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Welcome Back

It's that time of year again. Time to pull the boats out, winterize them for the freezing weather and store them for the long winter cold.

Now you have time to go through all those interesting pictures taken during the summer and reminisce about the great times you had. And of course now you have the time to send in some those pictures and stories to the SeaChest to share with your fellow Squadron members. And you thought you would be bored during the long winter? Not at all! The SeaChest welcomes your pictures and write-ups and wants to share in your wonderful summer experiences.

Send them to jyoung6@stny.rr.com.

Remember the words of Nhoj Gnouy "Those who share really care".

Executive Meeting & Lasagna Dinner

19 October 2016

At the newly renovated
Town of Binghamton Fire Station # 2
2120 Pierce Creek Road, Binghamton, NY

Dinner 6:00 P.M Meeting 7:00 P.M.



Homemade Lasagna Dinner
Regular and Eggplant
Fresh Tossed Salad
Italian or Garlic Bread
Coffee or Tea

BYOB - Plus, a verity of unopened wine left from our rendezvous will be available.

Dishes and table settings will be provided.

The Bridge will supply the desert.

A trivia contest and slideshow will be presented featuring photos from our Squadron's summer activities.

Cost \$10.00 per person

Reservations required by 15 October 2016

Contact Linda Rought: 607-760-6388 or
ldrought@stny.rr.com



On the Horizon Susquenago Events

- 10/19/2016** Executive Meeting. and Lasagna Dinner
Wednesday Town of Binghamton Fire House #2
Dinner 6:PM—Meeting 7:00 PM
- 10/26/2016** Cider Mill Playhouse Dress Rehearsal. Show Title: *Baskerville*

District Events

- 11/04-06/2016** D/6 Fall Council and Conference
Holiday Inn Arena
Binghamton, NY

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Commander's Column

The trees are beginning to turn color signaling the beginning of the cool fall season. Sadly, it also marks the end of a pleasant summer that many of us enjoyed on and near the water. Now it's time again to clean and winterize our boats and begin preparing for the cold weather and the coming holidays.

This summer was a very busy one for me and our Squadron. Missy and I enjoyed several trips to the beautiful St. Lawrence River, the great District 6 Rendezvous in the Finger Lakes area, a delightful Mail Boat Run excursion on Skaneateles Lake and our spectacular Susquenago Rendezvous, which included attending the Tall Ships Festival in Brockville, Ontario Canada. We also managed to squeeze in a trip to the Adirondacks with the RV.

In all, this summer was very eventful and enjoyable but, as we all say, "far too short!"

My thanks to all those who attended our Squadron activities and to those that contributed to make these events so great. I would especially like to thank our Membership Involvement chairperson, D/Lt/C Nancy Bieber, P, for planning and making the arrangements.

In July we lost our member and good friend, 1st/Lt Don Rumrill, JN, after a long and hard fought illness. Don was our Assistant Education Officer and always a willing volunteer. We will miss him.

On 21 September, we held our first meeting after the summer recess. We enjoyed a good pizza, salad and wings dinner and we welcomed back P/C Mike Acciai, AP. Mike has now retired and he has returned to the area after working in New Jersey for almost six years. At the meeting, Mike agreed to fill our vacant Executive Officer position and he graciously accepted the offer from the Nominating Committee to be nominated as our next Commander at Change of Watch in March 2017. Mike was sworn in as XO at the meeting by our District Commander and Susquenago member, Bill Herrick, JN. I would like to express my gratitude to Mike for his willingness to jump back in after his return to help us at this crucial time for our Squadron. We can now continue to look forward to the comradery we all enjoy and secure the future of our local organization by continuing our important mission of safe boating through education.

The 2016 District 6 Fall Council and Conference will be held here again in Binghamton at the Holiday Inn Arena on 4-6 November 2016. Although we are not hosting this time, some of our members will be helping with meal reservations, registration and the hospitality room. I have found these conferences informative and worth attending. Please plan to attend if you can.

Our next Dinner and Executive Meeting will be 19 October 2016 at the newly-remodeled, Town of Binghamton Fire Station #2 on Pierce Creek Road, Binghamton. We will offer a Lasagna Dinner with Tossed Salad, Italian Bread and Dessert. We will also attempt to finish off the unopened wine left from the summer rendezvous. A slideshow of the Squadron's summer activities, a well as another of Nancy's famous trivia contests is planned. So that we know how much food to prepare, please make reservations with Linda Rought by 15 October. (See details on the cover of this SeaChest issue)

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I thought it would be appropriate to close my column with a toast that Lt/C Ann Smith, S, our Squadron PRO, mentioned to me while we all were having a few drinks at an Irish pub in Brockville after our soggy tall ship ride:

*Here's to tall ships. Here's to small ships. Here's to all the ships on the sea. But the best ships are **friend-ships** so - Here's to you and me!* (author unknown)

Wishing you all a pleasant Fall season,

Dave

Cdr David Olds, AP

Highlights of the 21 September 2016 Membership Meeting

Commander David Olds, AP, called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM

Lt/C Mary Kucharek, reported that there was a quorum present. The minutes from the 15 June 2016 meeting were distributed and accepted.

P/D/Lt/C Jack Young, AP, reported that a Certificate of Deposit had been cashed in and deposited in the regular account and that the Squadron is solvent.

Lt/C Linda Rought, P, thanked everyone for helping out and attending the Tall Ships Rendezvous.

Lt/C Les Smith, AP, reported that the Piloting class has 3 students and an ABC class will be scheduled for the spring of 2017.

P/R/C Dave Daniels, SN, reported that the online ABC class is doing well with NYS leading the U.S. in number of students. He also reported that the online class is in the process of being translated to Spanish and should be available in early 2017. Dave mentioned that the *Boating with Susquenango* facebook group page contains an abundance of information and photos. D/C Bill Herrick, JN, asked Dave to write an article on this for the *Ensign* Magazine. D/Lt/C Nancy Bieber, P, also said she would write articles about the Skaneateles Mail Boat Ride and the Tall Ships Rendezvous.

Lt/C Ann Smith, S, and Mary Kucharek indicated that the Squadron will participate in the Boscov's Friends Helping Friends event in October.

Cdr Dave Olds, AP, reported that our membership numbers have dropped to 57 This is partly due to some people who have moved away and joined their local squadrons.

P/D/Lt/C John Young, AP, indicated that he is always looking for articles and photos for the SeaChest.

Lt Linda Rought, P, said our next meeting will be on 19 October with a Lasagna Dinner at Town of Binghamton Fire Station #2. The Bridge is asked to bring dessert. The Holiday Party will be at the Red Roof Inn (formerly Owego Treadway) on 9 December. More details will be in later SeaChests.

P/C Tony Lenzo P, reported that he and Bob Gould each performed five vessel safety checks in 2016.

D/Lt/C Nancy Bieber, P, reviewed the excursion on Skaneateles Lake on the Mail Run Boat and the Tall Ships Rendezvous and thanked everyone who participated. The next Cider Mill Playhouse performance will be **Baskerville** on 26 October. All interested in attending must let Nancy know on or before our next meeting.

Old Business: A meeting of past commanders and other interested members is being planned for this fall to address Squadron membership and staffing issues.

There is renewed interest by the Binghamton Fire Department Rescue Squad concerning the Rock Bottom Dam Warning Sign Project. Cdr Olds will be meeting with Fire Captain Daniel Vail.

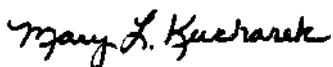
Cdr Olds reported that the Nominating Committee is pleased to announce that P/C Michael Acciai, AP, has agreed to take the helm as Commander in 2017 and Executive Officer for the remainder of the 2016-17 Watch. D/C William Herrick, JN, swore Michael in as Executive Officer.

New Business: The Holiday Inn Arena has been selected for the 2016, District 6 Fall Council and Conference on 4-6 November. Susquenango is not hosting, but some members will help as needed.

Commander's Comments: The Squadron Rendezvous was a great success. Attendees reported they had an enjoyable and educational weekend. Thanks to all who attended and to those who contributed goodies for the wine and cheese party. Special thanks to Nancy and Ron Bieber for making the arrangements and to Linda Rought for hosting the wine and cheese party and handling the registration.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM. Motion by Anthony Lenzo seconded by Ann Smith.

Respectfully submitted,



Lt/C Mary L. Kucharek, P
Secretary

Merit Marks

Committee Chairmen, I need your merit mark recommendations ASAP. They are due to National by 15 November.

If anyone believes they deserve a merit mark, contact your committee chairman and request a submittal. Remember, 25 merit marks and membership is free.

There is a merit mark form on the District 6 web site. The easiest way to access the district web site is to go to our susquenango.org web site, and click on the District 6 link on our home page. On the district home page click on the "Downloads" tab and then save the form to a file of your choosing. Open the file in your computer, fill it in then attach it to an e-mail to jyoung6@stny.rr.com.

You can also copy-and-paste the form to a word document.

Friends Helping Friends

Again this year our Squadron will be participating in the **Bosco's Department Store "Friends Helping Friends" Day on Tuesday, October 18 at the Binghamton store (13-23 Court St.)**. Our organization will sell 25% discount certificates at \$5.00 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 can keep the entire \$5.00 from every shopping certificate sold. What a great way to help our squadron earn money!

If you would like to purchase a certificate or are interested in selling them, please contact Mary Kucharek 607-722-5136 or marykuch47@gmail.com

Holiday Party Gift Exchange

As I write this, there are only 72 days until our Holiday Party. Plenty of time to make an original ornament for the tree. This year we would like everyone to bring a homemade tree ornament, wrapped of course, for exchange at the Holiday Party. Each member who brings a homemade ornament will choose another to take home. Get your imagination going and use your crafty skills to make a unique design that will thrill another member. Plaster, wood, plastic, cloth, baggie ties, paper. What will you use for your creation?

Cider Mill Playhouse

As you probably have heard, The Cider Mill Playhouse has lost their lease. This will be their final season at the Cider Mill. Let's support them this year by attending as many dress rehearsals as possible. The next performance is *BASKERVILLE: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery*. Get your deerstalker cap on. This is a twist on 'The Hound of the Baskervilles' into a murderously funny adventure. The male heirs of the Baskerville line are being dispatched one by one. Can Holmes and Watson discover the truth in time? Join the fun and see for yourself. The dress rehearsal is Wednesday, 26 October 2016 at 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$15.00. Let Nancy Bieber know if you want to attend by our October meeting, and she will get tickets for you.

An afternoon at the Young cottage on Lake Winola, PA



HALLOWEEN



Who Can You Believe?

Guy is driving around the back woods of Montana and he sees a sign in front of a broken down shanty-style house: 'Talking Dog For Sale'. He rings the bell and the owner appears and tells him the dog is in the backyard. The guy goes into the backyard and sees a nice looking Labrador retriever sitting there. 'You talk?' he asks. 'Yep,' the Lab replies. After the guy recovers from the shock of hearing a dog talk, he says 'So, what's your story?' The Lab looks up and says, 'Well, I discovered that I could talk when I was pretty young. I wanted to help the government, so... I told the CIA. In no time at all they had me jetting from country to country, sitting in rooms with spies and world leaders, because no one figured a dog would be eavesdropping.' 'I was one of their most valuable spies for eight years running. But the jetting around really tired me out, and I knew I wasn't getting any younger so I decided to settle down. I signed up for a job at the airport to do some undercover security, wandering near suspicious characters and listening in. I uncovered some incredible dealings and was awarded a batch of medals.'



'I got married, had a mess of puppies, and now I'm just retired.' The guy is amazed. He goes back in and asks the owner what he wants for the dog. 'Ten dollars,' the guy says. 'Ten dollars?' This dog is amazing! Why on earth are you selling him so cheap?' 'Because he's a liar. He's never been out of the yard'

Our New Executive Officer P/C Michael Acciai, AP

Michael has retired from his occupation in New Jersey and will again participate in our Squadron activities.

Michael was sworn in as Executive Officer at our last meeting and will succeed Cdr Dave Olds, AP, as Commander at the Change of Watch in March 2017.

Welcome back Michael and thank you for your efforts and loyalty to our Squadron.



In Memoriam

1st Lt Donald M. Rumrill, JN

Don was a loyal squadron member who held the position of Assistant Education Officer. Don was also one of those great persons who participated in most all of our Squadron functions and volunteered to assist in almost any capacity. Don will be missed by all our Squadron members.

The Susquenango Squadron members extend their deepest sympathies to Don's wife, Lyn Anstey, and all of Don and Lyn's family.

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Skaneateles Mail Boat Ride



Rendezvous Dinner at Foxy's



All of the Rendezvous and Mail boat ride pictures are available on our Susquenango.org website and on our facebook page.

The Tall Ships



The Small Ships



And

The Friendships



Thanks to everyone who joined us in making our Squadron Rendezvous such an enjoyable event.

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