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Seneca Squadron Education

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SEO Musings by Tom Alley, SN

Seneca Sail & Power Squadron Announces Summer Class Schedule

By now I hope all of you have your boats in the water and are ready to jump into the '09 boating season. Your instructors are also hard at work and are about half way through the On-the-Water Seamanship course with 9 students enrolled.

Seamanship: Ten students are enrolled in the course that is completing the fourth week of classroom instruction. The class will move to the on-the-water segment on Friday evenings.

SAIL 101 and 102 will be offered beginning right after the Independence Day holiday and will continue through late August. The course will consist of three classroom sessions and five on-the-water sessions

aboard various types of sailing vessels. Classroom location will be the Big Flats Community Center. On-the-water sessions will be based out of the Watkins Glen Village Marina. Topics that will be covered include a review of sailboat rigs, sail plans, and hull designs, stability and balance, sail shape and rig-tuning, spinnaker handling, heavy weather sailing, and an introduction to sailboat racing. Due to the amount of material in this course, it will be rather intensive.

Cost of this course will be \$60 per student. Family discounts are available. Call for details.

A tentative course schedule will be as follows:

- Classroom sessions on July 8, 14 and 28
- On the Water sessions on July 10, 17, 24, 31 and August 7.
- If desired, there will be a final review of the material the second week of August at a location to be determined.
- The final exam will be offered during the third week of August at a location to be determined.

Seating for this class is VERY LIMITED due to the number of boats that are available for the on-the-water sessions. Spaces will be granted on a first-come, first-served basis, so don't delay; register today!

Coming This Fall

Look for the long-awaited USPS Weather course to begin this October. If you are interested, please contact me now to preregister for this class. You won't regret it!

How to Register for Classes: To sign up for any of these classes or seminars, contact your Squadron Education Officers (that's me!) either by phone or by e-mail:

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Recent Social Activities

May Dinner meeting

The May Dinner meeting and program was an outstanding success with 46 members and friends attending to hear Cdr Terry Stewart tell of his experiences of moving the Malabar VII from St. Thomas to Marathon, Fl, with a "short" stop in Cuba. The adventures were spell bounding and told in a casual way by a master story teller.

Spring Boating Course:

Welcome Aboard:

The squadron gained seven new members following the 18 April Boating course held on the Seneca legacy. The new members include: Alan Barton and Constance Kline; Edwin, Elva and Eddie Kindler, Ray and Mary Margeson.

27 June Boating Course

The next Boat Smart Course is scheduled for Saturday 27 June at the Big Flats Community Center. Course is from 0900 to 1500 with a light lunch provided. The course is presented in a combined self-study-lecture

format with the course material being distributed on Saturday June 13. Pre-registration is required. Please encourage boating friends to enroll in the course. To register for the 27 June course, contact Merrill or Carrie Sproul @607-562-3334 or at msproul@stny.rr.com

Since the Boat Smart and Squadron Boating Courses are being phased out, this will be the last time the Boat Smart Course will be presented. Future course offerings will be the new Americas Boating Course that replaces the Squadron Boating, Boat Smart and the old ABC courses.

Seneca Sail and Power Squadron Calendar of Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Location
013 June	Distribute Boating Course Material	
17	Bridge Meeting	Tinz Estate
17	Deadline for Drum Articles	
27 0900-1500	Boat Smart One Day Course	Big Flats Community Center
15 July	Bridge Meeting	Watkins Glen Yacht Club (tentative)
15	Deadline for Drum Articles	
20 Aug	Deadline for Drum Articles	
19	August Bridge Meeting	Peter Honsberger-Dish to Pass
22-23	Joint Squadron-FLYC Picnic	Miles Winery (<i>Date Tentative</i>)
06-13 Sept	Governing Board Meeting	Kansas City, Mo
14 Sept	Monthly Dinner Meeting	Tag's Big Flats, NY
16	Bridge Meeting	TBD
16	Deadline for Drum Articles	
25-26*	D/6 Fall Council	Holiday Inn Batavia, NY
21 Oct	Bridge Meeting	TBD
21	Deadline for Drum Articles	
17	Oktoberfest	Fulkerson's Winery
03 Nov	Monthly Dinner Meeting	Tag's Big Flats, NY
06-08*	D/6 Fall Conference	Holiday Inn - Grand Island, NY
18	Bridge Meeting	TBD
18	Deadline for Drum Articles	
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* Dates from D/6 website 04/14/09.