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District 6

Launch Party

June, 3, 2011 5:30 PM 1700

Lock 20

See Commander on page 2 for more details.

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ABC PUBLIC BOATING CLASS

Saturday, June 4, 2011

12:00 to 4:00 and the next Tuesday and Thursday at Whitesboro High School 6:30 to 8:30 each night. See page 4 for details.

All are invited. This is when we put out fires send up flares and do Vessel Safety checks for every boat we find.

If you have any interest in ON WATER CERTIFICATION this will be one of the few opportunities to demonstrate your use of a fire extinguisher.

You might enjoy the Saturday session without taking the whole class.. See you there.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Walter, Jay
Uvanni, Joseph R.
Fedors, Richard
Madden Peter R.
Larcher, Eugene
Davidson, Paul G.
Bronson, Mitchell W.
Wilbert, Mitchell W.
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We look forward to seeing you at the Launch Party.

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

by Cdr Bryan E. Walrath, JN



Hi everyone,
I'll start with thanks to Colleen Welch for being the commander this May 4th. I was in Florida and it was pretty much in the high 80's each day. I understand there were a lot of discussions. That is a good thing. I will be at our next meeting on June 1. This will be our last meeting until we meet again in September. In the meantime we will still be very busy. Dean and Ellen will start the next ABC, America's Boating Class, on June 4 at Locke 20. Lest I forget to thank Gerry and Linda for doing a mighty fine ABC class at Whitesboro High School. There were nine in the class and all passed. This weekend Colleen Welch, John Reitinger, and I will be at Paddle Fest in Old Forge. This is our first adventure doing a Paddle Smart seminar. We are excited. I have also received an invite to attend the Trailblazer event at Camp Russell on June 11. This event has many displays and demonstrations for families, adults and kids to learn about outdoor activities. We will fit right in.

At our next meeting, I would like to discuss events for the summer. These should include VSE's, officer training classes, and just visiting marinas to hand out USPS literature. I have had conversations with the sailing group at Lake Delta Yacht club and they are open to us putting on any educational material. I was thinking of the sail trim seminar.

I have been lax in getting a letter and material out to our new members. Bad commander. That is on next week's list. For now, let everyone plan on the June 3 party at Lock 20. That's \$5 per person, bring a dish, and it starts at 5:30pm. Hamburgers, hot dogs, soda, beer, and cake will be provided. Just a side note, the commander has been on a diet, so if everyone brings chocolate cake, that is OK.

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Prices reflect actual cost at time of purchase.

Materials may be purchased from Dave Schulz.

Call 315 266-0511 or e-mail david.schulz@verizon.net with your order and to arrange pick-up and/or delivery. Please pay by check payable to Utica Sail and Power Squadron.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

USPS Public Boating Safety Course

May 20, 2011

**For further information, please contact: George Silverman,
Public Relations Officer**

Welcome to the 2011 North American Safe Boating Campaign! With the start of this year's boating season upon us we are reminded that safety should not be taken lightly. There are almost four thousand boating accidents in our country every year and more than 700 deaths. Aimed at helping to save lives by spreading a message of boating safety and encouragement of boater education, the campaign schedules the last week of May as National Safe Boating Week.

As part of the campaign, the Utica Sail and Power Squadron encourages recreational boaters to stay safe on the water by properly wearing their life jackets anytime while boating. Commander Bryan Walrath said that "We care about the safety of our boaters and encourage them to observe safe boating practices particularly the wearing of life jackets anytime while boating because it is a proven life saver."

The squadron also announced that it will sponsor several events beginning on Saturday, June 4th at the Lock 20 Park, Marcy. At 9:30 that morning, the unit will conduct free vessel safety examinations of both trailed boats and those that tie up at the dock. Boats that pass the examination receive a decal. Those that do not pass are given a listing of items that should be corrected, such as outdated flares. Then it will offer a boat safety demonstration and boating safety course beginning that day at noon until 4 PM. Included in this portion will be demonstrations by the Maynard Fire Department regarding the fighting of petroleum fires, proper use of fire extinguishers, and the care and use of emergency boat safety flares. These demonstrations are open to the public with an emphasis on promoting awareness of safe boating practices for vessel owners, operators and their guests.

The boat safety class will continue at Whitesboro Senior High school, Rt. 291, on Tuesday June 7th and Thursday June 9th from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM each night. The course is open to all adults and youngsters at least 10-years of age when accompanied by an adult enrolled in the class. Cost for a course text book is \$30.00. All instruction is free and students may share text books. The boater safety course covers the fundamentals of safe boat handling, operation and etiquette, regulations, basic piloting, boating terminology, nautical chart usage, course plotting, and paddle-craft safety. Students who pass the course receive a US Power Squadrons Boating Course Graduate certificate that meets all New York State boating and personal watercraft requirements such as a jet skis. Additional details can be obtained by calling David Schulz at 315-266-0511.

SEO REPORT

By P/DC David Schulz, AP



We are pleased to announce that all folks who tested for the Sail Course taught by P/C Harry Winberg, SN and P/C Rick Gassner, SN, have passed with flying colors. Congratulations to all the member/ students and the instructors for a job well done.

Congratulations, also to the following students who have successfully completed our ABC3 Basic Boating class;

Louis Davis	Daniel McCoy
Gail Engelbrecht	Sandra Plumb
James Hibbard	Nicholus Spudie
David Kelly	Paul Spudie
Vladislav Lyubezhannin	

Teaching Staff for ABC3 included P/C Gerry Fry, JN, 1/Lt Linda LaDuc, AP and P/C George Peckingham, SN. Thank you, also, for a job well done.

Our next ABC3 Class will start on June 4, 2011 at 1200 at Lock 20 Pavilion, Marcy, NY. Lead instructors will be P/C Dean Woodard, P and P/C Ellen Webster, SN. There will be others and you are invited to take part. Included in this ABC3 class will be a fire extinguisher demonstration by Maynard Fire Department and simulated Vessel Safety Checks.

In the morning at 0930, prior to the course starting time we will be offering free Vessel Safety Checks at Lock 20 to trailered boats and boats floating into Lock 20 entrance/ exit ways.

Students will be encouraged to bring their trailered vessels.

We may offer additional ABC3 courses if the demand is present. during the spring and summer.

Seamanship will be offered in late September through October and November. We are also planning on offering Piloting and other elective classes as we identify the need. Those classes can include Operations Training, Instructor Development, Cruise Planning, Marine Electrical Systems, ETC. **Please** – let us know your desires.

Our new meeting location is very conducive for educational purposes and will be available for our use as well as Whitesboro Sr. High School. We are, thus, expanding our venues.

If you are interested in teaching, we can assist you in achieving that goal. We will provide you with assistance, guidance, training, course materials, training aids and above all the students.

Call us. We can show you how much fun it is along with showing enthusiastic students how much fun educated boaters have.



CHECKING THE BILGE

by P/C Dean A. Woodard, P

These two Rednecks from Arkansas decided to go Ice Fishing so they drove up to Wisconsin in the middle of Winter.

They stopped at a sporting goods store and asked the man there what they needed

He sold them some line, bait and an Ice Pick.

About two hours later one of the rednecks came back and bought another Ice Pick.

Later on he came back again and told the man that he needed another Ice Pick.

The man said? "DAMN, you've must be catching the HELL out of them fish."

The redneck said? "You have got to kidding me,

WE HAVEN'T EVEN GOT OUR BOAT IN THE WATER YET."

Now how's that for a launch party?



THE RITE OF SPRING

The rite of Spring, it's a fickle thing, as the TV ad notes, "the boat, the boat, it's all about the boat".

We wash and scrub, a labor of love.
We polish and wax until our energy is dashed.
We splash on the paint, oh, I'm ready to faint...

But lo and behold, after all that--
the geaming hull still draws a crowd as the splash sounds when the water is found.

It makes us proud and although "sell it?" we hear, we say now, well.....maybe next year!

thoughts by Linda LaDuc



With all the fear of radiation fallout from Japan I thought it might be useful to tell you about a cheap, effective, homemade radiation tester you can easily assemble and rely upon. follow these simple instructions,

IT REALLY WORKS!!

OPEN A BAG OF ORVILLE REDENBOCKER MICROWAVE POPCORN. JUST LEAVE ON YOUR TABLE. IF IT STARTS POPPING YOU'RE IN TROUBLE!!



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.



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You can help George with this big task if you would be interested in having the BILGEWATER delivered to your computer and not to your mail box.

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In these days of ever increasing printing and mailing costs, an electronic PDF file of the BILGEWATER sent to your e-mail address may be an acceptable option for you.

For or against, let George know what you want done. Call him at 315 831 2170
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