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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



As I write this, it seems that spring weather is getting closer. Now it is not over yet, but we have had a very mild winter, little snow and mild temperatures have prevailed in the valley....Punxsutawney Phil says six more weeks of winter but don't believe it. Boating season is around the corner.

The USPS Annual Meeting in Orlando Florida was awesome. As a 'first timer' and the first of many to come, I had the pleasure of meeting many, many great power squadron members from around the US and Canada. With many great meetings, seminars and parties, there was something for everyone, and we all shared in common---our commitment to be better and safer boaters through education. Next years meeting cannot come soon enough.

Traveling home through North Carolina, a stop in Raleigh was in order. I had the pleasure of visiting National Headquarters. Here I met, with no surprise, the great people who do the administration work in our organization. I was able to visit and meet with each department from membership to education to the warehouse....see how they get things done....note their concerns and express ours. A very enjoyable experience to be sure dealing with fine people. I certainly will return and recommend a visit for anyone.

Our February member meeting will be on Friday the 17th. This traditional ` Dessert and Coffee with the Mangeldorf's ` starting around 1900 is a casual, social event. Come as you are..bring a dessert to share..beverage is provided and most important is the hospitality afforded by District Commander Fred and Linda Mangeldorf. Please join us.

That's it for February. Hope everyone has a safe and prosperous month.

Commander George Danko

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*If you are still receiving The Foghorn Newsletter via "snail mail" you are missing out! If you have e-mail, you can receive the Foghorn in FULL COLOR and about A WEEK EARLIER each month! Plus, you'll help save the squadron over \$200 a year! Simply send an e-mail to jckwak@earthlink.net or call him at 845.255.5318 and request The Foghorn by e-mail. Stop missing out!

*The Foghorn is looking for a new editor in the next few months. If you are interested, contact Editor John C. Kwak at 255-5318

*MHPS is seeking someone to handle and store paper items and supplies for summer picnic and potluck suppers, etc. Please contact Betty Gladstone at 485-5204

EDUCATION AT ITS BEST BY USPS

Keep your boating skills up to date!

The new courses that are being presented have all been updated to include the latest technology and improved methods. Your boating skills must be kept up to date also so ask how we can help you. Maybe you would like to do some self study. Many topics are available. Your Education department is here to help. Please contact us.

A public boating course is planned to start on March 28 at 1900. To be held at Haviland Middle School, Hyde Park. The course will be done in eight hours over four nights. Anyone interested in being a proctor please contact me.

Who's doing what?

We have five signed up for the piloting course starting Feb. 4. John Kwak will be instructing along with myself. Come join the fun.

Clare Anderson, Tom Ostrofsky, Pat Smalley and Michele Tarsa are working on the Parts of the Sail course. Some of completed part 101 and we hope to put together a group class for part 102.

Commander Danko is working on his sight folders to complete his JN and N efforts so as to become an SN. It isn't easy but diligent effort pays off.

Again a plea for instructors for our classes and also proctors for the public courses. Please contact me if you can help.

Richard Winchell, SEO
Michele Tarsa, ASEO



This Month's NautiBender...

On a nautical chart there is a compass rose with three rings. The outer ring indicates True direction. The next ring in is Magnet direction. What does the third ring indicate?
(Answer to be found elsewhere in this issue).

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 11

District 2 Winter Council at the Ramada Inn in Newburgh
0800 (8:00)

February 17

Dessert at the Manglesdorf residence; 1915 (7:15)

March 15

Annual Change of Watch (COW) at Greenbaum & Gilhooley
Route 9, Wappingers Falls; 1830 (6:30)
Cost and meal selections to be announced

April 8

Annual Fundraising Auction at St. James Church Fellowship Hall
Route 9, Hyde Park
1700 (5:00) Pot luck supper
Meet for setup at 1300 (1:00); Auction begins at 1900 (7:00)

May 17

Annual Education Awards Meeting
Location to be determined.

Don't Forget!

The Coast Guard requires all vessels over 16' to carry at least 3 approved signals.

Generally these have a life of 3 years.

Remember to check the dates on yours BEFORE launching this spring.

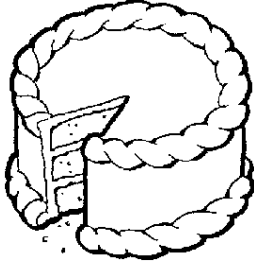
DON'T RISK AN \$1,100 FINE!

Be sure to see the upcoming March Foghorn for more important information on signal flares that every responsible boater should be aware of before putting their boat back in the water this Spring.



FEBRUARY 2006 MEMBER MEETING

Dessert at the Manglesdorfs



Come and enjoy the comforts of the Manglesdorf home.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2006, 1915 (7:15)

Please bring a dessert to share. Beverages will be provided.
Uniform for the evening: Casual/Appropriate



Where? FRED AND LINDA MANGLESDORF'S HOME
Stony Brook Condominiums, 68 High Point Circle, Newburgh, NY 12550

RSVP to Pat at 889-4242 by February 13.

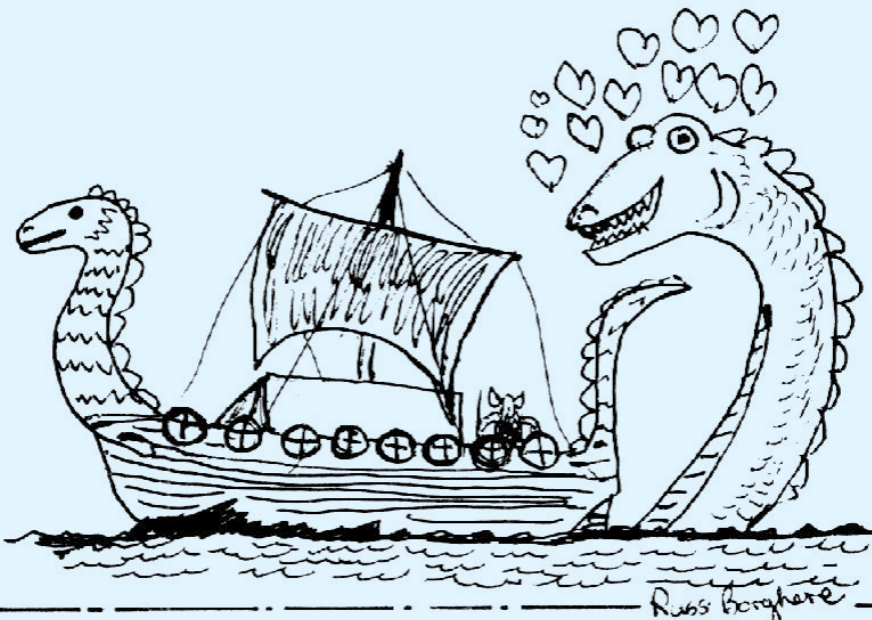
Directions from I84: Take Exit 7-S, Union Avenue, as if you were headed for the NYS Thruway. Continue past the Thruway entrance for approx 0.4 miles to Route 17-K. Turn left; proceed approx 1.1 miles to the right turn into Stony Brook Condos. Provident Bank is on the corner just before you turn. If you cross Stony Brook, the road narrows from 4-lanes to 2-lanes, and you have gone too far. Once on Stony Brook Court, see details below

Directions from downtown Newburgh: Proceed west on Broadway (Route 17-K). After you pass Dunkin Donuts and Wisner Ave, the road begins to go uphill. The next traffic light is Fowler Ave. Proceed. HUB Bank will be on your right, followed by Stewarts. Look for a bridge, followed by the road widening to 4-lanes. Turn left into Stony Brook condos just in front of the Provident Bank. Once on Stony Brook Court, see details below

Directions from NYS Thruway: Take Exit 17, Newburgh. As you leave the toll booth, proceed straight ahead (do not be suckered into taking the sharp right turn which most others will be doing). The 'straight ahead' option actually takes you into a gentle sweeping turn to the right, to the intersection with Route 17-K (Broadway). Turn left; proceed approx 0.8 miles to the right turn into Stony Brook Condos. Provident Bank is on the corner just before you turn. If you cross Stony Brook, the road narrows from 4-lanes to 2-lanes, and you have gone too far. Once on Stony Brook Court, see details below.

Detail directions in Stony Brook: Proceed in from Rt. 17-K approx. 1 miles to the brick gatehouse (unmanned). Turn left just behind the gatehouse onto High Point Circle. Go up the hill approx 100 feet; make the first right turn. Proceed approx .1 miles; the road makes a sharp left turn; you should make the right turn into our parking area. At this point you should be looking at a courtyard between the garages; we are on the left in the little courtyard. Our front door is behind the garage with the number '68' on it.

If you get lost call the Manglesdorfs at 845-561-6392



*Answer to this
month's
NautiBender:*

The POINTS of the compass, there being 32 points in 360 degrees each point being 11.25 degrees. Unfortunately the name of the points such as NE are no longer shown.