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District 6

General Membership Meeting

And

Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner

Thursday - 14 November 2018 - Note: This is a Date Change

6:00 PM Dinner (cash bar available) - 7:00 PM Meeting



Elks Club Lodge  
1 Trim St. (Corner of Trim St. and Rt. 11)  
Kirkwood, NY 13795



Menu:

Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Squash, Cranberry Sauce, Rolls and Dessert  
\$14.00 includes tax & gratuity

Reservations to Linda Rought by 6 November, please. 607-687-3506

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



Holiday Party



Friday

14 December 2018

Nirchie's on the Avenue

215 Washington Ave.  
Endicott, NY

6:00PM Cocktails (cash bar) - 7:00 PM -Dinner

Choose one:

Petite Prime Rib, Chicken Marsala, Grilled Salmon, Veal Cutlet Parmigiana,  
Salad, bread and butter, soda, coffee and dessert.

Chef choice sides

Angel Hair pasta with Parmigiana entrée

\$31.00 includes tax & gratuity

Reservation to Linda Rought by 5 December 2018. 607-687-3506

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## Commander's Comments

Boating season is officially over for Peg and me as of this past Sunday. We buttoned up *Anam Cara II* for the season in 34 degree weather which made the canvas and isinglass as stiff as a board. Even so, the river looked beautiful and I was so sad to have to depart knowing it will be May of next year before we get back on board again. Thankfully we have a full agenda of Squadron activities on tap to fill the boating void we all face over the upstate winter months.

Our first meeting held at the Binghamton Elks Lodge #70 in Kirkwood this October, was so well received it was decided to hold our November meeting there and include a Thanksgiving turkey buffet dinner. I hope this can be a beneficial option for both organizations in the future and we can continue with our fetch dinners again with the major food items prepared by the Elks.

The D/6 Fall Conference sign up deadline has been extended to October 25th with no additional charges. Any Susquenago member planning on attending, please e-mail me for inclusion in the attendance roster.

Merit mark deadline to National for our submission is 15 November 2018. Please submit your hours and activities to me and P/D/Lt/C John Young, AP, so we can submit our forms. I would ask all members to be as prompt as possible with this as it is a large amount of work to complete all the forms.

Our Nominating Committee is in need of an Executive Officer for the 2018/19 Bridge term. Any new members interested please contact P/R/C David Daniels, SN, ([ddaniels1@stny.rr.com](mailto:ddaniels1@stny.rr.com)) or P/C Dave Olds, AP, ([olds2@earthlink.net](mailto:olds2@earthlink.net)).

Please check the SeaChest for our upcoming events and for the menu options for our Christmas/Holiday party.

Until we meet again, God Bless,  
Commander Mike



**Daylight Saving  
time ends  
November 4th  
2018 at 2:00 AM**



## On the Horizon

### Susquenago Events

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7:00 PM Meeting

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and Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner  
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Endicott, NY

### District Events

09-11 November

District/6 Fall Conference  
Niagara Falls, NY





**Friends Helping Friends**

And Mary Kucharek & Peg Acciai are doing just that at Boscov's. Thank you ladies for all your efforts.

**Our New Name Tags**

This is the new name tag that has been selected for our Squadron members. Lt Carol Herz, S, will order the tags and needs to have the exact spelling of the name you want on the tag, and the size and the type of fastener. Please contact Carol at [cjherz43@gmail.com](mailto:cjherz43@gmail.com) or call her at 607-722-2739 or 607-222-7144.



**Merit Marks**

Merit marks are due 15 November. Please contact your committee chairpersons and remind them of your efforts and request they submit your name for consideration.

Send Information to Jack Young—[jyoung6@stny.rr.com](mailto:jyoung6@stny.rr.com)

Thanks  
Jack Young

**2018 Name Tag Pricing**

Tag Sizes	Fastener Types			
	Pin Back	Ribbon Bar	Standard Magnet	Power Magnet
1" x 3"-3-1/4"	\$6.50	\$6.50	\$8.00	\$9.50
1-1/4" x 3"-3-1/4"	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$8.50	\$10.00
1-1/2" x 3"-3-1/4"	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$9.50	\$12.50



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## Marine Radio Antennas

The VHF (Very High Frequency) band 156-163 MHz is used on marine radios. The marine distress, safety and calling channel is 16 (156.8 MHz). There are dedicated antennas for this band.

VHF marine antennas are rated in dBs or antenna gain which indicates the apparent increase in transmitting power in its ability to focus energy.

Antennas with a high dB rating concentrate energy perpendicular to the antenna shaft in a field shaped like a disk, so your radio signal appears stronger to receiving stations. It also reduces the amount of energy transmitted above and below the antenna. Antennas are available in 3, 6 and 9 dB. A 9 dB antenna gain should be reserved for land based stations. A high dB antenna's signal can fade in and out as a boat rolls and pitches. The broad radiation pattern from a low dB antenna allows a sailboat to heel over and still send signals toward the horizon. Sailboats should use a 3 dB antenna on the top of their mast. A typical power boat uses a 6 dB antenna. Marine VHF radios for recreational boats are limited to 25 watts of output, so you cannot boost your range with a more powerful transmitter.

VHF radios operate on a straight line of sight between stations (signals do not bend around obstructions or over the horizon). Antenna height, more than anything, determines how far you can transmit.

Examples: Transmit antenna height of 10 ft. and a receiving antenna height of 10 ft. can have their signal reach 10 miles. A transmit antenna height of 10 ft. and a receiving antenna height of a 100 ft. shore station can be 18 miles. The higher the antenna, the farther your signal will reach.

Submitted by  
Robert Kucharek, P, Radio Technical Chair

### It's That Time Again; it's Holiday Time!

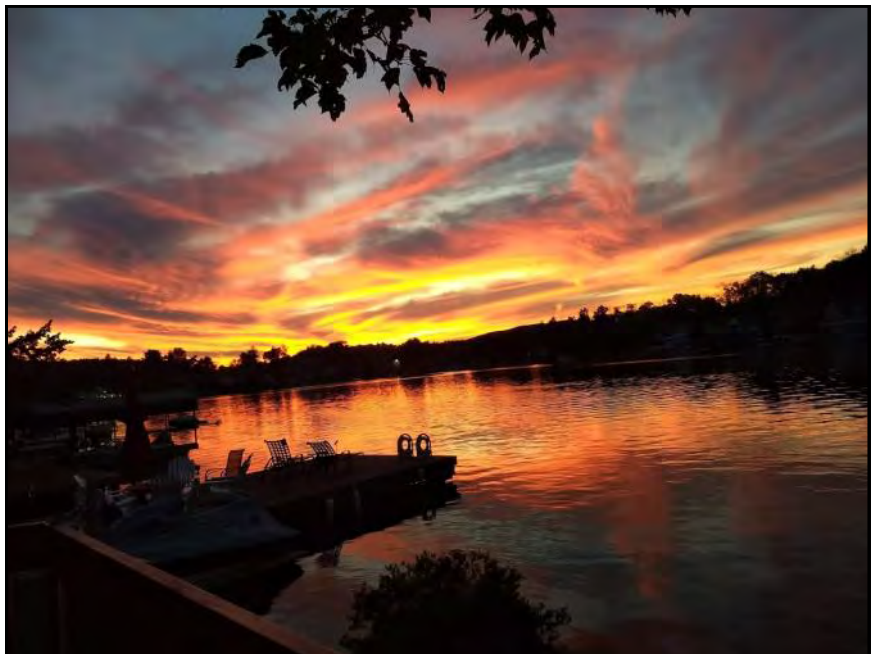
And time to wish your fellow squadron members a happy holiday season. In the December issue of the SeaChest we offer our members the chance to extend holiday tidings to squadron members either by having their name on the festive cover of the SeaChest or by having a personalized card included inside the SeaChest. We have a selection of holiday graphics that can be personalized with squadron member names.

One of the SeaChest staff will be collecting for the greetings at the November meeting or you can call or send a note to Jack Young, 8 Schiller St., Binghamton, NY 13905, phone (607) 729-4205, e-mail [jyoung6@stny.rr.com](mailto:jyoung6@stny.rr.com) by 22 November. If you have a special graphic, please let Jack know and he'll try to scan it into the SeaChest.

**Your name on the cover—\$5.00**

**Select cards within the SeaChest—\$10.00**

**All proceeds benefit our monthly publication: **SeaChest**.**



### Sunset at Lake Winola, PA

Picture taken from our deck at the lake. This is typical of the many colorful sunsets we observe throughout the boating season.

Submitted by Katie and Jack Young

**Nothing is impossible, the  
word itself says 'I'm  
possible'!**

Audrey Hepburn



## October Meeting at the Kirkwood Elk's Club



### Operating in Fog

#### Objects may seem larger than they appear...

When operating in fog be aware that visibility can drop drastically. When visibility is between 30 and 150 yards objects, including other boats, may appear twice as large as normal. The illusion also tends to make you think that they are approaching at a much faster rate than they actually are.

#### Steering a straight line without a compass...

Many a small recreational boat owner will find themselves steering in fog without a compass. With no compass and with no reference points because of limited visibility, even the best helmsman will tend to steer in circles.

To steer a straight course, attach a light line high on the bow or from the mast and drag a drogue, cushion, or anything that can create resistance over the stern. Keep the line centered where it passes over the stern and you will steer a straight line.

#### Actions to take in fog...

If you see a fog bank approaching or fog starting to form be sure to fix your position by any and all means necessary, including electronically or by bearings. If possible, anchor and wait out the fog in an area which is too shallow for large ships to operate. Don't forget to ring your bell for 5 seconds every minute while at anchor. Post as many lookouts as you have onboard and listen intently for the sounds of other vessels. If you hear a vessel approaching, sound the optional one short - one prolonged - one short blast to notify them of your presence.

### Hose Guards

Don't throw away that old hose. Cut a piece about a foot long, split it and put it around your dock lines and anchor lines where they pass through the chocks to prevent chaffing.

### Kitty Litter Below

When you put your boat up for a period of time put a few boxes of kitty litter below. It will absorb moisture, reduce mildew, and eliminate odors.

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