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## Susquenango December Happenings



15 December 2020  
Virtual Zoom Meeting/Cocktail Party  
Good Bye 2020 Celebration  
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# Happy Holidays!



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**Hanukkah** is a Jewish festival commemorating the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem at the time of the Maccabean Revolt against the Seleucid Empire. It is also known as the Festival of Lights.



**Christmas** (or Feast of the Nativity) is an annual festival commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ, observed primarily on December 25 as a religious and cultural celebration among billions of people around the world.



Happy Kwanzaa

**Kwanzaa** is an annual celebration of African-American culture which is held from December 26 to January 1, culminating in gift-giving and a feast of faith, called Karamu Ya Imani. It was created by Maulana Karenga and first celebrated in 1966.





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## Commander's Comments

The Holidays are upon us and, even in these uncertain times, we have so much to be thankful for... our health, our family and our friends. Our prayer is that the coming months will bring the hope of better days ahead.

My thanks to those who attended our turkey dinner and meeting at the Kirkwood Elks Club. The food was delicious and it was so nice to see everyone. Thanks to D/C Cdr. Nancy Bieber for a fun trivia event and the neat prizes.

For our December meeting, we have decided to hold it via Zoom and do a combo meeting and cocktail party. So let's all get dressed up in our fancy holiday clothes and join in the fun. It will be held on 16 December at 6:00 p.m. Maybe we'll be in for more trivia. Please join us!

Meetings for January and February are still to be determined but we have tentatively scheduled our 2021 Change of Watch for 20 March at Jonathan's in Endwell.

The fall District 6 fall conference was held virtually on 14 November. It was well attended by Susquenago members. DEO Tom Ally and P/D/C Dave Daniels hosted the free conference call. We were honored to receive some prestigious awards, including for our newsletter and website. Our squadron was runner up for the Shumway Award for greatest number of students taught. We also received acknowledgement for our donation to the USPS Education Fund. It was also mentioned that we were one of only three squadrons with completed history reports. Thanks Lt. Bob Kucharek!

By now, if you were eligible, you should have received your 2019 merit mark – congratulations! Thanks to P/C Jack Young for getting them in in such a timely fashion – good job, Jack!

Wishing everyone a blessed holiday season. Stay safe and stay well. I hope to see many of you at all of our events, and remember.....-

**“America's Boating Club...is YOUR Boating Club”**

Commander  
Mary Kucharek, P







*Seasons Greetings to the America's Boating Club  
Members from the Susquenango Bridge, Committee  
Chairs and SeaChest Staff Members*

Mary and Bob  
Kucharek



Peg and Mike  
Acciai

Les and Ann  
Smith

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Joann and  
John Rohde

Justin and Jane  
Park



John Parnica  
and  
Jan Strnatka



**Congratulations to  
our SEO Les Smith,  
JN on receiving his  
USCG 100 Ton  
Captain's license**



**On the Horizon  
Susquenago Events**

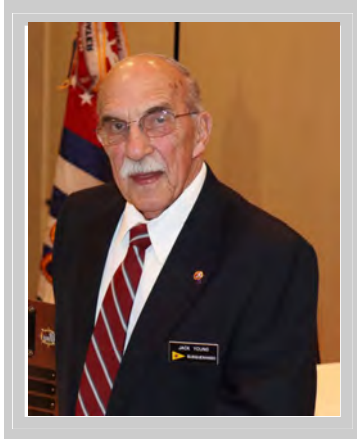
20 January 2021— Meeting—TBD  
17 February 2021— Meeting—TBD  
20 March 2021—Change Of Watch—TBD

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**District 6 Events**

9-11 April 2021—D/6 Conference at  
The Radisson, Corning NY—TBD

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# November General Membership Meeting—Elks Club—Kirkwood, NY

**Our Turkey Dinner is served!**



Is everyone smiling behind those masks! Say Cheese!



I'm going to need some hydration before I start our Trivia session!





Time to get the show on the  
Road!  
The Meeting will come to  
order!





A thank you note from our SEO and PRO Les and Ann Smith



Thanks to Commander Mary Kucharek, P for making the arrangements with Chief Mike Norton to teach the ABC class this Fall at the Chenango Bridge Fire Station. SEO Les Smith, JN was able to teach the class in the Fire Station's training room. With social distancing requirements, the room would accommodate 20 people. The class, held on Tuesday evenings from 7 – 9 p.m. starting September 15<sup>th</sup>, consisted of 12 students. A few of the students were from the March 2020 class that was cut short by the school closing during the start of the COVID 19 pandemic.

Thanks also go out to the class proctors – Cdr Mary Kucharek, P, Lt Bob Kucharek, P-IN, P/D/C Bill Herrick, JN and P/Lt/C Ann Smith, S for their help with the class. All students successfully completed the course. One student got a 100% on his test.

Thanks to District Commander Nancy Bieber, P for supplying the embroidered logo America's Boating Club face masks she made.

A donation of \$50.00 was given to the Chenango Bridge Fire Station for allowing us to use their training room for 5 nights. When feasible, plans will be made to have another ABC class and a Boat Handling class hopefully in Spring 2021. Those students who were in the March 2020 class that were not able to attend the Fall 2020 class will be given the opportunity to complete the class in the spring.

# 2019 Susquenango Chapter Awards

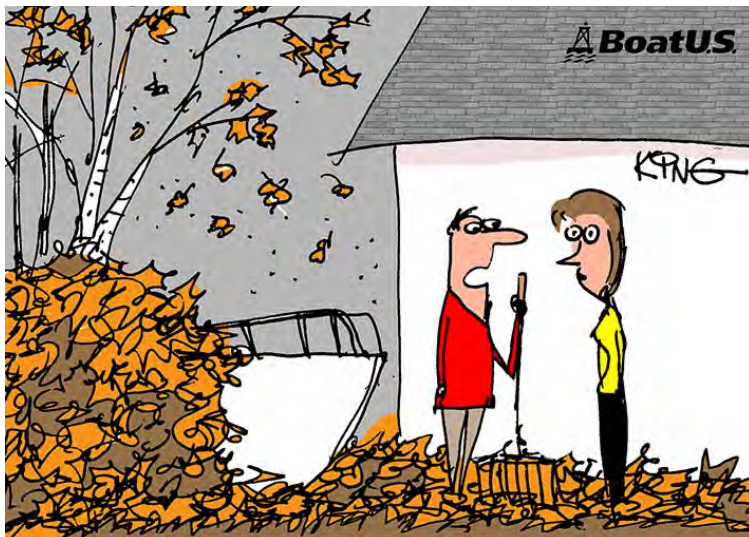
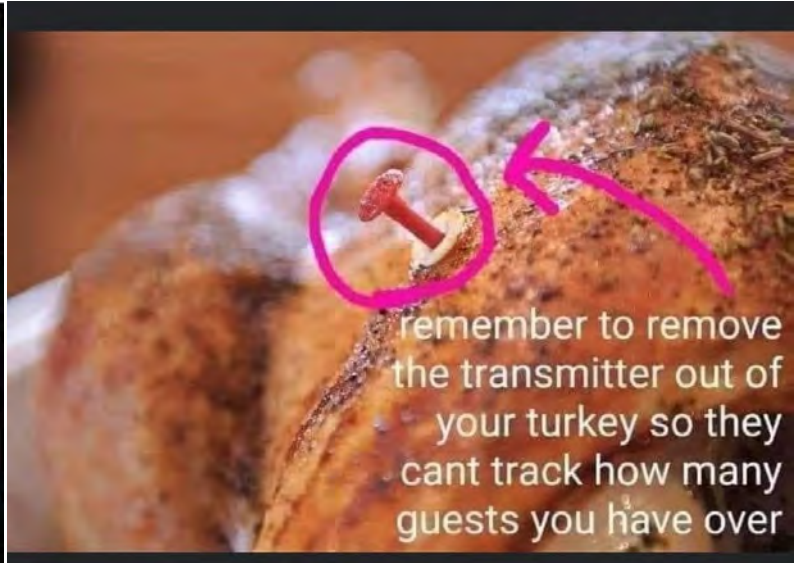


Congratulations to the 2019 SeaChest Staff:  
P/D/Lt/C John Young, AP, Lt Katie Young and P/Lt/C Donna Gould  
Congratulations to our Webmaster:  
P/C David Olds, AP





# Some 2020 Thanksgiving Holiday Humor



"It turns out that our boat wasn't stolen. It was just buried under leaves."



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