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**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

WE MADE IT!  
WELCOME 2005!

MAY THIS BE THE BEST  
YEAR YET!



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## DATES TO REMEMBER

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|------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>12<sup>th</sup> Night</b> | <b>16 Jan 05</b>  |
| <b>Spring Council</b>        | <b>4-5 Feb 05</b> |
| <b>Founders Day</b>          | <b>11 Feb 05</b>  |
| <b>COW</b>                   | <b>20 Mar 05</b>  |
| <b>Launch Party</b>          | <b>May 05</b>     |
| <b>Haul Out Party</b>        | <b>Sep or Oct</b> |



## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

by Cdr David W. Schulz, AP

Happy New Year everyone. We hope your holidays were filled with joy, family and friends. We look forward to a great year with our Squadron. Our committees have been at work and have completed the task of forming the new bridge and complimenting offices for 2005 – 2006. We will welcome some new talent to our ranks and look forward to working with them. We need to convince more of our membership to take on an active roll so that we can put forward new ideas in our continuing work in boating safety education and boating operational knowledge.

We will be visiting lock 22 Wednesday, 19 JAN 05 at 0930. Join us for a dutch treat breakfast at the Vienna Hotel at 0800 and we can travel together to lock 22. It is sure to be cold and damp as usual so be sure to bundle up. We will also, hopefully, be welcoming back to work Canal Middle Section Superintendent Dan Cornmeyer who has been out ill following a rather sudden serious infirmity.

We are planning our Founders Day party for 13 FEB 05 at the Verona VFW. We have just learned that our auctioneer, P/C Ken Virtuoso, P and his wife have taken up residence in Florida but have kept their summer camp and plan to return to it in warmer weather. We will miss his unique auctioneer style. Remember to gather useful items to donate to auction off. This is a fun fund raiser for our Squadron. We can hardly wait to taste the delights all of our homespun cooks contribute to our carry in dinner. We will provide the drinks, fellowship and dessert.

The year 2004 presented us with some humbling experiences. We lost a few, once very active, members. Several sailed into distant ports, such as the Ellison's and Virtuosos. Some have been forced to take less active rolls such as P/C Bob Hyde, AP. We also saw two vital and very active members sail into their Last Horizon, P/C Earl Selover, SN and Lt/C Steve Smith, S. All of them have left a huge void in Utica Power Squadron. We all will need to dip our oars and pull a bit harder and run up bigger sails. They are all missed and will never be forgotten especially for what they contributed to our Squadron. Lastly we are grateful to Lt Jackie Smith for her very generous donation to Utica Power Squadron in memory and honor of her late husband AO, Lt/C Steve Smith, S. Your thoughtfulness, Jackie, will go a long way in upgrading our educational techniques. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

## LETS GO TO THE CANAL



*Squadron members  
Looking at Lock 21 - December '03*

Each year we have seen how the locks are carefully repaired and serviced for the next year. Each year we move on to the next lock in the system.

### WHAT IS THE SPECIFIC PLAN?

**Wednesday - January 19, 2005** Lock 22 at about 1000. You will need to call Walt at 245-0578 so he has a count.

**The rest of the plan** - We will meet for breakfast at the Vienna Hotel around 0800. We need to plan to finish breakfast by about 0930 to have plenty of time to get to Lock 22 by 1000.

**Directions.** The Hotel Vienna is located at the corner of State Routes 49 and 13. Across from the Vienna Town garage.

**The best way to Lock 21** is also off of Route 49. The road is marked by a state sign and is about half way to Route 13. Look for Wood Creek Road.

**Car Pool?** Some of us will meet at the Sears Building around 0800. If you want to ride, call or e-mail Walt Kramer at 245-2808 [waltk@aiusa.com](mailto:waltk@aiusa.com) or Dave Schulz at 266-0511 [david.schulz@verizon.net](mailto:david.schulz@verizon.net).

## GREAT QUOTES BY GREAT LADIES

Inside every older lady is a younger lady -- wondering what the hell happened.

*-Cora Harvey Armstrong-*

Inside me lives a skinny woman crying to get out. But I can usually shut her up with cookies. The hardest years in life are those between ten and seventy.

*-Helen Hayes (at 73)-*

Old age ain't no place for sissies.

*-Bette Davis-*

A man's got to do what a man's got to do. A woman must do what he can't.

*-Rhonda Hansome-*

I'm not offended by all the dumb blonde jokes because I know I'm not dumb -- and I'm also not blonde.

*-Dolly Parton-*

When women are depressed they either eat or go shopping. Men invade another country..

*-Elayne Boosler-*

Behind every successful man is a surprised woman.

*-Maryon Pearson-*

I am a marvelous housekeeper. Every time I leave a man, I keep his house.

*-Zsa Zsa Gabor-*

Nobody can make you feel inferior without your permission.

*-Eleanor Roosevelt-*

## 12TH NIGHT PARTY

16 January 05 Ramada Inn

Cash Bar at 1230

Dinner at 1330

Prime Rib \$15. or Seafood Newberg  
\$12.00

Deadline for reservations

**Jan 13, 2005.** Be sure to identify  
your meal.

Reservations to Cdr Dave Schulz at  
266-0511 or e-mail  
david.schulz@verizon.net  
be sure to tell Dave what meal you  
prefer.

Program : Phyllis and Bob Skawold  
will be giving a most informative  
presentation on Wild Flowers

## BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Your committee on Bylaws has produced a proposed new set of squadron by laws based on the national Model Bylaws for Squadrons.

Among other suggestions is a name change from the Utica Squadron to the Utica Sail and Power Squadron to better reflect who we are and what we do.

A complete set of the current Bylaws as well as the Model and the proposed changes will be posted on our web site at [usps.org/localusps/utica](http://usps.org/localusps/utica). You are urged to look over these proposals so that we will be able to vote on them in the near future.

If you can not access the web, please contact the Commander and he will see that you are given a printed copy of these items.

## FOUNDER'S DAY

The Founders day party is also coming up.

Date: Friday, February 11th

Time: 1730 (5:30 p m for you  
land lubbers)

Location: Verona VFW Post.

Food: Bring a dish to pass. There will be a \$5 per couple charge to cover beer and soda.

Agenda: Auction We say it is for nautical related items - but we really don't care. We have fun selling most everything.

P/C Ellen Webster, SN is in charge of this event and she urges everyone to get out their nautical and not so nautical items to be auctioned off to the highest bidder

As a special incentive to attend and bid high, we will be offering some great Squadron items that you just MUST have.

See you there..

## ATTENTION SAILORS AND WANNABES:



*by P/C Harry Winberg, SN*

Come and round out your knowledge of your sport by attending the Utica Sail and Power Squadron's Sailing course, starting on Thursday, January 13th, At Whitesboro High School at 1900. This is in two modules; "Basic Sailing" (I call it "Sissy Sailing") which lasts for about 7 weeks, followed, after a break, by the second half, "Advanced Sailing", (I call it "White Knuckle Sailing"). We'll be all done

by the time the sailing season starts.

**Attention Power boaters:** Interested in knowing why those crazy people out there in their air-guzzling vessels often seem to be going the wrong way and why they speak strange words?? Come to the Sailing course and get even with them- and learn all those salty terms yourself. We welcome the stink potters among the rag pullers and it will make for a happy period of peace in a no-conflict environment. Remember, to understand the enemy, you gotta sail a mile in the his/her Docksiders.

Again, the course is at 1900, 13 Jan. at Whitesboro H.S. in whatever padded cell they give us. We'll keep the anchor lamp lit for you.

P.S. If you've done all this before and just want to audit the course come on along too. Mahalo!



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## REPORT OF THE NOMINATION COMMITTEE



For Commander  
Lt/C Gerry Fry, JN



For Executive Officer  
George V. Peckingham, P



For Administrative  
Officer  
Howard Wyatt



For Treasurer  
Lt/C Tom Sears, AP

For Secretary Linda S. LaDuc, P  
*(Sorry—we don't have Linda's photo)*

**For Member of Executive Committee**

P/C David W. Schulz, AP

P/C Dean A Woodard, P

P/C Richard R. Gassner, JN

### CHANGE OF WATCH

On March 20th we will be holding our annual meeting and electing our officers.

Arrangements for the COW are the responsibility of the Past Commander.

More information will follow in the February issue of the **BILGEWATER**.



## CHECKING THE BILGE

by P/C Dean A. Woodard P

We would like to start off 2005 with a thank you to all the members and nonmembers who have contributed to our pages. When we have material of interest and on time we are able to produce your Bilgewater with a minimum effort. Thanks.

Keeping on the thankful note, Vivian Selover is back to work assembling this news letter. 2004 was not the best for her—let's hope things get better for 2005.

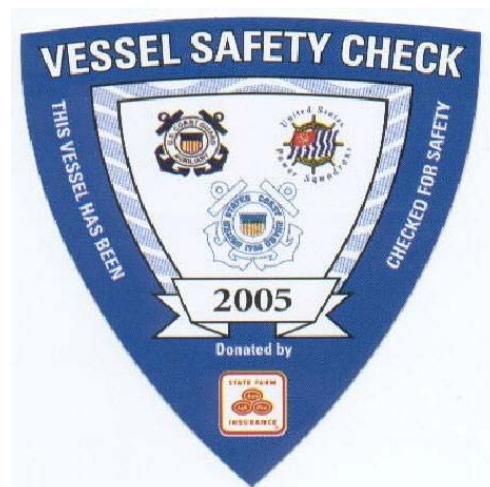
☼.☼.☼.

As you can see to your left, we have some new faces to add to our bridge for the next year. These good folks, along with our mainstays will move our squadron ahead. We are sorry we couldn't come up with a picture of Linda LaDuc for our little pictorial. She is by far the best looking of the bunch. We will get her photo for the February issue. Promise.

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If you look at the Vessel Safety Check decal for 2005 below you will notice that it has been redesigned to include the logos of the organizations that really do the work as well as the corporate sponsor for the printing.

Looks real nice and we hope to hand out many next summer.



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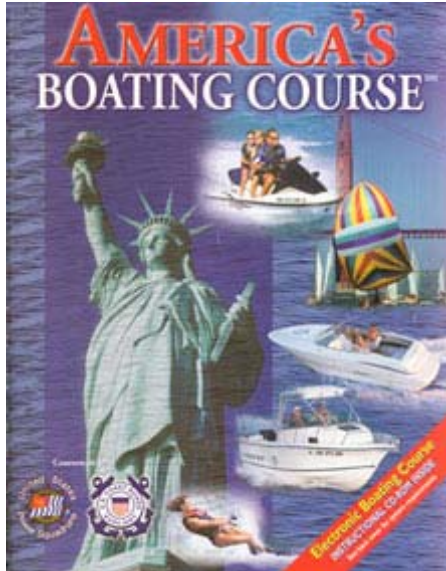
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