



THE WEATHERVANE

Inflatable Life Jacket Basics

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What? January 1st and an article on inflatable life jackets? Well, I was checking my e-mail during our recent blizzard and I ran across a message from Ed Rearick, our Safety Officer. He had sent a USCG article that mentioned "... boating in hot/humid weather..." in the very first sentence. That did it! With all the



snow piling up and 35 mph gusts howling outside, that opening line got my attention. What better way to start 2010 than with a little day dreaming and looking ahead to next summer.

The full article is too lengthy to print here so I've only included a few highlights. Hopefully, you'll read it in its entirety, as written by Stu Soffer of the USCG Auxiliary, on the Internet at this location:

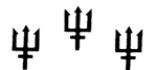
<http://auxbdept.org/pdf/InflatableLifeJacketBasics.pdf>

The term "life jacket" rather than "PFD" is used exclusively in the article because

of the national thrust to promote life jacket wear with the "Wear It" theme. There were 709 recreational boating fatalities in 2008, two-thirds (510) drowned, and ninety percent of the victims (459) were not wearing a life jacket. This has been the same unfortunate statistic for the past ten years. Promoting Wear It and boater education will save lives.



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Commander's Message

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

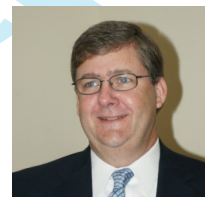
Here we are ushering in 2010. It didn't seem that long ago that we were welcoming 2000 -- a decade ago! Lesley & I wish everyone a prosperous 2010. With this New Year, come new promises and ambitions. Let's act on them and join in on Kingsway's upcoming events. We have education classes, bowling, "Tie One On" (another first event), Founders Day, Change of Watch, and Baseball at

Campbell's Field. All you have to do is come and have fun. Catch up with members you haven't seen for some time, meet the new folks and escape the rat race for a couple of hours.

December was an enjoyable month for me with Kingsway's Holiday Party and an invitation to Delaware River Squadron's Holiday Party too. I would like to extend a warm thank you to Delaware River for their gracious hospitality and warm welcome. Barbara and Warren Stevens also represented

Kingsway. Delhigh, Main Line, Trenton Falls, Dumdalk, were also there. If I missed a squadron, my apologies. It was a great experience and I made new lifetime friends. One of the

highlights was the addition of two new



members and one family member that was changed

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Education Department News

Kingsway recently conducted the Instructor Development course under the capable instruction of Ron Forst. The following 10 members passed the course: Clarence Cramer, Pat Cunningham, Ron Forst, Pen Hess, Brad Humphrey, Megan Humphrey, Bill Nelson, Edward Rearick, Drew Stanwyck, and Paul Sedaka. The Junior Navigation (JN) course is in progress under the capable teaching of Pat Cunningham. The Squadron Boating course will be taught at Burlington County Institute of Technology school in West-

ampton. This course will be starting in mid February. A follow-up series of seminars will be given on consecutive weeks. This will allow members and non-members take advantage of the seminars offered. Watch for the schedule in the next Weathervane

If you have any interest in advanced courses please contact me.

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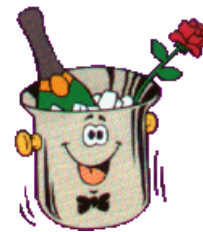
to full membership. This is what USPS is about and it felt good to witness this camaraderie. This year Kingsway will reciprocate by extending invitations to our neighboring squadrons.

Our own party was a great success, and if you weren't there, you missed a great evening as seen in the photos on the next page. Brad and Megan Humphrey did a fantastic job arranging everything. The atmosphere, restaurant, and food, were great and everyone in attendance made it happen. A special thanks to DL/C Bernie Karpers and his wife Kathy, representing District 5

. As always, Bernie had words of wisdom, a few jokes, and conveyed important information from the district. This was their second Kingsway Holiday Party and we are looking forward to seeing them again in the future

Al Stoughton, Kingsway's award winning Weathervane editor received a USPS Certificate of Education Proficiency for achieving the grade of AP and completing 3 additional elective courses. DL/C Karpers presented the award. Congratulations and a special thank you to Al for all his time, devotion, and effort in publishing the Kingsway Weathervane. Don't forget to register on Sail Angle to check on Kingsway and District

events. If you're still on the fence about helping out on a committee, or want to become a bridge member, it's not too late. Jump off the fence and join us.



**A New
Year's Reso-
lution**

**Come to a
meeting —
bring a friend**

Kingsway Lights the Way

Bill Nelson

[Jacket]

The Coast Guard initially classified inflatable life jackets as Type V Hybrid Inflatable Devices with performance levels equal to a Type I, II, or III as noted on the label. They have evolved into the Type II and Type III categories making it easier for boaters to comply with boating laws.

The USCG does not specify a maximum service life for inflatable life .

jackets like some countries do. A lifejacket remains approved if it is in "serviceable condition." If a life jacket can be used properly and is not deteriorated, it is acceptable as meeting carriage requirements.

There are also automatic inflatable life jackets for pets that operate on the same life saving principal as for humans. Unlike most inherently buoyant pet life jackets, in addition to keeping the animal afloat, these

models keep its head out of the water when the animal becomes too tired to keep paddling.

The full article answers questions about the operation, rearming, care and maintenance of inflatable life jackets. Mustang Survival also has videos that can be viewed at <http://www.mustangsurvival.com/resources/documentation/training/md3031/index.html>.

Have you visited SailAngle yet?

[If you're reading on-line, just click this button to go to the Logon page — you'll need your USPS No. & Zip Code.]





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Kingsway Holiday Fun!

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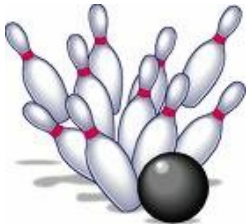
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- Kingsway** www.usps.org/kingsway
- Sail Angle** <http://www.sailangle.com/>
- Got Charts?** <http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/mcd/OnlineViewer.html>
- Need Knots?** <http://www.animatedknots.com/>
- Local Info** www.boatinginfousa.com
- Boating Safety Stats** http://www.uscgboating.org/statistics/accident_stats.htm
- Rules of the Road** <http://marineblog.jeppesen.com/blog/jeppesen-marine/0/0/rules-of-the-road-summarized>

Print NOAA Charts at Home – FREE
<http://ocsddata.ncd.noaa.gov/bookletchart/>

Upcoming Events – 2010

Jan 22



Bowling Night — 1830 hours

Laurel Lanes
2825 Rt. 73 South
Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054
856-778-7467

Pizza and Soda Included Cash Bar

Mar 18



Tie One On

Voting Meeting
1900 Hours
365 New Albany Road
Moorestown, NJ
Light Refreshments and drink provided

Feb 3 - 7

Atlantic City Boat Show

Atlantic City Convention Center

Feb 18



Founder's Day – 1900 Hours

Yokohama Japanese Hibachi
300 S Lenola Road (Kingsway Plaza)

Maple Shade, NJ
856-608-8812

Cash Bar

John Calabrese

Apr 17

Change of Watch

1830 Hours

Villari's Milmarian
Rt 73 N & Spring Garden Street

856-829-7373

Cash Bar

Jun 19

Save-A-Date

America's Boating ClubSM