



THE DRUM



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From The Commander

By Mark Erway, AP

View From The Bridge

“Full-tilt boogie”, or perhaps “high gear and over-drive” or “damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead”. These are phrases that could be used to describe the month of May for boaters like us in upstate New York who are scrambling to get ready for another season on the water. There are many details from electrical to plumbing to engine, bilges, lines, fuel tanks, blowers, radios, and so forth, including checking for ice damage or rodent intrusion, that every skipper must do and must be meticulous about before heading out.

Of *vital importance* are the safety devices such as extinguishers, flares and most important the life jackets/PFD's. If those items aren't ready for the job they're designed to do, YOU and your passengers could be in serious jeopardy of having a very bad experience on the water. Please check all your gear and don't assume anything, and to make sure you haven't missed anything ask one of our friendly Vessel Safety Examiners to make a 20-minute visit to your boat to doubly ensure that you meet the minimum safety requirements as you begin the new season.

Now, I want to talk to my fellow squadron members about something that will hamstring our squadron in the near future if we don't correct it. We are missing some vital positions on our bridge – Executive Officer, Administrative Officer, and Secretary. These positions play



an important role in our ability to continue forward and provide a solid program of recreational boater courses for power and sail boaters in our region of New York State. Our Past Commander, Charles Fausold, has volunteered to fill the XO position for now. We're talking with a person about AO (as of this writing), and we're still hoping someone will take on Secretary. I do my best to make sure we don't have too many meetings each year, and that the meetings we do have are necessary, informational and add value to the overall mission of our Squadron. To that end, we will have Bridge meetings only (no Squadron meetings) during the summer months, and those will be short, 60-minute-or-less meetings at the Village Marina at 0900 hours in order to reduce time and travel for our Bridge officers. If you could give us just a few hours a month we sure would appreciate your help. If you'd like to know more about any of the positions mentioned, please email me at merway@icloud.com.

In our push to make our Squadron “famous”, we've recently joined the Watkins Glen Chamber of Commerce, where we can rub elbows with many other organizations in our region, and where we

can utilize their information outlets to increase coverage. We trust that this will lead to more and more connections and a wider recognition of who we are, what we do and what we offer. Our PRO, Howard Cabezas, is quite involved in helping this work for us. I have been spearheading this effort so that we can be found by recreational boaters of all types, who would benefit from our education program. Hopefully they would also find a benefit in becoming members.

As we come into the 2017 season, our Junior Sailing program gets into full swing and you can read all about it on the website and elsewhere in this issue. Many of us are members of the Finger Lakes Yacht Club and they have a robust racing schedule that is shared with our Junior Sailors. Watch for the high-fives and gatherings around the flagpole throughout the summer and fall. I really appreciate the kindness and cooperation that FLYC extends to us. Speaking of that, the Watkins Glen Yacht Club (on the canal) is another superb organization that treats us kindly, and they are a super-friendly bunch as well. If you are a power boater I would strongly suggest

that you look them up online. They have a great clubhouse and a strong social calendar.

By the time you read this, the District 6 Bridge will have had its Change of Watch at the Spring Conference. By way of announcing changes, our own Tom Alley will be serving at ADEO (Assistant District Education Officer) and I will be serving as Secretary. Those of you who were at the Squadron meeting last October will recall our guest speaker, Jeff Freedman. Jeff will assume the role of District Commander. We have a good group at the District level, most of whom know each other well enough to have already forged working relationships and understandings, and all are dedicated to improving the health and future of the United States Power Squadrons and the mission to educate recreational boaters, while serving one another, and forging relationships that last.

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From the (Acting) Executive Officer

By Charlie Fausold, SN-IN



Keeping a Level Head

This is the time of year when boaters and cottage owners

keep an anxious eye on the level of Seneca Lake. Even though the lake is drawn down to a lower level over the winter (12 inches below summer), a combination of spring snow melt and precipitation events often causes the lake level to rise rapidly, as it has this year, threatening shoreline property and occasionally resulting in the imposition of temporary boating bans or speed limits to minimize wake damage.

One may ask, why not just open up the control structure in Waterloo and let

more water out? Two factors are involved. One is the interconnected nature of the watershed. Keuka Lake drains into Seneca at the outlet in Dresden, and Seneca drains out through the Seneca River, affecting Cayuga Lake and other water bodies all the way to the outlet at Oswego. People who live along those water bodies also want to get rid of all the water, and balancing their interests is complicated, made even more so by the fact that no one agency has control over the entire system.

The other reason is simple gravity. Water flows downhill of course, more rapidly when the "hill" is steeper. The outlet for the larger Finger Lakes is through the Lake Ontario Plain where there is little elevation change, as is evident from a trip along the Thruway. As I write this, the elevation change (or

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“head”) between Seneca Lake at Geneva (447 ft.) and Lake Ontario at Oswego (248 ft.), a distance of 60 miles, is 199 ft. Compare that with the 272 foot drop in elevation of Catherine Creek from Millport to Watkins Glen, a distance of only 10 miles. The water can only flow so

fast! And of course the story doesn't end at Lake Ontario, currently at flood stage, for which the only outlet is the St. Lawrence River.

Fortunately, most of us have plenty of work to do to get our boats ready for the

season while we wait for the lake level to return to normal!

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Report from the Public Relations Officer

By Howard Cabezas, S

SV Ruthie

While we patiently wait for the lake level to go down, here is the news from the District 6 meeting in Fayetteville:

The big news from the District 6 meeting is that we now have TWO MEMBERS serving on the board. CONGRATULATIONS to Mark Erway and Tom Alley! Our Commander, Mark Erway, is now the Secretary for District 6 and Tom Alley, our Assistant Education Officer, is now the Assistant Education Officer for District 6.

CONGRATULATIONS to Junior Sailors, Maggie MacBlane, Katie Alley, and Henry Cabezas! These three

pirates gave an excellent presentation on our Junior Sailing program which can be viewed on our web site.

Overall, our District is doing well. We have over \$42,000 in assets and have been able to reduce the Districts losses over the past couple of years. Squadrons, on the other hand are dissolving. Although our squadron is doing well, low turn outs to Squadron social events and problems finding volunteers for the bridge positions seems to be a universal issue. I agree when our National Chief Commander advised the squadrons to “Loosen up and have fun!”

It was encouraging to hear how other groups motivate, educate and share their enthusiasm for sailing with kids in their community. The Rochester Youth Group was impressive. They sail twenty-seven 420's and sail the same size and model when racing. Their coach is active with social media to keep the community informed of events and actively posts photos attracting high numbers of high schoolers to his squadron. They graciously invited our sailors to come up for a race some time!

See you at the docks!

- Howard

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From the Education Officer

By Jim McGinnis, AP



Even though we are waiting for the lake level to drop a bit to start the boating season, Boating Education is always in season! We are having a record year in class participation and enjoy-

ing a lift from a couple new instructors who have volunteered to join the crew. We also held the Piloting Class at a new location, the Watkins Glen Public Library Board Room. That new site worked out very well for us. As always, please contact me or Tom Alley to register for a class or seminar. And don't for-

get, our Commander Mark has challenged every USPS SSPS member to take a class or seminar this year.

Piloting

The class was taught by Charlie Fausold and Ray Margeson with support from Tom Alley starting back in February. They recently completed all the coursework and issued the exams to the students. Piloting is an open-book, take-home exam, so the students are working hard plotting courses and charting bearings this week. New members, Mike Brazil and his wife Christine, have joined the USPS and are taking this Piloting Class to develop their navigation skills.

Seamanship

Now officially scheduled to start May 15th, 7 to 9 PM in the lower floor hall at

the 1st Presbyterian Church in Watkins Glen. The (3) classroom sessions will be 5/15, 5/22 and 5/30 at the church. After that we schedule four sessions on the water at the Watkins Glenn Marina on Friday nights in June. Registrations for this class closed May 1st. Please call if you are still interested and we will work you in.

ABC

Registrations for ABC are now open. Just send me a note to register. Our Seneca Sail and Power Squadron ABC class is specifically targeted for youth age 10 or older but anyone can attend.

New Instructors

David Dawson-Elli will be a new instructor for the Seamanship Class this year and Ken Mansfield will be a new instructor joining me, Maggie MacBlane

and Katie Alley on the ABC class. Please thank all these members when you see them for their service to the Squadron. We will also require some members' boats for the Seamanship Class on Friday nights in June. Please

contact me if you are able to share your boat on any of those Friday nights. This is a great way to meet some of the active new members taking the Seamanship class.

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Long-Term Class Schedule

Seneca Education Department

Courses	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
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	Trailing and Docking
Self Study	Any Class	Any Class	Any Class	Any Class	Any Class	Any Class

Youth Committee Report

By Katie Alley, P



The season of spring cleaning, lawn-mowing, proms, final exams, graduations, and of course, boat launches is

upon us. The Junior sailors are starting to become busy again as well – preparing for a new season of boating. This season will be the fourth for Junior sailing.

We have nine coaches and six classroom boats planning to participate in this year's edition of Junior sailing. Many of these coaches (and their boats) have volunteered for each year of Junior sailing – thank you for returning! We are grateful for everyone who has helped keep this program alive and great.

On April 4th, Junior sailing had its annual organizational meeting at the Watkins Glen Library. The purpose of this meeting was to tell interested youth and parents what Junior sailing is all about and what other educational opportunities the squadron offers for youth and families. A couple of prospective students showed up and as of recently, one has signed up!

Orientation will take place May 27th at the Village Marina. Here, committed students and interested youth along with their parents will be able to meet all the coaches and tour the classroom boats. They'll be able to see exactly what they're getting into! The deadline to sign up for the summer will be shortly after orientation, with on-the-water training sessions beginning in June.

In terms of new activities for the Junior sailors this year, we plan to begin training "Junior coaches" – who will be me and Maggie MacBlane. As experienced

Junior sailors, we will begin to assist in teaching sailing and take up a stronger leadership role in the program. One of our long-term goals for Junior sailing is to become a self-sufficient program and having our graduates become coaches is one way to begin to implement this aspiration.

Additionally, the Junior sailors will have a Fleetwind 12 available for their use this summer. Yes, this is the same Fleetwind 12 that several of our members restored in early 2016. (I must say, it looks great.) It was donated back to the squadron, and until we can auction it off again, it's ours!

Junior sailors' participation in the Cardboard Boat Regatta at the Annual Waterfront Festival on June 17th is still a plan. Again, if you are interested in joining us in taking on this glorious activity, please contact me or Maggie. (We would still

especially appreciate anyone with an engineering and/or physics degree.)

The tentative dates for our Lake Ontario Cruise are July 7th – 21st. It sounds like we will have a larger fleet of boats this year – it's not too late to join us with your boat or as a crewmember! Junior sailing will be well represented at the Canadian Power Squadron District 6 Rendezvous in Kingston on July 15th. Saying we're excited for this adventure would be an understatement. (Hopefully there isn't *too much* dangerous and expensive adventure this year.)

On April 29th, Maggie MacBlane, Henry Cabezas, and I joined other youth sailors from upstate New York at the District 6 Spring Conference to share what our programs accomplish and how. We joined representatives from a Rochester Sailing Group, the Sea Scouts, and the Syracuse University Sailing Club. All of these groups sail boats smaller than ours and most were connected to a yacht club. Overall, Seneca presented itself as very organized. We connected well with the

representatives from the Rochester Sailing Group (who were affiliated with US Sailing). We believe that Seneca can learn from their recruitment methods, as they had students from dozens of area schools in their program. They also had age divisions within their program, so students (from the age of 6) can return each season and eventually become coaches when they reach a certain age. Though they operate on a much larger scale, their program could be a model to ours. They showed interest in our bigger boats and cruises, and invited us to sail with them on their boats this summer.

Finally, you'll see your youth committee co-chairs around the marina more this summer, as Maggie will be apart of the crew on *True Love* and I will be a server on the *Seneca Legacy* (Captain Bill's).

In the coming weeks, we will continue to recruit new Junior sailors with the help of our Public Relations Officer, Howard Cabezas, and solidify our program for the summer. Junior sailing has big plans – all of which are going to be good for

the squadron! Be sure to take a look at the calendar.

Wherever this Spring takes you, hopefully one of the places will be the marina. See you all very soon!

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Joke of the Issue:

Q: How does a boat show affection?

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A: It hugs the shore.

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News from the District Spring Conference

By Tom Alley, SN

SV Tomfoolery

This past weekend a delegation from the Seneca Squadron attended the District 6 Spring Conference in Fayetteville, NY. As with other Conferences, this one produced much useful information. Here are some of the highlights that have a direct effect on Seneca Sail & Power Squadron.

District Secretary's Report

Seneca Sail & Power Squadron was awarded the Distinctive Communication Award for excellence with both its newsletter and its web site by National. A big "Thank You!" to all of the club members who contributed content for our publication.

The District Newsletter Editor provided a more detailed announcement of the contest for a new newsletter banner. (See page 8.) All District 6 squadrons were asked to approach schools in their localities and encourage entries for the new banner. This will provide opportunities to make

more people aware of the USPS and the services we provide.

District Treasurer's Report

District 6 is financially healthy. There is some money in the bank for a rainy day and district expenses are on budget so far. In other words, we are solvent.

District Administrative Officer's Report

Membership is down on a year-over-year basis for the district as well nationally. Within District 6, all squadrons saw a membership decline except for Rochester.

Membership Involvement reported that talks are underway to consolidate three struggling squadrons in Western New York under the Swiftwater Squadron. These squadrons include Buffalo, Hamburg and Lockport. Swiftwater would change its name to better characterize the members and

regions it would represent under such a restructuring.

District Executive Officer's Report

Squadrons were reminded that the USPS's involvement in cooperative charting extends to geodetic marker hunting and "recovery". Bess Kirnie (St. Lawrence Squadron) donated a set of topographic charts of the Southern Tier to the Seneca Squadron and offered to help our squadron get involved in this engaging activity. If you've wanted to get into this activity, please contact any of the Squadron Bridge officers.

USPS squadrons of District 6 have been invited to participate in the New York 2017 State Fair at a new and expanded boating exhibit. Volunteers will receive (free!) preferred parking and free admission to the fair in exchange for a couple of hours in the

USPS booth. Contact D/C Jeff Freedman or see the May issue of *The Deep* 6 for additional details.

District Education Officer's Report

The Seamanship course is receiving a major restructuring. The 9-week course will be split into a series of 2-hour modules and renamed "Boat Handling." Topics that are also covered in the ABC course will be removed from Seamanship to reduce overlap between the two courses. Timing for the release of the restructured course was not announced.

Implementation of e-books in USPS courses has been delayed pending some technical, practical and legal issues that need to be resolved. The first

course to make use of the new e-book format will be Seamanship (a.k.a., Boat Handling).

A new and upgraded version of the Digital Media Library will be released this fall. There are currently 18 videos in the library with another 20 reported to be in development at this time. This video library is available online to the general public.

Keynote Speaker & Youth Symposium

Conference attendees were treated to a very interesting talk by Lee Davis, a member of the America's Cup team in 1983 and 1987. He had a great message for all the youth attending the conference and how his sailing experi-

ence has helped him with life in general. If you ever have the chance to listen to him talk, it's worth the trip.

Attendees were also treated to presentations from four youth sailing groups in our District: The Sea Scouts, Syracuse University Sailing Team, Rochester Youth Sailing and our own Seneca Junior Sailors.

We can all be proud of our Junior Sailors. Although I admit a certain level of bias, I think any objective member of the audience there would agree that their presentation was the most polished and practiced of the groups there. Great job, Katie, Maggie and Henry!

- Tom
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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 agency's

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.

- Ray

New Web Site

By Jan Wright

The Educational Department has launched its new website, adopting USPS's standard template for member pages and updating its site index to help members find what they need more easily.

To see the new pages, members should access them by going to USPS's public home page at www.usps.org, logging in as a member and then, under the Department menu, selecting Educational Department. Members should not use previously saved shortcuts, such as www.usps.org/eddept, as those shortcuts will only reach old pages that are no longer being maintained. Please share this news within your squadron.

National Educational Officer Craig Fraser said, "We're glad to introduce our new site. We hope it will help squadrons to plan and manage their educational offerings and make it easier for members to realize their boater

education goals in the classroom, online and on the water. I invite you to take a moment to explore the site and to share your comments, questions and suggestions with us by using the Contact Us link (left side menu) on the

new Educational Department home page.”

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2 SOPS Says Goodbye to GPS Satellite

By Senior Airman Arielle Vasquez

50th Space Wing Public Affairs / Published April 21, 2017



Figure 1: An artist's rendering of the GPS Block IIA. (Courtesy graphic)

SCHRIEVER AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. --

At 25-years old, Global Positioning System Satellite Vehicle Number 27 completed its time in orbit before the 2nd Space Operations Squadron said goodbye via final command and disposal here April 18th.

SVN 27 was launched in 1992, meaning it performed more than triple its design life of 7.5 years.

“The most interesting thing about this process for me, was the ability to do

some experimentation and advance training prior to the disposal,” said 1st Lt. Cameron Smith, 2 SOPS bus subsystem analyst. “Experimentation started in mid-March which consisted of advance training opportunities and vehicle component validation. This was very exciting and new to a lot of people in 2 SOPS.”

Smith explained underperforming satellites, such as SVN 27, are removed from the GPS constellation to make room for satellites with increased capability.

Since GPS satellites do not carry the amount of fuel required for de-orbit maneuvers, they are instead pushed to a higher orbit, roughly 1,000 kilometers above the operational GPS orbit.

During the final contact with the vehicle, the satellite is commanded into the safest, lowest energy state possible. This means all fuel has been depleted from the fuel tanks, the batteries are unable to hold a charge and the vehicle is in a spin-stabilized configuration.

Bus component degradations and navigational issues, among other reasons, usually kill a satellite. Fortunately for SVN 27, there were no major flaws throughout its life span.

“SVN 27 was disposed of because its navigation payload could no longer perform up to the GPS standards,” said 1st Lt. Shannon Sewell, 2 SOPS subsystem analysis chief. “In 1993, a year after it launched, it had a suspect component we never tested out until we disposed of it. The decoder wasn’t fully powered. Since it was a backup,

we made a decision to leave it in the same configuration. However, this did not cause any major effects during its life span.”

In the last two years, the unit conducted six disposal operations. For Sewell, even though she has witnessed final commands given during past disposal operations, this marked the first time she sent the kill command.

“It’s a rite of passage to send out the last command to vehicles,” said Sew-

ell. “This was my sixth and final disposal in the shop before I move on, but the first kill command I sent. It was a great way to end my tenure here and was a unique opportunity.”

So far, there have been 28 disposal operations in 2 SOPS history, which support the Air Force’s GPS modernization efforts.

- Arielle

District 6 Newsletter Contest

By Tom Alley, D/6 Newsletter Editor

SV Tomfoolery

District 6 of the United States Power Squadrons is pleased to announce a contest to design a new banner for its newsletter, *The Deep 6*. While the current banner (above) has a great deal of sentimental value to the District, there is consensus that it is time for it to be updated to reflect the many facets of today’s Power Squadron.

We are looking for a newsletter banner that incorporates the following elements:

- Complies with USPS branding standards (see below).
- Conveys the rich traditions of boating.
- Conveys the character/history/priorities of the United States Power Squadrons.
- Shows something unique or characteristic of District 6.

Who can enter?

This contest is open to any USPS member, but nonmembers may submit an entry through a USPS sponsor.

In the spirit of increasing youth awareness and involvement in the USPS, we would encourage all members to reach out to their extended families as well

as to neighbors and local school districts to solicit entries.

What’s In It For Me?

There will be a prize awarded to the winning entry. This prize will be announced following the District 6 Spring Conference.

Submission Format

The banner should be designed to fit across the top of the cover page of the district newsletter. Current newsletter formatting is for a printed width of 7 inches. There are no prescriptions on banner height, but it is desired to retain space on the cover page for the table of contents and opening remarks from the District Commander. Printed page height is 10 inches.

All entries should be in a readable digital format (GIF, JPEG, PhotoShop, PNG, etc).

Image resolution in all submissions should be sufficient for a print density of 300 dpi (dots per inch). Font sizes must be large enough to be readable within the constraints of the newsletter page size.

Submissions should be e-mailed to the District 6 newsletter editor at the-Deep6@uspsd6.org. A confirmation e-mail will be sent upon receipt. (If you do not receive a confirmation, do not

assume your submission was received!)

Submission Deadline

All entries must be **received by June 30th, 2017**. Late entries will not be considered.

And The Winner Is...

The winner will be announced at the District 6 Fall Conference and the new newsletter banner will appear in the Fall Edition (November) of *The Deep 6*.

Details, Details, Details...

The full details of this contest, along with the entry form, will be available on the District 6 web site (www.USPSD6.org) or posted on SailAngle following the Spring Conference. Alternatively, you can contact me (theDeep6@uspsd6.org) and I will e-mail you all of the information.

If you have any questions, please contact the District Newsletter Editor, Tom Alley, via e-mail at the-Deep6@uspsd6.org or by calling 607-562-3909.

- Tom

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Legal Stuff

All entries become the property of the United States Power Squadron District 6. As such, all submitted entries

must be original work and not be encumbered by any usage or licensing restrictions. If live models are included in photographs, signed releases granting permission to use their

images must also be submitted. Decisions of the selection committee are final. District 6 is not responsible for lost or misrouted submissions.

The Last Word

By Tom Alley, SN



It's Spring and, as a result, it is difficult to think about boating without also thinking about commissioning and all sorts of boat projects and

chores. It's the season of intense conversations about bottom paint options, sealants, and fiberglass cleaners. And what boatyard conversation would be complete without the requisite speculation over lake level predictions and launch dates?

Naturally, your editor is guilty of all of the above. (...and probably much more!) This year's projects seem to be touching all the major subsystems on the boat: Electrical, plumbing, mechanical and structural. Because of this the interior of the boat is in a thoroughly disassembled state and the

clock is ticking relentlessly toward launch.

Add to all this the weather we've been experiencing. After a "teaser" of sunny, 70+ degree weather earlier in the spring, we seem to be getting our April Showers in May to the point that flooding is a real problem in wide areas of the New York, Ontario and the Northeast. On top of that, it's been on the cool side. OK, it's been downright cold! Not exactly the environment for motivating someone to work on their boat.

And yet we do this. Every year. For what? To chase after that one day each year with few hours of idyllic sailing with the perfect breeze on flat water? That one day must be pretty special.

Actually, it is. Excuse me while I go get my boat ready!

- Tom

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As always, send your thoughts about this newsletter to:

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Quote of the Day:

"Sailing a boat calls for quick action, a blending of feeling with the wind and water as well as with the very heart and soul of the boat itself. Sailing teaches alertness and courage, and gives in return a joyousness and peace that but few sports afford."

- George Matthew Adams

Read more at:

<https://www.brainyquote.com>

Calendar of Events

May 2017

- 07 Seneca *Drum* May issue publication date.
- 07 *The Deep 6* spring issue publication date.
- 15 Seamanship Class begins.
Presbyterian Church, Watkins Glen, NY
- 20-26 *Safe Boating Week*
- 22 Seamanship Class #2
Presbyterian Church, Watkins Glen, NY
- 27 Junior Sailing Dock-side Kick-Off Meeting (1030)
Watkins Glen Village Marina
- 30 Seamanship Class #3
Presbyterian Church, Watkins Glen, NY

June 2017

- 02 Seamanship OTW #1
Village Marina, Watkins Glen, NY
- 03 Junior Sailing Newbie Boot Camp (1000)
Watkins Glen Village Marina
- 09 Seamanship OTW #2
Village Marina, Watkins Glen, NY
- 10 Junior Sailing Training Session – All students
(1000) *Watkins Glen Village Marina*
- 16 Seamanship OTW #3
Village Marina, Watkins Glen, NY
- 20 Bridge Meeting (1900)
- 23 Seamanship OTW #4
Village Marina, Watkins Glen, NY
- 24 Junior Sailing Training Session (1000)
Watkins Glen Village Marina
- 26 Deadline for *Drum* Articles

July 2017

- 01 Seneca *Drum* July issue publication date.
- 01 Junior Sailing Training Session (1000)
- 07 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

- 01 *The Deep 6* summer issue publication date.
- 05 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

- 01 Seneca *Drum* September issue publication date.

- 02 Junior Sailing Surprise Race (1300)
- 08-11 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

- 01 Seneca *Drum* November issue publication date.
- 01 *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

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

February 2018

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

March 2018

- 01 Seneca *Drum* March issue publication date.
- 20 Bridge Meeting (1900)

April 2018

- 15 Deadline for D/6 *The Deep 6* articles.
- 17 Bridge Meeting (1900)
- 20 Deadline for *Drum* Articles
- TBA D/6 Spring Conference & Change of Watch

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