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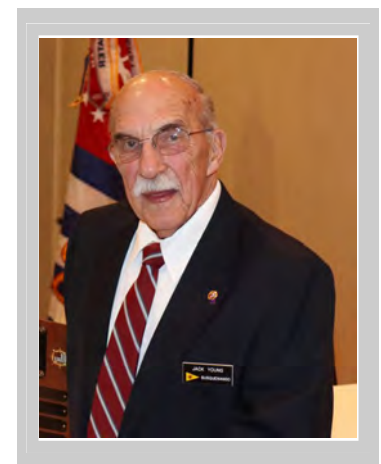
3 June 2022— Erie Canal Cruise at 3:00 PM See Page 3 for Details

15 June 2022 – 1800Hr, General Membership and Recognition Picnic Meeting, 3801 Country Club Road Endwell, NY 13760 **BYOB and a Dish to Pass. Burgers and Dogs Provided buy the Squadron. Please call Linda Rought @ 607-760-6388, if you plan on attending and coordinate dishes by 10 June 2022**

18 June 2022— Allan Treman Marina Safety Day, Ithaca, NY
See Page 4 for details

On the Horizon

22 -23 July - River Rendezvous
Details in July issue of the SeaChest



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Commander's Comments



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After reading D/C Rick Hibbs' excellent article in the District Commander's Corner of the Spring issue of The Deep Six on marketing our products and services I'm so happy to report that April and May have been excellent months for Susquenago Sail and Power Squadron. We had the largest Boat Handling class in years after a very successful ABC Class. We held a Marine Navigation Class with 4 members attaining their grade as Pilot all of which has brought an increase to our membership. Add in a seminar on CROSSING BORDERS on 24 May 2022 and again on 07 June 2022 at the TOB Fire Station along with a full set of activities for the Month of June (see all the upcoming details in the June SeaChest) show that Susquenago Sail and Power Squadron is a thriving and growing organization. This is all the result of our active members, Bridge Officers and Committees working hard to market our product. I sincerely thank everyone who gave of their time and talent to make our successes a reality.

I encourage all of our members to download a copy of the Spring 2022 issue and read the District Officers reports and comments. With Rick's permission I hope to reprint his piece in a future edition of the SeaChest.

The USPS reorganization that was all the talk at the D/6 Spring Conference is still in process with town hall Zoom meetings and Ad Hoc Committees being formed to determine the direction we will take in regards to maintaining a District as an official USPS organization. There are some areas in the Midwest and Western States where the district is seen as unnecessary due to the extreme distance between the Squadrons in said District. They never see each other or meet and maintain friendships. Here in upstate NY we have a different case. We meet regularly, stay in contact with members of our neighboring Squadrons and share resources, educational classes and ideas and marketing skills. I for one believe we are stronger together than going it alone.

Our June meeting will be our annual Member Recognition Picnic where we recognize our new members, honor all our members that received a Merit Mark, took a course or proctored a course or participated in our activities. P/C Dave Olds, P/C Bob Gould and I will be manning the grills to supply the burgers and dogs to our hungry attendees. I hope to see everyone there for an evening of fellowship and comradery.

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

Cruise the Erie Canal through the historic Mohawk Valley Hosted by Ann Smith from Susquenango Sail and Power Squadron



The Gems Along the Mohawk complex is home to Erie Canal Cruises, the Waterfront Grille and Gems Along the Mohawk. Cruising, dining and shopping at one location! Take a cruise on the historic Erie Canal, dine at the fabulous Waterfront Grille, and shop from regional New York companies at Gems Along the Mohawk.

Join members of the Susquenango Sail and Power Squadron on **Friday, June 3rd** (rain or shine) for a 90 minute narrated Erie Canal cruise at **3:00 p.m.** aboard the Lil' Diamond. The cruise leaves from the canal dock behind *Gems Along the Mohawk*, 800 Mohawk St., Herkimer, NY (located directly across the street from Exit 30 of the NY Thruway, I-90). (If using GPS, do not turn right at the stoplight, but continue straight into the parking lot.) Call **315-717-0350** for reservations. **The cost is \$25.00 per person.**

The excursion includes traveling through Lock 18 which uses all original equipment that still works perfectly after over 100 years. The captain will explain the importance of the locks and what transportation was like in the 19th century. You will also learn the fascinating history of the canal and how the canal shortened the trip across the state of New York from weeks to days. For more information about the cruise, check out their websites: www.eriecanalcruises.com or www.gemsalongthemohawk.com.

Come earlier in the day to enjoy lunch at the famous Waterfront Grille overlooking the beautiful Erie Canal (also located at *Gems Along the Mohawk*). Check out their menu at www.waterfrontgrille.net. If you are in a hurry, grab your lunch or a snack from Rocky's Quick Grill, located waterside at the dock.

All passengers must get a boarding pass from the ticket booth inside *Gems Along the Mohawk* prior to boarding the vessel. Boarding takes place 15 – 30 minutes before departure. Bring your camera, binoculars and a spirit of adventure!

If you have any questions for Ann Smith, please call 607-797-7391 or email ismith84@stny.rr.com.

MARINA DAY 2022

Saturday, June 18th

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



This event is hosted by America's Boating Club's Susquenango and Ithaca Sail & Power Squadrons in conjunction with the Alan H. Treman State Marine Park and the NYS State Park Police. Also participating: The Coast Guard Auxiliary, The Ithaca Fire Department and Discover Cayuga Lake/Visit Ithaca.



ALLAN H. TREMAN STATE MARINE PARK

805 Taughannock Blvd. Ithaca, NY 14850



Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation



The America's Boating Club Pop-Up Booth [Schedule of Activities](#)

FREE Vessel Safety Checks – 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

(Register for a 30 minute time slot at the America's Boating Club Pop-Up Booth located on the marina's main walkway.)

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Learn about America's Boating Club Free Mobile App

10:30 a.m. – Flare Demo by Les Smith (Susquenango Power Squadron's Education Officer)

11:00 a.m. – Fire Extinguisher Demo by the Ithaca Fire Department

Food available from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

18 May 2022 Executive Meeting at the Park Manor Diner, Binghamton, NY



What is a VHF Radio?

It's a very high frequency (156-163) MHz radio to have on your boat in an emergency. It may be your only line of communication from sea to shore. They also have access to NOAA weather monitoring.

Your cell phone is not a reliable source of communication when you are on the water because its range is short and they do not work if they get wet.

Types of VHF Radios:

Fixed mount VHF is one that is mounted in your boat and powered by the boat's electrical system, i.e. 12 volts.

A hand held VHF is a portable, battery powered unit with a self contained antenna. It is a good backup for fixed, mounted VHF.

To use the VHF turn it on and adjust the squelch until the static stops. Monitor channel 16, the calling and distress safety channel. Call on channel 16 and then switch to a non-commercial channel such as 68, 69, 71, 72 or 78. Other channels available are channel 6 safety boat to boat, channel 9 boat to boat and is also an alternative calling channel. Also, channel 13 is for locks and bridges – limited to 1 watt transmit power. Channel 22 A is used for US Coast Guard information.

Channel 70 is used for selective calling only. Note: hand held marine VHF radios are not to be used for transmitting from land.






NOAA Weather Radio Frequencies:

Syracuse	WX1	162.550 MHz
Elmira	WX2	162.400 MHz
Binghamton	WX3	162.475 MHz
Buffalo	WX1	162.550 MHz
Rochester	WX2	162.400 MHz
Watertown	WX2	162.475 MHz
Kingston	WX2	162.400 MHz
Ontario, CA		

By Lt. Robert Kucharek, P-IN
Radio Tech Committee Chair



Vessel Safety Gear Checklist

Life Jackets (USCG approved, fit properly, and are being worn)		<input type="checkbox"/>
Fire Extinguisher		<input type="checkbox"/>
Sound Producing Device		<input type="checkbox"/>
Navigation Lights		<input type="checkbox"/>
Visual Distress Signal		<input type="checkbox"/>


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Determining a safe operating speed

America's Boating Compass

The general safety rule under the [Inland Navigation Rules](#) states that every vessel—sail or power—should proceed at a safe operating speed at all times to avoid a collision.

After my wife and I sold our sailboat and bought a powerboat, we had to adjust to its higher speed. With the sailboat, which had a maximum speed of 7 knots, we could rarely overtake another vessel and had plenty of time to make course corrections. This isn't the case when you're cruising at 25 knots.

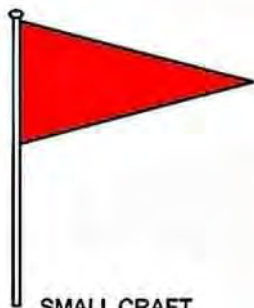
As captain, you have the responsibility of avoiding a collision even if your vessel is the stand-on vessel and has the right of way. You must be able to stop your vessel within a distance appropriate to the prevailing circumstances, a feat much harder to accomplish at faster speeds.

You should consider three main factors when determining a safe operating speed for your vessel.

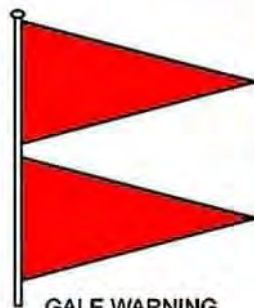
1. **Visibility.** Darkness, fog, heavy weather (rain or snow) and smoke [reduce our ability to see](#). In these conditions, give extra attention to your vessel's speed. Also consider blind spots such as bridges or sharp bends in channels. Bridges pose a particular hazard, as small fishing boats are often around the pilings and may be just out of sight on the other side of the bridge.
2. **Sea conditions** also affect safe operation. Heavy wind and seas require more attention at the helm. Consider the physical limitations of the vessel and crew when operating in rough conditions.
3. **Traffic density** is an important factor to consider when determining a safe operating speed for your boat. Sometimes, especially during holiday weekends, it feels as though boats are coming at you from all directions.

When in doubt about a possible collision, slow down and make appropriate course changes. —Jim Dunn

COASTAL WARNING DISPLAY



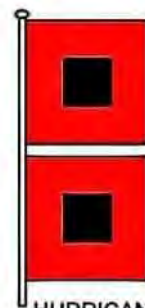
SMALL CRAFT
ADVISORY
20-33 knots
(23-38 mph)



GALE WARNING
34-47 knots
(39-54 mph)



STORM
WARNING
48-63 knots
(55-73 mph)



HURRICANE
WARNING
64 knots or higher
(74 mph or higher)

Make your own first-aid kit - From America's Boating Compass

Since medical attention is seldom close by when on the water, you should have a marine first-aid kit that is well stocked, up-to-date and at the ready.

Stock it with the supplies needed to treat any ailment; [injuries on the water](#) come in many forms and degrees of severity, from an embedded fishhook to gaping cuts and broken bones.

If a life-threatening injury occurs, you should first make a [mayday](#) call on channel 16 to report the emergency and then call 911 if cellphone reception is available.

Before assembling your first-aid kit

Start by finding or purchasing a plastic air-tight storage container to keep your first-aid supplies dry. Label the lid "first-aid kit."

Next, be prepared. Take a first-aid and [CPR course](#), and remember to do the three basics of first aid: restore breathing, stop severe bleeding, and treat shock.

Basic first-aid kit supplies

Scissors

Tweezers

Stomach remedies to prevent or treat motion sickness (meclizine such as Antivert or Bonine), indigestion, diarrhea and heartburn

Antihistamine for allergic reactions

Anti-itch lotion or soothing cream for treating insect bites, sunburn, and other minor skin irritations

Butterfly bandages and narrow adhesive strips to close gaping cuts

Adhesive bandages in assorted sizes

Individually wrapped 2-inch and 4-inch sterile gauze pads to control bleeding

Hypoallergenic adhesive tape to hold a dressing or splint in place

Roll of absorbent cotton as padding for a splint or to control bleeding

Sterile roller bandages, at least three rolls in 2- and 3-inch widths to support strained muscles

Eye drops (artificial tears)

Antiseptic ointment, spray or wipes for cleansing wounds

Antibiotic ointment (neomycin, bacitracin) to prevent infection of minor wounds

Pain or fever reducers: high dose aspirin (to chew in case of suspected heart attack), acetaminophen, ibuprofen or naproxen

Clean towels (small and large) to control bleeding or as a wrap for ice

Chemical ice packs if you don't carry ice on board

First-aid handbook

Always carry at least twice the number of bottles of water as there are passengers on board on short trips lasting a few hours. Use sunscreen and reapply as directed. —*Sylvia Wedge*

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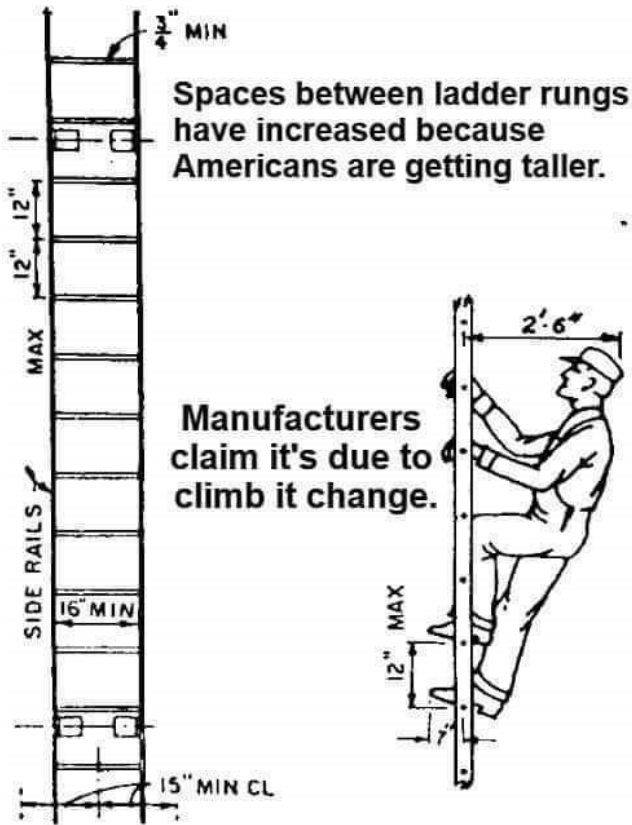
My wife and I got stuck in an elevator and when we got home, we told the story to our kids. They just looked at us and said,

"Soooo.....
...did ya get out?"

My wife and I looked at each other and made a pact to go ahead and start drinking away their college fund.

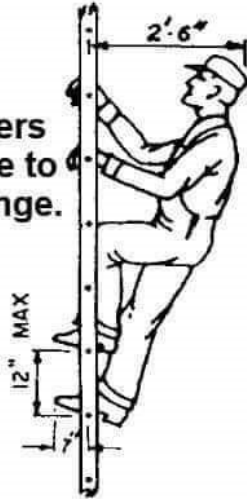


The Humor Page



Spaces between ladder rungs have increased because Americans are getting taller.

Manufacturers claim it's due to climb it change.



Riding lawnmower
\$300 . . . OBO

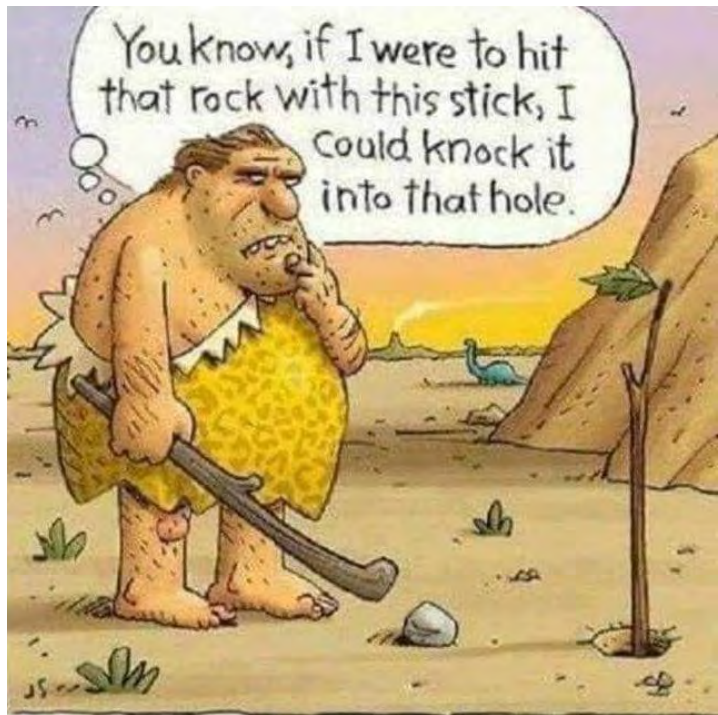


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I always wanted to be a Gregorian Monk



but I never got the chants



How Man Learned to Swear.

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