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Summer Time!!
Sails Up!!

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



As spring comes to a close and summer is almost upon us, I see many boats in the water and their owners already enjoying the season. We have had a rainy spring, and we see fuel cost rising, but hopefully it will still be the best boating season ever. I wish everyone a better and safe season on the water.

This is the time of the year when picnics and parties are the name of the game. Everyone is enjoying the outdoors. Many marinas and yacht clubs are having member days with cookouts, music and good company. Please use reason. Do not drink and boat. Alcohol is still the #1 factor in boating accidents. Have a safe time on the water.

A thanks from the Beekman Library for a successful Kid's Class on 3 June. We had five youngsters participate and talked to a few parents as well. They invited us back for another class on Thursday 20 July. We are going to try a weekday session. My ultimate goal is thirty students!!! Great job Pat S. and Tom O.

The East Fiskill Community Library in Hopewell Junction will be our host in late July for another Kid's Class. More about that later. I am also working on a plan for the future to present the Squadron Boating Course at one of the libraries.

Do not forget our 21 June member meeting at the Double O Grill in Rhinebeck. We promise to have an interesting guest speaker. This will be the last official member meeting for the summer. July will be 'on the water' month. Everyone please enjoy the good weather in July on their own or someone else's boat. Please be safe. Our annual Squadron picnic and rendezvous at Red Hook Boat Club will be 26 August. We will again get underway in September with regular meetings.

Once again, have a wonderful, safe and fulfilling summer.

Commander George Danko

BOATING SKILLS EQUAL SAFE BOATING

To improve your boating skills we have many Learning Guides. These are readily available by getting your request to your SEO. They are inexpensive, usually around \$5. Good summertime reading.

Here is the list. If you wish more information about any of them please contact me.

- Boat Insurance
- Compass Adjusting
- GPS
- How to fly flags
- Introduction to Sailing
- Marine Amateur Radio
- Introduction to Navigational Astronomy
- Knots, Bends and Hitches (Marlinspike)
- Oceanography
- Predicted Log Contests
- Plotting and Labeling Standards
- Radar
- Skipper Saver
- Sight reduction Methods
- USPS Glossary
- Water Sports

Along with these there are also available some very good compact disks.

- Knot tying, 3CDs • Basic Knots, Advanced Knotting and Splicing Three-Strand line each @ \$12.95
- GPS Seminar Instructional CD \$12 • Basic Boating Skills CD \$12

Hav-a-Happy Boating Season - Dick Winchell

ANNUAL EDUCATION MEETING

May 24, 2006
Stonehedge Restaurant
West Park, NY

Students who were at the meeting. L to R: Tom Ostrofsky, Andy Williams, Michele Tarsa, Linda Mangelsdorf, Bruce LoPresti, Pat Smalley, Jerry Toepfer, Ed Sugg



P/D/C Fred Mangelsdorf and SEO Dick Winchell share a few anecdotes



P/D/C Fred Mangelsdorf



The E Dean Wilcox Education Award being presented to Bruce LoPresti by the previous recipient, Michele Tarsa



Instructors: Stu Steagal, Dave Rosenthal, Ernie Klopping, Pat Smalley, Bruce LoPresti, John Kwak, George Danko, Ed Sugg, Fred Mangelsdorf, Andy Williams

JUNE'S MEMBER MEETING

Sandwiches @ the Pub

GUEST SPEAKER: DON CULLIGAN OF
THE NYS CANAL SYSTEM REVITALIZATION PROGRAM

Date: June 21 2006 • Time: 630 – 930 pm

PLACE: DOUBLE O GRILL IN "HISTORIC RHINEBECK"
(Across from the Dutchess Co. Fair Grounds)

CASUAL DRESS • COST \$17.00
Includes coffee, tea or soft drinks with refills.

Please attend and bring a Friend!

DIRECTIONS: Route 9 into Rhinebeck across from the Fair Grounds.

RSVP BY 06/18/2006 TO AGIZMOFISH@YAHOO.COM OR (845)876-0761

Thank you and please join us, Lt / Cdr Andy Williams, AP

CALENDAR

A Look Ahead for Summer & Fall 2006

JUNE 14

Stormking Power Squadron Annual Family Picnic
CYC

JUNE 21

Members Meeting
Double O Grill, Rhinebeck

JULY 1-31

Get out and enjoy the water!

JULY 21-23

Stormking Power Squadron Rendezvous TBA

JULY 29

Kid's Boating Safety Class
East Fishkill Community Library

*** (Cruise to Athens Pending) TBA ***

AUGUST 2

Executive Committee Meeting

AUGUST 15-20

USPS National Governing Board Meeting
NYC

AUGUST 26

Rendezvous Red Hook Boat Club

AUGUST 30

Executive Committee Meeting for September

SEPTEMBER 20

Member's Meeting TBA*

OCTOBER 4

Executive Committee Meeting

OCTOBER 18

New Member's Meeting Pot Luck Dinner @ P.Y.C.

OCTOBER 20-22

District 2 Fall Conference
Crowne Hotel, Albany, NY

NOVEMBER 1

Executive Committee Meeting

NOVEMBER 15

Member's Meeting TBA

DECEMBER 6

Executive Committee Meeting

DECEMBER 20

Holiday Party Coppola's