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Susquenango April Happenings

17 April 2024—April General Membership Dinner Meeting — Elks Club, Kirkwood, NY
6:00 PM - Menu: Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Garlic Green Beans, Salad, Rolls, butter
and Dessert . \$24.00 per Person

Please **Contact Lt/C Linda Rought, P @ 607-760-6388** for reservations.

On the Horizon

15 May 2024—Executive Meeting—Park Diner, 119 Conklin Ave, Binghamton , NY - 7:00PM
Dinner off the menu at 6:00 PM



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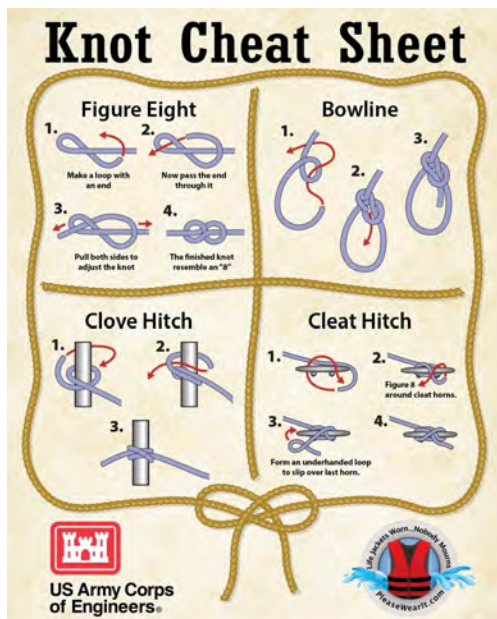
Commander's Comments

Due to me being out of town, it was decided that our 20 March meeting would be via Zoom. Thanks to all who attended. It was great to "see" you! At the meeting, we discussed plans for future meetings and The Annual Allan Treman Marina Safety Day which will be held June 22 with a weather delay date of June 29. Plans will get underway when I return home. I am relinquishing part of my article space so that Lt. Ann Smith, P could give you a full report on the District 6 Conference which was held 22-24 March in Penn Yan.

Thanks, Ann!

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

Commander Mary





District 6 Spring Conference Report

Submitted by Lt Ann Smith, P

The District 6 Spring Conference held on March 22 – 24, 2024 was fun and memorable for both Les and I. It was held at the Hampton Inn & the adjoining Seasons on Keuka Lake Banquet & Conference Center in Penn Yan, NY. The location was a wonderful choice for the conference since we were right on the water at the north end of the east branch of Keuka Lake.

The conference started off on Friday night with a wine tasting from the Keuka Spring winery. A “Meet & Greet” followed in the designated “hospitality suite” where members shared hors d’oeuvres and talked with the attending national representative, National Executive Officer V/C Michael Wiedel, JN-IN.

Saturday started off with the D6 Spring Conference meeting. Susquenango Sail & Power Squadron was one of four D6 squadrons that won a Distinctive Communications Award for their website and one of five for the Sea Chest newsletter.

Administrative Officer D/Lt/C Mike Acciai talked about Member Benefits.

New Life Members announced were David C. Ashley and James T. Sharpe from the Syracuse Squadron and David W. Shultz from the Utica Squadron.

Squadron Commander Jim Ryder received the Squadron Commander of the Year Award.

Nominations Chairperson P/D/C Nancy Bieber announced the D6 Bridge nominated officers. District Executive Officer D/Lt/C Karen Green, from the Syracuse Squadron, was sworn in as our new District Commander, thereby retiring outgoing Commander Rick Hibbs.

During lunch, a slide presentation on the Finger Lakes Boating Museum (located at the south end of Keuka Lake near Hammondsport, NY) was done by one of their representatives.

D/Lt/C Chris Foster did a demonstration on the latest computer boat simulator called MuVIT (Multi-Vessel Interactive Trainer). The trainer simulates both power boats and sailing vessels and can run multiple vessels on “auto-pilot” to simulate boat traffic. After a short break, there was a presentation given by R/C Tom Alley on the upcoming Solar Eclipse which included an in depth explanation on how it occurs, myths, historical data and facts. Later that afternoon, D/C Rick Hibbs gave a presentation on the America’s Boating Channel (including how to access it, what is on it and how it can be used by our squadrons). After that, D/Lt/C Les Smith held a DEO/SEO/ASEO meeting to discuss education issues and new information.

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In the evening, there was a D6 Commander's Cocktail Hour in the hospitality suite then a delicious buffet banquet and basket raffle plus 50/50 drawing back in the banquet facility. Six solar powered 10 inch lighthouses, used as the table centerpieces, were won by banquet attendees. Nancy Bieber, Peg Acciai and I were three of those winners. Sunday concluded the conference with meetings among and between the Past District Commanders, the Squadron Commanders and the D6 Bridge.

The conference committee did a great job organizing this weekend event. The welcome bag that we each received included a small bottle of white or red wine, a Hersey chocolate bar, a bottle of water and a pair of solar eclipse glasses we can use during the event on April 8th. There was plenty of delicious food and beverages served throughout the weekend. We were lucky to have traveled to the conference on Friday and return on Sunday avoiding the four inches of snow that fell early Saturday morning in Penn Yan.

Taking advantage of the discounted entrance fee negotiated by the conference committee, Les and I stopped to see the Finger Lakes Boating Museum on Sunday afternoon on our way home. We were very impressed with their operation and collection of fine wooden boats. I'll have an article in the next issue of the Sea Chest to tell you all about it. So stay tuned!

District 6 Spring Conference – March 22 – 24, 2024

Photographs and comments by Lt Ann Smith, P



The District 6 Bridge at the start of the Spring Conference Meeting.



National Executive Officer V/C Michael Wiedel



Conference attendees listen to one of the presentations.



Mike Acciai receives the award for Susquenango.



Mike & Peg Acciai receive the award for Susquenango.



District Education Officer Les Smith.



Nancy Bieber announces the Bridge nominees.



Jim Ryder - Squadron Commander of the Year Award.



Karen Green sworn in as D6 Commander & Rick Hibbs given Past Commander recognition.



SeaChest Breaking News

Ransom Note For Commanders Bell Received

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Can we save Commander Mary's
 Squadron Bell from a Watery Grave?

Watch this spot for up-
 coming Susquenango Sail
 and Power Squadron
 Fund raising events!



Avoiding collisions between boats and kayaks

When you're boating, you can take steps to avoid collisions between boats and kayaks. An expert research article, "[Visibility Factors in Small Boat Collisions](#)," offered some good suggestions on how to avoid running over kayaks and small boats and also how to avoid being run over in smaller boats and kayaks.

The researchers made suggestions based on a series of on-the-water tests using volunteers in kayaks and powerboats. Researchers found that kayaks aren't likely to be spotted by powerboats until they're a quarter of a mile away. The sooner a small vessel is spotted, the better.

Seventy-five percent of powerboat operators reported first seeing "paddle flash" when they saw the vessel. A white or light-colored paddle blade was much easier to see than a dark blade. The remaining 25 percent saw the luminous jersey worn by the volunteers. Consider adding [paddle tip reflectors](#) to your paddle tips.

Experts recommend that kayakers

- carry an audible signaling device,
- wear fluorescent life vests or shirts,
- use paddles with white or light-colored blades,
- avoid kayaking in areas with high boat traffic, and
- use flags that can be mounted on kayaks.

Owners of larger boats should

- wear sunglasses,
- keep a proper lookout, and
- be especially alert in areas where they are likely to encounter smaller craft.

—Robert Beltz *America's Boating Compass*

Fitting out your boat for spring

With the official start of spring around the corner—and boating season not far behind—follow these tips to ensure a smooth launch when fitting out your boat:

Don't rush. To avoid accidentally sinking your boat, take your time inspecting engine hoses and hoses clamps; keep a path clear for water to drain off the boat (remove leaves from scuppers); and inspect seacocks or sea strainers for cracks. On larger boats with stuffing boxes, check for leaks and adjust the nut if necessary. Check out a spring safety checklist [here](#).

Have the right safety gear. While the air temperatures are warming up, water temperatures are likely to remain cool longer than usual this year—a real hypothermia threat, especially for owners of small boats, according to U.S. Coast Guard recreational boating statistics. Make sure you have a way to get back into the boat if you fall off; install the proper boarding ladder for your vessel.

Be prepared for breakdowns. After you've done everything you can to get your boat going, stale or ethanol-laden fuel can be a problem in the spring, as is the simple wear and tear of another new boating season. Get yourself an affordable on-the-water [towing plan](#) for unexpected breakdowns.

Now is also a good time to have a [Vessel Safety Check](#) done on your boat. —BoatUS

Libation of the Month: Brandy Alexander

This recipe for the Brandy Alexander was originally published on Liquor.com in 2011 by the late, great Gary “Gaz” Regan.

The Brandy Alexander was a darned popular drink when I was working Upper East Side bars in Manhattan during the '70s, and when carefully crafted, it can be a quality quaff. But where did it come from?

It's obviously a pimped-out version of the classic—but largely forgotten—Alexander cocktail and mixes brandy instead of gin with creme de cacao and cream. But whoever eighty-sixed the British gin and welcomed the French cognac to the party is, I believe, lost to history.

One of the earliest known printed recipes for the Alexander can be found in Hugo Ensslin's 1916 book [*Recipes for Mixed Drinks*](#). The cocktail, according to historian Barry Popik, was likely born at Hotel Rector, New York City's premier pre-Prohibition lobster palace. The bartender there, a certain Troy Alexander, created his eponymous concoction in order to serve a white drink at a dinner celebrating Phoebe Snow.

Phoebe Snow, I should explain, was a fictitious character used in an advertising campaign for the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad. The company wanted to get the message across that it powered its locomotives with anthracite, a clean-burning variety of coal. The ads emphasized this by showing Ms. Snow traveling while wearing a snow-white dress.

Getting back to the Brandy Alexander, I should note that it was first known as the Alexander #2. Want to know the secret to making the drink? Go heavy on the brandy and light on the sweet stuff. My recipe is a decent jumping-off point; you can play with it to make it your own. Try the original gin-based Alexander, too. It's a mighty fine drink.



Ingredients

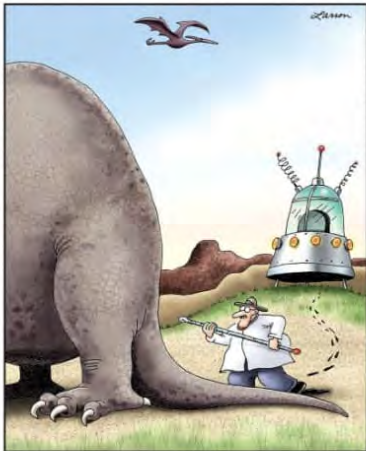
- 1 1/2 ounces cognac
- 1 ounce dark creme de cacao
- 1 ounce cream
- Garnish: grated nutmeg

Steps

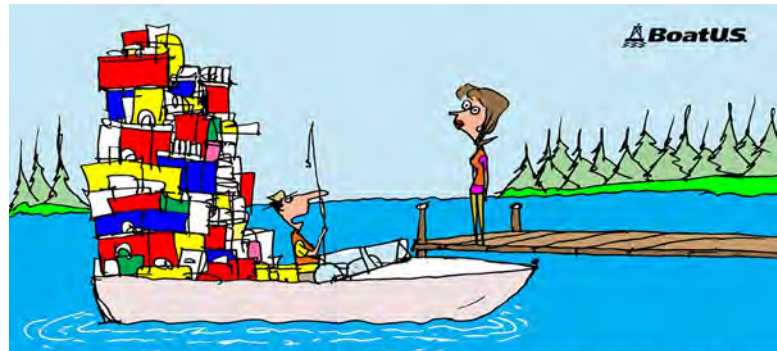
1. Add cognac, dark creme de cacao and cream into a shaker with ice and shake until well-chilled.
2. Strain into a chilled cocktail glass or a coupe glass.
3. Garnish with freshly grated nutmeg.



Toons



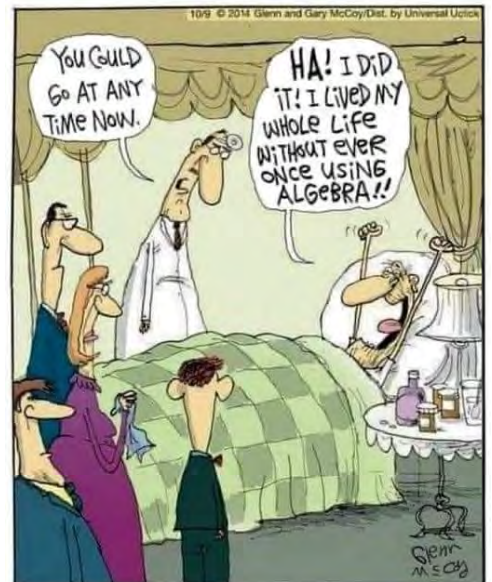
An instant later, both Professor Waxman and his time machine are obliterated, leaving the cold-blooded/warm-blooded dinosaur debate still unresolved.



"I thought we would do some boating and fishing while enjoying some snacks. Actually, we'll be enjoying a lot of snacks."



"Yeah, that's my wife in the boat being carried out to sea. Don't put yourself at risk though - I can get a new boat."



The awkward moment when you drive your Chevy to the levy and the levy isn't dry.



This is what happens when you're drinking whiskey and rye.



"I'd like to buy a fowl."

I'm not an electrician or anything, but I don't think this is right



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