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City Island Sail and Power Squadron Newsletter



Celebrating our 41st Watch
We are Family!

The Commander's Corner



CISPS is back and getting better and stronger every day! It's been a while since our last newsletter. So much to cover! The theme for this watch (as it has been for my 5 other watches as CISPS Commander) is "We are Family." A family that cares about one another and is ready, willing and able to help when needed. I continue to have pride in our squadron for that very reason.

Our Educational Mission: We've successfully taught ABC, with rave exit reviews and accolades from the students. So much is done behind the scenes to have this class. PR by Amy and Franz Alvarez, venue and lunch arrangements, ordering of course materials, distribution and posting of flyers, transport of laptops, projectors and teaching aids, printing of cards, AND arranging for instructors to teach and members to support the class. It is particularly heartwarming that Richard Welch (Boating Course chair), Jeff Taylor (instructor & Chapman Award winner) and Sue Taylor (administrative support/member recruitment) all traveled 2+ hours in each direction to support this class. We absolutely could not do this without them! Our SEO, Gary Mandarano (instructor & Chapman Award winner) and I also supported the class. As an aside, City Island is the only squadron in our District (D4) that has instructors qualified and willing to teach every single course USPS offers. More pride of squadron due here!

Fraternal/Social Mission: We all like each other and really enjoy socializing. We often start meetings a little late because so many are actively engaged in catching up with friends. Our CISPS family pitches in to carry supplies into the club, set up before and clean up after our meetings and social events. (Continued on pg. 2)

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Barbara Halecki, Editor



EDUCATION UPDATE

“Brianna’s Law” went into effect on January 1, 2020 and becomes fully effective by January 1, 2025. It modifies Sec. 49-1 of the Navigation Law to require all operators of motorboats to hold a boating safety certificate. The law is being phased-in based on a person’s date of birth (see chart below).

By 2025, ALL motor boat operators will require a boating safety certificate!

Born on or after:	Certificate needed in:
January 1, 1983	Certificate is already required
January 1, 1978	2024
ALL OPERATORS, regardless of age	2025

Other changes and exemptions affect boat rentals, new boat owners, and guests operating your boat. Please refer to the law for the specifics.

As you know, boating safety certificates can be obtained by attending classroom or online boating safety courses. All current USPS members wishing to add the Boating Safety Certificate icon to their driver’s license can call HQ at (888) 828-3380 +1 to get a laminated certification card mailed to them at no cost. The certification card is required to have the boating safety icon added to your license.

The Commander’s Corner (cont’d)

Recent social events include our Holiday Cheer party at Modern on the Rails in December, Founders’ Day brunch at Larchmont Yacht club in February and BBQ at members Alex Schibli and Noelva Vigoya’s beautiful waterfront home in July. All were well attended. More good times!

Boating Safety Mission & getting the word out! Our multi-denominational Blessing of the Fleet in June is one of the most popular and important events in our community. Not only is this a beautiful event, but it is also a wonderful PR opportunity to highlight our squadron and our educational and safety missions. This year’s blessing was covered by News12, BronxNet and the *Island Current* newspaper. Special thanks to our PR team Amy and Franz! Additionally, at my request, Andrew Rio of BronxNet privately did a video on the blessing, focusing on the CISPS safety mission. More good news! Last year at a meeting, I mentioned we were looking for a Certified Vessel Safety Examiner. Within seconds of that mention, new member Frank Kolovic said he would be willing to take the job. I’m very proud to share that Frank is our new VSE chair. As of the writing of this message, BronxNet plans to do a piece on CISPS and our safety mission by covering Frank’s inspection of Amy and Franz’s sailboat *Tranquility* at City Island Yacht Club.

Stay tuned. We know we need members in order to keep our beloved CISPS ship afloat. Here’s hoping the PR helps that cause.

Wishing you a safe and enjoyable summer!

Cdr. Barbara Mandarano, SN

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 Barbara Mandarano at: barb.mandarano@gmail.com

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

Updates from America's Boating Channel

As we enjoy boating this summer, remember that knowledge of navigation rules helps prevent boating accidents. If you need a refresher before getting out on the water, visit the helpful library of videos produced by America's Boating Channel. These videos are available to USPS members to view or download for free at bit.ly/USPSABC. Grant-funded through the U.S. Coast Guard, they also are available on [YouTube](#) and via the America's Boating Channel on-demand app on Roku or FireTV.

For example, the Season 4 video "[Behavioral Consequences](#)" (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yWq-jshx8yU&t=44s>) addresses the dangers of not following the rules of the road and offers tips for responsible boating.

The Season 5 video "[Collision Avoidance](#)" (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7cXv6s7wqjE&t=1s>) teaches viewers how to determine stand-on and give-way vessels and offers tips for steering clear of potentially dangerous situations.

Additional videos include:

"Why Wearing a Life Jacket is Cool"

(<https://americasboatingchannel.uscreen.io/programs/collection-nyi-czj9pke?cid=3144810&permalink=s7-e1-why-wearing-a-life-jacket-is-cool-12de8e>)

"Slips, Trips and Falls"

(<https://americasboatingchannel.uscreen.io/programs/collection-nyi-czj9pke?cid=3164243&permalink=s7-e2-slips-trips-and-falls-dc74dd>)

"Partner in Command"

(<https://americasboatingchannel.uscreen.io/programs/collection-nyi-czj9pke?cid=3179502&permalink=s7-e3-partner-in-command-dfab5c>)

Holiday Brunch

(Held at Modern on the Rails, December 4, 2022)



Founders' Day Brunch

(Held at Larchmont Yacht Club - Feb. 26, 2023)



Highlights of European River Cruising

Submitted by Lt/C Barbara Halecki

Recently, Tim and I have been lucky enough to cruise both the Danube & Rhine Rivers of Europe. I gave a slideshow on these cruises at our November 2022 CISPS meeting. Here are some of the highlights.

European river cruises are operated by several well-known companies, including Viking, Avalon, Uniworld, Tauck and Scenic. We cruised with Scenic on both of our amazing journeys. River cruise ships are much smaller than what we, in the U.S., generally picture as a cruise ship. They are roughly 400' long and 38' wide, with 3 passenger decks that accommodate roughly 150 travelers. Most of the fares include some level of open bar, excursions, and nightly entertainment.

Our Danube cruise ran from Budapest, Hungary to Nuremburg, Germany, making stops in Austria (Vienna, Durnstein, Melk, Linz) and Germany (Passau and Regensburg). Every inch of the Danube is picturesque -- filled with magnificent castles and cathedrals. It is truly breathtaking.



Parliament (Budapest)



Town or Durnstein



Schonbrunn Palace (Vienna)

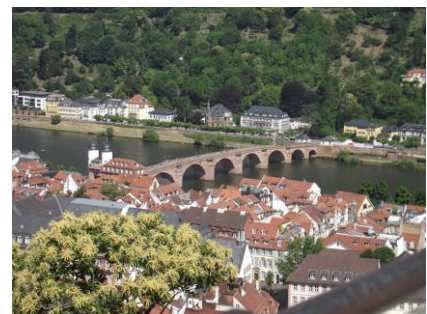
Our Rhine cruise started in Amsterdam, Netherlands and ended in Basel, Switzerland, stopping in Germany (Cologne, Koblenz, Mannheim, Heidelberg) & France (Strasbourg). Amsterdam is a beautiful city, as were all of the other stops on this cruise, but the upper Rhine is not as scenic as the Danube.



Amsterdam canals



Moselle River from Reichsburg Castle



View from Heidelberg Castle

If you have the opportunity to travel to Europe, consider taking a river cruise. It's a fabulous experience that you will thoroughly enjoy and remember for years to come!

CISPS BBQ (Held on July 8, 2023)



As usual, our BBQ was a fun day. Special thanks to our hosts Noelva & Alex for doing so much behind the scenes to provide us such a beautiful venue. Without their kindness and generosity, we could not have this wonderful event. Thanks also to our amazing chef and BBQ master Nick (who even brought his own tools) and to all of you who made special dishes and brought so many goodies to share. It was a relaxing day for our CISPS family filled with lots of socializing.

So once again, mission accomplished. Wishing everyone a wonderful summer!



Our 40th Blessing of the Fleet (Held at Barron's - June 25, 2023)



New Vessel Safety Examiner!



Congrats to CISPS's new Vessel Safety Examiner, Frank Kolovic! Despite many challenges to getting certified, on his very first day of working solo, Frank surpassed the required number of 5 inspections (to keep his certification current) and he completed 7! Having a certified Vessel Safety Examiner (VSE) on board is huge for CISPS and our safety mission. In fact, BronxNet is going to do a media piece on this! To schedule a vessel safety exam, contact Frank at: fkveexaminer@yahoo.com



And the Website Award goes toCISPS!

Congrats go out to our CISPS webmaster, Bob Luciano, on maintaining the only D4 website to be awarded the 2022 Distinctive Communicator Award for websites!



Mark Your Calendars

- **CISPS General Membership Meeting:**
September 21, at 8:00pm, City Island Yacht Club, City Island
- **CISPS General Membership Meeting:**
November 16, at 8:00pm, City Island Yacht Club, City Island
- **Holiday Cheer Brunch: December 3,**
Modern on the Rails Restaurant in New Rochelle.

The next newsletter deadline is Feb 15.

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