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IT'S PARTY TIME



Founder's Day

VFW Sunday February 9, 2014 1:00 PM

Bring a dish to pass and \$5 for drinks

Change of Watch

March 9, 2014 !2 noon

\$20.00 per person

At the Beeches

Contact the Commander at 839-5522

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Commander Linda S. LaDuc, AP



Hello and Happy New Year to all

We've certainly started off this year with our weather keeping us on our toes with blasts of frigid air to mounds of snow to pouring rain. While we would like to believe that our lakes and rivers will benefit from all of this precipitation, we know that the heavy rain means flooding and water run-off that does not end up helping those water levels. I don't know what "Mother Nature" has in store for us next, but I do wish she'd make up her mind!

On another note, since I last wrote we have had our Holiday Gathering on 11 December at The Chowder House, with sixteen people in attendance. An exchange of gifts was made and a good time was had by all. We also had our 12th Night Gathering on 5 January at The Delta Lake Inn, with 28 people in attendance. As always, the food was great and we were treated to a highly informative boatbuilding presentation by member, Dave Strobino, AP. These get-togethers are always enjoyable and it was good to see some folks there who have been a bit "under the weather" over the last few weeks.

Keeping on the topic of attendance, the number of folks coming to these events is actually quite good considering that our membership is down to 45. We are hoping that the new boating laws will have more people needing to take safe boating courses with end the result being that our Squadron picks up some new members. We also have a bit of a problem in making sure our current members renew their dues. I know we all lead very busy lives—that's a good thing, right? It keeps us engaged, active, and hopefully, more healthy. However, sometimes we get so busy we might forget to do something as simple as renewing those dues. Please take a look and make sure yours are up-to-date.

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SEO REPORT

By P/DC David Schulz, AP



We are happy to report that our Weather Course with PC Harry Winberg, SN instructor has resumed. Harry had surgery on his leg 10 Jan 2014. He reports that it was quite successful and “easier than I thought”! That’s great Harry. Welcome back to the podium.

We are sad to report that PC George Peckingham, SN – IN has sold his home in Remsen and will be taking up residency in a warmer climate south of Utica, perhaps in the Carolinas. We wish him well. George – we will really miss your guidance and instruction. George has taught all the courses in the basic series leading to SN including Seamanship, Piloting, Advance Piloting, Junior Navigation and Navigation. He also taught Instructor Development ABC3 and several other elective series courses. We know that an unknown Squadron down south is about to get a superb contributor to safe boating. Happy Voyages - George and Louise. From all of us in Utica Sail and Power Squadron – **THANK YOU** for all you have done with and for us.

Our Squadron’s Education Fund has received donations totaling \$240.00 in memory of PC Gerry Fry, JN. Thank you P/Lt/C Tom Sears, AP, PC Rick Gassner, SN and Debby, CDR Linda LaDuc, AP and P/D/C Dave Schulz, AP – IN and Lt. Ann. You recall that the fund is used to purchase Squadron education tools and equipment.

We have begun to plan our next ABC3 class to begin at Lock 20 (we think) in early June. We are also in planning for Advance Piloting and Leadership Development/ Operations Planning. Stay tuned. Interested in teaching any of those classes or our Seminars just call us – Dave or Linda and let us know. Spring arrives in about 50 days. Get those boats ready.

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Dave

Oh! Just remembered – Did not obtain a copy of the new NYS boating law that mandates Boating Safety Classes for all new and younger boaters and not just for water/jet ski operation but for all motor boats regardless of type or size. However PC Dean Woodard, P published an excerpt in the November 2014 Bilgewater. Please reread that or call/email us and we will resend a copy of the Nov. 2013 Bilgewater.

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If unsure, give us a call and we can check our roster for you.

We are in the process of confirming dates for Founder’s Day and our C.O.W. February weather has been quite treacherous the last couple of years, forcing us to cancel Founder’s Day due to icy road conditions. We decided to try a new approach with a Sunday afternoon time for this gathering. One difference, though...since we are planning on having our auction in June at our Launch Party, we have to try to come up with some sort of entertainment to keep us

District Website has changed? <http://www.uspsd6.org/> The Deep six can be found on it. This site has been changed to a new host server giving District 6 much more space and capability to include many new and exciting features in the future

Digest of Minutes of the Utica Sail & Power Squadron 8 January 2014

Secretary and Committees:

Website (R.Gassner): The Utica Sail and Power Squadron web site has been updated to include USPS seminar information and seminar outlines. This information is on the web site for potential instructors to review the seminars before teaching the them. The seminar information is not accessible to the public. Members wishing to access the seminar information must be given directions on how to access the information. Contact R. Gassner.

Bilgewater (D. Woodard): D. Woodard will be out of town for the next three months.

Dean requests that any information submitted to him be in word format and that pictures are standalone jpeg files. G. Peckingham is moving and will no longer be able to print and mail the Bilgewater. He has made mailing labels and respectfully asks that someone else prints, mails and emails the Bilgewater newsletter. C. Welch has volunteered to email the electronic copies and D. Schulz has volunteered to print and mail the hard copies.

Treasurer and Committees:

Treasurer's Report (D. Schulz): Treasurers report and 12TH Night party financial report were given to the secretary for records.

Administrative Officer (AO) and Committees

The party will be at the usual VFW and we will try for 9 February 2014 at 1300. This will be "bring a dish" format and a program or presentation will be discussed at a later time Change of Watch: Discussion: COW to be 9 March 2014 at 1200 at the Beeches in Rome, NY.

D. Woodard to verify time and date.

Squadron Education Officer (SEO) and Committees:

Education Courses: D. Schulz reported that H. Winberg is to start the Weather course back up.

George Peckingham is moving south. L. LaDuc and the entire squadron would like to thank George for his hard work and dedication To the Utica Sail and Power Squadron. George will certainly be missed by all and we wish him the best of luck in the future.

D. Schulz and L. LaDuc will review the bylaws in the future.

Spring consul is 1 March 2014

Spring Conference is 27-29 March 2014

Meeting Adjourned: 21:30 hrs



Seminars put on Web for our instructors

The national power squadron has generated a set of 20+ seminars lasting approximately 2 hours each. The Utica Squadron has a problem in knowing what material is included in each seminar since we only have Flyers and Trifolds available unless we buy the seminar. We have bought and taught a few seminars and have put the instructors manuals on the web so our instructors can review the material for teaching further seminars. The website for these seminars is intended only for our instructors. Flyers and Trifolds are available on national website to modify for advertising of future seminars.

- Boat Handling under Power
- Boating on Rivers, Locks and Lakes
- Crossing Borders
- Emergencies on Board
- Fuel and Boating
- How to Use a Chart
- Hurricanes and Boats
- Knots, Bends and Hitches
- Man Overboard
- Marine RADAR
- Mariner's Compass
- Mastering the Rules of the Road
- Paddle Smart
- Partner in Command
- Practical On The Water Training

And More

If you are an instructor or would like to be, Contact Rick Gassner by email or telephone and he will tell you how you may view the teaching materials.



CHECKING THE BILGE

by P/C Dean A. Woodard, P

DIAPERS

I know you have been lying awake at night wondering why baby diapers have brand names such as "Luvs", "Huggies," and "Pampers", while undergarments for old people are called "Depends".

Well here is the low down on the whole thing.

When babies mess in their pants, people are still gonna Luv 'em, Hug 'em and Pamper 'em.

When old people mess in their pants, what happens next "Depends" on who's in the will!

Glad I was able to get that straightened out for you.

woman goes to the doctor, worried about her husband's temper

The doctor asks: "What's the problem?" The woman says: "Doctor, I don't know what to do. Every day my husband seems to lose his temper for no reason.

It scares me." The Doctor says: "I have a cure for that.

When it seems that your husband is getting angry, just take a glass of water and start swishing it in your mouth.

Just swish and swish but don't swallow it until he either leaves the room or calms down."

Two weeks later the woman comes back to the doctor looking fresh and reborn. The woman says: "Doctor, that was a brilliant idea!

Every time my husband started losing it, I swished with water. I swished and swished, and he calmed right down!

How does a glass of water do that?"

The doctor says: "The water itself does nothing.

It's keeping your mouth shut that does the trick

When I got home from playing golf today.....

The wife left a note on the fridge:

"It's not working, I can't take it anymore!!

Gone to stay with my Mother."

I opened the fridge, the light came on, and the beer was cold.....

What the hell is she talking about?

Two elderly gentlemen

from a retirement center were sitting on a bench under a tree when one turns to the other and says: 'Slim, I'm 83 years old now and I'm just full of aches and pains. I know you're about my age. How do you feel?'

Slim says, 'I feel just like a newborn baby.'

'Really!? Like a newborn baby!?'

'Yep. No hair, no teeth, and I think I just wet my pants.'

Three old guys are out walking.

First one says, 'Windy, isn't it?'

Second one says, 'No, it's Thursday!'

Third one says, 'So am I. Let's go get a beer..'

A little old man shuffled slowly into an ice cream parlor and pulled himself slowly, painfully, up onto a stool.. After catching his breath, he ordered a banana split.

The waitress asked kindly, 'Crushed nuts?'

'No,' he replied, 'Arthritis.'

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