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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Ahoy: Here we are...May and boating has begun. Better boating for all and have a safe season on the water. Before you go out, please check your PFDs. Are they in serviceable condition? Do you have enough of the proper sizes? Are they accessible? Know now, don't be surprised later. Wear that PFD while underway. It will be too late once you are overboard. Sign up for a free Vessel Safety Check. The price is right and MHPS examiners will be glad to work over your watercraft. It only takes half an hour and it is time well spent.

The Kid's Boating Class held at the East Fishkill Community Library last month educated eleven youngsters and several parents. We are spreading the word on better boating a small piece at a time, and it was so successful that the library invited us back to do another in July. Thanks to Pat and Dave for a wonderful, as usual, presentation. Do not forget the Kid's Class at the Beekman Library 3 June. Come join us and help pitch USPS.

OK....Safe Boating Week is this month....20-26 May. The USPS and the National Safe Boating Council are sponsors. It is simple...be prepared when going boating. We need to remind boaters and continue a growing public awareness. Fatalities have decreased but drowning is still the # 1 fatality. Now this...#1 reason for drowning....not wearing PFD. Get out and spread the word...we have plenty of posters, pamphlets, and word of mouth.

Our Annual Educational Meeting is this month. On 24 May starting at 1830, we recognize and honor those students and instructors who have completed or taught courses this past year. Our guest is District Educational Officer Bob Kelly. Please make you reservation early and plan to attend.

You can get that free Vessel Safety Check on Sunday 21 May at Saugerties Power Boat Association. Bring your boat between 1000-1600...I said free...and then you can cross this off your things to do list.

That's it for now....please remember USPS...Better Boating....Stay safe.

Commander George Danko

ANNUAL EDUCATION MEETING

May 24, 2006 Stonehedge Restaurant Rt. 9W West Park, NY

COCKTAILS AT 1830. THE MEETING WILL START AT 1900.

We will have a new program this year. Our guest will be
CAPTAIN "CHIP" REYNOLDS, SKIPPER OF THE REPLICA SHIP "HALFMOON".

The ship is presently moored in Athens (New York that is) undergoing routine maintenance. Captain Reynolds will speak on the educational programs being made available to various schools systems. To learn more about the ship and programs go to www.halfmoon.mus.ny.us where there also many pictures of the ship and many links to more information.

Also with us will be our Honorary Member **CHUCK HOUGHTON** who will answer the question:

"How long will an ELCO run on a battery charge and how much will it cost now?"

Also, What's new at ELCO.

There will be recognition of the students and instructors that have made for a very active year in our education programs. So bring your smiling face as there will be lots of picture taking. Hopefully we can get some in the ENSIGN.

PLEASE Contact Lt/C Andy Williams to make your reservation. He needs this **ASAP** as this restaurant **REQUIRES** and only makes, the number and type of meals that we order.

SO, NO RESERVATION, NO DIN DIN.

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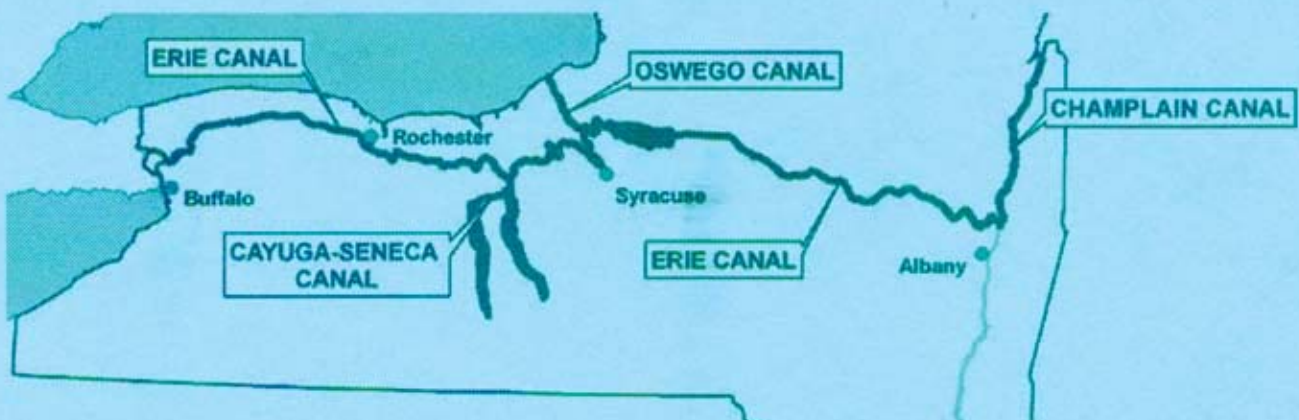
We are in need of a person to take the job of taking the messages from our answering service and getting them to the member that can help the caller. This is usually the SEO or the Commander. If you would like more information you may contact Michele and if you would like to help please contact me.

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THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

Michele L. Tarsa	5/13
Anthony Chiulli	5/15
Salvatore Cigna	5/16
Sharon M. Jones	5/19
Clifford Schoonmaker	5/31

Anniversaries

Charles Worrell	5/01/93
David A. Cason	5/05/04
Laurence J. Bruck	5/09/03
Bill Krug	5/10/04
Richard Winchell	5/15/72
Gary J. Arold	5/17/01
Craig W. Broadbent	5/20/97
Irene M. Denaro	5/20/97
Harry J. Bly	5/24/74
Thomas Gallagher	5/24/74
Paul & Mary Ann Canter	5/26/05
Linda Mangelsdorf	5/26/05
Gary S. Mistarka	5/26/05
Thomas E. Ostrofsky	5/26/05
James & Arlene Turner	5/26/05
Bruce M. LoPresti	5/31/00

A LOOK AHEAD FOR SUMMER 2006

MAY 3 AT 1830 (6:30PM)

Executive Committee Meeting @ Coco's Hyde Park

MAY 10

Stormking Power Squadron Auction Cornwall YC

MAY 19-21

District 2 Northern Trek, Lake George, NY

MAY 20-26

Safe Boating Week

MAY 21

Vessel Safety Check Campaign, Saugerties Power Boat Assoc.

MAY 24 AT 1830 (6:30PM)

Educational Meeting @ Stonehedge, West Park, NY

JUNE 3

Kid's Boating Safety Class, Beekman Library, Poughquag

JUNE 7

Executive Committee Meeting @ Chinese Gourmet Restaurant ????

JUNE 14

Stormking Power Squadron Annual Family Picnic CYC

JUNE 21

Members Meeting TBA*

JULY 1-31

Get out and enjoy the water!

JULY 21-23

Stormking Power Squadron Rendezvous TBA

JULY 29

Kid's Boating Safety Class East Fishkill Community Library

**** (Cruise to Athens Pending) TBA****

AUGUST 2

Executive Committee Meeting

AUGUST 15-20

USPS National Governing Board Meeting, NYC

AUGUST 26

Rendezvous Red Hook Boat Club

AUGUST 30

Executive Committee Meeting for September

SEPTEMBER 20

Member's Meeting TBA*