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**16 October 2019**

**Executive Meeting**  
*(Everyone is Invited)*

and

**Fall Finger Food Social**

Town of Binghamton Fire Station #2  
2120 Pierce Road  
Binghamton, NY



Meeting 7:00 PM Social Hour to follow meeting

Bring your favorite dessert or hors d'oeuvres and beverages, and a little extra to share with fellow members. During the Social Hour P/C Dave Olds, AP, will bring some of America's Boating Channel videos for us to view.



**On the Horizon**

**Susquenago Events**

**16 October** Executive Meeting and Fall Finger Food Social  
7:00 PM Meeting  
Social to Follow  
Town of Binghamton Fire Station #2  
2120 Pierce Road  
Binghamton, NY

**20 November** General Membership Meeting and  
6:00 PM Dinner Thanksgiving Dinner  
7:00 PM Meeting Kirkwood Elks Lodge  
Route 11

**Saturday** Holiday Party  
**14 December** Grande Pizza Italian Restaurant  
Upper Front Street

**District Events**

**8-10 November** District Fall Conference  
Craftsman Inn & Conference Center  
Fayetteville, NY 13066

**Keep this date open  
for our Holiday Party**

**14 December, 2019**



**See on the Horizon**

**Welcome Aboard New Members**

Laura Kashinsky, Lenny Klein, Michael Woodward, Sr., Lilia Woodward, Krista Woodward & Michael Woodward, Jr.

We look forward to seeing you at our various functions.

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## Commander's Corner

How can this be the October issue of the SeaChest? Didn't we just get our boats in the water and now we, sadly, will be pulling them out soon? Our season is way too short, especially with the weather we had in June this year. Bob and I spent most of the summer boating on Cayuga Lake with our annual two week vacation in the 1000 Islands.

Our Mini Rendezvous in Ithaca on 3 August was a great time. The two hour cruise on the floating classroom, the MV Teal, was not only fun, but educational as well. Our wine tasting at Six Mile Creek Winery was very nice and dinner at the Glenwood Pines delicious. In between our wine tour and dinner, we had a chance to relax and rewind at the Treman Marina. It was so nice that two of our newest members, Laura Kashinsky & Lenny Klien, joined us for dinner.

Several of our members traveled to the 1000 Islands over the Labor Day weekend for the District 6 Rendezvous to enjoy and help out at the Tall Ships Festival in Brockville, Ontario. Check out the photos and D/C Nancy Bieber's, P, article for more details of the good time we had. Thanks Nancy & Ron for being such gracious hosts and for doing all the planning that went into this event.

Our meeting on 18 September was well attended with 15 members present. Most enjoyed a delicious dinner prior to the meeting. Reports were given by Squadron officers and committee members present. D/C Nancy Bieber and P/C David Daniels, SN, gave reports on the USPS National Governing Board meetings they recently attended in Louisville, KY. Lots of new ideas being considered at the National level. I'm sure they will have more to report at future meetings.

Don't forget our annual fund raiser - Boscov's Friends Helping Friends. For each \$5.00 pass our members sell/buy, the customer receives a 25% off coupon to be used on 16 October at any Boscov's location. And, best of all, the \$5.00 we collect stays with our Squadron! I hope everyone will participate. If you would like a pass (or passes) please contact me ASAP. This effort helps raise money for our educational programs.

A/O Linda Rought, P, and I have been working on upcoming meetings/events and I'm happy to say we will once again be holding our **October Executive Meeting** at the **Town of Binghamton Fire Station #2**, on 16 October where members will bring either an appetizer or dessert to share (BYOB). P/C Dave Olds, AP, will bring some of America's Boating Channel videos for us to view.

**On 20 November, we will hold our General Membership Meeting and enjoy a delicious Thanksgiving dinner** with all the trimmings at the **Kirkwood Elks Club**.

**Our holiday party will be 14 December at Grande Restaurant (Upper Front Street, Binghamton).** More details will be in future SeaChest publications.

I hope to see all of you at our events, and remember.....-  
**"America's Boating Club...is YOUR Boating Club"**

**Commander  
Mary Kucharek**

## Mariner's Have Their Own Language

I suppose every mariner has had fun telling landlubbers and people new to boating that, once it comes aboard a boat, 'rope' needs to be called 'line,'" says Rocky Jones, who joined the U.S. Navy in 1946, and U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary in 1988. Over the years, Rocky finally decided that this nomenclature problem wasn't so funny anymore, that a better explanation was needed, and that he was the man to give it. Two decades ago, he wrote this poem, and has handed it out to folks under his command ever since ...

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<p><b>Continued from previous page</b></p> <p>A rope is a rope, but sometimes a line. Or it might be a painter towing the dinghy behind.</p> <p>From fiber to yarn, then strand into rope. It's the twisting that does it which makes strong at the scope.</p> <p>There's polys and sisal, manila and hemp. But when buying nylon your money's well spent.</p> <p>The big one's the howser with strain to defend. The little one's the small stuff for seizing the end.</p>	<p>The rode holds the anchor in mud, sand, or rock. The bow, spring, and stern lines hold the ship to the dock. You pay out a drogue line when caught in a gale. But pay out a halyard and down comes the sail.</p> <p>A bell rope it might be clanging the time of the day. Or it might be a cable holding the mast with a stay.</p> <p>On wash day at Granma's clothes pins were used. But a sailor needs clothes stops* to hang up his blues.</p>	<p>If you pull on a sheet your toes will get cold. But when in a boat the sails will unfold!</p> <p>Be it braided or twisted fiber or steel. It's still just a rope if it stays on the reel.</p> <p>*Once known as the early Navy clothespin, a "clothes stop" is a small- diameter cord, approximately 12 inches long, used to tie laundry to a clothes line.</p> <p><i>Submitted by P/C Michael Acciai</i></p>
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### **NEW MEMBER BENEFIT - Divers Alert Network (DAN)**

At the recent National Governing Board Meeting an MOU was signed with *DAN Boating* making all USPS members eligible for emergency medical travel coverage at only \$25.00 per household. Effective 8 October, 2019, all members will automatically be covered at no cost to the member. At next dues renewal, there will be a \$25.00 charge attached. If you want to continue the *DAN Boating* coverage, pay that fee along with your dues. Delete the charge if you choose not to remain in the program.

Dan DeWitt, a past SSPS member, was in a situation where he needed to use this insurance and a testimonial from him on the value of this coverage follows:

"On a recent trip, about half way to the destination, my chronic indigestion condition appeared to reoccur. During the second night at the motel breathing in a prone position became difficult and sleep impossible. My spouse, Donna, refused to go further without a more thorough examination. Regional Florence, SC hospital examination room scans indicated a blown-out aortic valve that required immediate repair (for the third time). Due to the complexity of the procedure it was deemed necessary to find a more experienced hospital and staff. Because of very inclement weather air flight was considered too risky and a four hour ambulance ride the only possible alternative.

Donna, while worrying in the waiting room of the hospital, skimmed through her hand bag and noticed the documents from *Divers Alert Network (DAN)*. Truthfully, we had joined the *DAN* system just weeks earlier after hearing about it from a boating acquaintance. Donna noticed that there were a couple of caveats associated with their services (no longer required). Completing those, from that point onward *DAN* handled the evacuation. They took the contact information for the hospital, got all the particulars and got me to Duke University Hospital and into surgery. Successful surgery.

In my mind, the best testimonial for *DAN* membership came when their representative called Donna the next day to check on how I was doing. She was alone in a strange city with a spouse in need of complicated cardiac treatment. That small gesture on *DAN's* part was really no small gesture at all. I think it gave Donna some much needed hope.

We've been *DAN* members ever since. I heartily recommend and endorse their products. Please look at their web site <https://www.diversalertnetwork.org> you'll find there are several levels of insurance protection available depending on your anticipated exposure to risk. And, it does not have to be water related. Skiing at Vail would be covered.

SSPS members have an opportunity to protect themselves and their families should they experience an emergency that requires medical evacuation. Additionally, *DAN's* experience in handling medical emergencies is invaluable.

*DAN* has contacts in most all areas of the world. The relationships they have established in the diving community globally allows them to determine the best way to provide assistance. The person you speak to when you call to get help will be able to provide invaluable information about not only what is needed, but where to get the service and how to get there.

Your one call gets the process in motion and *DAN* takes over from there. Please consider this opportunity." This new member benefit is worth looking into for your peace of mind while traveling.

**Excerpted in part from article by Dan DeWitt**

**Submitted by D/C Nancy Bieber**

# All Power Boat Operators in New York Will Need Safety Course by 2022



## Brianna's Law

The legislation, called Brianna's Law (S.5685/A.4853.A), was signed into law Tuesday by Gov. Andrew Cuomo and goes into effect Jan. 1, 2020. The law will be phased in over five years. The legislation is named after Brianna Lieneck, an 11-year-old girl killed in a boating accident in Long Island's Great South Bay in 2005. Since then, the girl's mother, Gina Lieneck of Deer Park, has lobbied lawmakers to pass a boater safety course bill.

Currently, state law only required those born after May 1, 1996, to complete a boater safety course in order to drive a motor boat. The new law expands that requirement. Under the 5-year, phase-in plan, all motor boat operators born on or after Jan. 1, 1993 must complete a safety course to operate a motor boat beginning in 2020.

Those born after Jan. 1, 1988 must complete a safety course beginning in 2022. Those born on or after Jan. 1, 1983 must complete a safety course beginning in 2023. Those born on or after Jan. 1, 1978 must complete a safety course beginning in 2024.

The requirement would extend to all motor boat operators beginning in 2025, regardless of age. Failure to comply could result in a fine of between \$100 and \$250. The Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, which administers the law, estimates that there are nearly one million boaters who will have to take the safety courses before the end of the phase-in on Jan. 1, 2025.

Governor Cuomo also directed State Parks to launch a boating safety promotional campaign to make sure boaters are aware of the new law and boater safety in general. The required safety course would result in the issuance of a boater safety course certificate and would provide training in such things as boat handling, use of navigational instruments and flotation devices, as well as state laws concerning boating operation and safety.

Those who've previously taken a boating safety course and don't have the certificate won't have to take a new course. A new one can be obtained through the New York State Parks website at a cost of \$10. For more on this, see the Parks website.

Under current law, a canoe or small rowboat with an electric motor is classified as a motorized craft and must be registered as such. It's not clear at this point if operators of those crafts will be required to take a boating safety course. The state commissioner of Parks will have the discretion of determining what kinds of vessels will be covered by the requirement.

This article, extracted from various web site information, submitted by Commander Mary Kucharek, raises many questions which will require both local and USPS National investigation. As information related to squadron activities is received it will be discussed in our meetings and posted in this monthly publication. (SeaChest editor)

### Boscov's Friends Helping Friends

Once again this year we will be participating in Boscov's *Friends Helping Friends* which will be held on 16 October. Twenty five percent off shopping passes are available please contact Cmd. Mary to get your passes or pick them up at our Mini Rendezvous or the Sept. meeting. Remember for each pass sold, the squadron receives \$5.00. It's an easy way to boost our coffers, but best of all, you get a 25% discount on all your purchases – everyone loves to shop and save!

Commander Mary

### Special Thank You...

to my good friend and former Susquenango Power Squadron member and Assistant SeaChest editor, Karl Oakley, for solving the master page problem. You saved me many hours of work. (Editor)

## DISTRICT 6 RENDEZVOUS 2019

The rendezvous was held in the Thousand Islands area. We kicked off the event by piloting electric powered Bumper Boats, bumping into & squirting fellow members



## District Rendezvous and Tall Ships Festival

The District Rendezvous and Tall Ship Festival was a huge success. On the bumper boats, we motored around, soaked each other and had some laughs before our pizza party and campfire, complete with a ghost storyteller.

The Parade of Sail on Friday, in Brockville, was followed by a great meal at The Mill Restaurant. Saturday and Sunday were our days of community service where we provided crowd control for The Bluenose II, Canada's flagship. Sixteen members from District 6 donated their time to maintain watch over the lines of people waiting to board the Bluenose II. The Canadian dime has an image of the Bluenose II on one side. Imagine my delight as I received a shiny new dime in change with that image minted in 2019. I was so proud to have a coin from the first year that the tall ship was portrayed, only to have my bubble burst when a Canadian fellow told me that the Bluenose II has been on the Canadian dime forever. It was just a current minting of the coin that I had received.

While manning the District 6 booth, many Canadian Sail and Power Squadron members stopped by to chat. From those conversations, we decided to join forces the next time there is an international event where our participation could be combined. Thanks to all the members who participated and helped at the festival.

D/C Nancy Bieber



**Blue Nose II**



**Nao Santa Maria - replica of Columbus's Ship**

## Our Mariner Guides



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