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*Happy
Mother's Day!*
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District 6

General Membership Meeting and BBQ Chicken Dinner

17 May 2015

**Town of Binghamton Fire Station #2
2220 Pierce Rd.
Binghamton, NY**

Dinner - 6:00 PM Meeting - 7:00 PM
Cost - \$12.00

Dinner catered by Phil's Chicken House

Menu:

BBQ Chicken, Cabbage Salad, Baked Beans
Potato Salad, Rolls & Butter, Coffee, Tea
Brownie Dessert
BYOB

Advance Reservations Required by 10 May - Linda Rought-687-3506

Note: The restaurant will charge the squadron for the number of meals ordered. Persons failing to cancel reservations prior to the deadline date will be expected to pay for their dinners.

Received from National

This month we have a request from the USPS® Boating Safety Committee to run the following notice in our May monthly newsletter issue related to **National Safe Boating Week, 20-26 May 2017.**

“The National Boating Safety Committee would like to request that squadron members assist their Vessel Examiners during National Safe Boating Week. This would be a great opportunity for members to see the VEs at work and have a better understanding of their value. This would also be an opportunity for members to meet and greet the boaters with USPS® “America’s Boating Club” information.”

Stf/C Bob Bales, AP
Assistant Chair Boating Safety Committee



On the Horizon Susquenango Events

17 May
6:00 PM

General Membership Meeting
and Chicken BBQ Supper
Town of Bgm Fire Station #2
2220 Pierce Rd.
Binghamton, NY

21 June
6:00 PM

Executive Mtg. Education &
Mark Picnic Picnic
Grippen Park
Endicott, NY

15 July

District Rendezvous
Kingston, Ontario Canada

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Commander's Column

What's in a name? For an organization like The United States Power Squadrons® your name is your identity that gives nonmembers an idea of who you are and what you stand for. Many of us believe that our name recognition is very low or almost nonexistent. We know what USPS stands for, but 99.999% of Americans would say "United States Postal Service". I know there is truth to this as I have been asked before by fellow workers in our local industries here "What is your affiliation with the Post Office?" The term Power Squadron does not conjure up an image of boating or yacht club affiliation either. When I was working at the Transportation Security Lab at the Atlantic City Airport, many of my fellow workers were ex-military vets and would ask me "What Air Force or Naval unit are you meeting with?"

America's Boating Club, a registered trademark of the USPS®, is a pretty self-explanatory moniker and National is going to begin incorporating this name in their publications and have given the local Squadrons some guidelines so we can begin

to update our marketing posters and trifolds. What better words could we use to tell the world who we are? *Boating and Club*. Boating is obvious and Club denotes a social organization with some rules, bylaws and probably a newsletter. Using America's Boating Club in our marketing could go a long way in giving the boating public a reason to look us up and want to join our organization.

As April showers give way to May flowers and the removal of shrink wrap from our boats it is time to think of Vessel Safety Checks. If you are in need of this service or know someone who would like to have their boat checked out, please drop a line to P/C Bob Gould, AP, or P/C Tony Lenzo, AP, to arrange a place and time to have your boat checked out and stickered.

Education Officer Lt/C Les Smith, AP, is running the April ABC 3 Public Safe Boating course for six new students bringing our education total for 2017 to eleven (all possible new members). Thank you Les for your time well spent.

The new Susquenago Sail & Power Squadron Roster is now available on our website as a PowerPoint document. P/D/Lt/C John Young, AP, and P/C Dave Olds, AP, spent a lot of time pulling the latest information from DB2000 to make the roster as current as possible. The roster is a very useful tool if you need to contact another member or find our current committee members.

I would like to thank everyone who attended and brought a dish to pass for our 19 April 2017 Executive Meeting and Spring Fetch Supper. We had a very good meeting with plenty of great food and fellowship. I had the honor of swearing in Lt/C Mary Kucherek, P, as our Executive Officer and am very happy to have her on the Bridge and am looking forward to working with her on our agenda for the next two years.

Plans for our yearly rendezvous are in the works. AO Linda Rought, P, will be hammering out the details and is in need of a Rendezvous Committee Chairperson. If you would like to be involved in this and give Linda a helping hand it would be greatly appreciated. More details will be forthcoming at our next meeting.

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The District 6 Spring Conference is on 28-30 April 2017. Susquenango will have ten voting members representing our Squadron. We will report the details of the Conference at our next meeting.

Our General Membership Meeting and Chicken BBQ will be held at the Town of Binghamton Fire Station #2 on 17 May 2017. Please make your reservations with AO Linda Rought as this is a catered event and meals will be available only for those who reserve one.

Until we meet again, God Bless,
Cdr Mike

Highlights of the 19 April Executive Membership Meeting

Commander Michael Acciai, AP, called the meeting to order at 1910.

Asst. Secretary, Lt Missy Olds, S, reported that there was a quorum present. The minutes from the previous 11 March 2017 COW and meeting will be distributed at the next meeting for approval. (Meeting and COW Highlights were published in the April 2017 SeaChest newsletter)

Treasurer D/Lt/C Nancy Bieber, P, reviewed the Treasurer's Report which was accepted as presented. Nancy stated that the new QuickBooks format will be used for future reports. A check was sent to Fairview Home in memory of Dr. Richard Hobart.

Cdr Acciai called Mary Kucharek, P, to come forward to be sworn in as the Squadron's Executive Officer. Cdr Acciai administered the USPS oath and congratulated Mary on her new position.

Executive Officer Lt/C Mary Kucharek, P, read information regarding Boscov's *Friends Helping Friends* event in October. Vonda Oakley volunteered to help man the table.

Administrative Officer Lt/C Linda Rought, P, announced there will be a Squadron rendezvous held at the St Lawrence River in the September time frame. Specifics for location, date and time will be forthcoming. A rendezvous chairman and committee are needed.

Education Officer Lt/C Les Smith, AP, indicated that the first Spring ABC class has finished and the next class begins Monday, 24 April. If enough students apply, Seamanship will be offered following the second class which will conclude in May,

Public Relations Officer Lt/C Ann Smith, S, reported that she had revised the trifold brochure and that a new smaller poster is now available for locations that would not allow the larger one.

Membership Chairman P/C David Olds, AP, reported that membership is down slightly to 63. Several cyber members have been referred, and notably some are from Pennsylvania. A membership invitation to join our squadron has been sent to each.

SeaChest Editor P/D/Lt/C John Young, AP, absent no report. Cdr Acciai mentioned that Jack can always use articles for the SeaChest.

Meetings & Programs Chairman Lt Linda Rought, P, said the next meeting will be 17 May 2017 at Town of Binghamton Fire Station #2 at 6:00PM. This will be a Chicken BBQ catered by Phil's Chicken House.

Membership Involvement Chairman D/Lt/C Nancy Bieber P, reported that a trip to visit cheese factories and wineries around Cayuga Lake is being planned for October. An Erie Canal trip is being considered.

Marina Outreach Committee Chairman P/C Dave Olds stated the project is behind schedule because of personal family health issues and delays in receiving materials to finish the hand-out packets.

Speakers Bureau Committee Chairman Cdr Acciai reported this committee is also behind schedule due to the same reasons as the Marina Committee.

New Business:

P/C Dave Olds was presented by Nancy Bieber with a beautiful wooden wall hanging, hand crafted by Ron Bieber. The gift was presented to Dave for helping with technical and computer issues.

Commander's Comments: Cdr Acciai thanked all for coming and for bringing the great dishes to pass. National has decided to incorporate our registered **America's Boating Club** into the marketing of the Power Squadrons, but it will take some time as they want to do it right.

He said he will be asking Jack Young to make the additions in the SeaChest and for Ann Smith to look at our current trifolds and other posters and begin to make the updates.

Cdr Acciai stated he will be attending the D-6 Spring Conference and will report on how the District is doing and what our National Representative has to say about our organization in general.

He thanked D/C Bill Herrick, JN, for all he has accomplished and to wish him well as he joins the pool of D/6 P/D/Cs.

Margaret E. Olds

Lt Margaret E. Olds, S, Secretary

LAKE SUPERIOR FACTS

(Why it's called Lake Superior)

- 1 *Lake Superior contains ten percent of all the freshwater on the planet Earth.*
- 2 *It covers 82,000 square kilometers or 31,700 square miles.*
- 3 *The average depth is 147 meters or 483 feet.*
- 4 *There have been about 350 shipwrecks recorded in Lake Superior*
- 5 *Lake Superior is, by surface area, the largest lake in the world.*
- 6 *A Jesuit priest in 1668 named it Lac Tracy , but that name was never officially adopted.*
- 7 *It contains as much water as all the other Great Lakes combined, plus three extra Lake Eries!!*
- 8 *There is a small outflow from the lake at St. Mary's River (Sault Ste Marie) into Lake Huron , but it takes almost two centuries for the water to be completely replaced.*
- 9 *There is enough water in Lake Superior to cover all of North and South America with water one foot deep.*
- 10 *Lake Superior was formed during the last glacial retreat, making it one of the earth's youngest major features at only about 10,000 years old.*
- 11 *The deepest point in the lake is 405 meters or 1,333 feet.*
- 12 *There are 78 different species of fish that call the big lake home.*
- 13 *The maximum wave ever recorded on Lake Superior was 9.45 meters or 31 feet high.*
- 14 *If you stretched the shoreline of Lake Superior out to a straight line, it would be long enough to reach from Duluth to the Bahamas .*
- 15 *Over 300 streams and rivers empty into Lake Superior with the largest source being the Nipigon River*
- 16 *The average underwater visibility of Lake Superior is about 8 meters or 27 feet, making it the cleanest and clearest of the Great Lakes .Underwater visibility in some spots reaches 30 meters.*
- 17 *In the summer, the sun sets more than 35 minutes later on the western shore of Lake Superior than at its south-eastern edge.*
- 18 *Some of the world's oldest rocks, formed about 2.7 billion years ago, can be found on the Ontario shore of Lake Superior ..*
- 19 *It very rarely freezes over completely, and then usually just for a few hours. Complete freezing occurred in 1962, 1979, 2003 and 2009.*

Submitted By P/R/C David Daniels, SN

Historic Binghamton

A ferryboat named BINGHAMTON was one of four double-ended ferries completed in 1905 by the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company for the Hoboken Ferry Company. A fifth, nearly identical ferryboat was delivered in 1906. They served for decades making countless trips across the Hudson River between Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad's terminals in Hoboken, New Jersey and lower Manhattan.

The Binghamton carried passengers between Hoboken, NJ and lower Manhattan for over 60 years, then 40 years as Binghamton's a floating riverboat-style restaurant that became a beloved local landmark visible from the George Washington Bridge to the north and Upper Manhattan across the river.

The BINGHAMTON's four sister ferryboats were the ITHACA, ELMIRA, SCRANTON and POCONO. The BINGHAMTON is the last to survive. It's still docked on the Jersey side of the Hudson. Unfortunately, it too has become dilapidated and will be dismantled and removed in January 2018.

Submitted by Nancy Bieber

More of-'You Think You Have It Tough Now?'

Life in the 1500's

Those with money had plates made of pewter. Food with high acid content caused some of the lead to leach onto the food, causing lead poisoning death. This happened most often with tomatoes, so for the next 400 years or so, tomatoes were considered poisonous.

Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top, or the upper crust.

Lead cups were used to drink ale or whisky. The combination would sometimes knock the imbibers out for a couple of days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead and prepare them for burial. They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather around and eat and drink and wait and see if they would wake up. Hence the custom of holding a wake.



Spring Fetch Supper—April 2017



Nancy Bieber presents P/C Dave Olds with a wall hanging, crafted by Ron Bieber, in appreciation for help with the electronics equipment.



Mary Kucharek is sworn in as our Executive Officer by Commander Michael Acciai.



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Susquenango Sail & Power Squadron - Spring 2017 Class Schedule

Course	Start Date	Number of Sessions	Person Responsible/Phone
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

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