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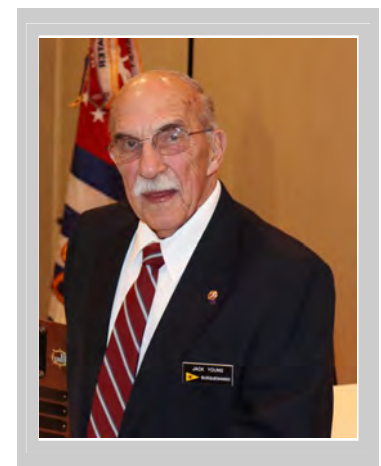
Susquenago September Happenings

On the Horizon

19 October 2022: General Membership Meeting. Location: Park Diner, 119 Conklin Ave Binghamton, NY. Order off the menu at 1800. Meeting at 1900.

11-13 November 2022: D/6 Fall Council & Conference, the Ramada by Wyndham hotel Liverpool/Syracuse, NY

16 November 2022: General Membership and Thanksgiving Holiday Meeting, Kirkwood Elks Club. 1800 for dinner, 1900 meeting.



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Commander's Comments



Commander
Michael Acciai, AP

September is over and fall weather hit us right on schedule. Our boats and camps are being prepped for a long winter nap and Susquenago Sail and Power Squadron is gearing up for our fall and winter activities. Actually we have already hit the ground running with our PRO Lt Ann Smith, P investigating several fund raising opportunities to bolster our sagging treasury. She has contacted organizations that run fundraising for groups like Susquenago and has obtained all the contract and other requirements we would have to do to support the event. P/C Mary Kucharek, P, P/D/C Nancy Bieber, P and I are reviewing all of the data along with Ann and one fund raiser stands out and Ann is looking into dates and other concerns. This new fund raiser will be in addition to the "Friends helping Friends" at Boscov's on October 19th that P/C Mary K. heads up.

Stay tuned, more to come. Thank you Lt Ann for all your work on this.

Our SEO D/Lt/C Les Smith, JN is working on our ABC and Boat Handling class schedule for January through April. I will publish the dates as soon as they are confirmed. Les is our DEO also and is working with all the D/6 Squadrons on recertification of squadron members to bolster our ability to have more public classes and seminars. Our public instructor base is getting very thin district wide leaving no backup for the current members teaching ABC and seminars. P/D/C Bill Herrick is teaching Advanced Piloting to three members and I am monitoring the classes to refresh myself on new technology and knowledge lost over the last 15+ years since formally taking the class. I recommend that others who have their P and AP ratings do the same if possible. There is always more to learn.

Membership is currently stands at 50 according to our Membership Chairman P/C Dave Olds. Six members have gone inactive this year with reasons ranging from no longer boating, moving from the area and not receiving any paper publications in the mail.

Susquenago has thirteen Vessel Safety Checks to our credit thanks to our VSC officer P/D Bob Gould, AP. Thank you Bob for a job well done.

Administrative (Meetings and Programs) Officer Lt/C Linda Rought, P is currently looking for venues for our meetings. There is a lot of leg work and phone calls trying to find places with rooms and good menus so if anyone has ideas on places to go drop her a note with a suggestion.

Please read the rest of the SeaChest for our meeting and class schedules as well as other boating information.

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

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Preventing electric shock drowning

Take these precautions to prevent electric shock drowning and keep swimmers safe near your boat, at the marina or near the dock.

ESD in general

- Spread the word about electric shock drowning. Most people are unaware of the danger.
- To retrieve a person in the water, reach, throw and row, but don't go in.
- Make sure children understand the importance of not swimming near electricity. Don't let them roughhouse on docks.

Learn to perform CPR and maintain your training.

In marinas

- Never swim within 100 yards of any freshwater marina or boatyard.
- Ask your marina to prohibit swimming and post signs.

Ask marina operators if they are aware of and follow the guidelines in [National Fire Protection Association 303](#) (fire protection standard for marinas and boatyards) and [National Electric Code 555](#).

Tips for boat owners

- Have your boat tested yearly to see if it is leaking electricity, or buy a clamp meter and test it yourself. If you find problems, have your boat inspected by an ABYC-qualified electrician.
- Have a qualified electrician install an Equipment Leakage Circuit Interrupter on your boat or use a Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter in the shore power cord. As an alternative, install an isolation transformer on the boat.
- Test the GFCI/ELCI at least once a month or per the manufacturer's specifications.
- Do not do your own electrical work on a boat. Many of the problems that lead to an electrical fault on boats result from the differences between shore and boat electrical systems and standards.
- Do not use common household extension cords for providing shore power to your boat. Use shore power cords built to marine standards, ideally with a built-in GFCI.

Never dive on your boat to work on underwater fittings when it is plugged in to shore power.

Private dock owners

- Never swim within 100 yards of any dock using electrical power.
- If you need electricity on your dock, hire a licensed electrician and make sure the wiring meets the requirements in NFPA 303 and NEC 555. If your dock was already wired, hire an electrician to check that it was done properly. Inspect your systems at least once a year.
- Exercise your GFCIs/ELCIs as recommended by the manufacturer.
- If you normally run a power cord from your house or garage to charge your batteries, make sure the outlet has a GFCI and include a GFCI somewhere in the shore power cord.
- Never swim off your dock without shutting down all shore power to the boat and the dock.

Educate your neighbors with docks and work together with them to make the waterfront safe.

Feeling tingling or shocks?

- Don't swim toward the dock.
- Shout! Tell those around you exactly what you're feeling so they can help you while keeping themselves safe.
- Try to stay upright and back out of the area the way you came, warn other swimmers of the danger, and head for shore 100 yards or more from the dock.
- Alert the dock or marina owner and tell them to shut the power off to the dock until they fix the problem.

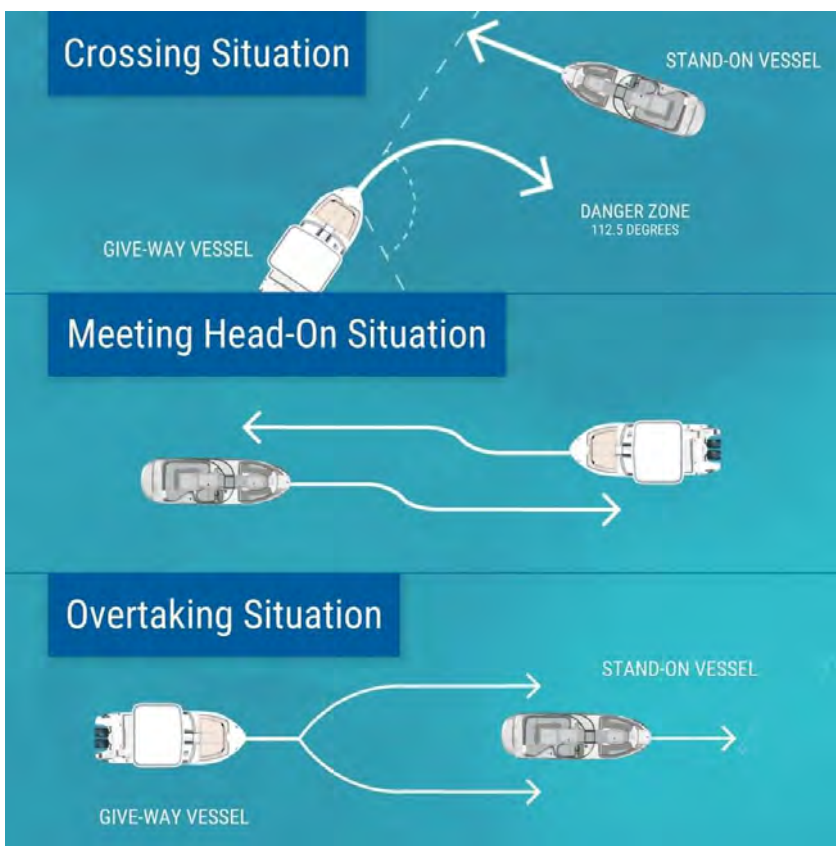
Go to the hospital, explain what happened, and ask to be checked over to be sure you have no adverse health effects.

Rescuing an ESD victim

- Know how to distinguish drowning from electric shock drowning. (Drowning victims cannot speak and look as if they are trying to climb a ladder.)
- Fight the instinct to enter the water.
- Call for help. Use 911 or VHF Channel 16 as appropriate.
- Turn off the shore power connection at the meter base or unplug shore power cords.
- Get the victim out of the water.

If the person is not breathing or you can't get a pulse, [perform CPR](#) until the fire department, U.S. Coast Guard or ambulance arrives.

–BoatU.S.



Susquenago 2023 ABC and Boat Handling Class Schedule

Pending approval by JCHS School Board

ABC Classes – Two options: 5 Tuesday nights or 5 Monday nights

1st session - Tuesday nights: Jan. 10th – Feb. 7th

2nd session - Monday nights: March 6th – April 3rd

Boat Handling class – One option: 5 Monday nights – April 17th - May 15th

How to Winterize Your Sailboat (and Power Boat)

From Sailrite

When you start to feel that fall chill in the air you know it's time to start thinking about readying your boat for the winter. Preparing your boat for a long, cold winter is a must, especially if you want to get back out on the water quickly in the spring.

The main goal of winterizing is to remove all fluids that could freeze, however it is also a good time to clean off the grime of summer and make any necessary repairs. Proper winterization will ensure no surprises in the spring. To help with a smooth transition, we have compiled a list of 10 tips for preparing your boat for the long winter.

Before diving right in, always check your boat's owner's manual for any boat-specific winterizing instructions. Instructions from the owner's manual are always a must-do. Make sure nothing is forgotten by creating a checklist of tasks to be completed before you start.

1. Fill/Empty The Tank: Add some stabilizer to your diesel fuel tank and then fill the tank to capacity with fuel. Then replace all the fuel filters and drain the water separator. Run the engine for 15 minutes to let the stabilized fuel flow through the system. This is also a good time to inspect fuel lines for any leaks. For a gasoline tank, run the fuel off and leave the tank empty.

2. Protect Engine: Make sure to read the owner's manual of your engine for specific winterizing instructions. There are different procedures for winterizing inboard and outboard engines and each individual engine is a little different.

3. Drain & Anti-Freeze: Drain the fresh water system and empty and clean out all tanks. Then, fill all hoses and pumps with a fifty-fifty mixture of water and RV anti-freeze. It is also good to try to keep the bilge as dry as possible.

4. Remove Batteries: Be sure to remove the batteries from the boat and continue to charge/recharge them every month. While removing the batteries, check the electrical connections on board. It is also wise to remove marine electronics from the boat and store them at home for the winter. If desired, this is also a good time to remove dock lines, flotation devices, flares, fire extinguishers and other safety equipment from the boat for inspection and replacement if needed.

5. Clean, Clean, Clean: Winterization is the perfect opportunity to clean your vessel from top to bottom. Clean out the inside of the boat, emptying all lockers, food lockers, icebox, and refrigerator. Wash down all the surfaces of the boat inside and out. Also be sure to clean the hardware, mast, and rigging to remove any salt or grime. Thoroughly clean and dry enclosures. For cleaning canvas, like Sunbrella, we recommend using 303 Multi-Surface Cleaner, it does a great job and will safely clean a number of surfaces. Lightly wax fiberglass surfaces and touch up any chipping paint.

6. Inspect for Repairs: Checking for and making repairs in the fall will help you get out on the water faster in the spring. Be sure to inspect the hull and deck for cracks or blisters and repair if necessary. Check lifelines for signs of corrosion and inspect and service all seacocks, winches, turning blocks, rope clutches, and the mainsheet system. Remove the mast and inspect mast, boom, and rigging for wear and damage. Also inspect the electrical wiring inside the mast. Remove tape from spreader tips and turnbuckles and inspect.

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7. Repair & Store Sails: Before packing your sails away, you will want to clean them. Since cleaning sails can reduce their durability, it's a good idea to just spray them with water and lightly brush out stubborn spots. Try not to dry sails by sunlight, as UV rays are harmful to Dacron and nylon. Carefully dry the sails in the garage instead. This is a good time to make any needed repair to sails as well. If your sail needs to be serviced, Sailrite stocks a full line of needles, patches, and other sail repair supplies. For more details of problems to look for and how to repair them, check out this [Sailrite PDF on Getting Sails Ready for Winter Storage](#).

When storing sails, make sure that they will be protected from rodents. Dacron sailcloth is a favorite mouse snack, and they will chew little ragged holes all through your sail without a safeguard. There are two good options to prevent this: first, suspend your sail bags from a height, like rafters of a garage or barn. Or sprinkle mothballs inside your sail bag. For foolproof protection, do both.

8. Empty the Head: If your boat has a head onboard, it will need to be drained and flushed out. Pump out the holding tank and then add fresh water to the bowl and flush several times. Close the water intake seacock, remove the hose, and pump the head full of anti-freeze, making sure some of the anti-freeze goes into the holding tank. Replace the hose, leaving the seacock closed.

9. Arrange Cabin: There are some things that you will want to take care of below decks to keep everything in top order over the winter. If your boat has a stove, make sure to close the propane bottle and light the stove to clean any propane in the pipes. When the stove goes out, close off the supply at the stove. Seal the end of the propane line and make sure there are no leaks. Remove the propane from the boat.

To keep cushions nice, pull them all out, tilt them upwards, and unzip them so air can flow around them. Open all compartments, doors, and hatches to increase air flow. If storing canvas projects inside your boat (such as biminis or dodgers) lay the canvas out as flat as possible, taking special care with any vinyl windows. If windows need to be stacked, place a bed sheet between each one. Sprinkle some mothballs around the cabin to keep the rodents away if desired.

10. Cover: Whether storing your boat inside or outside, a cover is a necessity. For outdoor storage a Sunbrella Marine Grade or other canvas cover is ideal. If you are storing your boat indoors, use a trailer-ing cover or shrink-wrap. Make sure there is an anti-chafe material and that the cover is fitted so rodents and bugs can't crawl up underneath. Custom-made boat covers fit best.

Getting your boat ready for the winter can be a tedious process but is well worth it. A clean boat in the fall means a clean boat in the spring—and we'll be counting down the days!

Think about it - every single corpse
on Mt. Everest was once a highly
motivated person.

Stay lazy my friends.

No one runs faster
than a toddler who
knows they shouldn't
have what they're
holding 



A Little October Humor



I JUST READ THAT LAST YEAR 4,123,651 PEOPLE GOT MARRIED. I DON'T WANT TO START ANY TROUBLE BUT SHOULDN'T THAT BE AN EVEN NUMBER?

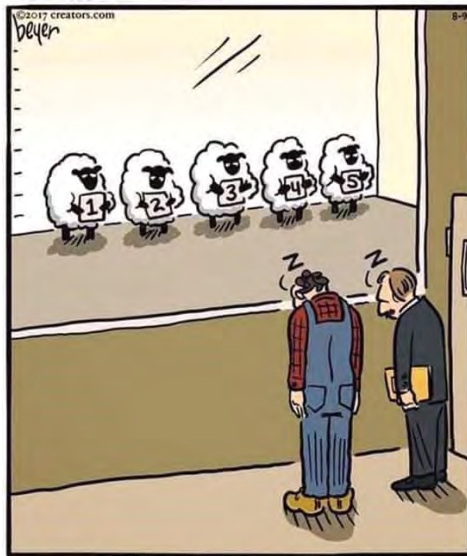


"Your hurricane prep plan was very informative. At 4 hours long, maybe it was too informative."

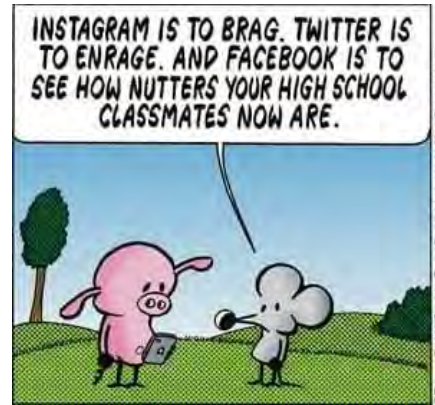
Operator: 911, what's your emergency?
Man: A guy just got hit by a car, I need an ambulance.
Operator: What's your location?
Man: I'm on Eucalyptus street.
Operator: Can you spell that for me?
Man: (long awkward pause)
Operator: Sir? Are you there?
Man: I'm gonna drag him over to Pine street and call right back.

Kevin was starting to think that maybe his mom wasn't coming back.





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"So, Andre! ... The king wants to know how you're coming with St. George and the Dragon."



The woodpecker might have to go.

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