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Susquenago Happenings

*****Important: If attending Please Contact Lt/C Linda Rought, P @ 607-760-6388 *****

****18 June 2025—Squadron Merit Mark and Education Recognition Picnic**

The Country Pines Pavilion and Event Center [1660 Union Center Maine Hwy, Endicott, NY 13760](https://www.countrypinestownshipny.com/)

7-31-8/3 D/6 Rendezvous, The Cove, Sylvan Beach. (D6)

Saturday, August 23, 2025, Susquenago Sail & Power Squadron Summer Rendezvous
Camillus Erie Canal Park (See page 11 for reservation details and sign up)

On March 4, 1989, a racing buffalo named Harvey Wallbanger made his debut at Golden Gate Fields in California, marking the start of his unusual and impressive career. The buffalo, owned, trained, and ridden by T.C. Thorstenson, was pitted against a quarter horse named Two Eyed Burt, who was ridden by "Cowboy" Jack Kaenel, in a thrilling 110-yard sprint down the stretch.

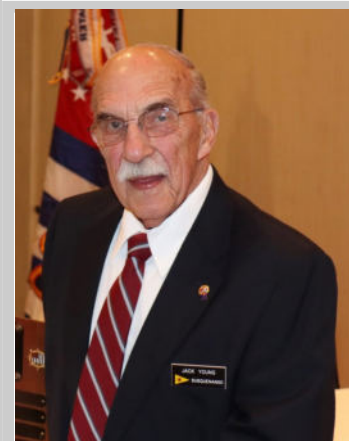
In a race that captured the crowd's attention, Harvey Wallbanger showcased his surprising speed and power, edging out his equine competitor by half a length.



Despite being a buffalo, he proved to be a fierce competitor, demonstrating remarkable agility and strength in the race.

At 8 years old and weighing a massive 2,000 pounds, Harvey Wallbanger finished the sprint in an impressive 9.4 seconds. This victory marked his 21st win in 26 races, solidifying his status as a unique and successful racing animal.

[Amazing History and Archeology](#)



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Commander's Comments

Is it ever going to stop raining?! I think I'm growing webbed feet! If your boat is in the water already, you are lucky. We've been waiting for Cayuga Lake to get to a good level and get the debris out of the lake, too. Hopefully that happens soon.

We had a good turnout for our last meeting at Chef Stanley's with 18 in attendance. Everyone enjoyed their meal and we will probably go back in the fall.

You won't want to miss our picnic at Country Pines Pavilion in Endicott on 18 June. We will be ordering off their menu and its clam night! This is our last official meeting until September. But don't despair, we have some great events planned for the summer. On 14 June we will be participating in the Allan Treman Marina Day in Ithaca. 31 July – 3 August brings the District 6 Rendezvous on Oneida Lake. Then on 23 August we will enjoy a private boat tour on the Erie Canal in Camillus. This event is limited to the first 26 Susquenango members and family. See registration form in this newsletter. Here's hoping you can join us for any or all of these events.

For a squadron with no navigable water we sure do have fun on the water! So stay safe and remember....

"Home is Where the Anchor Drops".



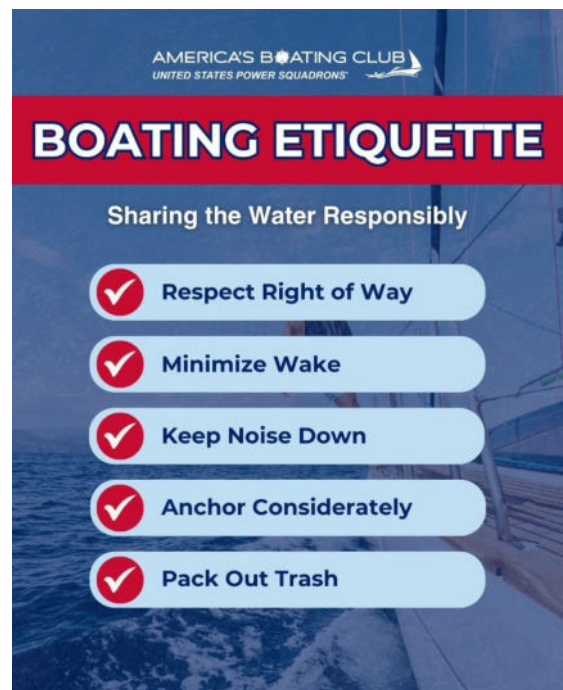
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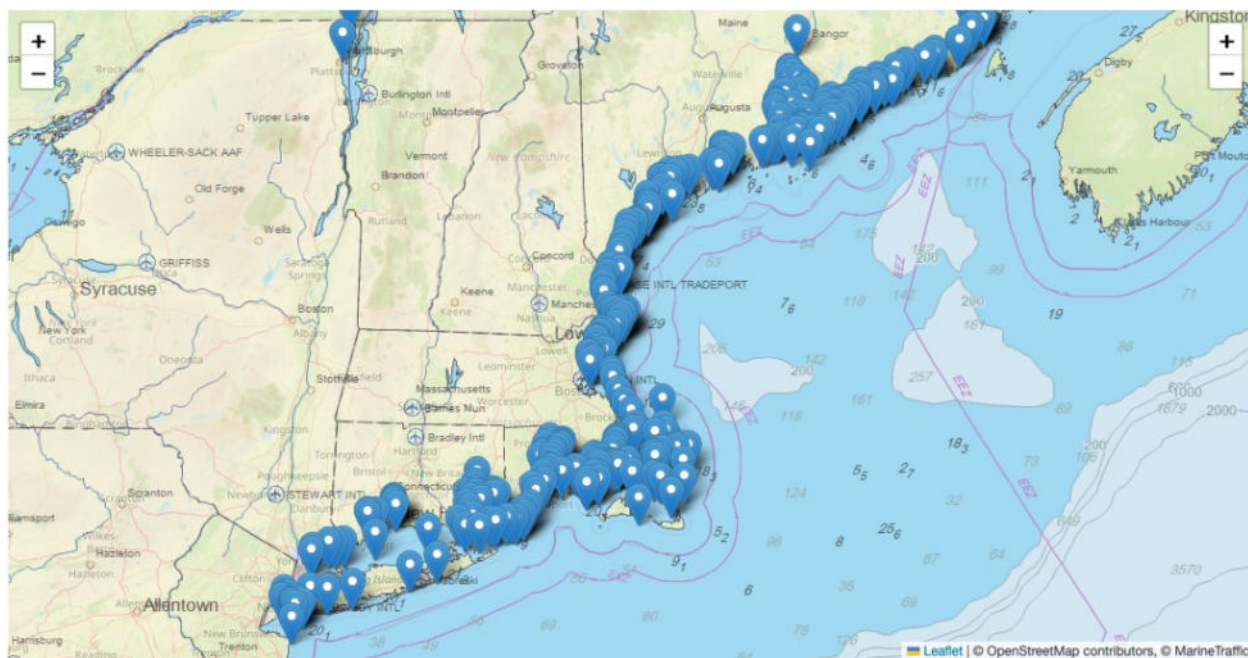
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For Sharing their home for
America's Boating Club-Susquenango Susquenango events.



USCG's Plan To Remove Hundreds of Buoys Is Meeting Opposition

• By Pim Van Hemmen April 29, 2025



On April 15, a Coast Guard Local Notice for District 1 advised mariners that the service proposes to remove hundreds of navigational markers in Northeastern coastal waters. According to the Coast Guard the buoys, day beacons, and lights are outdated technology, but boaters are not happy about it.

The proposal has already drawn the ire of mariners up and down the New England coast, including Maine, where over 150 buoys are to be removed or altered and where navigation is particularly tricky due to fog and the coast's rocky nature. Buoys marked for elimination include ones that mark rocky ledges and underwater hazards. In Penobscot Bay alone, just south of Vinalhaven, the service proposes the elimination of nine ledge markers, most of which lurk just beneath the surface.

But it's not just Mainers who are upset. On the Sailing Anarchy forum one member wrote, "It's an absolute hatchet job. For example, axing 11 buoys in Woods Hole. Anyone who's been through Woods Hole knows how tricky it can be, and it really doesn't feel like they can afford to get rid of any buoys there. I've personally seen more than one sinking due to pilot confusion and this will just make it worse."

According to the USCG, the effort is to modernize and rightsize the buoy constellation, "whose designs mostly predate Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS), Electronic Navigation Charts (ENC), and Electronic Charting Systems (ECS), for long-term reliability and serviceability."

The USCG thinks the reduced number of buoys is justifiable since most mariners today rely on chartplotters, electronic charts and smartphone apps rather than taking multiple fixes on landmarks and navigational aids, but many boaters don't agree. "This feels different than an approach buoy here and there being obsoleted by GPS," a commenter on the Sailing Anarchy website wrote. "Many of the proposed removals mark rocks or shoals where straying a few feet from the channel could be highly consequential."

A lot of mariners believe it could impact safety because skippers rely on visually locating nuns and cans to confirm their location. Lobsterman Gregory Turner told Maine's WGME Channel 13 that in a snowstorm or thick fog he relies on Coast Guard buoys to confirm what his navigation system is showing him. "When you become disoriented in the fog, and you go alongside a buoy to see what that number is, if there's no buoy there, how are you going to figure it out?" Turner said. "You're not supposed to rely on only one kind of navigation. I have paper charts from years ago."

The Coast Guard says the removals are intended to modernize navigation aids and to deliver effective, economical service. "The message we got from the Coast Guard was that it was to help with budgets," Portland Deputy Harbormaster Hattie Train told WGME.

A Sailing Anarchy commenter said the buoys are needed in particular if the GPS system went down or if the electronics failed, adding that cost savings were not a good enough reason to eliminate the buoys. "Redundancy is a good thing in our particular endeavor," the commenter wrote. "Tax me if you have to, but leave the [expletive] buoys in place."

The Coast Guard will be accepting comments on the proposal until June 13. The USCG will not be accepting phone calls, so all comments must be made in writing. Refer to Project No. 01-25-015. E-mail can be sent to: D01-SMB-DPWPublicComments@uscg.mil

Protect yourself from lightning

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Summer thunderstorms can develop and intensify quickly. If you're on the water and notice thunderstorms developing, seek shelter on land in a safe building or vehicle as soon as possible.

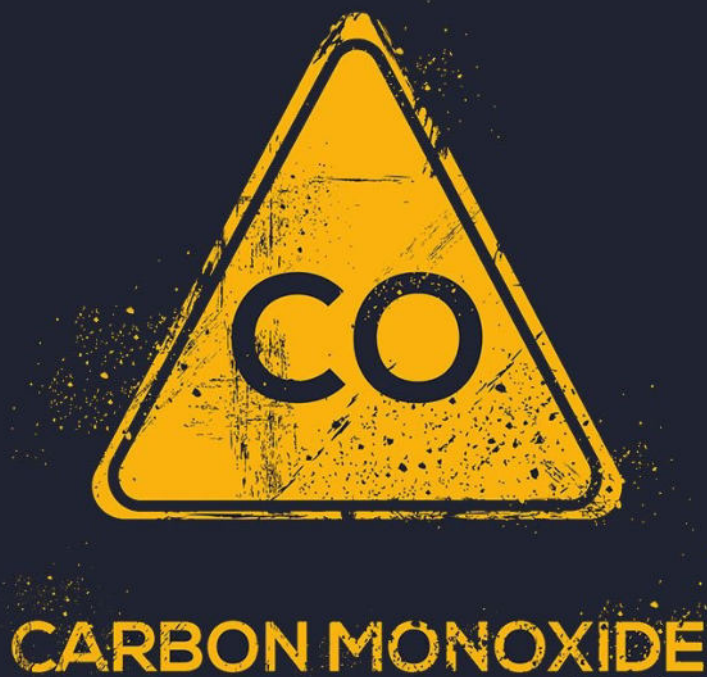
Lightning can travel up to 10 miles from a storm, so you could be in danger even with blue skies overhead. [Don't wait](#) for rain to fall before taking action. Many lightning deaths occur ahead of a storm because people wait until the last minute to seek shelter.

You shouldn't head out when storms are forecast, but if you are caught on the water during a thunderstorm and cannot get to shore in time, the following tips may help lessen your chances of being struck by lightning.

- ♦ Don't fish, water-ski or swim.
- ♦ Divers should get out of the water and into a sturdy shelter or boat cabin. If that's not possible, dive as deep as possible for the storm's duration.
- ♦ Lower, remove or tie down radio antennas and other protruding devices unless they are part of a lightning protection system.
- ♦ Go to the center of your boat's cabin. If your boat has no cabin, crouch down in the boat's center, stay as low as possible, and avoid touching metal. Keep arms and legs inside the vessel.
- ♦ Don't use or touch electrical equipment, including the radio, except in an emergency.
- ♦ Always wear a [life jacket](#). A lightning strike could render you unconscious, causing you to fall overboard.
- ♦ If your boat has a lightning protection system, avoid contact with any device connected to that system. If your hands come in contact with two connected components at once, lightning could travel through your body on a path through your heart.

If you know or suspect that your boat has been struck by lightning, check the electrical system and compass for damage after the storm.

If someone has been struck by lightning, begin first aid immediately and call for emergency assistance. Lightning victims do not carry a charge and are safe to touch. Check to see if the person is breathing and has a pulse. Begin CPR if necessary. Check the victim for burns—one where the lightning entered the body and one where it exited. —*Brian Nelson*



The dangers of carbon monoxide

The combustion and burning of gasoline and diesel fuel produces poisonous carbon monoxide gas. Because the gas is odorless and colorless, it's difficult to tell when you are being exposed.

Boats and other watercraft without emission control equipment exhaust a great deal of carbon monoxide, which interferes with your body's ability to use oxygen. Anyone who spends any time near the rear end of a boat can be exposed to too much carbon monoxide.

Exposure to low levels of carbon monoxide can cause headaches, dizziness and loss of concentration. High levels of CO ingestion can cause loss of consciousness or death. Unless suspected, CO poisoning can be difficult to diagnose because the symptoms resemble those of other illnesses.

The most common symptoms of CO poisoning include

- headache
- vomiting
- dizziness
- chest pain
- weakness
- confusion
- nausea

You can take a few simple [precautions](#) to prevent CO poisoning.

1. Stay away from boat exhaust.
 2. Keep your boat motor off at all times while you are docked.
 3. Never allow your boat motor to idle to run appliances like radios.
 4. Avoid crowded areas where lots of boats congregate if some of the boats are idling.
- Boat exhaust can also flow back into the rear of the boat. The amount of carbon monoxide can reach life-threatening concentrations on and near swim decks.

If you think someone on your watercraft has CO poisoning, move him or her to fresh air quickly and contact your nearest emergency services personnel. —Ann Frenz

Libation and Recipe of the Month



Additional Information:

Preparation Time: 10 minutes

Cooking Time: 10 minutes

Total Time: 20 minutes

Servings: 1

Nutritional Information (Approximate per serving):

Calories: 250

Carbohydrates: 20g

Sugar: 15g

Ingredients:

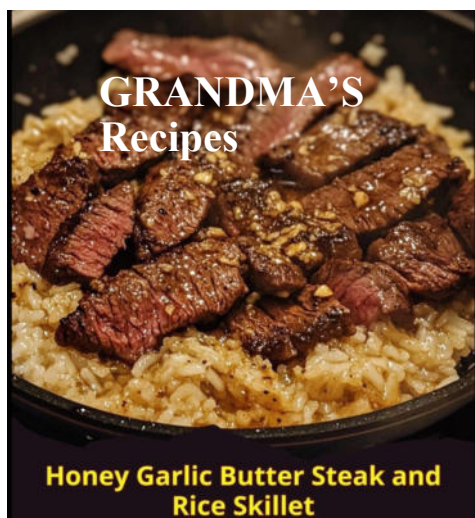
- 2 oz of bourbon
- 1/2 oz homemade cranberry syrup
- 2 dashes of aromatic orange bitters
- Fresh rosemary for garnish
- Ice
- Orange zest for an added touch

Directions:

1. First, prepare your cranberry syrup. In a small pot, mix equal parts sugar and fresh cranberries, adding a little water to cover them. Bring this to a soft boil, allowing the cranberries to burst and the flavors to meld. Once the sugar has dissolved, strain it to collect the syrup and let it cool.
2. Next, take a mixing glass and add 2 oz of bourbon along with 1/2 oz of your cranberry syrup and 2 dashes of orange bitters.
3. Fill the mixing glass with ice and stir for about 30 seconds. This chilling and dilution will enhance the cocktail's flavors.
4. Prepare a rocks glass with fresh ice.
5. Strain your bourbon and syrup mixture into the glass over the ice.
6. To add some smoky flavor, use a culinary torch or smoker on a rosemary sprig and cap the drink with a smaller glass to trap the smoke inside for around 10 seconds.
7. Finally, garnish with a twist of orange peel for an aromatic finish. Enjoy the depth of flavors in your cocktail!

Notes:

For those without smoking equipment, you can either muddle the rosemary into the drink or just add it fresh as a garnish for an herbal aroma.



Ingredients:

- 1 lb steak (cut into strips)
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 4 cloves garlic (minced)
- 1/4 cup honey
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1 cup rice (uncooked)
- 2 cups beef broth
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- Fresh parsley (chopped, for garnish)

Directions:

Cook Steak: In a large skillet, heat olive oil over medium-high heat. Season the steak with salt and pepper, then cook until browned and cooked to your desired doneness. Remove the steak from the skillet and set aside.

Make Sauce: In the same skillet, melt butter. Add minced garlic and cook for 1-2 minutes. Stir in honey, soy sauce, and Dijon mustard. Bring to a simmer and cook for another 2-3 minutes until the sauce thickens slightly.

Cook Rice: Add the uncooked rice to the skillet, then pour in the beef broth. Bring to a boil, then cover and reduce the heat to low. Let the rice cook for 15-20 minutes, or until the rice is tender and the liquid is absorbed.

Combine: Add the cooked steak back into the skillet and stir to combine. Let everything heat through.

Serve: Garnish with chopped parsley and serve warm.

The Power of *One*

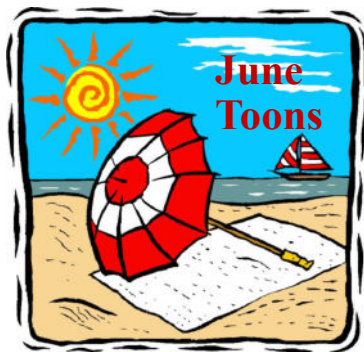
The Power of 1 is a national recruiting initiative that rewards members for bringing new boaters into America's Boating Club. Earn points for each referral and earn prizes, recognition, and squadron bragging rights!

Highlights

- 🌟 National Recruiting Initiative Launches June 1st!
- 🕒 Open to all members of America's Boating Club / USPS
- 🏆 Earn points for every new member you recruit
- 📺 Redeem points for branded ABC/USPS merchandise and more
- 🏅 Top 5 individual recruiters nationwide win exclusive prizes
- 🚩 Top 2 squadrons recognized and rewarded
- 📅 Recruiting period runs June 1 – November 30, 2025
- 🏆 Top Recruiters honored at the 2026 Annual Meeting

Learn more on the Membership Committee page at USPS.org

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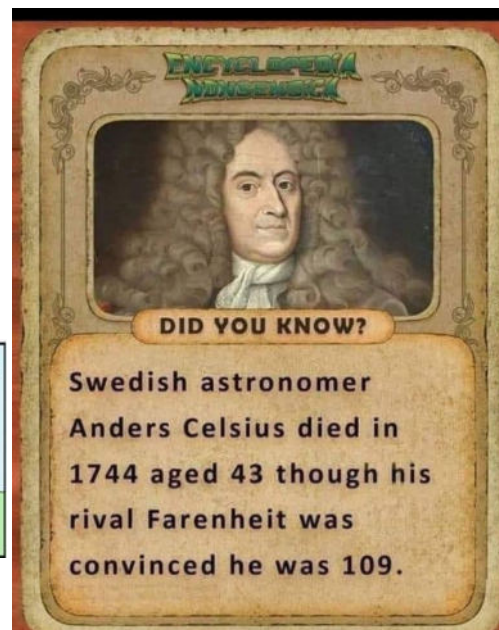
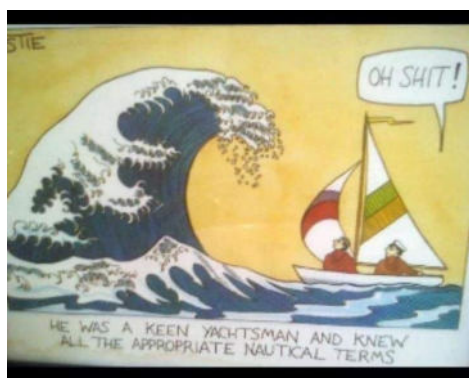


The funeral of the Tupperware inventor has been postponed...

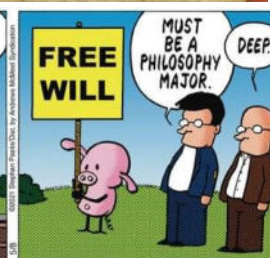
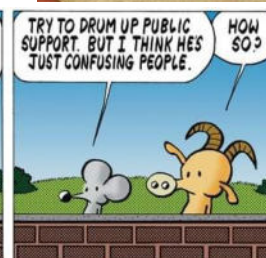
They're still trying to find the lid that fits his coffin - the funeral home say 'it's definitely around here somewhere'.

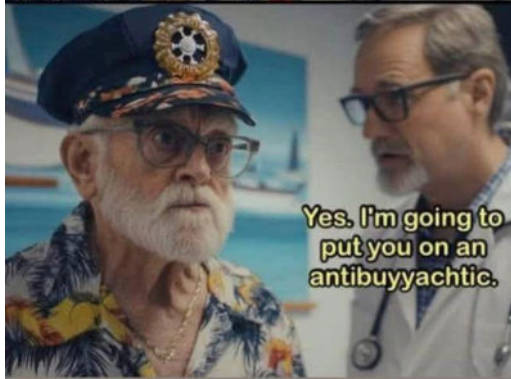
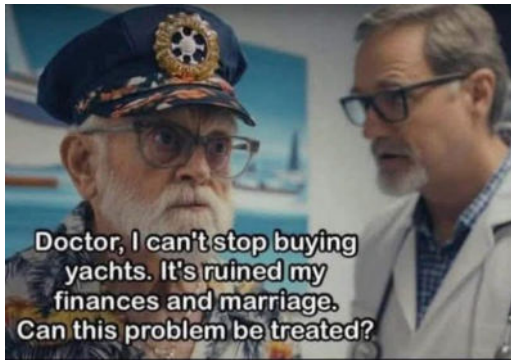


Some anthropologists believe that the discoveries of fire, shelter, and language were almost simultaneous.



To eat a whole cake would be to commit the sin of gluttony. But to eat a whole pie is okay, as the sin of pi is zero.





When you can't afford a car with parking sensors.



White Smoke = Head Gasket



"It appears our landing in Vegas will be delayed until I figure out which ocean this is and why we're flying over it."



McDonald's is now offering fish filets made from ornamental carp.

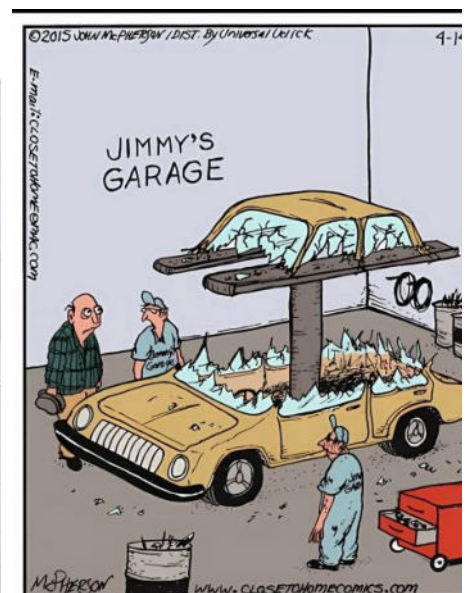
They're the real McKoi!

Germany is now advising people to stock up on cheese and sausages.

This is called the Wurst Käse scenario.



"Now how am I supposed to squeeze all my stuff in the little space you've left me?"



"Well, first things first. Your dome light is out."

The Susquenango Sail & Power Squadron
Summer Rendezvous (Day Trip)
at Camillus Erie Canal Park
5750 Devoe Road, Camillus, NY

Directions from Binghamton: Route 81 North to Syracuse. Take the exit for Route 690 West (towards the State Fair Grounds). From 690 West, take exit 10-12A for Route 695 and Route 5 towards Auburn. Stay on Route 5 West, then take the exit for Camillus/Warner's. At the end of the exit ramp, turn right onto Newport Rd. then, in a short distance, turn right onto Devoe Rd. to the Erie Canal Park in Camillus. (Approx. 1 ½ hours drive.)

Sims Store Museum



45 Minute Boat Ride on the Iroquois Tour Boat



The 1842 Nine Mile Creek Aqueduct



The Corliss Steam Engine Exhibit



Come Celebrate the Erie Canal's 200th Birthday!



Susquenango Sail & Power Squadron
Summer Rendezvous
Commemorating the 200th Anniversary
of the Erie Canal
Saturday, August 23, 2025



Camillus Erie Canal Park
5750 Devoe Road, Camillus, NY (a town West of Syracuse)
www.eriecanalcamillus.org

We have reserved a private, 45-minute, narrated boat tour on the historic Erie Canal for 1:00 p.m. The boat ride will take us over the 1842 Nine Mile Creek Aqueduct, the only rewatered and navigable aqueduct left in the World from the first enlargement of the Erie Canal. Take a step back in history while enjoying the beautiful sites of the Park, all from the water. **Cost is \$5.00 per person (reservation required)**

(Please arrive at the park by 12:30 p.m. to check in and board the Iroquois tour boat prior to the 1:00 p.m. departure. The boat seats 26 people.)

The Sims Store Museum is open from 12 – 4 p.m. (Admission is free) The museum is a replica of the original Sims' Canal Store which was located on the Erie Canal closer to Gere Lock and Belle Island. It includes many artifacts and displays to give you a better understanding of what life was like during the heyday of the Erie Canal.

Dinner at 4:30 p.m. at a local restaurant (optional) – The Brasserie Bar & Bistro, 200 Township Blvd., Suite 20, Camillus, NY (brasseriecnny.com).

Direct questions to Ann Smith 607-797-7391.

Please complete the reservation form below and send with payment (checks payable to Susquenango Sail & Power Squadron) **by July 31** to:

Nancy Bieber, Treasurer
10 Harry L. Drive
Kirkwood, NY 13795

ERIE CANAL TOUR – AUGUST 23, 2025

Name(s) _____

Phone number _____ email _____

Number boat tour attendees _____ @\$5.00 ea. Total Payment Enclosed \$ _____

Number attending the dinner _____ (needed for reservation at the restaurant)

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