treasurer's report which indicated a decrease in the account balance.

**Education Officer Lt/C Les Smith, AP**, reported that requests to use the Johnson City High School for two ABC classes were submitted at the beginning of December. The class schedule is on page three of this issue. As soon as the approval for use of the facilities is received, Les will notify Dave Olds and Lt/C Mary Kucharek to produce ads on the website and in the local newspapers.

**Membership** reported that the squadron currently has 65 members including 15 life members.

**P/D/Lt/C Jack Young, AP**, called on SeaChest business manager, Lt Vonda Oakley, who reported that Auto Finishers renewed their ad for the next year. Also, letters were sent to marinas to ask for donations and advertisements for the SeaChest. A response from Kelley Marine Center was received and they agreed to place an ad in the SeaChest.

**Lt Linda Rought, P**, announced that the next meeting will be a General Membership meeting on Wednesday, 20 January at Brothers 2. (pizza dinner at 6:00 PM and meeting at 7:00 PM)

**D/Lt/C Nancy Bieber, P**, announced that arrangements have been made to attend the Cider Mill Playhouse dress rehearsal presentation of "*The Fantasticks*", a musical with lyrics by Tom Jones, on Wednesday, 27 January at 7:00 PM. Contact Nancy Bieber for more information and tickets.

**Old Business:** The OD2 form must be completed by the nominating committee with the list of next year's Executive Committee Members and Elected Officers and Committees. Replacements are needed for the Secretary and Executive Officer. Dave Olds received a reminder from the chief commander regarding having a successor in place for the Executive Officer. The proposed nominations will be submitted to the SeaChest for the February issue.

**New Business:** There was a review and discussion of the squadron policies (which define items not covered by the squadron bylaws). A motion was made by Nancy Bieber, seconded by Linda Rought and carried to accept several updates that were presented.

There was a discussion on placing the Baker/Rought fund in a separate bank account. The item will be discussed further at the next meeting when more details are available. Also discussed was the development of a strategic plan for the Squadron including methods for attracting new members. This is an ongoing item that will be discussed further at the next meeting.

The Susquenago *Change of Watch* will be held on 19 March 2016 and will combine with the regular March General Membership Meeting. The appropriate USPS principles were notified of the change.

The meeting was adjourned at 2037.

Excerpted from the December meeting minutes submitted by Lt/C Ann Smith—Secretary.

### Smile, They're Cute

Energizer Bunny arrested - charged with battery.

A pessimist's blood type is always b-negative.

I used to work in a blanket factory, but it folded.

A hangover is the wrath of grapes.

Corduroy pillows are making headlines.

Sea captains don't like crew cuts.

Without geometry, life is pointless.

A successful diet is the triumph of mind over platter.

### Mark Your Calendar

15 -17 April District 6 Spring Conference  
Holiday Inn-Auburn-Finger Lakes  
75 North St. Auburn, NY

Room Reservation Deadline: 18 March 2016

If you are planning to attend, contact Commander  
Dave Olds (669-4482)



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