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City Island Sail and Power Squadron Newsletter



Celebrating our 37th Watch
We are Family!

The Commander's Corner



My pride continues! There is something special about a real, true friend; a person who is ready, willing and able to help whenever needed; a person who anticipates a need and is there to help even when not asked! It's those precious, unconditional friendships and that special "pitch in" attitude that I've experienced since joining our squadron in 1990. I have such strong feelings about our incredible **team spirit** that I'm using this message to convey my gratitude and appreciation to YOU, our members.

Our **Blessing of the Fleet** was a tremendous success because of so many. Special thanks to Amy and Franz Alvarez for publicizing, to Dennis Gormley for the land arrangements (without Dennis there would be no Blessing), to Michael and Angela Croce for taking photos, to Sue Taylor and Angela Croce for assisting, to Kevin Keane for providing a shade tent, to Jeff Taylor for decorations, to Ed Shimansky for picking up the wreath, to Noelva Vigoya for the food arrangements, and to all those who attended and helped. It was seamless because of YOU!

I'm bursting with pride to report that Kubrick and Angela Croce created posters for the **USPS Youth Poster Contest**. Kubrick won 1st place and Angela won 2nd place in their respective age categories at D/4. Special thanks to their dad, Michael, for motivating them and for listening to their complaints as they did them!

Our **Summer Raft-up** was small but good. Special thanks to Steve Kornspun for encouraging us to get off the couch and have a great day on the water. Thanks to Sue & Jeff Taylor and Cheryll Chun Burke for bringing goodies. Thanks to Gary Mandarano for providing and grilling burgers and hot dogs and for that extra jug of his special "Giggle Juice!" It was a beautiful day with good friends.

Our **Beach Party & BBQ** was amazing. Extra thanks to Noelva Vigoya, Alex Schibli, and their family (Luz and Carlos) for hosting this event and for all their work setting up the food, beverages and clean up. Thanks to Sue & Jeff Taylor, Cheryll Chun Burke, Dennis Gormley and Abe Johnson for assistance throughout. Our new chef, Franz Alvarez, was extraordinary. Thanks to Jeff Taylor and Alex Schibli for arranging trips to Rat Island and keeping everyone safe. A perfect day!

We had a **Seamanship** class! Thanks to Gary Mandarano for running an expedited course for members (and new Seamen) Myra Bellamy and Jason Mendez.

So many people contributed and continue to contribute to **our team**, most of whom stepped up and provided support without being asked! So, what's next? More of the same! We'll do things and our people will step up with their time and talent to make our events successful!

Cdr. Barbara Mandarano

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Barbara Halecki, Editor



EDUCATION UPDATE

An accelerated SEAMANSHIP course was held this summer for our new members, Myra Bellamy and Jason Mendez. Of course, both passed with flying colors! Myra and Jason look forward to taking more classes!



(L to R) Myra Bellamy, Gary Mandarano (instructor) and Jason Mendez

2019 National USPS Youth Poster Contest

Congratulations to these budding artists!!!!



Kubrick Croce (age 8)

1st Place Winner D/4

(Age category 6 - 8)



Angela Croce (age 12)

2nd Place Winner D/4

(Age category 12 - 14)

Connect with Us

- www.cityislandpowersquadron.org
 - Find us on Facebook: City Island Sail & Power Squadron
 - For information on upcoming events, contact Barbara Mandarano at: cispscommander@gmail.com
 - For information on the America's Boating Course, contact Richard Welch at: cityislandabc@gmail.com
- For information on other class offerings, contact Gary Mandarano at: gmandarano@physics.nyu.edu

Have a story or an announcement you would like to submit? Please send it to Barbara Halecki at: halecki@juno.com



Just a friendly safety reminder: Wear your PFDs!

All boaters on recreational watercraft less than 21 feet in length (including motorboats, canoes, kayaks, rowboats and sailboats) must wear a personal flotation device (PFD) from November 1st to May 1st New York waters.

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FUN FACTS

Did you know that:

- the oceans provide 99% of the living space on Earth and contain 50% - 80% of all life?
- whales make the loudest underwater sounds at 188dBs and their whistles can travel up to 500 miles?
- parrot fish produce 85% of the sand that builds up reef islands like the Maldives?
- sponges are older than dinosaurs?
- scientists have documented over 230,000 marine species?
- the Sargasso Sea (a body of water within a body of water) is held in place in the Atlantic Ocean by the Gulf Stream, the North Atlantic Current, and the Canary current?

CISPS Beach Party, BBQ and Luau

**** Special thanks to Cdr Barbara Mandarano, SN who submitted these pictures. ****

On Saturday, August, 17, 2019, 30 CISPS members and guests enjoyed a glorious, picture perfect day at Alex & Noelva's beautiful waterfront home.

Special thanks to Noelva, Alex, Luz and Carlos for the tremendous amount of work done behind the scenes setting up and cleaning up, to Sue, Cheryl and Jeff for their support during event and especially to Franz Alvarez for his superb grilling! We even had trips to Rat Island guided by Alex and Jeff (our safety officer) who ensured everyone was S-A-F-E!

Good times for sure!



Beach Party, BBQ and Luau (Cont'd)



Do As I Say, Not As I Do!

Submitted by Cdr. Barbara Mandarano, SN

I started boating early as a little girl, taking rides on the family's 14-foot Thompson outboard boat with my two older brothers. I can remember watching them waterski and I thought to myself, I would like to do that! As a teen, I went on family raft ups and enjoyed being a "guest" (i.e., passive passenger). It wasn't until the late 70s when I started dating my husband Gary (who had been boating since he was 9 years old), that I started boating regularly on his 14-foot aluminum boat *Golden Gull* and I actually learned to waterski. What fun!

Fast forward...Gary and I have a 23-foot Sea Ray (*Destiny*) and we enjoy going out on her most every weekend during boating season. We are experienced boaters, we make a great team, and we're fine-tuned on the maintenance and operation of our *Destiny*. Why, last year we even got a brand-new engine! All good or so we thought.

It was a beautiful, clear, dry August day. We got out early and had plans to set anchor at our favorite spot to relax, swim and have lunch. We were moving along just fine when, right before we reached our destination, our engine stopped. Our new engine just stopped! Whatever could be wrong? After extensive trouble shooting and several "oh fudges", we decided to look at our fuel gauge and discovered we were out of gas! How embarrassing for the Commander and Educational Officer of our squadron to be out of G-A-S. We are both Senior Navigators (a/k/a "Stupid Navigators") and should have known better.

Fortunately, we have Boat US tow insurance and could reach out to our friend and Bronx Power Squadron member Danny to help us out of this jam. Of course, I left my cell phone home and had to reach out to fellow squadron member Dennis for Danny's cell number. I was sure that after our call, word about our predicament had spread like wild fire and regularly scheduled programming was interrupted to broadcast our debacle. I had to hail Danny on the VHF. I requested a tow and, right on the radio, I admitted we were out of gas! Oh boy. Well, Danny came to the rescue and saved the day. He did tell us with a chuckle he knew of some places we could take some boating education courses. I suppose we deserved the ribbing. Danny instructed us on how to restart our EFI engine after the gas was added. Right after we got the gas, our new engine started up just fine! So, what went wrong? We didn't look at our fuel gauge! All these years, this has never happened before in either our boat or our car. Yes, we should have known better and a good lesson was learned.

Over the years, we have enjoyed lively kidding with our buddy Jeff, a sailor, who seems to run out of gas at every squadron event. So now the laughs are on us! What do you take from this?

LOOK AT YOUR FUEL GAUGE! Something simple and silly can happen to the best of us!

Use the old rule of thumb: One-third of the fuel in your tank to get there, one-third to get back and save the last third as an emergency backup. Oh, and one more thing: look at your fuel gauge before you leave dock not when you're stopped dead in open water.

Blessing of the Fleet

**** Special thanks to Michael and Angela Croce who submitted these pictures. ****

City Island Sail and Power Squadron (Americas Boating Club) and the Leonard Hawkins American Legion Post 156 commemorated the annual Blessing of the Fleet on Sunday, June 23 at Fenton Marine dock. Clergy members from St. Mary Star of the Sea, Temple Beth-El/Shul by the Sea, Grace Episcopal Church and Trinity United Methodist Church helped bless 70 boats of all shapes and sizes to kick off the boating season and ensure a safe voyage.



(L to R) Cdr Peter Del-Debbio (Leonard Hawkins American Legion Post), P/C Gary Mandarano, P/C Jeffrey Taylor, Cdr Barbara Mandarano, P/C Joyce Mauro and P/C Edward Shimansky (City Island Sail & Power Squadron), Pastor John Covington (Grace Episcopal Church), Lay Leader George Cavalieri (Trinity United Methodist Church), Deacon William Mueller (St. Mary Star of the Sea), Rabbi David Markus (Temple Beth-El/Shul by the Sea) and Sargent-in-Arms Bob Salerno (Leonard Hawkins American Legion Post).



Blessing of the Fleet (cont'd)



Good and Welfare



Congratulations and best wishes to:

Amy and Franz Alvarez

on their marriage on June 17th

in Newport, RI

We have a new addition to CISPS fleet!

Congratulations to Amy & Franz Alvarez on their beautiful 1988 “new-to-them” Sabre 38’ MKII sailboat, *Tranquility*.



United Veteran’s Day Parade

The United Veterans’ Day Parade will be held Sunday, November 10, 2019. It steps off at noon from Lafayette and East Tremont Avenues. The parade will continue along East Tremont Avenue to Randall Avenue and will conclude with the annual ceremony at Bicentennial Veterans’ Memorial Park.

This year’s parade will celebrate its 35th year as well as the 100-year anniversary of the American Legion.

Please join us as we proudly march and trailer tiny tug, *Little Toot* (special thanks to Charlie & Charline Evers).

Mark Your Calendars

- November 1st - MERIT MARK RECOMMENDATIONS due to Barbara Mandarano
- November 9th - D/4 Fall Conference at the San Carlo, Lyndhurst, NJ
- November 10th - United Veterans' Day Parade - steps off at noon from Lafayette and East Tremont Aves. See details on p.9 of this newsletter
- December 8th (date change!) Holiday Cheer Party - Brunch at Modern on the Rails in Mamaroneck, NY
- January 26th - Founders' Day Brunch - at the Larchmont Yacht Club, Larchmont, NY
- February 9th - 16th - USPS Annual Conference at the Marriott Sawgrass, Ponte Vedra, FL
- April 4th - Change of Watch - Dinner and cocktails at the Modern Restaurant and Lounge, New Rochelle, NY

The next newsletter deadline is January 15.

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