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General Membership Meeting

18 March 2020

Meeting 7 PM

**Jonathan's
Hooper Road
Endwell, NY**

This is not a food event, however, because Jonathan's allows us to use a room for our meeting, free of charge, many members meet earlier for dinner, ordering off the menu.



Game Night

Save the Date! April 17, 2020

Susquenago Sail & Power Squadron will hold a game night in the Town of Chenango Town Hall located at 1529 State Route 12 (Upper Front Street) from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. There will be card, dice and domino games. You choose what you want to play or play them all. Bring your friends.

There will be snacks including Pizza, dessert and soda. A \$5.00 cover charge covers it all. Hope to see you there. (Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.)

Contact Nancy Bieber—518-813-888 or nancybieber@twc.com for reservations. (required)

Directions From downtown Binghamton: Take Front Street North past Broome Community College. Town Hall is on the left approximately 12 miles past B.C.C on Route 12.





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Commander's Comments



Our 2020 Change of Watch is now history and our Bridge, Executive Committee members and I were installed for our second year. My thanks to all of them for staying "on board" with me. Special thanks to D/C Nancy Bieber, P, for doing our installation of officers.

Bob & I had the pleasure of attending the USPS Annual Meeting 12-16 February in Jacksonville, Florida. You will see several pictures of the event in this newsletter. The Marriott Sawgrass Resort was lovely inside and out. We attended seminars, met lots of new people and renewed some acquaintances. There were nine in attendance from District 6, including D/C Nancy Bieber. At the annual meeting on Saturday, Bob received his 50th merit mark and became an emeritus member of the USPS Governing Board. We watched history being made when the first woman Chief Commander, Mary Paige Abbott, SN, was installed. It took 106 years for this to happen and we were pleased to be there. All in all it was a great trip with many memories.

My theme for the past year and the coming year is **"America's Boating Club... is YOUR Boating Club"**. As I've said before, we have an amazing core group of members who are always happy to step up and take on new responsibilities, but we need to get more of our 63 members to come forward and share their talents. When I look at the roster, I see names of members that I've never met – let's find a way to bring them out. We have several vacant committee chairs that still need to be filled. I will continue work with the Bridge and Executive Committee to make this happen. Thanks to the recent need for ABC proctors, several members came forward to help. We even had a past member rejoin so they could proctor, too. Welcome back Kathy Darrah!

We are working on scheduling all upcoming meetings for the year and should have everything firmed up soon. The next meeting will be 18 March at Jonathan's and our 15 April dinner meeting will be held at the Kirkwood Elks Club with a traditional Easter dinner. Details will be available in the SeaChest. If anyone has suggestions for programs and or locations, please let me know.

I hope many of you are planning to attend the District 6 Conference which will be held 26-29 March in Corning. Information is available in the recent Deep 6 district newsletter. Please let me know if you will be attending so that I may submit the information to our D/6 secretary.

We have some exciting things in the works for the coming year..

A program to be presented by the NOAA weather bureau during Safe Boating Week in May

Initiating the Free Two Hour On the Water Training program aka Jump Start (see last months SeaChest)

A rendezvous on Seneca Lake

Participating in the Alan Treman Marina Safety Day in June.

I hope many members will participate in all of these activities. I look forward to continuing our work together as we educate the boating public and share many great times.

And remember... **"America's Boating Club... is YOUR Boating Club"**.

Commander Mary Kucharek, S

2020/2021 Susquenango Sail & Power Squadron Change of Watch



Bob Kucharek receives congratulations on his fifty year merit mark.



Short Film Debut at the D/6 Spring Conference

Electronics have permeated into every aspect of modern society, making us reliant on them for basic everyday tasks like communication and research. In the sport of offshore sailing, where the night sky has been used to navigate for thousands of years, most people would be hopeless without their GPS. Today, few people have had the opportunity to learn how to navigate using celestial bodies.

Celestial follows a crew of students onboard the schooner S.S.V Tabor Boy as they compete in the 2019 Marion to Bermuda Race navigating exclusively with celestial navigation. Directed and produced by Jack Gordon, the film gets an intimate look at life onboard the vessel and the intricacies of navigating celestially.

By following the three Watch Officers and the Captain onboard Tabor Boy, the film shows the value of learning to navigate celestially and the deeper connection it produces between the sailor and the sea. Onboard the vessel for the entirety of the race from Massachusetts to Bermuda, the film captures the mental and physical strain of offshore sailing.

Thanks to director and producer Jack Gordon, this film has been made available to District 6 for a screening on Saturday, March 28th, at 1:00pm during the afternoon sessions of the Spring Conference. This event is open to the public, so invite your friends!

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Susquenango Events

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18 March

7 PM Meeting

General Membership Meeting
Jonathan's Hooper Road
Endwell, NY

District Events

27-29 March

D/6 Spring Council & Conference
Corning, NY

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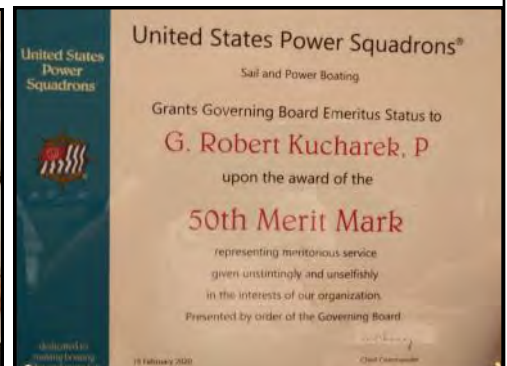
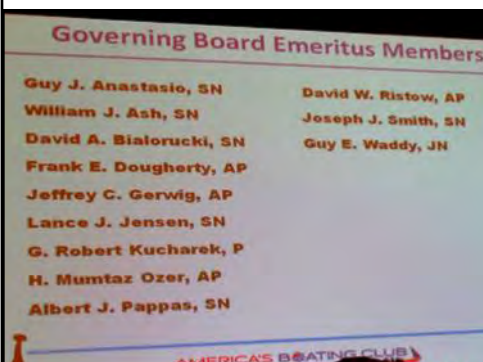
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