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Susquenango Happenings

11–13 April 2024 District 6 Spring Conference:

The Seasons Hampton Inn, Keuka Lake, Penn Yan, NY

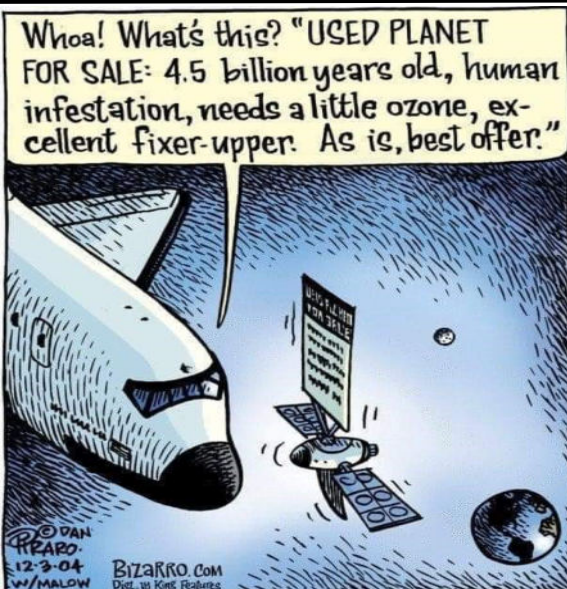
16 April 2024 Squadron Meeting—**"Potluck Dinner"**, Town of Binghamton Volunteer Fire Company, Station 2, 2120 Pierce Creek Rd, Binghamton, NY, 5:30 PM

Ham and dessert provided by the Squadron. A dish to pass by attendees.

Important: If attending Please Contact Lt/C Linda Rought, P @ 607-760-6388

21 May 2024 Squadron Meeting, Chef Stanly's @ 5:30 pm 7664 NY-434, Apalachin, NY

**Remember, if you
lose a sock in the
dryer, it comes
back as a
Tupperware lid
that doesn't fit any
of your containers.**



P/D/Lt/C John Young, AP
Editor Emeritus



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Commander's Comments

Well, here I am again! I am honored to once again serve as your Commander and know that we will have a great year. Our Change of Watch was a lovely evening, except for the parking! The service was great and the food delicious. We will definitely consider going back to Copper Top, just not on a Saturday night. Thanks to D6 Executive/Administrative Officer, Mike Acciai AP for doing the installation of officers. Everyone stayed on board with the exception of Lt/C Cris Broderick S who is looking forward to sailing the world (or at least the Great Loop) with her husband, Lt. Frank AP. We wish them all the best. You'll notice I have a new photo.... Thought it was time!

The ABC class was a huge success with 41 students and all passed the exam. Two students even scored 100%. Thanks to all who helped with the class. The JN class is underway and Boat Handling is starting soon.

Our April meeting on the 16th will be a return to a very popular event – a pot luck dinner. Meat & dessert will be provided. Please make your reservation with Lt/C Linda Rought P and let her know what you would like to bring. In May we will return to Chef Stanley's where we enjoyed our meal in February. Hope to see you there.

Always remember... *"Home is Where the Anchor Drops".*



Commander Mary



Susquenango S&PS Change Of Watch 2025

CopperTop Tavern, Vestal NY





Membership Involvement

FREE ONLINE ADVENTURES

There are a couple Road Scholar free online lectures that may be of interest to our members. The first one is on Thursday, April 3rd at 2 P.M. Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Doris Kearns Goodwin will present Leadership in Turbulent Times where she provides perspective and hope from history for today's unprecedented challenges.

Another topic of interest is Into the Icy Deep – Marine Life, Sea Ice & Conservation. On April 22nd at 1 P.M. Join Amanda Hunter, marine biologist and polar guide, on a journey across the polar oceans in Celebration of Earth Day. Dive into the marine ecosystems of the Arctic and Antarctic to learn about plankton, seals and whales and the vital role of sea ice. Amanda will discuss the physical and chemical properties of polar waters and how they shape marine life.

The online lectures last for one hour and use Zoom Webinar. All you need is an internet connection and a PC. Go to Roadsolar.org, click on "Find a Trip", and in the Search box on the upper left enter "free online lectures." After creating an account you will be able to enroll in the program of your choice. You will receive a confirmation email when you enroll, and a reminder email one week and one day before, as well as the morning of the event with a link and instructions on how to tune in. While your picture will not be on screen, you will be able to ask questions using the Q&A box.

Everyone who is enrolled will receive access to the live event as well as a recording of the lectures that you can watch any time within the two weeks following the live event. Once you are on the Road Scholar website, you may find other lectures and/or trips of interest. So, check it out.

Nancy Bieber, Membership Involvement Chair

Boating Safety Courses

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Boat Handling – March 31st – May 19th, 2025

7 Monday Nights, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. (NOTES: No class April 21st and final exam is on the last night)

\$120.00 (USPS non-member), \$76.00 (USPS member)

This course is recommended for both power boaters and sailors who have completed the America's Boating Course, since it builds upon the basics taught in that course. Students learn practical marlinespike (a.k.a. knots), navigation rules, hull design and performance, responsibilities of the skipper, boat care, operating a boat under normal and abnormal conditions, what to do in various emergencies and weather conditions, nautical customs and common courtesies on the water.

Classes held at Johnson City High School, 666 Reynolds Rd., Johnson City, NY

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CALL Les Smith at 607-797-7391

**BENEFIT!
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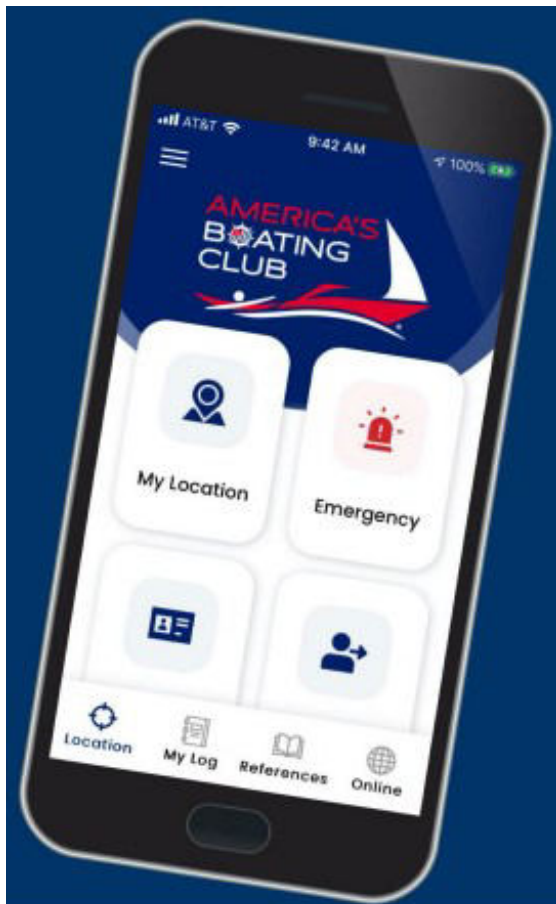
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Did You Know?



A beloved racehorse died in 1930, inspiring Mars family to name their new chocolate bar "Snickers" in his memory. The candy became one of the world's best-selling treats, turning a family's loss into a lasting tribute that's sold billions of bars.



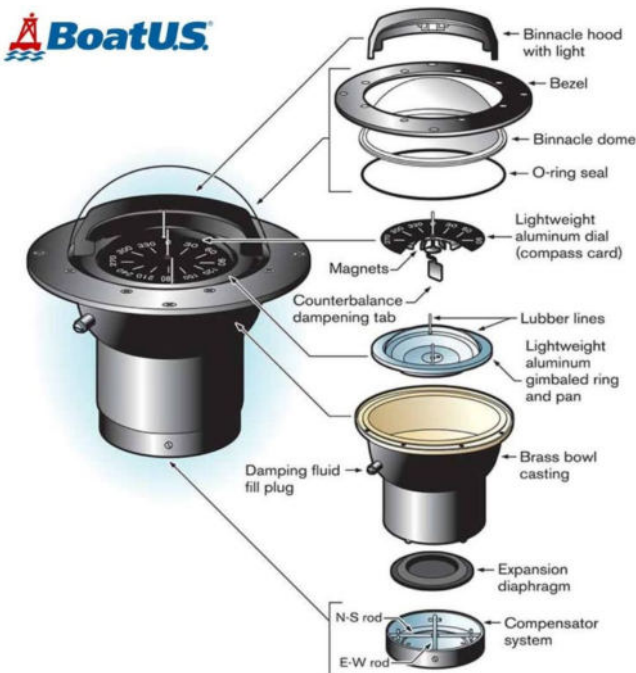


Mind your boat valves

You don't want to skimp or cut corners when it comes to keeping water out of your boat, and nowhere is this more important than with your boat's valves. Follow these tips to ensure that the water stays on the outside.



- A failed underwater fitting or hose will easily overwhelm bilge pumps and sink your boat.
- Use real seacocks, never gate valves, below the waterline.
- Close all seacocks (except cockpit drains) when you are not on board: They will be less likely to jam, you will remember where they are, and there will be fewer ways your boat will sink when you're not there.
- Make sure you have wood plugs handy. They are proven to stop a flood when a fitting or hose fails.
- Use only high quality 316 stainless or marine-grade hose clamps.
- Double-clamp below-the-waterline hoses and offset the fastener on the hose barb.
- Make a drawing of through-hull and seacock locations, and keep it handy.

—Capt. John Schwab



How many light-years away?

Earth is approximately...

	8.3 light-minutes from the Sun		4.3 light-years away from Proxima Centauri, our closest neighboring star
	320 light-years from the North Star, Polaris		26,000 light-years away from the center of our galaxy, the Milky Way
	2.5 million light-years from Andromeda, our closest neighboring galaxy		13.4 billion light-years away from one of the oldest galaxies ever found, called GN-z11



COMPASS

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2025

Ensure search and rescue success

U.S. Coast Guard patrols often encounter abandoned and adrift boats and gear. If there's even a small chance a person could be in the water, the Coast Guard undertakes search and rescue efforts. If you find yourself in trouble, here are five ways you can increase the chances search and rescue will get to you in time.

1. **Wear a lifejacket:** A Coast Guard-approved life jacket is the single most important factor in surviving a boating accident. This applies to any water sport from kayaking to sailing. Wear it; don't stow it.
2. **File a float plan:** Make a habit of filling out a float plan and leaving it with a friend, relative or someone at the marina to inform others about your boat, who is on board, where you are headed and when you plan to return. If you don't return, rescuers will have a better idea of where to search.
3. **Mark your gear:** Write an address and phone number with indelible ink on paddles, sails, and canoe and kayak hulls. If these items are found adrift, Coast Guard officers can call to see if they were lost or if someone is in trouble.

Bring safety equipment: Flares, a sound-producing device, signaling mirror, and cell phone can help you summon help if you find yourself in trouble. Check the [Navigation Rules](#) to make sure you have required safety equipment on board. When boating offshore, carry a marine band VHF -FM radio and an electronic position-indicating radio beacon (EPIRB) so rescuers can find you.

Know what you're doing: Don't put your new vessel on the water until you've learned how to operate it safely and avoid dangerous situations. Many boating organizations offer low to no cost boating courses, including the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and America's Boating Club | United States Power Squadrons. Available [online](#) and [in the classroom](#), these courses can bring you up to speed on emergency procedures and required safety equipment.

—U.S. Coast Guard

April Toons

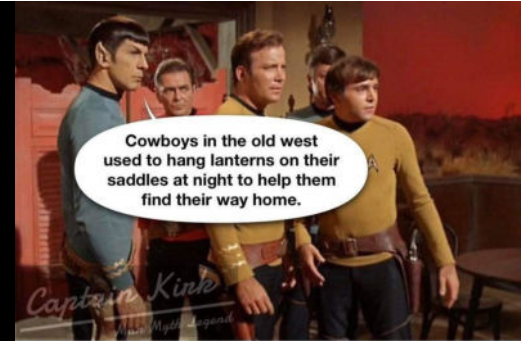


"Our smart refrigerator just texted us. It wants us to stop posting photos of our boat on it. It claims it's suffocating."



"When they hired me, they asked if I would mind if I got my hands dirty. I thought it would be more adventurous than changing the ink in all the printers."

Sarah was banned from the office kitchenette, because she couldn't be trusted with the coffee filters



Cowboys in the old west used to hang lanterns on their saddles at night to help them find their way home.

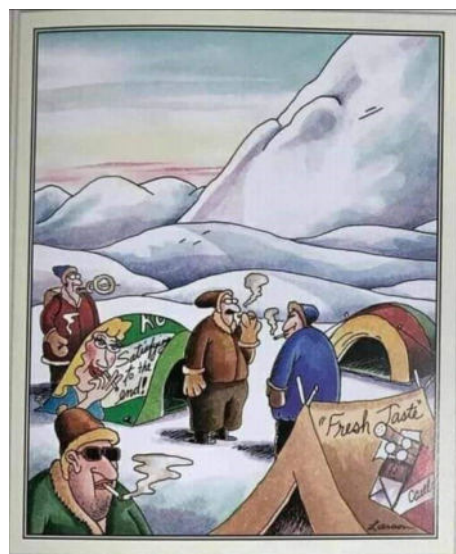


This was an early form of saddle light navigation.

Volkswagen should bring back the Beetle as an electric car and call it the Lightning Bug.

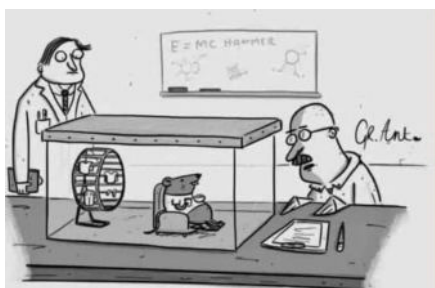
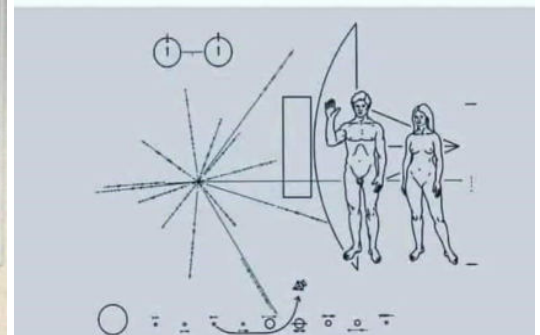


Survivee /Hitdigs



Despite being well-financed by the tobacco industry, the newly formed Smokers' Mountaineering Club met its doom just a few moments after leaving base camp.

"Humans! Please don't send us any more unsolicited nude pics with instructions on how to get to your house. It's creepy." - Sincerely The Aliens



"Fascinating. He ran on it the first few days, but now he's just using it to hang his clothes."

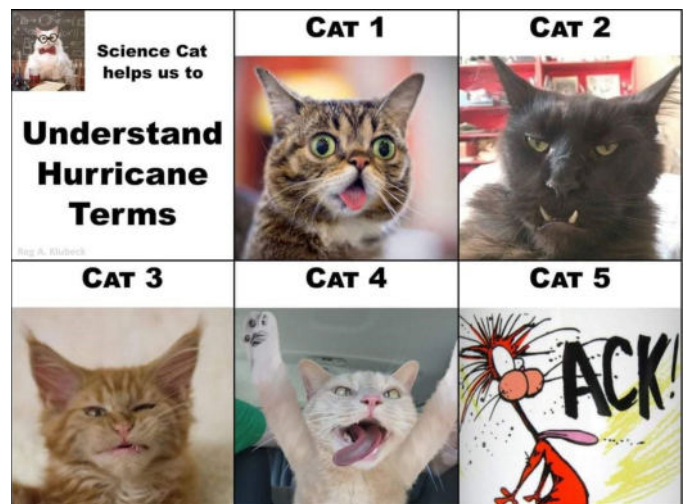




I'm no chainsaw expert, but I think he should put his cigarette out. Safety first! 🚒



Perfect.



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