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District 6

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## **WE DID IT!!!**

### **WE ARE NOW LEGALLY**

## **THE UTICA SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON INC.**

The Utica Power Squadron is now officially the Utica Sail and Power Squadron. Legal papers have been filed in Albany to make it all official. P/C Franklin D'Aurizio P of the Rochester Power Squadron handled the legal work for no charge. Some of you may remember Frank from D/6 Council and Conference meetings. He came to Utica for the Change of Watch dinner in March of 2005 with his wife P/D/C Mary Joyce D'Aurizio P.

Frank has been very active in the Rochester squadron for two decades. He led their membership recruitment efforts with very positive results. He also led the efforts and development of a Sea Scout flotilla under Rochester squadron sponsorship. Always quiet and unassuming, Frank is very helpful to all squadrons in D/6. His contributions to Utica Sail and Power Squadron are very much respected and appreciated.

Some folks may be wondering why we changed our name. We all know the history of the United States Power Squadrons with several power boats heading out into dangerous waters to rescue a group of sailing yachts. Power boats were new at the time and not readily accepted in yachting circles. Those power boaters formed their own association that we know as the United States Power Squadrons. Today with both sailing enthusiasts and power boaters represented in our membership, we know that our name must encompass both groups and reflect our membership configuration. All boaters are welcome in our ranks because we all learn from each other. Learning and enjoying safe boating is what our club is all about. Franklin D'Aurizio's example also reminds us that we are about public service in the interest of safe boating.

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# UTICA SAIL & POWER SQUADRON - OFFICERS



## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

by Cdr Gerald R. Fry, JN

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### DATES TO REMEMBER IN '06

**D/6 COUNCIL MEETING 16 SEPTEMBER**

**HAUL OUT PARTY 22 SEPTEMBER**

**BOAT SMART IN ROME START 5 OCT.**

**SEAMANSHIP CLASS START IN OCT.**

**SQUADRON MEETING 4 OCTOBER**

**BILGEWATER DEADLINE 11 OCTOBER**

We are saddened by the death of long time member P/C Stanley Swienton P who passed away late in the week of 4 September 2006. Stan was Commander of the Utica Power Squadron in 1989. I enjoyed speaking with Stan about his boating on the St. Lawrence River with its many shoals and islands. He will be missed.

Starting a message with bad news is not good. However I feel that whenever we lose a respected member, you should all know about it and feel the importance of his/her life and our deep feeling of loss. This feeling includes those folks who may not have died but have still decided to leave our ranks for whatever reason.

On a happier note, Vicky and I had the pleasure of hosting several squadron members at our cottage on the St. Lawrence last July. It was a beautiful day and I believe that all had a very nice time. In August, no one showed any interest in going to the Antique Boat Museum so we cancelled that event. Organizing events is like asking ourselves the question: what do you give the person who has everything? Your ideas will be appreciated.

I am looking forward to the 22 Sept. Haul Out Party. One member will be the recipient of his 25 year membership pin at that party. He doesn't know it yet so I'll keep it a surprise and hope he attends. Other details about this party can be found in this newsletter.

Your squadron is in need of a Public Relations Officer. You do not need to be a good writer for this job because someone else can usually write the information for the public. This job needs a person who is willing to

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# HAUL OUT PARTY 22 SEPTEMBER 2006



*Vivian Selover signs in with Vicky Fry at the Haul Out Party last September. If you missed last year—make it a point not to do that again.*

Following a very enjoyable party last September, the Sea Shell Inn on Lake Shore Road in Verona Beach will again provide a beautiful sunset view of Oneida Lake while serving their usual fine food. Please set aside Friday 22 September 2006 at 1800 to attend this fun party.

You may receive a phone call from one of our Bridge members to request your choice of menu items. In case we miss you, please call Gerry Fry at 824-0978 to record your choice of these menu items. Please choose between Chicken Parmigiana, and Grilled Pork Chops and Fried Sea Scallops. The \$20.00 per person price of all choices includes dessert, coffee and the gratuity. Our dessert will be

another great cake made to order for us.

We have five new members to swear in and award their membership certificates and pins. It would be nice if someone would notify the Commander that a fellow member or spouse has a recent birthday so we can practice our singing skills. Also we have another lovely nautical picture to raffle off. It is a great picture that I would love to win myself. L/C Colleen Welch, P has donated the picture that she has matted and framed herself. Raffle tickets are on sale for \$2.00 each or 6 for \$10.00. You can download six tickets from our web site and pay for them at the party. [www.usps.org/localusps/utica/](http://www.usps.org/localusps/utica/) OR just use the tickets printed on page 4 of this issue of the **BILGEWATER**. ( You will find a 6th ticket printed on page 6. We started to print the 6th ticket on this page until we figured out it wouldn't work. One of the very few errors we have discovered before we printed the issue.) Your support of our education fund by this annual raffle is most appreciated and a real help to your squadron.

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. Just in case you are not familiar with the area, Rt. 13 leaves Rt. 49 and heads south thru Sylvan Beach and Verona Beach crossing Oneida Creek before reaching Rt. 31 and then the Thruway at Canastota. Hope to see you there!

## BoatU.S.

Because of the special arrangement made with BoatU.S. our members are able to pay only one-half of the regular dues of \$19.00 - only \$9.50 per year for our members.

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# From The SEO

By Lt./C Vicky Fry, JN



Now that you have had a most enjoyable summer on the water, we hope, it is time to think about fall courses. We can all improve our boating skills and enjoyment with the USPS advanced grade and elective courses for members.

Advanced Piloting grades finally arrived from national HQ with the good news that five members successfully completed the course. Thanks to instructor P/C Ellen Webster SN and congratulations to Beth Joyal AP, Rick Joyal AP, Frank Newman AP, L/C George Peckingham AP, and Kristine Tilby AP.

Fall courses have started with Engine Maintenance on Tuesdays and Junior Navigation on Thursdays. For answers to any questions about these courses phone Fred Dyer JN and P/C Ellen Webster SN, respectively. Seamanship will start the second week in October at 7:00PM on Thursday night at Whitesboro High School. C Gerry Fry JN will teach the Seamanship course which is brand new and in the testing stage. Being part of the beta test for Seamanship will be great fun because the students will be able to question everything that is printed in the book. Not that they don't do that anyway, mistakes do appear in any book.

P/C Dean Woodard P and Richard Smith P have agreed to offer the Boat Smart class to the public in October. Dates are October 5, 12, 19 and 26 from 6:30PM to 8:30PM. Location is still under discussion but we are trying to have the class in the Rome area. Give Dean a call at 336-1026 for the location. Please pass the word on to all of your friends who may need the course to operate their personal watercraft. Remember 22 states already require this course to legally operate any boat, not just personal watercraft. It will not be many years before all boaters will need a boating safety course. Also please remember, our courses are our biggest draw for new membership.

The new creation of United States Power Squadrons called USPS University is getting under way. On 16 September at D/6 Council meeting, we expect to hear a great deal about this opportunity and challenge. It is an opportunity because it will allow any member to become certified by USPS for competence in Inland, Coastal, Near Coastal, and Offshore boating. These certificates will support claims of competence when you want to charter a vessel in foreign ports. Our current courses will count toward certificate requirements as will some new seminars being developed, and on the water testing. The challenge to every squadron will be to develop instructors to teach the courses and seminars. There is an ongoing need for new instructors every year.

Four new seminars were just announced with books and Power Point CD's available now. They include the GPS Seminar, VHF/DSC Seminar, Chart Use Seminar, and Weather Seminar. We can offer these seminars to the public and our members as soon as we develop instructors. Instructor training will be available from the District Education Officers in the near future. We will keep you informed. Keep smiling and remember that lifelong learning is a great source of satisfaction.

## Commander from page 2

talk to some of our media contacts and build a relationship with them. Making the initial contacts may take some time but after that the PRO job should be easy. We know who the media people are and who they work for. Our problem is to get those media people to get the name of Utica Sail and Power Squadron in front of the public. At this time most of our contacts for Boat Smart classes and membership are made through word of mouth and through our excellent web page. This exposure is not enough to insure adequate contact with the public. Please let me know if you may be interested in this job.

Well I have to go and read my Engine Maintenance book so I can get our boat ready for winter. This morning it feels as though we have gone directly from summer to winter. Where has the nice September weather gone? Perhaps it's just me who is less tolerant of the cold mornings. How about you?



## CHECKING THE BILGE

by P/C Dean A. Woodard

**ABSOLUTELY TRUE STORY  
HEARD ON A WISCONSIN RADIO  
STATION REPORTING THE INCIDENT.**

A guy buys a new Lincoln Navigator for \$42,500.00 (with monthly payments of \$560.00). He and a friend go duck hunting in mid-winter; and of course all of the lakes are frozen.

These two guys go on a lake with their GUNS, a DOG, and of course the new NAVIGATOR.

They decide they want to make a natural looking water area for the ducks, something for the decoys to float on. Now making a hole in the ice large enough to invite a passing duck, is going to take a little more power than the average drill auger can produce. So, out of the back of the new Navigator comes a stick of dynamite with a short 40 second-fuse.

Now our two Rocket Scientists, afraid they might slip on the ice while trying to run away after lighting the fuse (and becoming toast, along with the Navigator), decide on the following course of action: they light the 40 second fuse; then, with a mighty thrust, they throw the stick of dynamite as far away as possible.

Remember a couple of paragraphs back when I mentioned the NAVIGATOR, the GUNS, and the DOG...???

Let's talk about the dog: A highly trained Black Lab used for RETRIEVING. Especially things thrown by the owner You guessed it: the dog takes off across the ice at a high rate of speed and grabs the stick of dynamite, with the burning 40-second fuse, just as it hits the ice. The two men swallow, blink, start waving their arms and, with veins in their necks swelling to resemble stalks of rhubarb, scream and holler at the dog to stop.

The dog, now apparently cheered on by his master, keeps coming. One hunter panics, grabs the shotgun and shoots the dog. The shotgun is loaded with #8 bird shot, hardly big enough to stop a Black Lab. The dog stops for a moment, slightly confused then continues on.



This time the dog, still standing, becomes really confused and of course terrified, thinks these two geniuses have gone insane. The dog takes off to find cover, under the brand new Navigator.

The men continue to scream as they run. The red hot exhaust pipe on the truck touches the dogs rear end, he yelps, drops the dynamite under the truck and takes off after his master. Then ""BOOOOOOOOOM""!!!! The truck is blown to bits and sinks to the bottom of the lake, leaving the two idiots standing there with..."I can't believe this just happened" looks on their faces.

The insurance company says that sinking a vehicle in a lake by illegal use of explosives is NOT COVERED by the policy. He still had yet to make the first of those \$560.00 a month payments...The dog is ok.

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It's been a real nice summer for the few of us who don't work and can enjoy a summer with out having to condense our activities into the weekends. Things got to looking great and the grass was heading toward the sky until Kathy came home on Friday afternoon; then the rain started. Oh well, what can I say? How about "that's life in central NY". At least we don't seem to have quacking earth or hurricanes, at least so far.

See you at the Haul Out Party at the Sea Shell Inn. We had a great time last year. The food and program were outstanding. Thanks to Gerry for establishing or re-establishing this fall event. I understand we have had such an event in the past; it's about time we started them again.

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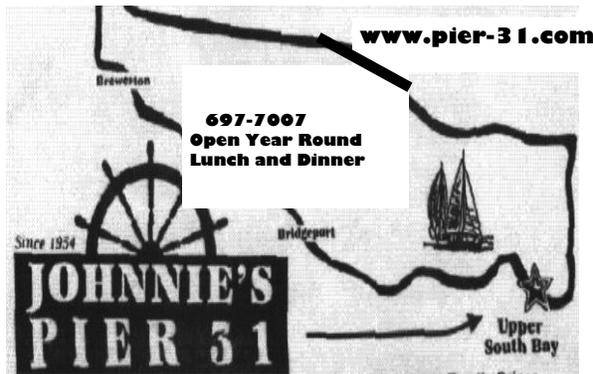
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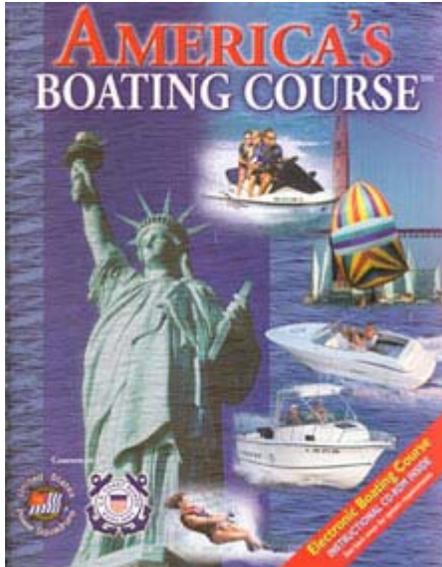
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