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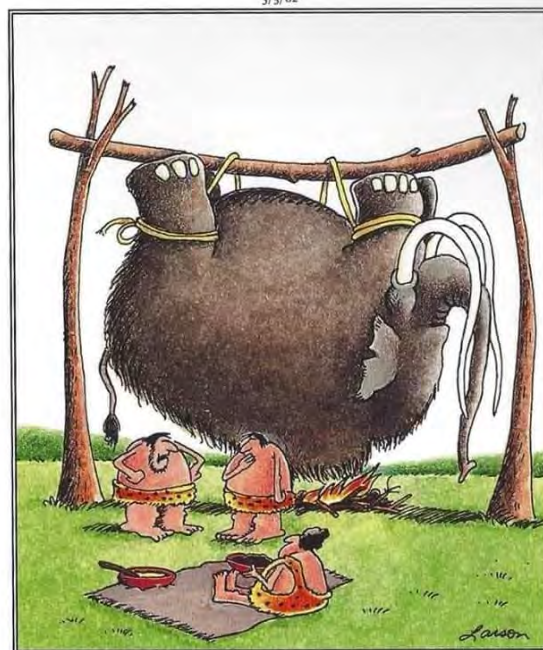
16 June 2021: Executive Meeting and Merit Mark Recognition Picnic & Cook Out

The Acciai's home at 3801 Country Club Road, Endwell

Reservations to Lt/C Linda Rought at 607-760-6388 by 10 June 2021

Hot Dogs and
Hamburgers will be
provided.

Yes, we will have Buns!



"What? ... You mean *no one* brought the buns?"

Bring a dish and/or a
dessert to pass and
BYOB.

Coordinate the dish to
pass with Lt/C Linda
Rought

Allan Treman State Park Marina Safety Day

805 Taughannock Blvd, Ithaca, NY 14850

See Page 3 for all the Details





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Commander's Comments



Commander
Michael Acciai, AP

It is hard to believe that Memorial Day is already here. Many of our members have opened their camps and commissioned their water craft and are ready to head out on our first holiday of the 2021 summer season. I hope everyone has a great and happy holiday but never forget the reason for this national holiday. Lest we forget – Memorial Day is for the remembrance and honor of those who fought and died for our freedom and our way of life we enjoy as Americans. Never forget the reason we are celebrating. Honor our Veterans for the sacrifices they made for our country.

Our May Chicken BBQ dinner meeting was a success. We had no leftovers and everyone seemed to enjoy the time together. Former members Dan and Donna Dewitt were in town and attended. It was so good to see them and catch up on the latest news.

Our National Safe Boating activity was a Weather and Safe Boating Seminar giving by Mitchell Gains, Meteorologist-National Weather Service, who is our local NOAA Weather Official. Due to Covid-19 restrictions we had to do a virtual meeting which was set up with cameras and large screen TV by P/C David Olds, AP who I give so many thanks for all he did to make this happen. I also thank Mitchell for taking the time out of his evening to make the presentation. Next year we will do a new presentation when he can meet us in person. A PDF version of this month's presentation with all of the weather site addresses will be included in the SeaChest distribution email.

Our Marina day will be held in Ithaca on June 19th thanks to the hard work setting it up by P/C Mary Kucharek, P. Check out Page 3 of the SeaChest for all the details. Thank you Mary.

We will hold our June 16th Executive Meeting and Merit Mark Recognition Picnic at our house, details are on Page 1 of the SeaChest. Our Rendezvous on the River is set for 19-22 August 2021. More details will follow in the July issue of the SeaChest. I hope everyone will be able to attend.

Please see the SeaChest for all of our upcoming events and have a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day weekend.

And remember the sage advice of Yogi Berra when it comes to Covid-19 "It ain't over till it's over."



Allan Treman State Park Marina Safety Day

805 Taughannock Blvd, Ithaca, NY 14850

June 19, 2021 - 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Please join us for a free, fun and educational day. There will be members from both Susque-nango and Ithaca Squadrons to share information and answer questions. Also, on hand with a presentation at 11:00 AM on the use of flares and fire extinguishers will be the Ithaca Fire Department.

Be sure to also have your free annual Vessel Safety Inspection.

Refreshments will be available.

A schedule of activities will be emailed when it is complete.

P/C Mary Kucharek, P

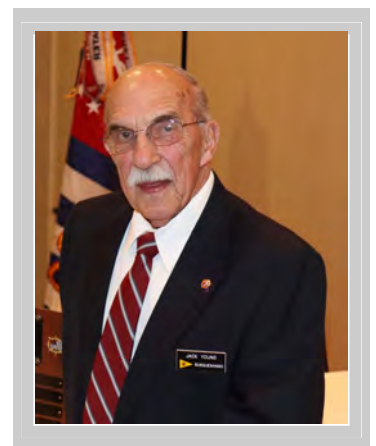
On the Horizon

2021 D/6 Rendezvous - Port of Rochester, 1000 N. River St., Rochester, NY
Thursday, August 5 – Sunday, August 8

Susque-nango Sail and Power Squadron Rendezvous:
On the River 19-22 August 2021
Details to follow



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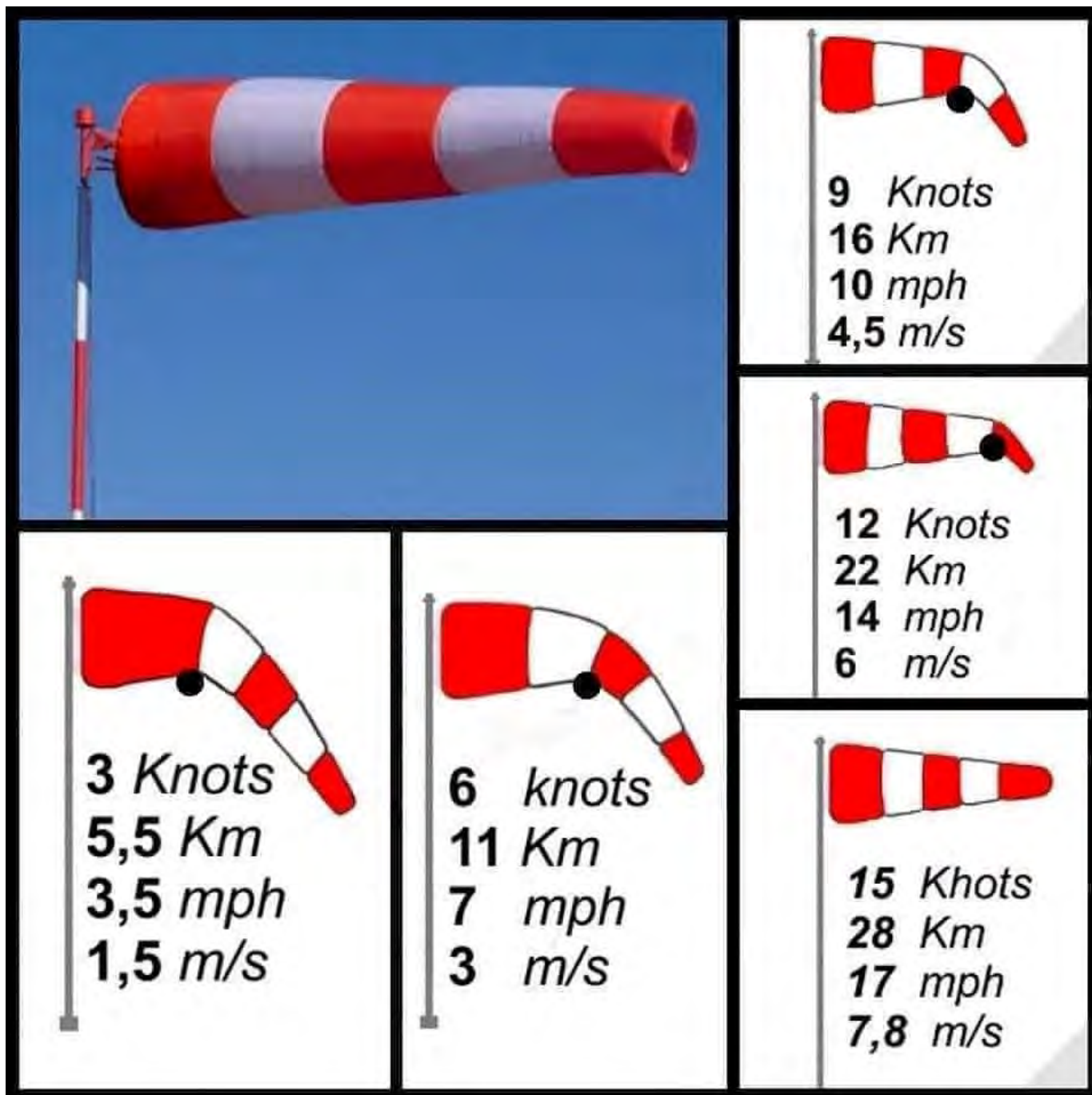
19 May 2021 - Chicken BBQ, Weather Seminar by Mitchell Gaines & General Membership Meeting







Windsock Wind Speed Table for Pilots and Mariners



Federal Requirements and Safety Tips for Recreational Boats

Submitted by Lt. Robert Kucharek, P-IN

Radio Regulations

Carrying a Radio

Most recreational vessels under 65.6ft/20m in length do not have to carry a marine radio. Any vessel that carries a marine radio must follow the rules of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

Radio Licenses

The FCC does not require operators of recreational vessels to carry a radio or to have an individual license to operate VHF marine radios (with or without digital selective calling capability), EPIRBs, or any type of radar. Operators must however follow the procedures and courtesies that are required of licensed operators specified in FCC Rules. You may use the name or registration number of your vessel to identify your ship station.

Users of VHF marine radio equipped with digital selective calling will need to obtain a maritime mobile service identity (MMSI) number from the FCC. It is unlawful to use digital selective calling without obtaining this identity.

Vessels required to be licensed:

1. Vessels that use MF/HF single side-band radio, satellite communications, or telegraphy,
2. Power Driven vessels over 65.6 feet/20 meters in length.
3. Vessels used for commercial purposes including:
 - ✦ Vessels documented for commercial use, including commercial fishing vessels.
 - ✦ CG inspected vessels carrying more than 6 passengers.
 - ✦ Towboats more than 25.7 feet/7.8 meters in length.
 - ✦ Vessels of more than 100 tons certified to carry at least 1 passenger.
 - ✦ Cargo ships over 300 tons.

Any vessel, including a recreational vessel, on an international voyage.

Radio Listening Watch

Vessels not required to carry a radio (e.g. recreational vessels less than 65.6 feet/20 meters in length), but which voluntarily carry a radio, must maintain a watch on channel 16 (156.800 MHz) whenever the radio is operating and not being used to communicate. Such vessels may alternatively maintain a watch on VHF channel 9 (156.450 MHz), the boater calling channel.

Distress Call Procedures

1. Make sure radio is on
2. Select Channel 16
3. Press/Hold the transmit button
4. Clearly say: MAYDAY MAYDAY MAYDAY
5. Also give:
 - ✦ Vessel Name and/or Description
 - ✦ Position and/or Location
 - ✦ Nature of Emergency
 - ✦ Number of People on Board
 - ✦ Release transmit button

Wait for 10 seconds – If no response Repeat "MAYDAY" Call.

False Distress Alerts

It is unlawful to intentionally transmit a false distress alert, or to unintentionally transmit a false distress alert without taking steps to cancel that alert.

For further information:

FCC — Toll free telephone: 1-888 CALL FCC

World Wide Web: <http://www.fcc.gov/wtb>

USCG — World Wide Web: <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/marcomms/>

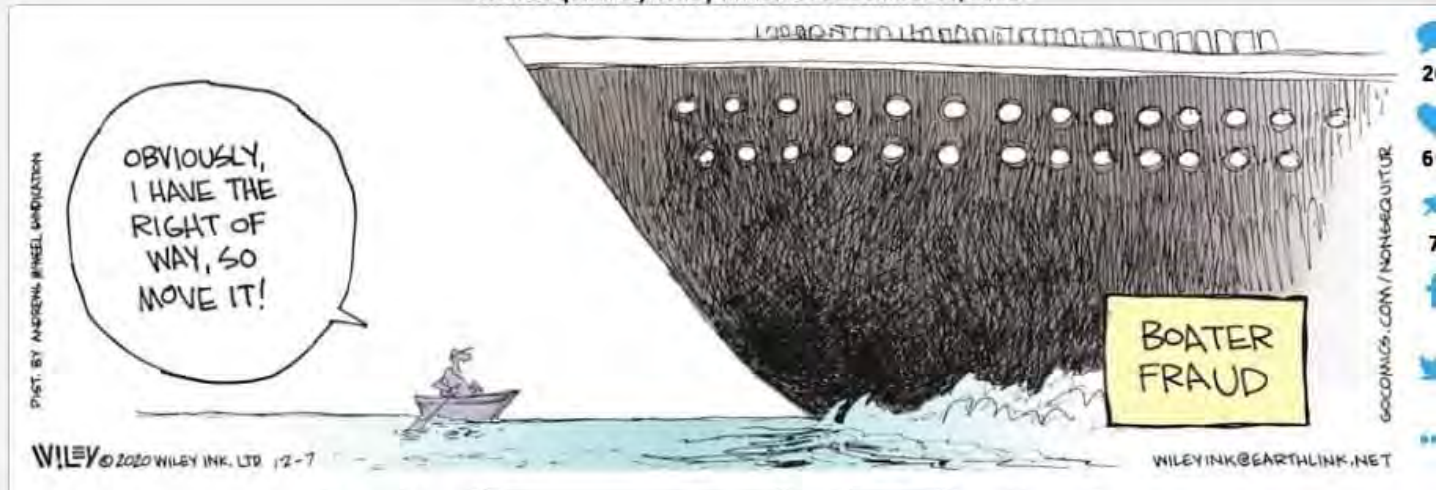
For a complete listing of VHF Channels and Frequencies visit the USCG Navigation Center web site: www.navcen.uscg.gov or see part two of this article next month!

A Little Boating Humor



AFTER 50,000 GALLONS OF WHISKY
LEAKED INTO THE SEA, NO TERN
WAS LEFT UNSTONED

Non Sequitur by Wiley Miller for December 07, 2020



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