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Last Issue for the Summer



The Staff of the SeaChest wishes all the Squadron members a safe and enjoyable summer season with warm days, cool nights and calm waters.

Remember to send us some of you're memorable pictures.

**SUSQUENANGO SAIL & POWER SQUADRON
SUMMER RENDEZVOUS 25-27 AUGUST 2017
THOUSAND ISLANDS TRAILER PARK
40861 STATE ROUTE 12, CLAYTON, NY**



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20 September 2017

General Membership Meeting (Everyone is Invited)

and

Pizza and Wings

Jonathan's
Hooper Road
Endwell, NY

Food 6:00 PM Meeting 7:00 PM

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

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Commander's Column



“You’ll get your reward in heaven” my mother would say, as well as one of my managers at appraisal time and, of course, Fr. Tom when asking me about teaching CCD for another year. It seems that is how recognition is with most volunteer or service work we perform. We put in those hours not for recognition, but because we believe in what we do to make the world a little better and help our organizations thrive. Then there is the comradery we feel when working with our peers. The Power Squadron is a little different as you get your reward once a year in the mail in the form of a merit mark. Twenty-five merit marks entitles you to lifetime membership which gives an incentive to keep putting in those service hours. Once a year, in June, we recognize those who earned a merit mark, proctored a boating course or took a boating course by holding a Merit Mark and Education Recognition Picnic. Then we all work to make the picnic a success. We shop for the food, haul tubs of supplies, set up and decorate tables, make a dish to pass and then cook, all in service to each other for making the Susquenago Sail and Power Squadron a successful organization. The picnic was fantastic and a tribute to all of you. I thank you for all the time, talent and friendship you provide while carrying out the duties the Squadron requires.

Kudos to Lt Denise Lenzo who will retire from her career this month and we wish her well in her new role as a retired person.
 Be sure to read all of the SeaChest as our summer activities, dates, times and other important information will be listed along with pictures of our Recognition Picnic and the Executive meeting minutes containing the Bridge and Committee reports.

At this time I would like to wish everyone a safe and wonderful summer full of boating, water activities, national holidays, picnics, dock parties with family and friends. I hope to see everyone at our Rendezvous in Alexandria Bay in August and then in September when we resume our regular Squadron activities and meeting schedule.

Until we meet again, God Bless,
 Cdr Mike



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Reservations required by 11 August. Please use these links for on line reservations.
Form & Map: <http://susquenango.org/files/2017-Susq-Rendz-Reservation-Form.pdf>
Form only: <http://susquenango.org/files/Susq-Rend-Res-Form-2017.pdf>

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS:

FRIDAY, 25 AUGUST:

5:00 PM – 7:30 PM ...

Registration at Rought Camp Lot #10 (see map) and pick-up pre-paid tickets for Saturday Dinner Cruise.

Wine & and Cheese Reception followed at 6:00 PM by a Cookout, Featuring Hamburgers, Sausage & Peppers, Hotdogs, Potato Salad, etc.

Cost \$10.00 per person

(Optional, Weather Permitting) 8:30 PM until Camp Fire at 'Bieber's' in the park (all welcome)

SATURDAY, 26 AUGUST:

11:00 AM – Meet at Rock Island Light House for Picnic Lunch and Tour.

A bag lunch, consisting of ½ sub sandwich, chips, and bottled water will be provided. You may bring your own non-alcoholic beverage. (Alcoholic beverages not allowed at the lighthouse)

Transportation to the lighthouse will be offered on member's boats. Boat assignments and boarding times will be arranged at the reception on Friday evening.

Cost is \$8.00 per person which includes a bag lunch and the \$3.00 admission to the NYSP Lighthouse.

Afternoon - Free Time to visit Wineries, Distilleries, Antique Boat Museum, Shop or just rest

6:30 PM (sharp) Uncle Sam's River Tour and Dinner Cruise

For 2 1/2 hours you will wine, dine and be enlightened, as you watch the sun set while cruising through some of the most romantic channels in the 1000 Islands.

Your buffet dinner consists of the following items:

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| Caesar Salad | Vegetable Medley |
| Rolls | Red Potatoes in a garlic parsley sauce |
| Prime Rib of Beef au jus | Dessert |
| Vegetarian Lasagna | Coffee or Tea |
| Chicken Marsala | |

Menu subject to change without notice

Cost is \$49.00 per person which includes cruise, meal and gratuity. (Cash bar available)

SUNDAY, 27 AUGUST:

9:00 AM - Breakfast at Rondette Restaurant - 40685 New York Rt. 12, Clayton, NY 13624-2159

Order from Menu (Pay your own)

End of 2017 Susquenango Rendezvous Activities

Nearby Accommodations: PJ's Motel (315) 686-9886 - Bassett's Motel (315) 285-5161 Bridgeview Motel (315) 482-4906

| Susquenango Sail & Power Squadron - Fall 2017 Class Schedule | | | |
|---|--|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Course | Start Date | Number of Sessions | Person Responsible/Phone |
| ABC³ Public Safe Boating Must attend all sessions | 11 September | 5 Successive Monday nights | Les Smith 797-7391 |
| | 6:30 to 9:00 PM 1st Night 7 to 9 PM Successive Nights | Final exam is 10 October | Ken Boll 757-0072 |
| Seamanship | 16 October 7 to 9 PM | 5 Successive Mondays | Les Smith 797-7391 |

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



On the Horizon Susquenango Events

25/27 August Susquenango Rendezvous
Thousand Island Trailer Park
Clayton, NY

15 September Erie Canal Cruise
11:00 AM Dutchman's Landing
7439 Hillside Rd.
Baldwinsville, NY 13027

District Events

15 July District Rendezvous
Kingston, Ontario Canada

Wine and Cheese Trail

Save the date of October 21st for our wine and cheese trail trip along Cayuga Lake. Details to follow in an upcoming issue of the newsletter.



New York State Fair

We have been invited to work at a United States Power Squadron booth at the New York State Fair that features several tents filled with boat displays. Can you work a two, three, or four hour shift? If you do, you will receive free admission to the fair with special on-site parking. The fair runs from August 23rd through September 4th and you can choose any date that works for you.

Check the fair's website at nysfair.ny.gov for the schedule of entertainment, activities, and competitions that are of interest to you to help you decide which date you would like to work. A convenient time would be Friday, August 25th or Sunday August 27th on your way to or from Susquenango's rendezvous. What a great way to get our name before the public and show our offerings of upcoming courses.

Let me know if you are interested and I will make the arrangements for you. My home phone is disconnected for the summer, but you can reach me at 518-813-7888 or by e-mail at nancybieber@twc.com. Hope to see you there.

Friends Helping Friends



Again this year, our Squadron will be participating in the **Boscov's Department Store "Friends Helping Friends" Day on Tuesday, October 17 at the Binghamton store (13-23 Court St.)**. Our organization will sell 25% discount passes at \$5 each that are good for purchases made on that date. In addition, shoppers will be eligible to win fabulous *register to win prizes* including shopping sprees and more!

The best part is Susquenango keeps the entire \$5 from every shopping pass sold. What a great way to help our squadron and save money for yourself!

If you would like to purchase a pass or are interested in selling passes, please contact Mary Kucharek 607-722-5136 or marykuch47@gmail.com. Passes will be available at our June picnic and September meeting. Just think if every one of our members sold just one pass the squadron would make over \$300. What an easy way to keep us afloat

Erie Canal Lunch Cruise

A *Dinosaur Bar-B-Que* Lunch Cruise along the Erie Canal is being planned for this summer. The Dinosaur Bar-B-Que cruise features selections from that landmark Syracuse eatery. Mid-Lakes Navigation only does the lunch cruises on Friday so we cannot do a Saturday trip. Tentatively I have chosen September 15th for our cruise. The ride is two hours long and we depart from Dutchman's Landing near Baldwinsville, NY at 11:00 AM. Plan to be at the dock by 10:30 AM. The dock is located at 7439 Hillside Rd, Baldwinsville, NY 13027. Total cost is \$37.00 per person.

Please let me know as soon as possible, but no later than September 1st, if you plan to attend so I can make reservations. My home phone is disconnected for the summer, but you can reach me at 518-813-7888 or e-mail me at nancybieber@twc.com.

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Highlights of the Executive Meeting/Merit Mark and Education Recognition Picnic—21 June 2017

Commander Michael Acciai, AP, called the meeting to order at 1911.

Lt Missy Olds S, reported that the minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as submitted.

D/Lt/C Nancy Bieber, P, - Cdr Acciai reported that Nancy is away; however, he received her report which was accepted as distributed. It indicated a small gain from last month and that the Squadron is solvent.

Lt/C Mary Kucharek, P, reported that she and Bob attended *Marina Day*, on 11 June, at Treman Marina in Ithaca. The event was presented by USCG Auxiliary 22 and the Ithaca Fire Dept.

The *Boscov's Friends Helping Friends* event is planned for 17 October 2017. Coupons for sale are available now from Mary or Vonda.

Lt/C Linda Rought, P, reported that she received a partial refund check from Phil's Chicken House for dinnerware items not provided at last month's Chicken BBQ.

Lt/C Les Smith, AP, reported the recent Seamanship course has been completed with exam results pending. He is contacting JCHS to arrange dates for the fall ABC and Seamanship classes.

Les acknowledged and thanked proctors Ann Smith, Justin Park, Bob and Mary Kucharek and Ken Boll for proctoring and arranging for proctors.

Lt/C Ann Smith, S, thanked those who helped distribute the new posters promoting the Spring ABC Courses. She indicated they made a positive difference in the ABC course attendance. The event at Dick's Vestal store on Sunday, 21 May, was successfully coordinated with Safe Boating Week and Dick's annual boat sale. Pictures of the booth and a write-up have been submitted to the Ensign Magazine. Pictures of the table display were also posted on the Squadron's Facebook pages.

P/C David Olds, AP, reported that membership is at 69 including four new members. We continue to receive notice of new Cyber members from a wide area. Each has been emailed an invitation to join our squadron.

P/D/Lt/C John Young, AP, thanked members for submitting articles for publication in the SeaChest. He asked that members continue to send in anything of interest to the squadron especially general interest pictures of this summer's activities.

P/C Bob Gould, AP, reported that he and P/C Tony Lenzo, P, have done some VSC's and several more are pending. He indicated the supply of VSC decals is running low.

Lt Linda Rought, P, thanked Donna Gould for securing the tickets for the Rumble Ponies Baseball game in July and that she (Linda) has the tickets to hand out. The Squadron Summer Rendezvous detail info and reservation forms were handed out and Linda went through some highlights of the events. It will be held at the St Lawrence River, 25-27 August 2017. The info and form will be emailed to members and other nearby D/6 Commanders. They will also be published in the next (this issue) SeaChest newsletter. Reservation deadline is 11 August 2017, but earlier would be appreciated.

D/Lt/C Nancy Bieber, P, Cdr Acciai announced that Nancy is away on vacation and called attention to the upcoming events Nancy listed in this SeaChest.

Marina Outreach Committee: Dave Olds reported there were two requests for a Vessel Safety Check programs to be run at the dealer's locations. The committee decided to contact the dealers and suggest a Fall time frame, when more squadron members would be available. Cdr Acciai suggested looking into a public on-the-water basic boat familiarization program in co-operation with one of our local marine dealers.

Speakers Bureau Committee: - Cdr Acciai reported that the committee would reconvene again in the Fall.

Commander's Comments: - Cdr Acciai recognized and welcomed new member, Don Cook, and presented him with the USPS Member Pin. He also thanked all for coming and congratulated everyone who received a Merit Mark or took a course this past season. "Your merit mark and self satisfaction is the only reward for the hours you have put in to make our Squadron function. Without your time and talent we would cease to exist. Thank you for all you have done."

"I wish you all a wonderful summer of boating and holiday joy on the 4th of July and Labor Day weekends. I hope to see everyone at the Susquenango Sail & Power Squadron Rendezvous this 25-27 Aug in the Thousand Islands."

"Don't forget the D/6 Rendezvous being held with the Kingston Power Squadron in Kingston Ontario, Canada on 15 July 2017."

The meeting was adjourned at 19:45

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret E. Olds

Asst. Secretary

FCC rules for American VHF radios operated in Canada.

American visitors:

American visitors who wish to legally transmit using their marine VHF radio in Canada require a valid ship's license plus an operator license. U.S. Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Canadian government have recently created exemptions for VHF marine radio licenses for radios used in home waters, there are international treaties governing radio usage outside home borders that boaters must still abide by.

The U.S. FCC processes applications for VHF radios for boaters in American-licensed or -registered boats travelling to Canada. Phone the FCC toll-free at 1-888-225-5322 for current information.

All radio operators must have a Restricted Radiotelephone Operator's permit, Form 753 (In 2017 permit fee is \$70 for lifetime.) to actually transmit on a VHF radio only in Canada. Listening is free!

Foreign visitors:

To legally transmit using VHF radios on a foreign boat (non-USA) in Canada requires a valid Ship Station License (2017: \$220 for 10 yrs.) and an operator's license from the home country. Transmitting around the Canada/U.S. border is usually ignored, but make sure proper radio procedures are followed.

Neither a ship station license or operator's permit is required in the United States.

Using VHF Radio

There are so many channels, how do I know which to use?

The Federal Communications Commission has established VHF-FM channel 9 as a supplementary calling channel for noncommercial vessels (recreational boaters). A ship or shore unit wishing to call a boater would do so on channel 9, and anyone (boaters included) wishing to call a commercial ship or shore activity would continue to do so on channel 16. Recreational boaters may continue to call the Coast Guard and any commercial facility on channel 16.

Channels 9 and 16 are used for "hailing" (calling another vessel) only. Once you have contacted a vessel you should move your conversation to a "working channel". That is, one designated as "non-commercial" such as channels 68, 69, 71, 72 or 78.

Another channel you should be aware of is channel 22A. This channel is reserved for the U.S. Coast Guard to relay marine information broadcasts. You may on occasion hear on channel 16 an announcement by the USCG telling all boaters that they have information that may be of importance to you. They would request that anyone wanting to listen to the information switch to channel 22A to hear the information.

OK, so I have a radio, how do I use it?

The standard procedure for a non-emergency call such as calling another vessel, marina, or restaurant to ask where to tie up for dinner, is as follows.

1. You should call the vessel, marina or restaurant on channel 9 or 16 in the following manner.
2. Name of station being called, spoken three times.
3. The words "THIS IS", spoken once.
4. Name of your vessel and call sign (if you have a station license) or boat registration number, spoken once.
5. The word "OVER".
6. Then you wait for the station being called to answer. Their answer should be in the same manner as your call.
7. Once answered you should suggest going to a working channel to carry on your conversation, such as 68, 69, 71, 72 or 78.
8. The word "OVER".

Wait for reply or confirmation from the station being called, switch to the working channel and repeat call process (see 2 – 5 above).

All conversations whether on a hailing channel or a working channel should be kept short and to the point.

Susquenago Executive Meeting and Education Recognition & Merit Mark Appreciation Picnic



Commander Mike congratulating new member Don Cook.



Looking good Commander.



Congratulations Denise Lenzo on your retirement.



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