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MAY LAUNCH PARTY WELL ATTENDED!

More than 40 Utica Power Squadron members and guests shared dishes to pass and great fellowship at our annual Launch Party. We enjoyed these festivities at Lock 20 in Marcy on 19 May, thanks to P/C Frank Gruenewald, AP and other volunteers who developed the park several years ago. Frank arranged for music this year for our listening pleasure. Very nice, Frank.

Administrative Officer Linda LaDuc, P organized the event with fine detail. A special thanks to Rick Joyal, AP who donated the Thick/Juicy brand hamburger. Chuck Harter and D/Lt/ C Dave Schulz, AP did some fine cooking of the meat. What was the Commander's favorite dish, you ask? Based on the work of the Food Tasting Committee, the Commander was politically correct and named three choices. Oh so delicious was Mrs. Strobino's "philo spinach squares", followed by the "chili con carne" dish produced by P/C Ellen Webster, SN, and for dessert the "red cake" baked by Dave Salsberg, AP. We will print the recipes when available.

The high point of the event, besides the friendship and food of course, was the presentation to P/C Harry Winberg, SN of his "Life Membership" certificate and plaque. Harry has earned 25 merit marks through as many years of dedicated service to the Utica Sail and Power Squadron. We all know Harry as a fine gentleman and excellent teacher of Sail and Weather courses. Many members who joined USPS at least 20 years ago remember Harry's contributions on the "Bridge" and as Commander in 1987. Harry has helped build the "backbone" of our boating club for many dedicated years.

A second high point for all boat lovers was the arrival of Dave Strobino, P on his personally built wooden "lobster boat" style 28 foot power cruiser. What a beautiful boat and such an excellent job of building and finishing by Dave. In addition to the laminated wood hull and other wooden fixtures including the beautiful louvered doors, Dave had to research and install the boat's mechanical systems. Thanks Dave for sharing this labor of love with us. There is nothing so much fun as just messing about in boats.

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DATES TO REMEMBER IN 06

NEXT BILGEWATER = SEPTEMBER

SQUADRON MEETING 6 SEPTEMBER

Vicky and I have just experienced two great weekends with friends of the Utica Sail and Power Squadron. These experiences speak to the real meaning of "Friends and Family" in the United States Power Squadrons. D/Lt/C Dave Schulz, AP and his wonderful wife Ann visited us at our cottage to enjoy the boating and local color. We had a wonderful time and Dave even caught a really nice Northern Pike just to "skunk" the guide. Then this last weekend, we visited on P/C Rick Gassner, AP and Debbie Gassner's boat "Patriot Games" on Buzzard's Bay, Cape Cod. On Saturday the weather was inclement so they took us on the high speed ferry to Nantucket. Very enjoyable! Sunday turned up very nice for sailing and we went for a great sail. "Docent Rick" even let me helm their 39 ft. Beneteau. Such memories are the essence of the Power Squadron experience.

Another example of friends working together to make it work is our last Boat Smart class held during National Safe Boating Week. P/C Dean Woodard, P said it all when he commented that everyone just pitched in and made the whole thing work in spite of some nasty weather. We spoke at the Launch Party on 19 May that the weather was expected to be cold and rainy on Saturday. So someone brought some tarps and hammer and nails, while another party produced the coffee pot and coffee, and another good Samaritan brought the bagels and cream cheese. Everyone was able to stay out of the wind and rain, and enjoy the coffee and bagels. I'm sorry that I don't remember all of the names of those who helped. However, most of your USPS Bridge was there when needed to assist P/C Dean Woodard, P and P/C Ellen Webster, SN in teaching the class. Thanks to all on our great team for such fun, camaraderie, and fine teaching.

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COMMANDER

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Speaking of doing a fine job, we must thank Jackie Smith for being our Public Relations Officer for several years. Jackie is finding happiness again with more non-boating pursuits after the loss of Steve Smith, P almost two years ago. Many thanks for your help Jackie and best wishes from all of us. By the way, your Commander is looking for someone interested in public relations to take Jackie's place as Public Relations Officer. Anyone can volunteer.

Elsewhere in this "Bilgewater" you will find news of the 19 May Launch Party. You will also find announcements about the St. Lawrence Shore Picnic planned for 8 July at the cottage of Vicky and yours truly. In addition, if we have enough interest expressed by our members (that means you), we will charter a bus and visit the Antique Boat Museum at Clayton, NY on 12 August. Now if you can't join us this Summer for these planned activities, take a close look at the September "Bilgewater" for news of the fall "Haul Out Party". Have a great boating season, friends.

TRIP TO ANTIQUE BOAT MUSEUM IN PLANNING STAGE

Are you interested in a squadron bus trip to the Antique Boat Museum in Clayton, NY? We are told by the museum folks that 12 August is a good date for us to visit the ABM and tour the Boldt and McNally houseboat "LaDuchesse" among other lovely boats. This museum is a world class institution of history about boat building and Thousand Island culture during the late 1800s and 1900s.

We need to know of your interest in this trip before we charter the 55 passenger bus. Please phone or e-mail Commander by 10 July 2006. Phone 315 824-0978 or e-mail frygr@dreamscape.com

From The SEO

By Lt./C Vicky Fry, JN



What a great year for education in the Utica Sail and Power Squadron! A strong group of students finished Piloting last fall and Advanced Piloting this spring. A few of these same members and a few others completed Instructor Qualification in the fall and Weather in the spring. Two non-member groups took Boat Smart this spring with a June class in the planning stage. Very dedicated member teachers who were named in the last Bilgewater made this educational advancement possible.

Planning for next fall courses is progressing nicely. We will offer Seamanship for the new members in the fall followed by Piloting in the spring. Junior Navigation will run for the entire year to challenge and enlighten the really dedicated learners who have completed Piloting and AP. Member electives will include Engine Maintenance in the fall and Cruise Planning in the spring.

Several enthusiastic members (all certified instructors) have volunteered to teach these courses. A team approach in teaching Seamanship will include D/Lt/C Dave Schulz, AP, P/C Rick Gassner, AP, and Cdr. Gerry Fry, JN. P/C Ellen Webster, SN will again offer her wit and wisdom to the Junior Navigation class. Fred Dyer, JN will teach the Engine Maintenance course as he has done so competently many times in the past. Dave Schulz, AP will tackle Cruise Planning. We need a volunteer or two to teach Piloting in the spring.

You may check the squadron web page (www.usps.org/localusps/utica/) for a full three year schedule of member courses.

Perhaps you, too, can enjoy learning for greater boating competence or perhaps just for the fun of learning.

LAUNCH PARTY

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Some people thought that the weather was a little windy, chilly and rainy. Somehow it appeared that the sailors in the crowd didn't seem to mind the weather at all. They are so confident that the power boaters will come to their rescue, just like when the power squadron was started. "Rag Baggers" and "Stink Potters" have such fun together.



Who in the world is this guy and what is his picture doing here?



BoatU.S.

Because of the special arrangement made with BoatU.S. our members are able to pay only one-half of the regular dues of \$19.00 - only \$9.50 per year for our members.

ST. LAWRENCE RIVER SHORE PICNIC PLANNED FOR 8 JULY.

All Utica Sail and Power Squadron members are invited to a St. Lawrence Shore Picnic on 8 July 2006 1100 – 1600 at the cottage of Vicky and Gerry Fry on the St. Lawrence River, Hammond, NY.

Please bring a dish to pass. We will provide the meat and drinks. If you have a particular taste in adult libations please feel free to bring your choice.

Please respond with your intention to attend so that we may plan for the appropriate number of guests. Call 315 824-0978 or e-mail to frygr@dreamscape.com. Our cell phone number is 315 317-3071, just in case you get mixed up following the directions.

Directions to Fry Cottage on St. Lawrence River in the Town of Hammond

1. Travel to Alexandria Bay, NY on any route that you prefer.
2. Follow Rt. 12 to the northeast past Alexandria Bay for approximately 10 miles.
3. Shortly after passing the signs for Chipewa Bay village, you will cross Chipewa Creek and then proceed up hill through a large rock cut.
4. Just past the rock cut you will see a sign for Blind Bay and then a scenic overlook loop on your left.
5. Just past the scenic overlook is a red barn with a silver roof and then River Ledge Road.
6. Turn left on River Ledge Road and proceed about a mile northeast to Savage Lane. Since parking is limited by our cottage, if you can walk down a rather steep driveway, please park along the road and walk down Savage Lane to the last cottage on the downstream end. Those who need to park close by the cottage are welcome to drive down.

Directions by Water

Notice in the road directions that we are located about 10 miles downstream from Alexandria Bay, just past Chippewa Bay and near Crossover Island. Next to Crossover Island are red and green buoys. When you reach the green buoy (number 159) on your starboard, turn to starboard on a course of 110 degrees magnetic. Our cottage is located at 44 degrees 30 minutes North latitude where this latitude line on your chart reaches the eastern shore. When you approach the shore turn to port. Our dock is the only one with steel davits that lift our boat out of the water. Note that you will have plenty of deep water as long as you don't stray to port as you come in from the green buoy. We have 12 feet of water on the end of our dock. Also plenty of room to anchor and we can ferry you in. Please come and splash water on us.



CHECKING THE BILGE

by P/C Dean A. Woodard



SUMMER NAUTICAL ART RAFFLE

Tickets will be available at all Squadron events this spring / summer with the final drawing at the Haul out Party in the Fall.

This is a very nice, professionally framed work of art that will grace the wall of the winner. Tickets are just \$5.00 each with the proceeds going to the Educational Fund of the Utica Sail and Power Squadron.

If you can't make an event this summer to buy your tickets, please contact the Commander, Colleen or check on the Utica Squadron web page at www.usps.org/localusps/utica for information.

I.K. Brunel's iron screw steamship Great Britain, 3448 tons, passes Lundy Island on her maiden voyage. Launched at Bristol in 1843, she is now being restored there. From an aquatint by H. Papprell after a painting by J. Walter. Printed in England for Her Majesty's Stationery Office by the Soman-Wherry Press Ltd. Norwich From the National Maritime Museum.



CAUGHT ON THE NET

<http://www.hnsa.org/doc/luce/index.htm>

Text-Book of Seamanship, 1891, is an updated age of sail textbook at the beginning of the true transition of warships from sail to steam power.

In this online version of the manual they have attempted to keep the flavor of the original layout while taking advantage of the Web's universal accessibility. Different browsers and fonts will cause the text to move, but the text will remain roughly where it is in the original manual. They have not attempted to correct any errors found in the original document. However, this text was captured by optical character recognition and then encoded for the Web which has added some new errors.

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The microwave was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his pocket.

The words 'racecar,' 'kayak' and 'level' are the same whether they are read left to right or right to left (palindromes).

Women blink nearly twice as much as men.

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