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## Commander's Column

It was great to have so many of our members attend the District 6 Fall Conference here in Binghamton. Our thanks to all who contributed their time and helped with this event. The Saturday afternoon speakers, educators John Halfman and Bill Foster, taught us a lot about how we, and our industrial practices, impact the water quality of the Finger Lakes and what we can do to help keep it pristine.

After the holidays, we can give some thought to boating again and possibly take in a boat show or two. Our Squadron has been invited to participate in the booth at the 2017 CNY boat show held Thursday, 16 February, through Sunday, 19 February, at the New York State Fairground. Syracuse S&PS will host and we hope to have some of our members help man the booth. Syracuse has doubled the booth space and

added a small pool equipped with remote controlled boats for the kids to operate. This is an effective way to attract younger families and entertain the youngsters while the parents learn about our organization and programs. Syracuse has arranged to have the Boating Skills Virtual Trainer (BSVT) there again for demonstrations. This is a boating simulator similar to a flight simulator, but for marine craft instead. It is a USPS training unit that has three 20-inch monitors, a steering wheel with trim tab controls, a throttle, and a computer program that simulates on-the-water boating situations. Please contact me if any of you would like to help out at the booth and I will arrange free admission to the show.

This past summer there were several serious boating accidents in NYS that may have been prevented if the operator received proper safety instructions. D/Lt/C Jeff Freedman, AP, our DEO, is pushing for legislation requiring all boat operators to have a Safe Boating Certificate within a year or two rather than the current long phase-in processes. He is drafting a letter which will be shared with all squadrons and may be used in contacting your NY Legislators. We know how important boating education is and I encourage everyone to send this forthcoming letter to your state representatives.

The Holiday season is a special time of year when we enjoy celebrating with our families and friends. We are thankful for all the blessings we have enjoyed during the year, including good times on the water with other folks sharing the experience. This is what our Squadron is all about; sharing our knowledge and experience, and good times with our members and our community.

Please join us for our Holiday Party on 9 December at the Red Roof Inn (formerly Owego Treadway Inn). Missy and I wish you a joyous Holiday season and a wonderful New Year.

**Dave**  
Cdr David Olds, AP



## On the Horizon Susquenago Events

12/09/2016 Friday	Holiday Party Red Roof Inn Owego, NY Cocktails 6:00 PM-Dinner 7:00 PM
12/21/2016 Wednesday 7:00 PM	Executive Meeting Brother's Two Endwell, NY
COW	11 March 2017 Jonathan's Endwell, NY

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## Highlights of the 16 November 2016 General Membership Meeting

**Commander David Olds, AP**, called the meeting to order at 1915 PM.

**Lt/C Mary Kucharek, P**, reported that there was a quorum present. The minutes from the 19 October 2016 meeting were distributed and accepted.

**P/D/Lt/C Jack Young, AP**, reported that we had a slight decrease in funds, but that we are still solvent.

**Lt/C Linda Rought, P**, Linda thanked Vonda Oakley and Mary Kucharek for helping with the District 6 Conference registration.

**Lt/C Les Smith, AP**, - Reported that the Advanced Piloting class, taught by D/C William Herrick, JN, is just about complete. Since there is no JN class available in the area, Les has ordered the JN kit and is teaching himself. Les has a list of available seminars. Anyone interested in taking one can contact Les. The JCHS has been reserved for the ABC classes as follows: A five week class beginning 27 February; A second class 24 & 29 April and 2 May. Les is planning to begin a Seamanship class in the spring.

**Lt/C Ann Smith, S**, reported that she will be working on Public Relations for the upcoming ABC classes.

**P/D/Lt/C John Young, AP**, - Jack suggested sending informational e-mails to members in between the SeaChest issues as a way to keep them interested. There was discussion, but no decision. He also mentioned a Binghamton Press article concerning a boating accident where the boat owner was not on board, yet was held responsible. He also reported that merit mark recommendations had been submitted to National.

**Lt Linda Rought, P**, reported on the Holiday Party which will be held at the Red Roof Inn (formerly Owego Treadway) on Friday 9 December.

**D/Lt/C Nancy Bieber, P**, thanked everyone for their help at the District 6 Conference. Our Squadron has been invited to the Syracuse Squadron's booth to help at the CNY boat show 16-19 February 2017. D/Lt/C Jeff Freidman, AP, D/6 XO is pushing for legislation for all boat operators to be safe boating certified.

**Lt Robert Kucharek, P**, reported the 2015-16 Historian Report is in progress. Nancy Bieber commended Bob on his recent history article in the SeaChest.

**P/C David Daniels, SN**, reported that the Nominating Committee has been having weekly meetings and making progress in securing a bridge for 2017. New bridge officers must be submitted to National by December.

**Old Business:** Cdr Olds reported that the warning signs for Rock Bottom Dam will be placed on the Tompkins Street Bridge in spring 2017.

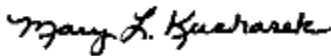
**Commander's Comments:** Thanks to all who brought food to our dinner and special thanks to Carol Herz for cooking our turkey, Missy Olds for baking our ham and Linda Daniels for our decorations. Thanks to Bill Herrick and to all those from our squadron who attended and helped at the recent D/6 Fall Council & Conference. It was a good conference with interesting afternoon speakers and the opportunity to share our concerns and ideas with others in our district.

Thanks to Jack Young for his help with compiling and submitting our Merit Marks.

Robert Gault transferred as a USPS Cyber member and brought along three family members as well. We also welcome Timothy and Laura Newton to our Squadron. Letters and packets have been sent.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Lt/C Mary L. Kucharek, P, Secretary

### Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner





*Happy Holidays*



*Ron & Nancy Bieber*



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*Tom Dixon*



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*Bill & Linda Herrick*



*John Langill*





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