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## Susquenago Happenings

17 February 2024—Change of Watch—Jonathans on Hooper Road—6:00 PM  
Happy Hour Pizza and libations at 6:00. Dinner and Change of Watch at 7:00.

Dinner will be your choice off the menu this year.

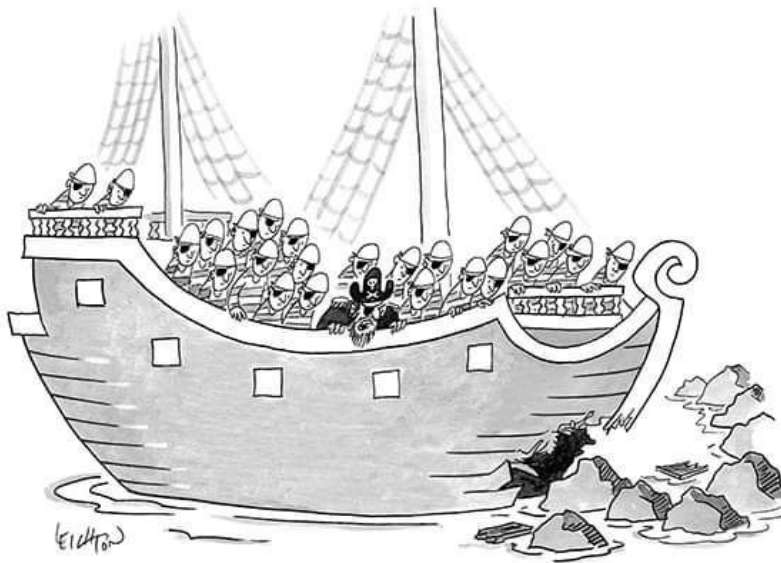
**Please RSVP so we have headcount for Jonathans**

**Contact Lt/C Linda Rought, P @ 607-760-6388**

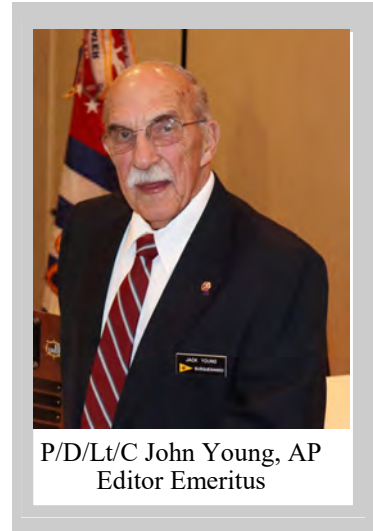
### On the Horizon

20 March 2024—Squadron Meeting—TBD

22-24 March 2024D/6 Spring Council & Conference,  
The Seasons Hampton Inn, Keuka Lake



*"Damn it, doesn't anybody on this ship  
have depth perception?"*



P/D/Lt/C John Young, AP  
Editor Emeritus





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## Commander's Comments

Well, here I am again completing another "first year" as your Commander. As you know, we had to cancel our January meeting due to illness and the extreme cold weather. I really hated to do it, but felt it was in everyone's best interest. All the more reason to look forward to our Change of Watch on 17 February at Jonathan's Restaurant in Endwell. Have you noticed how I always say "our" instead of "my"? That's because all squadron members are vital to our existence. That's why I will always encourage members to attend meetings and events. It's a great time to get to know fellow boaters and share your stories/adventures. Be sure to make your reservations with Lt/C Linda Rought.

As was printed in the previous issue, all bridge officers are continuing for the second term. This is very good news for us to assure continuity; however, we still have committee positions that "YOU" could fill. Contact me or any bridge officer to find out more.

Yes, its cold outside, but only 3 months till boating season begins – something to look forward to. It's also time to start thinking about activities for our squadron to participate in over the year. Any and all ideas will be welcomed and considered. Perhaps you have an idea for a summer rendezvous or other on the water activities? Seminars? Programs? Group events? Locations for meetings? Please share!

The Central New York Boat Show in Syracuse will be held from 15-18 February. Bob and I plan to help out at the Syracuse Squadron booth on Sunday, 18 February from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm so stop by and see us! Even though it's in the dead of winter, it sure lifts your spirits to see all the shiny new boats on display. Not that we are in the market for one – the "My Desire" still has a lot of miles left on her... after all, she's only 53 years old! But it's always fun to see what's new in the boating world.

I'll be looking for you at the Change of Watch!

And remember... "Life's roughest storms prove the strength of our anchors".

*Commander Mary*



# Second Notice as Required

## Nominating Committee Report

23 December 2023

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 2024-2025 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**

# Susquenango Boat Safety Courses

## America's Boating Course

February 26, 2024, March 25, 2024 (5 Monday nights) 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Obtain your USPS Boating Safety Certificate to operate recreational boats and Personal Watercraft (PWC). This 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

April 8, 2024, May 20, 2024 (7 Monday nights) 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 courtesy 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](http://www.susquenango.org)  
or call Les Smith at 607-797-7391

## America's Boating Channel™ Understanding Life Jacket Labels

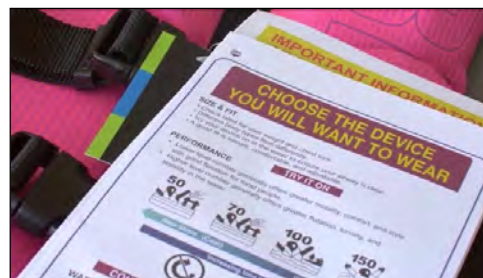
Let's start the year by getting our life jackets ready for the 2024 boating season. If you cleaned and inspected your life jackets before storing them for winter storage, you should know how many need to be replaced. Which brings us to our topic of life jacket labels. You may be unaware of the new labeling system if you have not purchased a life jacket recently. Type I, II, III and IV labeling was removed by the U.S. Coast Guard from the Code of Federal Regulations in 2014, but it is taking several years for the legacy designations to be phased out.

To help boaters understand the current labeling system, Season Four of America's Boating Channel offers the video "[Life Jacket Labels](#)" in which you are introduced to the simplified labels that contain less writing and more icons.

Regardless of your age or experience level, data shows that life jackets save lives. So don't hesitate to replace older life jackets. America's Boating Channel also produced a sequel entitled "[New Label Benefits](#)" that covers the advantages of the new life jacket labeling system. In this video, viewers learn how to interpret label icons. Also featured are tips for selecting the right life jacket for your intended on-the-water activity.

Follow the above links or visit <https://www.youtube.com/@AmericasBoatingChannel> to find these and other safe boating videos, which are an excellent tool to help recruit participants to our educational program and to membership. Invite your friends and neighbors to watch, like and subscribe to America's Boating Channel to introduce them to what our organization has to offer.

In addition to YouTube, these professionally produced high-definition safe boating and boater education videos are available via the America's Boating Channel free, on-demand app on Apple TV, Roku or FireTV. [America's Boating Channel™](#) is produced by the United States Power Squadrons® (USPS) under a grant from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund administered by the U.S. Coast Guard.



# Recipe of the Month

## Cupid's Cloud Raspberry and Cream Dessert

*This Cupid's Cloud Valentine's Day Dessert is a simple and delicious whipped cream and raspberries dessert that's perfect for love day! Ready in minutes.*



**Author:** Jo-Anna Rooney

**Prep Time:** 15 **Total Time:** 15  
minutes minutes

**Yield:** 6

**Category:** Dessert

### ingredients

- 1 cup whipping cream
- 1 tbsp sugar
- 1/2 tsp vanilla
- 2 cups frozen raspberries (see recipe tips)
- 1/2 cup sugar

### instructions

1. Using a mixer, whip together the whipping cream, 1 tbsp sugar, and the vanilla. Set aside.
2. In a food processor blend together the frozen raspberries and 1/2 cup sugar.
3. Once the raspberries have been blended, fold them in to the whipping cream. I do this by using a spatula.
4. Evenly distribute the dessert between 4-5 dessert cups or fancy glasses.
5. Refrigerate until you are ready to enjoy! (see recipe tips)

### Recipe Tips:

- **Raspberries:** Use frozen raspberries only. If you use fresh raspberries they will just turn into mush and make this dessert too wet.
- **Mixing the raspberries and sugar:** Use a small food processor, or even the blender, to do mix the frozen raspberries and sugar.
- **Whipping Cream:** Use 33% whipping cream
- **Make Ahead:** You can make this dessert ahead of time, but there are a couple of things to consider: if you make it and serve it right away, it is more fluffy. If you make it a few hours ahead, the dessert can get a bit soupy...it's delicious but not fluffy. Just make sure to keep it in the fridge until you're ready to serve it.
- **Option:** If you don't want to use raspberries, you can substitute them with strawberries or blackberries, or even a mix of berries.
- **More ways to enjoy Cupid's Cloud:** This raspberry and cream dessert is delicious as a stand alone dessert, but it can also be used for other things: use it to top pancakes, put it inside crepes, serve it with chocolate cake, put it on Eton Mess or Pavlova.



Found it.

off the mark.com by Mark Parisi



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# The Jack Rose -- Libation of the Month

By Liquor.com



The Jack Rose cocktail was created around the turn of the 20th century. Its origin is ambiguous, but reports peg its creation to either New York or New Jersey, which tracks considering the drink's base spirit was likely Laird's Applejack, an apple brandy made in New Jersey at the oldest licensed distillery in the U.S. The drink quickly found fans and enjoyed a popular run through Prohibition and even among prominent authors—it was a known favorite of John Steinbeck and made an appearance in Hemingway's 1926 book "The Sun Also Rises." It was also included as one of six basic drinks to know in David Embury's 1948 booIngredients.

1 1/2 ounces applejack or apple brandy  
3/4 ounce lemon juice, freshly squeezed  
1/2 ounce grenadine  
Garnish: lemon twist

## Steps

Add the applejack, lemon juice and grenadine into a shaker with ice, and shake until well-chilled.  
Fine-strain into a coupe glass, and garnish with a lemon twist.

The average person walks  
913 miles per year, and  
drinks 556 glasses (27.8 gallons)  
of wine per year.



Which is 33 miles to the  
gallon; which is pretty good.



**Did you know that;**

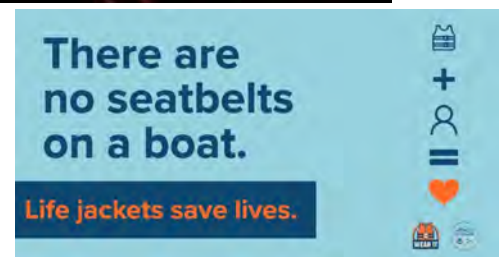
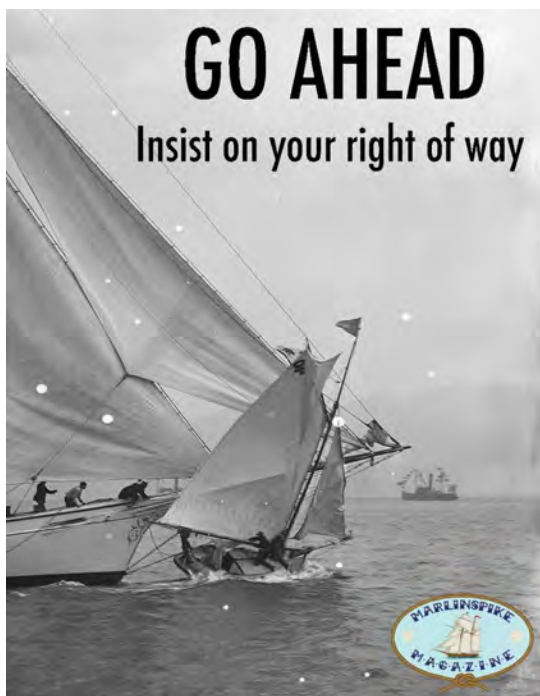
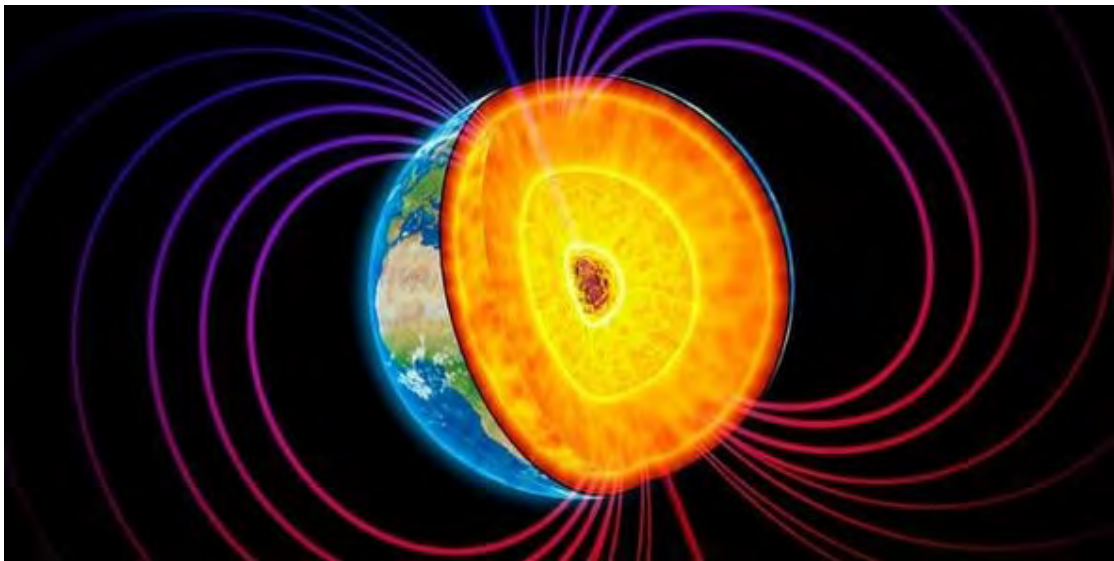
In the nautical chart, agonic and isogonic lines are periodically updated due to magnetic variation on Earth, which changes over time.

The speed at which these lines change depends on the geographical location. In some regions, magnetic variation can change significantly over a period of years, while in others it can be much more stable.

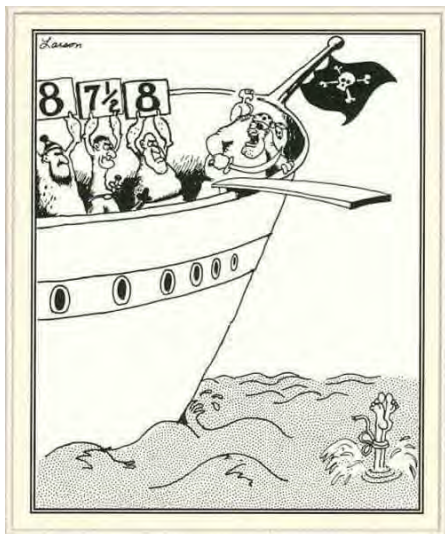
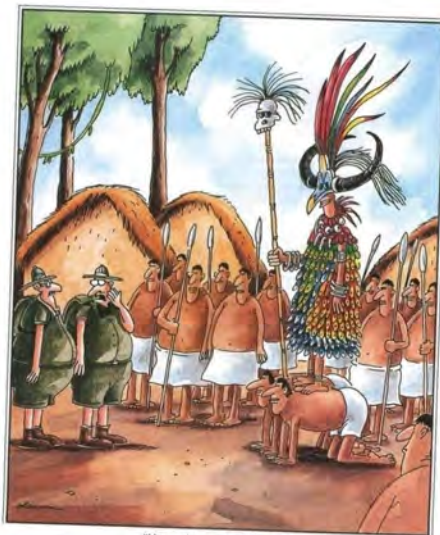
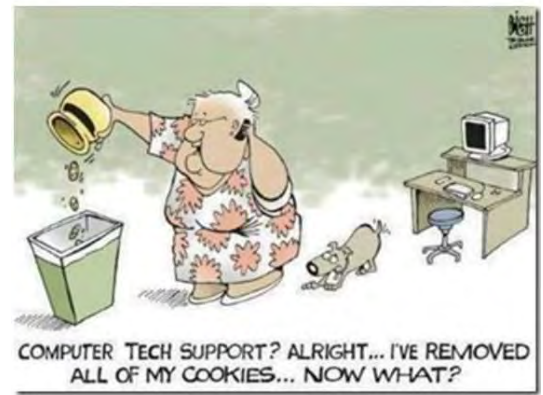
Generally, nautical and geodesic institutions in various countries are responsible for regularly monitoring and updating information on magnetic variation and consequently agonic and isogonic lines in nautical charts and navigation systems.

The frequency of these updates may vary, but it's important that navigators check updated sources for the most accurate information when planning their routes and navigation.

**Anselmo Miranda Martyr JN**



# Some February Toons





Many people do not realize the struggle of the Tally Man in tallying bananas.



With the rise of self driving vehicles, it's only a matter of time until there's a country song where the guy's truck leaves him



**I lost my khakis.**



**What it means in Boston.**



This is why physics teachers should not be given playground duty.



*"First, you forgot to put in the drain plug, then you failed to check your fuel lines in over 8 months. To make matters worse, you exaggerated the size of boat you own to your friends."*



**"And now, Bach's Brandenburg Concerto, Number One, first movement."**

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