

THE DRUM

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Commanders Message

Seneca Squadron is rapidly coming back to life as the new bridge works to re-establish programs that have been part of the Squadron's traditions and create new programs to meet the changing needs of the membership. P/D/C Will Kirnie, SN is leading an Operations Training session. XO Russ Dibble is getting the Vessel Safety Check program back on track. SEO Tom Alley is getting up to speed on the squadron educational needs and will announce the fall lineup of course offerings shortly. AO Peter Honsberger and his committee are working through the fall dinner meeting and program schedule. Members continue to answer "Yes" or "can do" when asked to help with the squadron tasks. The concept of using committees to make events happen means less work for everyone and gives a sense of accomplishment to all. Also participation is a great way to earn a Merit Mark, which is the only way a Commander can formally thank a member for their contributions to the squadron and USPS.

Yours is boater education

Merrill

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2005-2006 Seneca Squadron Bridge

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Squadron Member of the Month

Dave Schilberger: His infectious enthusiasm got the squadron going! Thanks Dave for all the guidance.

Seneca Squadron

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

... a full-service, marine
education organization

Looking for hires for committees in all five departments, Executive, Administrative, Educational, Secretarial, and Finance. We have openings for willing and enthusiastic workers in Communications, IT, Human Resources, Recreation, Instruction, Theology, Document Recovery, Earthmoving, and Transportation. We are an Equal Opportunity Employer, accepting applicants from "No Grade" to "Full Card."

Compensation up to 1 MM!

Seneca Squadron

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Executive Officer Report
Lt/C Russ Dibble, A

Greetings everyone. I hope all of you had time to get out on the water this past month.

At the time of this writing we have had members step forward and agree to chair the following committees. Bruce Layton has agreed to continue with the VSC committee and Bess Kirnie has agreed to lead the Coop Charting committee. The Public Relations Officer is still unfilled. However Don Kloeber has offered to mentor an individual who is willing to take on this position and for this I thank him. So if any of you are hesitant to take on this job please remember Don is willing to show you the ropes. If more than one of you steps forward that's great! Please contact me if you have an interest.

To those VE's who are concerned about losing their certification we have 40 decals and check sheets coming from district. As soon as I receive them I will get them to Bruce.

The Operations Training class is over and it has been informative and interesting. Janet Taylor, Jerry Tinz, Merrill Sproul, Cdr. Margaret Flagg, SEO Lt/C Paul Flagg of Ithaca Squadron and myself completed the course. I would like to thank P/D/C Will Kirnie for instructing the class. I should also mention the class is being held at the Kirnie's home and we thank will and Bess for their generosity.

Have a safe and enjoyable remainder of your summer.

Russ

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READY FOR AN ADVENTUR

JOIN US FOR A GEODETC HUNT AND PICNIC



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER
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10:00 2:00 (EST)

- 10:00 Gather at the Kirnie's home for
- Coffee, donuts, and stuff
 - A mini-lesson on the whys and wherefores of geodetic markers
- 11:00 The adventure begins. We will
- Recover one marker as a group
 - Divide into teams to find a second
 - Return to the Kirnie homestead, flushed with success!
- 1:00 (or so) Share lunch and swap stories. Lunch menu:
- Sausage and peppers
 - Beverages
 - Your salad or dessert (bring enough to share)

RSVP: Will or Bess Kirnie 607-026-1172

Geodetic marker recovery is part of the USPS Cooperative Charting Program, a volunteer initiative with NGS and NOAA.

**A word from the guy with the green eyeshades, your treasurer.
Lt/C Jerry Tinz, AP**

**How to Renew Membership or
“Your Squadron Needs You”**

Some of you may have been caught off guard and were waiting to see the status of the squadron before renewing.

If you haven't already done so, to continue to receive the Drum, takes course and support save boating, now is the time to set your membership renewal in process. All that has to be done is to send a check, made out to Seneca Power Squadron, to Treasurer Jerry Tinz 7000 Chapple Road, Addison, NY 14801. A restatement form will be processed for you. If more information is needed call or email me. Phone 607-359-3688 or jerry.tinz@zoominternet.net

The following shows this year's dues allocations:

Membership	USPS	D6	Squadron	Ed Fund	Total
Active	\$30	\$6	\$14	\$1	\$51
2 nd Active	\$15	\$3	\$6	\$1	\$25
Life	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1	\$1
Family	\$7.50	\$3	\$6	\$1	\$17.50
Junior	\$2	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2

We'll get your membership re-floated.

As for me, I'd rather be boating!

August Seneca Squadron Event

Cruise of the Malabar X

Twenty-five Seneca Squadron members and friends enjoyed spectacular sailing conditions during the Sunday cruise on the Malabar X. Fair winds, and blue skies greeted group as they boarded the yacht at its dock in Watkins Glen. The conditions held throughout the evening with the iron lung being used only to depart and approach the dock. High point of the evening was when Sayre Fulkerson was at the helm and he gently placed the starboard rail in water. Absolutely great sailing

Sayre Fulkerson demonstrated his skill as a helmsman when, on a port tack he gently placed the rail in the water, without having the ladies slide of the deck house. As always, it was a great rush to be heeled over and the boat moving rapidly through the water.

In quieter moments, bottles of liquid educational material, produced by the local wineries, were opened and shared along with plates of “goodies” that seem to mysteriously appear out of the carry-on bags. It was a spectacular evening of sailing and on-the-water fellowship.

Special thanks go to: Peter Honsberger and Sayre Fulkerson for making the arrangements and taking reservations; Treasurer Jerry Tinz, the guy in the green shades, for taking care of the financial arrangements; and to all the members who came out and supported the revitalized Seneca Squadron.

September Squadron Event
12 September 2005
AP Peter Honsberger, P

“Home Town Heroes”

The first Seneca Power Squadron Dinner meeting of the fall will feature Elwyn Van Etten Historian for the Big Flats Historical Society as guest speaker. His presentation, entitled “Home Town Heroes” tells the stories of a local heroes in the Revolutionary War Civil War, and World War II.. Please plan to attend for a peak into the past.

Location:	Sorges Restaurant	Market Street Corning, NY
Times:	Cocktails	1830 Cocktails
	Dinner	1900
	Program	2000

Menu: Antipasto salad \$8.75
Lasagna al la Roma \$12.50
Broiled Haddock \$12.25
Price includes tip, but not desert.

For reservations, Contact Peter Honsberger with your meal selection at hons221@usadata.net or by phone by calling 607-243-7542 on, or before Friday, 8 September

Next Squadron Event
3 October 2005

Seneca Squadron will celebrate the fall harvest with an Oktoberfest at Fulkerson’s Winery. Details not complete but the dinner will feature a catered

Educational Update
SEO Tom Alley, SN

SEO Tom Alley, SN has been busy since taking on the position of Squadron Educational Officer. Tom has established a Squadron Webpage. Though it is still under construction, take a few moments to tour the page. Note the 5-year educational plan that Tom has posted. Tom continues to work on the fall course work. Contact Tom on your educational needs. Tom can be reached by phone at 607-562-3909 or email at alley@acm.net

Executive Committee Report
P/D/C Will Kirnie, SN

Sic transit homo in mare (!)

We connect to the world through the Erie Canal. What a boating resource! If you've run *Ol' Algaebottom II* off mighty Seneca Lake, you've probably done the job via the C-S Canal to the Erie, turned eastward to Three Rivers and thence to Ontario (known to the Iroquois as "Place with Very Large Bumps").

Some folks, though, eschew the turn onto the Oswego Canal and continue east through Oneida Lake (hopefully avoiding that part of the voyage during any summer weekend, wall-to-wall boats being a real hazard to nav). These stalwart cruisers would the traverse the Mohawk River, running (*ed. note: you are hardly "running" at 5 mph!*) downstream past Utica, former home of Schultz and Dooley, the lock at Little Falls ("Hey! Look at the flies hanging on those cliffs... wait a minute! Those are climbers!) the sad old industrial town of Amsterdam, and finally to Albany. Here there are two choices, left or right (*ed. note: Hmmm!*).

1) Go south through the Federal lock at Troy, and continue on to the British Isles.

2) Take a left and find the scenic Champlain Canal. The towering Adirondack High Peaks stand on the left. History all around, this is an ideal time to reread Kenneth Roberts. With guidebook and chart in hand, a boater could identify the very cave celebrated in the ending of *Last of the Mohicans*. (Our vicarious boater would have plenty of time for these activities because a couple of the lockmasters on this canal are notable for timing vessels between locks.)

The canal enters the "tail" of Lake Champlain at Whitehall: restaurants ... nightlife ... marine services ... nightlife ... nightlife.

On the Lake itself are many marinas with lodging and food. Fort Ticonderoga is accessible by boat. A real gem for food and entertainment is Burlington VT, where the City Fathers have constructed a wonderful waterfront; the mariner would be advised to arrive there during daylight since the city and marina lights could be very confusing.

One wonders why Lake Champlain doesn't drain away, with the Champlain Canal to the Hudson dripping out of the south end, and the Richelieu River/Canal leading out to the St. Lawrence on the other. Traversing the latter is highly recommended, as is running the St. Lawrence River back to the U.S. and Ontario, and Oswego, and Watkins Glen.

Vale! : Will Kirnie

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

AO Peter Honsberger and his committee have established a tentative calendar of events for the rest of the year. Arrangements for some events are not finalized and will be announce in a later issue of the Drum.

Seneca Squadron Fall 2005-2006

Proposed Calendar of Events Check.

Future issues of the Drum for details, time and location.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
11 Sept	Dinner/Program	Sorges Corning
16-17 Sept	D/6 Fall Council	Holiday Inn Batavia, NY
19 Sept	Dinner Meeting and Program	Sorges Corning
03 Oct	Oktoberfest	Fulkerson's Winery, Dundee, NY
?? Oct	Start Fall Classes	To Be Scheduled
17 October	Bridge Meeting	TBD
04-05 Nov	Fall Conference	Hotel Utica, Utica NY
07 November	Monthly Dinner Meeting	TBD
21 November	Bridge Meeting	TBD
04 Dec	Annual Holiday Party	TBD
19 Dec	Bridge/Nominating Com.	TBD
4-8 Jan 2006	Annual Meeting	Rosen Centre Orlando, FL
09 Jan 2006	Bridge Meeting/COW Planning	TBD
21 Jan 2006	Change of Watch	TBD



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