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**NEW SQUADRON EVENT
HAUL-OUT PARTY
23 SEPTEMBER 2005**

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DATES TO REMEMBER

HAUL OUT PARTY 23 SEPTEMBER 05
SQUADRON MEETING 5 OCTOBER 05
D/6 FALL CONFERENCE 4 – 6 NOVEMBER
HOTEL UTICA, UTICA, NY

Wow how the summer has flown away! We hope that your summer has been very enjoyable, healthy, and productive. Now is the time to start thinking about buttoning up the boat and the house for the long winter months. Perhaps some of you can get in a few more days of cruising on Oneida Lake, Lake Ontario or wherever you love to use your lovely craft. I hope to do so myself, but the winds are starting to blow colder off the River every day.

So it is time to plan our fall and winter activities. We have a District 6 Council meeting to attend in Batavia on 17 September. This is a planning meeting for the Fall Conference that we will host at the Hotel Utica. Mark your calendar for 4 and 5 November to attend a fun Utica Squadron hospitality room party on Friday night along with visits to other squadron's hospitality rooms. On Saturday, our Ship's Store will be open with many United States Power Squadron goodies. Also on Saturday will be D/6 meetings of interest to all members followed by a dinner with band music for your dancing pleasure. Read all about it in the Deep 6 district newsletter and future Bilgewaters.

Also close to home is our fall Haul-out Party planned for 23 September. Read more about this in a separate article. Also we have a newly revised Piloting course starting on 15 September at Whitesboro High School. Read more in the Squadron Education Officer's Report. And then we have Utica Squadron meetings every month on the first Wednesday at 1930 in the Sear's Oil Company conference room.

Now, you say, "Why should I come to a Utica Power Squadron monthly meeting?"

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COMMANDER
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Well, I say, "Because these planning meetings are very important for the future of our squadron and our programs". We have social programs, educational programs, and civic programs. Most of us have learned a great deal about more enjoyable, more competent, and safer boating in our member courses. Personally, I feel that I must volunteer some time in squadron administration to pay for all I have learned. Quality educational courses that we offer are very valuable and internationally recognized by marine dealers and charter dealers. I realize that not all of our members have the time to become active right now but they can keep it in mind for the future.

To expand on the social programs we only need to look at our calendar of activities that was published in a past Bilgewater and appears in our web page at www.usps.org/localusps/utica. We have some very enjoyable parties including the new Haul-out Party mentioned above. If you haven't attended a party in a while please come. Better yet, help us plan future parties. New ideas and new leadership are always needed!

Civic programs include the Vessel Safety Check and Cooperative Charting programs. As a VSC inspector you board boats with the owner's invitation, and check for required equipment and general safety conditions. This service is voluntary on the part of both owner and inspector, and is designed to simply warn the owner of possible equipment inadequacies and potential safety problems. Cooperative Charting allows you to report to NOAA on locations of geodetic markers, recommended changes on nautical charts, and information about marinas for national publication. These are important civic services of which we can be justly proud.

Hope to see you on the 23rd. at the Sea Shell Inn.

NEW SQUADRON EVENT
HAUL-OUT PARTY 23
SEPTEMBER 2005

Inspired by Past Commander and now District Lt. Commander Dave Schulz, AP we have planned a new fall event in the form of a Haul-out Party. This event will mirror the spring Launch Party but with a more elegant atmosphere. The Sea Shell Inn on Lake Shore Road in Verona Beach will provide a beautiful sunset view of Oneida Lake while serving their usual fine food. Please set aside Friday 23 September 2005 at 1800 to attend this fun party.

You should have already received a phone call from one of our Bridge members to request your choice of menu items. Just to remind you the choices are: Fish Fry either fried or broiled (\$15.00), Chicken Parmigiana (\$18), and Grilled Pork Chops (\$18). All prices include dessert and gratuity. If you were not called or have changed your mind about attending, please call Cdr. Fry at 824-0978.

In memory of Bob Hyde, his wife, TJ has donated two of Bob's favorite boat pictures to the Utica Power Squadron. Colleen Welch has volunteered to reframe and mat a 16" by 20" original watercolor of the USS Constellation by Paul Norton. This lovely picture will be available for raffle at the Haul-out Party. We also have a 25 year membership pin to present and perhaps swear in some new members. The program will not be long so that we can spend more time socializing and catching up on summer adventures.

The Sea Shell Inn is on Lake Shore Road which runs along the shore parallel to Rt. 13. Note that the north end of Lake Shore Road is reached by turning off Rt. 13 into the entrance of Verona Beach State Park and then a quick left turn onto Lake Shore just before the park gate. The south end of the road is found just north of the Oneida Creek Bridge.

CANAL SPEED LIMITS

In an effort to keep everyone informed of changes in law, we publish sections of the changes in the Navigation Laws of New York as they apply to speed on the canal. For the full text go to the Canal Corporation's web page. You will find a link on www.usps.org/localusps/utica

Dug Sections: 10 MPH

River Sections: 45 MPH

(Dug sections include land or rock cuts, river sections are buoyed channels in the river.) On the section of the Canal, when within 100 feet of a dock, pier, raft or another vessel which is either anchored or moored, vessels must come to a no wake speed of 5 MPH. (On lake sections of the Canal, vessels must come to a no wake speed of 5 MPH within 100 feet of the shorelines as well.) To do so, a vessel must first stop all forward progress, and then slowly speed up to 5 MPH while proceeding through the zone. *(Above from a hand out distributed this summer at locks.)*

§ 151.17 15 Speed on canals. [In the canal channels the speed limit of floats shall not exceed six miles per hour, except in canalized rivers and lakes. In canalized rivers and lakes the limit of speed shall depend upon the conditions of traffic. So far as may be practicable, the rates of speed will be indicated for the various sections at each lock and in no event shall such rates of speed be exceeded. Any person violating this section shall be subject to a penalty of not to exceed \$100 for each offense and the float involved in the violation may be refused passage through any lock or lift bridge on the canal system for a period of not less than three hours and not more than 24 hours by the lock or bridge official at which the float first appears following such violation.]

Every operator of a float is responsible for the wake of that float. In dug sections of the canal system, float speed shall not exceed ten miles per hour, except within 100' of a dock, pier, raft, float, anchored or moored, float speed shall not exceed five miles per hour.

§ 151.[18] 16 Speed when passing.

Every float, when passing any float underway or while passing a moored float, shall slow down to a speed and exercise proper control so as to prevent damage to such other floats. Any person violating this section shall be subject to a penalty not to exceed \$100 for each offense.

§ 151.[20] 18 Preference of floats in passing.

(a) Floats in passing shall be governed by the whistle signals as prescribed in the Inland Navigation Rules,* as published and amended by the United States Coast Guard.

(b) When in a navigable channel, every float shall, when it is safe and practicable, keep to that side of the channel which lies on the starboard side of such float.

(c) When approaching or exiting a lock, no float within 1,000 feet of the lock shall pass another float. (d) Any [person] operator of a float violating this section shall be subject to a penalty [of] not to exceed \$100 for each offense.

From The SEO

Lt/C Victoria Fry, JN



Subject: UPDATE ON PASSPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR TRAVEL

Passports will still be required, but implementation dates have been revised and extended.

When will the Travel Initiative be implemented?

In the proposed implementation plan, which is subject to a period of initial public comment, the Initiative will be rolled out in phases, providing as much advance notice as possible to the affected public to enable them to meet the terms of the new guidelines. The proposed timeline will be as follows:

- **December 31, 2006** – Requirement applied to all air and sea travel to or from Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, the Caribbean, and Bermuda.
- **December 31, 2007** – Requirement extended to all land border crossings as well as air and sea travel.
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I thought there was an additional phase to be implemented on December 31, 2005. Is this a change?

In April 2005, the Departments of State (DOS) and Homeland Security (DHS) announced a proposed plan to be implemented in three phases beginning on December 31, 2005 for the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative. After further review and considering the delay in publishing the public notice in the Federal Register, DOS and DHS recognized that implementing the December 31, 2005, phase would be problematic for travelers during the upcoming winter tourism season. This change will simplify the implementation and provide a longer lead-time for travelers to come into compliance with the requirements.

How do I get a passport?

United States citizens can visit the State Department's travel website www.travel.state.gov, or call the U.S. National Passport Information Center: 1-877-4USA-PPT; TDD/TTY: 1-888-874-7793.

You should allow yourself a sufficient amount of time to apply and receive your passport in advance of travel. Please allow 6 weeks for processing of your passport application if you apply from inside the U. S. If you need to travel urgently and require a passport sooner, please visit <http://www.travel.state.gov> for additional information. Overseas passport processing times vary; you should contact the closest U. S. Embassy or Consulate for specific information. Peak domestic passport processing is between January and July. For faster service, we recommend applying between August and December. Foreign nationals should contact their respective governments to obtain passports.

Will this requirement apply to travel between the United States and Puerto Rico or the U.S. Virgin Islands?

The Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative will not affect travel between the United States and its territories. U.S. citizens traveling between the United States, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa will continue to be able to use established forms of identification to board flights and for entry.

If traveling outside the United States or a U.S. territory, a passport or other secure document will be required. For example, a person may travel to and from the United States to the U.S. Virgin Islands without a passport or other secure document, but under proposed regulations, a passport or other secure document would be required to re-enter the U.S. Virgin Islands from the British Virgin Islands or another country as of December 31, 2006.



CHECKING THE BILGE

P/C Dean A. Woodard

Have you noticed a slight difference in fuel costs? I replaced the gage on my boat with the one below. One wonders what next summer will bring. It is about time we all take to wind power!



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The D/6 Fall Conference to be held on 4-6 November 05 will be hosted at the Hotel Utica by the Utica Power Squadron.

To sign up for meals contact our P/C Rick Gassner, JN. Rick has set up a fine form on the squadron web page at www.usps.org/localusps/utica.

The general chair for the event is P/C Dave Schulz, AP. You may want to contact Dave and offer him your help.

All details will be in the Deep 6 in the near future and available at the D/6 Fall Council meeting in Batavia of 17 September 2006.

HATS, SHIRTS AND OTHER GOOD STUFF

Our Executive Officer, Lt/C George Peckingham, P, has done an outstanding job of finding, designing and having a supply of really nice squadron hats and shirts made for our members. The hats are really high quality as are the shirts. Shirts are in men's and women's style.

Please plan to buy your hat and shirt from George at any squadron event. Can't wait? You may contact George at 315-831-2170 e-mail address: duke_peck@msn.com

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BABY BOOMERS

It was fun being a baby boomer...till now. Some of the artists of the '60's are revising their hits with new lyrics to accommodate aging baby boomers.

They include:

The Bee Gees - How Can You Mend a Broken Hip

Bobby Darin - Splish, Splash, I Was Havin' a Flash

Ringo Starr - I Get By With a Little Help from Depends

Roberta Flack - The First Time Ever I Forgot Your Face

Johnny Nash - I Can't See Clearly Now

Paul Simon - Fifty Ways to Lose Your Liver

Commodores - Once, Twice, Three Times to the Bathroom

Procol Harem - A Whiter Shade of Hair

Leo Sayer - You Make Me Feel Like Napping

Temptations - Papa's Got a Kidney Stone

Abba - Denture Queen

Tony Orlando - Knock 3 Times on the Ceiling if you Hear Me Fall

Helen Reddy - I am Woman, Hear me Snore

Willie Nelson - On the Throne Again

Leslie Gore - It's My Procedure and I'll Cry if I Want To

If you don't like these or you (please) have something to contribute - send it to the **BILGEWATER** for next time. *daw*

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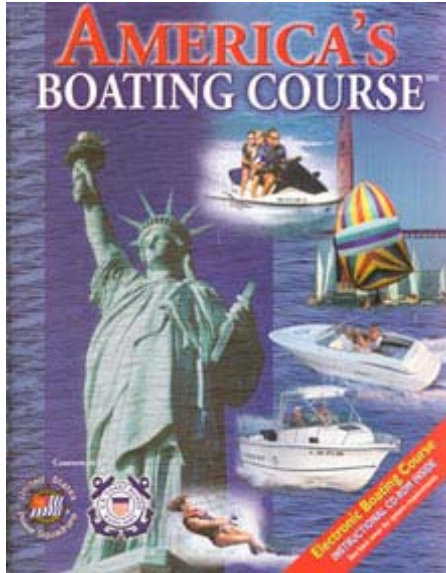
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