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Commanders' Report

Commander: Emy Casper, AP

Dear fellow members,

I hope that you enjoyed this summer with much adventure, relaxation, and joy. Moreover, you made the most of your time on the water.

I personally feel that the time just flew by and we are now soon to end the boating season and start to prepare for the coming fall and winter.

As you all know, unfortunately so far, we lost 3 long time members this year. Those are Frank D'Aurizio, Kevin Parks, and Steve Heffron. They have contributed so much to our organization and I miss them.

I am looking forward to seeing you in the September meeting at GYC at 7 p.m.

We have scheduled a wonderful speaker for this meeting and we have 2 important votes to pass. One is the updated burgee that I have shared with you via email. The other is the revised bylaws that were long overdue; and I have shared those as well via email.

Please, try to attend the meeting and vote on those important items.

Best to all,

Your Cmdr. Emy



Executive Office Report

Executive Officer: Rick Hibbs, D/C



It's been a tough summer. We've lost two very good friends in the span of a month. After a lengthy bout with cancer, we lost **P/Lt/C Kevin Parks, AP** on June 29th. A month later, we lost **P/C Steve Heffron, SN** to a surprise heart attack on July 28th, the Sunday morning of the Rendezvous weekend. First, I'll tell you about Kevin.

I've known Kevin Parks, who joined the squadron in December of 1984, for as long as I've been in the Rochester Squadron. We started out, as many of us have, chatting over a beer after a meeting. It's been so long past, I don't remember if it was at GYC or RYC. As for anyone who knows Kevin, we were friends from our first conversation, which was lengthy. Again, as anyone who knows Kevin, most conversations could get lengthy. But they were never boring!

Many squadron members remember Kevin as the friendly bar tender at a conference hospitality room. He was also a long time Editor of the Chart. When he turned the editor job over to his lovely wife Rita, he continued getting advertisers for the Chart, when we were printing and mailing hard copy editions. His long running (and entertaining!) column "*Ramblin' on the River*" was not only a discourse of local water activities but was a subtle and effective way for Kevin to advertise the local businesses and restaurants that supported us with their advertising!

When we taught every course at least once a year, with class sizes usually in double digits, we needed to teach Seamanship and Piloting twice a year. Can you believe that? Well, I caught Kevin in a moment of weakness, and he agreed to teach Seamanship once a year! We taught together for several years, with me doing the Fall class, and Kevin doing the Spring class. We both felt strongly that the Rules of the Road and boat handling topics were some of the most important topics that every boater needed. Kevin knew the Rules better than anyone I knew, and he could (and usually DID) quote chapter and verse in detail!

If you owned a wooden craft, you would eventually be talking to Kevin for advice on its care and maintenance! His *Riverboat Gambler* was a source of pride and joy for him and Rita. His skills, honed to a high level through years of having wooden craft, were often sub-contracted by Al Gilbert and Voyager Marine to service customer vessels. Kevin was also a long-time member of the Irondequoit Bay Fish and Game Club on Irondequoit Bay. Not surprising, but Kevin ran raffles at the IBF&GC, as he often did for our squadron. Between his dock mates on the river, the Fish & Game Club friends, and squadron members, Kevin had his finger on the local boating scene, and eventually began amassing over a hundred Vessel Safety Checks each year! His knowledge of river history made for an entertaining commentary on river rides aboard the *Harbor Town Belle*. The entire Rochester area boating community will miss Kevin in many ways, but especially as I will, as a long-time good friend. And as he often ended "*Ramblin' on the River*", I say "Let's raise a glass to Kevin!"

Stf/C Rick Hibbs, SN-IN

Five and a half years after Kevin joined, we were lucky enough to have Steve Heffron join our squadron, with his wife Debbie and their two young kids, David and Abbie in May of 1990. Steve and Debbie wasted no time getting involved with our squadron, and Steve took on the Asst Squadron Education Officer post in 1993. Steve was always very involved with the Education Department with stints as SEO from 1995-97, and again from 2009 to 2018. He has also provided vital contributions as an instructor in Electronics courses, JN and N, and any other courses needed.

He was not slacking off between SEO stints, but rather held other offices in between, including Administrative Officer, Executive Officer, and serving as our Commander in 2008. Debbie and Steve added their talents to our Squadron

Rendezvous events, with some memorable ones at Pultneyville Yacht Club when they were members. Steve had been teaching marine captain training courses with **P/D/C Chris Tertinek, SN** for the past 21 years. The last three were through their own business, "**North Coast Marine Training, LLC**". He was a member of the *Sodus Bay Maritime Captains Assoc.* for the last 13 years. Steve enjoyed the cruising grounds of the "1000 Islands" and vacationed there often on his boat "*GranD.A.D.S.*" In case you didn't know, the DADS name (also used on previous boats) is an acronym for "David, Abbie, Debbie, Steve"! One of the most interesting cruising incidents I've heard about involved Steve in the islands when his engine quit. He and Debbie made day signals of two black circles, one above the other, using paper plates colored black and hoisted up for all to see. This indicates a "vessel not under command", which I pointed out to Steve that only a few of us boaters would recognize. Steve replied "Yeah but all the commercial traffic and ferries will know what it means. Those are the ones I'm worried about!" Fantastic thinking! (By the way, he was able to get the boat back under command!) I have benefited from Steve's knowledge, experience and friendship over the years. Rare was the month that we didn't meet for lunch to discuss squadron activities, district activities, teaching strategies, and many other subjects, including, of course, season prospects for the Buffalo Bills!

Many a time that I mentioned a problem or difficulty I was dealing with, Steve would volunteer "I can help with that!" As an example, we had been discussing for some months the reintroduction of on the water contesting at district events. After some positive reaction at the D6 Spring Conference to my proposals to put contesting back into the rendezvous schedule, I asked Steve if he could do a contest for this year's rendezvous.

One of the last things he did for District 6 was to design and write a contest for the 2024 D6 Rendezvous at Sylvan Beach. It made for a fun event, with a 6-person crew attempting to do the contest Steve wrote. It was well received as a fun activity though with no other team competing. All involved agreed we should make contesting part of future rendezvous events. A trophy dedicated to the memory of **P/C Steve Heffron, SN** will be proposed at the District 6 Fall Conference to be awarded annually to the best contest team.

We will surely miss Steve's contributions to the Rochester Squadron's education program, to District 6, and to training future maritime captains. And I will surely miss monthly luncheons with my long-time lunch and drinking buddy. A rum and coke to you Steve!



AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB
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Administration Officer Report

Lt./C Craig Zicari

Dear Members of the Rochester Sail and Power Squadron (also known as America's Boating Club of Rochester),

We will kick off the fall monthly Member Meeting on Wednesday September 4th at the Genessee Yacht Club. We will start with a presentation by Caitlin Playle, who is the Curator/Collections Manager of the Antique Boat Museum located at 750 Mary Street, Clayton, New York (abm.org). She was first hired by the Museum in 2018 as the Communications Coordinator, and promoted to her current position in 2024. She will explain how the Museum got started, its mission, its development over the years, its current collection, its challenges, and its plans for the future.

Caitlin brings to the Museum a wealth of experience and education. She has a BA in Medieval Studies from Sweet Briar College, and a Masters in History of Art and Art-World Practice from the University of Glasgow and Christie's Education, London England. Prior to starting at the Antique Boat Museum, she interned at the Western Museum of Mining and Industry in Colorado Springs, and the Molly Brown House Museum in Denver, Colorado. If you are interested in antique boats or the history of the 1000 Islands, you will not want to miss her talk.

Please pass on the word that new Members, young and old, boat owners or not, are welcome. Membership in our Rochester Power Squadron chapter also includes membership in the national US Power Squadron, an organization that dates back to 1914. Thus, Members have access to all of the courses and other resources and information available from both organizations. And, of course, there is the opportunity to socialize with other Members. Feel free to invite a potential member to our next Membership Meeting in September or any other event that we have planned for the fall. Have them check out our website (AmericasBoatingClubRochester.org) and our calendar of events. Please have that potential Member contact me. I can get them more information, and we can get them "onboard."

Thank you all for your interest, and we look forward to the September member meeting.

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Education Officer Report P/C Bill Towner

SEO

- Instructor Rick Hibbs will be starting a Boat Handling Course at Irondequoit Library on Monday Sept 9th.
 - There is still time to sign up on our ABC Rochester website thru the PayPal links that Diane Rhodes set up.
 - Please share this with your boating buddies as this is an excellent course to add to anyone's boating skills !
 - Have sent out notices on Meetup and Facebook
 - Will be pushing out more next week.
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- Also we will be scheduling some more ABC and other classes soon, feel free to offer your suggestions and interests !!
- We are looking for additional locations to teach our classes, school districts, rec centers, etc.
 - So if you have a connection to any of those please let me know !

Social Media;

- Have created and sent out meetup and facebook notices for the Sept 4th GYC meeting and speaker on the Clayton Antique Boat Museum.
 - Please share them with friends you may know that are interested in Antique Wooden Boats !
 - Will be sending more notices yet this week and early next week.

Thank you,

Bill Towner



Treasurer's Report Lt/C Bridgett Arieno

I hope everyone is having a great summer! We haven't been out sailing this year due to old boat issues, but we are ever hopeful to remedy the situation and get out before the summer is over. The weather has been pretty good for us here in the North country. I feel bad for those in the Southeast who have faced numerous storms.

As many of you know, Rick and I helped plan the 2024 D6 Rendezvous at The Cove at Sylvan Beach the weekend of August 1 – 4. We had 4 apartments, each with a pontoon boat for our exclusive use for the duration of our stay.

On Thursday night, several people went to dinner at The Canal View Café. Great food! After dinner, we met at our beautiful apartment to have S'mores around a firepit. What a beautiful night it was!

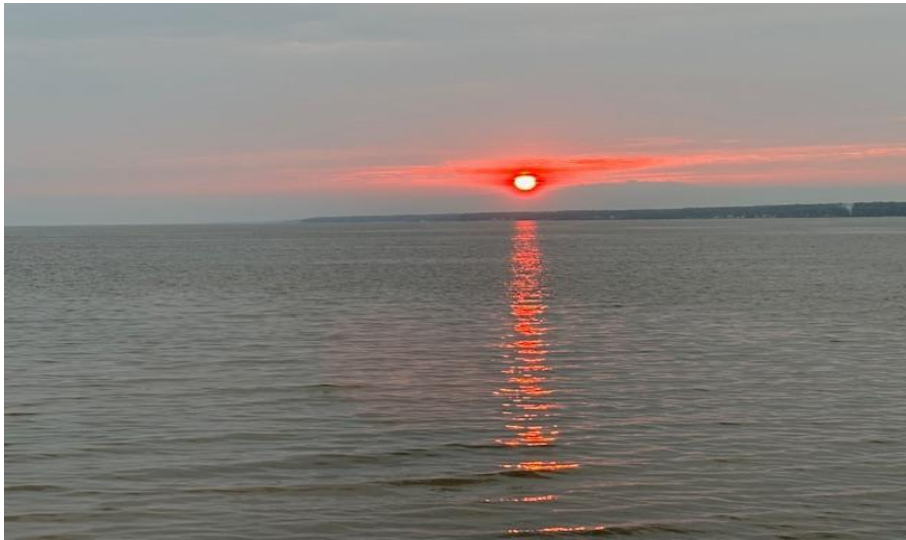
On Friday, we had a training session for those who were not familiar with On-the-Water Contesting. We ended up with 6 people interested in the contest and since they had never done one before, we decided to go out as a group to run the course and learn rather than compete

with a couple skeleton crews. Everyone had a great time and learned a lot. The challenge is on for each squadron to come up with a team to do the contest next year! The contest was designed by Steve Heffron from the Rochester Squadron. He passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, July 28th. Our trophy at the next contest will be in memory of Steve.

On Saturday, we grabbed sandwiches and went out with our pontoon boats to raft up on Oneida Lake, eat lunch and play in the water. We then pulled up anchor and took a ride up the Erie Canal and Fish Creek. There are some beautiful properties along the way.

Saturday night we had a nice dinner and danced on the deck at the Lake House. Great food, great service and a great time! We followed this up with another night around the fire pit with S'mores. Yummy!

We had a group breakfast at the apartment on Sunday morning before everyone headed home. We loved this venue and there was so much to do, so we are planning to go back again next year. **Save the date! July 31 – August 3, 2025.**





September General Meeting

September 4, 2024

GYC

7 pm

Caitlin Playle has been with the Antique Boat Museum for six years. She started in 2018 as the Events & Communications Coordinator and has been the Curator/Collections Manager since January 2024. Caitlin has a Bachelor of Arts in Medieval Studies from Sweet Briar College and a Masters in History of Art and Art-World Practice from the University of Glasgow and Christie's Education, London. Prior to starting at ABM, she interned at the Western Museum of Mining and Industry in Colorado Springs and the Molly Brown House Museum in Denver



In 2022, the Coast Guard amended portable fire extinguisher rules for recreational vessels. The rules do not change the number or types of fire extinguishers required on board but do simplify the inspection and record-keeping requirements.

America's Boating Channel video ["Fire Extinguisher Regulations"](#) offers an overview of the rules that separate commercial and recreational vessel fire protection requirements. It also features tips for preventing onboard fires in the first place. A second video titled ["Fire Extinguisher Standards"](#) offers tips for placing and servicing fire extinguishers. Above all, ensure the proper number of functional fire extinguishers are on board, readily accessible and that everyone knows to pull, aim, squeeze, and sweep.

Invite your friends and neighbors to watch, like and subscribe to America's Boating Channel on YouTube as a fun and educational introduction to what our organization has to offer. These videos and more also are available via the America's Boating Channel free on-demand app on Apple TV, Roku or FireTV.



Editor's Report
Lt. Rita Parks

The following are the dates for submission of reports, articles, flyers etc for the 2024 issues of *The Chart*.

- January/February 2024 submit to me by December 28th
- March/April 2024 submit to me by February 26th
- May/June 2024 submit to me by April 26th
- July/August 2024 submit to me by June 28th
- September/October 2024 submit to me by August 28th
- November/December 2024 submit to me by October 28th

I will still send out reminders, but I thought you might like to mark your calendars in advance.

The next issue is the NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2024 issue, please have all reports and articles to me by OCTOBER 28TH, Thank You



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