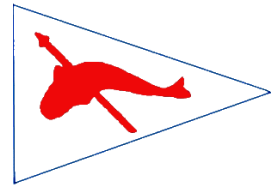


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Calendar of Events

January 1, 2014 Regular monthly meeting 7 PM at Thornes Bi-L0 supermarket Conference Center.

January 11, 2014 will be our annual Christmas party, this year is being held at the Olive Garden in Lakewood, New York. Dinner is at 5:30 PM

February 5, 2014 Regular monthly meeting 7 PM at Thornes Bi-L0 supermarket Conference Center.

Squadron bridge officers for 2013/2014

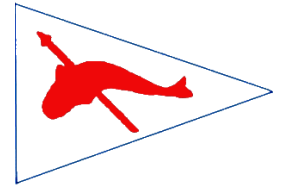
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| Commander | Cdr. David Hollingshead AP | 814 – 726 – 1517 |
| Executive officer | Lt/C Victor Defrisco | 716 – 665 – 6155 |
| Education officer | P/C William Ransom SN | 814 – 723 – 5107 |
| Admin officer | P/C Bruce Battler JN | 716 – 664 – 7865 |
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Advanced Grades

Seamanship, Piloting , Advanced Piloting, Junior Navigation and Navigation

Elective Courses

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Birthday Wishes

January Birthdays

No birthdays for January

February Birthdays

No birthdays for February

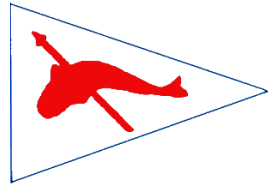
From the editor's desk

After a long absence from the desk, I am finally back. This bout of pneumonia really put me down and I am now motivating about 90% of what I should be! I guess I am well enough to sit here and do what I'm doing without falling asleep at the keyboard. I am feeling much better and don't get tired out as quickly, so we are going to give this a whirl and try to get back on track. Thank you for your concerns and well wishing cards. It was very much appreciated by me.

Thanks again!
David



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The Role of Marine Weather

Weather and sea state are major factors to safety on the water. Weather becomes even more important as you venture further and further offshore and away from the relative safety of in-shore waters or safe harbors. For long distance cruisers and passagemaker's, weather becomes a critical factor in planning any voyage.

Some of the important aspects for the mariner: The wind and sea state affect dead reckoning, reduced visibility limits piloting, and overcast and clouds prevent celestial observations. In the event of heavy weather, these mere inconveniences turn more ominous and the safety of the vessel, passengers, and crew become a critical concern.

Secondarily, weather plays a vital role in enjoying your day on the water. While your boat may well be of a size and seaworthiness to easily withstand a gale, what about the crew? I mean really, who in their right mind would enjoy their time battling 47 knot winds and 10 to 14 foot seas if you don't have to?

Weather can change fast, sunny afternoon skies can rapidly turn to thunderstorms with their attendant heavy rains, high winds, and lightening. While great weather can add to the enjoyment of a day on the water, a sudden thunderstorm can turn that great summer day into a dangerous and even life threatening situation for the un-prepared.

So... Know Before You Go! Before casting off your lines, be sure you check the latest weather forecast for your area or planned route of travel. And be sure that you understand what it means! Is your vessel up to the challenges of the forecasted weather? What if it is worse than predicted? How about your crew or passengers, are they capable of being an asset in a heavy weather situation or will they become a liability? These are all questions that you as the captain should be asking yourself before ever leaving the dock especially when the weather is threatening.

2014 District 11 Spring Conference and Change of Watch



The Holiday Inn Express

18240 Conneaut Lake Road, Meadville, PA. 16335
Telephone: 814-724-6012

Take Interstate 79 to exit 147A. Exit and proceed east on PA Route 322 for 2/10 mile. Turn left at Chovey's Restaurant. Holiday Inn Express is behind the Restaurant.

Group Room Rate is \$89 per night plus tax under Confirmation #63033808. Mention United States Power Squadrons. Reservation needed by 1 March 2014.

Friday, 28 March 2014

Friday Night Social at a Hospitality Room
1900 to 2200 (7:00 pm to 9:30 pm)

Saturday, 29 March 2014

District 11 Spring Conference – **Meeting Room adjacent to the Lobby**
The Holiday Inn Express

Tentative Agenda

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| 0900 | Coffee, Hot Tea, Decaf with assorted Danish & Donuts |
| 1000 | Educational Session |
| 1200 | Luncheon – at Chovey's |
| 1400 (2:00 pm) | Conference |
| 1730 (5:30 pm) | Attitude Adjustment – Cash Bar Available – at Chovey's |
| 1800 (6:00 pm) | Dinner |

Luncheon and Dinner will be at Chovey's Restaurant, adjacent to the Holiday Inn Express.

Exit the Holiday Inn Express front door and walk 100 yards to the restaurant.

Luncheon Buffet – \$18.00 - includes carved Baked Ham, carved Roasted Turkey Breast, Pasta in Tomato Sauce, Oven Roasted Potatoes, House Salad, Wedding Soup, Bread, Coffee or Soft Drink and Dessert.

Sit Down Dinner – \$28.00 - Entrees include choice of Asiago Chicken, Cedar Plank Salmon or 8 oz. Prime Rib (done medium). Dinner includes Cheddar Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Salad, Bread, Dessert and Beverage. Cash bar available.

2014 District 11 Spring Conference – Reservation Form



Name: _____

Squadron: _____

Guest: _____

How many to attend Friday Night Social: _____

Luncheon: \$18.00 x _____ = \$ _____

Dinner: \$28.00 x _____ = \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Dinner Selection (Indicate how many):

Asiago Chicken - _____

Cedar Plank Salmon - _____

8 oz. Prime Rib (done medium) - _____

Make checks payable to:

USPS District 11 Treasury

Please state "2014 Spring Conference" in the memo area.

Send reservations by 20 March 2014 to:

D/Lt/C Thomas Petrilla, P

2374 North Road, N.E.

Warren, OH 44483-3057