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LAUNCH PARTY 2004



May 21, 2004 found the Commander and crew at the Lock 20 Park for our annual Launch Party. Arrangements were made by AO Steven Smith, S with cooking provided by the Webster crew, Ellen and Randy. Arrangements to use this outstanding facilities at the Lock 20 Park in Marcy, New York. were made by P/C Frank Gruenewald, AP.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

SQUADRON MEETING - 1 SEPTEMBER 04
BILGEWATER DEADLINE - 23 JUNE 04

SPECIAL ISSUES OF THE BILGEWATER
COMING THIS JULY AND AUGUST



COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

by Cdr David W. Schulz, AP

Our granddaughter Kate had just spent the night with us and I was driving her to Clinton, NY where she attends elementary school. My radio was tuned to WIBX to catch up on the latest news, weather, etc. The "First Look" program was in progress and the subject was safe boating with the Sheriff of Oneida County. The program host had many questions including who, specifically, needed a safe boating class and where was one or more available. The Sheriff provided very little information. Oh – he knew a few answers but was not sure of himself. The host broke for commercial. When they returned the Sheriff suggested that the "Power Squadron could probably give better answers". The host, Jim Rondinelli, then said, "Let's see if we can get the Utica Power Squadron on the program." Imagine my excitement!

When I got home I called WIBX. When the receptionist answered I said, "Hello – this is Dave Schulz from the Utica Power Squadron". She replied "How uncanny – we were just looking for your telephone number, please hold while I connect you with our news director". When the news director answered she was just as excited as the receptionist and said, "How did you know we were looking for you"? I replied, "I listen to your show as much as possible". She replied, "Can you be here at the station studio at 8:00 AM tomorrow morning?" I agreed and was on the radio the next morning now joined with co-host Dave Andrews.

I talked about our upcoming Boat Smart class starting at Lock 20 on the Erie Canal as a part of our Safe Boating Week

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kickoff and including free vessel safety checks, fire extinguisher demos with the Maynard Fire Department and emergency signaling device demonstrations. We had a couple of callers that we spoke with and talked a bit about our ABC course availability. The show was fun to do. After the show, cohost Dave Andrews pulled a card from his wallet that was issued to him when he took Utica Power Squadron's Boat Smart course 3 years prior. WIBX repeated the show at least one more time and provided advertisement for our courses for the next week. There are three other radio station studios in their building. WIBX has told us they will share all information received by them from Utica Power Squadron.

Since that show, we have received calls from all kinds of folks including a State Senator's office and The Observer Dispatch, our local newspaper.

As you all know by now our Safe Boating Week festivities and Boat Smart and ABC course and exams were quite successful. Thanks Dean for all your hard work, and thanks to all the folks that put such an effort together – teachers, test scorers and demonstrators. We even had several new members busy at work. Just great to see.

Our Launch Party was a little short on attendance but a good time was had by all. P/C Frank Gruenwald, AP, did a great job of getting the shelter and grounds ready for our party and Boat Smart class the next day. Thanks Frank and thank you for providing the raffle prizes. Winifred Sears contributed the Commanders' Choice dish and will be supplying the recipe for publication. Yum Yum. If you did not have any you really missed a treat and thanks for letting us have more to enjoy.

Bob Hyde is feeling a bit better but sticks to home as much as possible. Earl Selover is home and feeling stronger but is also taking it easy. Let them know that they are in our thoughts.

Our 2 June 2004 meeting will be our last until 1 Sept. 04. See you on the water and do stay in touch. Your Bridge will be busy throughout the summer and the Bilgewater will be published, this year, in July and August. Support our advertisers won't you.

Have a safe boating summer.

Dave

BOATING PROBLEMS

If proof was needed that getting your boat ready was a real challenge—take a look at the following email from P/C Harry Winberg, SN to Dean Woodard.

We feel for you Harry! daw

Dean-- - - I am having one hell of a time getting my boat in the water, and from the way things appear now, it may be July before I do.

This predicament has caused me to spend great amounts of time in Henderson Harbor struggling with it, and may cancel my going to the Launch Party and to the 22nd affair, and even to the Niddle. Hope I make it to my anniversary dinner in June! I have 1), a diesel fuel clogging problem, 2), a dead starter with "flat spots" in the armature (\$760 for a new one), 3) two dead house-batteries, and 4), a wild 8 volt drop across the battery when the starter does decide to turn over. All these I have checked out with my USPS engine textbook, and with professional help. The marine repair shop is delirious with financial joy. I have parts spread across three counties and more to come. Damndest thing I've ever experienced in my boating life.

Sooooo- - I may not make it to these events, and if I did I would probably be a negative influence for all. When this is all over I will teach the Engine Maintenance course diesel portion just with war stories!

Cheers- - I guess.- - - - Harry

P.S. I gotta get my flare gun to you too for National Safe Boating Week.. Please gimme a call and we'll set up a transfer.

LAUNCH PARTY

For the past few years it has been the responsibility of the Commander to try everything presented at the launch party in the form of food or beverage. We are pleased to announce that our leader, Cdr Dave Schulz, AP did what was expected and much more. After due consideration and much tasting, he selected the offering of Winifred Sears and her Broccoli salad. We know the first President Bush didn't like Broccoli, but we don't know about his son. In any event, we loved it.

THE COMMANDER'S CHOICE 2004

BROCCOLI SALAD



1 bunch broccoli
1/2 cup chopped
onion
1/2 lb cooked crisp
bacon crum
bled
1/2 cup raisins

Dressing:
1 cup miracle whip
scant 1/4 cup sugar
2 tblsp red wine
vinegar

*Try it - it was a
big winner at the
Launch Party*

NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK KICKOFF

May 22, 2004 was the start of National Safe Boating week for the Utica Squadron and boaters all over America.

This year we conducted a very well attended Boat Smart Class at the Lock 20 Park.



This venue allowed us to offer “hands on “ experiences that would not be possible in a traditional class room setting.

The use of fire extinguishers was demonstrated by members of the Maynard Fire Department. Eve-



ryone who wanted to try out an extinguisher was given the opportunity to do so. It was fun and a valuable experience.

We explained equipment needed on your boat and allowed students to give Vessel Safety Checks to boats provided by our members. They did a good check and most even passed.

We shot flares over the canal, talked with the lock operator, explained the use of marine radio, types of boats and finished the afternoon by tying knots.

The class finished at Whitesboro Senior High School on the following Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

On Thursday, in addition to the 70+ Boat Smart students we proctored examinations to some 18 students that had availed themselves of the America’s Boating class and prepared on their own.



We are proud of our efforts and the work of our squadron.



CHECKING THE BILGE

by P/C Dean A, Woodard, P

We are pleased to be able to share with you part of the **Betsy the Barge** Schedule for Lock 20 Park this summer. In a special summer edition of the **BILGEWATER** we will show you more of the events in the Mohawk Valley. For now make plans to attend the following:

Thursday June 24 0600

Courtney & Quintessence performing a tribute in memory of the unforgettable Latin star "Selena"

Thursday July 1 0630

The New York Express with the Augie Lamonica Band

Thursday July 8 0630

Good Vibrations

Thursday July 15 0630

Abby Road presents the History of Rock and Roll



Three Men

Three men were sitting together bragging about how they had set their new wives straight on their duties.

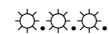
The first man had married a woman from Pennsylvania and bragged that he had told his wife she was going to do all the dishes and house cleaning that needed done at their house. He said that it took a couple days but on the third day he came home to a clean house and the dishes were all washed and put away.

The second man had married a woman from West Virginia. He bragged that he had given his wife orders that she was to do all the cleaning, dishes, and

cooking. He told them that the first day he didn't see any results, but the next day it was better. By the third day, his house was clean, the dishes was done, and he had a huge dinner on the table.

The third man had married a New York Yankee girl. He boasted that he told her his house was to be cleaned, dishes washed, the cooking done and laundry washed. And this was all her responsibility. He said the first day he didn't see anything and the second day he didn't see anything but by the third day some of the swelling had gone down so he could see a little out of his left eye.

Gotta love those New York Women!



THE BILGEWATER THIS SUMMER

It has been the custom for some years that the **BILGEWATER** does not publish during the summer. This summer your bridge has directed that we produce two "special issues" exploring the Mohawk Valley and the things to do in Central New York this summer.

Betsy the Barge is only one of the many things for us to enjoy during the short summer of upstate New York. There is much more.

If you know of any events or activities along the Canal or wherever you may be, please send the information to us so that we may publish it for everyone.

All of the Bridge Officers have pledged to send us information for the summer publications. Now is the time for them to send us "stuff".

What would you like to know about for the summer? How about where there was work being done along the canal. Are there events in your community that we should know about? How about your description of some attraction that you especially enjoy. Got a great place for the kids? Let us know and we shall get it printed.

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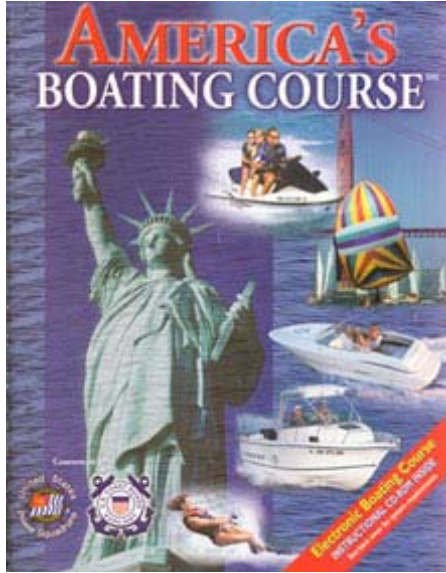
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is our membership number.

Contact Cdr Schulz with any questions.



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The cost is \$35 which covers one exam. Additional exams will be \$5.00 each. Questions? Give Ellen a call.

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