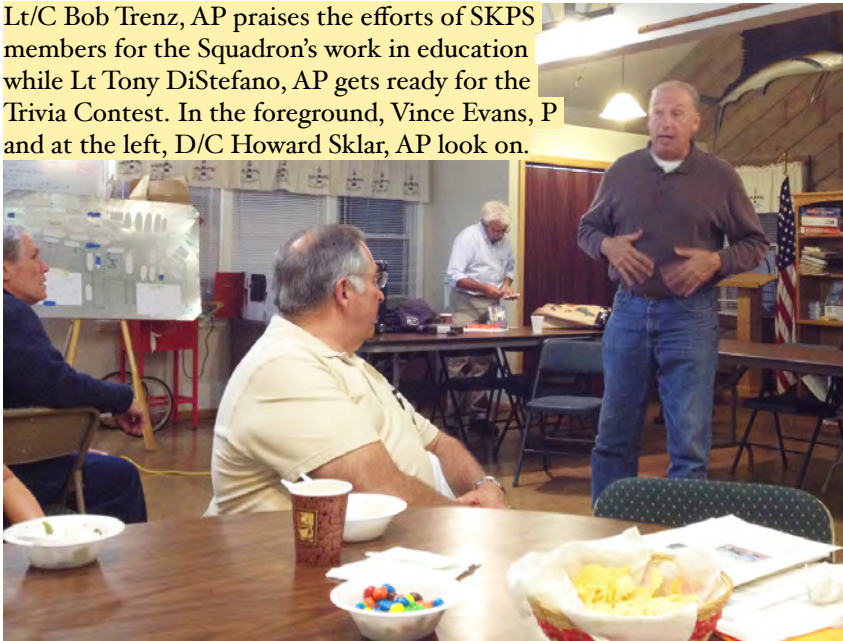




The Crown



Lt/C Bob Trenz, AP praises the efforts of SKPS members for the Squadron's work in education while Lt Tony DiStefano, AP gets ready for the Trivia Contest. In the foreground, Vince Evans, P and at the left, D/C Howard Sklar, AP look on.



Trivia Contest

Not the "Million Second Quiz" BUT Still Great!

Trivia - 9 Oct Meeting

by P/D/C Wayne Garnsey, SN - Editor

Following the normally fantastic gustatory delights and with full stomachs and happy hearts, the 25+ attendees were treated to the humor of "stand up comic," Captain Tony DiStefano, as he hosted Storm King's version of a *TV Trivia Quiz Show*.

The accounting firm, **Off The Charters**, owned and operated by Captain Trenz, kept score to insure that there was no "funny business." This turned out to be a very good move as District Commander Howard Sklar, AP attended and joined in the festivities. (Thank you, D/C

Sklar.) True to form, "The Pirates" and the "Buccaneers" took the top prizes and Lt/C Tony DiStefano's "better half" Janet won the Grand Prize. There were swash-buckling sabers and Jolly Roger pirate flags galore. It was a great night of laughter.

There were serious moments, especially as Chaplain Jeanette Sangervasio, AP remembered many of our members who are seriously ill, especially, Mona Juras, S, Rick Emanuel, AP, and Jane Garnsey, AP. Our prayers and good thoughts go out to all our members as we "count our own blessings." Thanks to all!

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Cdr Ledwith's Message

Cdr John Ledwith, IV, S - "Da Boss"

With the decommissioning of local yacht clubs and marinas and the days and nights turing colder, it is time to turn our attention to our special programs and self- and public- boating education.



We've had two great General Member meetings with owner and captain of the **River Rose**, Capt. Duke Panzella and our first **Trivia Night** hosted by our own Tony DiStefano.

Our education program is going great. **ABC3**, **Sail**, and AP classes have begun or are scheduled for this "off boating season."

Our Nov. meeting promises to be especially great as we welcome Colonel Ty Seidule, Head of the History Dept. at the West Point Military Academy. I look forward to seeing you all, family and friends at this special meeting.

Upcoming Events

- * **Sail Class Began - 24 Sep, 7 PM**
- * SKPS Exec Mtg - 6 Nov, 7 PM
- * SKPS GM Mtg -13 Nov, 7 PM
- * AP Class - Thus, 14 Nov, 7 PM
- * Holiday Party - Sat., 14 Dec, 6 PM



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Education Report

by Lt/C Bob Trenz, AP - SEO

For October 2013: An e-mail was sent to the bridge members regarding a request from Vails Gate Fire Department to do an **ABC3** course this fall for some of their members. We need to require at least 10 members of Vails Gate FD to sign up for the class. They will help with the sign-up, provide the venue and the breakfast and lunch for the students. We will do our usual thing with the instruction. Date to be announced soon.

The next public **ABC3** class will be given in March 2014. A specific date, time and cost will be established so that squadron members can inform the public of our offering. All assistance is appreciated. Our goal for this class is 40 students. This class will be our first public class since the NYS governor signed a bill requiring all boaters under 18 years old to have mandatory boater education. Date to be announced soon.

Fall course offerings for the squadron are **Sail** and **Advanced Piloting**. Tony DiStefano has begun instruction for **Sail**. **Advanced Piloting** will be taught by Dick Winchell and Phil Cameron, starting Thursday, 14 November.

Captain Duke Panzella of the **River Rose** did a very engaging and personal presentation of his beloved **River Rose** paddle-wheeler. His presentation was outstanding.

I contacted the West Point History Department and the speaker for the November meeting will be Colonel Ty Seidule, Chairman of the Department.

Any member that has a suggestion or knows of someone who would like to speak to the squadron please let me know and I will do my best to follow up for us.

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Nov. Meeting West Point Military Academy History

November's GM meeting features a very special guest speaker, **Colonel Ty Seidule**, who will be presenting a special program on ***The History of the West Point Military Academy***.

Colonel Ty Seidule is Professor and Acting Head of the Department of History at the United States Military Academy at West Point. Commissioned as an armor officer, he has served in the United States, Germany, Italy, the Balkans, and the Middle East. Author or editor of numerous books, articles and chapters, he specializes in the history of West Point. He is the senior editor of *The West Point History of Warfare*, a seventy-one chapter military history e-text. Colonel Seidule received a B.A. from Washington and Lee University and his Master's and Doctorate degrees in history from The Ohio State University.

(brief history) West Point's role in our nation's history dates back to the Revolutionary War, when both



Cdr Ledwith, S begins the meeting while Secretary Lt/C Vingie Genco, P takes her notes.



Part of the attentive group, Chaplain Lt Jeanette Sangervasio, AP and P/C Anthony Tucci, Jr., P, enjoy the tasty soups brought by the members under the direction of Lt Helene Stagliano, S and Jeanette. (Really great cake, Jeanette.) - but, as usual!



Storm King Boating Trivia

that is "according to Capt DiStefano and Capt Trenz"

Lt Tony DiStefano, AP asks the trivia questions while one of the "winners" - the Buccaneers" enjoy (maybe a bit too much) their correct answers!



Note the P/D/C in red - P/D/C Martin Feldberg, AP continues his pictorial history of Storm King.



sides realized the strategic importance of the commanding plateau on the west bank of the Hudson River. *General George Washington considered West Point to be the most important strategic position in America.* Washington personally selected Thaddeus Kosciuszko, one of the heroes of Saratoga, to design the fortifications for West Point in 1778, and Washington transferred his headquarters to West Point in 1779. Continental soldiers built forts, batteries and redoubts and extended a 150-ton iron chain across the Hudson to control river traffic. Fortress West Point was never captured by the British, despite Benedict Arnold's treason. West Point is the oldest continuously occupied military post in America.

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Membership Renewal

by P/Lt/C Manny Sangervasio, AP - Member Chair

Sad to say, SKPS's membership has dropped to just 70, primarily due to "non-renewals." Please remember that it is easy to renew your membership online. Just go to www.usps.org, click on the "Member Stuff" drop-down and select "Membership Renewal." Just follow the directions. In order to process your dues please make sure that you have to the following information:

- Your Certificate Number
- Your Invoice Number
- A Valid Credit Card

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“Storm King” is Synonymous for “Boating Safety”

by Lt/C Vingie Genco, S - Secretary

We members should be proud of the contributions to our “community safe boating” that have been made during this past year by the officers and members of Storm King Power Squadron. Here are some of the Squadron’s accomplishments:

ABC3 classes (which included free 6-mo membership in USPS and SKPS): Classes began on 5 Jan 2013 at American Legion Hall, New Windsor, NY - sponsored jointly with Bass Busters Fishing Club (contact Bob Bates): 34 students successfully certified (including 2 children) in both USPS National and NYS PWC exams). SKPS provided 7 instructors (T. DiStefano, V. Evans, V. Genco, M. Sangervasio, P. Skorewicz, R. Trenz and T. Tucci) and 3 Proctors (P. Cameron, A. Digilio, and M. Feldberg. This was an all-day (8-hr) class commitment which utilized videos created in 2012 by SKPS as

well as official USPS instructional materials/aids.

On 22 Jun 2013 at Rte 84 Diner. 10 students successfully certified. SKPS provided 5 Instructors (V. Evans, V. Genco, J. ledwith, R. Trenz and T. Tucci and 4 Proctors (A. Digilio, M. Feldberg, M. Sangervasio and N. Trenz. This was an all-day (8-hr) class. The class was advertised on USPS web site and on FaceBook page of Boating on the Hudson Magazine for 3 wks.

General Information Booth at 18 May 2013 Beacon Day - Information provided on USPS/SKPS and *ABC3* Class scheduled for June 2013. 5 SKPS volunteers manned the booth (A. Digilio, V. Evans, M. Feldberg, R. Hollahan and P. Scheurer) for ~4 hrs.

Demonstration of Flares/Life Jacket Use at SKPS 5 Jun 2013. Picnic held at Cornwall Yacht Club with notifications going to local authorities. Approximately 53 attendees.

Joint First Aid/CPR/AED Certification Class set up by SKPS Safety Officer W.. Burbage for

SKPS and CYC Members held over 2 evenings (2x 4hrs for 8-hr requirement) at CYC. Resulted in 19 new certified Emergency First Responders (14 SKPS members, 5 CYC members). Class taught by certified Emergency First Responder instructors R. Huff and J. Beyruether. SKPS subsidized it's members with \$490 toward the course fees. In addition, the instructors donated extra first aid supplies to SKPS/CYC and a plastic storage bin was donated by SKPS to hold these supplies for use at CYC.

Educational Seminars at SKPS General Meetings on Safety-Related Subjects:

(1) 10 Apr 2013 "Using Your VHF Radio" instructor Cdr John Ledwith - 25 attendees.

(2) 11 Sep 2013 "Capt Duke Panzella presented his experiences as owner and captain of the River Rose. This included useful discussion of oddities of Hudson River Tides, Currents and safety aspects of boating around larger commercial ships/barges/etc. - 30 attendees.

SKPS – 2013 Calendar (tentative / event dates to be added)

Note: Dates subject to change. Watch for Meeting Announcements and Email Bulletins.

2012...Year of the Dragon			
02 Oct, Wed	7:00 PM - SKPS Bridge Meeting	04 Dec, Wed	7:00 PM - SKPS Bridge Meeting
09 Oct, Wed	7:00 PM - SKPS General Meeting	14 Dec, Sat	6:00 PM - SKPS Holiday Party (tentative)
14 Oct, Mon	Columbus Day	25 Dec, Wed	Christmas
31 Oct, Wed	Halloween	31 Dec, Tue	New Year’s Eve
03 Nov, Sun	Daylight Savings (set clock back 1 hour)		
05 Nov, Tue	Election Day	2014...	Year of the Horse (31 Jan 2014)
06 Nov, Wed	7:00 PM - SKPS Bridge Meeting	01 Jan, Wed	New Year’s Day 2014
11 Nov, Mon	Veteran’s Day	08 Jan, Wed	7:00 PM - SKPS Bridge Meeting (tentative)
13 Nov, Wed	7:00 PM - SKPS General Meeting	15 Jan, Wed	7:00 PM - SKPS Annual Meeting (tentative)
28 Nov, Thu	Thanksgiving	20 Jan, Mon	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
28 Nov, Thu	Chanukah (begins at sunset)		



Spring and Fall USPS/SKPS Educational Course Offerings - much related to safety subjects in general:

(1) Marine Communications (instructor J. Ledwith), 11 students successfully passed exam. Class finished 15 Jan 2013.

(2) Piloting Class (instructor P. Cameron) 3 students successfully passed tests and moved to Pilot.

(3) Sail Class: Instructor T. DiStefano - 7-8wks - 6 students - will run until approx 10/7/13. Has started.

(4) Advanced Piloting: Instructors: R. Trenz and R. Winchell - 7 wks - 4 students - scheduled to start 10/14/2013.

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AC Boat Show

by Lt/C Pete Skorewicz, Jr., P

I am starting the ball rolling for the Atlantic City Boat Show bus trip. Saturday, February 8, 2014 will be the date. I am working on a quote from West Point Tours, so I

can pin point a price for the trip. It will likely be in the \$35.00 – \$40.00 per person range based on 30 people on the bus. More info to come.

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NYS Mandated Boating Safety Certification

Source: <http://assembly.state.ny.us/mem/Sandy-Galef/story/53392/>

Legislative bill (A.3471-A/S. 1639-A), signed by Governor Coumo on 27 September 2013, requires all mechanically propelled vessel operators to obtain a boating safety certificate by completing an eight hour safe boating course.

The requirement would be implemented through a multiyear phase-in beginning in 2014 with 18 year olds. This legislation would help eliminate the dangers of boating often attributed to inexperience by requiring boat operators to take a course and become aware of all safety and legal aspects of operating a boat.

Currently, children between the age of 10-18 must have a boating safety certificate in order to operate a mechanically propelled vessel unaccompanied. In addition, those age 14 and older must hold a boating safety certificate in order to operate a personal watercraft.

New York also lags regionally in comparison to neighboring states when it comes to the level of boating safety requirements that exist. Many tougher provisions already exist for Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Vermont as well as Canada. The problem exists naturally when many New Yorkers utilize the same waters as other state residents who have much more experience with operating a boat than they do themselves.

A host of new education requirements come into effect with the Galef/Carlucci bill. These include:

- Requiring that no person born on or after May 1, 1996 may operate a mechanically propelled vessel on the navigable waters of the state,

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including tidewaters on or lying within boundaries of Nassau and Suffolk counties unless they hold a boating safety certificate.

Boating safety certificates will be issued by the Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, the U.S. Power Squadrons or the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

The bill preserves the existing law for someone who is at least ten years old to operate a mechanically propelled vessel unaccompanied, provided they hold a certificate.

A person who is younger than 18 years of age may operate a mechanically propelled vessel without a boating safety certificate, provided they are accompanied by at least one person at least 18 years

of age who is either the holder of a boating safety certificate or is not required to hold a boating safety certificate.

The bill provides a grace period of 120 days for people who purchase a vessel, and are otherwise required to hold a boating safety certificate, to operate such a vessel without a certificate.

The bill also provides that a livery may lease, hire or rent a mechanically propelled vessel to someone who does not hold a boating safety certificate provided they are at least 18 years-of-age, and the vessel is not leased, hired or rented to the same person for more than 60 days.

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Saturday Dinner: Pianist John Sauer accompanied by singer Jeannie Laurin will provide both dinner music and entertainment after dinner for your listening and dancing pleasure.

To download the Fall Conference Registration Form with the program, costs, and directions, go to:

<http://www.usps.org/d2/d2event.html#District>

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