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Susquenango January Happenings

18 January 2023: Executive Meeting, 3801 Country Club Road, Endwell 7:00 PM
Bring a libation, cookies will be served.

On the Horizon

18 February 2023: Change Of Watch, Jonathans on Hooper Road, Endwell 6:00 PM **
Menu details in the February Issue of the SeaChest

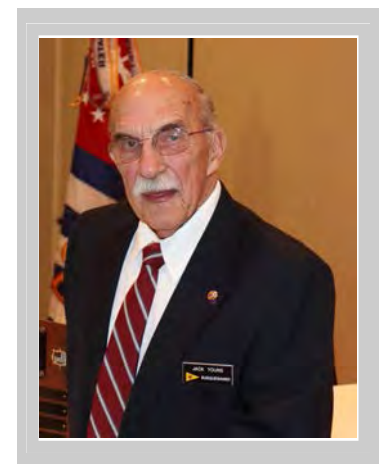
** Please Contact Lt/C Linda Rought, P if you are planning to attend this Squadron Event.
Phone 607-760-6388 or email Linda Rought <ldrought@stny.rr.com>

15 March 2023: Squadron Meeting, Location TBD

Over the Horizon

14-16 April– Spring Conference & COW, Elmira NY

19 April 2023: Squadron Meeting, Location TBD



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Commander's Comments



Commander
Michael Acciai, AP

Our Christmas and Holiday dinner meeting at Grande's was for member comradery, food and drink. Our only report being our invocation by Lt. Justin Park, JN. We all engaged in conversation, sharing stories, memories and current events until closing time.

Non business meetings are a vital part of our member gatherings and I hope we can work on a schedule that will offer more "friendship time only" meetings.

January will usher in our regular Executive meeting on the 18th at 7:00 PM in my dining room at 3801 Country Club Road. It will be time to discuss our finances, class registrations and COW preparations.

You will see our Nomination Committee's report for the 2023 term for Bridge Officers and Committee members on page 3 of this issue of the SeaChest. Please review so you will know the Squadron officials after the February 18th Change of Watch.

Due to the timing of this SeaChest issue, Peg and I hope that all our members and their families had a wonderful Christmas with their family and friends and that January 1st 2023 brings everyone a safe, healthy and prosperous year to come.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy New Year to All!

Keep a Balance in Your Life and Move On in 2023



Nominating Committee Report

9 December 2022

In accordance with the provisions of the Susquenango Sail & Power Squadron By-Laws, *Sections 5.5 & 6.8, and Article 11*, the Nominating Committee submits the following nominations for office for the 2023-2024 year:

Elected Executive Committee Members with voting privileges at all meetings

Squadron Bridge

Commander

Executive Officer

Squadron Educational Officer

Administrative Officer

Treasurer

Secretary

Mary Kucharek, P

David Olds, AP

Leslie Smith, JN

Linda Rought, P

Nancy Bieber, P

Christina Broderick

Members at Large

Michael Acciai, AP (Immediate P/C)

Margaret "Peg" Acciai, P

Ronald Bieber, S

Donna Gould

Robert Gould, AP

William Herrick, JN

Robert Kucharek, P- IN

Margaret Olds, S

Anna Smith, P

Elected Officers and Committees (not part of the Executive Committee with no voting privileges at Executive meetings)*

Asst. Squadron Education Officer

Asst. Secretary

Bill Herrick, JN

Margaret Acciai, P

Asst. Treasurer

Justin Park, SN

Bylaws and Rules Committee:

David Olds, AP

Elizabeth "Jane" Park, S

Auditing Committee:

Carol Herz, S

Donna Gould

Nominating Committee 2023-2024: Chair

Linda Rought, P

Robert Kucharek, P-IN

John Parnica, P

Each nominee has been personally contacted, made aware of the duties of the office and has accepted the nomination for that office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Rought

Chairman Nominating Committee

***All Squadron members may vote at General Membership Meetings**

Boating Safety Courses

America's Boating Course

\$50.00/person

Register for the First Session: 5 Tuesday Nights -- January 10th – February 7th, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

OR

Register for the Second Session: 5 Monday Nights -- March 6th – April 3rd, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Obtain your USPS Boating Safety Certificate to operate recreational boats and Personal Watercraft (PWC). Certificate is recognized by all states and satisfies New York State's Brianna's Law requirement.

America's Boating Course provides you with basic boating knowledge including types of boats and their uses, boating laws (both federal and state), safety equipment (both required and recommended), navigation rules, adverse conditions, communications, trailering, knots and lines and water sport topics.

Boat Handling

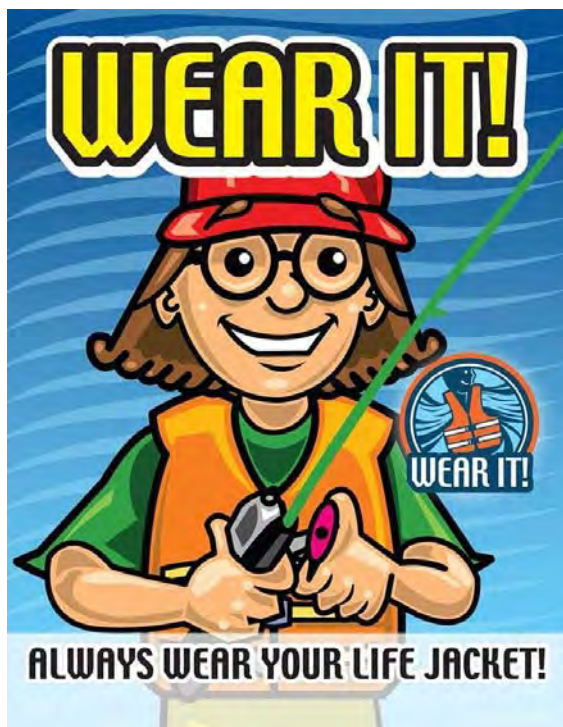
\$120.00 (non-member), \$76.00 (USPS member)

6 Monday Nights -- April 17th – May 22nd, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

This course is recommended for both power boaters and sailors who have completed the America's Boating Course, since it builds upon the basics taught in that course. Students learn practical marlinespike (a.k.a. knots), navigation rules, hull design and performance, responsibilities of the skipper, boat care, operating a boat under normal and abnormal conditions, what to do in various emergencies and weather conditions, nautical customs and common courtesies on the water.

Classes held at Johnson City High School, 666 Reynolds Rd., Johnson City, NY

For more information and to register: www.susquenango.org
or call Les Smith at 607-797-7391



Christmas and Holiday Cheer Plus a Happy New Year 2023



Photos by P/C Dave Olds, AP—SeaChest Photographer.



Check your navigation lights

Checking your navigation lights often takes a back seat to other boat maintenance. Besides, if the lights pass muster by coming on, that's good enough, right? Wrong. Just squeaking by isn't good enough to keep you, your passengers, and your boat safe.

Know the basics

Are your vessel lights visible for a mile, as regulations require? Is the white light visible for 2 miles—assuming your boat is less than 40 feet—as required by [Rule 22](#)? (If you're not sure, get a vessel safety check to see whether your navigation lights are in working order.)

Has time taken its toll on your lights, turning the lenses milky? If your red port sidelight is pink and dim, the answer is yes. Do obstructions on deck interfere with your boat's required light pattern? Sometimes a puny light meets the letter of the law but doesn't do its job of making you visible to others on the water.

Anyone who has boated at night knows that things look different in the dark. Trying to pick out a vessel's lights against a background of dozens (or even hundreds) of shore lights can be difficult, and a poorly lit boat could easily go unnoticed. If you encounter another vessel in the same situation, the results could be disastrous.

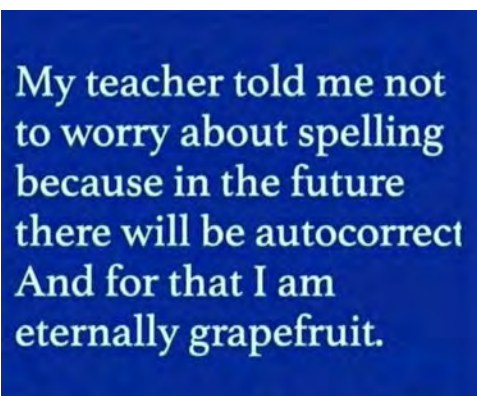
Make sure your navigation lights work, meet regulations and aren't obstructed. If you have to replace them, don't buy the cheapest lights. Do some research and consider whether an upgrade might be appropriate. Make sure your white light won't blind you or anyone else at the helm.

Many manufacturers position lights so they are directly visible from the helm. If your brand-new boat has lights that shine onto the helm or are obscured by deck fittings, make your dealer and the manufacturer aware that the lighting is inadequate and unsafe during reduced visibility and nighttime operations.

Learn light patterns

One more thing: Learn light patterns and what they mean. You should be able to distinguish the light patterns of a sailboat, powerboat, tug with a tow, or hovercraft. ([Learn more about these patterns.](#)) In addition to identifying a vessel's type, light patterns allow other boaters to determine the vessel's direction of travel and whether it is at anchor. Sometimes, the light pattern tells you what maneuver the vessel is performing. —*Scott Morris*

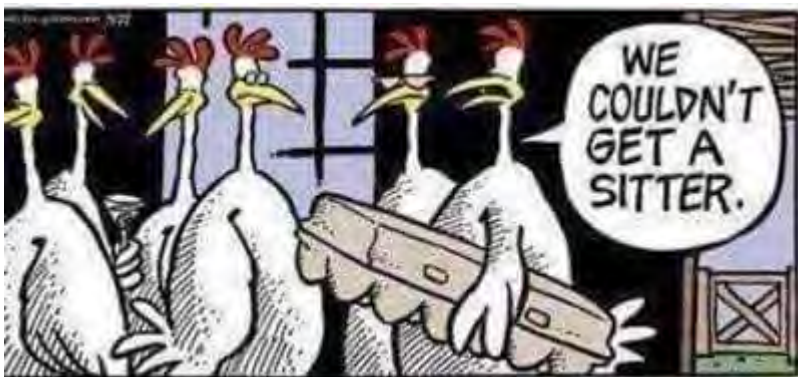
America's Boating Compass



Happy New Year 2023



Heat makes things expand... So I don't have a weight problem I'm just hot!



**I'm done with alcohol.
Look at this parrot I
bought last night**



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"Here he comes, Earl ... Remember, be gentle but firm ... we are absolutely, positively, NOT driving him south this winter."

Still didn't find my other sock!



Lazy way to win at Christmas
decorating



Holiday Cooking



Pinterest

Reality

When you're too lazy to build a snowman.



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