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Susquenango October Happenings

20 October 2021

Executive Meeting at 3801 Country Club Road, Endwell NY
City Chicken by Park Bench Catering
Au gratin Potatoes, Salad and Desert—\$14.00 per person
RSVP to Lt/C Linda Rought at 607-760-6388 by 15 October 2021

Boscov's Friends Helping Friends
Wednesday, October 20, at the Binghamton store (13-23 Court St)
contact Mary Kucharek 607-722-5136 or marykuch47@gmail.com.

D/6 Conference: 29-31 October 2021: Details and Reservation Information in October Issue of the Deep Six, Coming to you soon by email.

On the Horizon

Friday Night Family Hour at The Kopernik Observatory & Science Center, Vestal NY
Details to follow in November SeaChest

17 November 2021 General Membership Meeting and annual Turkey Dinner, Kirkwood Elks Club



One minute you're young and fun. And the next, you're turning down the stereo in your car to see better.





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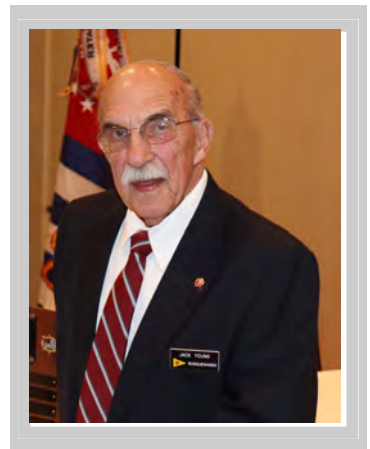
As I write these comments I'm watching a tropical rain come down and we are two full days into the actual fall season. There are only a few weekends left to enjoy being on the boat before the deadline to get her winterized and ready for winter storage. I know that must happen every year, but it's sad to see the summer season coming to an end. Most of our Susquenago family will have their camps and boats closed up by our next meeting on October 20th. I wish all our members a great last four weeks of water time and a successful closing out of the 2021 season.

Our meeting on 15 September at the Relief Pitcher in Binghamton was successful with good food, lots of comradery and a lively business meeting with many officer reports and discussions. P/C Mary Kucharek, P reported that next year's Marina Day may be expanding and she will work with the other groups to help make it happen. She will also be at Boscov's on October 20th to support our Friend's Helping Friends program. SEO Les Smith, JN reported that our first ABC class this season has six students attending. Lt Ann Smith, S and Lt Bob Kucharek, P-IN are proctoring and helping to set up the class room. A good start back at JCHS for us. P/C Dave Olds, AP reported that our membership is holding at 52 members and P/C Bob Gould AP preformed 10 VSCs this season.

Our next meeting will be on 20 October 21 at 3801 Country Club Road. Our meal will be City Chicken by Park Bench Catering starting at 1800 hours. More information will be on page one of the SeaChest. I hope to see everyone there.

In closing, I would like to wish all our members a wonderful remaining four weeks of this boating season.

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



P/D/Lt/C John Young, AP
Editor Emeritus

How to make a mayday call

All boaters should know how to make a mayday call as well as other distress calls using Channel 16 on a [VHF marine radio](#).

Types of marine distress calls

During an on-the-water emergency, the quickest way to call for help is to use Channel 16 on your VHF marine radio. When making the appropriate mayday, pan-pan or sécurité call, you tell the U.S. Coast Guard or other receiving vessel how quickly you need help.

Mayday, the highest-level emergency call, should be used only when there's imminent danger of loss of life or vessel.

Pan-Pan calls reflect a sense of urgency without the potential loss of life or vessel. This could include loss of steering or power, or injuries that adversely impact your ability to safely operate the boat.

Sécurité alerts boaters to the broadcast of safety information. These events could include seeing a loose piling in a channel, a light out on a navigational aid, a vessel overdue in transit, or severe weather moving through the area.

How to make a mayday call

Reserve the mayday call for severe emergencies with immediate danger to life or property, such as a sinking boat, fire or life-threatening injury or illness.

When calling for help, repeat "Mayday!" three times. Anticipate the Coast Guard's questions, and be prepared to answer them.

Give your boat's geographical position. If you can't provide the boat's latitude and longitude from the GPS, look for an identifiable onshore feature or identifiable buoy or beacon from which you give your distance and direction. You could also use a chart to communicate your position relative to identifiable navigational aids.

Describe your emergency, your distress situation, and the assistance you desire. Be as precise as you can about your situation so the responder can assist you.

Describe the type of boat you are in, its color and size plus any distinguishing features that would make it easy to identify. Let the Coast Guard or other responder know how many people are on board and if any are injured or have medical conditions that need attention. Describe the boat's condition when asked.

Saying "Over" means you have finished providing this piece of information and are awaiting a reply. The Coast Guard may request additional information and keep the radio link open. When you complete the communication, saying "Out" ends the expectation of additional transmissions.

Susquenango 2021 Course Schedule

Classes held at Johnson City High School, 666 Reynolds Rd., Johnson City, NY

Boat Handling/ Seamanship

Recommended for boaters that have completed the ABC Course above. It builds up on the basics taught in that course. Learn practical marlinespike (knots), navigation rules, hull design and performance, skipper responsibility, boat care, operating under abnormal conditions, emergencies, weather, nautical customs and courtesy on the water.

Cost is \$120 (non-member), \$76 (club member)

Oct 18 - Nov 15, 2021

5 Monday Evenings 7-9PM

Final exam on November 15th 7PM

Call Les Smith

797-7391

(there is no online preregistration available for this course)



Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution

Did you know... that the ocean holds 97% of Earth’s fresh water and plays an important role in the global water cycle? Because of its size, the ocean accounts for most of the evaporation and precipitation on our planet—and it also helps transport heat, nutrients, and other materials around the globe.

Ocean salinity helps regulate the water cycle. When seawater evaporates, it leaves salt behind. As atmospheric temperatures rise, more water evaporates, and the ocean becomes saltier. This causes higher rainfall or severe droughts in certain places on land. Evaporation and precipitation are increasing with global climate change, making these wet and dry periods more pronounced and more common.

WHOI scientists use salinity trends and advanced climate modeling to predict rainfall and drought at least one season ahead, which helps communities and farmers prepare for weather trends.

The world’s oceans currently remove about a quarter of all carbon dioxide in the atmosphere each year. That’s roughly 3 billion metric tons annually—at least double the amount of carbon emitted by all automobiles worldwide.

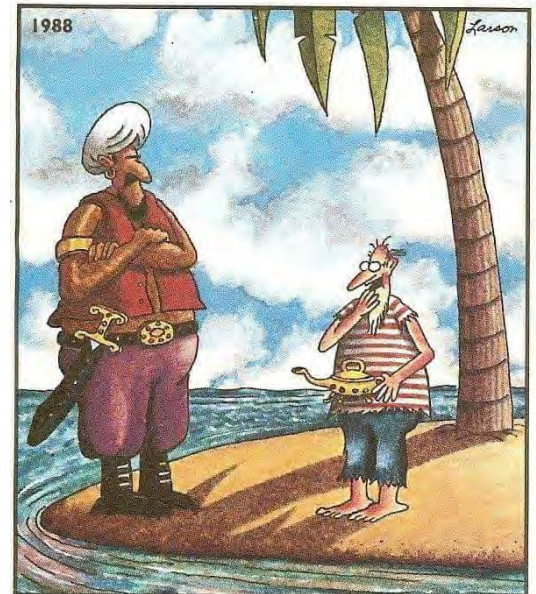
One key player in this removal process is the ocean’s mesopelagic region, or “twilight zone”. This largely unexplored area is located at depths just beyond the reach of sunlight, about 100–1000 meters below the surface. The zone’s unique ecosystem helps to transport atmospheric carbon from the ocean’s surface to the deep sea, where it can stay for hundreds, or even thousands of years.

The twilight zone plays a fundamental role in regulating our climate—yet the extent of its impact on carbon removal is not yet fully understood. Research from WHOI scientists will help us understand the important service this ecosystem provides, giving us the information we need to protect it for future generations.

A Little Bit of Humor



"I only hire people who own boats. That way I can just borrow them so I don't have to buy my own."



"Well, let's see—so far I've got rhythm and I've got music. ... Actually, who could ask for anything more?"

This is what we, who are aged 70 or 80 years plus, can look forward to.

This is something that happened at an assisted living center. The people who lived there had small apartments but they all ate at a central cafeteria. One morning one of the residents didn't show up for breakfast so my wife went upstairs and knocked on his door to see if everything was OK. She could hear him through the door and he said that he was running late and would be down shortly, so she went back to the dining area.



An hour later he still hadn't arrived, so she went back up towards his room but found him on the stairs. He was coming down the stairs but was having a hard time. He had a death grip on the hand rail and seemed to have trouble getting his legs to work right. She told him she was going to call an ambulance but he told her no, he wasn't in any pain and just wanted to have his breakfast. So, she helped him the rest of the way down the stairs and he had his breakfast. When he tried to return to his room, he was completely unable to get up even the first stair step, so they called an ambulance for him.

A couple of hours later she called the hospital to see how he was doing. The receptionist there said he was fine, he just had both of his legs in one side of his boxer shorts.

I'm sending this to my children so that they don't sell the house before they know all the facts.

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