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ISSUE DEDICATION

Reviewing articles and pictures graciously submitted by squadron members for possible insertion in this issue of the Mark 4, I was struck with the realization that little has been done by the district to recognize squadrons for extraordinary programs and activities that promote the principles of USPS. This issue is thus dedicated to those squadrons and I salute and thank the officers and members of the squadrons for their efforts.

P/D/C David J. Meshulam, AP, Editor

Marina Day

Raritan Bay Power Squadron initiated the Marina Day concept a couple years ago to help promote our Organization and the Vessel Safety Check program. In the past this was a successful activity and the squadron members enjoyed the camaraderie that developed. Since there was no reason to discontinue activities that work, we decided to have a Marina Day at Lighthouse Point Marina in Toms River, New Jersey. Emails went out to our Vessel Examiners and the response was awful, there was only one examiner that

had the day available to inspect vessels. Lighthouse Point marina has over 200 boats available for inspection and one person would not be able to accommodate the folks that would gladly have the inspection. The first reaction was to cancel the activity and move forward. Well Don Baker would not settle for failure and suggested contacting the Squadrons of the District and perhaps this would breathe some life into this endeavor.

Well, there was no reason not to pursue this idea so emails were sent to the District Squadrons and the responses started coming in favorable and suddenly we had seven Vessel Safety Examiners that stepped forward and agreed to help. It was decided that hard work requires feeding and hydrating our helpers so a Hot Dog and soda menu was planned and well received by the participants. Carol Woznicki (Raritan Bay) rustled up the pots and pans and became the hostess and chief cook for the event and we extend a special thank

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you for her effort. I would be remised if I did not thank Owen Glasson (Lackawanna) , Joan and Tom Mullin (Northern NJ) Ted Wallace (Watchung) and Betty Pischel and Tom Thornbury both (Raritan Bay) for their hard work inspecting vessels in 90o temperature with equal humidity.

Finally, Don Baker was gracious enough to deliver fliers to every boat berth in the marina a week in advance to advertise the event for 9 July, 2011. He additionally set up and delivered a seminar “Skipper Saver” in the evening in an open air atmosphere for the slip holders. This seminar was customized to specifically target the crew of a vessel with knowledge of what steps to take in the event the skipper should become incapacitated. The attendees expressed a sincere appreciation for the information that was shared with them. A survey was taken asking for their input as to what seminars they would be interested in attending in the future. This information will be used in setting up future programs that will be successful.

Hope everyone is enjoying a wonderful Summer and remember to stay safe.

D/Lt/C Rich Woznicki, JN

Memorial Day Parade

Raritan Bay Power Squadron marched in the Metuchen, New Jersey Memorial Day Parade. We marched on Monday 30, by a Memorial May 2011 and the parade was followed Service for our fallen soldiers. This is a prime example of what Memorial Day is truly about, honoring those who gave their lives so that we can walk in our communities in total freedom. As you can see in the photos the members were enjoying each others company and having a festive time. A benefit of joining USPS that comes from being involved in the organization's activities.

D/Lt/C Rich Waznicki



Staten Island Sail and Power

Squadron Action

Great Kills Yacht Club Commodore Michael Galletta, Commander Don Heap SN, P/C Jim DiMeo, AP, D/Lt/C Jim Ulrich, SN

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were in attendance when Great Kills YC dedicated a "Kids Don't Float" Station during their Opening Day ceremonies that took place May 28, 2011 - Memorial Day Weekend.

The station was constructed by Cdr Don Heap, P/ C Jim DiMeo and D/Lt/C Jim Ulrich of Staten Island Sail and Power Squadron. Kids can borrow and return a life jacket for the day free of charge. Photo submitted by Jim DiMeo.



As part of the Spot the Ensign Contest, nationally, this was submitted by District 22, Great exposure and well done!!!!!! Thank you.

On The Light Side

Subject: Did you know?

[Q: Why do ships and aircraft use 'mayday' as their call for help?](#)

A: This comes from the French word m'aidez -meaning 'help me' -- and is pronounced, approximately, 'mayday.'

[Q: Why is shifting responsibility to someone else called 'passing the buck'?](#)

A: In card games, it was once customary to pass an item, called a buck, from player to player to indicate whose turn it was to deal. If a player did not wish to assume the responsibility of dealing, he would 'pass the buck' to the next player.



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Q: Why are people in the public eye said to be 'in the limelight'?

A: Invented in 1825, limelight was used in lighthouses and theatres by burning a cylinder of lime which produced a brilliant light. In the theatre, a performer 'in the limelight' was the centre of attention.

Q: Why is someone who is feeling great 'on cloud nine'?

A: Types of clouds are numbered according to the altitudes they attain, with nine being the highest cloud. If someone is said to be on cloud nine, that person is floating well above worldly cares.

Q: In golf, where did the term 'Caddie' come from?

A. When Mary Queen of Scots went to France as a young girl, Louis, King of France, learned that she loved the Scots game 'golf.' So he had the first course outside of Scotland built for her enjoyment. To make sure she was properly chaperoned (and guarded) while she played, Louis hired cadets from a military school to accompany her. Mary liked this a lot and when returned to Scotland (not a very good idea in the long run), she took the practice with her. In French, the word cadet is pronounced 'ca-day' and the Scots changed it into 'caddie.'

So there! Now *you* know

D4 Environmental Committee In Action

Hi Everyone,

I just came from the Raritan River Keeper's spring creek clean up at Chingaro Creek in Keyport.

A few things I learned:

Because it was a creek, it was a bit dirtier and wetter than we might face with a beach clean up but I didn't mind. I did tuck my pants into my socks to help protect from ticks and they were out there. I pulled 4 off my clothes. Light clothes help to spot them. As I say, I am the fairly adventurous type and I'm just not happy until I'm wet and dirty but it is something to keep in mind. I came home and showered well.

I got a little lost getting there and only got to the meeting place a few minutes late but found no one. Fortunately, since the general description of the creek was given, I was able to locate the group a mile away by following the creek and spotting the sign they put out. Note to self, good direction, a BIG SIGN and a designated Greeter are important. Want to participate in the clean up but not up to cleaning up? I have the perfect job for 2 people. You sit and greet and coordinate and hand out water bottles. There is another thing we need water bottles. OH.. turns out their directions given were slightly wrong... but I did find them. I was thinking the group might meet up at Diner for a light snack beforehand. It would give everyone a certain meeting place instead of just a street corner. The clean up went from 10-12 noon. Plenty of time for ONLY 9 or 10 people to collect a third of a truck of garbage. I was very impressed by our efforts and accomplishments.

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I would prefer to have a designated greeter or 2 so that I can be on the move helping folks. We need to be on the look out for ticks and poison ivy, That was all over and will be even on beaches. It is all over sandy hook.

I need a BIG SIGN with a big USPS LOGO, do we have such a thing around on old manuals etc. or I can run one off on the computer. Also NINA --- does USPS Env Comm have a LOGO?? That would be great. If not, perhaps we can design an unofficial one. I have lots of graphics.

Anyhow, Amy was out there by the poster board sign and I turned around parked and introduced myself. She had gloves and BIG trash bags. Some folks wore waders and work gloves. For most stuff 3-4 pair of vinyl gloves were sufficient per person.

I met Amy from Raritan Bay Keeper, Joe , Naturalist from Monmouth Cty Parks, Jim from Food and Water Watch and a number of folks from Monmouth clean community who came with a big truck and took about a 1/3 of a big truck of trash away including 6 tires and a TV. They tell me that dealing with clean communities is easier than the town. Trash haul away was easy with them.

The folks from Raritan Bay Keeper and the other folks I met seem eager to work with us in spreading the word. Perhaps if we do have an Env. Seminar this fall or spring, we might consider inviting them for a short presentation.

We took a picture of the group and I will be writing a small article for Mark 4.

I have reached out to Clean Ocean Action and am awaiting a response to my e-mail. They seem to be the coordinating group and I suspect that they will be of great help in getting this coordinated and getting gloves/

bags/supplies and arranging for trash removal.

I will keep you all posted. Please feel free to pass on this e-mail to interested parties. I look forward to having more info for you soon and I welcome your participation and any feed back/ thoughts you may have.

Bonnie Gingras USPS D/4
Environmental Committee.

Higher Ethanol Gasoline a Problem for Boat Motors, Small Engines

ALEXANDRIA, Va., July 5, 2011 - Most recreational boats in the US are "trailer" boats. Stored in the backyard or driveway, they are trailered to the water and enjoyed for the day. They are also refueled at your local gas station or minimart, which may soon offer a fuel, E15 (or 15% ethanol), that is prohibited by the federal government for use in boat motors and violates engine manufacturer warranties. That has the nation's largest recreational boat owners group, [BoatUS](#), concerned over the potential for accidental misfueling.

Last week's EPA's debut of it's proposed solution - a small, orange label affixed to the gas pump titled "Attention" - has only heightened the need for boaters to be vigilant, said the Alexandria, Virginia based association.

"As this new fuel starts appearing at the local fuel pump, we see the real likelihood of putting the wrong fuel in your boat," said BoatUS Vice President of Government Affairs Margaret Podlich. "It could lead to costly engine or fuel system damage, and potentially leave you stranded out on the water with a disabled vessel, compromising

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your family's safety. When a boat's engine stops running, you can't pull over to the side of the road," added Podlich.

Earlier this year, the EPA authorized the use of E15 in 2001 model year and newer motor vehicles. However, the agency did not authorize its use in marine engines or a range of off-road vehicles, tools and equipment. Currently, most boaters in the US have transitioned to E10 (10% ethanol), the maximum percentage of ethanol permitted in gasoline before most engine manufacturer warranties are voided. However, many boaters still go out of their way to find ethanol-free fuel.

BoatUS believes it will be hard for consumers to recognize when or where E-15 is being rolled out to their local gas stations or fuel sellers. "Most likely consumers will encounter E-15 for the first time at their local gas station with little or no fanfare, and may be attracted to its price. This means we have to be alert now - it's really a situation of buyer beware," said Podlich.

The boater's group also said the issue goes far beyond gas-powered boat engines. "I encourage anyone fueling - whether it's for your boat, car, motorcycle, generator or six-gallon portable tank for your lawnmower or leaf-blower, to absolutely know what type of gas is going into that tank," said Podlich. "Unless you have a 2001 or new motor vehicle, the gasoline-powered engines you own were not built for E15. Now is the time to start knowing which gas stations offer you safe fuel."

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About BoatUS:

BoatUS - Boat Owners Association of The United States - is the nation's leading advocate for recreational boaters providing

over half a million members with government representation, programs and money-saving services. For membership information visit www.BoatUS.com or call 800-395-2628.

On the Water Educational Meeting

Our Squadrons of District 4 met at Carolyn Markham's home in Toms River, New Jersey for our annual "On the Water Education Meeting" on 25 June, 2011. The weather was perfect to enjoy the activities of Barnegat Bay in a picture perfect scene. There were kayaks available for members to enjoy on the calm water of the bay. Our National Flag Lieutenant Robert Holub seized the opportunity to perform Vessel Safety Checks on the kayaks and offered the service to the neighbors in the area.

Approximately 20 members met at an off-site hotel to attend the classroom portion of our Boat Operator Certification process. While the interest in taking celestial sights did not materialize, the opportunity to catch up with our fellow members became a priority. We all took part in a delicious buffet lunch that Carrie had ordered from one of her neighbors that does an excellent job of preparing an enjoyable meal.

After lunch we participated in a pyrotechnic class that was arranged and presented by Bill Bloxam (North River Power Squadron). Those that participated were given an opportunity to fire aerial flares and hand held flares were utilized, there was also a demonstration of orange smoke that draws a lot of attention. I think this was a great opportunity to learn a

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valuable skill that every boater should experience before an emergency occurs.

Upon completion of the pyrotechnics display, the BOC Regional Director Harold Oslick accompanied by our National BOC representatives STF/C George Malindzak and Clay Helms of North Carolina proceeded to oversee the skills portion of undocking a boat. Once the participants completed this activity, they boarded the boats to demonstrate the on the water competency skills for the Inland Navigator and Coastal Navigator certification. Since this is an involved process that is time consuming arrangements were made to continue on Sunday morning to certify three candidates for Coastal Navigator.

Those folks that were not involved in the on the water training attended a seminar that was presented by P/C Tom Smith. He did an excellent job of educating his audience on the measures that need to be taken to first protect themselves and then to take measures to safe guard their boats. We all walked away better equipped to start thinking of steps to be taken before a report is issued of a pending hurricane. Those that prepare early and well, do not suffer the casualties of not preparing properly.

A great day for fellowship and learning new boat skills was enjoyed by all participants.

D/Lt/C Richard Woznicki, JN



Barnegat Sail & Power **Squadron on Water Activity**

1. Place Martel's Water's Edge
2. Date Thursday Sept. 1
3. Time 1200 to 1400 ??
4. Details
 - a. 20 docks , moorings, 100 ft. along pier for tie up
 - b. docks and moorings (free)
 - c. water taxi service
 - d. location
South of the Mathis Bridge--
follow channel to "37" G (about 2 1/2 miles south of the bridge) Turn West 90 Degrees from "37" Green and go about 200 yards to the mooring field or dock.
5. Lunch ordered from the menu---pay for your own (Prices from \$10.00 to \$15.00 plus tax and gratuity. Drinks extra.)
6. Hope to see many of you there.

John Sarle (732-920-3298)

Rafting/Rendezvous Chairman

A good time was had by all that attended the Aug. 17th get-together.

We decided to have another lunch on Thursday September 1 at 12:00 noon to ???

See you there

John Sarle

New "Boating Simulator" Lets You Boat Anytime

BoatUS Foundation's Virtual Boating Experience is the Next Step in Boater Education

ANNAPOLIS, Md., May 2, 2011 - A new downloadable [BoatUS Boating Simulator](#), provided by the BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water aims to use animation, simulation and video to keep boaters on the virtual "water" anytime - and

teach them how to navigate through congested and sometimes treacherous waters.

The Boating Simulator's interactive boating experience - complete with throttle, shifter and chartplotter - makes learning fun. "Research shows that most people use visual cues when learning and when you combine it with active participation, comprehension and retention increase," said BoatUS Assistant Director of Boating Safety Ted Sensenbrenner. "Simply put, you learn while you're having a great time driving the boat."

The Simulator, which utilizes your keyboard, mouse and arrow keys to operate, is free to download at www.BoatUS.com/Foundation/games. During the game's voyage, players must use all of the tools at their disposal to navigate around aids to navigation as well as shallow water and other vessel traffic. Along the way you could be penalized for violating speed zones, approaching too close to another vessel or navigating out of bounds.

This is the third interactive video game offered by the BoatUS Foundation that puts new or seasoned boaters alike behind the helm of a virtual boat. The first two games, DockIt! and NavigatIt!, teach docking and navigation skills respectively. All BoatUS Foundation games are provided at no cost at www.BoatUS.com/Foundation/games and BoatUS membership is not required to play.

For the Boating Simulator, a standard home PC with Windows XP or newer and a DirectX 9.0 compatible video card is required. Simply follow the on-screen instructions and prompts to download to your computer.



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Articles and announcements from squadron officers and members are welcome by email at DJMGEM@AOL.COM

Our thanks to all the contributors to this issue whose names appear with their article

Denise Jones will be missed

P/Lt/C Denise M. Jones passed away , Aug. 9, 2011, after being diagnosed in March with a brain tumor. Denise was a life member of the U.S. Power Squadrons for Liberty Harbor Power Squadron, where she attained the rank of Lieutenant Commander serving as secretary. She also served as a Bridge Officer. She was the District 4 council meetings Co-Chair. She also enjoyed traveling with her husband and friends on day trips and annual cruises.

A memorial service was conducted by D/C Florence Smith on August 10th with many members present, including 6 past district commanders. Denise and Joel were a team which for years greeted our members to the D4 Council meetings with a welcome and a smile. She will be missed.

2011 D4 Rendezvous South

On 13 August, 2011, The state marina at what used to be Trump's Marina, hosted D4 with members representing may squadrons coming by boat or car. As usual there was food and drinks galore. Thank you for all contributors and thank you to the D4 Weather Committee which managed to hold off adverse conditions for most of the afternoon. Also thank you is due to P/D/C Carlton Lee and P/C Ted Wallace for serving those great drinks.





Commander's Message

The summer is just about over and by all reports it was a good one out in the water. At the beginning of the summer, I had the opportunity to observe the Boat Operator Certification at the Educational Department meeting. It was well attended and thanks to all who assisted and participated in the process.

Next up was the City Island rendezvous which unfortunately had to be canceled. The uncertainty of the weather and the cost of fuel was cited as the most common reason that someone could not attend. Hopefully next year things will be better. The following weekend, Staten Island journeyed to Haverstraw for their annual trip. Topped off with a buffet dinner, it was fun.



Soon we will be leaving for Greenboro for the Fall Governing board. It is a time of meetings for the committees that make up the national organization. It is also a time to meet fellow members from across the country and share ideas.

Please make plans to join us October 22 to 24 for our Fall Conference. Friday night will be Pirate night! We will be collecting pirate booty in the form of new toys to be donated to the Staten Island facility of the New York Foundling Hospital. Saturday will feature our general meeting with the Chief Commander's message, workshops and seminars, lunch and awards. Come for the information, stay for the camaraderie.



USPS needs you. Your participation is critical to the functioning of your squadron. While 10% of the people do 90% of the work, it is much more fun to be part of that group. It's fun, it's work, it's being part of the solution.

D/C Florence Smith, FC

Fall Jersey Shore Boat Show

Help is Needed

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

When: September 23-25, 2011

Event Times:

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

Saturday: 10 A.M. – 6 P.M.

Sunday: 10 A.M. – 5 P.M.

| Date | Time Slot |
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| Friday | 11:00 A.M.- 2:30 P.M. |
| Sept. 23 | 2:30 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. |
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| Saturday | 10:00 A.M. -2:00 P.M. |
| Sept. 24 | 2 :00P.M. – 6:00 P.M. |
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| Sunday | 10:00 A.M.–1:30 P.M. |
| Sept. 25 | 1 :30 P.M. – 5 :00P.M. |
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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 or call 732-651-1616.

See you at the show. Thank you for your participation.