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There's Still Time

Change of Watch and Founder's Day

(This is the only meeting this month)

11 March 2017
Saturday

Jonathan's
534 Hooper Road, Endwell, N.Y.

Cocktails 6:00 PM Dinner 6:45 PM
Cash Bar
\$30.00 Per Person - Tax and Tip Included

Appetizer

Entrées

Choice of Delmonico Steak, Chicken Piccata, or Stuffed Flounder
Baked Potato, Vegetables, Salad & Breads and Dessert
Coffee or Tea

Reservations: Linda Rought - 607/760-6388
Reservation/Cancellation Deadline - 06 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.



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A new updated roster will be printed after Change of Watch. Please review the current roster and send any changes or corrections to Jack Young at jyoung6@stny.rr.com or mail to Jack Young, 8 Schiller St., Binghamton, NY 13905. Be especially watchful for cell phone numbers, e



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Commander's Column

As Change of Watch approaches, I have mixed emotions writing this last column as your Commander. In a way I'm pleased to be finished with my term in order to have a little more time for traveling, but there was more that I had hoped to accomplish. I really wished to find some good way to increase our membership. However, looking at recent ideas and the accomplishments our Squadron has made these past several years, I believe we have done a lot to secure our future. This could not have been done without the dedication and hard work of our core members. Their efforts have been extraordinary and so very much appreciated. I have enjoyed doing what I could to help along the way.

We recently formed two committees to organize and set plans to reach out to the community to improve our presence and ultimately increase our membership. I am pleased to report that both committees have had productive meetings and plans are well under way to accomplish their missions.

The first committee met on 01 February with the goal of promoting our Squadron through regional marine dealers and marinas by offering boating education and reduced membership cost to new and used boat buyers. Committee members will attempt to meet with the owners and managers to thoroughly inform them about our organization and what we can offer their customers. We also expected this will build a stronger relationship and cooperation with our Squadron. This marina outreach program will begin in early March.

The second committee met on 15 February and organized a Squadron Speakers Bureau to bring attention to our education programs and mission by offering to speak to other groups in our community. The committee is working to produce an interesting program and to have a speaker available when requested.

The 2017 Central New York Boat Show was 16-19 February at the NYS Fairgrounds in Syracuse. Syracuse Squadron had arranged for a large booth and invited other district squadrons to help greet the public. Bob & Mary Kucharek along with Les & Ann Smith represented our Squadron by helping in the booth. Both couples stated that it was an enjoyable and interesting experience. Les reported that he made several good contacts and tried, with some success, the techniques recently learned from the USPS Primer PowerPoint presented at our last meeting by D/C Bill Herrick, JN.

Our ABC³ Safe Boating courses is on page 3 and Seamanship is now scheduled to begin on 16 May 2017.

Please join us for our Change of Watch on 11 March at Jonathan's. The reservation deadline, 06 March, is fast approaching. Call Linda Rought - 607-760-6388, to make your reservation today.

It's now time to welcome and turn the helm over the very capable hands of P/C Mike Acciai, AP. I am grateful to Mike and our Bridge who will support him. I feel confident that under Mike's guidance, our Squadron will continue to improve and carry on for many years.

In closing, my sincerest thanks to you all for your kindness and help these past two years. I look forward to continue helping the Squadron in whatever way I can.

Warmest Regards,
Dave
Cdr David Olds, AP

Highlights of the 15 February 2017 General Membership Meeting

Commander David Olds, AP, called the meeting to order at 1911.

Lt/C Mary Kucharek, P, reported that there was a quorum present. The minutes from the 18 January 2017 meeting were distributed and accepted.

P/D/Lt/C Jack Young, AP, reviewed the Treasurer's Report which was accepted as presented.

P/C Michael Acciai AP, - is using the USPS National Website to get information on a Speaker's Bureau Committee, where he found a power point presentation which will be downloaded.

Lt/C Les Smith, AP, reported that the first ABC classes will start in February with 5 people registered to date. The second session will be held in April and one person has registered. Seamanship is slated to begin on 16 May for five consecutive Tuesdays. Les displayed a USPS Primer Booklet for prospective members.

Lt/C Ann Smith, S, reported that posters and trifolds for the upcoming ABC classes have been updated and have been distributed to local establishments.

P/D/Lt/C John Young, AP, reported that all is well with the SeaChest. He requested that all articles/reports be sent to him no later than one week following each monthly meeting.

Vessel Safety Check decals were received by Cdr Dave which he will give inspectors at the next meeting.

D/Lt/C Nancy Bieber, P, informed the members that a trip to Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster PA is planned for April 6. Make reservations with Nancy.

The District Rendezvous will be held in Kingston, Ontario, Canada (Treasure Island) on 15 July at a cost of \$20 per person. A Rideau Canal trip will follow. Nancy is also looking into a visit to the Cheese Factories & the Curtis Museum in Hammondsport, NY

Lt/C Les Smith, AP, - reported that the OD-2 form has been submitted to HQ. A Secretary is still needed

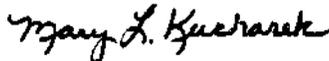
Old Business: - the first Squadron 'Marinas and Marine Dealers Committee' meeting' was held at 7:00 p.m. on 1 February at Brothers 2. Members attending were Bill Herrick, Les Smith, Ron & Nancy Bieber & Cdr Dave Olds, who was selected as chairman. The Squadron Speakers Bureau organizational meeting was postponed due to illness and the closing of Brothers 2 and will be held following the Executive Meeting tonight.

New Business: Cdr Dave is working on something to recognize Dominick Fata, owner of Brothers 2, for his generosity to Susquenango Squadron over the years. .

Commander's Comments: - Our thanks to Les Smith for a fine job representing the Squadron on WBNG - TV on 14 Feb, where he spoke about the squadron and upcoming ABC classes. The 2017 CNY Boat Show begins tomorrow with some of our members volunteering at the Syracuse Squadron booth. As this was Cdr Dave's last official meeting as Commander, he expressed his sincere thanks to all members for their kindness and support over the past 2 years.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:45 Motion: Lt. Missy Olds, S seconded by P/C Mike Acciai, AP

Respectfully submitted,



Lt/C Mary L. Kucharek, P

Susquenango Sail & Power Squadron - Spring 2017 Class Schedule			
Course	Start Date	Number of Sessions	Person Responsible/Phone
ABC ³ Public Safe Boating Must attend all sessions	27 February 6:30 to 9:00 PM 1st Night	5 Successive Monday nights Last night is final exam	Les Smith 797-7391
	7 to 9 PM Successive Nights		Ken Boll 757-0072
ABC ³ Public Safe Boating Must attend all sessions	24 April 7 to 9 PM	Monday	Les Smith 797-7391
	29 April 8 AM to 4 PM	Saturday	Ken Boll 757-0072
	01 May 7 to 9 PM	Monday (Final Exam)	
Seamanship	16 May 7 to 9 PM	5 Successive Tuesdays	Les Smith 797-7391

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

"SIX LITTLE STORIES"

{1}

Once all villagers decided to pray for rain.
On the day of prayer all the people gathered,
but only one boy came with an umbrella.

That's **FAITH**.

{2}

When you throw babies in the air,
they laugh because they know you will catch
them.

That's **TRUST**.

{3}

Every night we go to bed
without any assurance of being alive the next
morning,

but still we set the alarms to wake up.

That's **HOPE**.

{4}

We plan big things for tomorrow
in spite of zero knowledge of the future.

That's **CONFIDENCE**.

{5}

We see the world suffering,
but still we get married and have children.

That's **LOVE**.

{6}

On an old man's shirt was written a sentence

'I am not 80 years old;

I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience.'

That's **ATTITUDE**.

Have a happy day and live your life like the six
stories.

When I was a child, I thought nap time was
punishment. Now it's like a mini-vacation.

Congratulations Mary Kucharek



Mary has completed five years of membership in the Squadron and is now a senior member. She has been on the Executive Committee since 2013, Secretary for the 2016/17 Watch and will be Executive Officer for the next Watch.

Mary aspires to become our next Squadron Commander after Michael Acciai.

Thank you Mary for all your contributions to our Squadron.



On the Horizon Susquenango Events

11 March

Change of Watch

This is the only meeting this month

6:00 PM Cocktails

Jonathan's

6:45 Dinner and Meeting

Endwell, NY

19 April

Executive Meeting and

6:00 PM

Fetch Supper

Town of Bgm. Fire Dept.

2120 Pierce Road

Binghamton, NY

District Events

28-30 April

District Spring Conference

Fayetteville, NY

15 July

Rendezvous

Kingston, Ontario, Canada



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Spring Start-Up Check List for Boaters

The following are general guidelines. Check your owner's manual for manufacturer's recommendations or procedures specific to your boat.

FUEL SYSTEM

- ❑ Inspect hoses, connections and tank surfaces for leaks or damage
- ❑ Replace components as needed
- ❑ Verify all fittings and clamps are properly secured
- ❑ Ensure the engine, exhaust, and ventilation systems are functioning properly

BELTS, CABLES & HOSES

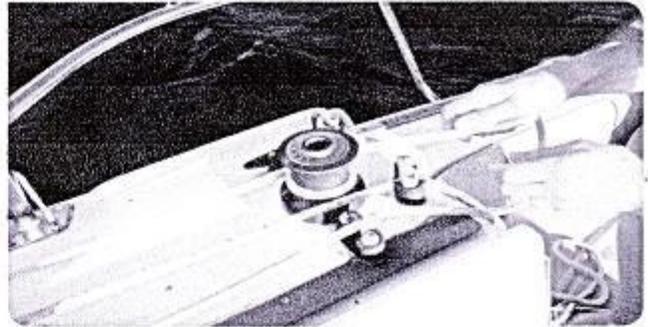
- ❑ Check for cracks and brittle areas
- ❑ Ensure belts fit tightly and are not worn
- ❑ Inspect the outer jacket of control cables for cracks or swells, which may indicate a problem

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

- ❑ Inspect all electrical connections for cleanliness and tightness; corrosion may indicate an unsafe condition
- ❑ Remove terminals and clean with a wire brush; clean cable ends
- ❑ Change battery and ensure it can hold a charge
- ❑ Electrical systems should be inspected by a qualified technician regularly

FLUID LEVELS

- ❑ Check engine oil, power steering, power trim reservoirs and coolant levels
- ❑ Change engine oil, oil filter and drive lubricants if these tasks were not done prior to winterizing



PROPELLERS & HULLS

- ❑ Inspect propellers for dings, pitting, cracks and distortion
- ❑ Make sure propeller is secured properly; replace bearings if needed
- ❑ Check hull for blisters, distortions and cracks
- ❑ Clean the hull, deck and topsides
- ❑ Ensure the drain plug is securely in place prior to every launch

SAFETY GEAR

- ❑ Inspect life jackets to ensure they are in good condition; make sure there is one for each potential passenger
- ❑ Check that fire extinguishers are fully charged, properly stowed and are the correct class for your vessel
- ❑ Take advantage of any safety inspections offered by the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), USCG Auxiliary or U.S. Power Squadron

You Think You Have It Tough Now?

The next time you are washing your hands and complain because the water temperature isn't just how you like it, think about how things used to be. Here are some facts about the 1500s:

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May, and still smelled pretty good by June. However, they were starting to smell, so brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odor. **Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.**

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean

water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children. Last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, ***Don't throw the baby out with the Bath water***

Houses had thatched roofs-thick straw-piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof. **Hence the saying, It's raining cats and dogs.**

Continued In the next issue or as space allows.

Remembering “Our Boaters”

Back in 2010, we did a series in the SeaChest about our members and their boats and called it “our Boaters.” We thought we would take a look back at them and remember the good times we had with other members, and family and friends with our boats. We would love to get some more pictures and stories that we could include in this publication about *Our Boaters*. Here are some of the stories from 2010.



Nancy and Ron Bieber's 22 foot SeaRay Cuddy named Nancy II

Nancy and Ron moor their boat close to their summer place at Thousand Island Trailer Park. Ron enjoys fishing and both he and Nancy enjoy boating on the St. Lawrence river and it's tributaries. (Ron and his fishing buddy pictured above)
(Ron & Nancy now have a Pontoon boat)



Vonda & Karl sailing in A Fresh Breeze on Cayuga Lake

A Fresh Breeze is an expression meaning a pleasant and refreshing change. When I bought my boat, that described what was happening in my life, so I thought it would be a good name for the boat. Of course, a **Fresh Breeze** is also Force 5 on the Beaufort Wind Scale, or 17 to 21 knots, a very nice sailing breeze – enough to make it exciting, but not enough to put you in danger.



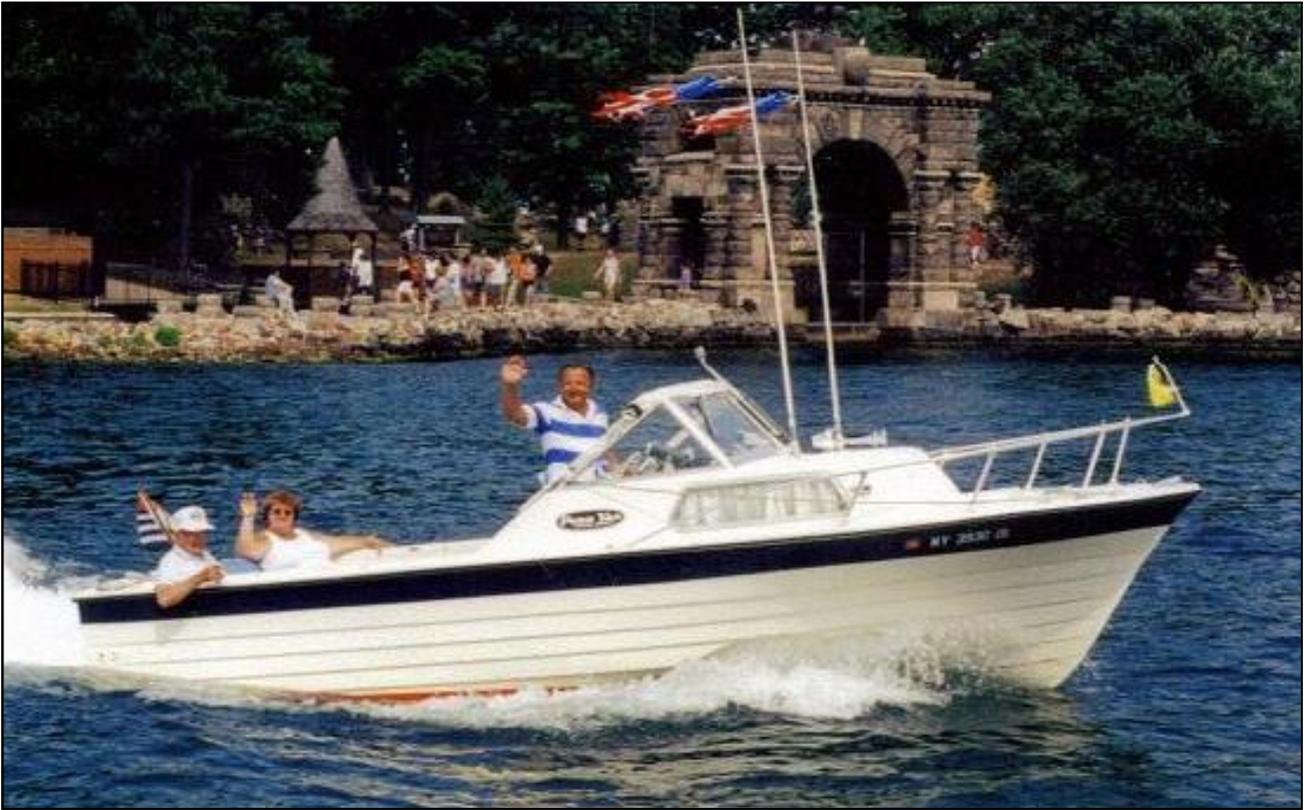
Katie and Jack Young's Chaparral 196-ssi Sport Boat, named 'Young at Heart IV'.

Katie and Jack spend their summers at their lake home on Lake Winola in Pennsylvania, cruising the usually calm and tepid water. The children and grandchildren all like to water ski, wake board and tube behind the boat, as well as drive it.

Lake Winola is located about 15 miles north of Scranton, PA on Rt. 307. Although not a large lake, there is no limit on boat length or horsepower.

The summers are very enjoyable with water carnivals, fireworks, regattas, dinner dances and other fun activities and many children's activities, all run by the *Lake Winola Cottagers Association*.

Remembering “Our Boaters”



The “My Desire” By Bob & Mary Kucharek

Thirty-eight years ago, a young man knocked on a young lady’s door and a lifetime of boating memories began. Bob and Mary had their first date - a blind date at that - on the “My Desire”; a 1971, 21’ Penn Yan, that was located at Shady Beach Marina on Skaneateles Lake. Bob had ordered the boat new and visited the factory several times to check on her progress. On the way to the lake, Bob asked Mary if she could row a boat. “Hmmm”, she thought, “just what kind of a boat does this guy have”? Turned out that the boat was moored on a barrel and Bob needed to be rowed out to get it. Mary, who thankfully did know how to row, took Bob out to the boat. Many happy days followed.

A year after that first boat ride, Bob proposed on the “My Desire” and 35 years of a happy marriage followed. Their son had his first boat ride at seven months old and the family spent every weekend there enjoying good times. Shady Beach has since closed so now Bob and Mary enjoy their time on the “My Desire” docked at Alan Treman Marina on Cayuga Lake. They also spend their two-week summer vacation in 1000 Islands each year.

**Submitted by Robert Kucharek, P, Chairman—
Radio Technology Committee**

We are hoping to resume the feature called “Our Boaters”. We would like to see a picture of your boat. Submit a picture of your boat to the editor or the photographer and tell us how you enjoy it, where you go boating, what’s the story behind the name or just whatever it is you like about boating. Even non-owners can submit their reasons for liking boating.

Send your picture and write-up to Jack Young jyoung6@stny.rr.com or Karl Oakley, kwoakley@stny.rr.com.

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