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**On the Horizon**

7 September 2024- Susquenago Mini Rendezvous- Skaneateles Lake  
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Boscov's Friends Helping Friends, October 22, 2024, 9am to 9pm



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## Commander's Comments



Well summer is flying by as it always does. Why can't winter go this fast? It's been a busy summer for your Commander. First Bob & I celebrated our 50th anniversary with family and friends on July 13th and left for our 1000 Islands vacation the very next day. While in the islands, we have enjoyed many beautiful days of boating and meeting up with friends. A highlight was the Syracuse Squadron BBQ event at the Clayton Yacht Club. It was a perfect evening with drinks and hors d'oeuvres outside by the water and a delicious dinner in the Commodore's Room. Thanks for including Susquenago. There were 7 of our members there.

Well thanks to inclement weather, our Treman Marina Day for this year didn't happen, not sure what next year will bring.

Our Mini Rendezvous has been planned for September 7th with a luncheon/tour on beautiful Skaneateles Lake. Reservations must be made by August 1, so don't hesitate. Contact me to book your spot. Look for more information in this issue.

Don't forget Boscov's Friends Helping Friends event which will be held on Tuesday, 22 October.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and remember....

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

*Commander Mary*



## 2024 Susquenango Mini Rendezvous

On Saturday, 7 September (the only Saturday available in September) at 11:00 am, we are planning a mini rendezvous on beautiful Skaneateles Lake.

This will be a two hour luncheon cruise on Mid Lakes Navigation's Judge Ben Wiles.

**The menu is as follows:**

**Buffet Lunch**

**\*\*COLD ITEMS \*\***

**Chicken Salad**

**Garden Salad with balsamic or ranch dressing**

**House made Potato Salad**

**Sliced ham, turkey, roast beef deli tray**

**Sliced American, Provolone, Swiss cheeses**

**Sliced tomatoes, crisp lettuce, pickles, onions**

**Mayonnaise, mustard, cranberry mayonnaise, horseradish**

**Rolls/Bread/Wraps/ GF Bread**

**\*\*HOT ITEMS\*\***

**Hot Prime Rib Beef with onions and peppers in Au Jus**

**Vegetarian Lasagna**

**Assorted cookies for dessert**

**Tea, Coffee, Lemonade, and Iced Tea included**

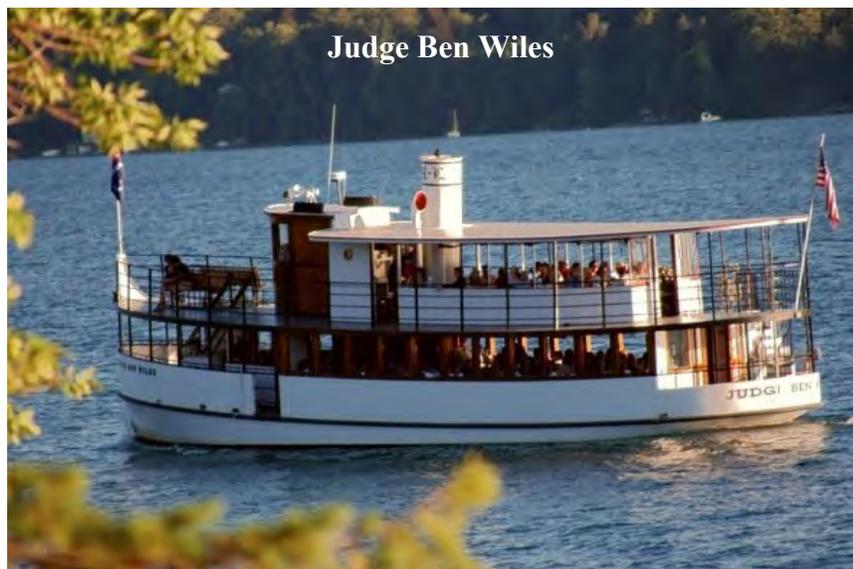
Using our tax exempt status, the total cost per person is \$46.29 including tip. But, we must act fast - they are holding spots for us until 1 August.

**Please contact me if you are interested in attending and I will give you payment information.  
marykuch47@gmail.com or 607-743-0307**

The "Judge" is totally enclosed, so weather is not an issue.

Hoping to make this a great squadron event!

Commander Mary



## Boscov's Friends Helping Friends

Once again this year we will be participating in Boscov's Friends Helping Friends which will be held on **22 October**. Twenty five percent off shopping passes are available please contact Cmd. Mary to get your passes or pick them up at our June picnic or the Sept. meeting. Remember for each pass sold, the squadron receives \$5.00. It's an easy way to boost our coffers – everyone loves to shop and you can even shop online this year!

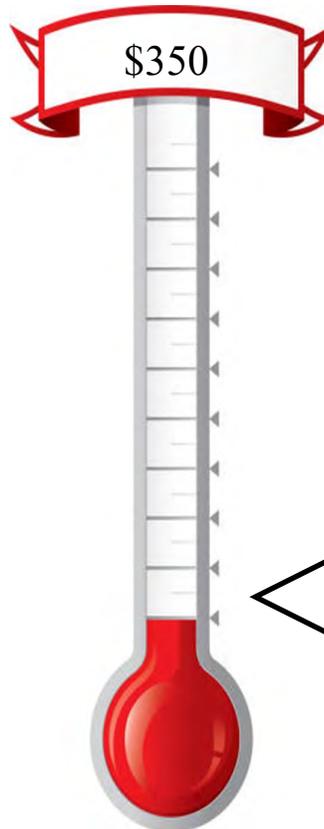
Can we save Commander Mary's Squadron Bell from a Watery Grave?

Watch this spot for upcoming Susquenango Sail and Power Squadron Fund raising events!



### Ransom Note For Commanders Bell Received

RequIre \$350 By  
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the bell wll go  
to sleep wth the  
fishies at The  
CoNfIuENce of  
The susquehANnA  
And cheNango  
RiveRS!



← Burger King Donation ???

Still Waiting to Hear

# Electric shock drowning prevention tips

Swimming near a boat hooked to shore power in any fresh or brackish water marina can lead to electric shock drowning. To prevent electric shock drowning accidents, the best advice is not to swim or allow your children or pets to swim in waters where electric shock drowning can happen. The second best thing you can do is check polarity when using shore power and ensure you have an effective safety ground.

## What is ESD?

Electric shock drowning is the result of the passage of low-level current through a body immersed in fresh or brackish water. As little as 10 to 20 milliamps of current may cause initial skeletal muscular paralysis. The average household current is 1,000 times that amperage.

Unless the current is interrupted, the victim becomes unable to help themselves, eventually leading them to drown. Higher current levels cause immediate electrocution.

## What happens to the victim?

Upon entering the water, the victim becomes disabled, and may or may not be able to call for help. They may feel a tingle, sense the problem, move toward a “safe haven” like the boat or dock that is causing the problem. The diaphragm and limbs become paralyzed, and the victim drowns.

Rescuers may then enter the water to help and become victims themselves.

## What can you do to prevent ESD?

First, understand and remember that potential electric shock drowning conditions are always the result of the lack of an effective safety ground, either on a boat or dock. Make sure that your dock and boat are inspected regularly and that all wiring components are sound.

There are tools that can help in this task. You can check the polarity and ground using an inexpensive polarity checker, available at hardware stores for 110v/15 amp circuits. Marine 30A polarity checkers are also available at marine suppliers such as West Marine. A \$50 AC/DC clamp-on ammeter can be used to check leakage.

Second, look for a device called an Equipment Leakage Circuit Interrupter (ELCI) on any new boats, which can detect and stop current flow when a leakage over 30 milliamps is detected. ABYC standards now recommend such devices on all new boats, but it is a voluntary standard. Consider adding an ELCI to your boat.

Learn more about ESD America’s Boating Channel’s 5-minute video on [electric shock drowning](#) provides more information on ESD and ESD prevention. Another great resource is the [Electric Shock Drowning Prevention Association](#).

–Capt. Bob Kunath of Venice Sail & Power Squadron/22 (Compass)

# How to prevent CO poisoning

Carbon monoxide poisoning presents a real danger, especially on your boat. Follow this onboard checklist to prevent CO poisoning.

1. Know where carbon monoxide exhaust outlets are located on your vessel. Become familiar with the [symptoms of CO poisoning](#) and where carbon monoxide may accumulate.
1. When docked or rafted with another boat, be aware of the other boat's exhaust emissions.
2. Visually verify that water flows from the exhaust outlet when you start the engines and generator.
3. Listen for changes in exhaust system sound, which could indicate an exhaust component failure.
4. Test each CO alarm by pressing the test button.
5. Make sure all exhaust clamps are in place and secure.
6. Look for signs of exhaust leaking from exhaust system components. Signs include rust or black streaking, water leaks, or corroded or cracked fittings.
7. Inspect rubber exhaust hoses for burned, cracked or deteriorated sections. All rubber hoses should be pliable and free of kinks.
8. Never swim off the stern platform while engines are running.

—John and Beth Schwab (Compass)



The summer is in full swing, which makes the topic of our safety message today even more urgent – Towed Sports Safety. As our waterways become more crowded, it is vital to identify and implement important measures for safely water skiing, wake boarding, knee boarding, wake surfing, and tubing. These measures are presented in the [“Towed Sports Safety”](#) video where viewers learn about proper equipment selection and preparing to tow a person. Also featured are tips for operating under-way.

Invite your friends and neighbors to watch, like and subscribe to America's Boating Channel on YouTube as a fun and educational introduction to what our organization has to offer. This video and more also are available via the America's Boating Channel free on-demand app on Apple TV, Roku or FireTV.



**Have the Right Life Jacket?**

**Right Style** Be sure it's U.S. Coast Guard-approved (Check the label printed on the inside of the life jacket).

- Standup Paddlers (Belt pack inflatable)
- Anglers & Open Motor Boats (Suspender inflatable)
- Personal Water Crafts & Water Sports (Inflatable buoyant)
- Kids (Adult life jackets don't fit kids)
- Pets (Harnesses with 3ft handles)

**WEAR IT**

**Right Fit**

Snug fit and fastened.

- You don't want your life jacket too large or too small.

**Right Care** Refer to OWNER'S MANUAL and LABEL for specific maintenance requirements.

**All Life Jacket Care**

- Use properly
- No rips, waterlogging or mildew
- Dry after use
- Hand wash in warm, soapy water
- Store in a dry place when not boating

**Inflatable Life Jacket Care**

- Test: Orally inflate & holds air for 16-24 hours
- Inspect cartridge (not discharged & no corrosion)
- If it holds air, repack & use

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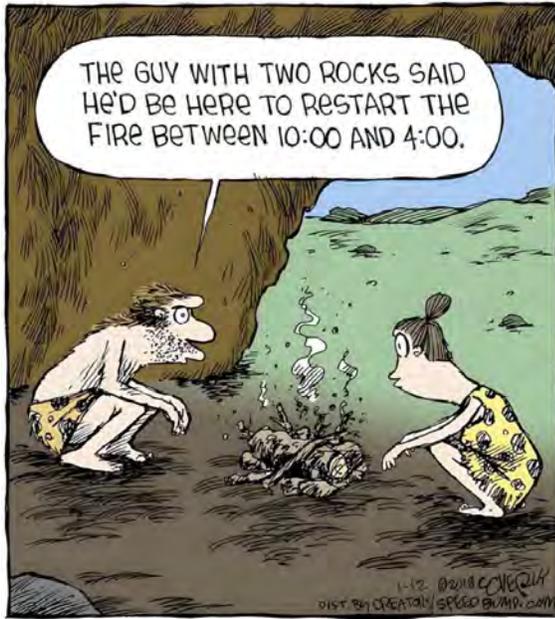
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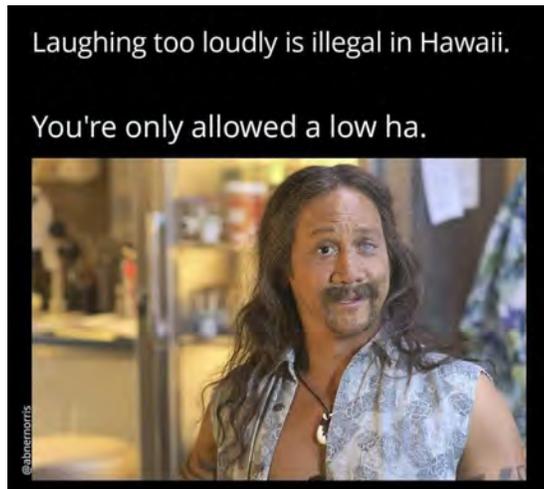
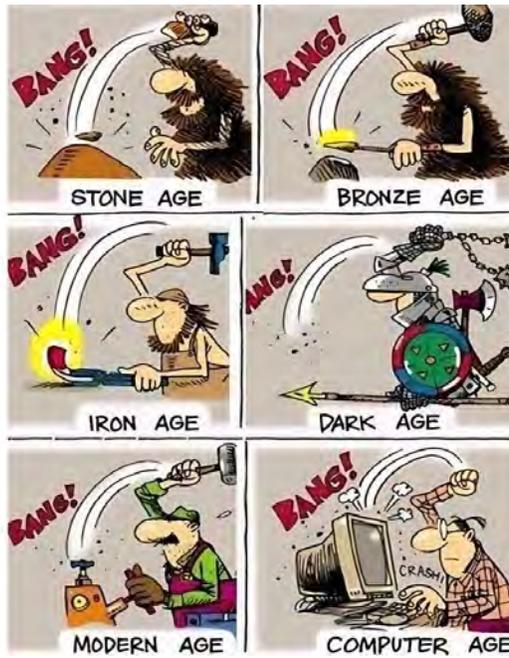
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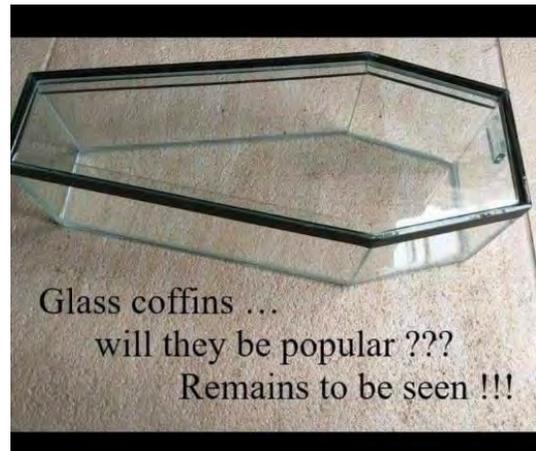
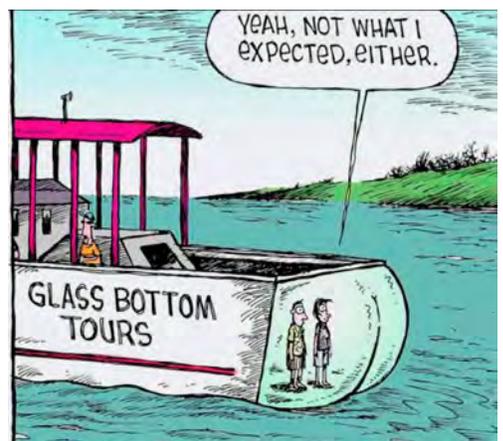
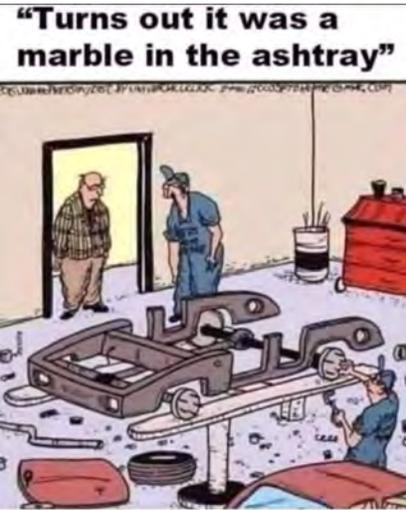
"He says he's sure this isn't Wildwood. Did you put batteries in the GPS?"



Early Italian nuclear test (colourized, 1957)



**Me :**  
**When I use terms like "PORT" and "STARBOARD" correctly**



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