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## Education News

**The squadrons of District 4 participated in a BOC/POTW event on the weekend of 22-23 June, 2013. The weather was most favorable and made for a wonderful on the water experience. The folks managing the Ocean Beach Marine Center, Lavallette, New Jersey were most accommodating through their allowing our use of their show room for classroom space and their docks for training and securing our boats. Our weekend kicked off with the BOC (Boat Operator Certification) program, five of our BOC candidates proceeded through various stages of their certification. Boy! The classroom portion taught several useful seamanship concepts that I was introduced to and can implement in my boating activities. Upon completion of the class room instruction, the group enthusiastically proceeded to the dock to implement what they had**

**learned and were further instructed in the proper way of departing a dock with an emphasis on boat safety. They were asked to demonstrate their skills at handling the vessel on a course of buoys set up on the bay and did so proficiently.**

**Our second day of education started in the classroom with 8 students from three squadrons, a cyber member and a non-member who recently completed our basic boat safety class. They had signed up for our POTW (Practical on the Water) training program, a few with limited boating experience and some with no experience and one sailor that may cross over to power boating. Our lecturers (Marvin Lipper & Bill Bloxham) were riveting with their astounding presentations. They instructed with excellent power point slides, videos and interjected their personal skills and educational experience. After the extensive classroom training the students**

proceeded to the dock and broke off into two groups and boarded 2 vessels which were generously donated for our use by their kind owners (Bill Foy and Brian Rogers). Thank you! The instruction continued with a briefing on the vessels and pointing out the location of safety equipment aboard the vessel. Both groups sailed off to the buoy course that was laid out for the various exercises that would be taught. Among the exercises were maneuvering through a slalom course at slow speed and with the boat on plane, holding station, running a range (forward and reverse), picking up a mooring, and anchoring. Upon their return they were exhausted but filled with enthusiasm and a wealth of new learned boating skills. I received some positive feedback and sincere gratitude for the education. I thank all participants, instructors and our dedicated leaders for their time and efforts.

Should anyone have any interest in hosting a similar event or participating in an on the water teaching event please feel free to contact me.

**D/Lt/C Richard Woznicki, SN**

## *Help is needed*

**Where: First Energy Park, Blue Claw Stadium, Lakewood, NJ**

**When: September 20-22, 2013**

**Event Times:**

**Friday: 11 A.M.- 6 P.M.**

**Saturday: 10 A.M. – 6 P.M.**

**Sunday: 10 A.M. – 5 P.M.**

**We are going to participate at the Jersey Shore Boat Sale & Expo, this is a perfect opportunity to view a number of new and used boats and a chance to buy something for your present boat. Additionally, an opportunity to interact with the public and let them know who we are and what we have to offer. If you need a little credit toward your Merit Mark, this participation may put you over the top. Enough said, please sign up now by selecting a time slot from the schedule below and email [rwoznicki@comcast.net](mailto:rwoznicki@comcast.net) or call 732-651-1616. See you at the show. Thank you for your participation.**

**(open slots remain. call now and help us make a good appearance)**

**OUR 100 YEAR  
ANNIVERSARY ENSIGN**

***At the national conference in Jacksonville last February, District 4 Commander James Ulrick, was presented with the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ensign to take back to our district. The Ensign was thereafter displayed and turned over to the squadron commanders present at the June Council meeting.***

***Thanks to the effort of our district commander, the ensign has been displayed at many of the squadron changes of watch.***

***All members are urged once again to fly their ensign at all times underway or at their marina or yacht club. If you do not have an ensign, now is a great time to get the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary ensign for your boat.***



***At the Council Meeting***



***Presentation and display at the Liberty Harbor Change of watch***



## ON THE LIGHT SIDE

*We have finally gotten the answer to what fishing is all about. Sorry friends, just do not torpedo my boat.*



WE'RE TRYING NOT TO CATCH ANYTHING SO WE CAN HAVE BURGERS AND FRIES FOR DINNER, RIGHT, GRANDPA?"

## STATEN ISLAND POWER SQUADRON ON PARADE

This year, for the 6<sup>th</sup> time, Staten Island Power Squadron once again participated in the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade.

Attached is a photo of the 100 year ensign belonging to D-4 flying on

Cdr. Christina DiMeo and P/C Jim DiMeo's 17' Trophy. The boat was used as a float in the July 4th parade in Travis Staten Island NY. This is the 6th time Staten Island Sail and Power Squadron has participated in the parade. In the photo from left to right. James DiMeo, Ann Malina, Pete Woll, Cdr. Chris DiMeo, Stephen Mandel, Cookie Zaritsky, and Frank Scavo. The picture was taken by P/C Jim DiMeo.

P/C Jim DiMeo AP



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## **News from D-4 Squadrons**

As a past district commander, and current editor of this publication, I have the honor of receiving copies of squadron publications and email correspondence from many of the squadrons. On the positive side I am aware of some of the squadrons that have initiated Facebook activity to reach their members. Northern New Jersey is one of the squadrons who have joined the Facebook ranks recently. Congratulations.

On the negative side I have also received upsetting news from one of our most active and vibrant squadrons of a substantial reduction in membership this year, even though 12 new members joined the squadron. WE CANNOT AFFORD TO LOSE OUR MEMBERS.

Elsewhere the D-4 Commander's Luncheon brought the squadron commanders to South Jersey for a grand time



## **Lackawana's Fire Extinguisher Training May, 2013**

## **And Lackawana held its Dogs on the Dock Day on 8 June.**





Raritan Bay PS's commander, Robert C. Rafano, was contacted by Jason McKenna and advised that he has put together an app for "Way Points" for water hazards particularly since Sandy. He has also put together a listing of gas docs with their prices.

The Website is:  
 Facebook  
[https://www.facebook.com/Waypoint Hazards](https://www.facebook.com/WaypointHazards)  
 Android Play Store

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=air.com.acsnj.waypoints.WaypointSE>

The site has not been as of this date reviewed.

## **SAD NEWS**

Jean Ruckdeschel, a good friend of District 4, passed away 20 August, with her family around her. She will be missed by many people who knew her. There will not be a funeral, as she is being cremated. If you'd like to send a sympathy card, you can send it to her daughter:

Arlene and John Simonetti  
 9 Indiana Court  
 Matawan, NJ 07747

There will be a memorial service for Jean Ruckdeschel on Sunday, September 15.

Location: DeMarco Funeral Home  
 205 Rhode Hall Road  
 Monroe Twp., New Jersey 08831  
[732-521-0555](tel:732-521-0555)

## **EDITOR'S NOTE**

Once again we thank all who have contributed material for this issue by way of articles and pictures. Due to some personal problems at my end, absent these contributions this issue would not have been possible

