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District 6



## **SQUADRON CHRISTMAS PARTY**



**Wednesday November  
30, 2011. 6:00 PM**

**Aquino's Family**

**Restaurant**

**910 Floyd Ave,**

**\$20 per person**

**Salads**

Garden Salad

Broccoli Salad

**Entrees**

Lemon Chicken Bianco with greens (mild)

Roast Pork with Honey Citrus Sauce

Pasta

Ziti with Marinara Sauce

**Sides**

Garlic Mashed Potatoes Garlic Bread

**Dessert**

Mini Puffs and Cannolies - Coffee/Tea

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# COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

by Cdr Bryan E. Walrath, JN



Hi everyone,

Our education officer Dave Schultz has scheduled an ABC, American Boating Class for November 10, 17 and Dec 1 and 8 to be taught by Dean and Ellen at Whitesboro High School. Our PR officer, George Silverman provided advertisements to the newspapers. We plan to follow this up with Seamanship in January.

I have reserved Aquino's Restaurant for Nov 30 for our Christmas Party. It will be the same menu as last year and at the same price, \$20. We are asking that you make reservations with Colleen.

Our 12<sup>th</sup> Night party brunch will be at the Lake Delta Inn on January 8, 2012, 11 am. We were very lucky to have a choice of programs to consider. Initially we kicked around the idea of providing a program on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lake Delta Dam. This was good but there was a bit of overlap with last year's program. And then Dave Hinman offered to do a program on the Rideau Canal. I liked this. Our best programs are by our members. Dave showed me some of his photos of his adventures and they are gorgeous. Dave also pointed out that the Rideau is in our backyard and there are even numerous boat rentals along the canal. Something we may want to consider, hay.

Just a reminder, the Fall D/6 conference will be November 11-13 at Auburn, NY

We will set plans in the spring, when the boating season starts up again, to renew and gain new advertisers for the Bilgewater.

Bryan

# SEO REPORT

*By P/DC David Schulz, AP*



Education Department

We are off to a better start with ABC3 starting 10 NOV 2011. We have, so far, registered 5 from the article in The Utica OD and 1 from the internet. This class will end 8 DEC 2011. We anticipate starting Seaman-ship in January 2012.

We are somewhat dismayed that no one seems to want to come forward to ask for a class. So we will resort to the phones and talk with you. We have teachers and we are also linking with Syracuse Power Squadron so we can offer any USPS course you would like to take.

We have been notified by National that United States Coast Guard Auxiliary has requested the use and access to all of our courses. When requested by USCGA, we will be selling the courses for the same price that members of USPS pay for the course. Apropos of that, our Commander has been trying to locate members of the local USPS Flotilla to invite their members to our activities as well as our courses. Incidentally, USCGA and USCG teach public boating safety classes using the same ABC3 book and material as we (USPS) do.

Enclosed with this article is the list of course material books available for you to buy. Just call us as suggested and we will arrange pickup for you.

You are also welcome to attend ABC3 to freshen up your basic boating knowledge. Classes will be 10 & 17 NOV and 1 & 8 DEC at 1830 – 2030, in Whitesboro Sr. High School. In addition you will be brought up to date on New York State and federal boating laws. Cost of ABC3 is as listed - \$30.00.

As usual, call us with questions or requests for courses.

Dave Schulz

Squadron Education Officer

***(See page 5 for inventory list)***

## **BUDGETING FOR UTICA SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON**

**By Gerry Fry, Treasurer**

Leverage is the use of credit or borrowing to finance the purchase of some asset. Most of us leverage our homes and cars but we do so knowing the risk involved in borrowing. Fortunately we cannot finance our needs to run USPS by borrowing. So where does the money come from and how do we spend it?

We are in the process of building a budget for USPS for 2012. Revenue from dues is \$7.00 per member so we raise about \$350 with current membership. Our savings only yield \$10. Ship store sales and sale of books bring in about \$1400. Raffles and auctions yield \$150. Bilgewater advertising gathers \$250. We might make a profit of \$50 on party meal sales but sometimes we lose on this item.

Expenses planned for 2012 add up to \$3080. A little quick math shows that revenues of \$2210 listed above do not support the spending of \$3080. This year we had a donation of \$1000 in memory of deceased members. Perhaps next year we could pick up \$500 from a few generous members. We do not want to raise dues but some donations will help. A good ABC3 class this fall and some non members in the Seamanship class next spring may gain us another \$60 or \$70. We really need to recommend USPS to our boating friends. We also need to attend squadron party events and enjoy the social interaction as well as support the auction and raffles.

So what do we need the money for? At the top of the budget model (created by national) is district conference expenses. We have a policy that offers payment for the Commander's room at fall and spring conference. Attendance at these conferences is very important for our officers. Some Commanders have donated this expense but they deserve the money. We send squadron checks to pay for member rooms at the conferences so sales taxes can be avoided but this money is paid to the squadron by the member. A hospitality room at the conferences cost about \$80 per year.

Our Change of Watch costs us for meals and gift for the district representative. Party decorations and a gift for the retiring Commander must also be considered. Stationery, duplicating and postage are expenses that have been donated by generous members in the past but we can't always count on these donations. Postage for the Bilgewater has cost about \$200 per year while paper costs can also add up if not donated. Our web page server costs about \$120 per year. The income from book sales is offset by the cost of the books plus shipping. We try to cover the cost of instructor's manuals with book sales revenue.

Could we cut some of these expenses? Sure, but not without the risk of making USPS a much less desirable experience. In addition, those members who volunteer to be officers deserve some recognition and thanks. Many of you know that being Commander can be a very time consuming role. Our educational program and public service role make everything rewarding and worthwhile.

I am sure that we have all been members of organizations that experienced the same budgeting goals and limitations. Dedicated members find ways to make their organization enjoyable, rewarding and affordable. We are trying very hard to keep USPS a desirable club for you.

**UTICA SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON**  
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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**.



## CHECKING THE BILGE

by P/C Dean A. Woodward, P

A young executive was leaving the office one afternoon when he found the CEO standing in front of a shredder with a piece of paper in his hand.

"Listen" said the CEO, "this is a very important document here, and my secretary has gone for the night. Can you help make this thing work for me?"

"Certainly," said the young executive. He turned on the machine, inserted the paper and pressed the start button.

"Excellent, excellent!" said the CEO, as the paper disappeared inside the machine. "I just need one copy.."

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Doctor Ricciardi who was known for miraculous cures for arthritis had a waiting room full of people when a little old lady, completely bent over in half, shuffled in slowly, leaning on her cane. When her turn came, she went into the doctor's office, and, amazingly, emerged within half an hour walking completely erect with her head held high.

A woman in the waiting room who had seen all this walked up to the little old lady and said, "It's a miracle! You walked in bent in half and now you're walking erect. What did that doctor do?"

She answered, "Miracle, shmiracl.. He gave me a longer cane"

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An old Marine Pilot sat down at the Starbucks, still wearing his old USMC flight suit and leather jacket and ordered a cup of coffee.

As he sat sipping his coffee, a young woman sat down next to him. She turned to the pilot and asked, 'Are you a real pilot?'

He replied, 'Well, I've spent my whole life flying planes, first Stearmans, then the early Grumman.... flew a Wildcat and Corsair in WWII, and later in the Korean conflict, Banshees and Cougars. I've taught more than 260 people to fly and given rides to hundreds, so I guess I am a pilot, and you, what are you?'

She said, 'I'm a lesbian. I spend my whole day thinking about naked women. As soon as I get up in the morning, I think about naked women. When I shower, I think about naked women. When I watch TV, I think about naked women. It seems everything makes me think of naked women.'

The two sat sipping in silence.

A little while later, a young man sat down on the other side of the old pilot and asked: "are you a real pilot?"

He replied, 'I always thought I was, but I just found out that I'm a lesbian'

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A good ole West Virginia boy won a bass boat in a raffle drawing. He brought it home and his wife looks at him and says, "What you gonna do with that. There ain't no water deep enough to float a boat within 100 miles of here."

He says, "I won it and I'm a gonna keep it."

His brother came over to visit several days later. He sees the wife and asks where his brother is.

She says, "He's out there in his bass boat", pointing to the field behind the house.

The brother heads out behind the house and sees his brother sitting in a bass boat with a fishing rod in his hand down in the middle of a big field. He yells out to him, "What are you doing?"

His brother replies, "I'm fishin. What does it look like I'm a doing."

His brother yells, "It's people like you that give people from ""West Virginia"" a bad name, makin everybody think we is stupid. If I could swim, I'd come out there and whip your ass!"

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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.

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