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Executive Meeting & Spring Fetch Supper

Town of Binghamton Fire Station #2
2120 Pierce Road
Binghamton, NY

Date: 19 April - Time: 6:00 PM

Ham, rolls, coffee and tea supplied by the Squadron
Deserts supplied by bridge members

Bring a side dish to pass such as potatoes, coleslaw, vegetables or casserole
Bring your own tableware and beverages and BYOB

Cost \$3.00 per person

Coordinate what you're bringing with Linda Rought-687-3506-so we have a complete menu

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District 6 Spring Conference 2017
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The Craftsman Inn
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An interesting program is planned and includes the D/6 COW, an Erie Canal presentation by Mid-Lakes Navigation, and a keynote talk by past America's Cup Sailing Team Member Lee Davis.

Complete details for the District 6 Spring Conference are contained in the District 6 publication, *Deep 6*. Also included is the meal form and instructions. Room reservations should be made through Commander Mike Acciai.

The *Deep 6* can be accessed by going to our web site (susquenango.org) and clicking on 'District 6 Website'. Once the District website opens click on 'The Spring Conference Edition'. Please review the conference information and join us for an enjoyable and informative weekend.



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Commander's Column

We had just finished a very nice dinner and conversation when Commander Dave Olds, AP, called the meeting to order. The Change of Watch for 2017 was underway. I was very happy to be active in the squadron again after a nine year hiatus working in N.J. with limited time at home. I was also honored that the Nominating Committee asked me to become Commander again after such a short time back on the Bridge. I hope I can live up to the expectations and fill the shoes of P/C Dave Olds who deserves many thanks for motivating and keeping our squadron a viable organization.

D/6 Education Officer, D/Lt/C Kenneth R. Green took the time to be present with us, update us on the latest educational offerings coming from our National organization and administer the oath of office to the new Bridge and elected officers. I thank him for making the trip and giving a very informative talk.

I would also thank all of our members who attended the COW and especially Lt/C Linda Rought, P for putting our meeting and meal together and making the center pieces for each table.

Our theme for this year will be "Stay the Course". Last year after a general membership brain-storming session we put in place three action items to work on to help us get our word out to the boating public in hope of recruiting and retaining new members. Committees were formed, meetings held and a plan of action taken. Our Marina Committee is ready to hit the ground running with new brochures and packets to be distributed to the area Marinas. The owners and managers of our local marine establishments have received us warmly and with open arms. The Speakers Bureau Committee is working on a presentation to give when making public appearances as a speaker to other organizations. Outlines, boating video clips and Power Point presentations are being pulled together. Lastly we are going to offer seminars and other boating courses through BCC's continuing education program beginning this fall.

The committees are enthused and working hard to get these action items out to the public. Follow-through is important. This can't be a one-shot pass-or-fail proposition, but a continued push to succeed. And succeed we will, as we have a strong Bridge and dedicated membership.

Our next Executive Meeting and Fetch Supper will be April 19th at the TOB Fire Station #2 on Pierce Creek Rd., Binghamton. Bring a favorite libation and a dish to pass. The Squadron will provide a ham and the Bridge will bring desserts. Some activities will be held and updates on upcoming events will be given. Also, take a look at the D/6 special Deep Six Spring Conference Edition. There are a lot of activities and seminars planned, as well as the officers' regular meetings. The Conference will be held 28, 29 & 30 of April at the Craftsman Inn in Fayetteville, NY. I hope all can attend and give our own D/C William Herrick, JN a big hand when he joins the ranks of D/6 P/D/C's, and also wish our new D/C well.

Until we meet again, God Bless,
Cdr Mike

Highlights of the 11 March 2017 COW & General Membership Meeting

Commander David Olds, AP, called the meeting to order at 1840. Dave welcomed all attending and introduced the District 6 Representative, DEO D/Lt/C Kenneth Green, JN.

Commander Olds led the Pledge of Allegiance

P/Lt/C Justin Park SN, gave the Invocation.

The meeting was suspended for dinner

Commander Olds reconvened the meeting at 1950 and **Asst. Secretary, Lt Missy Olds S**, confirmed that a quorum was present. The minutes of the Feb meeting were distributed and accepted.

P/C Michael Acciai, AP, announced he had no report at that time.

AO Lt/C Linda Rought, P, reported that all positions under her department are filled and operating properly.

SEO Lt/C Les Smith, AP, reported the first public ABC course is underway with eight people in the class. Three people have registered for the second session beginning in April and so far 3 people have registered for Seamanship beginning on 16 May.

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

For expedience, no committee reports were requested.

Cdr Olds asked if there was any new or unfinished business to be presented. Nothing was reported.

AWARDS—Cdr Olds presented the following awards: The FUBAR award was given to D/C Bill Herrick, JN, for not using his boat for his D/6 Summer Rendezvous.

No candidate was named by the membership for the Bent Screw Award at this time.

P/Lt/C Katie Young, S, was presented with a certificate and pin recognizing her 25 years as a member of USPS and Susquenango. Three other 25 year award recipients, who were not present, were also acknowledged and will receive their awards at a future date.

Also noted, Linda Daniels, S, was awarded Life Membership at the Annual Meeting in Orlando.

COMMANDER'S FAREWELL COMMENTS Cdr Olds expressed his thanks to Ken Green for coming down from Syracuse to officiate at our COW. Dave spoke briefly about the events of the past two years and the new outreach committees. He thanked the Bridge, Exec. Committee and all the members for their kindness and support for his term as commander. He said he could not have asked for a better successor than Mike Acciai and that the Squadron would be in good hands for the future.

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE Ken Green, presented his remarks and observations with regard to Education from his attendance at the recent national USPS Annual Meeting in Orlando. He also spoke about the meaning of the USPS COW and complimented the Squadron on its accomplishments.

WATCH INSTALLATION—Cdr Olds relinquished the chair to the District Representative, Ken Green who installed the new bridge and officers as indicated in the nominations letter included in the February issue of the SeaChest.

NEW COMMANDER'S REMARKS

Cdr Acciai thanked D/6 representative Ken Green and congratulated the new bridge. He said he is pleased with the direction the Squadron is going and he intends to continue in that vein. He also said that he wishes to expand the development committees to possibly include a course program at SUNY Broome.

Cdr Acciai announced that the theme for his term will be: **"Stay the Course"**.

Crd Acciai recognized P/C Olds for his service to the Squadron and awarded him with a Past Commander's Pin.

The meeting was adjourned at 2034

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret E Olds

Susquenango Sail & Power Squadron - Spring 2017 Class Schedule			
Course	Start Date	Number of Sessions	Person Responsible/Phone
ABC³ Public Safe Boating Must attend all sessions	24 April 7 to 9 PM	Monday	Les Smith 797-7391 Ken Boll 757-0072
	29 April 8 AM to 4 PM	Saturday	
	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			

CHANGE OF WATCH—2017



Katie Young receives her 25 year pin



Commander Dave gives his going away address.



Bill Herrick— proud winner of the FUBAR award



Kenneth Green swears in and congratulates Michael Acciai as our new commander.



District Representative D/Lt/C Kenneth R. Green, JN, gives opening remarks related to USPS interests.



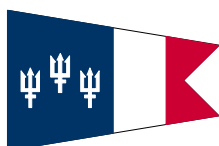
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Commander Mike presents Immediate Past Commander Dave Olds with his past Commanders pin.



Michael Acciai addresses Susquenango Sail and Power Squadron as our Commander.



I still have pictures of some of our members as children. We considered having a contest to see how many we could identify, however, we got too few to make it an interesting endeavor. One of the pictures is at the right. Can anyone identify the fellow on the right side? Send your answer to jyoung6@stny.rr.com



In Memoriam

Susquenago Sail and Power Squadron members offer their condolences to Marge Hobart and the entire Hobart family on the loss of Marge's husband, DR. Richard Hobart. Dick was a long time member of our Squadron and a strong boating enthusiast. Many of us remember him as the quiet fellow who always had a kind word and thoughtful, helpful suggestion for any situation.

Dick will be missed by us all.

On the Horizon

Susquenago Events

19 April 6:00 PM	Executive Meeting & Spring Fetch Supper Twn of Bgm Fire Station #2 2220 Pierce Rd. Binghamton, NY
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More of-‘You Think You Have It Tough Now?’ Life in the 1500’s

There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house. This posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other droppings could mess up your nice clean bed. Hence, a bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection. That's how canopy beds came into existence.

The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt. Hence the saying, Dirt poor. The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery in the winter when wet, so they spread thresh (straw) on floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on, they added more thresh until, when you opened the door, it would all start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed in the entranceway to prevent this. Hence the term a thresh hold.

In those old days, they cooked in the kitchen with a big kettle that always hung over the fire. Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They ate mostly vegetables and did not get much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner, leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight and then start over the next day. Sometimes stew had food in it that had been there for quite a while. Hence the rhyme, Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot nine days old.

Sometimes they could obtain pork, which made them feel quite special. When visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon to show it off. It was a sign of wealth that a man could, bring home the bacon. They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around and chew the fat.

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