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*Sail and Power Boating - America's Boating Club* ®  
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District 6

## SQUADRON EVENTS

### LAUNCH PARTY

THE LAUNCH PARTY WILL BE ON FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2013, 5 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.

Remember the **Commander's Choice Award**. One dish will be chosen by the commander and we will ask for the recipe to be printed in the Bilgewater. So if you make something that is new or different, be ready to give us the recipe.

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Do you have some old flares that are out of date?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, May 31, at Lock 20 Park. All are welcome to come, help out or just take part starting at 12 noon. VSC will be offered. Tell all of your friends and neighbors.

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# COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Commander Linda S. LaDuc, AP



Well, after our long, very cold and seemingly endless winter, I think that spring has finally arrived. During this cold and wet weather I somehow managed to wash, wax and paint the boat and last weekend Whisper ended up in the water. There were no other boats ready to go in last Friday and the Travel-Lift was quiet. When I approached our marina owner, Geordie Magee and asked when he was planning on putting boats in, his quick retort was, "are you ready, we can do it right now. I will get the guys!" *Right now* to Geordie usually means an hour ago, so I told him I just had to connect the batteries and then hustled up the ladder to the boat to do just that. Fortunately, one of my fellow sailors came aboard to attach the dock lines and fenders and in a few minutes I was indeed, ready to go! Watching the boat settle gently in the water (and stay afloat) is always a gratifying feeling—it is the best she'll look all summer—all spit and polished! Shortly after there was not a sweeter sound to me than that of our old faithful 10 horsepower diesel, starting up on the first crank of the switch! There is always some project or other to do on a boat but to me it always seems less like work once that boat is in the water.

Getting back to the weather, we are certainly hoping for a nice warm and sunny evening for our Launch Party to be held at Lock 20 on 30 May. Remember that we are also having our auction that night so be sure to dig something out of your stash of nautical items—it can even be something that you purchased in years past that you now realize you did not need in the first place! We are looking forward to having P/C Dean Woodard, P, and P/C Ellen Webster, SN, as our auctioneers once again.

There is just one more thing I want to mention and that is a thank you to all of our Bridge members and officers who are pulling double duty, holding more than one office and volunteering to help out in any way they can. Hopefully, we can get some other folks interested to take some of the pressure off you but please know that your efforts are greatly appreciated!

# SEO REPORT

By P/D/C David Schulz, AP



During our last Squadron meeting a discussion was held concerning the offering of courses such as Seamanship, Piloting, Advanced Piloting, Junior Navigation and Navigation. Included in the discussion was the offering of the “elective Courses such as Weather, Engine Maintenance, Marine Electronics, Cruise Planning and Sailing. Then there are the seminars, USPS University Courses and the On the Water Training Series.

It was decided that perhaps we should hold off on advancing 3 member students in light of the fact that we have 5 new members and the very real possibility of being lucky enough to recruit new members from our upcoming ABC<sup>3</sup> Class. Then in September we can begin by offering Seamanship then Piloting – then together with the 3 new Piloting students offer Advance Piloting and continue from there. In the meantime the 3 AP students in waiting can tackle Engine Maint., etc. to keep their rhythm. Seminars can be offered on demand. Just let us know your desires.

Swiftwater Sail and Power Squadron together with other Squadrons in the Buffalo area regularly navigate in waters that flow in both USA and Canadian waters. Regulations concerning navigating in Canadian Waters, especially since 9-11, have been in a state of “flux” thus changing and often seemingly day by day. In the Buffalo area anglers can drift into and out of Canadian and USA waters without realizing. Most anglers have dual fishing licences. Adding to this scene is the fact that regulations are very different from USA to Canada and Ontario Province. The Squadrons “huddled” with Canadian authorities and obtained information concerning boaters.

While those of us the boat in local waters could care less about the Canadian regulations there are a few of us that boat on Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River. The following informational data are supplied for those of us who may just venture into foreign waters.

Transporting Alcohol by Boat in Canadian Waters.

<http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/travel-voyage/ifvc-rpvc-eng.html>

Canadian Boating Equipment (including Flare Guns) Regulations.

<https://www.tc.gc.ca/publications/EN/TP511/PDF/HR/TP511E.pdf>

If a vessel is “drifting” and this results in it crossing into Canada and back, do they need to call in?

<http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/media/facts-faits/096-eng.html>

Private boaters that are strictly weaving in and out of Canadian waters but are not in transit, are required to call the TRC only once at the time of their initial entry into Canadian waters. If this activity changes, i.e., the vessel docks in Canada or takes on new persons or goods while in foreign waters, the boaters must report to a CBSA calling the TRC at 1-888-226-7277 from their cellular telephones.

See yall at LAUNCH PARTY and ABC<sup>3</sup>.

Dave



Chunky White Chicken? Actually, it is a Willow Ptarmigan, state bird of Alaska and native to the Arctic and tundra of northern Canada. We did not have to go there to see this plump little bird, however. As we turned onto the S. Shore Road Extension of Pt. Peninsula on Lake Ontario heading to our cottage, we spotted a number of cars and wondered what was going on. We found out later that day when neighbors stated that this Willow Ptarmigan was right there down the road munching on the willow tree on which it was perched! We naturally had to go see it and discovered bird watchers from around New York State had driven hundreds of miles to catch a glimpse. We watched as it ripped apart small branches from the tree, part of its regular diet. The story goes that this breed of bird has not been seen in New York State since 1876 and is only the 4<sup>th</sup> sighting recorded in the State. That information is word-of-mouth, so I am not sure how factual it is. When we left the cottage to come home two days later we stopped and found it taking a rest on the shore.

The next weekend, however, we discovered the bird again—right out in front of our cottage—unfortunately, not knowing it was there, we frightened it with the sound of the lawn mower and it flew away. Later that evening though, we walked the shore and in front of the cottage of one of our neighbors, there was the bird again, resting on a bed of zebra mussels. The most interesting feature of this “little fellow” is, of course, its’ all white winter feathers, right down to its claws. We did not see “Chunky” this past weekend, so hopefully it had stocked up on enough willow food to begin its trek back home. Good luck little fellow—we hope you make it!

\*\*Factual information from NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC: Birds of North America

Linda

## CARBON MONOXIDE, A SILENT KILLER

Even though boaters are normally out on the open water, carbon monoxide still poses a significant threat. This odorless and colorless gas is extremely poisonous and was almost fatal on a recent boating trip. We had twelve boats cruising lazily down the Florida Intra-coastal. Suddenly, the boat in front of us started to weave side to side. Shortly after, it swerved hard to starboard and headed toward the shoals.

The captain didn't answer my hail, and when I pulled alongside, we found him lying on the deck with his wife trying to revive him. In short, he had been overcome by carbon monoxide resulting in a partial loss of consciousness. We were able to get him to his feet and into a fresh breeze, which brought him around with only a headache.

In retrospect, his boat was a virtual trap for carbon monoxide. He was traveling slowly with a following wind, and all the side curtains were up. The exhaust fumes blew back into the cockpit area which trapped and held the fumes.

Every boater should be aware of the sources of carbon monoxide and how to prevent the accumulation of fumes. Your generator and engine exhaust manifolds must be tight and sealed with good gaskets. Incredibly, charcoal grills have been the source of carbon monoxide poisonings as have other galley appliances. For boats with a cabin it is a good idea to purchase and install carbon monoxide detectors.

A generator presents an insidious threat. Generator exhaust can be deadly when you are asleep and unaware of your symptoms. For this reason, it is particularly important that the generator exhaust system is tight and properly vented.

There has been a lot of publicity over carbon monoxide tragedies with houseboats on the lakes of the Midwest. Swimmers would gather near the swim platform or under the catamaran type hull, and then be overcome from trapped engine or generator fumes. These incidents have caused a new set of regulations regarding hull design on newer houseboats.

The early symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning may include headache and a blue cast to lips or fingernails. As exposure time lengthens, victims experience dizziness, emotional episodes, confusion and ultimately a loss of consciousness. If the symptoms are caught early, oxygen is the best antidote. Get the victim into fresh air and with a little luck they will clear their systems with only a little headache. If a person does not respond rapidly, get them to a hospital as soon as possible.

Carbon monoxide poisoning is well covered in the United States Power Squadrons ABC Boating Class, in a chapter called, "Boating Under Adverse Conditions". This chapter is only one of the eleven chapters in the entire course. To become a truly safe and knowledgeable boater I encourage you to sign up for the next set of classes. It will make you a better boater and may well save someone's life.

Contact your local unit of the United States Power Squadrons® or the national web site at [www.usps.org](http://www.usps.org).

The members of the United States Power Squadrons always remind us: "Boating is fun...we'll show you how!"

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# CHECKING THE BILGE

by P/C Dean A. Woodard, P

The National Institutes of Health has just released the results of a \$200 million research study completed under a grant to Johns Hopkins. The new study has found that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than the men who mention it.

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**Red Jacket** is inviting USPS members and especially D6 member to become Associate Members of Red Jacket Power Squadron. It does not cost anything and there is no catch. All you do is provide the information below and send it (e-mail) to either of the two designated persons listed at the bottom. You can fill out the attached or just fill in the information below.

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An elderly woman went to the service counter and told the clerk she wanted a refund for the toaster she bought because it won't work. The clerk told her that he can't give her a refund because she bought it on special.

**Suddenly, the woman threw her arms up in the air and started screaming,**

**'PINCH MY NIPPLES,  
PINCH MY NIPPLES,  
PINCH MY NIPPLES!!!!!!'**

**The befuddled clerk ran away to get the store manager in front of a growing crowd of customers.**

**The manager comes to the woman and asks, 'Ma'am what's wrong?'**

**She explains the problem with the toaster, and he also tells her that he can't give her a refund because she bought it on special.**

**Once again, the woman throws her arms up in the air and screams,**

**'PINCH MY NIPPLES,  
PINCH MY NIPPLES,  
PINCH MY NIPPLES!!!'**

**Which begins to draw an even bigger crowd!**

**In shock, the store manager pleads, 'Ma'am, why are you saying that?'**

**In a huff, the woman says,**

**'BECAUSE, I LIKE TO HAVE MY NIPPLES  
PINCHED WHEN I'M BEING SCREWED !!'**

**The crowd broke into applause and her money was quickly refunded!!**

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