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District 6

SQUADRON EVENTS

LAUNCH PARTY

THE LAUNCH PARTY WILL BE ON FRIDAY, MAY 31, , 2013 PM AT LOCK 20 PARK.

Cost is \$5.00 per person and includes all you can eat hot dogs, hamburgers, sausage patties and soda (coffee if it's a cold night in June). Bring a dish to pass and BYOB.

Anyone bringing a boat to the event gets in free. AND if you want we can do a vessel safety check.

We will be holding our nautical auction at this Launch Party. Look around for that boating or not boating item you would like to pass on and bring it (them) to the party. It will be fun and it will also help clean out your garage.

Do you have some old flares that are out of date? Bring them to the launch party and we can use them in our boat class demonstrations. You get them off of the boat and we put them to use. Looks like everyone wins on this one.

ABC Class

The ABC class will start the following Saturday at Lock 20 Park. All are welcome to come, help out or just take part starting at 12 noon. VSC will be offered.

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Commander Linda S. LaDuc, AP



Hi to all...

The weather finally cooperated enough to get some work done on the sailboat. I washed, scrubbed and followed the "wax on, wax off" routine until my arms were ready to fall off—but, I got the job done. Painting the bottom with VC17 will just have to wait until next weekend and if I am lucky, the old boat will get in the water then as well. I find that for some reason, this job gets more difficult with each passing year and I have to pace myself a bit more than in the past! I can't say that I want to admit to the reason for that but one thing I do know for sure is that I love this time of year.

Even though there are very few boats in the water, most are beginning to shed their winter wraps. Fortunately I arrived early enough to claim a water spigot to begin my scrubbing, but soon after the marina started to get busy. I enjoy renewing all of my boating acquaintances and hearing what folks did over the winter and what projects or trips they have in store for this summer. As I sat on the hillside, looking down at the docks while eating my lunch, one of my friends called up to me, "are you overseeing your domain?" "Yes, I replied, isn't it great to be back."

On that note, our Squadron can look forward to continuing our pursuit of educating boaters everywhere and enjoying our get-togethers. I am especially looking forward to this year's launch party and auction. I've managed to find some items that I feel comfortable parting with; perhaps I'll find some item donated by another Squadron member that I just can't live without and will get lucky enough to have the winning bid.

What I will enjoy most however, is the friendship and camaraderie of those who share an interest in boats and the water. I love this time of year!

Hope to see you soon.....

SEO REPORT

By P/D/C David Schulz, AP



We do not have a big report this month. Our Piloting class is well under way. With PC George at the podium with Lt/C Rob assisting we should have some new Pilots soon. PC Rick and PC Bryan have been busy with a bunch of seniors at MVLIR teaching an eight hour ABC³ and two of our popular Seminars – Paddle Smart and Boating on Lakes, Rivers and Locks. No members yet but we always hope.

The Vessel Safety Check season is upon us. PC Dean and his staff are ready to go to work. If anyone is interested in becoming a Vessel Safety Examiner please call Dean or Dave. We can get the materials and put a class together for you. It might be a good idea for all our current Examiners to retake the class as a refresher. Let us know. We can hold the class at Cornell Extension, Lock 20 or any other convenient spot. By the way or BTW as the texting folk would say. You all need a VSC on your craft whatever it is. If its on a trailer bring it to Lock 20 at 1000, June 1, 2012. If it's in the Canal boat it to Lock 20 on May 31. We will do a VSC on your boat at and during our celebrated Launch Party and your admission fee for the party is waived. Our Launch Party will be even more exciting this year with the addition of our annual auction to benefit our Squadron. Wow – Fun, Food, Auction and a VSC to boot. Can't beat that with an oar.

We have been promising Operations Training. It will be offered in October and will be conducted prior to our Meeting on Wednesday with Pizza or Sub sandwiches each night of class. More about that in the Fall.

Speaking of the fall, when our meetings resume in September, we are planning on offering Advance Piloting and Weather. If we have new members we will also offer Seamanship. Additional classes will be added as the desires of our membership deems. As you now know, if you have given National your email address many things originally sent by US Postal Service will now be done electronically. Specifically that means the items like the Deep 6, our District Newsletter, is via email via Sail Angle. Check out the latest edition for District Rendezvous information. Our own Squadron used to do Rendezvous on Oneida Lake but has not in many years, So why not go. It is great fun, you will meeting many new friends who love boating just the way you do and there will also be some on the water exercises including on the water training. It is being held right on Alex Bay and rooms are available. What a nice Vacation Idea. All brought to you by your United States Power Squadrons, District 6 and Utica Sail and Power Squadron.

Boating is Fun – Let Us Show You How.

Minutes of the Utica Sail & Power Squadron 1 May 2013

Present: L. LaDuc, B. Walrath, D. Schulz, J. Reitinger, C. Welch, R. Walker,
G. Peckingham, R. Gassner, Mitch and Jaime

Call to Order: 1935 - Quorum at start of meeting.

Invocation: D. Schulz dedicated to George Silverman

April Minutes: J. Reitinger read and submitted the April minutes which were accepted with two corrections. J. Reitinger will contact V. Fry for March Minutes

Secretary and Committees:

Bilgewater (D. Woodard): D. Woodard needs timely presentation of material for the publication. J. Reitinger will get him the first draft of the meeting minutes for inclusion in the newsletter.

Treasurer and Committees:

Treasurer's Report (G. Fry): G. Fry not present. He will email report to the Bridge members when complete. The yearly audit has not yet been completed.

Administrative Officer (AO) and Committees

Administrative Officer (C. Welch): Launch Party (5/31) arrangements are being made with the NYS Canal Corp. for the use of the pavilion. We may need to obtain a permit for the use of the pavilion. We can produce a certificate of insurance if one is needed. There is beer left over from the Fall Conference hospitality. Coleen will purchase soda. We will also have the auction that we were unable to have at Founder's Day.

J. Swanson Syracuse Squadron will be presenting the Paddle Smart mini course on June 6. Those interested should contact C. Welch.

Anyone interested in a tour of the Solar Boat Company facility in Rome should contact C. Welch.

Squadron Education Officer (SEO) and Committees:

Education Courses: D. Schulz reported that D. Woodard and E. Webster would again teach the ABC course on June 1st, 4th and 6th. B. Walrath contacted the Maynard Fire Dept. for the fire extinguisher demonstration and is waiting their reply. R. Gassner and L. LaDuc has flares for demonstration purposes. Boats and PWC's will be needed for vessel safety checks. The checks

will be done starting at 11:00 on Saturday, June 1. D. Schulz will be the contact for signing up for the course. The Tuesday and Thursday sessions will be held at Whitesboro High School from 18:30 to 20:30 hours. The cost of the new ABC course book will be \$30.00.

G. Peckingham has three/four students taking USPS Piloting with R. Walker and J. Reitinger assisting.

On Water Training Certification course will be offered at the D6 Rendezvous on July 23 – 26.

Anyone interested should contact D. Schulz.

The Operations Training seminar will be offered in the fall. Anyone interested in classes in Advanced Piloting, Weather, etc. should contact D. Schulz.

Executive Officer (XO) and Committees

Public Relations (B. Walrath): B Walrath has placed announcements for the ABC course in the Utica OD, The Rome Sentinel and WKTV. D. Woodard suggested that notices should be placed in the areas high schools. L. LaDuc will make contact with some area schools to get permission. R. Walker stated that the NYS Parks & Recreation web site lists all the NYS Boating courses throughout the state however we are not listed on this site. B. Walrath will contact them to make sure that our course is listed. D. Schulz stated that our course date is listed on the USPS web site and also the Boat US site.

Miscellaneous Committees: Rules and By Laws. L. LaDuc and D. Schulz need to review our by- laws to make sure they are compliant.

Commander's Report: (L. LaDuc): Linda attended the District 6 Spring Conference on April 5-7 in Ithaca. The Utica Power and Sail Squadron received 3 awards at the conference. The Communication awards were awarded for our website, congratulations to R. Gassner and the Bilgewater, congratulations D. Woodard. Our squadron received a Certificate of Merit for our education courses for the 26th year in a row. Our commander, L. LaDuc received the Squadron Commanders Award a first for our squadron. Congratulations L. LaDuc.

Old Business: G. Peckingham purchased a Lenovo IBM 15.6 lap top computer for \$369.00 to replace our computer that we have been trying to get repaired. B. Walrath will install Microsoft Office 2010. George will install all of the squadron material and the computer will be available for use shortly.

New Business: L. LaDuc and D. Schulz will need to swear in R. Gassner and R. Walker as they were not present at the change of watch.



They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters; these see the works of the Lord, and His wonders in the deep. For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof. Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and He bringeth them out of their distresses. He maketh the storm a calm, so that

the waves thereof are still. Then are they glad because they be quiet; so He bringeth them unto the haven where they would be. Oh that we would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of us all. Let them exalt Him also in the assembly of the people, and praise him in the seat of the elders.

A member of the United States Power Squadrons has embarked on his last voyage. The tides of life have ebbed for a shipmate, and we, his fellow members and friends gather to honor his memory. Lieutenant George Silverman was a valued member of the Utica Power Squadron and District 6 of the United States Power Squadrons.

Now the Supreme Commander has called our shipmate to sail with Him in eternal calm waters, forever free from the storms and tempests of mortal life.

We thank You, Oh loving God, for Your promise that whenever even two or three are gathered in Your name, You are in their midst. As we gather in Your name at this hour we pray that You will make the sustaining power and comfort of Your presence clearly known to each one of us.

Amen



CHECKING THE BILGE

by P/C Dean A. Woodard, P

The Bathtub Test.

During a visit to my doctor, I asked him, "How do you determine whether or not an older person should be put in a Nursing Home?"

"Well," he said, "we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the person to empty the bathtub."

"Oh, I understand," I said. "A normal person would use the Bucket because it is bigger than the spoon or the teacup."

"No" he said. "A normal person would pull the plug. Do you Want a bed near the window?"

One year, I decided to buy my mother-in-law a cemetery plot as a Christmas gift.

The next year, I didn't buy her a gift. When she asked me why, I replied,

"Well, you still haven't used the gift I bought you last year!"

And that's how the fight started...

How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.
Venison for dinner again? Oh deer!
A cartoonist was found dead in his home. De-
tails are sketchy

I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.
Haunted French pancakes give me the crêpes.
England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool .
I tried to catch some fog, but I mist.
They told me I had type-A blood, but it was a Type-O.
I changed my iPod's name to Titanic. It's syncing now.
Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.
I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time.
I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me.
This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.
When chemists die, they barium.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.

I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.
PMS jokes aren't funny; period...
Why were the Indians here first? They had reservations.
We're going on a class trip to the Coca-Cola factory. I hope there's no pop quiz.
I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.
Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?
When you get a bladder infection urine trouble.
Broken pencils are pointless.
What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.
I dropped out of communism class because of lousy Marx.
All the toilets in New York 's police stations have been stolen. The police have nothing to go on.
I got a job at a bakery because I kneaded dough.

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LAUNCH PARTY

THIS Years LAUNCH PARTY WILL BE HELD ON 31 MAY 2013, AT LOCK 20. AS USUAL, IT WILL BE \$5.00 PER PERSON AND PLEASE BRING A DISH TO PASS. BEER AND SODA WILL BE PROVIDED, BUT IF YOU HAVE A FAVORITE LIBATION, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO BRING IT ALONG AS WELL.

SINCE WE WERE NOT ABLE TO HOLD OUR FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATION DUE TO BAD WEATHER, **WE WILL BE CONDUCTING OUR AUCTION AT THE LAUNCH PARTY** CELEBRATION. SO, TAKE A LOOK IN YOUR STASH OF NAUTICAL SUPPLIES AND SEE IF THERE IS ANYTHING THAT YOU ARE WILLING TO PART WITH AND BRING IT ALONG FOR AUCTION. ALSO, MAKE SURE YOU HAVE A LITTLE EXTRA CHANGE IN YOUR POCKET IN CASE SOMEONE ELSE BRINGS SOMETHING THAT YOU JUST CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT! REMEMBER, THE SALE BENEFITS YOUR SQUADRON. HOPEFULLY, DEAN AND ELLEN WILL BE ON HAND TO DO THEIR USUAL OUTSTANDING JOB AS AUCTIONEERS.

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