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**SeaChest**



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## Susquenango Happenings

9 September 2023-Susquenango Mini Rendezvous, Seneca Lake  
20 September 2023-Susquenango General Membership Meeting-TBD  
21 October D/6 Fall Conference at the Calvary Club in Manlius, NY.

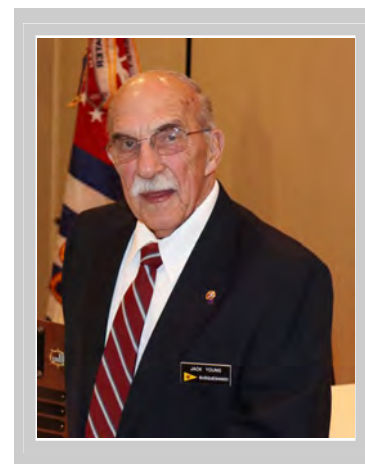
### BOSCOV'S FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS

Again this year, our Squadron will be participating in the Boscov's Department Store "Friends Helping Friends" Day on Wednesday, October 18 at the Binghamton store (13-23 Court St.). Our organization will sell 25% discount passes at \$5 each that are good for purchases made on that date. In addition, shoppers will be eligible to win fabulous prizes including shopping sprees and more! The best part is Susquenango keeps the entire \$5 from every shopping pass sold. What a great way to help our squadron and save money for yourself! If you would like to purchase a pass or are interested in selling passes, please contact Commander Mary Kucharek at 607-722-5136 or marykuch47@gmail.com. Passes will be available at the September meeting. Just think if every one of our members sold just one pass the squadron would make over \$300. What an easy way to keep us afloat!

### Susquenango Sail and Power Squadron Fall Class Schedule Johnson City High School

**Advanced Piloting – 10 Tuesdays starting September 5<sup>th</sup> – November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 7 – 9 p.m.**

**America's Boating Course – 5 Mondays starting October 16<sup>th</sup> to November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 7 – 9 p.m.**



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## Commander's Comments



And just like that....it's August and our boating days are getting shorter. Hopefully everyone is enjoying our exceptionally hot, smoky summer. Bob and I had two great weeks in the St. Lawrence and were able to go boating every day except one. Can't beat that!

I was happy to return to that area for the District 6 rendezvous which was one of the best yet! Co-chairs P/DC Nancy Bieber, P and D/Lt/C, Karen M. Green, S and their committee members did an amazing job planning the event. There were many opportunities for learning new skills and gaining new information.

On the water Inland Navigator certification was held at which time DEO Les Smith, JN received his certification. Other seminars included Partners in Command, VHF/DSC and Crossing Boarders. There was discussion about bringing back the one the water and land contests which used to be held at rendezvous.

In addition, social events were held. Several people attended the Bob Seger and the Silver Bullet Band Concert on Thursday evening and reported it was good and loud! I arrived on Friday in time for the cookout lunch which was great and included a trivia contest. I'm proud to say the team I was with came out in a tie for first place! On Friday evening we were treated to an excellent dinner at the Clayton Yacht Club. Saturday many enjoyed a boat raft up in the Lake of the Isles. Lots of fun and good food, too. Saturday evening was a delicious banquet at Bonnie Castle Resort. Following dinner, we retreated to Nancy & Ron Bieber's home for a campfire and of course, S'mores. P/R/C, David A. Daniels, SN set up his telescopes in the hopes of seeing many constellations and the moon; however Mother Nature did not cooperate and his main telescope became covered with dew. We were able to view the North Star which was quite exciting. Thanks, Dave, for your effort. Many attended a brunch on Sunday morning which was reported to be excellent. I did not stay for the brunch but headed home. I must thank my wonderful weekend hosts, Nancy & Ron Bieber for their hospitality. All in all, a great time was had by all.

The next district event will be held on 21 October at the Calvary Club in Manlius, NY. Due to the rising cost of hotel rooms, it has been decided to make this a one day event.

Don't forget our Mini Rendezvous on 9 September in Geneva. Hope to have a great turnout. Happy boating!

And remember... **"Life's roughest storms prove the strength of our anchors".**

*Commander Mary*







# District Six Rendezvous at Bonnie Castle Resort, Alexandria Bay, NY 3-6 August 2023

Photos by Lt Ann Smith, P



## On the Water Training for Inland Navigation Certification



## Our Seminar Instructors Maxine and Paul Flagg, Tess Freedman, Jim Ryder





## Food, Drinks and Fellowship.



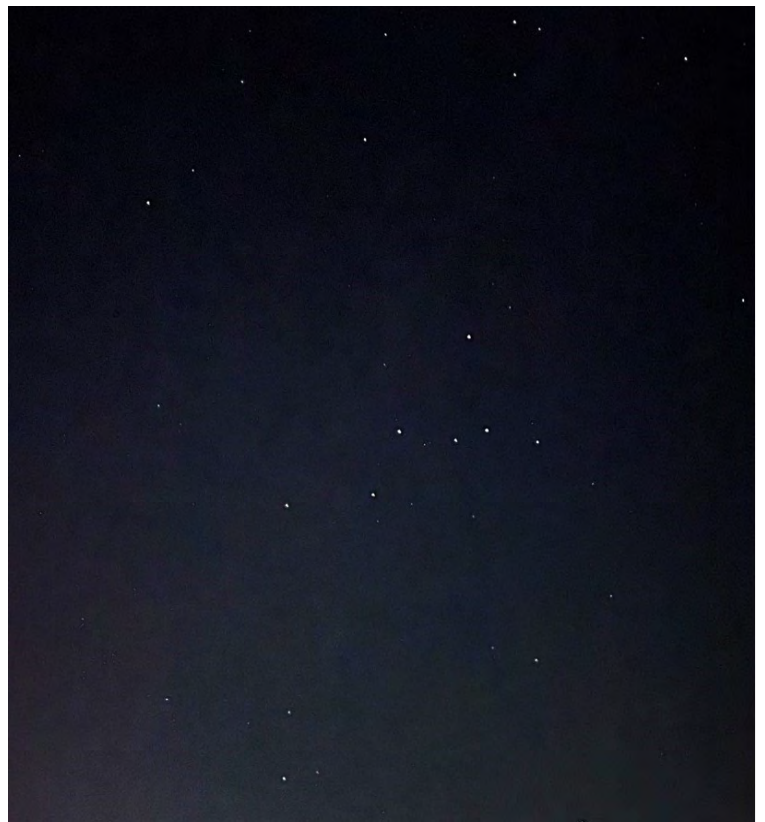
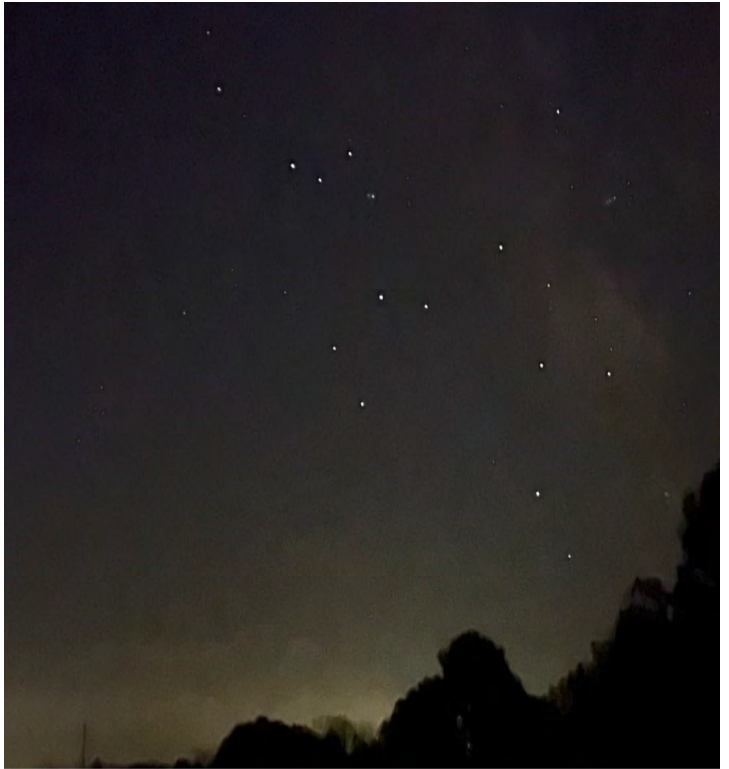


## Rafting Up then Lunch is Served.





## Star Party Constellations in the Clayton Night Sky



## **Important Dates in Nautical History      by   D/C Rick Hibbs, SN-IN**

**(Founder's Day Remarks 18 Feb 2017)**

In July and August of 1588, the Spanish Armada held cruise and rendezvous to England, Calais, and Ireland.

Since this was about 400 years before the Cruise Planning & Weather courses were first offered by the United States Power Squadron, America's Boating Club, it is not surprising they lost 67 of 130 ships. And their membership was reduced by 20,000 sailors and passengers! To their credit, they did set out with 14,000 barrels of wine and 23,000 quartals of bacon (which is 2.3 million pounds!).

In 1714 the British Admiralty finally saw fit to offer a prize of 20,000 pounds to anyone that could find a method to reliably determine longitude at sea.

By 1737 John Harrison had demonstrated a ship's chronometer that could reliably keep time, enabling longitude to be determined at sea, significantly reducing the number of British shipwrecks. Truth be told, it did add another degree of difficulty to the future displays on GPS devices, but nothing's perfect!

On October 13, 1775, the US Navy was formed.

On August 4, 1790, the US Coast Guard was formed.

On October 21, 1805, the British team, with head coach Admiral Lord Nelson, defeated the French & Spanish All-Star Team at Trafalgar, thus winning naming rights for the Prime Meridian, which we know today as "Greenwich".

February 2, 1841, Ground Hog Day was first observed in the United States.

In 1845 the SS Great Britain, the first propeller driven steam ship, crossed the Atlantic, and the need for an Engine Maintenance Course was identified!

On March 8, 1862, the Monitor & Merrimack fought to a draw in the first battle of non-sailing ironclad ships, thus showing a continuing need for the Engine Maintenance Course. (Show of hands for all who've taken the course?)

On April 15, 1912, the bar steward regrets calling for "More ice!", as the Titanic sinks. To commemorate this tragedy, in 1955 April 15th became the official Income Tax Day.

On February 2, 1914, the United States Power Squadron was formed, 73 years after the first Ground Hog's Day. Tho' the founding was arguably more important; it's sadly much less well known among the general public. The USPS mission was to educate boaters in the skills necessary to leave port and safely return. FINALLY!!!

On May 2, 1938, 350 years after the Spanish Armada cruise disaster, the Rochester Power Squadron (now America's Boating Club of Rochester) was chartered.

On Sept 26 1964, the first episode of Gilligan's Island aired; arguably the second worst cruising disaster!

So, let's raise our glasses to toast the founding of the US Power Squadrons and, by extension, all the resulting districts and local squadrons now 16 days into our 103rd year of existence!





# August Toons

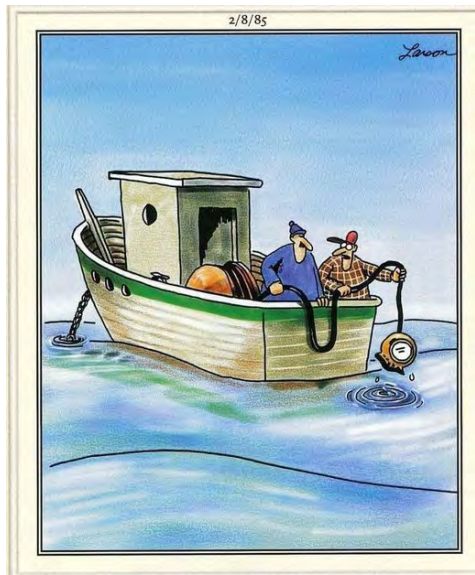


They said " Go parasailing it will be fun!"

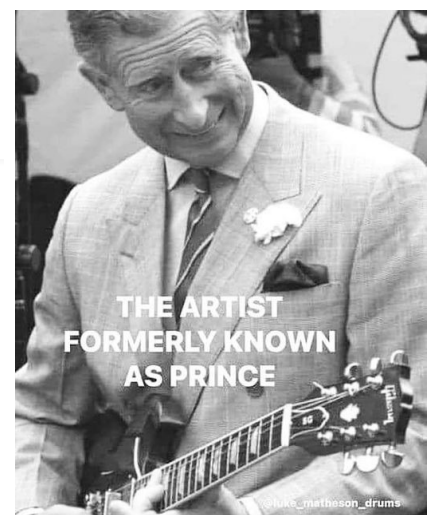


"I know you're new to boating, so I'll give you some friendly advice...the boat goes in the water, not your SUV."

Another great actor who wasted his life on drugs and alcohol



"Well, so that's it. ... I thought he was coming up awfully easy."







To the horror of the lifeboat's other members, Madonna loses her balance and falls on her face.

This is why women live longer than men!



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