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There's Still Time

Change of Watch and Founder's Day



16 March 2018

Friday

Jonathan's

534 Hooper Road, Endwell, N.Y.



(This is the only meeting this month)

Cocktails 6:00 PM Dinner 7:00 PM

Cash Bar

\$30.00 Per Person - Tax and Tip Included

Appetizer

Entrées

Choice of Delmonico Steak, Chicken Piccata, or Stuffed Flounder

Baked Potato, Vegetables, Salad & Breads

Dessert

Coffee, Tea & soda

Reservations: Linda Rought - 607/760-6388

Reservation/Cancellation Deadline - 08 March 2018

Note: The restaurant will charge the squadron for the number of reservations made for our Founders Day event. Persons failing to cancel reservations prior to the deadline date will be expected to pay for their dinners.



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Commander's Column

After a nice dinner and fellowship with twelve of our squadron members at the Relief Pitcher we headed to our meeting room and I called the meeting to order at 1906.

Our Bridge Officers and Committee Chairs had old and new business to discuss. There were meeting dates to change to accommodate a visit and discussion by our NY Assemblywoman, Donna Lupardo. We instituted a policy change on the distribution of meeting minutes to the membership and changes to the inclusion of minutes into the SeaChest. We received information from D/Lt/C Nancy Bieber, P, on the 2019 D/6 spring conference. This information is described at the end of my comments.

With respect to the policy changes related to the SeaChest; using input and wording from P/D/Lt/C John Young, AP, the SeaChest as of this issue will no longer publish excerpts of the meeting minutes. A link to the meeting minutes, as submitted, shall be included in the SeaChest availability notification sent via e-mail to all members for whom a valid e-mail address is available to the Squadron. Additionally, Our Bridge Officers and Committee Chairpersons will rotate and submit an article to fill the space once used by the minutes excerpts.

Our June Merit Mark and Member Recognition Picnic, at Grippen Park in Endicott, will be moved to the third Thursday of the month—21 June 2018—to allow our State Assembly Representative Donna Lupardo to attend and address us on state safe boating legislation. Lt/C Mary Kucharek, P, at my request, has been working diligently to contact both Mrs. Lupardo and Senator Fred Akshar on attending one of our meetings and she has succeeded in doing so. This will be a good time for Assemblywoman Lupardo to get to know USPS, our Squadron, what we are all about and what we do. I hope all our membership will attend this event. Thank you Mary.

A sympathy card was sent to the family of P/C Robert L. Boston, JN, who passed away 12 January 2018. A donation in Bob's name was sent to the Boulevard United Methodist Church in Binghamton in lieu of flowers per the family's request.

I would like to thank Lt JoAnn Rohde, Member Remembrance Committee Chair, for all the cards and kind words she has sent out this year on the Squadrons behalf. She quietly goes about her duties as Chairperson and many of our members do not know the important role she plays. Thank you JoAnn for all you do behind the scenes.

It is hard to believe that next month will be my one year anniversary as your Commander for the two year term. It has been a very good year and I want to thank all of our bridge members and committee members for all that they have done to make this year a success and I look forward to working with everyone again for another very successful year.

Following is Nancy Bieber's report on the D/6 Spring Council and Conference.

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The D/6 Spring Conference and Change of Watch will be held at the City Grill Ballroom, 384 East Avenue, Rochester, NY, 14607, on 13-15 April 2018. Make your meal and hotel reservations through D/6 by filling out the Spring Conference Reservation Form found on the last page in the current edition of the Deep Six and send a copy along with your check to: Bridgett Arieno, JN, 139 Shore Dr., Rochester, NY 14622. The district room rates and tax exemptions will automatically apply. Please let me know that you are attending so I can be sure you are on the Squadron Role form I send to the D/6 Secretary.

So until we meet again, God Bless

Cdr Mike



Getting to know your Bridge Officers

This is a new SeaChest feature – each month a member of the Bridge will submit an article.

Since joining USPS and the Susquenango Sail & Power Squadron in 2011, I have become involved first as Public Relations Officer, then Secretary and presently Executive Officer. I've always been of the conviction that if I belong to an organization, I need to be involved. We currently have 70 members, yet so few attend meetings or social functions. If you are one of those people who haven't attended, I encourage you to join us. "Come for the Boating Education – Stay for the Friends" is a slogan used by USPS and it couldn't be more true. I have made many special friends through Susquenango. If you look in the roster, you will see several committee positions that are vacant – which one could you fill?

Last week, my husband and longtime USPS/Susquenango member (50 years!) and I had a great time at the Central New York Boat Show volunteering at the Syracuse Squadron booth. Many people passed by and stopped to see what courses we were offering. We were pleased that so many had already taken a safe boating course. We're doing so much to keep boaters safe!

I'm very happy to announce that Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo will join us for our Education Recognition & Merit Mark Appreciation Picnic/Meeting on 21 June at Grippen Park in Endicott. Let's all come and have a conversation about what we and New York State can do to keep our waterways safely navigable. More details will follow in the April SeaChest.

So, all in all I've had a busy, but enjoyable year and look forward to serving as your Executive Officer for the coming year.

Lt/C Mary Kucharek, P

When one door closes, another opens; but we often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the one that has opened for us.

Alexander Graham Bell

Future Classes

Our Squadron Education Officer, Less Smith, would like to run a JN class this spring. The exact date can be decided by the students and the instructor. The course has 13 chapters so the school will be reserved accordingly. The class will be limited to three people. Anyone interested please contact Less at www.susquenango.org or phone 607-797-7391 for more details.

If you know of any boaters who are interested in taking the ABC course or expanding their boating knowledge please have them contact Les Smith at www.susquenango.org or phone 607-797-7391.

Susquenango Sail & Power Squadron Winter 2018 Class Schedule

Course	Start Date	Number of Sessions	Person Responsible/Phone
Seamanship	09 April 7:00 to 9:00 PM	5 Successive Monday Nights	Les Smith 797-7391
		Last night is final exam	Ken Boll 757-0072

All classes are held at the Johnson City High School Main Cafeteria

How True!

Money can't buy happiness, but it's a lot more comfortable crying in a Porsche than on a bicycle.
Forgive your enemy, but remember his name.
If you help someone when they're in trouble they will remember you when they're in trouble again.
Alcohol does not solve any problems, but then, neither does milk.

February Executive Meeting



Mary & Bob Kucharek manning the Syracuse Squadron Booth at the Central New York Boat Show.

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Damn Yankees

The musical play "***Damn Yankees***" will be presented by the Rod Sterling School of Fine Arts at Binghamton High School on Friday, 9 March 2018 at 7:30 PM. Featuring the tunes "Heart" and "Whatever Lola Wants," the musical chronicles Joe Boyd, who sells his soul to the devil to become a baseball player and help the Washington Senators beat the New York Yankees. Susquenango Squadron members have the opportunity to find out if the Senators can really beat the Yankees. Join us as a group to attend this outstanding performance at the Helen Foley Theater on 31 Main Street, Binghamton. Tickets are only six dollars. Call me at 775-4952 or let me know by the February 21st meeting, if you will be attending and I will obtain the tickets for you. Seating is general admission and we will meet at the Oak Street entrance at 7:00 PM. Hope to see you all there.

Nancy

Membership Involvement Chair

Power Cord Safety and Care

The use of any extension cord can be dangerous, but doubly so if not used properly around water.

Cords with marking of SEW, SJOW, SJOOW, SJTW, SOW, SOOW, STW AND STO are hard service cords and are for use with marine 30 AMP #10 AWG (American Wire Gauge) shore power cords.

Do not use any cord that is labeled for "indoor use only" as a shore power cord.

Do not over load any cord. Check the number of AMPS or WATTS that the cord is designed for and don't overload it. Overloading a cord causes heat and possible fire.

Check cords regularly to see if they are damaged; i.e. cracked, cut, pinched, etc..

Turn off the load on the cord before unplugging or plugging in. This relieves the arcing on the metal contacts.

Do not remove the grounding blade of a cord. If the receptacle does not have a ground, do not use any adapters that will eliminate the ground conductor.

All outside electrical receptacles are to be GFCI protected. There are also portable GFCI receptacles available.

Never coil a power cord between your thumb and elbow. This twists the conductors and overheats and breaks down the insulation of the wire which can cause a fire.

Submitted by Robert Kucharek, P
Radio Technical Committee Chairman



Remember to put in the plug before launching the Boat.

In Memoriam

Susquenango Sail and Power Squadron offers their condolences to the family of P/C Robert L. Boston, JN. Bob was our Squadron Commander during our 1971 watch and was very active in promoting all Squadron activities.

Bob was formerly of Vestal and moved to Cary, NC where he passed away on Friday, January 12, 2018. He continued his Squadron membership throughout his life. Bob was an Army Veteran of the Korean War and a mechanical engineer for GAF, Ozalid in Vestal until retirement.

Our deepest sympathies to his family.



On the Horizon

Susquenango Events

16 March	Change of Watch
6:00 PM Cocktails	Jonathan's
7:00 Dinner	534 Hooper Road
	Endwell, NY

18 April	Executive Meeting
7:00 PM	Location TBD

District Events

4/13—4/15/18	D/6 Spring Conference
	East Avenue Inn & Suites
	384 East Avenue
	Rochester, NY

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