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Susquenango Happenings

15 November 2023— General Membership Meeting and Thanksgiving Dinner

Kirkwood Elks Club, 1 Trim St, Kirkwood, NY 13795

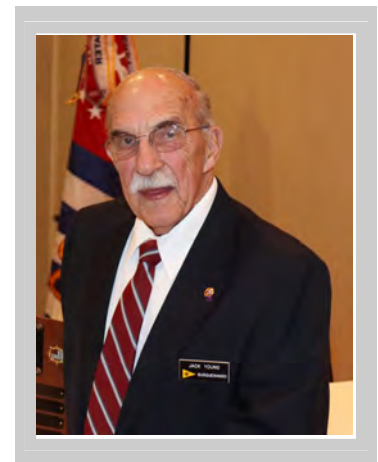
Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings \$24.00 per person. Starting at 6:00 PM, 7:00 PM Meeting

Contact Lt/C Linda Rought, P @ 607-760-6388 for reservations

09 December 2023—Susquenango Holiday Party 6:00 PM

Grande's, 1250 Front St, Binghamton, NY 13901 Order off the menu.

No surcharge for cash or check payment. Contact Lt/C Linda Rought, P @ 607-760-6388



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Commander's Comments



I'm happy to report that your Commander is alive and well – sort of. Still recovering from my surgery but definitely on the mend. Thanks to all who sent cards, wrote emails and Facebook greetings sending your thoughts and prayers. I am truly blessed with many wonderful friends. My special thanks to P/C Dave Olds for taking the helm at our October meeting, which I hear went very smoothly – no surprise. I look forward to being with you for our 15 November meeting and Thanksgiving feast back at the Elks Club.

Our Boscov's Friends Helping Friends fund raiser was a great success thanks to all who sold or bought passes and those that "manned" the table on the special day.

As reported to me by Bob, the District 6 event on 21 October at the Calvary Club in Manlius, NY was very enjoyable and educational. I was thrilled that Bob won one of the raffle prizes – a beautiful nautical throw blanket made by Ann & Les Smith. Also, at the conference Bob accepted a 50 year membership award for P/C Ivan Hadsall which we will be mailing to Ivan in Florida. Congratulations and thank you for continuing you membership all these years.

Last week I received a phone call from P/C Jack Young who asked to be remembered to everyone. It was nice chatting with him. I also saw in the newspaper that deceased P/C Ted Baer's wife, Carol passed away. She and Ted were very active in the Squadron years ago.

And remember... **"Life's roughest storms prove the strength of our anchors"**.

Commander Mary



Membership Involvement

It's time we have some cultural fun! We have planned two events that will fill the bill and get the membership together for a fun-filled day.

On Friday, November 17th, at 7:30 PM we will go to the Cider Mill Playhouse to see THE THANKSGIVING PLAY. High school teacher Logan is desperate to save her career. She is now facing a petition that calls for her termination. So she has pursued some grants to bring together actors that will devise a play about Thanksgiving. Logan is out to save her career and tell a culturally conscious story about what it means to be Native American. Punctuated by offensive (and completely real) Thanksgiving songs, THE THANKSGIVING PLAY is a hilarious satiric jab at political correctness, social wokeness, and cultural assumptions.





This play takes place at the Cider Mill Playhouse in Endicott, and tickets are \$28.00 (less if we have 10 or more members attending). Contact Nancy Bieber at 518-813-7888 or nancybieber300@gmail.com by Wednesday, November 15th to reserve your ticket.

The next event takes place on Sunday, December 3rd at 2 PM. The Mason Warrington Orchestra presents an afternoon with Irving Berlin. Tickets are \$25.00 (less if 10 or more members attend). Join the Southern Tier's premier big band as they bring us another one of their musical delights. This musical presentation takes place on the Firehouse Stage in Johnson City. Contact Nancy Bieber at 518-813-7888 or nancybieber300@gmail.com by Wednesday, November 29th to reserve your ticket.




**A FEW OF
OUR
FAVORITE
THINGS**

BOATING SAFETY

	84% OF DROWNING VICTIMS WERE NOT WEARING A LIFE JACKET	
74% OF DEATHS OCCURRED ON BOATS WHERE THE OPERATOR DID NOT RECEIVE BOATING SAFETY INSTRUCTION	ALCOHOL USE IS THE #1 CONTRIBUTING FACTOR IN BOATING FATALITIES	
	8 out of 10 BOATERS WHO DROWNED WERE USING VESSELS LESS THAN 21 FEET IN LENGTH	

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**SAFE BOATING IS SMART
BOATING**





Modern marine navigation

A powerful navigation tool that fits in your pocket, the smartphone has changed the way all boat operators approach marine navigation.

Our options used to be a paper chart or cruising area charts—plus a compass, timer, speed indicator and a charted object or two plotted bearings to find where we were on the chart. Now, you can determine latitude and longitude in seconds using any smartphone. Paired with a charting app like OpenCPN, Aqua Map, iNavX, Argo and i-Boating, your smartphone can instantly display your location and all navigational data.

How it works

Most every smartphone, as well as tablets and laptop computers, have full GPS receivers as well as the radios—receivers and transmitters—for the cellular and Wi-Fi network areas we live in. Most phones also have other sensors and radios. As a result, many new recreational boaters use phones or tablets instead of the pricey chartplotters found on larger recreational vessels. Many boaters with chartplotters will also mount a tablet with a charting app to get different views of the chart while underway.

Newer or updated navigation equipment is also moving to a new [NMEA 2000](#) networking standard, so all instruments on your boat will communicate over Wi-Fi, including the chartplotter and any phone or tablet logged into the network. This means your chart apps and programs can grab data and display navigation information that the chartplotter has (AIS, engine data, radar, anemometer, speed meter). Other functions like remote auto helm control accompany this capability.

Mounting your tools

Mounting smartphones and tablets on a boat is easy. Sailboats with a binnacle have a large variety of rail mounts to choose from. To find one, search for [“rail mounts for cellphones and tablets”](#) to find a variety to choose from. On boats with a flat surface, many people Velcro-mount their devices to the bulkhead. When mounting phones and tablets, choose a location that makes viewing them easy while you are underway.



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A free open-source app, [OpenCPN](#) shows how the new screen environment of chartplotters and GPS-enabled applications work along with building an understanding of charts. OpenCPN demonstrates waypoints and waypoint navigation for trip planning.

Because OpenCPN is free, it runs on Windows, Macintosh OS, Android, and Linux systems. It does not run on iPhone or iPad. All charting apps operate similarly, so knowing one gives you the skill needed to adapt to other GPS charting apps. —Mike Maszczyński of Annapolis Sail & Power Squadron; Assistant Chair of America's Boating Club's Navigation Committee
America's Boating Compass

Nighttime boating

Nighttime boating can be more challenging than boating during the day, but boaters can take precautions to safely operate their boats in the dark.

Keep your windshield clean. If you can see your windshield as opposed to seeing through it, it needs cleaning. Salt spray is a notorious windshield fouler. If necessary, stop the boat and clean the windshield.

Wear a life jacket with an attached strobe light and whistle. A person in the water is a lot harder to see than a navigation light.

Wear sunglasses until the sun gets lower in the sky during late afternoon. Normally, your eyes take a half hour to achieve maximum night vision, but a few hours of bright sunlight can delay this for hours.

At night, look slightly to the side of an object to see it. Using averted vision in darkness helps your eyes see the object better than looking directly at it.

Cover one eye when you approach a dock or lighted area. According to the AAA magazine "Car and Travel," truckers sometimes do this when gassing up at night to preserve their night vision in one eye.

Use red instrument lights. Your eyes are less sensitive to red than any other component of visible light. In my cabin, I have the choice of a white or red overhead light; the red light will give enough visibility to locate what I want but not take away my night vision.

Lastly, just take it slow at night. —Hank Foglino *America's Boating Compass*



A ship's bell

The ship's bell was used to mark each duty watch, which consisted of six 4-hour shifts, with a 30-minute sandglass keeping the time.

Every 30 minutes, the sandglass would be turned and the bell would be rung in a distinctive pattern so the crew knew how far they were into their watch. At eight bells, the shift ended and a new shift began.

The exception was at midday, when the captain or officer on deck would use a sextant to establish the sun's apex and then call noon. At that time, eight bells ended the forenoon watch.

Polishing the ship's bell would traditionally be done by the boatswain, however it was the ship's cook who usually carried out this task. The boatswain's mates would start the cook's breakfast fire in the early morning, allowing the cook to sleep in. In exchange, the cook would shine the bell between meals.



Isle Royale, the largest island on lake superior, has a lake which has an island which has a pond which has a boulder. So the boulder becomes the largest island in the largest lake on the largest island in the largest lake on the largest island in the largest lake in the world.

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MAYDAY Immediate danger for persons or ship
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PAN-PAN Urgent message concerning safety of a person or ship
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- Give vessel name and call sign
- State position of vessel
- Describe nature of emergency

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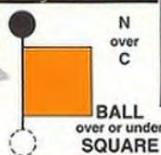
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EMERGENCY POSITION INDICATING RADIOBEACON (EPIRB)

- USE ALARM SIGNAL

CODE FLAGS



DISTRESS CLOTH



ARM SIGNAL

Do not use this signal near helicopters (different meaning).



SOUND SIGNALS

Continuous foghorn, bell or whistle.

1 - minute intervals: gun or any explosive

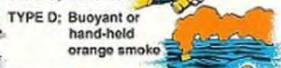
FLARES

TYPE A: Parachute rocket

TYPE B: Multi-star rocket

TYPE C: Hand-held

TYPE D: Buoyant or hand-held orange smoke



DYE MARKER



FLASHLIGHT



ROR: DAY AND NIGHT SIGNALS

Day Signal



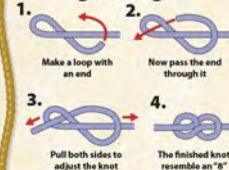
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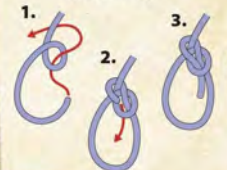
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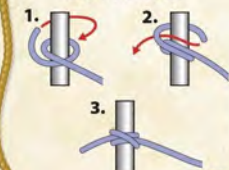
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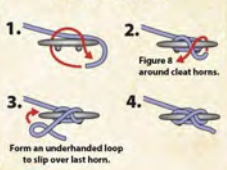
Bowline



Clove Hitch



Cleat Hitch



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2023-I can't get my phone to keep a charge through the day.

1960's-Batteries lasted 3 years.



"You may have overpacked. We're only going out for a few hours. Not even the people on the show Gilligan's island packed that much."



**From:
by land or by sea
Cuisine of the United States Power Squadrons**

The Libation Corner

Corn-Potato-Crab Chowder

- ½ pound finely chopped onions
- 3 tablespoons butter
- ¼ cup all-purpose flour
- 4 medium potatoes, finely diced
- 1½ quarts half & half
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 tablespoon Old Bay seasoning
- Dash of salt and pepper
- 1 (16-ounce) can whole kernel corn
- 1 pound crabmeat
- ⅓ cup sherry

Sauté onion in butter until tender. Add flour to make a roux. Cook 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Stir in potatoes. Add half & half, bay leaf, seasoning, salt and pepper. Simmer 20 minutes. Stir in corn, crabmeat and sherry. Remove bay leaf before serving.

Yield: 4 servings

Margi Zimmerman • Lancaster Power Squadron • Pennsylvania

For decades, one of the hottest cocktails was the Rusty Nail. But after a good run, the simple combination of [scotch](#) and the scotch-based liqueur Drambuie, a word derived from Gaelic meaning “the drink that satisfies,” has fallen off most bar menus and is rarely ordered by patrons. Lore has it that the Rat Pack was enamored with the drink, which may have been responsible for the wide appeal in those years. In the 1970s, I mixed many a Rusty Nail at the joints I worked at in New York. They were also a hit at P.J. Clarke’s, a favorite late-night haunt of Frank Sinatra.
By Dale DeGroff

[IBA official cocktail](#)

The Rusty nail



Type	Cocktail
Base spirit	Scotch whisky Drambuie
Served	On the rocks : poured over ice
Standard garnish	Orange peel (optional)
Standard drinkware	 Old fashioned glass
IBA specified ingredients†	45 ml Scotch whisky 25 ml Drambuie
Preparation	Pour all ingredients directly into an old fashioned glass filled with ice. Stir gently.
Commonly served	After dinner

† [Rusty nail recipe](#) at [International Bartenders Association](#)



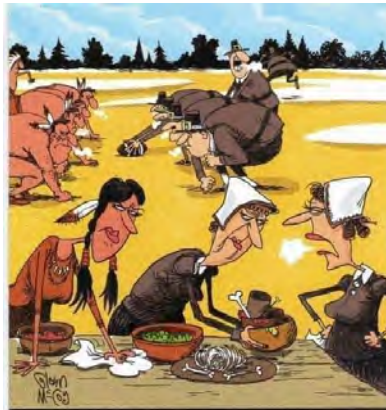
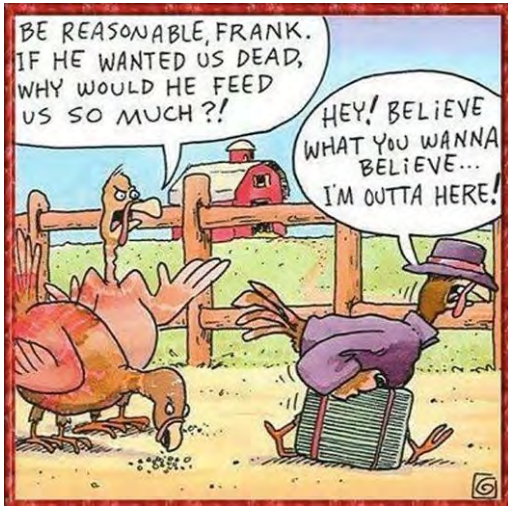
CELERY:
WHEN YOU HAVE THAT SUDDEN URGE TO BITE INTO WATER WITH HAIR IN IT



When the cake recipe says put one whole egg in it



November and Holiday Toons



"I HOPE THIS DOESN'T TURN INTO A TRADITION."



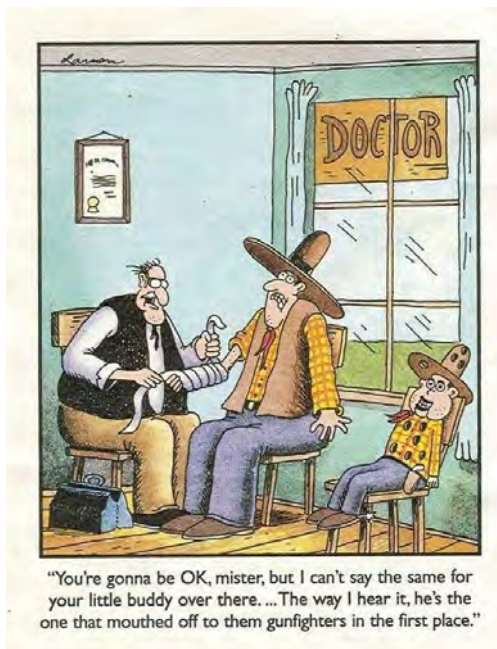
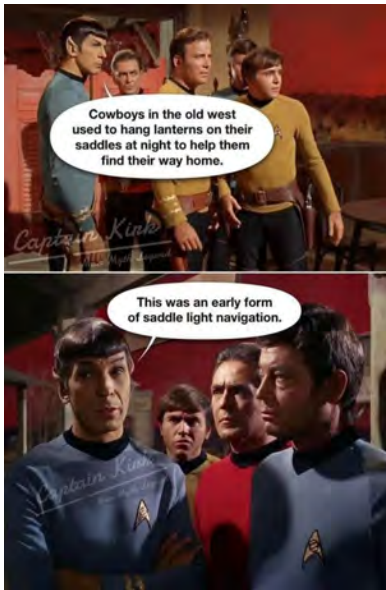
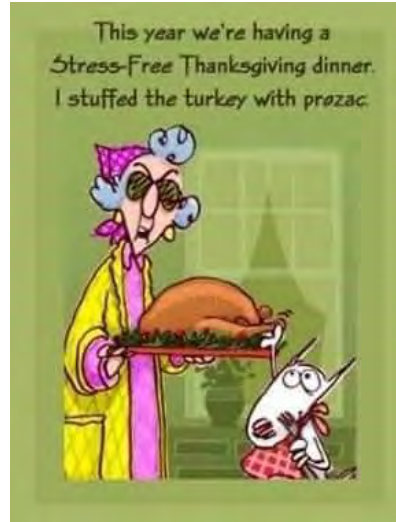
Last night I ordered a glass of wine with dinner.



The waiter asked to see my ID. I asked, "Do I look too young to drink?"

"No," he said. "I was checking to see if you qualified for the senior citizen discount."





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