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Wednesday

19 June 2019

6:00 PM

Education Recognition

and

Merit Mark Appreciation Picnic - 6:00 PM

7:00 PM

Executive Meeting

(all welcome)

Hosted by Mike and Peg Acciai at their home, 3801 Country Club Road, Endwell, NY 13760-2510.

The Squadron provides hamburgers, hotdogs and rolls

Bring your favorite dish to pass and your own beverages. Bring your own place settings.

Bridge members provide the dessert.

Cost: \$3.00 per person

The \$3.00 is waived for members who took, taught, lectured or proctored a course or earned a merit mark.

Reservations are a must. Please call Linda Rought no later than 15 June 2019 607-760-6388



On the Horizon

Susquenango Events

19 June 2019

Executive Meeting and Education Recognition & Merit Mark Appreciation Picnic

6:00 PM Dinner
7:00 PM Meeting

The Acciai's Home
3801 Country Club Road
Endwell, NY

22 June 2019

10:00 AM 'til
3:00 PM

Treman Marina Safety Day
Ithaca, NY

District Events

TBD

D/6 Rendezvous Cruise
Fleet Departure, Watkins Glen (Seneca)



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Commander's Corner

The meeting and Phil's Chicken House dinner was very well attended and an entertaining event. We especially enjoyed reliving squadron memories with the slide presentation that P/C Dave Olds AP, put together – thanks Dave! And D/C Nancy Bieber's, P, membership involvement quiz was so much fun.

It was my pleasure to introduce and induct two of our new members into the squadron – Jacqueline and Timothy Shipose – welcome!

I hope everyone is making plans to attend our annual recognition picnic on 19 June at the Acciai's residence in Endwell. This event is free to any member who has taken or taught or proctored a class and/or received a merit mark during the past year. All we ask is that you bring a dish to pass. The Bridge

officers will be providing desserts.

On 22 June from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. our squadron will take part in the Treman Marina Safety Day in Ithaca. We will have an information table and P/C Bob Gould AP, will be on hand to work with the USCG Auxiliary in performing Vessel Safety Checks. Many other organizations will be there as well, demonstrating the proper use of fire extinguishers and flares among other things. This is the third year for this event and each year it gets better.

We are also planning a Mini Rendezvous in Ithaca on 3 August, including a two hour cruise on the floating classroom the MV Teal, and a wine tasting and dinner at a local restaurant. Please mark your calendars – more details will be in the next issue of the SeaChest.

Once again this year we will be participating in Boscov's Friends Helping Friends which will be held on 16 October. Twenty five percent off shopping passes will be available at the picnic. Remember for each pass sold, the squadron receives \$5.00. It's an easy way to boost our coffers – everyone loves to shop!

Hopefully by now we all have our boats in the water and the weather has taken a turn for the better. Enjoy and remember....

"America's Boating Club...is YOUR Boating Club"

Commander
Mary Kucharek, P



Fellow boaters, listed below is a website link for information on the Tall Ship Festival in Brockville, Canada. As a District, we will be having an information booth there to highlight America's Boating Club. We will also be involved in crowd control and hosting the Canadian Coast Guard Ship. Please let me know what day/days you will be able to participate. More news to follow as our schedule is firmed up.

<http://www.tallshipsbrockville.com/>

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Proper Use of VHF Marine Channels

OK, so I have a radio, now how do I use it?

The standard procedure for a non-emergency call such as calling another vessel, marina, or restaurant to ask where to tie up for dinner is as follows.

1. You should make the call on channel 9 or 16 in the following manner.
2. Name of station being called, spoken three times.
3. The words "THIS IS", spoken once.
4. Name of your vessel and call sign (if you have a station license) or boat registration number, spoken once.
5. The word "OVER".
6. Then you wait for the station being called to answer. Their answer should be in the same manner as your call.
7. Once answered suggest going to a working channel for your conversation, such as 68, 69, 71, 72, or 78.

Other channels you should be aware of are:

Channel 22A is reserved for the U.S. Coast Guard to relay marine information broadcasts. You may on occasion hear on channel 16 an announcement by the USCG telling all boaters that they have information that may be of importance to you. They would request that anyone wanting to listen to the information switch to channel 22A to hear the information. Channel 13 is the working channel for locks and bridges. Power is limited to one watt. Channel 70 is used only for Digital Selective Calling.

When using the word over "OVER".

Wait for confirmation from the station being called, switch to the working channel and repeat call process (see 2 – 5 above).

Distress Call Procedures

1. Make sure radio is on.
2. Select Channel 16.
3. Press/Hold the transmit button.
4. Clearly say: **MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY**.
5. Also give:
 - ✦ Vessel Name and/or Description.
 - ✦ Position and/or Location.
 - ✦ Nature of Emergency.
 - ✦ Number of People on Board.
 - ✦ Release transmit button.

Wait for 10 seconds – If no response Repeat "MAYDAY" Call.

All conversations whether on a hailing channel or a working channel should be kept short and to the point.

By Lt Bob Kucharek, P, Radio Tech Committee Chair

May General Membership Meeting and B'B'Q' Chicken Dinner



New members Jacqueline and Timothy Shipose

Winners of the Unicorn Trivia Contest



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