



# THE DRUM



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## From The Commander

*By Mark Erway, AP*

### View From The Bridge

We are now just six weeks from spring launch when a whole new season of boating will get underway and I am looking forward to a really great year.

We are planning some changes for 2017 that we hope are innovative and energizing. For example, after noting that many of our new members (27 in the last four years) live near Watkins we have decided to place more emphasis on having meetings and activities in the Watkins Glen area. Additionally, we are changing our meeting nights to Fridays in most cases, and if you look carefully at the schedule there will even be some Saturday morning Bridge meetings at the Village Marina. Our hope is that this variation to the schedule will allow summertime weekenders to attend a meeting or two or three.

Another new initiative is that we are joining the Watkins Glen Chamber of Commerce, which should give us much more exposure in our area of operation with the hopes that we won't remain one of the best-kept secrets in town.



The 2017 kick off Squadron meeting, on Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, will feature John Halfman from Geneva who will bring a very



timely and interesting subject to us.

John is a Professor of Geoliminology & Hydrogeochemistry, Inaugural Finger Lakes Institute Endowed Chair in Environmental Studies, Department of Geoscience & Environmental Studies Program. Here are some hyperlinks to find out more: [Finger Lakes Institute](#), [Environmental Studies Program](#), and [Department of Geoscience at Hobart and William Smith Colleges](#). He studies and researches Seneca Lake and its environs and has been watching it go through many changes over the last few decades including the fairly new issue of algae blooms.



John has a down-to-earth style that is that is very engaging. He and his team of volunteers use a 25-foot pontoon boat and a 65-foot research vessel, named *R/V*

*William Scandling*, as they monitor the lake throughout the year. Our meeting will take place at 1830 hours (6:30 pm) at the Montour House Coffee and Tapas Bar, 401 W Main St, Montour Falls, NY 14865. Cost per person will be \$25. Please RSVP to Karen Stewart at [Karen@senecaretreat.com](mailto:Karen@senecaretreat.com) or by calling her at 607-535-6686.

We will continue to do our best to line up guest speakers that will bring useful information to us, while not always directly boating related, it will be related to our boating in the Finger Lakes. We are also trying to find new places to meet in and around Watkins and Schuyler County. Remember that Squadron meetings are actually a great opportunity to invite friends or dock mates to see who we are and what we have to offer.

Another change that has already taken place in 2017 is within our Education department. Jim McGinnis has succeeded Tom Alley as our SEO. Jim brings a new perspective and will initiate some changes but will continue to provide world-class USPS courses through the efforts of our certified instructors. See Jim's article in this issue for more information. On a personal note, I'd like to challenge all of our membership who may not have taken a course in recent years that you would look over the course offerings and sign up for at least one course that would advance you one grade. It's during the courses that we meet and get to know others and make new friendships.

One of the reasons for this change in leadership is that, even though Tom Alley has very capably served as our SEO for nearly 14 years, he was feeling as if he had been "elected for life". So, this change allows him to take on a new challenge in serving at the District level, as ADEO (Assistant District Education Officer) with the intention of moving up to DEO, and who knows what after that. And, in case you haven't heard yet, in 2016 our Squadron sent a nomination to the District 6 Bridge to consider Tom Alley for the Chapman Award, a prestigious award which recognizes excellence in teaching. After serious scrutiny and deliberation, the District staff voted to recognize Tom's dedication to the task

of safe boating education and his superior abilities as an instructor, mentor and guide. At the Fall Conference in Binghamton, D/C William Herrick and DEO Ken Green presented Tom with The Chapman Award. The District then forwarded Tom's nomination paperwork to National, where it was reviewed and they decided to recognize Tom, this time, at the national level. Tom was contacted by V/C Craig D. Fraser, SN, National Educational Officer, to inform him that the award would be presented at the National Conference in Orlando on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Needless to say, this is quite an achievement and we are thrilled that Tom has been recognized with the National Chapman Award. Congratulations Tom!!!

Junior Sailing will be entering its fourth year with a season running June through October. With Katie Alley and Maggie MacBlane sharing the leadership, they are in a transitional year because of impending graduations and college on the horizon. They are looking forward to a busy race schedule with the Finger Lakes Yacht Club as well. There is a mid-summer cruise, which will tie in with the joint USA District 6 - Canadian Power Squadron rendezvous in July. Information on the joint rendezvous is also in this month's issue. I've heard that Katie and Maggie are going to build a cardboard boat and join in the Cardboard Regatta this June. That ought to be interesting!

Are you getting a sense that we're trying an innovative approach? We want to keep our great Squadron energized and moving forward. We don't want to be content merely sitting at the dock, or in a safe harbor, simply content with calm seas and no wind. We're charting a course for some new ports of call, with the fore and main sheeted in tight. Our Squadron has some of the best boaters and most qualified teachers in the region. Together we can make our Squadron a rousing success. Come for the boating education, for sure. Stay for the fun... let's also figure out how we can fully enjoy the fun of doing it together.

Oh, I've got one more challenge. We can win a District award if our Vessel

## The Drum

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Safety Examiners perform a combined total of at least 100 safety checks. Will each of you please help us make that goal? We have five very friendly and congenial Examiners who would be happy to serve you. We can do power boats, sailboats, dinghies, and kayaks, whether on the hard, on a trailer, or in

the water (need to have batteries in). A list of our qualified VSE's along with contact information appears in this issue. Thank you in advance!!

Your Commander,  
Boat-less once again,

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PS – ...but I am continuing to work on my JN grade!

## From the Public Relations Officer

By Howard Cabezas, S

SV Ruthie



The Seneca Sail and Power Squadron is in pursuit of expanding membership by five families and we need your help to reach this goal! Increasing our membership helps

create a balanced, healthy, vibrant and active club. Everyone is welcome to our club, no one is ever turned away, and we eagerly await greeting our new friends!! So, who do you know who owns a boat? Do they know about our squadron? Are they interested in boating education or recreation? Have you

shared how active and friendly our squadron is? Who do you know who has high school aged children? These kids may be future junior sailors and adult boat owners and would be a great addition to the Seneca Sail and Power Squadron! Who do you know with kids age 10 and up? Would they be interested in a boat safety course with “on the water” training? Do they know that in August we will be having an ABC class? Who do you know that would make a great mentor to our Junior sailors?

Seneca Sail and Power Squadron is a great group not only for the excellent education we receive but also for the social aspect and for the quality family experience. When you are part of the

Seneca Sail and Power Squadron you are part of our large boating community that does it's best to encourage and support each person in their unique boating journey.

I encourage you to reach out to the people you know that have boats, are interested in boats, or have kids and let them know who we are and what we do. Let's change some lives! Let's share our passion! Passing on our information might be the best gift someone ever receives!

Thank you!

- Howard

## From the Education Officer

By Jim McGinnis, AP



Our United States Power Squadrons is founded on three fundamental principles: Service to the Community, Boater Education, and Fellowship. While these three are equally

important for our Squadron to be successful, my new role as SEO is to lead the Boater Education functions. I have been able to serve as the Assistant Squadron Education officer for the last several years and as an instructor before that to prepare me for this position.

That being said, we have in our midst the current Charles F. Chapman Award winner for Excellence in Teaching for the entire United States Power Squadrons, Tom Alley. For me, I am fortunate in my role to have Tom to help guide our program and provide the highest level in education available in USPS. For you, that means that, here in the Southern Tier, we have the opportunity to learn from the best and most capable instructors trained and supported by Tom.

Our opportunities for education include everything from the basics of America's Boating Course (ABC) which we offer to the public as a community service, all the way to Navigation (including Celestial Navigation which has been practiced by skippers since the beginnings of rec-

orded history). The breadth of our offerings are from Sail to Cruise Planning to elective classes in Weather, Electrical Systems and Engine Maintenance. In addition, there are 25 seminars that range from Anchoring and Partner in Command (for the First Mate) to GPS Navigation. Any of these can be taught for and by our squadron based on the skills of our strong and experienced instructor cadre.

We have organized the required classes into a six-year repeating schedule which would allow a Squadron Member to progress from novice crew to Senior Navigator taking two to three classes per year. We also encourage squadron members to consider becoming instructors themselves to pay back to the community as they have learned from others.

With the table below you can plot your course through the sequence of classes and achieve the level of proficiency you desire. The instructor team also will support self-study for an individual on any class at any time to advance progress on a specific topic.

For 2017, the Piloting course has just started February 22<sup>nd</sup> and will be followed by Seamanship starting in May. ABC will be offered during the active boating season and we are in the planning stages for the electives and seminars. Let me or Tom know what you are interested in.

Our Seneca Sail and Power Squadron is unique in our focus on “on the water” training activity offered. We have “on

the water” classes in the ABC class, Seamanship and Sail courses. These classes provide the opportunity for “hands on” practice with power and sail boats on boats shared with our students from our power squadron - so you don’t need your own boat to get started!

Our Seneca Sail and Power Squadron is also unique in our focus on “Junior Sailing” to bring in younger sailors and grow our community of boaters. This includes hands on sailing with coaches, racing with members of the Finger Lakes Yacht Club and longer weekend and multi week overnight trips from NY’s Finger Lakes to the Great Lakes.

71% of the earth is covered by water. Don’t miss out on some of the greatest experiences in life. Join us as a student –

become part of a class group and learn with others. If you don’t see the class you want, call me and we can put it together for a group or as a self-study.

A final note: The Commanders Challenge – Our Squadron Commander, Mark Erway, would like to challenge every Seneca Squadron member to take a USPS class each year. We have something for everyone in the spectrum of classes from the United States Power Squadrons. I am taking Junior Navigation. Set a goal for yourself and call me or Tom Alley to sign up for a class.

- Jim  
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Courses	Year 1 2017	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Public	ABC	ABC	ABC	ABC	ABC	ABC
Basic	Seamanship	Sail	Seamanship	Sail	Seamanship	Sail
Advanced Level	Piloting	Advanced Piloting	Piloting	Advanced Piloting	Piloting	Advanced Piloting
Senior Level		Junior Navigation		Navigation		Junior Navigation
Electives	Marine Comm.	Engine Maint.	Cruise Planning	Marine Electronics	Electronic Navigation	Instructor Training
Seminars	Partner in Cmd.	Anchoring	GPS Nav	Power Boating	Paddle Smart	Trailer and Docking
Self Study	Any Class	Any Class	Any Class	Any Class	Any Class	Any Class

# Youth Committee Report

By Katie Alley, P & Maggie MacBlane, S



As January and February have passed us by, all any sailor has been doing is counting down the days until launch... in-

cluding those who don't even have a boat to call home. Us Junior Sailors are excited to get back out on the water for another eventful and competitive season.

With Spring fast approaching, the Junior Sailing program already has nine coaches and six confirmed classroom boats. Of our nine coaches, seven are returnees - Tom Alley, Andrea Johnson, Mike Crouse, Mark Erway, Denis Kingsley, Howard Cabezas and Jim McGinnis. The Junior sailing program will also welcome Christa Wolf who will be sailing alongside the students. Additionally, two Junior coaches will be introduced to the program - Katie Alley and Maggie MacBlane - two experienced veterans of the program who are now considered adults under the law (scary - we know). The six classroom boats preparing for the season are *Tomfoolery*, *Seek Ye 1<sup>st</sup>*, *Ruthie*, *Brewster*, *Tark*, and Christa's Erikson 25.

The calendar is falling into place quickly. The program will follow a similar schedule to past summers - including several club races, possible overnight cruises, and destination sails. We will be having an informational meeting for prospective students in April and an on-the-water orientation in late May to allow new students to become acquainted with the coaches, other students, and the boats. Training sessions will begin in June and last through July, and participation in club races will begin in August and last through end of the season. This year there is plenty of hype around our Lake Ontario Cruise, which will take place in July and include participation in the D6 Rendezvous in Kingston, Canada. The official dates will be released soon.

The Youth Committee will also be very busy planning the crafting of a cardboard boat to represent the Junior Sailing program in the notorious Cardboard Boat Regatta at the Waterfront Festival in June. If you or any squadron youth are interested in being part of this glorious activity, please contact Katie or

Maggie. (We would especially appreciate anyone with a physics and/or engineering degree.)

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## Upcoming Classes and Seminars

By Seneca Squadron Education Department

### Marine Refrigeration Seminar

Marine refrigeration is one of those subject that tends to be pushed to the side and treated like one of the black arts beyond the capability of mere mortals. This seminar will help clear up some of this mystery and give you a feel for how things work as you engage in hands-on activities to convert a sailboat's ice box to a full-fledged refrigerator.

- **What:** Marine Refrigeration Seminar

- **When:** April or May
- **Where:** Watkins Glen Village Marina
- **Prerequisites:** None
- **Cost:** \$10 (USPS members, funds go to Junior Sailing)
- **Instructor:** Tom Alley
- **Registration:** Tom Alley ([ASEO@SenecaPowerSquadron.US](mailto:ASEO@SenecaPowerSquadron.US)) no later than April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

### Seamanship

Build boating confidence and competence for safe and fun on-the-water adventures. Seamanship provides a foundation of knowledge and skills in boat handling and maneuvering, boat operation, skipper's responsibilities, and boating techniques that will advance your boating enjoyment.

What's included?

For both sail and power boats, Seamanship covers a wide range of topics, including:

- Types of boats and how they behave on the water
- Anchoring in various conditions
- Docking and line handling
- Close quarter maneuvering
- Rules of the road
- Communication with other boats
- How to respond to various emergencies
- Marlinespike/basic knots
- And other interesting topics

This course is normally completed in 8 two-hour sessions: 3 sessions of class room study, 4 sessions “on the water” and one session for the exam. The “on-

the-water” classes are Friday evenings from 6:30PM to 8:30PM

We will begin the class in the early May timeframe and it will complete in late June. If you are interested in taking this class, please contact Jim McGinnis as soon as possible.

- **What:** Seamanship Class
- **When:** May & June
- **Where:** Watkins Glen Village Marina
- **Prerequisites:** None
- **Cost:** \$90 (USPS members)
- **Instructors:** David Dawson-Elli & Jim McGinnis
- **Registration:** Jim McGinnis ([SEO@SenecaPowerSquadron.US](mailto:SEO@SenecaPowerSquadron.US)) no later than April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

### What's Next?

You tell me! What classes are you interested in taking while we wait for the next boating season to begin?

Send your requests to:

[SEO@SenecaPowerSquadron.US](mailto:SEO@SenecaPowerSquadron.US)

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**Policy reminder:** It has been our practice in the Seneca Squadron to offer scholarships to our outstanding students. If you receive a perfect score on the final exam of any of the Advanced Grade or Elective courses, the next course is on us! (In plain English: It's free. No charge. Gratis. Got it? Good! Now sign up for a class!)

## USPS News from National, District & More

### Vessel Safety Checks

By Ray Margeson

*A Vessel Safety Check (VSC) is performed at your boat – ranging in locations from boat to your driveway. A vessel safety check usually takes 15 to 30 minutes, depending upon the size of your boat. And your examination can take place on the hard or on a trailer as well as afloat – get a head start on the boating season*

#### What's In it For Me?

Vessels passing safety checks are awarded a U.S. Coast Guard/Power Squadron Decal that informs:

- Coast Guard
- Harbor Patrol
- Sheriff's & Police
- other boating law-enforcement & safety agencies

that your boat was in full compliance with all Federal and State boating laws during a safety check for that year. Best of all every Vessel Safety Check is 100% Free of charge!

#### What if I Don't Pass?

If your boat does not pass, no citation is issued at that time. Instead, you are

provided a written report in how to correct any discrepancies.

#### Why Receive a Vessel Safety Check?

Safety! The peace of mind that your boat meets federal safety standards and that in an emergency you will have the necessary equipment to save lives and summon help.

In some cases, boating insurance agencies offer discounts for vessels which undergo a Vessel Safety Check every year. All decals and safety checks are void December 31st of year they are inspected, they are also void should the operator /owner fail to maintain the vessels equipment or the vessel itself to the standard at the time of the safety check.

#### Find an Examiner

Seneca Sail and Power Squadron has several certified Vessel Safety Examiners located from Seneca Harbor Marina to Lodi and spots in between. To get yours, just drop an e-mail to [vsc@SenecaPowerSquadron.US](mailto:vsc@SenecaPowerSquadron.US).

- Ray

### New Seneca Web Site

By Tom Alley

The new Seneca Squadron web site went online at the end of last year. If you haven't checked it out, yet, you should do so.

One of the biggest changes to the new site is that everyone has an individual login. If you haven't logged in, yet, you should do so.

Your user name is your certificate number. Make sure you use capital letters, however, or it won't work.

Your password will default to “password” (all lower case). The first time you log in, you will be prompted to enter a new password.

If you have trouble logging in, you can click on the “Forgot your password” link and enter your e-mail address. (Make sure it's the same one that's on file with the USPS.) You'll be sent a note with a link to get you logged in within a few minutes.

If all else fails, send me an e-mail ([webmaster@SenecaPowerSquadron.US](mailto:webmaster@SenecaPowerSquadron.US)) and we'll get it straightened out.

The second feature available to you on the web site is that you can sign up for events in the Squadron calendar. Plan on attending the next dinner meeting? Click on the event in the online calendar and then click on the “RSVP” button. If you’ve already logged in, your name and e-mail address will appear in the form and all you have to do is say how many people will be in your party. Click on the “submit” button and you’ll receive a confirmation e-mail of your registration in a few minutes. (If you don’t get the e-mail, then make sure you follow up by contacting the event organizer directly to ensure that we save a seat for you!)

There are many more new features on the Squadron web site. Check future issues of the *Drum* as we roll out each one.

- Tom

## Where’s P/C Terry?

By Mark Erway

Found, this past February 18<sup>th</sup>, in Titusville, Florida, our Past Commander Terry Stewart, along with his faithful dog Anchor, and his Cabo Rico 38. It was good to catch up with Terry at the Westland Marina where he had hauled-out to get some much needed maintenance work done. Terry’s doing well and will be coming back north this summer.



## Seneca Junior Sailing

By Tom Alley

Want to learn how to sail, race, cruise, and have fun at the same time? Watch the squadron web site for details of this season’s Junior Sailing program.

An informational meeting will be held sometime in April for interested high school students and their parents. Be there!

Check out the tentative schedule on page 10.

## Canal Cruising Nav Aid Suggestion

By Don Kloeber

When traveling the New York and Canadian canal systems we have frequently found it is helpful to have a reminder regarding the direction of navigational aids – e.g. are we running with red to Port or to Starboard? This becomes especially important as the navigation aid colors reverse, sometimes at somewhat arbitrary points, and we are frequently changing helmsman for relief and for other chores along the way.

We have used an inexpensive home-made color coded device (*see photo*) at the helm as a reminder for the helmsman. We have made it a practice to maintain a duplicate device, at a second location, as a double check for the crew. When passing a navigation

aid reversal point it is announced and both parties reverse the colors to the new orientation. When making a change of crew at the helm, both aids are checked for agreement and the current orientation is discussed while both parties are at the helm.



*MV Bacus*

## NavAid Quiz for those attending the D/6 2017 Rendezvous Kingston, Ontario

### Question:

If you leave the Watkins Glen Village Marina and travel to the D/6 2017 Rendezvous at Confederation Basin Marina, Kingston, Ontario (assuming a direct route via the NY canals to Oswego and a course West of Main Duck Island to the channel to the St. Lawrence River and on to Kingston via the Lower Gap), **how many navigational aid reversals will be encountered?**

*Answer on next page...*

**Answer:**

Three reversals will be encountered as follows...

**RED TO PORT** - Leaving Village Marina or Sampson SP Marina to & thru Cayuga / Seneca Canal to the north end of Cayuga Lake to Erie Canal Junction and Erie Canal east to Three Rivers.

**Reversal #1 – At Three Rivers**

**RED TO STARBOARD** - Oswego River - Three Rivers to Top of Lock O-8 in Oswego.

**Reversal #2 – Bottom of Lock #8**

**RED TO PORT** - Bottom Lock O-8 and leaving Oswego Harbor. Assume passing West of Main Duck Island to the marked shipping channel. Lake Ontario to St Lawrence River North

Channel to Kingston via the Lower Gap.

**Reversal #3 – Leaving St Lawrence River N Channel**

**RED TO STARBOARD** - Entering Kingston Harbor & Confederation Basin Marina.

- Don

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## The Last Word

By Tom Alley, SN



As I write this, my crew and I are marking T-minus 90 days to the launch of our fair vessel. While that seems like a long time to wait to

be back in the water, it's really not that far away, and my schedule is already filling up with all sorts of pre-launch "stuff". Aside from the usual boat projects, planning sessions of all sorts are underway for the yacht club, the squadron, the district, Junior Sailing, and all the other groups I am involved with.

Essentially, the Bridge, various committees, and a small team of volunteers are going to be in high gear from now until our boats get put away in the fall. It's a bit daunting if you try to take it all in at once, but if you get in

close and tackle one task at a time it is quite manageable.

Dividing and conquering is the way to subdue a formidable to-do list, but one must adopt the opposite tack to achieve new goals. As an organization, we have to "challenge and unite."

Our Commander and Bridge have adopted that theme for 2017 by challenging all of us to take a course this year and to unite behind the goal of strengthening what the Power Squadrons do best: Educate. As outlined in our new SEO's column, education is one of the three core strengths of the Squadron, and investing in this core competency will automatically pay dividends in the other USPS missions of fellowship and community service.

Classes are as much a social activity as an educational one, and I've personally formed some life-long friendships with some amazing people I've met in USPS classes (present company

included). Together with these friends we've made a difference in our community by sharing what we've learned with others or, at the very least, we have served as an example that responsible boating can be fun, too.

So in keeping with our Commander's theme: Will you accept the challenge of furthering your boating education this year? I hope you will, because I promise you'll meet some new friends and that you'll have fun gaining confidence with a new subject.

- Tom

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As always, send your thoughts about this newsletter to:

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# Calendar of Events

## March 2017

- 1 Seneca *Drum* March issue publication.  
 24 Squadron Meeting (1830) *Montour House Coffee & Tapas Bar. Guest speaker: John Halfman.*

## April 2017

- 15 Deadline for D/6 *The Deep 6* articles.  
 18 Bridge Meeting (1900)  
 21 Squadron Meeting (1830) *Fulkerson's Winery. Guest speaker: Judy Cherry, Clute Park Project.*  
 25 Deadline for Drum Articles  
 28-30 D/6 Spring Conference & Change of Watch *Craftsman Inn, Fayetteville, NY*  
 TBA Junior Sailing 2017 Organizational Meeting

## May 2017

- 1 Seneca *Drum* May issue publication.  
 1 *The Deep 6* spring issue publication date.  
 16 Bridge Meeting (1900)  
 20-26 *Safe Boating Week*  
 20 Squadron Meeting (Proposed) *Watkins Glen Village Marina Boatyard*  
 26 Deadline for Drum Articles  
 27 Junior Sailing Dock-side Kick-Off Meeting *Watkins Glen Village Marina*

## June 2017

- 03 Junior Sailing Newbie Boot Camp (1000) *Watkins Glen Village Marina*  
 10 Junior Sailing Training Session – All students (1000) *Watkins Glen Village Marina*  
 20 Bridge Meeting (1900)  
 24 Junior Sailing Training Session (1000) *Watkins Glen Village Marina*  
 26 Deadline for Drum Articles

## July 2017

- 1 Seneca *Drum* July issue publication.  
 1 Junior Sailing Training Session (1000)  
 8 Junior Sailing Lake Ontario Departure  
 14-16 D/6 2017 Rendezvous. *Whistler's Cove, Kingston, Ontario, Canada*  
 18 Bridge Meeting (1900)  
 21 Deadline for D/6 *The Deep 6* articles.  
 22-23 Junior Sailing Commodore's Cup Race & Cruise

## August 2017

- 1 *The Deep 6* summer issue publication date.  
 5 Junior Sailing Training Session (1000)

- 12 Junior Sailing Race #1 (1300)  
 15 Bridge Meeting (1900)  
 19 Junior Sailing Race #2 (1300)  
 22 Deadline for Drum Articles  
 26 Junior Sailing Race #3 (1300)

## September 2017

- 1 Seneca *Drum* September issue publication.  
 2 Junior Sailing Surprise Race (1300)  
 8-11 Junior Sailing Barge Race Cruise (*Tentative Date*)  
 10-17 USPS Governing Board Meeting *Dallas, TX*  
 16 Junior Sailing Race #4 (1300)  
 22 Squadron Meeting. *Rooster Fish Restaurant, Watkins Glen, NY*  
 23 Junior Sailing Race #5 (1300)  
 30 Junior Sailing Optional Race (1300)

## October 2017

- 17 Bridge Meeting (1900)  
 24 Deadline for Drum Articles

## November 2017

- 1 Seneca *Drum* November issue publication.  
 1 *The Deep 6* fall issue publication date.  
 19 Squadron Year-End Gala. *Fulkerson Winery*  
 TBA District 6 Fall Council & Conference

## December 2017

- 19 Deadline for Drum Articles

## January 2018

- 1 Seneca *Drum* January issue publication.  
 15 Deadline for D/6 *The Deep 6* articles.  
 16 Bridge Meeting (1900)

## February 2018

- 1 *The Deep 6* winter issue publication date.  
 20 Bridge Meeting (1900)  
 21 Deadline for Drum Articles

Calendars are "living documents." For the latest information on squadron activities, please check our web site: <http://www.SenecaPowerSquadron.US>  
 or our Facebook page: <http://facebook.com/SenecaPowerSquadron>  
 for any last-minute changes.

## 2017 Junior Sailing Program Calendar (Tentative)



April	Information Night – Organizational meeting for interested students & parents/guardians. Details to be announced.
May	Seamanship Class begins second week in May. (Must register by April 17 <sup>th</sup> )
May 27	10:30-12:00 Orientation meeting for parents and students. Attendance mandatory. All registration forms and payments due at this meeting.
Jun 3	10:00-12:00 Newbie Boot Camp for first-time Junior Sailors.
Jun 10	10:00-12:00 Training session. (FLYC #1)
Jun 24	10:00-12:00 Training session. (FLYC #2)
Jul 1	10:00-12:00 Training session. (FLYC #3)
Jul 8-10	<i>[Invitational]</i> Dates approximate. Watkins Glen to Oswego delivery cruise. (Participants to share in meal costs.)
Jul 11-13	<i>[Invitational]</i> Dates approximate. Lake Ontario Cruise: Oswego to ????. (Participants to share in meal costs.)
Jul 14-16	<i>[Invitational]</i> USPS District 6 Rendezvous, Wistler's Cove, Kingston, Ontario. All Junior Sailors invited to attend. Camp ground available for those driving up.
Jul 18-21	<i>[Invitational]</i> Dates approximate. Oswego to Watkins Glen delivery cruise. (Participants to share in meal costs.)
Jul 22	10:00-12:00 Training session.
Jul 29	09:00-19:00 <i>[Invitational]</i> FLYC Commodore's Cup Race & Celebration (\$10/FLYC non-member)
Jul x	13:00-17:00 Practice Race (FLYC Beginner)
Aug 5	10:00-12:00 Training session
Aug 12	13:00-17:00 Race #1 (FLYC #4) 17:00-18:00 After-Race Social Hour with the FLYC.
Aug 19	13:00-17:00 Race #2 (FLYC #5) 17:00-18:00 After-Race Social Hour with the FLYC.
Aug 26	13:00-17:00 Race #3 (FLYC #6) 17:00-18:00 After-Race Social Hour with the FLYC.
Sep 2	13:00-17:00 Special Race (FLYC "Surprise" Race) 17:00-18:00 After-Race Social Hour with the FLYC.
Sep 8-10*	<i>[Invitational]</i> Geneva Delivery & Seneca Barge Race @ Seneca Yacht Club. Participants may elect to sign on for the entire weekend, or for individual legs of the trip (northbound delivery, race day, southbound delivery). (Participants to share in meal costs.) – <i>*Awaiting confirmation of date from Seneca Yacht Club.</i>
Sep 16	13:00-17:00 Race #4 (FLYC #7) 17:00-18:00 Post-Race Social
Sep 23	13:00-17:00 Race #5 (FLYC #8) 17:00-18:00 Post-Race Social
Sep 30	<i>[Optional]</i> 13:00-17:00 FLYC Grape Race <i>[Optional]</i> 17:00-18:00 Grape Harvest Dinner with the FLYC (fee for non-members). Grape-themed dish-to-pass.
Oct 14	13:00-17:00 <i>[Optional]</i> Gear-Buster Race (FLYC Gear-Buster). RSVP with your coach before showing up!