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THE CHANGE OF WATCH

The Utica Sail and Power Squadron would like to invite you to the annual Change of Watch.

It is once again time to transfer the leadership of this fine organization to the new Officers of the Bridge. The Change of Watch is our most formal affair full of protocol tradition and fanfare.

**THE C.O.W. WILL TAKE PLACE IN ROME, NY ON 04
MARCH 2009**

The Beeches located of Potter Rd.

Time to be there is 1100 .

The cost will be \$ 17.00 for brunch.

The installation of officers will take place immediately following the meal.

Hope to see you there.

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

by Cdr Bryan E. Walrath, JN



It's been a wonderful 2 years at the helm as commander and the time is near for a new bridge. Yes, the next big event is our Change of Watch at the Beeches, March 4, at 11 am, \$18. That is a great buffet and our new bridge will be ready to steer our ship. I could say it has been an honor and a privilege to serve a commander and it has. It has also fluttered my ego.

Our Seamanship class started up on January, the 25th at Whitesboro High School. To all our new members, this is a good class to attend. This is an 8 week class and the next class starts on Feb 8. It's not too late to jump in. The remaining classes are on Feb 8, 15, 29, Mar 14, 21, 28, April 11, at 6:30 PM at the Whitesboro Sr. High School.

Our Founder's Day party was last Friday at the Verona VFW. There were about 20 of us. The fun began after the beer and food. And especially with the cake that Dave Schulz brought for the 100 year birthday party for the USPS. We had a successful auction. It's amazing what true value we find in other's treasures.

I attended the last Coast Guard Aux meeting at Gander Mt. Bill Cummings of the Coast Guard Aux was very open to any cooperative efforts we can come up with. Their next meeting is at Gander Mt 7 pm. Feb 15. I have also received emails from P/R/C William E. Husted, SN USPS-USCGAux Project Co-Chair. They are working on plans as we speak. I will pass on information as I receive it.

On our to-do list, Rick Gassner has volunteered to do a Bare Boat Charter talk. As we will be talking with other organizations to promote events, this may be a good time to invite others. Our best programs are by our members.

Upcoming event - Spring Council February 17 and 18 at the Ramada Inn Geneva and the Syracuse Boat show Feb 15-19, http://cnyboatshow.com/html/bs_home.html

SEO REPORT

By P/DC David Schulz, AP



We are happy to report that we have two classes running. PC George Peckingham, SN is teaching a Navigation class at a somewhat undisclosed location somewhere between New York Mills and Utica in a building that is built upon the prism of the old Chenango Canal and next to the tracks once belonging to the New York, Ontario and Western (O & W) railroad. I don't know what that has to do with anything USPS but just some interesting, fun facts.

Then we have a Seamanship class being taught at Whitesboro High School by P/Lt/C Linda LaDuc, AP and P/D/C Dave Schulz, AP with contributing teachers George Peckingham and PC Rick Gassner, SN (AKA Captain Rick). We have five enthusiastic students new to USPS.

ABC3 (America's Boating Course 3rd Edition) will start 2 June 2012 at 1200 – 1600 in the pavilion at Lock 20, Marcy, NY then continue 5 June and 7 June, 2012 at 1730 – 1930 at Whitesboro High School. This is and should be our premier public boating safety class. It will include a fire extinguisher demonstration by Maynard Fire Department and will also include live demonstrations of the use of VHF radios, emergency flares and Vessel Safety Checks.

The reason we are announcing it now is that we need everyone in our Squadron to advertise to get the community aware early of this event. We need to fill the class. During the course of the morning and throughout the day on 2 June we will also be conducting free Vessel Safety Checks at Lock 20. If everyone gets behind the announcement we can get our name and purpose out into the community. Perhaps we can get some posters out and into local boat dealers and boat supply dealers. The event can help their business as well.

We have been informed that ABC3 has been updated but will not be available until late 2012. The changes, we are told, are not critical enough to call it ABC4, thus changes can be inked in to existing copies of ABC3. ABC3 is taught by USPS, US Coast Guard Auxiliary and many other agencies including Police agencies throughout the USA.

SPRING COUNCIL

Spring Council will be held February 17 and 18 at the Ramada Inn Geneva. Saturday afternoon the Educational Department will present the Anchoring Seminar. The seminar covers:

- **Selection of anchor, rode and components**
- **Selection of anchor for water conditions and bottom characteristics**
- **Deployment and recovery techniques**
- **Sizing of anchor and components**
- **Fast setting concrete boot composition for Vito**
- **Determining loads under various conditions**

The seminar is a requirement for Coastal Navigator certification, but for the rest of us it either reinforces what we thought we already knew about anchors or clears up misconceptions. We'll have one of USPS' sample anchor kits (11 unique anchor types) so, time allowed, you'll be able to see the ways that different anchors set (or don't) in a couple of bottom types.

Seminar starts at 1pm and member cost is \$25.00. Non-members are welcome, \$35.00

PLANNED ACTIVITIES LIST FOR 2012

7 March	Squadron Meeting	1930	Cornell Cooperative Extension
2 March	Change Of Watch		1200 Beeches Rome, NY
4 April	Squadron Meeting	1930	Cornell Cooperative Extension
13-15 April	Spring Conference		Batavia, NY
2 May	Squadron Meeting	1930	Cornell Cooperative Extension
6 June	Squadron Meeting	1930	Cornell Cooperative Extension
1 June	Launch Party	1700	Lock 20
2 June	Boating Course	1200	Lock 20 Marcy, NY
5 September	Squadron Meeting	1930	Cornell Cooperative Extension
? September	Fall Council		Geneva Lakefront
3 October	Squadron Meeting	1930	Cornell Cooperative Extension
7 November	Squadron Meeting	1930	Cornell Cooperative Extension
? November	Fall Conference		TBA
5 December	Squadron Meeting	1930	Cornell Cooperative Extension



CHECKING THE BILGE

by P/C Dean A. Woodard , P

A Sensitive Husband

A man is sitting at home alone when he hears a knock on the front door.

He opens it to find two sheriff's deputies there. He asks if there is a problem

One of the deputies asks if he is married.. He says, "Yes, I am."

The deputy then asks if he could see a picture of the man's wife.

The guy says, "Sure," and gets a photo to show them.

The deputy says, "I'm sorry, sir. But it looks like your wife's been hit by a truck."

The guy replies, "I know, but she has a great personality and is an excellent cook."

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Lee Trevino - a true story - you gotta love him...

One day, shortly after joining the PGA tour in 1965, Lee Trevino, a

professional golfer and married man, was at his home in Dallas , Texas

mowing his front lawn, as he always did.

A lady driving by in a big, shiny Cadillac stopped in front of his

house, lowered the window and asked, "Excuse me, do you speak English ?"

Lee responded, "Yes M'aam, I do"

The lady then asked, "What do you charge to do yard work ?"

Lee said, "Well, the lady in this house lets me sleep with her".

The lady hurriedly put the car into gear and sped off

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How the world works

How the world works lately...

If a man cuts his finger off while

Slicing salami at work,

He blames the restaurant.

If you smoke three packs a day

For 40 years and die of lung cancer,

Your family blames the

Tobacco company.

If your neighbor crashes

Into a tree while driving home drunk,

He blames the bartender.

If your grandchildren are

Brats without manners,

You blame television.

If your friend is shot by a

Deranged madman,

You blame the gun manufacturer.

And if a crazed person breaks

Into the cockpit and

Tries to kill the pilot at 35,000 feet,

And the passengers

Kill him instead,

The mother of the crazed deceased

Blames the airline.

I must have lived too long to

Understand the world

As it is anymore.

So, if I die while my OLD WRINKLED ASS

Is parked in front of this computer,

I want all of you to

Blame Bill Gates .

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While traveling across the country to get married, a young couple was involved in a fatal accident and both were killed.

As they were waiting at the pearly gate to be processed into heaven, they became curious as to since they intended to be married on earth if they could get married in heaven.

When St.Peter finally got to them, they asked him about the matter. St.Peter replied: "I will check on that and get back to you".

St.Peter stayed gone for 3 whole months before contacting them.

While He was gone they began to think some more and it occurred to them that the marriage might not work out and they wondered if they would be stuck with each other for eternity or if they would be able to get a divorce.

When St.Peter finally returned, they asked him this new question. St.Peter then became irritated and threw his clipboard on the ground and then replied:

"It took me 3 months to find a priest up here, how long do you think it will take me to find a lawyer?"


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You can help George with this big task if you would be interested in having the BILGEWATER delivered to your computer and not to your mail box.

As you know the BILGEWATER has been available on the Squadron web page for many years. The question is: do you want it sent to you by e-mail or snail mail?

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