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## Susquenango Happenings

3-6 August 2023—District 6 Rendezvous at Bonnie Castle Resort and Marina  
13 Holland St. Alexandria Bay, NY 13607

9 September 2023-Susquenango Mini Rendezvous, Seneca Lake

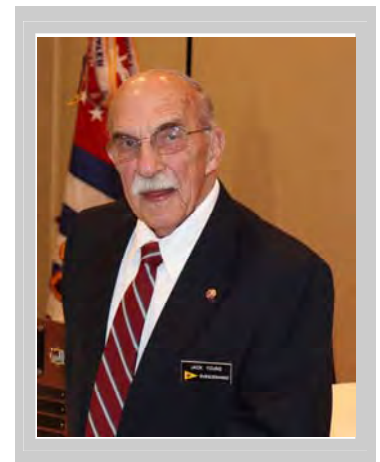
### BOSCOV'S FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS

Again this year, our Squadron will be participating in the Boscov's Department Store "Friends Helping Friends" Day on Wednesday, October 18 at the Binghamton store (13-23 Court St.). Our organization will sell 25% discount passes at \$5 each that are good for purchases made on that date. In addition, shoppers will be eligible to win fabulous prizes including shopping sprees and more! The best part is Susquenango keeps the entire \$5 from every shopping pass sold. What a great way to help our squadron and save money for yourself! If you would like to purchase a pass or are interested in selling passes, please contact Commander Mary Kucharek at 607-722-5136 or marykuch47@gmail.com. Passes will be available at the September meeting. Just think if every one of our members sold just one pass the squadron would make over \$300. What an easy way to keep us afloat!



July 4th 2023

**Happy Birthday to the United States of America!**



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## Commander's Comments



**Commander**  
**Mary Kucharek, P**

Many thanks to P/C Mike and P/Lt/C Peg Acciai for their hospitality welcoming us to their home for our annual picnic and to their son-in-law, David, for being our "chef extraordinaire" for the evening! It was so nice to see so many members in attendance and the evening was made even more special with District Commander Rick Hibbs and his lovely wife Lt/C Bridgett Arieno joining us from Rochester. So much good food and conversation. We even managed to sneak in a brief meeting!

More thanks go out to all members and friends who attended and helped at the Allen Treman Marina Safety Day on 17 June. Lt. Frank Broderick cooked our hotdogs to perfection. Also, helping were Lt. Cris Broderick, Lt. Ann & D/Lt/C Les Smith, P/C Mike and P/Lt/C Peg Acciai, P/C Bob Gould, our newest member Melanie Valecia, Lt. Bob Kucharek and me! Also, joining us was our friend Marie Monico who is always helpful and a joy to have around. Bob Gould was kept busy doing Vessel Safety Checks and Les gave a demonstration on the use of distress flares. Ann was on duty as our photographer (see photos in this issue). Before we even arrived, Mike & Peg did our grocery shopping. The whole gang pitched in to get the canopy up and secured. Thanks to our son Rob, for loaning it to us again this year. A big thank you to Ithaca Cdr. Tim Reilly and Beth for providing us with the gift certificates for a trip for 2 on the Teal tour boat and for joining, us along with Ithaca members and friends, P/C Maxing Flagg. The winner was delighted! It was great seeing our friends from the Coast Guard Auxiliary again this year and new comers to the event, the Awaga Canoe and Kayak Club. Of course, the Ithaca Fire Department was on hand showing the proper use of a fire extinguisher. Our thanks to the NYS Parks Department for their support of this annual event. Following the event a group of us went to dinner at Kelly's Dockside. I was honored to present Melanie Valencia with her membership pin making it official! All in all a fun day!

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I hope everyone has marked their calendars and registered for the D6 Rendezvous August 3-6 in Alexandria Bay. The committee has done an outstanding job setting up several seminars and other events. A mini Susquehanna Rendezvous is in the works for 9 September on Seneca Lake – so save the date and watch for more information in the August SeaChest.

Happy boating!

And remember... “Life’s roughest storms prove the strength of our anchors”.



*Commander Mary*

Melanie Valencia receiving her membership pin making it official!



VSC in Process at Marina Safety Day



Safety Demonstrations at Marina Safety Day 2023



Marina Day Photos by Lt Ann Smith, P

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## Susquenago Sail and Power Squadron Fall Class Schedule Johnson City High School

**Advanced Piloting – 10 Tuesdays starting September 5<sup>th</sup> – November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 7 – 9 p.m.**

**America’s Boating Course – 5 Mondays starting October 16<sup>th</sup> to November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 7 – 9 p.m.**

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## Sun protection on the water, America’s Boating Compass

As a boater, you may be eager to get underway, but you need to consider sun protection when you’re on the water. The sun can have an unwanted impact on you, from sunburn to [boater’s fatigue](#).

Warm, sunny weekends bring out more boat traffic. If you’ve taken a boating class, you may think you’re a safe boater. But what about the other guy—does he know the rules of the road?

Even if you boat defensively, you may not be as sharp as the day wears on, especially if you become tired and dehydrated.

### How to protect yourself

- Put up the bimini if you have one. Run the boat from under its shade. You’ll be cooler, and it will be easier to see your surroundings. UV rays reflect off the water and your boat’s surface, however, so...

Wear a high-SPF sunscreen, especially if you have [fair skin](#).

- Wear a hat if you don’t have a bimini. The brim will shade your eyes, and you’ll feel cooler.
- Wear good polarizing sunglasses. They will block much of the sun’s UV rays, and you’ll see much better.
- Drink, drink, drink—but not beer or other alcohol, which accelerates dehydration. Water is best, but juices and other fluids are also good. If you and your crew aren’t perspiring or using the head on a hot, sunny day, chances are you’re dehydrated, which can lead to heatstroke.
- Anchor or pull in someplace when you’re tired. Rest will help refresh you.

Remember, there’s no substitute for common sense. Take steps to stay sharp when you’re on the water. –Pete TenBrink





Susquenago Sail and Power Squadron's Member's Merit Mark and Education Achievement Recognition Picnic.  
Photographs by P/C Dave Olds, AP, SeaChest Photographer







Picnic Pictures continued in the August Issue

July Fun In The Sun



Why do seagulls fly over the sea?



Because if they flew over the bay they would be called bagels.



My doctor said now that I'm older I need to install a bar in the shower



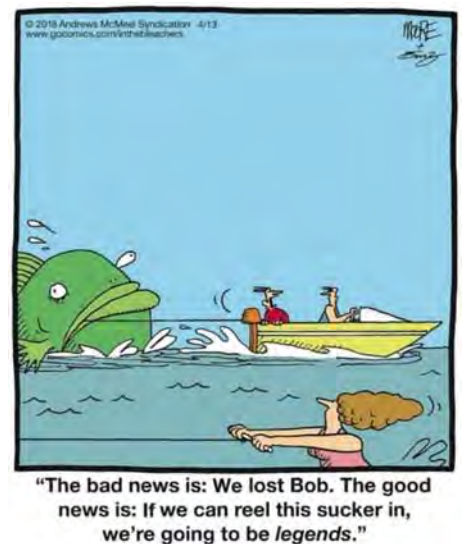




Floating tent sleeps 4 and offers a cool new way to die while camping



Guess I've had too much caffeine...I thought this lady was a Muppet.



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