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## Susquenago April Happenings

21 April 2021—Murder Mystery Dinner Meeting —  
Town of Binghamton Fire Station, Pierce Creek Road  
Watch or take part in The Champagne Murder  
Chicken Cordon Blue dinner provided by Park Bench Catering  
\$10.00 per Person and BYOB  
RSVP by 16 April 2021 to Lt/C Linda Rought at 607-760-6388

### District 6 Events

9-11 April 2021—D/6 Conference at  
The Radisson, Corning NY



March 27th to  
April 4th



April 4th





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## Commander's Comments



Commander  
Michael Acciai, AP

I wondered the whole week before the Change of Watch what my new term as your commander would be like. Would it be” like déjà vu all over again”? to quote baseball great Yogi Berra. I certainly hope not. After talking one on one with our bridge and committee members I feel that we are going to move forward and address the challenges imposed by what will be the New Normal in a post pandemic year. We will step up to the need for virtual ABC classes while finding locations to hold in person classes and still meet the state imposed occupation limits. We will continue to collaborate and work with our sister D/6 Squadrons, have dinner meetings and a Rendezvous on the river if allowed. We will meet these challenges head on and succeed in the New Normal.

I would like to commend P/C Mary Kucharek, S for all she accomplished during her term as Commander. She jumped in two years ago with a lot of new ideas that really worked, like participation in Marina day at Cayuga Lake, a rendezvous on the lake with diner and a lake cruise both of which were quiet popular. Then came the Covid-19 pandemic and literally took the wind out of our second year sails but she kept us afloat with virtual meetings, phone calls and emails during a year of no social gathering and ABC boating courses. For that I thank her. Now that she is our Executive officer I hope that she will continue to keep our Facebook site filled with current America's Boating Club happenings and I would ask her to work on a Marina Day in Ithaca for this year.

The D/6 Spring Conference and COW in Corning, NY (9-11April) will be well represented by our Susquenago Bridge members as we welcome the new D/6 Bridge members to their offices and cheer our own D/C Nancy Bieber's transition to P/D/C. I also commend Nancy and all the D/6 bridge officers for their excellent work in keeping operations going and holding very good virtual conferences over the past year.

We will be having an in person meeting at the TOB Fire Station on 21 April 2021. This will be a Murder Mystery Dinner Party called the Champagne Murder. Dinner will be provided by Park Bench Catering and Peg and I will supply some bubbly for the play. Details are in the Susquenago Happenings section of the SeaChest.

I this time I would like to wish all of our Jewish members and friends a Happy Passover Holiday and a Happy Easter to all of our members and friends who celebrate this Christian holiday.

**May everyone be healthy and stay healthy during the New Normal and remember the sage advice of Yogi Berra "It ain't over till it's over."**



Congratulations to our newest life member, Lt Katie Young!



P/D/Lt/C John  
Young, AP  
Editor Emeritus  
Receiving a Certifi-  
cate of Appreciation  
for 20 years of ser-  
vice publishing the  
SeaChest.  
Thank You John!



# Susquenango's 2021-2022 Change of Watch Ceremony



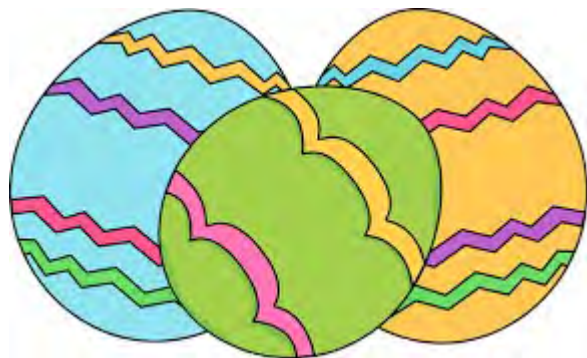












# Thunderstorms and Severe Weather – Webinar



Understanding only German, Fritz was unaware that the clouds were becoming threatening.

## **Don't be like Fritz. Learn to read an angry sky by taking a USPS Weather Course!**

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## But Why Is It Called The 'Head'?

The forward-most part of the ship was originally known as the "bows" or "beakhead" after the ram on the bow of a fighting galley (think beak as in bird of prey). During the Medieval period, the bows evolved into a raised castle-like structure from which archers (and later fighting musketeers) could fire down upon the enemy during battle, which is where the name forecastle (or fo'c'sle) is derived.

Over time, the forecastle devolved into basically a work platform covered with open grating. Due to the continuous flushing action of the sea and its location (which allowed the wind coming forward to carry the smell forward, too, away from the ship), this is where the lavatories or "seats of ease" came to be located, these being nothing more than benches built over holes cut into the grating.

Those who used them were fully exposed to both the elements and the ship's company with at least one Spanish traveler describing with mock sentiment the lovely views afforded the crew of the moon and planets, as well as the tarred ropes (which serve the same purpose as the corncob in rural America) and those impromptu washings provided by the waves. Thoughtful captains often had safety netting strung around the entire area, as it was not uncommon for patrons caught off guard to be washed overboard by larger seas. They could be busy places too, as a typical 18th century man-of-war possessed only six seats of ease for a crew of roughly 800.



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