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FOUNDERS DAY PARTY

3 February 2012

1730 (5:30 PM for you land lubbers)

Once again it is time for our annual pot luck dinner and auction at the Founders Day Party. The date is set for 3 February 2012.

The activities at this party are as follows: First and foremost is for someone to steal \$5.00 per person the instant you walk through the door. You are then to proceed to the food table with as little attention as possible and place your dish to pass. If you don't draw attention to yourself, no one can blame their heartburn on you later. You are to then go to the auction table and place your auction item. Once again, discretion is key. This way you can bid on you own item and bring it back home with no one being the wiser! The next thing to do is to eat drink and be merry. Your Squadron will provide the beer, wine, soft drinks and coffee. The bar is open and will take your cash with no questions asked.

This event will be held at the Verona VFW Post 6811. The address is 4829 Spring Road Verona, NY 13478. Phone 363-9327.

Time to be there: 1730 or 5:30 PM .

When you enter the building, you will walk directly into the bar. Cross over the floor into the far left hand corner where there is a step up and a door. Proceed through the door (Once you have opened it) and then up a short flight of stairs. Last I knew there were no black cats or ladders to walk under on the premises, but do be careful. I do believe that they have

some cracks in the side-walk so keep a watchful eye.

Hope to see you there!
AO Colleen Welch



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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

by Cdr Bryan E. Walrath, JN



Hi everyone,

Our Seamanship class is starting up January, 25th, a Wednesday, at Whitesboro High School at 6:30. To all our new members, this is a good class to attend.

Thanks to all for attending our 12th night party at Delta Inn. Dave, you were outstanding. I heard great comments. You put a touch of summer back into winter by rekindling our boating memories. We had 5 guests from Syracuse Sail and Power including Judy Swanson, Commander and Jeff Freeman administrative officer. In addition Dave invited 15 of his friends. But best of all, I now know how to pronounce Rideau. As I previously mentioned our best programs are by our members and that still stands.

Speaking of Syracuse, Judy and Jeff are looking at ways to share events, parties and classes too.

Our next event or party is February 3 at the Verona VFW, at 5:30 pm. Bring a dish, an item to auction and \$5 per person. The \$5 covers beer, wine, soda, and coffee. There is no RSVP. Just show up and we will have a good time.

I have previously mentioned there are efforts at the national level to have the USPS and the Coast Guard Auxiliary work together. I have learned that the CGA meets at Gander Mt on Jan. 18 at 7pm. I hope to attend and at least shake some hands.

There was a great article in this month's Ensign. District 26 in South Carolina presented the Practical on Water Training seminar to members of their counties Sheriff's Dept. This is a great way to promote the evolving on water training programs the USPS is promoting.

Bryan

SEO REPORT

By P/DC David Schulz, AP



We wish all a Happy New Year. The Education Department is ready to set up classes for any USPS Courses or Seminars you would like to take. However, we have not heard from all of you.

We will begin Seamanship at Whitesboro High School January 25, 2012. This is a fun class that will review basic boating concepts for all types of boats. It is at its best when experienced boaters are participating because that means that more ideas can be shared. The course is actually required if you will be taking classes such as Advance Piloting, Junior Navigation and Navigation. We have a few spaces so call us and come aboard to share your experiences. Cost of the class is \$45.00 (\$105.00 to non members) and includes 2 textbooks and a marlinspike kit.

We will be offering Instructor Qualification and Navigation. Those classes will begin in the near future so stay tuned. Don't be shy – let us know what you want. Spring will soon be here and with it will be launch day where you can put to practice all the new “tricks” you have learned in USPS classes.

We have been invited to join and work with Swiftwater and Syracuse Power Squadron at the new Smith Boys facility in Syracuse. Smith Boys chiefly sell Sea Ray power boats and are the largest Sea Ray dealer in the USA. They are making their facility available for USPS to teach ABC3 as well as our Seminars. Utica's participation would include teaching some of the Seminars.

We have several thoughts on the subject but invite you to come forward to offer your time to teach selected Seminars.

Swiftwater is a neighbor of Smith Boys facility in North Tonawanda, NY. They have enjoyed a very successful partnership with each other prior to USPS partnership with the Brunswick Corp. Brunswick owns Sea Ray Boats.

Smith Boys is new to Syracuse having just built a new facility in East Syracuse.

Utica is about an hour away from the Smith Boys facility. All classes will be held at the Smith Boys facility on Saturdays and have been scheduled.

This is an opportunity for Utica to partner with Syracuse. If you are interested in teaching any seminars please call Dave Schulz (315) 266-0511 or (315) 725-4826 or email david.schulz@verizon.net . Please let us know soon because classes have been scheduled.

Lastly – Come join our Seamanship class. You will be glad you did. Boating is fun. Let us show each other how.

Dave Schulz
Squadron Education Officer

AT LAKE DELTA INN



PLANNED ACTIVITIES LIST FOR 2012

22-29 January	USPS National Meeting		Hyatt Regency, ,Jacksonville, Fl
1 February	Squadron Meeting	1930	Cornell Cooperative Extension
3 February	Founders' Day Party	1730	Verona VFW Hall
11 February	Spring Council		Geneva Lakefront
7 March	Squadron Meeting	1930	Cornell Cooperative Extension
2 March	Change Of Watch		1200Beeches 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

After the eighty-three year old lady finished her annual physical examination, the doctor said,

"You are in fine shape for your age, Maxine, but tell me, do you still have intercourse?"

"Just a minute, I'll have to ask my husband," she said.

She stepped out into the crowded reception room and yelled out loud:

"Henry, do we still have intercourse?"

And there was a hush... You could hear a pin drop. He answered impatiently, "If I told you once, Maxine, I told you a hundred times... What we have is.. Blue Cross !



A Doctor who was addressing a large audience said "The material we put into our stomachs is enough to have killed most of us sitting here, years ago. Red meat is awful. Soft drinks corrode your stomach lining. Chinese food is loaded with MSG. High fat diets can be disastrous, and none of us realizes the long-term harm caused by the germs in the drinking water.

But there is one thing that is most dangerous of all and we all have, or will, eat it. Can anyone tell what food it is that causes the most grief and suffering for years after eating it?

After several seconds a quiet 75-year old man in the front row raised his hand, and softly said, "Wedding Cake."



Do you know why most men from Italy are named Tony?

On the boat over to America they put a sticker on them that said—TO NY.

Thanks Tom



There once was a sex fiend named Weiner
Who had a perverted demeanor
Forced from the Hill
For acting like Bill
Now Congress is one weiner leaner



If you had purchased \$1,000 in shares of Delta Airlines stock one year ago, you would have \$49 today. If you had purchased \$1,000 in shares of AIG one year ago, you would have \$33 today.

If you had purchased \$1,000 in shares in Lehman Brothers one year ago, you would have absolutely nothing today.

But if you had purchased \$1,000 worth of beer one year ago, drank all the beer, then turned in the aluminum cans for a recycling refund, you would receive \$214 today.

Based on the above, the best current investment plan is to drink heavily & recycle. It is called the 401-Keg. A recent study found that the average American walks about 900 miles a year. Another study found that Americans drink, on average, 22 gallons of alcohol a year. That means that, on average, Americans get about 41 miles to the gallon! Makes you damned proud to be an American.



Walking can add minutes to your life. This enables you at 85 years old to spend an additional 5 months in a nursing home at \$2000 per month.

I joined a health club last year, spent about 400 bucks.

Haven't lost a pound. Apparently you have to go there.

We all get heavier as we get older, because there's a lot more information in our heads.

That's my story and I'm sticking to it.

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