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Commanders' Report

Commander: Emy Casper, AP

Dear Fellow Boaters,

As we set sail into a new year, January welcomes us with its crisp air, promising new beginnings and fresh opportunities upon the waters. It's a time when the sea, rivers, and lakes whisper stories of the past while offering a canvas for new adventures awaiting our embrace.

The start of the year invites us to reflect on the joys and experiences that boating has gifted us in the past, while also igniting a sense of anticipation for the upcoming months. January brings with it a unique charm, presenting a canvas of pristine waters waiting to be explored and cherished. In this month of renewal, let us reaffirm our commitment to the boating lifestyle - a lifestyle that encapsulates freedom, camaraderie, and reverence for nature. As we embark on this new chapter, I encourage each of you to set sail not just physically but also metaphorically - embracing new journeys, forging new friendships, and navigating uncharted waters. January's chill doesn't deter the passionate boater; instead, it invites us to appreciate the

serenity of quieter waters, the beauty of a landscape painted in winter hues, and the thrill of exploration amidst the tranquility. Let us also take this opportunity to reinforce our dedication to responsible boating practices. Respect for our waterways, adherence to safety measures, and a commitment to environmental preservation are the cornerstones of our boating community. Together, we can ensure that our cherished pastime remains sustainable for generations to come.

As we gaze upon the horizon of this new year, I extend my warmest wishes to each of you. May your sails be filled with the winds of opportunity, your journeys be filled with joyous moments, and your experiences on the water be both enriching and fulfilling. Let's embark on this journey together, embracing the thrill of the unknown and the tranquility of the familiar. Here's to a year filled with unforgettable boating adventures! Fair winds and following seas,
Best,
Emy

USS Indianapolis True Story

One intriguing sea stories of the USS Indianapolis, a tragic and harrowing tale from World War II. The USS Indianapolis was a Portland-class heavy cruiser that played a crucial role in delivering components of the atomic bomb used in Hiroshima to Tinian Island. After completing this top-secret mission, the ship sailed on a course toward Leyte in the Philippines.

On July 30, 1945, the USS Indianapolis was struck by torpedoes fired from a Japanese submarine, the I-58, in the Philippine Sea. The ship sank in just 12 minutes, leaving approximately 900 sailors stranded in the shark-infested waters.

The crew faced extreme conditions: dehydration, exposure, and relentless shark attacks. Due to a series of mishaps, the Navy was unaware of the ship's sinking, and rescue efforts were not initiated promptly. For four days, the survivors struggled to stay afloat, with many succumbing to injuries, exposure, or shark attacks.

Eventually, on August 2, a routine air patrol spotted the survivors by chance and called for rescue. By the time they were discovered, only 316 men were still alive.

The story of the USS Indianapolis remains one of the most tragic and chilling episodes of World War II naval history. The courage, endurance, and the sheer will to survive exhibited by the crew amidst unimaginable circumstances continue to be remembered and honored to this day.

This true story highlights both the resilience of the human spirit and the unforgiving nature of the sea, leaving a lasting impression on the history of naval warfare.



Executive Office Report

Executive Officer: Rick Hibbs, D/C





Anybody tired of the light winter we're having? I'm not! Although the warm days aren't strung together enough to help me get a jump on boat prep, I'm not putting a lot of wear and tear on my snow blower. And bless me, I just caught myself looking at my gardens and thinking "Maybe I should get started on spring raking and mulching." *Please!!*

Thanks to all those that helped staff our booth at the Greater Rochester Boat Show. We had enough entries for a free ABC3 course that we were able to do a drawing and had a lucky winner! We did NOT have success with the Boating Skills Virtual Trainer this year, despite the numerous hours **Tom Nicholas** put in trying to get it to work. We had to conclude that the CPU died on arrival! These units are aging and are probably no longer suited for strenuous travel. I was able to get our shipping fees refunded from National, since we were unable to get any use out of the device this year. I will be looking for alternatives to make our booth attractive to show visitors.

While in Orlando for the *USPS/America's Boating Club Annual Meeting*, I spoke with **Marty Lafferty of the America's Boating Channel**. He has prepared some video loops specifically for use at boat shows. I have received copies and plan to show at a squadron meeting when we need a fill in program. Chris Foster of Syracuse Squadron (and District Secretary) was in the same conversation with Marty and used the videos at their booth in the Central New York Boat Show. He said the loop on "Boat Fails" really turned heads and got people passing by to stop and talk with them. Sounds promising!

And speaking of the **America's Boating Channel**, you all have easy access on your *Member Home Page* on the USPS.org website. There are seven seasons of safe boating related videos, mostly in the 5 – 10-minute length. If you have a topic for which you want to refresh your memory (and which of us don't!), browse the titles season by season. In addition to all the boating safety topics, there are a variety of nautical related TV shows available, like "*McHale's Navy*", "*Gilligan's Island*", "*Flipper*", "*Sea Hunt*" and vintage movies like "*Mutiny on the Bounty*" (Brando version), "*The Caine Mutiny*", well you get the idea. Education and entertainment, all on the America's Boating Channel!

I also attended a seminar on **Cooperative Charting** and met some people that would be happy to tell us how to get started on a squadron coop charting program. This is an opportunity for our membership (including those not currently owning boats) to meet up for a worthwhile outdoor boating related activity!

Our *Vessel Safety Check Committee*, **P/C Ken Mart, AP**, has informed me that there is a new CG Aux workshop for Vessel Examiners to be taken by 30 Jun 24. If you are currently an Examiner, go to the *Member Home page*, then under the *Executive Department*, go to the *Safety Committee home page*, open the *Vessel Safety Check Menu*, and finally go to "*Vessel Safety Check Updates*." There are instructions to get to the workshop in PPT or PDF format. *This workshop is mandatory to maintain Examiner qualification.*

Your Executive Officer,
D/C Rick Hibbs, SN-IN



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Administration Officer Report Lt./C Craig Zicari

Members of the Rochester Sail and Power Squadron,

Our next **membership meeting** is March 6th, 7 pm, at the Genesee Yacht Club. Our feature speaker is Doug Burtner from Quantum Sails. His bio and the Company bio are attached. Do not miss the meeting and his presentation, and feel free to bring a friend.

Presentation will include:



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Education Officer Report P/C Bill Towner

Spring is right around the corner and of course that means time for your ABC Boaters certificate course !!

If you haven't had yours yet, remember next year EVERYONE is required to have their certificate and not just in New York but 17 other states as well!

Company History

Sail Materials – Dacron – Laminated Fibers (Poly, Kevlar, Carbon) - Nylon

Sail Construction - Cross Cut – Triradial – Load Path

Cruising vs Racing Sails – Types of Sails

Sail Trim – Always adjusting – balancing rig tune

Questions and Discussion

I look forward to seeing you then.

So beat the rush and take one now.

We currently have one scheduled for the Penfield Recreation Center starting Wednesday March 14th, Don Reaves Instructor.

You have to sign up thru the Penfield Rec Center website here;

<https://webtrac.penfield.org/wbwsc/webtrac.wsc/iteminfo.html?Module=AR&FMID=46539300>

Coming up in April we plan another ABC course start plus an Elective course, information to follow!!

Watch for your emails plus sign up and follow on our pages to get the latest information.

Facebook;

<https://www.facebook.com/RochesterSailandPowerSquadron>

Meetup; <https://www.meetup.com/rochester-sail-power-squadron-public-meeting/>

Thank you and see you soon !!

Thanks,



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General Membership Meeting Minutes

01/03/2024

The meeting was called to order (military time) at 1910

Saluting of the flag - LTC Mike Lamendola

Are there any guests? – Dave Munnell, a guest of Tom Trovato

Secretary Report

- The last two months' membership minutes were shared in the Chart newsletter.
- I am currently acting as Secretary as we don't have one.
- Faye has agreed to help us out with minutes tonight.

Commander's Report – Emy Casper

- Updates for the new board members were performed on the national website.
 - Each board member introduced themselves.
- The Chart Newsletter was distributed on 1/2/2024.
- **Founder's Day**
 - The date for Founder's Day will be February 9th, scheduled at RYC with the Iroquois Squadron.
 - Advertising will be on the website, and members and guests can register and pay using PayPal.

- **April Commander Brunch –**
 - The date was determined to be Sunday, the 14th of April; the location may be somewhere in Henrietta. Anyone with any suggestions, contact Emy or Bridgette
- **Annual Squadron Picnic**
 - June 5th – Picnic – we agreed again on the Kusak Lodge in Durand Eastman Park. Bridgett will make the reservation.
- **Annual Boat Show**
 - Dates this year are on January 25th through 28th
 - We agreed to create a raffle to give people free classes if they sign up.
 - This will also create a database for potential students, attract more students, and recruit members.
 - The district is paying for the cost of shipping for the simulator.
 - Encouraged all members to sign up for slots at the Boat Show.
 - We also invited Iroquois to participate in the booth with us.
 - For those new to the organization's history, information on the mission and vision statements, as well as the charter and history, are on the website www.abcroc.org
 - A roster of classes and various handouts, including NYS guidelines and ABC certification deadlines, will be available.
- Scheduled online meetings for the year using Google Video as an additional option for the executive board.
- Commander Casper created a Welcome Letter for new members draft one and will distribute it via email to all board members for input and finalize the letter. We will create a package to be handed to new members that will include a copy of the calendar, information for all websites, opportunities to volunteer and join events, and a contact *buddy* list with contact information.
- We also scheduled the board members to have Operations Training at Rick's house on 1/16/2024 at 6:00 pm
- Merit marks were submitted and accepted.

Executive Officer's Report – Rick Hibbs

I'd like to start out the year by reminding everyone of the roles of the Executive Department, for which the Executive Officer is responsible. The following are the committees in the Squadron Executive Department:

1. Boat Show
2. Coop Charting
3. Public Relations
4. Radio Technical
5. Safety
6. Vessel Safety Checks
7. Homeland Security Liaison
8. Legislative

I will be looking for people to serve on these committees, beginning with the Boat Show Thursday January 26th through Sunday January 28th. We will need helping hands to set up the Boat Show Booth, as well as the usual series of two-hour windows to staff the booth, and of course the take the equipment down on Monday. I encourage you all to sign up for a booth time, that also enables you to attend the Boat Show for free!! (Another benefit of Squadron Membership that pays!!)

Coop Charting is an activity that the Rochester Squadron has been active in the past. It involves reporting inaccuracies between chart information and actual observations. A second phase involves locating (actually "re-locating") Geodetic Survey markers. This can be done in a group, as a fun event on land or by boat!

We are fortunate to have P/C Bill Towner as our Public Relations Chairman, and hope to use him to "Get Out the Word" that we exist, and what our mission is!

We also are happy to have P/C Ken Mart as our Vessel Safety Chairman. It's a little soon to do Vessel Safety Checks for the 2024 season, but NOT too early to join the committee and learn how to do VSCs.

This is another fun way to complete hours toward a Merit Mark.

Education Officer - Bill Towner

- Winter Classes/Schedules are still being discussed.

Boat Show:

- Virtual Trainer has been reserved for the Rochester Boat Show on Thursday from 01/25 to Sunday 01/28.
- The virtual trainer will be shipped to Rick Hibbs's house; it should arrive on Wednesday, 01/24. Towners will be out of town.
- **Needs:**
 - Work party for setting up and taking down the booth plus the trainer at the Convention Center.
 - Roster and volunteers for the boat show (usually 2-hour time slots)
 - Jerry and Vonda Lighthouse volunteered to create a sign-up sheet.
 - The Iroquois Squadron has been contacted to see if they will have some volunteers to man the booth.
 - Remember, Volunteers get into the Boat Show for free!!

Education Report:

Very Excited for the 2024 class program

Having spoken to Genesee Yacht Club Commodore Linda Barton recently, she is hoping to start more collaboration between Our Club's teaching abilities and GYC.

- Already, we have three courses scheduled for this winter/spring session.
 - Instructor Don Reaves will be teaching an ABC Course at the Penfield Rec Center starting on Wednesday, March 13th.
 - Sign-up information will be out in the next week or so.
 - Instructor Bert Koenig will be teaching an elective course (to be determined) also starting in March.
 - Our newest Instructor, Tom Trovato, will also be teaching an ABC class starting soon, and the exact scheduling and location will be announced soon.
 - We also hope to have our D6 Commander Rick Hibbs teaching an elective class this spring.

Administrative Officer's Report – Craig Zicari

- The activity calendar is updated on our website. I will be updating it as necessary.
- Membership – currently, the count is 70 members. The individuals below are now due for annual membership renewal - Eugenia Avery, Ellen Stokes, and Michael Stokes.
- Currently working on the speaker's lineup.
- Name Tags for the board will be ordered directly from the National USPS website sometime in January.

Treasurers Report - Bridgett Arieno

- All known bills are paid.
- December income of \$1205; expenses of \$1143.07. The bank balance as of December 27, 2023 is \$2815.23. Please note that we have a \$105.00 credit with HQ.
- We have been issued Zettle machines that allow us to take credit cards in person; however, the Treasurer hasn't gotten it to work. I'm corresponding with PayPal to address and fix this.
- We had 30 people signed up for the Change of Watch. Unfortunately, we couldn't get a larger room to accommodate more people. We need to adjust for this in future events. Overall, a very good event. Net loss was only \$47.
- Our website has been renewed for another two years for \$171.07.
- The treasurer will begin using the 2024 budget and tracking spreadsheet at the next meeting.

Old Business

The update on the bylaws is still in progress.

New Business

No new business

Announcements

No new announcements

The meeting was adjourned at: 2015 We had 14 people in attendance and one guest.



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General Membership Meeting Minutes

Date: February 7th, 2024

The meeting was called to order at: 19:10

There were no guests.

Secretary Report

- The secretary position is still open. Anyone wants to help?
- Faye helped me with the last month meeting minutes and they have submitted to Rita Parks to be published in the newsletter.
- Attendance: Tom Trovato, Emy Casper, Steve Heffron, Vanda Lighthouse, Jerry Lighthouse, and Don Reaves

Commander's Report – Emy Casper

- The board discussed what do we do with the guests as a follow up? How do we engage them? We agreed that we will follow up with whomever brought them. The Administrative Officer will also be sending follow up emails.
- A Welcome letter for new members was created and approved.
- The **Founder's Day** is coming up and we are looking forward to seeing you there. For the dessert we will have an assorted variety of cupcakes and other small desserts from Savoia. I am planning on a trivia game. There will be a raffle. Any ideas or suggestion to make the event even more fun?
- The activity calendar is posted on our website.
- April **Commander Brunch** – date was determined to be on the 14th Sunday, and we are still considering options on where to do it. More information will be coming as we get closer to April. Jerry Lighthouse proposed that we could do it at the Chili Community Center and we will get more information on this as well. Bill Towner proposed to do it at the Riverie Cruises so stay tuned.
- The **Spring District Conference** is coming up in March from the 22nd through the 24th at Pen Yan, NY. Please, consider attending. Invitation emails will be forthcoming.
- The **Annual picnic on June 5th** More details to come as we get closer.
- What can we do with the money we have to attract new members discussion? Due to low member attendance this was left for next meeting discussion.

Executive Officer's Report – Rick Hibbs

The Boat Show report:

- We had a good representation and 2 people from the Iroquois volunteered as well. The people that signed up will get merit marks.
- Jim Ives helped with the set up on Thursday.
- The simulator did not work and that was disappointing. A letter of complaint was sent to National.
- We had a lottery for a free ABC class and 16 people signed up. The winner was Thomas Bryer. He has been notified.
- Our booth was next to Andersen Window Renewal and they were very aggressive and that was pushing people away from us. For next year we will ensure that we are not next to them.
- Thursday, Friday, and Sunday were slower days. The busy day was on Saturday. We believe that the boat show in Toronto that was going on at the same time reduced the traffic for our boat show. In addition to the Buffalo Bills game on Sunday.
- We will also ensure that all brochures are current.

Education Officer - Bill Towner

- The ABC class is scheduled for March 13th to start at the Penfield Recreation Center. Don Reaves is the instructor. There will be 4 sessions, 2 hours each. The information is posted on Meet up.
- There will be another class offered in April. It will be an elective class.
- There is a marine communication class offered at Webster Recreation Center. Starts on 2/20/2024 through 3/14/2024 Address is 1350 Chiyoda Drive phone number is 585-872-7103 Room 304. The cost is \$70. 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Administrative Officer's Report – Craig Zicari

- The activity calendar is updated on our website and the Founder's Day event as well.
- Membership – currently 2 members are rejoining.
- Speakers are lined up for March - Quantum Sales, for April – Keith Burhans, and for May – John Odenbach.
- The winner of the free class has been notified.
- The name tags for the new members (2022 and 2023) have been ordered.
- Boats: We would like to create a list of the info on whether a member has a boat; the type; the year; and where they keep it. I will try to get that info as we bring in new members, and maybe even on the current members.
- Do members want to purchase a burgee for their boats?
- The website needs more work to be done.

Treasurer's Report – Bridgett Arieno

- All known bills are paid.
- Founder's Day celebration deposit has been paid.
- January income is \$440; expenses were \$589.95. The bank balance as of December 31, 2023, is
- \$2883.77.
- We have 30 people signed up for the Founder's Day event at RYC; 16 from Rochester and 14 from Iroquois. Estimated net gain of \$16.34.
- The M&T CD of \$20,000 is going to mature on February 1, 2024. We voted on reinvesting in another CD at CND bank for another 5 months for 5% rate.
- Vanguard investment's balance as of 12/31/23 is \$4,778.91.

Old Business

The update of the Bylaws. Craig, Rick, and Ken are scheduled to begin the update on February 26th.

New Business

- Review of old documents and what do we keep and where discussion. This item is left for next meeting.
- Ken Mart has boxes at his house that are full with old pictures and other documents from old meetings minutes. He wants to remove them; we need to decide what to do with that. Rick suggested that he will speak with Steve Heffron to use his scanner so we can preserve the pictures on an external disc.

The meeting was adjourned at 19:35



Treasurer's Report

Lt/C Bridgett Arieno

A new year and a new budget! So far, so good. We rolled our \$20,000 CD to a new higher interest rate at 5% for 5 months. Hopefully, rates will continue to rise. We earned \$600 from last year's interest on the

CD. All known bills have been paid. If you have any questions about our finances, please contact me at barieno@yahoo.com.





Spring Conference Agenda
The Hampton Inn
110 Mace Street
Penn Yan, NY 14527

Friday, March 22 – Sunday, March 24, 2024

FRIDAY AFTERNOON and EVENING (UPSP Polo or Casual Attire):

3:00 – 6:00 PM Hotel Check-in and Conference Registration

6:00 – 7:30 PM Wine Tasting Event

7:30 - 10:00 PM Meet and Greet

SATURDAY MORNING and AFTERNOON (D6 Shirts, USPS Polo, or Blazer):

7:30 – 10:00 AM Conference Registration

8:30 AM – Noon D/6 Spring Conference meeting

Noon – 1:00 PM Lunch & Overview of the Finger Lakes Boating Museum (Nancy Wightman) 1:00 – 2:00 PM MuVIT Demonstration
(Chris Foster)

2:00 – 2:15 PM Break

2:15 – 2:45 PM The Solar Eclipse (Tom Alley)

2:45 – 3:00 PM Break

3:00 – 4:00 PM America's Boating Channel (Rick Hibbs)

4:00 – 5:00 PM SEO/ASEO Meeting with Les Smith, DEO

SATURDAY EVENING (Smart Casual Attire or Blazer):

5:30 – 6:30 PM Cocktail Hour

6:45 – 9:00 PM Banquet and Gift Basket Raffle

SUNDAY MORNING (USPS Casual):

8:30 - 9:30 P/D/Cs meeting

8:30 – 9:30 D/6 Bridge meets with Squadron Commanders

9:30 – 10:30 D/6 Bridge meets with P/D/Cs

10:30 – 11:30 D/6 Bridge meeting

Accommodation & Meal Details
The Hampton Inn
110 Mace Street

Penn Yan, NY 14527

This hotel is located on the beautiful Keuka Lake waterfront with a delightful view and is in the middle of the Finger Lakes wine region. Seasons on Keuka Lake is the banquet and conference facility next to the hotel.

Free parking and a free hot breakfast is included. A pet friendly hotel with a \$50 fee. Checkin at 3:00 PM; Check-out at 11:00 AM.

Room Rate is \$134 per night for single or double occupancy.

Wine Tasting - \$10

Keuka Spring Vineyards will be bringing the tasting room to us with six wines to sample.

Meeting Amenities - \$10

Includes Coffee, Tea, Decaf and pastries. Also covers the AV equipment and room rental.

Boxed Lunch - \$21

Includes sandwich, chips, hand fruit, cookie and bottled water.

Your choice of the following sandwiches:

Turkey, Bacon Ranch on a Brioche Bun

Roast Beef, Cheddar with Horseradish Sauce on a Brioche Bun

Grilled Chicken Caesar Wrap

Grilled Vegetable & Hummus Wrap

Spring Dinner Buffet - \$48 Rolls with whipped butter.

Salad: Romain Lettuce, spring asparagus, radish, grape tomato, garbanzo beans, feta cheese, and lemon basil vinaigrette.

Chicken Breast: Ginger citrus glazed, grilled scallions, snow peas.

Garlic Soy Grilled Flank Steak: Cremini mushrooms, tri-colored sweet peppers.

Vegetarian: Cheese ravioli with roasted red peppers, artichoke hearts and spinach, basil broth, parmesan Reggiano.

Sides: Garlic Mashed Yukon Gold Potatoes and roasted broccoli, lemon, parmesan. Dessert: Cheesecake with cherries

Reservation Form

Name (1): Rank Grade

Name (2) Rank Grade

Address:

Phone: Squadron:

District: Email:

Hotel: Friday, Mar 22: _____ ADA Room: _____
Saturday, Mar 23: _____ Total @ \$134 per night: \$

Meals:

Do you have any dietary restrictions? (Vegetarian, vegan, gluten free, lactose free):

Meeting Attendees: _____ x \$10 = \$

Wine Tasting: _____ x \$10 = \$

Boxed Lunch: Turkey _____ Roast Beef _____ Chicken _____ Vegetarian _____ x \$21 = \$

Buffet Dinners: _____ x \$48 = \$

Total if Paid by Feb 29: \$

Late Fee (if paid after Feb 29) +10%: \$

Total with Late Fee (if applicable): \$

RESERVATION DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 29, 2024

LATE FEE OF 10% WILL BE ADDED AFTER THIS DATE.
FOR A FULL REFUND, CANCELLATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 8, 2024

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: USPS DISTRICT 6 SEND RESERVATION FORM & CHECKS TO:
D/1ST/Lt Bridgett Arieno, JN
139 Shore Dr., Rochester, NY, 14622



Editor's Report
Lt. Rita Parks

If anyone has anything they would like to share with members, this newsletter is a great way to do so. It is a fine way to keep members interested in activities out on and around the water. So, if you have a vacation trip or boating experience you would like to share send it to me for the next issue.

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 MAY/JUNE 2024 issue, please have all reports and articles to me by APRIL 26TH, Thank You





Courtesy of www.americanboating.org

*"I know it takes longer to get there, dear.
But we can't afford to put gas in the truck and
the boat."*

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