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Susquenago May Happenings

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

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

22 May 2024—Burger King Fundraiser 4-8 pm—3100 Ash Road, Vestal , NY (across from
Lowe's)

On The Horizon

19 June—Susquenago Recognition Picnic—Acciai Home, 6:00 PM

22 June—Tremar Marina Day 11:00—4:00 (6/29 Rain date)



"Relax, your time isn't up. However, you can kiss your battery goodbye."



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Editor Emeritus





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Commander's Comments



How can it possibly be May already?! I'm sure everyone is thinking about getting the boats ready to go. It won't be long now till we are out on the water.

Susquenago had a wonderful meal prior to our meeting on 4/17 at the Binghamton Elks Lodge in Kirkwood. Our cooks, Susan and Les, made a delicious ham dinner for us and were very attentive to our needs. It was so nice that the Elks Exalted Ruler, Ben Cabot, came to meet us. We look forward to our next event there.

We have several activities in the works, including our May meeting at the Park Diner May 15, our Burger King Fundraiser during Safe Boating Week which is on May 22 at the location in Vestal, our annual recognition picnic at the Acciai home on June 19 and Allan Treman Marina Safety Day on June 22 (with a weather delay date of June 29), the District 6 rendezvous being planned for August. Maybe we'll even be able to schedule a Susquenago rendezvous in late August or September. Hope you will join in on the fun activities planned.

Please join me in welcoming our newest member, Nancy Harvey, who recently transferred from the Cambridge Sail and Power Squadron in Maryland. Welcome home and welcome to Susquenago! Until next time, stay safe and healthy and....

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

Commander Mary



In Memorial
Susquenago Sail and Power Squadron Life
Member
Frank E Whitney, P
April 19, 2024

Membership Involvement—Community Service

ECLIPSE GLASSES

So, you've been wondering what to do with your eclipse glasses. You can save them until 2042 for the next solar event in our area, or you can donate them to Latin American children for the August 2024 eclipse that will be visible in their country. Collect them from your friends and family and bring them to the May or June meeting and I will package them up and send them on for the children to use.

Nancy Bieber

WAGON TRAIN DONATIONS

The "Wagon Train" in Binghamton prepares sandwiches and gives them to the homeless at the bus station and other locations in Binghamton. Recently, the Broome County Health Department informed them that they could no longer give out food that is not prepared in an inspected kitchen. Fortunately, they have been given permission to prepare it at a commercial location that is inspected. Other than food, socks are the most requested need by the homeless. I recently contacted the founder of this group and asked if they could use a donation of socks to be given out when they deliver food. She was very grateful for the offer and gave me her address to drop off a bag of socks. She also said they could use other donations such as clothing or money. If you care to donate something that can be used by the homeless, you can drop it off at 7 Smith Ave in Binghamton. It is just off Bevier Street. She asked me to just leave it under the car port at her house. You'll see some shelves there with other donations. What a good way to recycle items we no longer need.

Nancy Bieber

April 17th Dinner Meeting



Our Trip to the Finger Lakes Boating Museum by Ann Smith

On the way home from the District 6 Spring Conference in Penn Yan, NY, Les and I stopped near Hammondsport, NY (south end of Keuka Lake) to take a tour of the Finger Lakes Boating Museum. We were given a sneak peak of the museum during a presentation by a representative of the museum at the conference which made us want to see more.

The museum is housed in the former Taylor Winery buildings in Urbana, NY. We found the museum staff to be welcoming and friendly. They told us about the museum's safe boating course offerings, the boat restoration workshops and other events planned for the spring and summer. We found out that some of our District members volunteer there.

We started our tour by watching a short video on the history of boating in the Finger Lakes. It was fascinating to see how important boating was to the area. We then proceeded to tour the main building exhibits. I was impressed with how the boats were displayed in front of wall murals that made you feel as though you were viewing the boats at docks on the water.

Also touring the museum was our District 6 Commander (now Past Commander), Rick Hibbs and his wife, Bridgett Arieno. They brought with them National Executive Officer, V/C Michael Wiedel, JN-IN, who was our national representative for the conference, to see the museum before heading back to Rochester, NY. To our delight, Bridgett noticed one of the boats had an old U.S.P.S. decal and flag (see photo on next page).

We continued on to the second large building containing more boats. This building had an impressive display as well. We were able to view the interiors of the boats from a raised "dock-like" platform which made it so easy.

We were glad we got the chance to see the museum and hope you will consider going there as well. The travel time to the museum from the Binghamton area is less than 2 hours.



The Finger Lakes Boating Museum housed in the former Taylor Winery buildings near Hammondsport, NY.



One of the boats on display has the USPS decal and flag. (Bridgett Arieno from Rochester Squadron holds the flag.)



The boat restoration workshop



Model steamships of those that were used in the Finger Lakes.

A sample of the boats on display.





Safeguard against heavy weather

When heavy weather threatens, take steps to safeguard your boat's passengers; they all depend on you. Make sure everyone is wearing a life jacket. Ensure that everyone has a properly sized and adjusted life jacket. Take special care with children.

If it's cold outside, make sure everyone has appropriate warm, waterproof clothing. If it's dark out, make sure each life jacket has a battery-operated light or strobe attached high on the vest. If your life jackets don't have this and you will be traveling at night, add them.

If you have a safety harness, prepare it for use. Talk to your passengers and assure them that you have the situation under control. If you think you will need anyone's assistance, tell them what you expect them to do and under what circumstances. If things get rough and wild, panic and confusion are the last things you want on board. Dispense seasick tablets if you suspect seasickness might be a problem. Get everyone below who is not absolutely needed topside.

Next, break out all the gear you might need later; this could include anchors, hand pumps and flashlights. Make sure you have plenty of line to run out on your storm anchor. Close and secure all hatches, windows and ports. If you already have water in your bilge, pump it out. When your boat starts rocking and rolling, shifting water will make it worse.

Make sure you know where you are. Check your position and update your chart. While you are looking at the chart, note the nearest sheltered areas if you are near shore. Consider making a run for safe haven before the storm makes that impossible.

Once you are in the storm's fury, exercise all your [heavy-weather seamanship](#) skills. Run at an angle to the waves, post lookouts, and take advantage of everything you've learned about dealing with bad weather.

Your success in facing heavy weather and rough seas are directly related to the degree of preparation taken. —Dan Fortman, *America's Bating Compass*



The truth about marine litter—America’s Boating Compass April Issue

In honor of Earth Day on April 22, check out some dirty facts about marine litter:

Plastic accounts for [80% of marine debris](#). Its durability, buoyancy, and ability to absorb and concentrate toxins make plastic especially harmful to marine life and people who use marine life as a food source.

- The main types of plastic litter include cigarette butts (filters), food wrappers and takeout containers, bottles, cups, lids, caps, utensils, bags, balloons, fishing line, and six-pack holders.
- Instead of biodegrading, plastics photodegrade, which means they break apart into smaller pieces or pellets that eventually form plastic dust. Through this process, they release toxins into the oceans.
- Fish and other sea animals eat the plastic pellets, which resemble plankton.

Shoppers worldwide use an [estimated 1 trillion](#) plastic bags each year, many of which make their way into our waterways.

Plastic debris can entangle, suffocate and starve marine life, including birds, whales, seals, turtles and fish.

As a boater, you can be part of the solution in reducing marine litter:

- Use reusable grocery bags instead of disposable plastic or paper bags.
- Reduce, reuse and recycle whenever possible.
- Buy in bulk and avoid over-packaged products.
- Think twice about buying disposable products. If you must buy disposable, choose paper instead of plastic.
- Use reusable water bottles.
- Keep plastic debris and other contaminants (leaves, pet waste and toxins) out of street gutters and storm drains.
- Keep beaches and waterways clean. Pick up after yourself and participate in waterway cleanups.
- Don’t dump anything into the water. Instead, after time spent on the boat, take all garbage home or dispose using beach receptacles, pump-out stations or other shore collection bins.
- Before you buy something, think about where the products will end up when you are finished with them.

Fundraiser at Vestal Burger King to benefit Susquenago Sail & Power Squadron
Wednesday, May 22nd, 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Please support our squadron by purchasing food at the Vestal Burger King between 4:00 & 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 22nd. The restaurant is located at the corner of Sycamore St. and Ash Rd. in Vestal (across the street from Harbor Freight and near the Lowe's Home Improvement store). Burger King will give a donation to our squadron equal to 20% of the sales taken in during the fundraiser time period. In honor of National Safe Boating Week (May 18th – 24th), Les and Ann Smith will be at the Burger King during that time period, as the squadron representatives, to answer any questions about our squadron and national organization. Please spread the word to friends and family to participate as well!



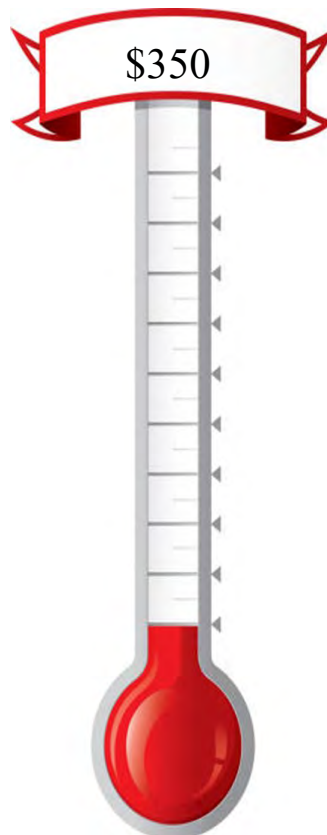
Can we save Commander Mary's Squadron Bell from a Watery Grave?

Watch this spot for upcoming Susquenago Sail and Power Squadron Fund raising events!



**Ransom Note For Commanders Bell
Received**

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Libation of the Month: Classic Old Fashioned

The old fashioned is a classic cocktail that was invented in Louisville, KY. You can make it with bourbon, rye, or a blended whiskey. You can also substitute one sugar cube for the simple syrup.



Ingredients

- 2 teaspoons simple syrup
- 1 teaspoon water
- 2 dashes bitters
- 1 cup ice cubes
- 1 jigger(1.5 fluid ounce)
bourbon or rye whiskey
- 1 slice orange
- 1 maraschino cherry

100 years ago everyone owned a horse
and only the rich had cars.

Today everyone has cars and only the
rich own horses.

The stables have turned.

by and or by sea Cuisine of the Untied States Power Squadrons

Lemon Cheesecake

Crust

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| 2¼ cups graham cracker
crumbs | ¼ cup sugar |
| | 6 tablespoons butter, melted |

Combine crumbs, sugar and butter. Press into the bottom and up sides of a 9-inch springform pan. Bake at 350 degrees 5 minutes. Cool completely.

Filling

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| 3 (8-ounce) packages
cream cheese, softened | 3 tablespoons lemon juice |
| 3 eggs | 2 teaspoons vanilla extract,
divided |
| 1½ cups plus 3 tablespoons
sugar, divided | 1 pint sour cream |

Beat cream cheese with an electric mixer at high speed until smooth. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Gradually add 1½ cups sugar, beating well after addition. Add lemon juice and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Pour filling into cooled crust. Bake at 350 degrees 40 minutes. Blend sour cream, remaining teaspoon vanilla and 3 tablespoons sugar. Set aside in a warm place. Remove cheesecake from oven and gently spread sour cream mixture over top. Return to oven and bake an additional 12 minutes. Cool on a rack 30 minutes. Refrigerate until top is cool but not completely chilled.

Glaze

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| ½ cup sugar | 2 tablespoons lemon juice |
| 1 tablespoon plus 2
teaspoons cornstarch | 3 drops yellow food
coloring |
| ½ cup water | |

Combine sugar and cornstarch in a saucepan. Blend in water, juice and food coloring until smooth. Bring to boil, stirring constantly until thickened. Cook 3 minutes. Refrigerate until cool but not set. Spread glaze over cheesecake. Refrigerate for several hours or overnight.

Yield: 10 to 12 servings

Vinnie Gordy • Greensboro Power Squadron • North Carolina





Problem Solved! 🤔 😊



Mechanical Engineering



PULLING A WHEELIE



Age 15

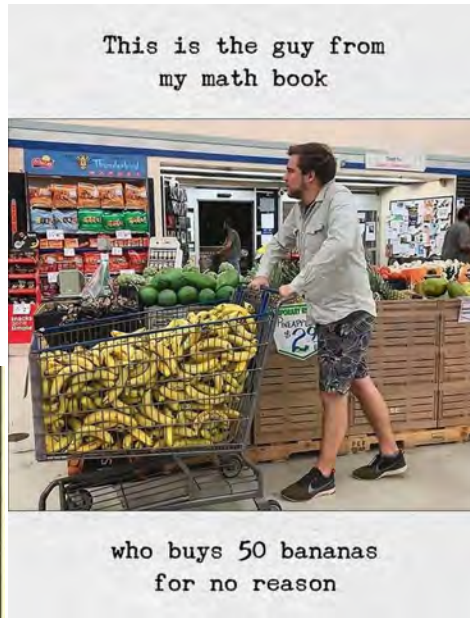


Age 25




Age 45





Haven't got the heart to tell my Nana that she's been praying to George Harrison. 🙄



Men say that women should come with instructions...
What's the point of that? have you ever seen a man
Actually read the instructions?




CAL HAD SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT JOINING THE SALVATION NAVY.

It doesn't bother me that Disney has given me unrealistic ideas about men. I'm more annoyed that no matter how much I sing woodland animals have not once helped with the housework.



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