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Susquenango December Happenings

10 December 2022: Susquenango Holiday and Christmas Party, Grande's 1250 Upper Front St, Binghamton, NY 13901, Start Time: 6:00 PM **** Order off the Menu**

**** Please Contact Lt/C Linda Rought, P if you are planning to attend these Squadron Events. Phone 607-760-6388 or email Linda Rought <ldrought@stny.rr.com>;**

On the Horizon

18 January 2023: Executive Meeting, 3801 Country Club Road, Endwell 7:00 PM

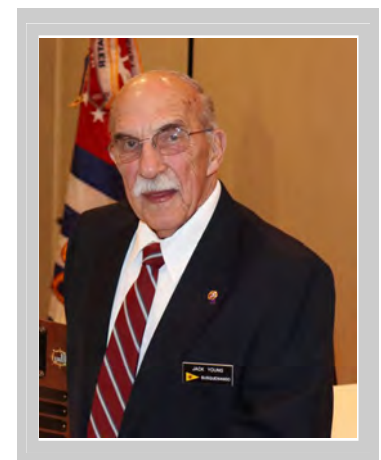
18 February 2023: Change Of Watch, Jonathans on Hooper Road, Endwell 6:00 PM ******

Over the Horizon

14-16 April– Spring Conference & COW, Elmira NY



Merry Christmas



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Editor Emeritus





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Commander's Comments



Commander
Michael Acciai, AP

After an hour plus of good food, drink, laughter and fellowship I called the meeting to order and the Bridge Officers and Committee Chairs got down to business and reported on the last month's activities.

Most of the reports were feedback on the D/6 fall conference and the needs of all the Squadrons that make up the district. The new bylaw changes on District and Squadron organizational simplification were in the forefront. More on this to follow in January.

Our Christmas and Holiday dinner meeting will not be a business meeting with the only report being our invocation by Lt. Justin Park, JN. Come to Grande's on December 10th at 6:00 PM and enjoy an evening of member comradery.

Peg and I wish all of our Squadron members a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends.

Happy Thanksgiving!



Hanukkah



**From the SeaChest
Staff and Family**



Christmas



**Peg and Mike
Acciai**

**Jack and Katie
Young**

**Dave and Missy
Olds**





Mike & Peg Acciai



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*Merry Christmas
from
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Frank & Chris Broderick



*Joseph and Rhonda
Palmasani*



*John Parnica
and
Jan Strnatka*

HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM ALL OF US TO ALL OF YOU



Boating Safety Courses

America's Boating Course

\$50.00/person

Register for the First Session: 5 Tuesday Nights -- January 10th – February 7th, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

OR

Register for the Second Session: 5 Monday Nights -- March 6th – April 3rd, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Obtain your USPS Boating Safety Certificate to operate recreational boats and Personal Watercraft (PWC).

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.

Boat Handling

\$120.00 (non-member), \$76.00 (USPS member)

6 Monday Nights -- April 17th – May 22nd, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

This course is recommended for both power boaters and sailors who have completed the America's Boating Course, since it builds upon the basics taught in that course. Students learn practical marlinespike (a.k.a. knots), navigation rules, hull design and performance, responsibilities of the skipper, boat care, operating a boat under normal and abnormal conditions, what to do in various emergencies and weather conditions, nautical customs and common courtesies on the water.

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

For more information and to register: www.susquenango.org
or call Les Smith at 607-797-7391



BOATBEAT
www.boatbeat.org






COMMUNICATION DEVICES

Communication devices are critical during a boating emergency. Always **CARRY AT LEAST TWO DEVICES THAT WILL WORK WHEN WET.**

- VHF Radio with Digital Selective Calling**
 - Simple to operate.
 - May communicate both ways.
 - Beyond 20 nautical miles.
 - Registration information at www.navcen.uscg.gov/MFCS.
- QUICKLY ALERT search and rescue assets with an EPIRB or PLB**
 - Works anywhere in the world.
 - Must register at beaconregistration.noaa.gov.
- Cell phones are NOT RELIABLE.**
 - Only helpful if kept dry.
 - Must be in range of a cell phone tower.
- Flares, distress flags, sound producing devices and other NON-TECHNOLOGY COMMUNICATION DEVICES may be helpful in an emergency.**

www.boatbeat.org

Vessel Safety Gear Checklist

Life Jackets (USCG approved, fit properly, and are being worn)		<input type="checkbox"/>
Fire Extinguisher		<input type="checkbox"/>
Sound Producing Device		<input type="checkbox"/>
Navigation Lights		<input type="checkbox"/>
Visual Distress Signal		<input type="checkbox"/>



US Army Corps of Engineers



God's Plan for Aging.

Most seniors never get enough exercise. In His wisdom God decreed that seniors become forgetful so they would have to search for their glasses, keys, and other things, thus doing more walking. And God looked down and saw that it was good.

Then God saw there was another need. In His wisdom He made seniors lose coordination so they would drop things, requiring them to bend, reach, and stretch. And God looked down and saw that it was good.

Then God considered the function of bladders and decided seniors would have additional calls of nature, requiring more trips to the bathroom, thus providing more exercise. God looked down and saw that it was good.

So if you find, as you age, you are getting up and down more, remember it's God's will. It is all in your best interest even though you mutter under your breath.

Nine Important Facts to Remember as We Grow Older

#9 Death is the number 1 killer in the world.

#8 Life is sexually transmitted.

#7 Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.

#6 Men have two motivations: hunger and hanky-panky, and they can't tell them apart. If you see a gleam in his eyes, make him a sandwich.

#5 Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day. Teach a person to use the Internet and they won't bother you for weeks, months, maybe years.

#4 Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in the hospital, dying of nothing.

#3 All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.

#2 In the 60's, people took LSD to make the world weird. Now the world is weird, and people take Prozac to make it normal

#1 Life is like a jar of jalapeño peppers. What you do today may be a burning issue tomorrow
Please share this wisdom with others; I need to go to the bathroom.



Some Thanksgiving and Christmas Humor



**There's nothing like
a little tomato soup
to soothe the soul.
Even if it's cold.
Over ice.
With a celery stalk.
And vodka.**

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If you're happy and you know it clap your hands . . .



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