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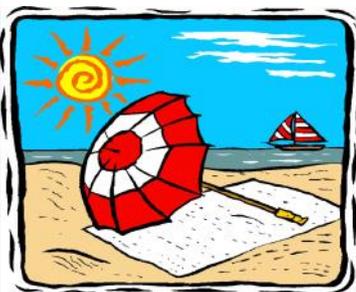
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## Last Issue for the Summer



The staff of the SeaChest wishes the Susquenango Squadron Members a safe and enjoyable summer season. Remember to send us some of your memorable pictures.



**16 September 2015**  
**Pizza and Wings**

Brother's 2 Restaurant  
Watson Boulevard  
Endwell, NY

Food 6:00 PM Meeting 7:00 PM

Pizza, Wings, Salad Soda and Coffee \$12.00 Including tax and tip

**This is a General Membership Meeting Everyone Is Invited**

### Use of Marine VHF Channels

**Channel 16:** Use this channel for hailing, emergency and mayday calls. This channel must be monitored at all times when your radio is on. When you hail a vessel on this channel, you must then switch to a working channel such as: 68, 69, 71, 72 or 78 to continue your conversation.

**Channel 22A:** This is the US Coast Guard Liaison and Maritime Safety Information Channel. You may hear an announcement on Channel 16 telling you to switch to 22A for a message.

**Channel 9:** This is a supplementary calling channel for recreational boats in New England, New Jersey and New York Long Island areas.

**Channel 13:** Use this channel for communication to locks and bridges. Power on this channel is limited to 1 watt transmit.

**Channel 70:** This channel is to be used for digital selective calling (DSC) only.

Handheld marine VHF radios are not to be used for transmitting from shore. They can be used for receiving the NOAA weather channels 1-10 only. NOAA weather channels in our boating area are:

WX 1 162.550	Syracuse	WX 3 162.475	Binghamton
WX 2 162.400	Elmira	WX.6 162.500	Ithaca

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## Commander's Comments



Our summer boating season is now well under way and I expect many of you have been enjoying some nice time on the water.

Our Education Recognition and Merit Mark Picnic was fun and our thanks to everyone who helped and to those who contributed by bringing such great dishes to share. I also appreciate the positive comments I received on the Nautical Trivia Quiz.

At the meeting, Linda Rought brought to our attention the reporting requirements that are now being enforced when crossing into Canadian waters. Failure to report can result in seizure or forfeiture of your boat and/or monetary penalties. For those boating in the 1000 Islands area or crossing Lake Ontario, be sure to read the details on pages 3 & 4 in this issue.

Be sure to also check out the online district newsletter, [The Deep 6](#). The new editor, Tom Alley, and the district bridge have produced an outstanding summer edition that includes many good articles including one I submitted, written by Nancy Bieber, about our military daughter's scholarship.

I recently talked to a long-time member who was considering dropping his membership because he had sold his boat. It's interesting to note that several of our most active members no longer have boats. I have learned this is not uncommon and the same is also true for many other Squadrons. In fact, our squadron once had an outstanding commander, the late Mike Page, who never even owned a boat! My point is that there is no requirement to own a boat to be a member of USPS or our Squadron. You just need the desire to continue the objectives of the organization while enjoying the camaraderie with other members.

This year is shaping up to be a very positive and interesting one for our Squadron. We have already met the challenge and accomplished so much. Our success is, thanks to you, our talented and dedicated members.

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer boating season.

Respectfully,  
*Dave Olds*

Commander David L. Olds, AP



## On The Horizon

### Susquenago Events

09/17/2015

Wednesday  
6:00 PM Dinner  
7:00 PM Meeting

General Membership Meeting  
With Pizza and Wings  
Brother's 2  
Endwell, NY

## Reporting Requirements for Private Boaters Entering Canadian Waters

If you are the owner/operator of a private boat entering Canadian waters, and you are carrying 29 people or fewer, you must report your arrival to the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA).

**Note:** There are different requirements for [boats carrying 30 or more people \(detailed below\)](#).

### Reporting methods

As owner/operator of the boat, it is your responsibility to report to the CBSA when you enter Canadian waters. While in most cases you will be required to report from a Telephone Reporting Site-Marine (TRS/M), in specific circumstances you can report from the water.

### Reporting from a CBSA marine reporting site

Go directly to a TRS/M and follow the instructions posted on location to contact the [Telephone Reporting Centre \(TRC\)](#) and **request** clearance to enter Canada. Only the owner/operator may leave the boat to place the call to the TRC. Everyone else must remain onboard until the CBSA gives authorization.

**Or**

Report directly in-person at one of ten [Direct Reporting Sites for Marine Private Vessels \(DRS/M\)](#), which are CBSA staffed marine ports of entry.

### Reporting from the water

You can report to the TRC from the location at which you enter Canadian waters only if certain conditions are met. In all cases, everyone onboard must be a citizen or permanent resident of either Canada or the United States.

If you are visiting Canada, you can report to the TRC from your cellphone from the location at which you enter Canadian waters when you do not intend to land on Canadian soil, and will not be leaving any people or goods in Canada.

If you are returning to Canada, you can report to the TRC from the location at which you enter Canadian waters when you have not landed on U.S. soil, and you have not taken on any people or goods while in foreign waters.

**Note:** If you meet the above conditions and are planning on continuously weaving in and out of Canadian waters, you only need to report to the TRC the first time that you cross the border into Canadian waters.

### Making your report

When you contact the TRC, you will be asked about your trip, passengers, and whether you have any goods to declare. As the owner/operator of the boat, only you can report to the TRC. You must collect the information from each passenger onboard and provide it to the TRC.

### Requirements for Canadian citizens or permanent residents

Full name, date of birth and citizenship; length of absence from Canada; and one of the following: valid Canadian passport, enhanced driver's license, Permanent Resident Card, secure Certificate of Indian Status, NEXUS card, or Free and Secure Trade (FAST) card for Canadian citizens.

### Requirements for non-residents of Canada

Full name, date of birth and citizenship; length and purpose of the stay in Canada; destination; [acceptable identification](#); and visa information, if applicable.

### Declarations for all passengers

All passengers must declare any goods being brought into Canada, as well as currency or monetary instruments totaling Can \$10,000 or more. Restricted goods include, but are not limited to, firearms and weapons; food, plants, animals and related products; explosives, fireworks and ammunition. For information on what you can bring into Canada, visit the [Bring Goods Across the Border](#) page.

**Note:** Canadian citizens must also provide details about any repairs or modifications made to goods, including the boat, while these items were outside Canada.

### Your CBSA report number and secondary inspection

A CBSA officer at the TRC will determine whether further verification or examination is needed. If you do not need further verification, the officer will provide you with a report number. If a secondary inspection is necessary, the officer will advise you to remain at the TRS/M, or go to one if you are reporting from the water, and to ensure that all goods and passengers remain onboard. The CBSA officer who conducts the secondary inspection will provide you with the report number.

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**Failure to report**

Canadian law enforcement authorities patrol Canada's coasts and inland waterways and have the authority to stop any boat that has recently entered Canadian waters. Failure to report to the CBSA may result in detention, seizure or forfeiture of your boat and/or monetary penalties. The minimum fine for failing to report to the CBSA upon entry to Canada is Can \$1,000.

**Appealing a seizure or penalty**

You have the right to appeal a seizure or penalty. To do so, you must send a written submission to the Recourse Directorate of the CBSA. To be considered, your appeal must be filed within 90 days of the seizure or penalty.

For more information on appeals, visit the [Appeals/Reviews Web page](#).

**Faster processing with the NEXUS and CANPASS programs**

**NEXUS**

The NEXUS program provides low-risk travelers the option to be pre-approved by both the CBSA and the United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP). Members can call the NEXUS marine reporting number up to four hours in advance of their arrival in Canada for more convenient processing. They also have access to expedited security screening at major airports in Canada and the United States. Members benefit from expedited border clearance at land, air and marine ports of entry. The program is available by application only and the fee is \$50 for five years. The NEXUS program is jointly administered by the CBSA and the CBP. For more information visit the [NEXUS Web page](#).

**CANPASS**

The CANPASS program for private boats also provides more convenient border clearance for low-risk, pre-screened travelers entering Canada. CANPASS members can report to the CBSA through the TRC up to four hours in advance of their arrival. Members can only benefit from the program when travelling by water. The fee is \$50 for one year. For more information visit the [CANPASS for private boats Web page](#).

Submitted By Mary Kucharek

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