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**Susquenango May Happenings**

19 May 2021: General Membership Meeting and Phil's BBQ Chicken Dinner.  
Town Of Binghamton Fire Station, Pierce Creek Road  
Dinner hour 1800, Meeting 1900  
Price per Person—\$13.00  
Chicken, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Cabbage Salad, Desert and BYBO  
Reservations to Lt/C Linda Rought at 607-760-6388 by 14 May 2021

**On the Horizon**

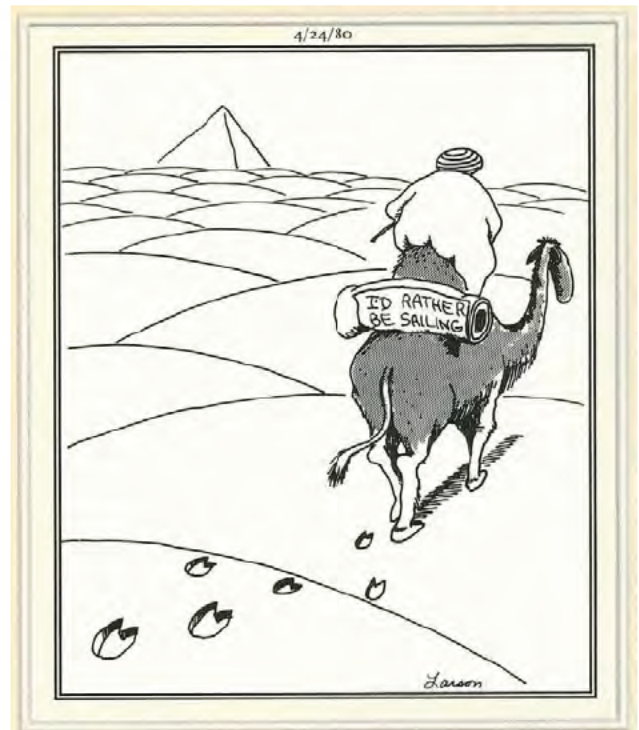
16 June 2021: Executive Meeting and Recognition Picnic  
The Acciai's home at 3801 Country Club Road, Endwell

Marina Safety Day: Alan Tremain in Ithaca  
June 12 or 19. TBD More details to follow.

**New York. ACTUALLY HAS 12 SEASONS**

- Winter
- Fool's Spring
- Second Winter
- Spring of Deception
- Third Winter
- The Pollening
- Actual Spring
- Summer
- Hell's Front Porch
- False Fall
- Second Summer
- Actual Fall

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## Commander's Comments



**Commander**  
**Michael Acciai, AP**

April showers bring May flowers and the beginning of boating season for many of us. Time to get to the marina and begin the commissioning process of wash, wax and canvas. Oil changes, battery checks and water filter cleaning are all part of the spring time fun. Other members will be opening up their camps in preparation of a summer on the lake or river. I hope that every America's Boating Club and Susquenago member has a wonderful season this year.

April was a busy month for our bridge and committee members. Many of us attended the D/6 2021 Spring Conference where we welcomed in the new D/6 Bridge members and wished Nancy Bieber, P well on her new position as a Past District Commander.

The business portion of the conference went well as well as the Commanders meeting held with the D/6 Bridge. I feel that D/C Rick Hibbs, SN and the new Bridge will do well over the next 2 years.

Our 21 April Executive meeting and Champaign Murder Mystery Party was quite successful and I believe was enjoyed by all. Everyone came in costume and was prepared to act the part they were selected to do. By the third act we were beginning to get it together and even though our acting abilities are fantastic I feel that we all should be prepared to keep our day jobs. Lt Ann Smith, S took the Susquenago Best Actress Award for the best crocodile tears during the play. Congratulations Ann. The dinner was excellent and it looks like we have a new supplier on hand for other events. Thank you P/D/C Nancy and Lt/C Linda Rought for pulling it all together. Nancy also has another mystery dinner play on hand for a future meeting.

We have three Susquenago Awards to celebrate. At the top of the list, congratulations to P/C Mary Kucharek, P on attaining D/6 Commander of the year for 2020. To P/C Dave Olds, AP for a Distinctive Performance Award for Websites and to the SeaChest Staff for a Distinctive Performance Award for Publications.

Please see the SeaChest for our upcoming events and meetings and enjoy the beginning of our 2021 boating season.

**May everyone be healthy and stay healthy during the 2021 boating season and remember the sage advice of Yogi Berra when it comes to Covid-19 "It ain't over till it's over."**



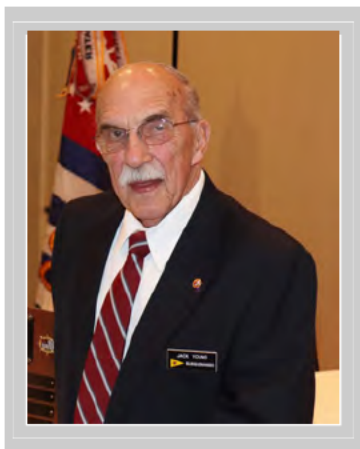
# Congratulations to our Commander of the Year!



Congratulations to our Web Master and the Staff of the Seachest for:  
Distinctive Performance Award for Website and Publications in 2020



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



# The Susquenango Sail and Power Squadron Players Present

## The Champagne Murder

Groovy, baby. It's 1967 and England still swings like a pendulum. You're spending the weekend with some of the brightest faces in Britain at the Chelsea home of Lord Michael Jagged. What could be more hip and happening?

But as you gather for dinner on Sunday evening, the shocking news is brought to you by Austin McClue: Lord Michael is dead. Maybe even murdered.

And if he was murdered, one – or more – of you is responsible. Your task is to identify the murderer or, of course, to evade detection.

Our Cast of Characters: Terence Shrimp, **Les Smith**; Martin X, **Bob Kucharek**; Mary-Jane Faithless, **Linda Rought**; Wiggy, **Missy Olds**; Oliver Steed, **Mike Acciai**; Kitty Killer, **Mary Kucharek**; Brian Sewer, **Dave Daniels**; Tamara Fara-Bucktooth, **Ann Smith**; Champagn Charley Bunson, **Justin & Jane Park**; Babs Crayfish, **Peg Acciai**. Moderator, **Nancy Bieber** with **Dave Olds** as the Dead Guy, Lord Michael Jagged.

**TERENCE SHRIMP:** You're an East End boy who made it big as society's favorite photographer. Cool, calm and collected, you're a dedicated follower of just about everything. *Costume suggestion:* Flared trousers, jacket with a double row of four buttons, skin-tight open-necked shirt with a wispy scarf, topped with a floppy hat.

**MARTIN X:** You're a highly controversial political theorist. Some people find you intimidating. Others think you're just crazy and don't take you seriously. *Costume suggestion:* Lots of brown corduroy, white polo-neck sweater, chunky necklace, mirror shades.

**MARY-JANE FAITHLESS:** You used to be famous as the girlfriend of Lord Michael Jagged. Now, you're famous in your own right as a pop singer. *Costume suggestion:* Full-length skirt with matching waistcoat in a rich purple or plum; blouse with high-cut armholes and wildly flaring sleeves.

**WIGGY:** You're the most famous model in the world – for this week, at least. You're a down-to-earth suburban girl who now finds herself in demand in high society. *Costume suggestion:* Plastic and other artificial fabrics, miniskirt, kinky boots.

**OLIVER STEED:** Actor, raconteur, hell-raiser – you're larger than life and twice as loud. *Costume suggestion:* Velvet suit, flowery shirt, kipper tie, enormous hat. You should wear a buttonhole.

**KITTY KILLER:** You're a celebrated journalist and biographer but you're also so glamorous that you're often more famous than the people you're writing about. *Costume suggestion:* Head to toe in black, a slash of scarlet lipstick, a wig in either a foxy blond or jet black.

**BRIAN SEWER:** You're a wine critic and wine snob. Sneering, patronizing and often downright rude, you don't care whether people like you or not. Which is just as well, because most people don't. *Costume suggestion:* Savile Row suit with a hint of flare to the trousers, cravat, reading glasses on a chain.

**TAMARA FARA-BUCKTOOTH:** Famous for being famous, no social event would be complete without your presence. You're also the current girlfriend of Lord Michael Jagged. Or were until his death... *Costume suggestion:* Formal and sophisticated – a ball gown, full makeup with a frosty pink lipstick.

**"CHAMPAGNE" CHARLIE BUNSON:** You're a businessman and an entrepreneur, who for some reason is feared throughout the East End of London. Some people think you are a gangster, but you've never been convicted of anything. *Costume suggestion:* Dark suit with a three-button, no-vent jacket (to be kept buttoned up), straight-leg trousers, button-down shirt, narrow knitted tie held in place by a silver tie pin, pork pie hat.

**BABS CRAYFISH:** You're "Champagne" Charlie's girlfriend, but you're also an actress in your own right. Or you will be, once you get an acting role. *Costume suggestion:* Frothy, pink and plastic, bubbly hair.

Susquenango Players Best Actress Award goes to Ann Smith and Best Supporting Actor goes to Dave Olds .  
Congratulations!



Terence Shrimp



Tamara Fara-Bucktooth



Mary-Jane Faithless

Martin X



"Champagne"  
Charlie Bronson

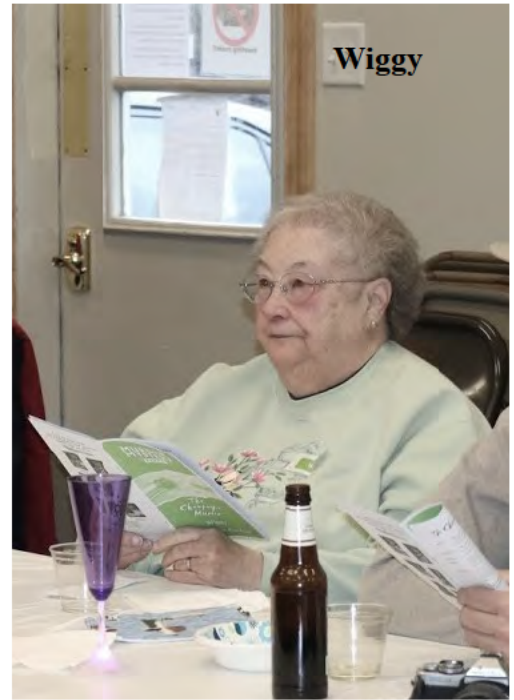


Brian Sewer



Babs Crayfish

Our Executive Director





Th th th That's All Folks!

# New engine switch cutoff requirements

A new boat engine cutoff switch law went into effect on April 1, 2021. The law requires individuals operating recreational vessels less than 26 feet long with an engine cutoff switch installed to use a lanyard or wireless engine cutoff switch link.

This law applies to all boats that currently have a functioning engine cutoff device installed at the helm, wirelessly, or on an outboard engine. It also applies to boats manufactured beginning January 2020.

Exceptions to this law include vessels where

- the main helm is within an enclosed cabin,
- the motor is incapable of 115 pounds of static thrust,
- or the vessel isn't operating on plane or at displacement speed, for example, while fishing or docking.

The penalty for not complying is \$100 for a first-time offense.

## What is an engine cutoff switch?

A safety mechanism, the engine cutoff switch shuts off propulsion machinery when the operator is displaced from the boat's helm. An ECOS link is the device that connects the operator to the engine cutoff switch. The link must be attached to the operator, the operator's clothing, or the operator's personal floatation device. The link, typically a coiled lanyard, may also be an electronic fob.

## How does it work?

Sudden and forceful turns on boats can eject an operator from the helm area or off the boat. Once in the water, an operator could be in danger of encountering a [spinning propeller](#), especially since unmanned boats often start traveling in circles at the point where the ejection took place.

If an operator wearing an ECOS link loses the helm, the boat's engine stops immediately, allowing the operator to regain control. Once the operator reinstalls the link to the switch, the boat can be restarted.

Engine cutoff devices help prevent unnecessary accidents, injuries and deaths caused by a recreational vessel operator being unexpectedly displaced from the helm, including when the operator is thrown [overboard](#). In that case, a runaway vessel poses a propeller-strike hazard to everyone in the water and a collision hazard to all other vessels on the water.

To learn more about the new law, [check out the U.S. Coast Guard website for additional information and FAQ](#).



# Some May Humor

## EXERCISE FOR PEOPLE OVER 60

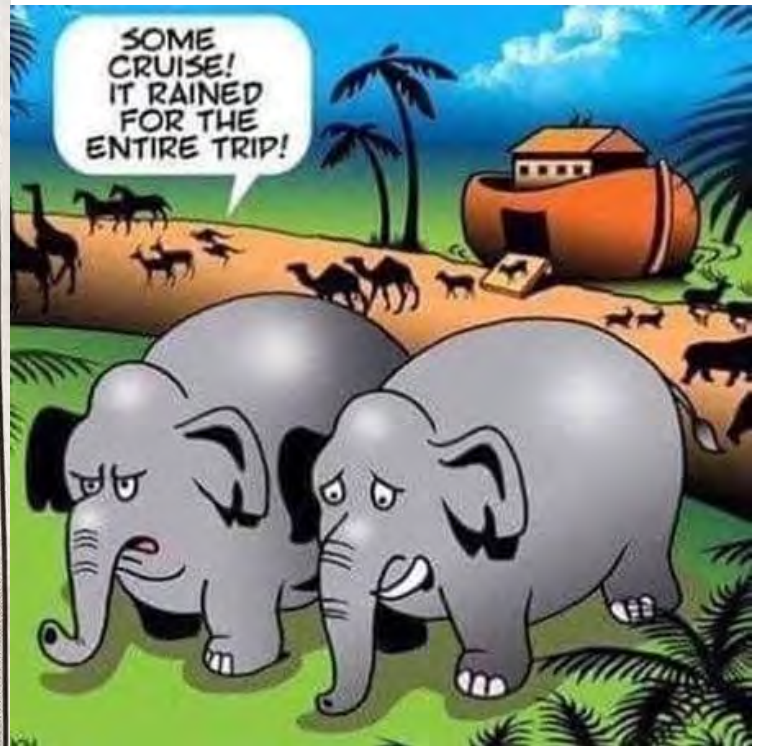
Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room at each side.

With a 5-lb potato bag in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute, and then relax.

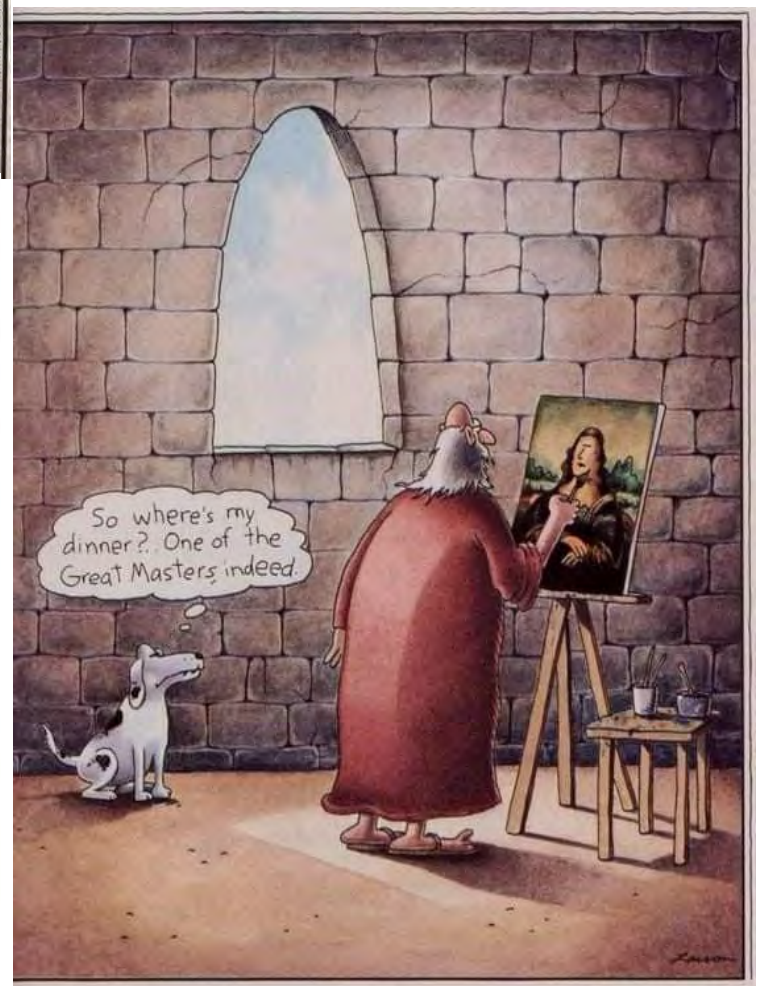
Each day you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer.

After a couple of weeks, move up to 10-lb potato bags. Then try 50-lb potato bags and eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100-lb potato bag in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute. (I'm at this level).

After you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each bag.



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"You heard me, Simmons! You get that cursed bugle fixed!"

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