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Susquenango Happenings

Squadron Meeting, 17 September 2025, Town of Binghamton Volunteer Fire Company, Station 2, 2021 Pierce Creek Rd, Binghamton , NY 13903

Dinner by: Phil's Chicken catering—includes, 1/4 chicken, Baked Beans, Salt Potatoes, Cabbage Salad. \$15.00 per person. BYOB 5:30 Dinner. Meeting to follow:



Guest Speaker— Howard Manges, WNBF Meteorologist
Presentation around 7:15-7:30.

**Important: If attending Please Contact
Lt/C Linda Rought, P @ 607-760-6388**



On The Horizon

Holiday Party- December 13, 2025,
Trailside Inn (Formerly Drover's Inn)
2 Pumphouse Rd.
Vestal, NY, 13850
6:00 Cocktails
7:00 Dinner.

Please get reservations to Linda Rought by
December 5, 2025



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Commander's Comments

These chilly mornings tend to say fall is in the air. Don't despair.....there is plenty of boating season left. We might need to don a light jacket, but we'll still be out on the water.

Our Susquenango Mini Rendezvous on 23 August was a great time for the 20 members and guests in attendance. Thanks to P/Lt/C Ann Smith, P for making the arrangements for our boat ride on the Old Erie Canal in Camillus and to P/D/C Nancy Bieber, P for arranging our dinner and taking reservations for both events. We so much enjoyed seeing past members, Vonnice and Karl Oakley who came up from South Carolina to join us.

Our regular monthly meeting is scheduled for September 17th at the Town of Binghamton Fire Station #2 on 2120 Pierce Creek Road. We are delighted to announce that we will have a special presentation by WBNG Chief Meteorologist, Howard Manges. I'm sure we will learn a lot about the weather that we never knew before. Also, Howard is a past ABC student who passed with flying colors! Lt/C Linda Rought, P has made arrangements with Phi's Chicken House for our dinner and a special dessert will be donated by your Commander. Please contact Linda ASAP with your reservation.

Don't forget the next District 6 event will be held on 18 October at the Cavalry Club in Manlius, NY. This is a one day event. Details will be out soon.

All members are encouraged to attend any and all of our meetings and events.



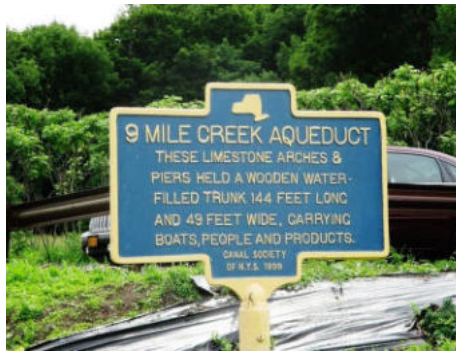
And Remember.... Home is Where the Anchor Drops".

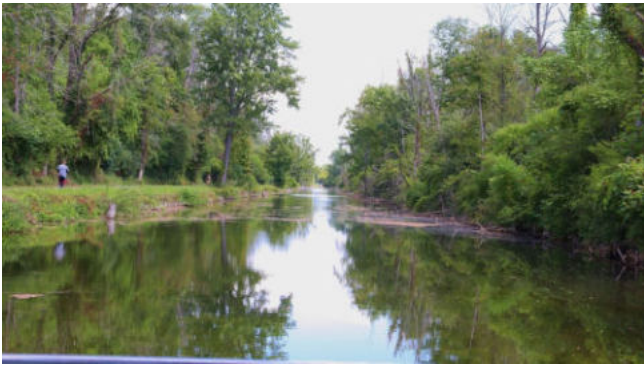
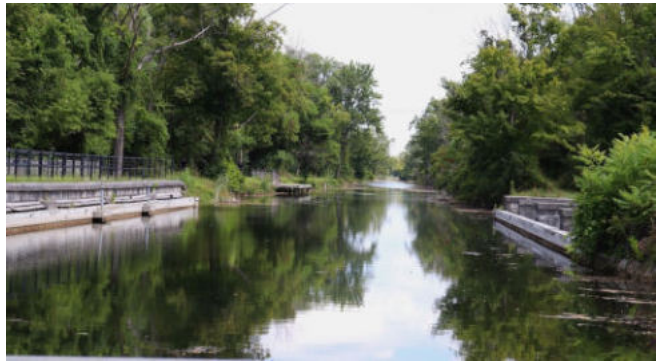


Commander Mary



Erie Canal Rendezvous 8-23-25







August 12, 2025

Prevent boat explosions



Why do boat explosions happen?

Boat explosions are most commonly caused by gasoline vapor buildup in the engine compartment or bilge. If these vapors ignite, often due to a spark from the engine, battery, or electrical system, the result can be catastrophic.

How to prevent a boat explosion

- **Always ventilate before starting the engine:** Use your bilge blower for at least four minutes before starting a gasoline-powered inboard engine. This clears out potentially explosive fuel vapors.
- **Smell for fuel odors:** If you detect a strong fuel smell, do not start the engine. Investigate the source and ventilate thoroughly.
- **Check fuel lines and connections:** Before every trip, inspect fuel lines for cracks, leaks, or loose fittings. Damaged lines should be repaired or replaced immediately.
- **Refuel safely:** Turn off the engine and all electrical systems while refueling. Keep all passengers off the boat. Close all hatches and ports during fueling, then open them to ventilate afterward. Use absorbent pads to catch spills and prevent fuel from entering the bilge. Never overfill your boat's fuel tank. Fuel expands as it warms, and overfilling can cause spills into the water or hazardous fumes on board. Always leave room for expansion and follow safe fueling practices.
- **Maintain electrical systems:** Faulty wiring is a common ignition source. Have your electrical system inspected regularly by a marine professional.
- **Carry fire extinguishers and know how to use them:** Make sure you have the correct type of U.S. Coast Guard-approved fire extinguisher on board and that it's accessible and in good working order.

—National Safe Boating Council

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



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 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!

Did You Know?

The origin is nautical. In sailing, the “sheet” is a rope that controls the trim of sail. So the sheet that is in the wind has to be loose from its mooring and flapping in the wind like a flag. It is a term commonly used by sailors as we know it today meaning “drunk”.



three sheets to the wind

It only takes one mistake to ruin your day.



Pay attention, slow down and wear a life jacket!



SWIM SAFELY IN OPEN WATERS
(LAKES, RIVERS, ETC.)

US Army Corps of Engineers
Swimming in open water is different and more difficult than in a swimming pool. You can tire more quickly and get into trouble due to waves, current, lack of experience, exhaustion, or your abilities have decreased.

DROWNING IS SILENT
The four signs of drowning are head back, mouth open, not yelling, and arms slapping the water surface.

DROWNING IS QUICK
It can take 20 seconds for a child to drown and 60 seconds for an adult to drown.

EVEN GOOD SWIMMERS DROWN
47% of USACE public recreation fatalities are associated with swimming in areas not designated for swimming, including swimming in association with boats.¹

GAMES CAN BE DEADLY
Shallow water blackout can occur and kill while holding your breath too long while swimming. Challenging someone to swim across a cove or to an object such as a buoy can cause them to exceed their swimming ability and drown.

SWIMMING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL/DRUGS
You can suffer an inner ear condition (Caloric Labyrinthitis) if you swim, jump, or fall underwater while under the influence of alcohol/drugs that causes you to become disoriented and not know which way is up.

LIFE SAVING TIPS

- Wear A Properly Fitted Life Jacket When Swimming, Floating, Playing, Or Wading In Open Water
- Ask Others To Wear Their Life Jackets
- Swim With A Buddy, Never Swim Alone
- Learn To Swim And Float Well
- When Your Boat, Beach Ball, Or Some Other Object Floats Away Please Let It Go Or Wear A Life Jacket To Retrieve It

Life Jackets Worn...Nobody Drowns. PleaseWearIt.com

1 - Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control
2 - Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), National Operations Center for Water Safety

Libation Of the Month

Recipe Haven



SALTED CARAMEL BUTTERSCOTCH WHITE RUSSIAN

A creamy, decadent twist on the classic — rich, boozy, and dripping in caramel goodness 🍮

🍹 You'll Need:

- 2 oz vodka
- 1 oz coffee liqueur (like Kahlúa)
- 1 oz butterscotch schnapps
- 2 oz heavy cream
- 1 oz salted caramel sauce (plus extra to drizzle)
- Ice cubes
- Sea salt (for garnish)
- Optional: whipped cream

🔥 How to Make It:

- 1 Salt the rim of your glass (optional but 🔥).
- 2 In a shaker filled with ice, add vodka, Kahlúa, butterscotch schnapps, heavy cream & caramel sauce.
- 3 Shake it like you mean it! (15–20 sec)
- 4 Strain into a rocks glass filled with fresh ice.
- 5 Optional: Top with whipped cream + extra caramel drizzle + a pinch of sea salt.

☀️ Sip, swoon, and repeat!

From:

by land
or by sea

Cuisine of
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Bob's Smothered Pork Chops

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|--|------------------------------|
| 4 boneless pork chops, trimmed | 1 (10½-ounce) can beef broth |
| 1 medium onion, chopped | Cornstarch for thickening |
| 1 teaspoon French herbs (thyme, rosemary, basil, fennel, tarragon, savory) | ½ cup sour cream or to taste |

Brown pork in a greased skillet. Top with onion and herbs. Slowly pour in broth. Cover and simmer 1 hour, 30 minutes to 3 hours. Thicken sauce with cornstarch. Add sour cream.

Yield: 4 servings

Jane Schnoor • Cocoa Beach Power Squadron • Florida

SEPTEMBER TOONS



To be completely honest, I'm not sure
if the museum is open or not.

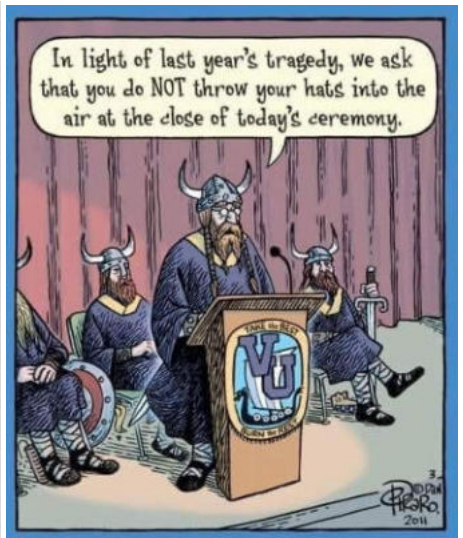


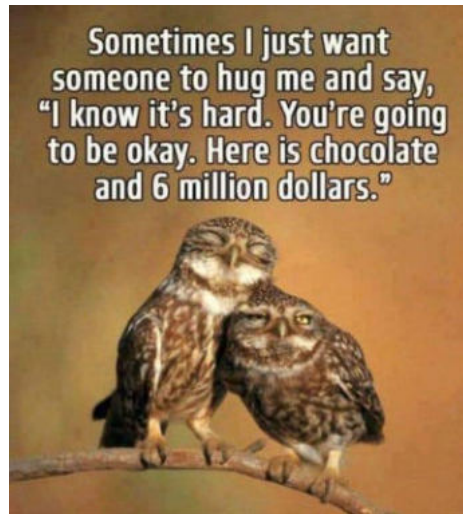
The people who make fitted
sheets need to sit down with the
people who make mattresses and
get on the same page.

Making the bed shouldn't be like
putting a swimming cap over a
fridge.

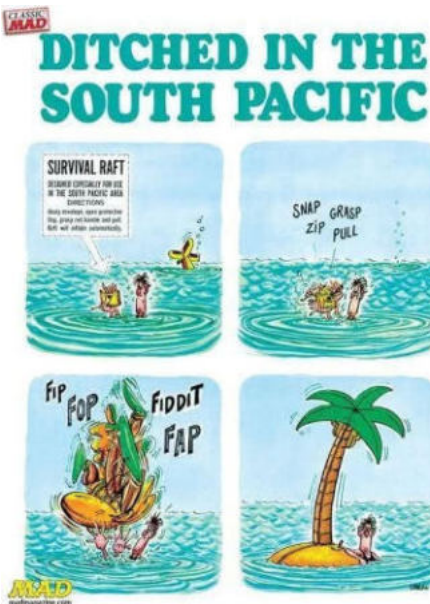


"At your current body fat percentage,
I can't figure out how there's any room
left for your organs."





"Here you go; a loaner vehicle of equal value to your car till it's repaired."



Husband: My wife is missing. She went shopping yesterday and has not come home!

OFFICER: Age?

Husband: I'm not sure. Around 40. We don't do birthdays.

OFFICER: Height?

Husband: I'm not sure. A little over five-feet tall.

OFFICER: Weight?

Husband: Don't know. Not slim, not really fat.

OFFICER: Color of eyes?

Husband: Sort of brown I think.

OFFICER: Color of hair?

Husband: Changes a couple times a year. Maybe dark brown now. I can't remember.

OFFICER: What was she wearing?

Husband: Could have been pants, or maybe a skirt or shorts. I don't know exactly.

OFFICER: What kind of car did she go in?

Husband: She went on my motorcycle.

OFFICER: What kind of motorcycle was it?

Husband: A 2018 Harley Davidson Roadglide, Twisted Cherry with 14" apes, stage 2 kit, Vance and Hines fishtail pipes, Klock Werks windshield, JPCycles foot boards, highway pegs and crash bars...At this point the husband started choking up.

OFFICER: Take it easy sir, we'll find your motorcycle.

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