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Susquenago February Happenings

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

19 February 2025 - Squadron Meeting - Chef Stanly's @ 5:30 pm
7664 NY-434, Apalachin, NY 13732

22 March 2025—Susquenago Change of Watch—Copper Top (TBD)

11–13 April 2024 District 6 Spring Conference:
The Seasons Hampton Inn, Keuka Lake



P/C MAURICE MILLARD, SN
1936-2025
Susquenago Commander 1988



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Editor Emeritus



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Commander's Comments

Well, the new year is off to a good but chilly start....subzero wind chills as I write this article. But we all know warmer days and light breezes are just ahead. Only three month till May and the boating season will once again begin.

Thanks to all who attended our January dinner/meeting which finally wound up at Little Venice. Lt. Linda Rought, P and I had lots of "fun" trying to schedule this one! It is getting to be a real challenge to find a place but Linda persevered and it all worked out fine. Of course we all enjoyed our meal and the camaraderie. If you've never attended a squadron event – why not? It's a great way to meet and talk with fellow boaters. Please remember to contact Linda Rought to register for all dinners.

The Nominating Committee has been working on the 2025-2026 Bridge and Executive Committee. The slate of officers appears in this issue. I hope to see you at our Change of Watch on 22 March at Copper Top on the Vestal Parkway where the new and returning officers will be installed.

Reminder that the ABC class will be held from Monday, February 24th – Monday, March 24th, 2024 (7–9 p.m.) at the Johnson City High School. If you are interested in helping, please contact SEO Les Smith, JN. Public Relations Chair, Lt. Ann Smith, S, will have information flyers available so if you know a location where they can be posted, contact Ann. Les is also teaching the JN class with 4 students registered so far. The Boat Handling Class is also scheduled – this is the former Seamanship course.

Please be weather aware as the days get colder and more dangerous and

Always remember... *"Home is Where the Anchor Drops"*.



Commander Mary



Nominating Committee Report

26 January 2025

In accordance with the provisions of the Susquenango Sail & Power Squadron By-Laws, *Sections 5.5 & 6.8, and Article II*, the Nominating Committee submits the following nominations for office for the 2025-2026 year:

Elected Executive Committee Members with voting privileges at all meetings

Squadron Bridge

Commander	Mary Kucharek, P
Executive Officer	David Olds, AP
Squadron Educational Officer	Leslie Smith, JN
Administrative Officer	Linda Rought, P
Treasurer	Nancy Bieber, P
Secretary	Margaret Acciai, P

Members at Large

Michael Acciai, AP
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) *(voting privilege as Member at Large or Bridge member)

Asst. Squadron Education Officer	Bill Herrick, JN *
Asst. Secretary	Margaret Olds, S *
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 2025-2026: Chair

David Olds, AP *
Robert Kucharek, P-IN *

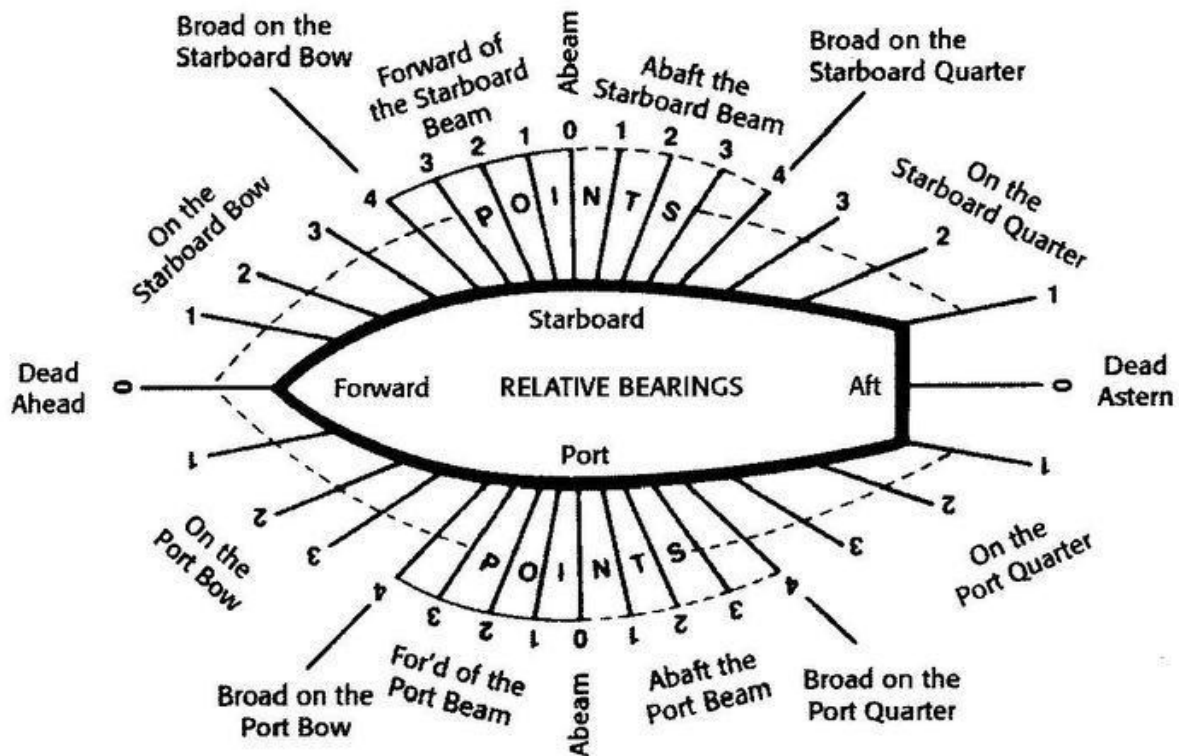
Each nominee has been personally contacted, made aware of the duties of the office and has accepted the nomination for that office.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Parnica

Chairman Nominating Committee

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



Understanding Relative Bearing

Relative bearings indicate the direction of an object (in this case, another ship) relative to your own ship's heading.

Key Points:

Reference Point: The center of the diagram represents your own ship.

Cardinal Points: The four main directions (North, South, East, West) are not explicitly marked but are implied by the arrangement of the bearing sectors.

Bearing Sectors: The diagram is divided into 32 sectors, each representing a 11.25-degree increment of bearing.

Bearing Labels: Each sector is labeled with a bearing range, such as "On the Port Bow" or "Broad on the Starboard Quarter."

Bearing Reporting: The "Report the Ship" section at the top provides a template for reporting the bearing of another vessel.

How to Interpret the Diagram:

Determine Your Ship's Heading: Imagine your ship's heading is pointing towards the top of the diagram (North).

Locate the Other Ship: Imagine the other ship is located somewhere within the diagram.

Determine the Bearing Sector: Identify the sector in which the other ship is located. This will give you the relative bearing of the other ship.

Example:

If the other ship is located in the sector labeled "On the Starboard Bow," you would report its bearing as "On the Starboard Bow."

Additional Notes:

Abbreviations: The diagram uses abbreviations such as "Stbd" for Starboard and "Fwd" for Forward.

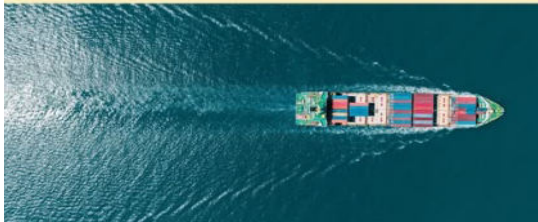
Accuracy: While the diagram provides a general understanding of relative bearings, precise navigation requires more accurate instruments and calculations.

Real-World Application: This concept is crucial for collision avoidance and safe navigation at sea.

Remember: Always refer to official navigation charts and regulations for precise and safe navigation practices.



Why is a ship's speed measured in knots?



A ship's speed is measured in knots because it is a unit of speed historically used in navigation, tied to the maritime tradition. The term originates from a method sailors used in the past to measure speed at sea.

The History:

- Sailors used a device called a log line, a rope with evenly spaced knots tied along its length.
- The log line was thrown into the water, and as the ship moved, the number of knots that passed through a sailor's hands in a specific amount of time (usually 30 seconds) was counted.
- This count determined the ship's speed in "knots."

Why Knots?

- A knot is equal to one nautical mile per hour.
- Nautical miles are based on the Earth's circumference and are more practical for navigation because they are tied to the planet's geography (1 nautical mile = 1 minute of latitude = 1.852 kilometers).

Using knots allows for consistency and precision in maritime and aerial navigation, making it the standard unit for measuring speed at sea and in the air.

Avoiding boating accidents at home

Contrary to popular cinematic portrayals, most boating accidents don't happen out at sea but at home—in waters we travel regularly, at the dock or at the marina.

When it comes to keeping safe in our boating home, familiarity can cause complacency. When leaving for a day's cruise or returning from a long journey, we often consider ourselves out of harm's way when we're inside the buoy marking the entrance to the marina. In reality, the areas near our docks are some of the most dangerous, given the increased boat traffic; the density of piers and other vessels; the play of wind and current that can cause collisions; and the potential for harm while docking and refueling our boat.

Below are a few suggestions to help us see our home waters with an eye toward safety:

- Spend some time this winter (and again in spring) surveying your marina for changes. Remember, the removal of a pier or the reconfiguration of a jetty doesn't mean those areas are free of underwater hazards.
- Find several landmarks to help you determine the direction of the winds passing through your marina. A flag post, the smoke from a factory chimney or the surface of the water in certain areas can let you know what you will encounter when coming into port.
- Make a list of the potential problem areas in the approach to your marina as well as a corresponding list of solutions: places where current and wind regularly make control more difficult, places to tie up in a storm if you can't safely reach your dock, etc.
- Don't be shy about speaking up for safety at your marina. If you find a hazard, let management know so it can be corrected. If you spot that once-a-month boater jump into his runabout and turn the ignition without having checked the bilge for gas fume buildup, say something. Perhaps he or she doesn't know the danger, and your mentioning it might save a life.

One more thing: I am keen on [safety drills](#) and the habit of having a thorough safety review with your passengers before you leave the dock. —Daniel Fannon



New York State's Brianna's Law, requires all operators of motorized watercraft to complete a state-approved, 8 hour boating safety course and obtain their boating safety certificate by January 1, 2025.

Boating Safety Courses

taught by a certified instructor from



America's Boating Course – February 24th – March 24th, 2025

5 Monday Nights, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. (NOTE: final exam on the last night)

\$50.00/person

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 – March 31st – May 19th, 2025

7 Monday Nights, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. (NOTES: No class April 21st and final exam is on the last night)

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

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



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CALL Les Smith at 607-797-7391

MORE INFORMATION
TO REGISTER:



Love in a Glass

What You'll Need:

- 1 oz vodka (vanilla-flavored works wonderfully!) 🍷
- 1 oz strawberry liqueur 🍓
- 2 oz cranberry juice 🍓
- 1 oz lime juice 🍋
- 1 oz sparkling wine or soda water 🍷
- Ice cubes ❄️
- Strawberry slices and edible flowers for garnish 🍓



Love in a Glass – Sweet, Sparkly, and Beautifully Romantic! ❤️

By: [Recipe Haven](#)

Capture the essence of love with this enchanting cocktail, Love in a Glass! With its fruity, sparkling flavors and stunning presentation, it's a drink that speaks the language of love.

Step-by-Step Instructions:

- 1 Combine vodka, strawberry liqueur, cranberry juice, and lime juice in a shaker with ice. Shake until well-chilled.
- 2 Strain into a beautiful glass—martini, coupe, or over ice, depending on your style.
- 3 Top with sparkling wine or soda water for that fizzy magic.
- 4 Garnish with fresh strawberries and edible flowers for a romantic touch.

Fancy Twist: Add a splash of rose water or a hint of grenadine for extra sweetness! 🌸

Beef Stroganoff

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| 4 tablespoons butter, divided | 1 tablespoon ketchup |
| 2 pounds filet of beef, cut into strips | ½ teaspoon salt |
| 1 cup chopped onion | ⅛ teaspoon pepper |
| 1 garlic clove, finely chopped | 1 (10½-ounce) can beef broth |
| 1 (8-ounce) package sliced mushrooms | ½ cup dry white wine |
| 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour | ¾ teaspoon dried dill |
| 2 tablespoons meat extracts paste or bouillon crystals | 1½ cups sour cream |
| | Cognac to taste (optional) |

Melt 1 tablespoon butter in a large skillet. Brown beef strips in batches until browned. Transfer to a plate. Melt remaining 3 tablespoons butter. Sauté onion, garlic and mushroom 3 to 5 minutes until onion is tender. Remove from heat. Stir in flour, meat extract, ketchup, salt and pepper. Slowly add broth and bring to boil, stirring constantly. Reduce heat and simmer 5 minutes. Stir in wine, dill and sour cream. Return beef strips and heat thoroughly. Add cognac if desired.

Yield: 6 to 8 servings

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Recipe of the Month: by land or by sea Cuisine of the United States Power Squadrons

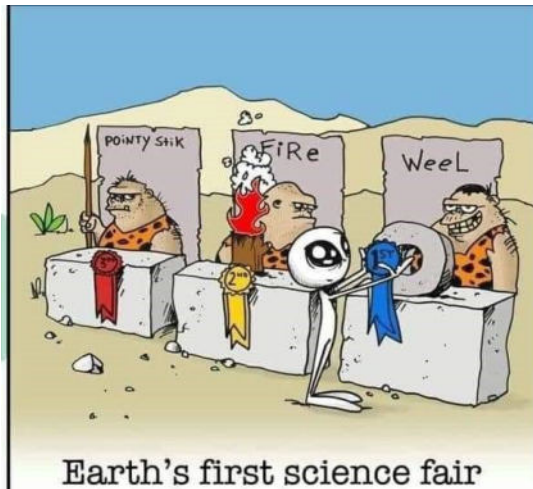
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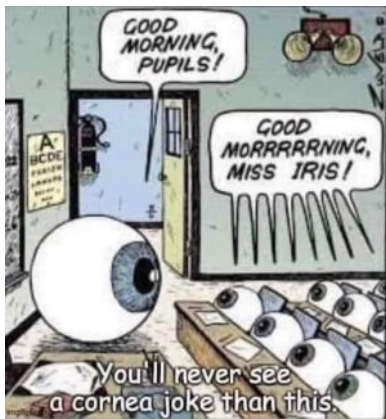
This is Punxsutawney Phil's ex-wife, Phyllis, who now lives in Florida and said that Phil is a compulsive liar.



"Not the laundry!"



Earth's first science fair



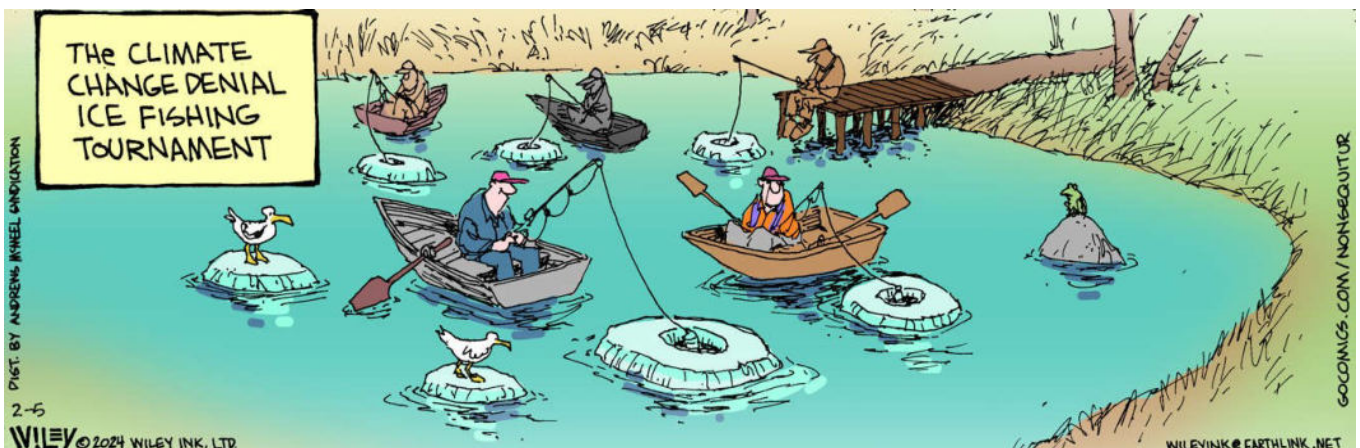
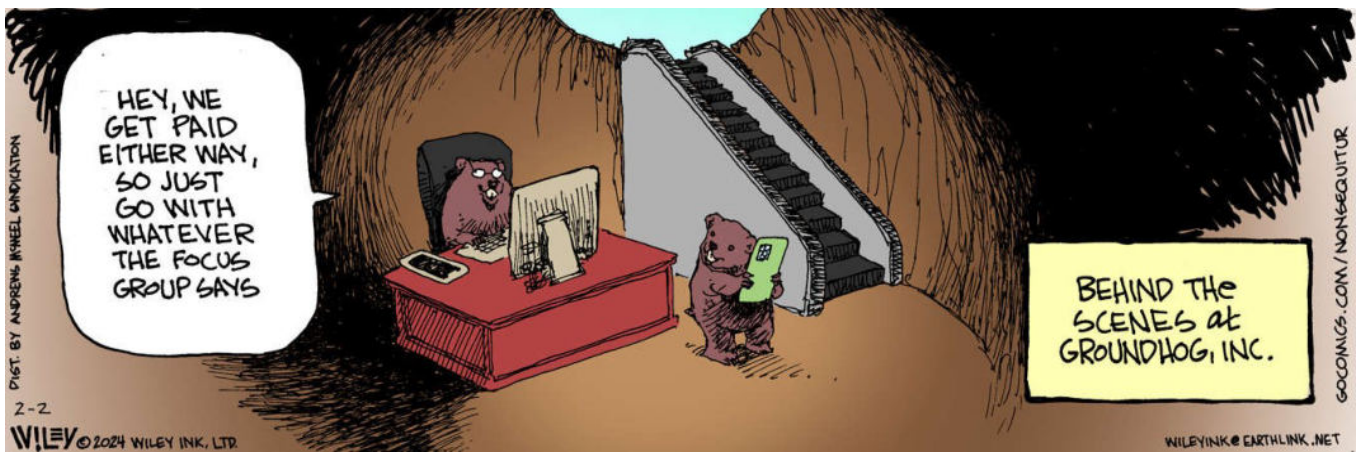
You'll never see a cornea joke than this.



This is the Italian groundhog...when they asked him if he saw his shadow he said "I didn't see nothin."



Floating tent sleeps 4 and offers a cool new way to die while camping



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