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District 6

FOUNDER'S DAY PARTY

**DON'T FORGET
IT IS THIS FRIDAY**

Time: 1800 hr (6:00 PM)

**Date: 16 February (third
Friday)**

**Place: Verona VFW Post
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**4928 Spring Rd
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Cost: A smile, a dish to
pass, an item to auction and
\$5.00 per couple.

The beer soda and wine our
provided by the Squadron.

See you there!!!



THANKS FOR MY DAY

Dear Members:

I was at a loss for words and cought off guard at our 12th Night Party. I can't remember if I thanked all of you properly for the beautiful plaque.

Everyone in the squadron is so dedicated that I feel honored to be in this group and help whenever I am able.

Lovingly,
P/C Jo Zogby, AP

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

by Cdr Gerald R. Fry, JN

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DATES TO REMEMBER IN '06

FOUNDER'S DAY 16 FEBRUARY
7 MARCH SQUADRON MEETING
8 MARCH BOAT SMART CLASS
2 JUNE LOCK 20 BOAT SMART
NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK EVENTS

Wintry greetings to all Utica Sail and Power Squadron members. Be very glad that you don't live in North Osceola.

I am very sorry that Vicky and I missed the 12th. Night Party. It was reported to me that it was a most enjoyable get together. I am much obliged to XO George Peckingham, AP and P/C Harry Winberg, SN for doing a great job with the party. Of course they were assisted by our other Bridge Officers who freely gave of their time.

P/C Josephine Zogby, AP claims to have been surprised when she was honored by the squadron for her long and dedicated service. She deserves all of the praise that we can bestow for her consistent good spirits and positive attitude.

In addition to writing the testimonial to Josephine, Harry Winberg presented a slide show of his summer '06 cruise in the Greek isles. His selection of pictures and anecdotes created a most enjoyable experience for all attendees. Thanks Harry!

Five USPS members attended the 3 Feb. 07 educational meeting conducted by District 6 Bridge. On Friday night 3 of us had the pleasure of hearing a speech by Assistant National Education Officer Robert Sweet, SN. Bob is the author of two books on marine navigation titled "The Weekend Navigator" and "GPS for Mariners". Both are excellent books on the use of modern electronic navigation instruments.

Bob's speech dealt with the future of the United States Power Squadrons. Basically USPS has lost membership in the last six years in all districts of the country. This has led to serious financial difficulties at the national level. The national Bridge officers feel that a revitalization of our educational program will

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change the membership trend to an upward slope. We wish them good luck. See the SEO report for more information on this topic. I look forward to seeing you all at the Founder's Day party on 16 Feb. and at our Change of Watch Dinner on 18 March. Your new squadron Bridge Officers need your support at this Change of Watch and throughout the year. Many thanks to George Silverman, S and Bryan Walrath, S who have stepped forward to take leadership positions in your squadron.

In summary, I must say that there are many ways for you to benefit from USPS membership and find enjoyment in being an active member. Benefits are directly proportional to your involvement in our boating club. Please enjoy every day by keeping involved.

12 TH NIGHT

Photos by Lt/C Linda LaDuc, P,



A Proclamation

for

D/Lt Josephine Zogby, AP

Whereas, Josephine W. Zogby, of Utica, New York did distinguish herself in furthering the accomplishment of goals set by the Utica Sail and Power Squadron, of the United States Power Squadrons, and did unselfishly give to that organization, and to her city of Utica her time, talents and resources for the betterment of civil, cultural, and nautical society,

And *Whereas*, her father, being a Lithuanian land owner, faced with a communist takeover and unable to take property sale money out of the country, simply sold it anyway and blew the whole works in resorts and Black Sea casinos until it was gone, thus instilling in Miss Josephine Wasil a love of a good time,

And *Whereas*, her graduation from high school at age 16 in Michigan propelled her into college and a budding career as Michigan's first female crime reporter, but instead met and married a young lieutenant on his way to North Africa, thus becoming Mrs. Josephine Zogby of Utica,

And *Whereas*, her activities took her beyond the family ice cream business, "PRIDE OF UTICA" to cultural activities such as overseeing all education programs at Munson- Williams- Proctor, working with her dear friend, Roland Chessley, head of the "Great Artist Series" events.

And *Whereas*, her whirlwind pace involved her in the New Century Club and activities with the Abraham House, in between golf matches at the Skenandoa Golf Course, and led to her involvement with our Utica Power Squadron - without the least bit of exhaustion,

And *Whereas*, her activities in the Utica Power and Sail Squadron led her to the exalted position of Commander and a consistent representative at District Six events through the years, including duty as a District Honor Guard member,

And *Whereas*, a District Six officer who fancied himself as a Southern Gentleman, directly from "Gone With The Wind", did attempt advances toward Josephine for some time, but failed totally, thus proving that "Jo" was a lady of her own mind, not at all swept off her feet by the "gallant amorous swain",

And *Whereas*, Josephine Zogby has given of her time and talents to causes in her community to the point where some have considered her a "closet Democrat", and has served the Utica Sail and Power Squadron with unflagging enthusiasm and good works,

Let us therefore proclaim this 14th day of January 2007 as **JOSEPHINE W. ZOGBY** Day in the Utica Sail and Power Squadron.

*Cdr Gerald R. Fry JN,
Utica Sail and Power*

Squadron, USPS

From The SEO

By Lt./C Vicky Fry, JN



Many exciting things are happening in our education program as I mentioned in my January report. For one, we have two new Boat Smart classes listed on the national website and the Utica squadron website for public boating safety education. P/C Dean Woodard, P will again be lead instructor for both classes. The first class will start at 1830 on 8 March at Whitesboro High School and run for four Thursday night sessions of two hours each. The second will start at Lock 20 Park in Marcy at Noon on 2 June.

Both classes are intended to provide the students with basic knowledge of boating safety and provide them with a Boating Safety certificate. These certificates are expected to become more important in the future as more states require a safety course for all boating in addition to the use of personal watercraft. Please advise your family and friends about these learning opportunities.

In what seems to be an action contrary to the state legal trend, national USPS is expected to vote at the Annual Meeting this month in Jacksonville, Florida to suspend the boating safety course requirement for membership in USPS. The intention of this three year suspension of the membership requirement is to attract experienced boaters to USPS membership. By combining this change with the new "seminars" and USPS University many experienced boaters should realize the importance of USPS membership. When experienced boaters take our courses, they will actually receive more safety training than they get in the basic safety course.

Locally, we had seven members complete the Seamanship course last December. About the same number finished Engine Maintenance. Four members are preparing for the final examination in Junior Navigation. Cruise Planning will be rescheduled for next fall. Marine Electronics will be moved to spring '08. It is expected that the current marine electronics course will be split into three courses. Hopefully that update will be completed by spring '08. We will update the educational program schedule on our website as soon as it is approved by your Bridge officers.

Our goal is to make it convenient for all members to get into step on our Advanced Grade and Elective courses leading to a Senior Navigator grade. Under the new USPS University plan, all of our current courses will count toward certification of your boating competency at various levels. More about the competency certificates next month. Keep learning and keep happy!



CHECKING THE BILGE

by P/C Dean A. Woodard

CHANGE OF WATCH

Change of Watch Dinner: 18 March '07 1230 at Dibble's Inn rt. 5 in Vernon. A super nice buffet will cost \$20.00 per person. District Commander Bill Warren will swear in your new bridge officers for '07-'08. Dibble's is a fine facility with a reputation for fine food. Please come and support your new bridge! I know that they will need your support and I appreciate the high level of support that you have given me and my fellow officers.

Sincerely, Gerry

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Boat Smart Class Starting 8 March 2007
6:30 PM

Meeting for two hours on 8, 15, 22, 29
March

Whitesboro High School - Book cost
\$25.00 Students must complete a proctored
exam on March 29 to earn a Boating Safety
Certificate.

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Boat Smart Class Starting 2 June 2007.
Meeting noon until 4:00PM on 2 June at
Lock 20 Park, Marcy, NY and also meeting
6:30 to 8:30PM on Tuesday (June 5) and
Thursday (June 7). Students must complete
a proctored exam on June 7 to earn a Boat-
ing Safety Certificate.

Book Cost - \$25.00

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Reporters interviewing a 104-year-old woman: "And what do you think is the best thing about being 104?" the reporter asked. She simply replied, "No peer pressure."

The nice thing about being senile is you can hide your own Easter eggs .

Just before the funeral services, the undertaker came up to the very elderly widow and asked, "How old was your husband?" "98," she replied. "Two years older than me." "So you're 96," the undertaker commented. She responded, "Hardly worth going home, is it?"

I've sure gotten old! I've had two by-pass surgeries, a hip replacement, new knees. Fought prostate cancer and diabetes. I'm half blind, can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine, take 40 different medications that make me dizzy, winded, and subject to black-outs. Have bouts with dementia. Have poor circulation; hardly feel my hands and feet! anymore . Can't remember if I'm 85 or 92. Have lost all my friends. But, thank God, I still have my driver's license .

An elderly woman decided to prepare her will and told her preacher she had two final requests. First, she wanted to be cremated, and second, she wanted her ashes scattered over Wal-Mart. "Wal-Mart?" the preacher exclaimed. "Why Wal-Mart?" "Then I'll be sure my daughters visit me twice a week ! "

My memory's not as sharp as it used to be. Also, my memory's not as sharp as it used to be.

Know how to prevent sagging? Just eat till the wrinkles fill out.

I'm getting into swing dancing. Not on purpose. Some parts of my body are just prone to swinging.

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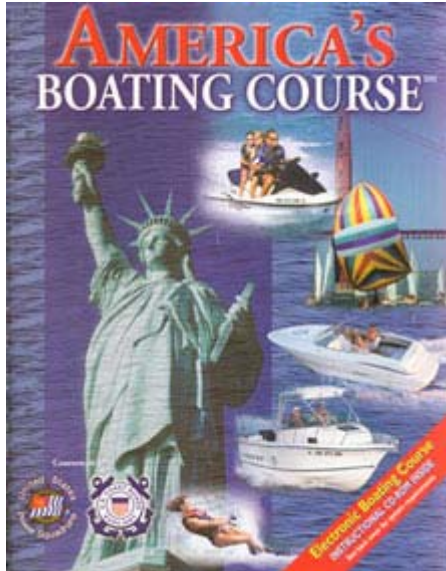
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