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Susquenago Happenings

Summer Break—Next Squadron Meeting 17 Sept 2025-TBD

7-31-8/3 D/6 Rendezvous, The Cove, Sylvan Beach. (D6) See Page **10** for details.

Saturday, August 23, 2025, Susquenago Sail & Power Squadron Summer Rendezvous
Camillus Erie Canal Park (See page **14** for reservation details and sign up)

Did You Know?

At the height of Gilligan's Island's popularity in 1966, the U.S Coast Guard received 2,500 letters a week asking why the castaways hadn't been rescued yet!

From #COASTGUARD



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Commander's Comments

Thanks to all who attended our annual recognition picnic on 18 June at the Country Pines Pavilion. While getting our food in a timely manner was a challenge, it turned out to be delicious. Many of us enjoyed the clams and speedies. And of course, the company was great!

Well our Treman Marina Day scheduled for 14 June from was postponed due to inclement weather and, as of this writing, we're hoping to have it on 28 June. We'll see what the Mother Nature has in store for us then!

I hope everyone has registered for the Mini Rendezvous on 23 August on the Erie Canal. If not, please do so ASAP as we will be opening it up to D6 and others soon. See more information in this issue. More information on the D/6 Rendezvous to be held July 31-3 August at The Cove at Sylvan Beach is included in this issue also. Sounds like a fun time.

Please keep in mind the Boscov's Friends Helping Friends event which will be held on 22 October. Twenty five percent off shopping passes are available now. Please contact me to get yours. Remember for each pass sold, the squadron receives \$5.00. It's an easy way to boost our coffers – everyone loves to shop! This year online shopping will be available that day.

Wishing everyone a Happy 4th of July and a great summer!



Enjoy and remember.... ***"Home is Where the Anchor Drops"***.



Commander

Mary Kucharek, P

Annual Recognition Picnic
18 June at the Country Pines Pavilion



2025 Merit Mark
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JULY



DYK?
**The voices for Utica
Club's famous duo
Schultz & Dooley were
done by a young
Jonathan Winters!**

New York State's Brianna's Law, requires all operators of motorized watercraft to complete a state-approved, 8 hour boating safety course and obtain their boating safety certificate by January 1, 2025.

Boating Safety Course

taught by a certified instructor from



America's Boating Course **September 8th–October 6th, 2025**

- **5 Monday Nights, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** (final exam on the last night)
- **\$50.00/person**
- **Certificate is recognized by all states and satisfies New York State's Brianna's Law requirement.**
- America's Boating Course provides you with basic boating knowledge including types of boats and their uses, boating laws (both federal and state), safety equipment (both required and recommended), navigation rules, adverse conditions, communications, trailering, knots and lines and water sport topics.

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER:



GO TO www.susquenango.org

OR

CALL Les Smith at 607-797-7391



Every kayaker should have a kit of essential kayak gear ready to go. Here's a roundup of some equipment that no paddler should be without.

Life vest. Your personal flotation device should be highly visible, adjust to accommodate different clothing weights and allow free arm movement. It should also be comfortable enough to wear zipped anytime you're on the water.

Spray skirt. A spray skirt seals you inside the kayak. One end fits around your waist, and the other end attaches to the cockpit coaming. Although not completely waterproof, a spray skirt keeps water out of the cockpit, protects your legs from the sun and keeps you warm in cold weather.

Bilge pump. A hand-operated bilge pump can help you get water out of your boat. Make sure it has a float collar so it won't sink.

Paddle float and rescue sling. An inflatable bladder that slips over a paddle blade, a paddle float provides flotation and support when you re-enter your boat from the water. A rescue sling is a piece of floating line made into a loop with a couple of double fisherman's knots. It's useful for rigging a stirrup to give you a boost as you climb back into the cockpit.

Spare paddle and paddle leash.

Signaling devices. You'll need a variety of sound and visual [signals](#) for day and night use. Your stash should include a waterproof flashlight, whistle, flares, strobes, smoke canisters, dye markers and signaling mirrors.

VHF radio and cell phone. A [VHF](#) radio lets you put out a distress call to the Coast Guard and nearby boaters. A cell phone is best for staying in touch with people on shore.



Waterspouts fall into two categories: tornadic waterspouts and fair weather waterspouts.

Tornadic waterspouts, tornadoes that form over water or move from land to water, have the same characteristics as land tornadoes. Associated with severe [thunderstorms](#), they are often accompanied by high winds and seas, large hail, and frequent lightning.

Fair weather waterspouts usually form along the dark flat base of a line of developing cumulus clouds and are generally not associated with thunderstorms. While tornadic waterspouts develop downward in a thunderstorm, a fair weather waterspout develops on the surface of the water and works its way upward. By the time the funnel becomes visible, a fair weather waterspout is near maturity. Fair weather waterspouts form in light wind conditions and normally move little.

If a waterspout moves onshore, the National Weather Service issues a tornado warning, as some waterspouts can cause significant damage and injuries. Typically, fair weather waterspouts dissipate rapidly when making landfall and rarely penetrate far inland.

The best way to avoid a waterspout is to move at a 90-degree angle to its apparent movement. Never move closer to investigate a waterspout. Some can be just as dangerous as tornadoes. —NOAA



Libation and Recipe of the Month



From
Recipe Haven



Mexican Candy Margarita Recipe

Ingredients (Serves 1):

2 oz tequila (blanco or reposado)
1 oz watermelon schnapps or watermelon liqueur
½ oz fresh lime juice
½ oz simple syrup or agave nectar
2 dashes hot sauce (Tapatio, Valentina, or your favorite)
Chamoy sauce, for rimming
Tajín seasoning, for rimming
Ice, for shaking and serving
Optional garnish: tamarind candy stick (like Pulparindo), watermelon slice, or lime wheel

Instructions:

1 Rim the glass:

Dip the rim of a margarita or rocks glass in chamoy.
Then dip it into Tajín to coat the edge generously. Set aside.

2 Mix the margarita:

In a cocktail shaker, add ice, tequila, watermelon schnapps, lime juice, simple syrup, and hot sauce.

3 Shake:

Shake vigorously for 10–15 seconds until well chilled.

4 Strain and Serve:

Strain the margarita into the prepared glass filled with fresh ice.

5 Garnish:

Add a lime wheel or a tamarind candy stick for that authentic Mexican candy touch.

Blueberry & Vanilla Swirl Ice Cream Parfait

Ingredients (Serves 2–4):

2 cups vanilla ice cream (softened slightly)
1 cup blueberry preserves or blueberry compote
½ cup fresh blueberries (optional, for texture)
½ teaspoon vanilla extract (optional, for extra flavor)
Whipped cream (for topping)
Crushed graham crackers or shortbread cookies (for crunch)
Fresh mint leaves or extra blueberries (for garnish)

Instructions:

1 Layer 1 – Crumbs Base

Spoon about 2 tablespoons of crushed graham crackers into the bottom of each parfait glass or jar.

2 Layer 2 – Vanilla Ice Cream

Add a scoop of vanilla ice cream and lightly press down to create a smooth base.

3 Layer 3 – Blueberry Swirl

Spoon 2 tablespoons of blueberry preserves/compote over the ice cream. Swirl gently using a knife or spoon.

4 Repeat Layers

Add another scoop of vanilla ice cream, followed by another swirl of blueberry preserves. Sprinkle fresh blueberries in between for extra juiciness.

5 Top It Off

Add a generous swirl of whipped cream on top. Sprinkle more cookie crumbs or a few blueberries.

6 Garnish & Serve

Top with a mint leaf and serve immediately!



If you were forced to watch this as a child, you may be entitled to compensation



"Hurry, hide the grog - we're being pulled over."



"And you tried jiggling the handle, right?"

I had a job selling security alarms door to door and I was really good at it. If no one was home I would just leave a brochure on the kitchen table.



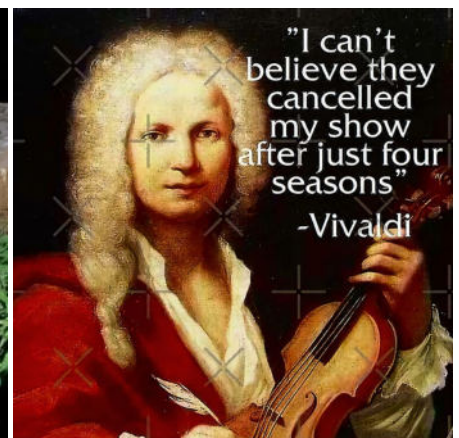
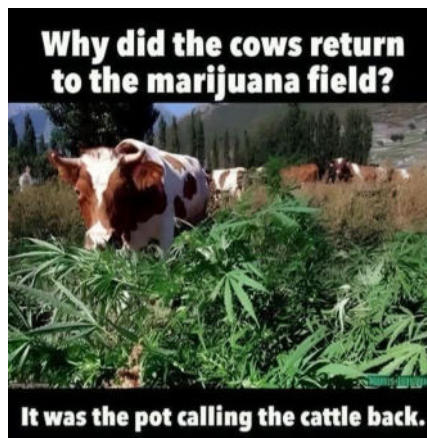
Oh goodie... more rain

I was afriad the mud was going to get dehydrated





“He says he’s sure this isn’t Wildwood.
Did you put batteries in the GPS?”





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2025 RENDEZVOUS HIGHLIGHTS.... D/C Karen Green, S

Dates: Thursday, July 31 – Sunday, August 3, 2025

Location: The Cove at Sylvan Beach, 750 Pioneer Ave, Sylvan Beach, NY 13157

Conference Committee: D/C Karen Green, S; D/Lt/C Bridgett Arieno, JN; P/D/C Rick Hibbs, SN

Rendezvous Highlights:

- **The Cove at Sylvan Beach** – Established by Turning Stone Enterprises, The Cove at Sylvan Beach is situated on beautiful Oneida Lake and offers outstanding accommodations at their cottages and apartments available for rent. Each rental comes with a pontoon boat for the exclusive use of the renter for the duration of their stay. The Sylvan Beach Supply Company is the onsite general store that has groceries, deli, restaurant and has water sport rentals to enhance the waterfront living, including kayaks, paddleboards, fishing gear, canoes, and bicycles for those who want to coast through the town rather than the water. The Lake House has a small casino with slot machines and is located at the beach if you want to get sand on your toes. If you have not already reserved a room at The Cove and would like to stay there, please contact Bridgett Arieno at 585-752-6014 as soon as possible.
- **Thursday Evening Welcome Party** – We are planning on meeting at the Cove apartments block 66 – 69. You can have dinner at one of the local restaurants before joining the group or grab a bite to eat from the Sylvan Beach Supply Company. They also have an impressive selection of ice cream! Join us for smores around the fire pit to close out the evening.
- **Friday Events** – Enjoy a leisurely morning on the deck, on the water or just walking around town. We are planning a raft-up for lunch. There is plenty of room on the pontoon boats or you can join with your own boat. Pre-register for a deli sandwich or bring your own lunch. Friday night dinner on your own at one of the many restaurants in the area.
- **Saturday Events** –Join us mid-morning on Saturday for a tutorial on how to do an On-the-Water Contest. Brush up your piloting skills using a hand bearing compass, a calculator and onboard compass to see how close you come to the correct answer. We will follow this “class” with the On-the-Water Contest in the afternoon. Saturday night will include a group dinner (location to be announced later).
- **Sunday Brunch** – Let’s get together for a community brunch on the docks before everyone heads home or on to their next adventure. Bring a dish to pass or pay \$10 per person to contribute to the meal.

Local restaurants:

In addition to the **Sylvan Beach Supply Company**, you can eat at any of the many local restaurants. Just take a walk around town. To name just a few...



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The Canal View Cafe, 9 Canal Street, Sylvan Beach, NY 315 762-5623

Located on the waterfront, The Canal View Café has seating inside and on the outside patio, serving pasta, steaks, seafood, sandwiches, local craft beers and wine. Something for everyone! You can also arrive by boat and tie up to the canal wall.

Sylvan Beach Pancake House, 516 Main St. Sylvan Beach, NY 13157 315-761-4303

The historic pancake house is famous in Sylvan Beach and beyond. Visited by many celebrities over the years for their delicious breakfast and lunch features.

The Crazy Clam, 129 Canal Street, Sylvan Beach NY 315-761-2526

The Crazy Clam offers some of the best food, drink, and entertainment that the beach has to offer! With a diverse menu serving the best in steak, freshest seafood, and homemade Italian dishes. Indoor and outdoor seating. The Crazy Clam can also be accessed from the canal wall.

Captain John's Restaurant & Tiki Bar, 1424 Main Street, Sylvan Beach, NY 315-762-9949

With a Key West vibe, Captain John's offers a fun atmosphere, a full bar (with umbrella drinks!) and good food from the land and sea! Specials include 2 for 1 margaritas, Friday night fish fry and daily prime rib and lobster. Indoor and outdoor seating are available. Open for dinner only.

Featured Activities:

Lunch Raft-up – Sign up for a leisurely day on the water. If the weather is windy and the water is rough, we can always take a tour of the Erie Canal or Fish Creek instead of heading out onto Oneida Lake. Register for a deli lunch or bring your own. We'll get together at the dock to coordinate the raft-up at 11:00 AM on Friday morning.

On-the-Water Contest – Bring your hand-bearing compass, binoculars, calculator, pen and paper along with your piloting skills to participate in the contest. A tutorial will be held at the Hibbs/Arieno apartment from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM on Saturday. Contesting will begin at noon. The contest is expected to take about 2 – 3 hours to complete. Teams should consist of a helmsman, timekeeper, bearing taker, calculator genius (lives at 60D =ST!). An observer from the contesting committee will be a non-participating ride along. Take on more passengers to enjoy the fun and learn how to do contesting. If you don't have the equipment, a limited number of items will be available to borrow. District Commander Karen Green is looking for each squadron to have a team to compete for the new Steve Heffron award and bragging rights, of course.

Note: *For those coming by boat, please contact the local marinas for dock pricing and availability. Options include Snug Harbor and Marion Marina. On a first come, first served basis, there is free docking on the canal wall, however, they discourage overnight stays.*



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All D/6 squadron commanders, squadron bridge officers, members and their guests are invited to our 2025 Rendezvous.

On behalf of the entire D/6 Bridge and Rendezvous committee, welcome to the 2025 Rendezvous!

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The Cove at Sylvan Beach

750 Pioneer Ave.
Sylvan Beach, NY 13157
Thursday, August 1 – 4, 2024

THURSDAY (Come as you are):

6:00 – 10:00 PM **Welcome Party** (The Cove Apartment block 66 – 69)

FRIDAY (Boating/Casual attire):

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM **Luncheon Raft-up** (Meet dockside)
Dinner on your own at a local restaurant of your choice

SATURDAY: (Day Boating attire; Evening Smart Casual attire):

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM **On-the-Water Contesting Tutorial** (Apartment 66)
Noon – 3:00 PM **On-the-Water Contest** (Meet dockside)
5:00 – 6:00 PM **Cocktail Hour** (Apartment 66)
6:30 – 8:30 PM **Group Dinner**

SUNDAY MORNING (Casual Attire):

10:00 AM – Noon **Community Brunch** (Dockside)



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Raft-up / Deli Lunch
Friday, August 1, 2025

6-inch subs \$12:

Turkey with American Cheese, Lettuce and Tomatoes
Assorted Italian with Provolone Cheese, Lettuce and Tomatoes
Roast Beef with Cheddar Cheese, Lettuce and Tomatoes
Tuna Salad with Swiss Cheese, Lettuce and Tomatoes

Available condiments include mayonnaise, mustard, sandwich oil, onions, and banana peppers. Add what you like to your sub to make it your way!

Lunch includes an assortment of chips and bottled water.

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Thursday, July 31 – Sunday, August 3, 2025
RESERVATION FORM

Name (1): _____ Rank _____ Grade _____

Name (2) _____ Rank _____ Grade _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Squadron: _____

District: _____ Email: _____

Attending: Thursday: _____ Friday: _____ Saturday: _____ Sunday: _____

Deli Lunch: Turkey ____ Italian ____ Roast Beef ____ Tuna ____ x \$12 = _____
Community Brunch with dish to pass _____ or donation ____ x \$10 = _____
Total \$ _____

PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR REGISTRATION BY JULY 15, 2025

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO USPS D6 AND SEND TO

D/1ST/Lt Bridgett Arieno, JN
139 Shore Dr., Rochester, NY, 14622
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585-752-6014

The Susquenango Sail & Power Squadron
Summer Rendezvous (Day Trip)
at Camillus Erie Canal Park
5750 Devoe Road, Camillus, NY

Directions from Binghamton: Route 81 North to Syracuse. Take the exit for Route 690 West (towards the State Fair Grounds). From 690 West, take exit 10-12A for Route 695 and Route 5 towards Auburn. Stay on Route 5 West, then take the exit for Camillus/Warner's. At the end of the exit ramp, turn right onto Newport Rd. then, in a short distance, turn right onto Devoe Rd. to the Erie Canal Park in Camillus. (Approx. 1 ½ hours drive.)

Sims Store Museum



45 Minute Boat Ride on the Iroquois Tour Boat



The 1842 Nine Mile Creek Aqueduct



The Corliss Steam Engine Exhibit



Come Celebrate the Erie Canal's 200th Birthday!



Susquenago Sail & Power Squadron
Summer Rendezvous
Commemorating the 200th Anniversary
of the Erie Canal
Saturday, August 23, 2025



Camillus Erie Canal Park
5750 Devoe Road, Camillus, NY (a town West of Syracuse)
www.eriecanalcamillus.org

We have reserved a private, 45-minute, narrated boat tour on the historic Erie Canal for 1:00 p.m. The boat ride will take us over the 1842 Nine Mile Creek Aqueduct, the only rewatered and navigable aqueduct left in the World from the first enlargement of the Erie Canal. Take a step back in history while enjoying the beautiful sites of the Park, all from the water. **Cost is \$5.00 per person (reservation required)**

(Please arrive at the park by 12:30 p.m. to check in and board the Iroquois tour boat prior to the 1:00 p.m. departure. The boat seats 26 people.)

The Sims Store Museum is open from 12 – 4 p.m. (Admission is free) The museum is a replica of the original Sims' Canal Store which was located on the Erie Canal closer to Gere Lock and Belle Island. It includes many artifacts and displays to give you a better understanding of what life was like during the heyday of the Erie Canal.

Dinner at 4:30 p.m. at a local restaurant (optional) – The Green Gate Inn, 2 Main Street, Camillus, NY 13031
Direct questions to Ann Smith 607-797-7391.

Please complete the reservation form below and send with payment (checks payable to Susquenago Sail & Power Squadron) **by July 31** to:

Nancy Bieber, Treasurer
10 Harry L. Drive
Kirkwood, NY 13795

ERIE CANAL TOUR – AUGUST 23, 2025

Name(s) _____

Phone number _____ email _____

Number boat tour attendees _____ @\$5.00 ea. Total Payment Enclosed \$ _____

Number attending the dinner _____ (needed for reservation at the restaurant)

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