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City Island Sail and Power Squadron Newsletter



Celebrating our 37th Watch
We are Family!



The Commander's Corner

I am proud to be our Commander again! We are a fine group of folks that came together because of our common love of boating. That common interest developed into many friendships. Extraordinary friendships!

As I write, I share my concerns for the longevity of our squadron. We can't keep doing things the same way or we'll end up like Sears. My predecessors and I have tried to make our meetings interesting and our activities fun. But, alas, participation continues to dwindle. We need new members to remain healthy.

We have so much to offer our community! We can get info out through the New York Boat Show, Public Boating course, Blessing of the Fleet, Sail Angle, Facebook, Veterans' parade and Sail Meet up. Vessel Safety Exams also publicize what we're about. (We are looking for examiners - your Commander needs you!) Please spread the word. We always have flyers in advance of these events. Why not print a couple and tell your friends about us?

We gave a big push to our recent boating course. Special thanks to Amy Hawley and Franz Alvarez for PR and to all who posted flyers in marinas and neighborhoods. We had 12 great students who gave the course and the instructors rave reviews. I think we have the highest caliber instructors in the tri-state area. What a great team!

Looking ahead, there are lots of activities on our calendar. Life is not a spectator sport. Don't miss the fun boat!

I sincerely hope you'll join us for our June SOCIAL MEETING at Alex & Noelva's home on City Island (details to follow in the June meeting notice). And please note that we'll need RSVPs for this meeting to ensure we have enough food and beverages for all!

Best wishes for a happy and safe summer!

Cdr. Barbara Mandarano, SN

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Barbara Halecki, Editor





Nautical Word Scramble

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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

EDUCATION UPDATES / SUMMER COURSES

“Advanced Piloting” - will start in June. The course will be given at the home of Jeff and Susanna Taylor. For information, please contact Jeff at (718) 514-3272.

“Seamanship” - based on interest, this course will start in either June or September. It will be given at the home of Gary and Barbara Mandarano. For information, please contact Gary at (718) 792-0897.

For general information, contact Gary Mandarano at gmandarano@physics.nyu.edu



Change of Watch

held at Modern Restaurant on Apr. 5, 2019

**** Special thanks to P/C Gary Mandarano, SN who submitted these pictures. ****



CISPS ABC Course in Full Swing

Submitted by Susanna Taylor, JN

On Tuesday, May 21st, we concluded this year's City Island Sail and Power Squadron's Spring Public Boating class. Several Squadron members served as instructors, including Gary Mandarano, Ed Shimansky, Steve Kornspun, Barbara Mandarano, Jim Duffy and Jeff Taylor, with Richard Welch running the show. Commander Barbara Mandarano and Susanna Taylor were also there to assist with administrative duties, answer students' questions, and sign people up. We originally had twelve students in the class, an unusually large turnout for Public Boating in recent years.

Teaching the Public Boating class has always been a pleasure and a privilege. The students are usually very highly motivated and intelligent. If their test scores are any indication, this year's class was even smarter than usual. They are keen to get the information they need to be safe out there on the water. Think about it - they're ready to get in boats and throw off their dock lines and they don't have the experience so many of us take for granted. We have what they need, and they appreciate it. The class is as fulfilling an experience for the teaching staff as it is for the students.

Nine students successfully completed the course this year, passing three separate tests: one on State Boating Regulations; one on safe operation of PWCs ("jet skis"), which earns each student an official New York State PWC license; and last but not least, a fifty-question multiple choice test on safe boating and basic seamanship which entitles them to join the USPS if they wish.

The class met for about three hours on each of three consecutive Tuesday evenings. Two of the students have already become new CISPS members. Please give a big welcome to Myra and her son, Jason, who joined CISPS after completing the ABC Course on May 21st.



We have new additions to the CISPS family!

Left to right: Jason Mendez, Richard Welch (instructor), and Myra Bellamy

Our ABC Class in Action

Thanks to Cdr. Barbara Mandarano, SN for submitting these pictures.



The Difference

Submitted by Nic Mauro, S

What makes all the difference on a fishing expedition? Read on to find out!

First, there's a significant difference between fishing with an experienced angler and fishing with a novice. A boat captain must consider his/her audience when making arrangements. It's always important to agree upon a start time and a meeting place with your fishing companions. Keeping to the schedule is a great start! Being on time is just the first step to a successful trip.

One must also come properly equipped for the excursion, whether it be a day or a night outing. Beyond the requisite rods and bait, being dressed appropriately for weather conditions is critical. I recall my father saying to me, "You can always take it off, but you can't put it on if you don't have it with you."

Safety, of course, is another important factor. It's of the utmost importance to check that all onboard passengers have a USCG-approved life jacket that fits properly and is easily accessible. The captain and guests should also bring sufficient water and food for the trip. No one can argue that a guest bearing goodies is a welcome addition to any fishing trip.

Air and water temperature can also affect your outing. But in addition to those, the biggest variable that affects a fishing trip is the wind. Wind is oftentimes very unpredictable. High wind can make for a cold and very uncomfortable day. It can also make for very rough water conditions. There are times when a high wind can be intense enough to actually force you off the water. And that means that heading back to your home port can be a cold, wet ride for everyone.

Being properly prepared and taking into account this very important (and sometimes unpredictable) variable can make all the "difference" between an enjoyable day on the water and a terrible one. Wind is a vital factor when it comes to fishing!

And, if you are fortunate enough to accompany a seasoned captain who is experienced in fishing and who is willing to share his/her secret spots, your trip will surely be a day to remember!

Annual Meeting - Welcome to Our New Bridge City Island Yacht Club, Mar. 21, 2019



2019 Bridge is sworn in by Kevin Keane: (left to right) Michael Croce, Barbara Halecki, Barbara Mandarano, Jeff Taylor, Gary Mandarano, Ed Shimansky, Joyce Mauro, and Richard Welch.

Answers to the Nautical Word Scramble on Pg. 2 -

**Admiral, Ahoy, Anchor, Ballast, Cockpit, Fender,
Lanyard, Marina, Pier, Schooner, Tender, Yacht**

Good and Welfare



Our condolences go out to Troy Sill and his family. Troy's mother, Leslee Russell, passed away on May 8th.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to:

- **Harry McKay**
- **Mike Fabrizi**

who have been ill.



Mark Your Calendars

- June 20th - NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING. Social meeting and BBQ at Alex and Noelva's home on City Island.
- June 23rd - BLESSING OF THE FLEET at Fenton Marine, City Island.
- July 13th - RUBEN MEADOWS Day Raft-Up at Plandome.
- July 19th - BLUEFISH/STRIPER FISHING CONTEST. Cook the catch at next-day BBQ.
- July 20th - BEACH PARTY and BBQ.
- July 26th - July 27th - AWAY MISSION / OVERNIGHT at New London, CT.
- August 17th - 18th - AWAY TRIP to Oyster Bay.

The next newsletter deadline is Sept 15.

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