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District 6

HAUL OUT PARTY

It's that time again! The Haul Out Party this year will be held on Saturday, October 15th at The Sea Shell Waterfront Restaurant in Verona Beach. We will meet at 5:00 for cash bar with dinner following at 5:30. Our dinner choices will be Chicken Riggies, Chicken Parmesan, Char grilled Pork Chops and Baked Haddock Oreganato and the cost will be \$20 for dinner and coffee.

As a change, attendees are asked to complete the form. **on page 4**, with their names and dinner choices and mail back with a check. The deadline for reservations will be October 1st as the restaurant needs a count by then. Currently we understand that there will be no refund for 'no-shows'. Mail reservations to: Colleen Welch at 1605 Holland Ave, Utica, NY, 13501.

This year both the Oneida Lake Sailing Club and the Syracuse Sail & Power Squadron have been invited to join our party. Hopefully we will have an opportunity to meet others that have the same interest! As usual there will be a framed sailing print for raffle and possibly a review of the information gained at the District 6 fall council meeting about the Mariner's Compass.

Our fearless commander Bryan has contacted the founder of Float-tech who makes a unique type of PFD and hopefully he will be there to demonstrate the products.

So send back your dinner choices as soon as possible so you don't miss out!
See you there!

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

by Cdr Bryan E. Walrath, JN



Hi everyone,

Your Bridge is setting course for the fall, winter, and spring. Here are our initial plans. First we will have an ABC3 class on October 6, 15, 20, and 27th at the Oneida County Cooperative Extension Center in Oriskany. We will follow this up with the Seamanship in November.

We discussed the possibility of inviting other groups to our Haul Out Party of Oct 15. I have sent invites to the Oneida Lake Sailing Club and the Syracuse Power Squadron.

I had previously suggested that we incorporate a seminar into our meeting, where each month a different member covers a different topic. We will meet to discuss seminars and making our meeting go faster. Our budget committee will also be meeting.

There is a district6 fall council, Sept 23-24, at Geneva. On Saturday there will be officer training in the morning and in the afternoon there will be a Mariner's Compass seminar. It's part of the requirements for BOC Coastal Navigator certification, but it's really great information for any boater. We will learn and bring the information back to our squadron. The Fall D/6 conference will be November 11-13 at Auburn, NY

Last spring we went to paddle fest at Old Forge and the Trailblazer event at Camp Russell. It was exposure. I have also dropped off tri-folds at numerous marinas, stores, and restaurants.

If you would like to receive the Bilgewater via email, let us know. Let's face it, email is the way and so is sail angle.

Bryan

Dear Dean,

I've been meaning to write for some time, and seeing Harry Winberg's article about Tom Sears in the April *Bilgewater* made me take the time to do it.

First, I commend Harry for a fine article. Everything he said are things I would have said of Tom too. I recall when I was about to become the Commander of Utica PS, I sat down with Tom in his office (in late 1985 or early 1986) and told him I wanted him to be the treasurer during my watch (1986-87). I promised him it would not be a long term commitment, just for the duration of my watch. Well, here it is more than 25 years later - and all I can say that is real commitment.

I was saddened to read Tom's article listing those who are no longer among us. I had been notified when Earl Selover passed away, but I did not know about the others. I knew them all, many were close friends. I have tried to keep up with Utica's activities by reading the *Bilgewater* from time to time - Your web site is bookmarked in my Power Squadron files.

Please extend my greetings to the entire Squadron. Since moving to Virginia in the fall of 1986, I have been commander of the Mobjack Bay Power Squadron (now known as the Rappahannock Sail and Power Squadron), and several years ago help found and became a charter member of the Northern Neck Sail and Power Squadron, serving the four Virginia counties between the Potomac and Rappahannock Rivers. I was its first secretary/treasurer, and then a couple of years ago became the secretary for a second time. I just learned my name is being proposed for the role of Commander for the 2012-2013 year.

The biggest news is ... I FINALLY PASSED JN! I started it in 1985 with Dave Kobernuss as the instructor, started it again when I was in the Mobjack Bay Squadron, and finally last winter got through it and passed the test in March. I'm just finishing up Cruise Planning and have started N. That leaves only Engine Maintenance for my full certificate, a goal I have set and dedicated to my education mentor, Earl Selover. I have become a certified instructor for both USPS and for the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. Their course is similar to ours, and all of our instructors here are also USPS members, so we teach for both.



I still have the BO-KA III, the Cal 34 that I sailed on the St. Lawrence. But now I keep her at my dock where she's very handy. A photo is attached of me aboard in our creek, just about 10 miles upriver from the Chesapeake Bay. Also I've just published the 21st edition of *A Cruising Guide to the Northern Neck*, 50 pages of "local knowledge" about this pretty cruising area in the southwestern Chesapeake.

Please feel free to share any or all of this in the *Bilgewater* - it would be great to hear from the folks in Utica.

Kind regards,

P/C Richard J. ("Dick") Dickson, JN
Northern Neck Sail and Power Squadron

Haul Out Party

at

The Sea Shell Waterfront Restaurant

6729 LAKE SHORE RD, VERONA BEACH

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2010

5:00 PM - Cash Bar

5:30 PM - Dinner

Menu Choices

Chicken Riggies

Baked Haddock Oreganato

Chargrilled Pork Chops

Chicken Parmesan

\$20.00

COMPLETE WITH NAMES OF THOSE ATTENDING AND QUANTITY OF EACH DINNER

NAMES: _____

CHICKEN RIGGIES _____

BAKED HADDOCK OREGANATO _____

PORK CHOPS _____

CHICKEN PARMESAN _____

Total Due _____

COST PER DINNER IS \$20.

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A FRAMED SAILING PRINT WILL BE RAFFLED OFF DURING DINNER!
TENTATIVE PRESENTATION ON MARINER'S COMPASS!!

SEO REPORT

By P/DC David Schulz, AP



Welcome back to your home port. We hope you learned your lessons well so that your safe dockings equaled your departures. Only too soon will our winterization and haul out procedures begin. It is also time to begin our classes.

We will begin our education season with an ABC3 class to be given at Oneida County Cooperative extension (off Judd Rd near the old Oneida County Airport). Class will be held 1830 – 2030, October 6, 15, 20 and 27. We will be inviting local Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Explorer Scouts to join our class along with the public.

Following ABC3 we have scheduled Seamanship. This class will be offered to the public, as has been our newest approach, with class fees per our published schedule. As you will recall, the fee schedule encourages folks to become members. We will also encourage our newest members to avail themselves of the Seamanship course as it is our foundation course. We are also offering Syracuse Power Squadron to join all of our classes. Class will likely be taught at Oneida County Cooperative Extension as well.

There are so many other courses available to members. We are willing to teach most everyone any course. However if we don't know your wants it is difficult to initiate. Contact any Bridge officer, Linda LaDuc or myself. We have the ability to offer courses that run concurrent with others. Don't be disappointed – just tell us what you want or need.

P/DC Dave



CHECKING THE BILGE

by P/C Dean A. Woodard, P

While creating wives, God promised men that good and obedient wives would be found in all corners of the world.

And then He made the earth round.

☺ ☺ ☺

Childbirth at 65

With all the new technology regarding fertility recently, a 65-year-old friend of mine was able to give birth. When she was discharged from the hospital and went home, I went to visit.

'May I see the new baby?' I asked

'Not yet,' She said 'I'll make coffee and we can visit for a while first.'

Thirty minutes had passed, and I asked,

'May I see the new baby now?'

'No, not yet,' She said.
After another few minutes had elapsed,

I asked again, 'May I see the baby now?'

'No, not yet,' replied my friend.

Growing very impatient, I asked, 'Well, when can I see the baby?'

'WHEN HE CRIES!' she told me.

'WHEN HE CRIES?' I demanded. 'Why do I have to wait until he CRIES?'

'BECAUSE I FORGOT WHERE I PUT HIM, O.K.?'



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"I'm going to order a broiled skinless chicken breast, but I want you to bring me lasagna and garlic bread by mistake."

NOW THIS IS INTERESTING!

To make half a kilo of honey, bees must collect nectar from over 2 million individual flowers

Heroin is the brand name of morphine once marketed by 'Bayer'.

Tourists visiting Iceland should know that tipping at a restaurant is considered an insult!



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