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Susquenago Happenings

20 September 2023-Susquenago General Membership Meeting
Thirsty's Bar and Grill, 46 South Washington St. Binghamton NY

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 Susquenago 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!

Susquenago Sail and Power Squadron Fall Class Schedule Johnson City High School

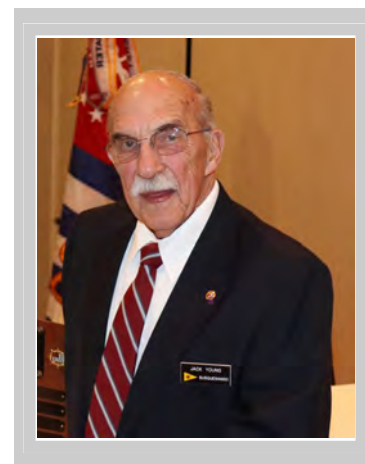
Advanced Piloting – 10 Tuesdays starting September 5th – November 7th, 2023, 7 – 9 p.m.

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

Where do Bad Rainbows Go?

Prism

It's a light sentence and gives them time to reflect.



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Editor Emeritus



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Commander's Comments

As I write this article, it is a beautiful fall like day – not too hot or humid. My kind of day! As I said last month, our boating days are getting shorter in more ways than one. It sure is getting dark much earlier now.

Our Susquenango Mini Rendezvous was a great event with 15 members and friends in attendance. On our drive up to Geneva, we hit a couple of rain storms but once it was time to board our tour boat, the rain stopped and we were able to enjoy a lovely tour of the north end of Seneca Lake with Finger Lakes Water Adventures. Some members enjoyed lunch earlier at Tucci's Diner and reported that it was very good. Following the boat tour we went to

Sauder's Market. I had not been there before but was blown away with the wonderful foods they offered – fresh produce, cheeses, cold cuts, meats, candies, baked goods and so much more! If you have the chance to visit it's a delightful place and very reasonable prices. Next we were on to dinner at Woody's Tavern in the Quality Inn in Seneca Fall. Very nice place with excellent food and service. Woody, himself, was our waiter! All in all it was a very enjoyable day.

Hope to see everyone at our regular monthly meeting on September 20th at Thirsty's. Trying out a new venue. If you have any suggestions for where to hold our meetings, please let Linda Rought know.

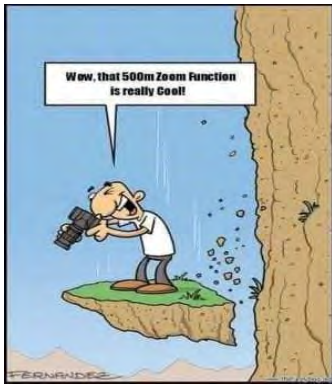
Don't forget the next district event will be held on 21 October at the Calvary Club in Manlius, NY. This is a one day event. Details will be out soon.

Continue enjoying our beautiful fall weather - Happy boating!

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

Commander Mary

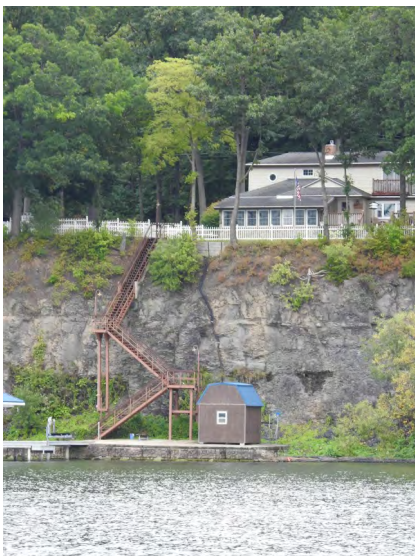




Susquenango Sail and Power Squadron Mini Rendezvous Seneca Lake NY

Photos by Lt Ann Smith, P





Things You Probably Never Knew About The Great Lakes.....



1. Lake Superior is actually not a lake at all, but an inland sea .
2. All of the four other Great Lakes, plus three more the size of Lake Erie, would fit inside of Lake Superior.
3. Isle Royale is a massive island surrounded by Lake Superior. Within this island are several smaller lakes. Yes, that's a lake on a lake.
4. Despite its massive size, Lake Superior is an extremely young formation by Earth's standards (only 10,000 years old).
5. There is enough water in Lake Superior to submerge all of North and South America in 1 foot of water.
6. Lake Superior contains 3 quadrillion gallons of water (3,000,000,000,000,000). All five of the Great Lakes combined contain 6 quadrillion gallons.
7. Contained within Lake Superior is a whopping 10% of the world's fresh surface water.
8. It's estimated there are about 100 million lake trout in Lake Superior. That's nearly one-fifth of the human population of North America!
9. There are small outlets through which water leaves Lake Superior. It takes two centuries for all the water in the lake to replace itself.
10. Lake Erie is the fourth-largest Great Lake in surface area, and the smallest in depth. It's the 11th largest lake on the planet.
11. There is alleged to be a 30- to 40-foot-long "monster" in Lake Erie named Bessie. The earliest recorded sighting goes back as early as 1793.
12. Water in Lake Erie replaces itself in only 2.6 years, which is notable considering the water in Lake Superior takes two centuries.

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13. The original publication of Dr. Seuss's *The Lorax* contained the line, "I hear things are just as bad up in Lake Erie." Fourteen years later, the Ohio Sea Grant Program wrote to Seuss to make the case that conditions had improved. He removed the line.
14. Not only is Lake Erie the smallest Great Lake when it comes to volume, but it's surrounded by the most industry. Seventeen metropolitan areas, each with populations of more than 50,000, border the Lake Erie basin.
15. During the War of 1812, the U.S. beat the British in a naval battle called the Battle of Lake Erie, forcing them to abandon Detroit.
16. The shoreline of all the Great Lakes combined equals nearly 44% of the circumference of the planet.
17. If not for the Straits of Mackinac, Lake Michigan and Lake Huron might be considered one lake. Hydrologically speaking, they have the same mean water level and are considered one lake.
18. The *Keystone State* was one of the largest and most luxurious wooden steamships running during the Civil War. In 1861, it disappeared. In 2013, it was found 30 miles northeast of Harrisville under 175 feet of water.
19. Goderich Mine is the largest salt mine in the world. Part of it runs underneath Lake Huron, more than 500 meters underground.
20. Below Lake Huron, there are 9,000-year-old animal-herding structures used by prehistoric people from when the water levels were significantly lower.
21. There are massive sinkholes in Lake Huron that have high amounts of sulfur and low amounts of oxygen, almost replicating the conditions of Earth's ancient oceans 3 million years ago. Unique ecosystems are contained within them.
22. Lake Huron is the second largest among the Great Lakes, and the fifth largest in the world.
23. In size, Lake Michigan ranks third among the Great Lakes, and sixth among all freshwater lakes in the world.
24. Lake Michigan is the only Great Lake that is entirely within the borders of the United States.
25. The largest fresh water sand dunes in the world line the shores of Lake Michigan.
26. Because water enters and exits Lake Michigan through the same path, it takes 77 years longer for the water to replace itself than in Huron, despite their similarity in size and depth. (Lake Michigan: 99 years, Lake Huron: 22 years)
27. Within Lake Michigan there is a "triangle" with a similar reputation to the Bermuda Triangle, where a large amount of "strange disappearances" have occurred. There have also been alleged UFO sightings.
28. *Singapore, Mich.*, is a ghost town on the shores of Lake Michigan that was buried under sand in 1871. Because of severe weather conditions and a lack of resources due to the need to rebuild after the great Chicago fire, the town was lost completely.
29. In the mid-19th century, Lake Michigan had a pirate problem. Their booty: timber. In fact, the demise of *Singapore* is due in large part to the rapidly deforested area surrounding the town.
30. Jim Dreyer swam across Lake Michigan in 1998 (65 miles), and then in 2003, he swam the length of Lake Michigan (422 miles).
31. Lake Michigan was the location of the first recorded "Big Great Lakes disaster," in which a steamer carrying 600 people collided with a schooner delivering timber to Chicago. Four hundred and fifty people died.
32. Lake Ontario is the smallest of the Great Lakes in surface area, and second smallest in depth. It's the 14th largest lake on the planet.
33. The province Ontario was named after the lake, and not vice versa.
34. In 1804, a Canadian warship, *His Majesty's Ship Speedy*, sank in Lake Ontario. In 1990, wreck hunter Ed Burt managed to find it. Only, he isn't allowed to recover any artifacts until a government-approved site to exhibit them is found. He's still waiting.
35. Babe Ruth hit his first major league home run at *Hanlan's Point Stadium* in Toronto. It landed in Lake Ontario and is believed to still be there.
36. A lake on Saturn's moon Titan is named after Lake Ontario.

Fall boating preparation

America's Boating Compass Sept Issue

As you enjoy these last days of the boating season, take time to perform some essential fall boating preparation. While your boat is under way, check the following:

Chafe

If you have a sailboat, check running rigging and sails for excessive chafe. Are leads fair? Furling-line leads often become misaligned, causing an uneven wrap around the drum. Ideally, the line should exit perpendicular from the furling drum. Check for spreader chafe on the sail. Are your chafe patches doing their job?

Steering

If yours is a tiller-steered boat, see if there's too much play in the rudder bearing. Thoroughly check wheel-steered systems—cable and sheave, push-pull cable, or hydraulic—while underway to avoid surprises in the spring.

Rigging

You should have done final adjustments on rig tension in the spring. Now's the time to double-check the tension and note the turnbuckle or tensioner settings for next season. Seldén offers a helpful [guide to rig tuning](#).

Blocks, vang's and travelers

If you've added any new deck gear, take a close look at its performance. Check the bearings for friction, UHMW plastic components for cracks and stainless steel bits for corrosion.

Belowdecks

With a sailboat, go below while beating on each tack. Listen at the mast step for creaks and groans. Is everything below staying put? Drawers and cabinets latching securely? Are there any improvements or modifications that might improve comfort and storage below while underway?

Electronics

Are all the sensors working correctly under way? Is the depth sounder transducer working? How about the masthead instruments?

If you approach your autumn sailing hours to inform your winter projects, the checkpoints usually become self-evident. Each boat will have additional things worth inspecting. —Greg Watt



"Whatever your question is, the answer is boating."



"I built it myself. It's amazing what you can learn from a few YouTube videos."

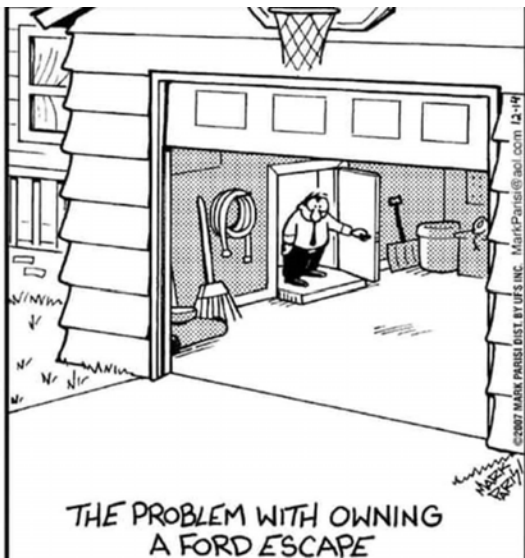
SEPTEMBER



SONGS FOR AGING ROCKERS
LED ZEPPELIN



STAIRLIFT TO HEAVEN



MASSACHUSETTS

Very Awesome - Wicked Awesome
Basement - Cellah
Dinner - Suppah
Living room - Pallah
Chowder - Chowdah
Water Fountain - Bubblah
Liquor Store - Packie
Purse - Pockabook
Turn A Round - Bang a uey
Traffic Circle - Rotary
Turn Signal - Blinkah
Water - Watah
Car - Cah
TV Remote - Clickah
No Way - No Suh
Crazy Situation - Wicked Pissah



Devices used to find water



I LOVE BACON
BECAUSE I CAN
WRAP IT AROUND
ANYTHING.

BASICALLY, IT'S THE
DUCT TAPE OF FOOD.

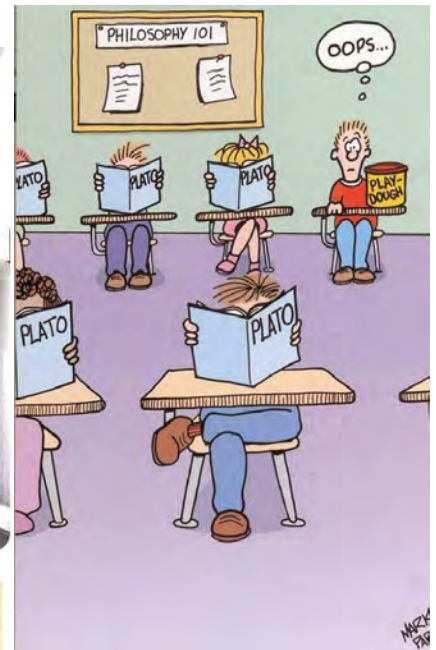
Uniforms (Captains)

Amateur

Professional



Every workplace has this crew.



WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BIRD FLU AND SWINE FLU?



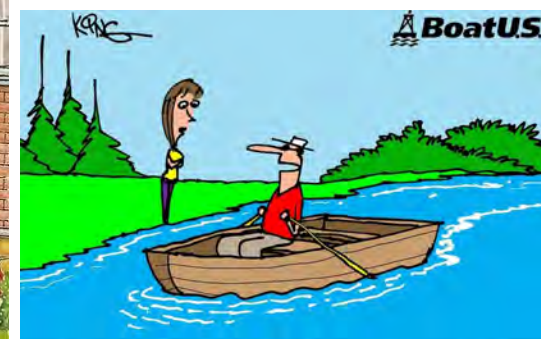
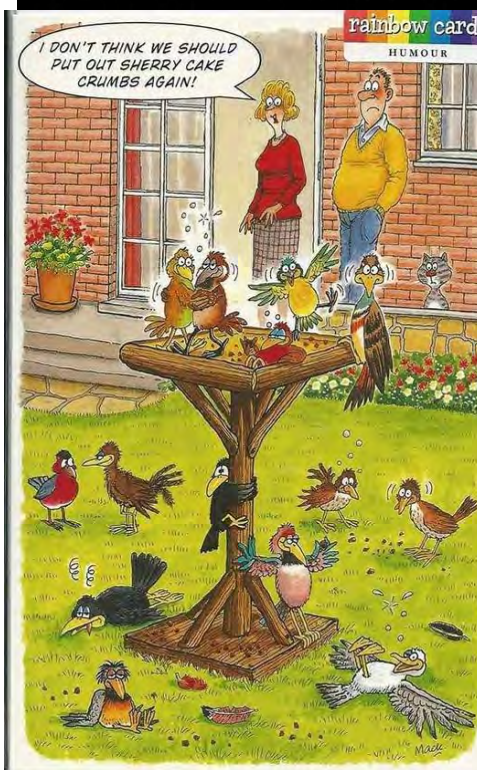
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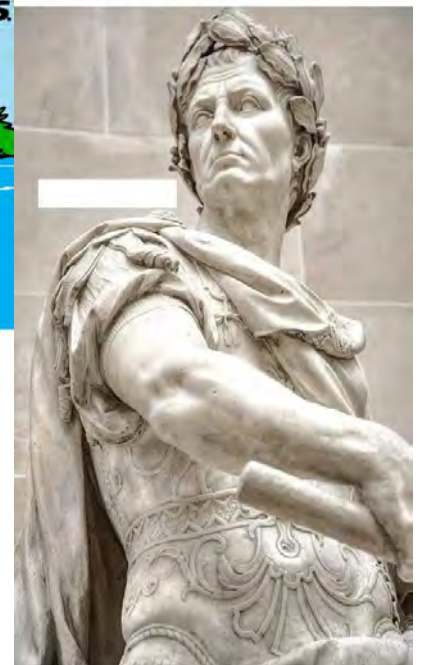
"This is it, Jenkins—indisputable proof that the Ice Age caught these people completely off guard."



FUN FACT: Records indicate that Julius Caesar never once said "thank you" in his life. This is most likely due to the fact that he couldn't speak English.



"It's a good boat, it just lacks some of the latest technology. Actually, it lacks all technology."



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