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You and Your Guests Are Cordially Invited to Attend

**CITY ISLAND POWER SQUADRON'S
20th ANNIVERSARY
CHANGE OF WATCH DINNER DANCE**

Friday, 5 April 2002

Davenport Club

400 Davenport Avenue, New Rochelle, NY

1930: Cocktails and Hors D'oeuvres - 2030: Dinner

Dancing to the Music of *CITY LIGHTS*

**Highlights: INSTALLATION OF THE NEW BRIDGE
PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

Dress: Officers, Uniform A with Bow Tie
Gentlemen, Business Suit or Blazer
Ladies, Semi-formal

Cost: \$50 per person payable to "CIPS" by Friday, 22 March 2002

For additional information - call Barbara (718) 792-0897

CIPS 20th Anniversary Change of Watch Dinner Dance promises to be one of the biggest in recent memory. If you have never been to the Davenport Club, you are in for a treat. This fabulous club looks like it belongs on a hill in Newport and has a view of Long Island Sound from the New Rochelle shore.

The menu includes Melon in Season, Garden Salad, Penne Vodka, Rolls, Butter, Dessert and Beverage plus your choice of Roast Prime Rib of Beef Au Jus, Chicken Francais or Broiled Salmon with Dill Sauce and Vegetables and Roasted Potatoes.

Make your reservations ASAP for our "Annual Big Bash". Don't miss a great time. See you there!

Commander's Message

YEAR IN REVIEW



My vision for this Watch has become a reality. We are family! During this squadron year, CIPS members came together to share good and bad times. We shared in each other's joy and consoled and embraced after our Nations' worst terrorist attack right in our own back yard. We are a resilient group who care about one another.

The momentum started with a record-breaking attendance of 160 at our Change of Watch. We added 37 new members and had a fabulous education year with record numbers attending and completing our courses. Special thanks to P/C Danny Perugini our SEO, our boating course chairs, P/C Jim Duffy and Lt Glenn Vitaglione, our proctors and all advanced grade and elective course chairs for sharing their wealth of knowledge, and in some cases their homes, with our members. We are a volunteer organization where the only payment for these instructors is the pleasure gained from adding to the knowledge of their fellow boaters. Our meetings were interesting, very well attended and four were even parties. It was truly wonderful to see so many new members, and welcome back some familiar faces we haven't seen in a while, at our squadron events. Special thanks to Lt Mary Perugini for a year filled with some incredible social activities that were all successful because they were well organized and attended by so many who had great times together. Thanks to Lt/C Jeff Taylor for three wonderful on-the-water activities.

During this Watch our Squadron soared on District and National levels. We increased membership, received the Excellence in Journalism and Excellence in Web Site Design Awards from National and once again are on the Honor Roll for our 100% contribution to the USPS Educational Fund. We won 2 awards for our training aids - one at D/4 and our 1st at National! We honored P/C Ed Shimasky as CIPS nominee for the Chapman Award; won the John Burns Safety Award and The Harvey Collins Memorial Award. What a year!

The success of my Watch belongs to you, the membership, for your support and participation. I especially would like to thank my Bridge Officers and all of our lieutenants for giving 100% and doing an outstanding job. My hopes, efforts and prayers for CIPS continued success is now with the new Bridge. Thank you all for making my Watch spectacular, exciting, personally rewarding and most of all fun.

So as my term as Commander reaches its midnight hour of termination, I can only say: "*Hasta la vista baby.*" I can also say with great confidence that "*I will be back!*" - back in "civvies" that is at the general membership meetings. Thank you.

- Cdr. Barbara Mandarano, JN

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Squadron Calendar - 2002

All dates tentative & subject to change

March 21 Thursday
ANNUAL MEETING/ELECTIONS
City Island Yacht Club

April 5 Friday
CHANGE OF WATCH
Davenport Club, New Rochelle, NY

April 10 Wednesday
D/4 Educational Dept. Meeting
San Carlos, Lyndhurst, NJ

April 11 Thursday
Executive Board Meeting - TBD

April 18 Thursday
General Membership Meeting
City Island Yacht Club

April 21 & 28 Sunday
Amberjack Boating Cruises

April 29 Monday
Public Boating – Last Session/Exam
City Island Yacht Club

May 1 Wednesday
D/4 Council Meeting

May 9 Thursday
Executive Board Meeting - TBD

May 16 Thursday
General Membership Meeting
City Island Yacht Club

June 5 Wednesday
D/4 Council Meeting
San Carlos, Lyndhurst, NJ

June 9 Sunday
Blessing of the Fleet

June 12 Wednesday
D/4 Educational Dept. Meeting
San Carlos, Lyndhurst, NJ

June 13 Thursday
Executive Board Meeting – TBD

June 20 Thursday
General Membership Meeting
City Island Yacht Club

July & August
Raft-Ups - TBD

Do you have a comment about what you have read or a suggestion about what you would like to read or a story about your personal on the water experience?
Contact Marie or Peg.

BOAT SEARCH FIND THE SPRING TERMS

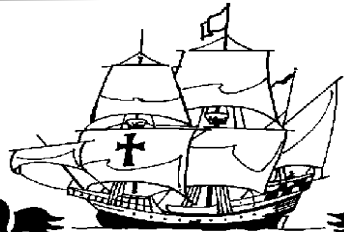
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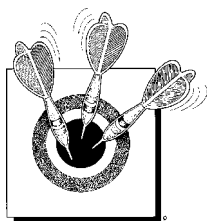
Note: Anyone interested in taking over as newsletter editor following our April Change of Watch – contact Marie or Peg.



CIPS SWEEPS AWARDS AT NATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING & D/4 SPRING CONFERENCE

NATIONAL AWARDS

- **National Publications Committee Award** in Recognition of Outstanding Performance in the Practice of USPS Journalism
- **National Computer/Graphics Committee Award** for website design, information, ease of use, content and the dissemination of the spirit of the United States Power Squadrons
- **USPS Educational Fund Certificate of Merit Honor Roll 13th 100% Award**
- **2nd Place Teaching Aid Award in Marine Electronics Category** in recognition of the leadership ability displayed in the development of teaching aid for use in the USPS educational programs at the USPS 2002 Annual Meeting. ***CIPS FIRST NATIONAL TEACHING AID AWARD!***
- **Teaching Aid Award** in recognition of the leadership ability displayed in the development of teaching aid for use in the USPS educational programs at the USPS 2002 Annual Meeting



DISTRICT 4 AWARDS

- **John Burns Safety Award**
- **Harvey A Collins Memorial Award** for Betterment of Squadron Member Involvement. 3-way tie among 3 Squadrons in D/4
- **2nd Place for Charles H. Leach Memorial Trophy**
- **3rd Place Frank R. Corrado Attendance Award Spring Conference**
- **George Ruckdeschel Award for Service to D/4 - D/Lt Vincene Aquilato, S**



Cdr. Barbara Mandarano proudly accepts awards received on behalf of our Squadron. CIPS members showed up in full force at this memorable Change of Watch Conference.



A tearful moment for D/Lt Vincene Aquilato, S as she humbly accepts the George Ruckdeschel Award for Service to D/4. Congratulations !

EDUCATION UPDATES:

“Safety Through Education”

SAFE BOATING COURSE:

Chairperson: P/C James Duffy, AP- 718.863.3588

65 students are registered for this course that began on 11 March. We are thrilled with the extraordinarily large enrollment and applaud all those who chose to invest in their learning of safe boating. A *Sail* Course is being offered concurrently each Monday evening. Jim Duffy and Glenn Vitaglione are team teaching these courses and welcome CIPS volunteers to assist with the hands-on learning that is a critical component to our Safe Boating Course.

SEAMANSHIP:

Instructor: P/C Gary Mandarano, JN – 718.792.0897

This course has 11 students who are expanding their basic knowledge of what every prudent skipper needs to know before leaving port. The final exam is targeted for 18 March.

PILOTING:

Instructor: 1st Lt Gary Bieniewicz, AP – 718.828.1972

8 students took the Piloting Exam and are waiting for news of their passing grades. This course included an introduction to marine charts, aids to navigation, use of a mariner’s compass, dead reckoning, planning and plotting courses and taking bearings to determine on-the-water positions.

ADVANCED PILOTING:

Instructor: Lt Charles Palumbo, AP – 718.822.6073

Contact Charlie if you are interested in taking AP

JR. NAVIGATION:

Instructor: P/C Ed Shimansky, SN – 718.931.8373

Students Susanna Taylor, Mercedes Hill, and Jeff Taylor meet regularly with Ed Shimansky as they continue their study of offshore navigation. They continue to take sights on celestial bodies using a mariners’ sextant. The course is sailing along and special congratulations to Susanna and Jeff Taylor who recently purchased a new sailboat.

NAVIGATION:

Instructor: Lt Jack Palmer, SN

Anyone interested, contact Dan Perugini @ 718.822.1284.

ENGINE MAINTENANCE (EM):

Instructor: P/C Danny Perugini, SN– 718.822.1284

Congratulations to Gary Mandarano, Barbara Mandarano, and Heinz Laue who recently passed this elective course and have proven mastery of many useful troubleshooting techniques.

SQUADRON UPDATES

MEMBERSHIP:

Chairperson: Lt. Joe Siragusa, P- 718.885.1050

Joe proudly reports that CIPS membership is growing rapidly. We have moved up from 10th to 3rd place in largest membership enrollment across District 4. Way to Go CIPS!!!

MEETINGS:

Chairperson: Lt. Joseph Siragusa, P – 914.835.3486

Information about guest speakers for our upcoming meeting will be forthcoming.

BOATING ACTIVITIES:

Chairperson: Lt/C Jeffrey Taylor, AP – 718.885.3757

Information about our on-the-water activities will be forthcoming.

MEMBER INVOLVEMENT:

Chairperson: P/C Joyce Mauro, JN – 718.931.9029

Anyone interested in ordering a CIPS name tag – contact Joyce.

ENTERTAINMENT:

Chairperson: Lt Mary Perugini, AP – 718.822.1284

Information about CIPS social activities will be forthcoming following our Change of Watch on 5 April.



**DO IT NOW
BEFORE YOU FORGET!**

**Communicate Roster Information
CHANGES**

(other than Merit Marks)

to Peg Morton ASAP.

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CIPS QUARTERLY HIGHLIGHTS

Many exciting activities took place during the months of December, January and February that allowed CIPS members to come together in the spirit of Fraternity, Civic Service and Education. Here are some highlights:



17 January 2002 General Membership Meeting
We inducted new members and welcomed in New Year 2002 with a CIPS Party.



WELCOME OUR NEWEST CIPS MEMBERS

Jonathan Bednarz
Michal Bednarz
Vladimir Bibic
Sean Michael Cahill
Robert Thomas Carmody
Rafael A Charres
Diana M Culhane
Joseph P Culhane
Gee Ping Eng
Jeffrey Adams Huertas
Cecilio A Mendez
June J Rathner
James Sayegh
Joseph Scotti
Michael Scotti
Salvatore Scotti
Carl Stone
Pamela Eileen Turner
Eduardo Vasquez
Kathryn Weill



Congratulations Nicholas!

CIPS recognized Nicholas Graefe for his attendance at our Public Boating Course this past Fall. Because Nicholas is under 12 years of age, he could not receive a USPS certificate for his tremendous accomplishment. At our 17 January General Membership Meeting, Cdr. Barbara Mandarano presented Nicholas with a Certificate of Attendance. Incidentally, Nicholas achieved one of the highest scores in the class.



CIPS Vessel Examiners received VSC decals in recognition of their service and contributions to on-water safety. If you are interested in becoming a Vessel Safety Examiner, contact Vincent Bocchimuzzo, our Vessel Safety Chairperson for details and certification information.

FOUNDER'S DAY - Charlie's Inn

We remembered the history of USPS, recognized CIPS Past Commander's and celebrated with a bountiful brunch. (left to right) Lillian Vitaglione; Gary Mandarano; Joyce Mauro; Harry McKay; Marge Phelan; Mike Fabrizi; Ed Shimansky; Delius Wilson and Danny Perugini



We additionally acknowledged our Charter Members who were in attendance: Ed Shimansky, Harry McKay, Joe Masone, Mike Fabrizi, Charles Attard

Note: USPS is made up of 33 districts representing 450 squadrons and some 60,000 members throughout the continental United States, Canada, Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands and other areas around the world where Americans congregate. All members are urged to improve their boating knowledge and skills by taking carefully planned advanced courses. District 4 is comprised of 18 squadrons. The D/4 directory is published yearly and is generally ready for distribution at the end of May.



Crd. Brabara Mandarano and P/C Gary Mandarano attended the USPS Annual Meeting in Orlando, Fl. At this meeting, CIPS received the Excellence in Journalism Award for our Newsletter. Kudos to our editors, Marie Milillo and Peggy Morton for an outstanding publication. Peg and Marie received a personalized letter from P/C Delia V Rettew, SN - Evaluator that read:

Dear Marie and Peggy,
It is my pleasure to inform you that your publication has qualified for the Distinction in Journalism Award for 2001.

Official presentation of the award will be worked out with your District Commander.

Enclosed are copies of the 2001 seal. They may be duplicated, enlarged, or reduced to fit your needs.

Your continued dedication and hard work in producing an award-winning squadron newsletter is recognized. This newsletter plays a vital role in our communications effort, so necessary to a successful USPS®.

Keep up the good work! Also, please thank your committee.

My best wishes for a joyous, and safe boating 2002!

Sincerely,
P/C Delia V Rettew, SN -Evaluator

You can expect that we will proudly display our CIPS Excellence in Journalism Seal (shown above and on back page) on all 2002 publications. Marie and Peg thank all CIPS members for their vibrant contributions that bring life and substance to our quarterly newsletters.

CIPS HOLIDAY CHEER PARTY



We had the delightful pleasure of a visit from Mr. And Mrs. Clause (a.k.a. Jim and Kathleen Duffy) who came bearing gifts for the lucky CIPS winners.



Many CIPS members and guests had the chance to sit with Santa and tell him what they most wanted for the holiday.



Our next Commander, Exec Officer Chris Destefano receives words of wisdom from Santa



CONGRATULATIONS Pat Bieniewicz – our 50/50 WINNER



It was a festive and happy evening that brought out the “child” in each of us



Crd. Barbara Mandarano and Santa presented us with a delicious Holiday Cake - a “Happy Ending” to a wonderful and fun-filled event for all who attended.

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Education:

- 11 Diverse and challenging courses are offered
- ❑ 5 Advanced Grade Courses
 - ❑ 6 Elective Courses
 - ❑ Plus Learning Guides available for self-study

Social Activities

Dinners, Luncheons, Speakers, Picnics, Auctions, Boating Cruises and Activities, Fundraisers, and other related activities.

Civic Contributions

- ❑ Teaching
- ❑ Cooperative Charting Program
- ❑ Vessel Safety Check program (VSC)

Financial

- ❑ USPS Boat Insurance Program
- ❑ USPS Visa credit card that offers competitive rates, no annual fee and a cash-back incentive to squadrons
- ❑ Boat/U.S. discount membership that saves members money on boating equipment
- ❑ The 501 © (3) tax-exempt status that allows you to deduct many USPS expenses on your income taxes

Informational

- ❑ 12 issues of THE ENSIGN magazine that contains boating information
- ❑ Squadron Newsletter – the best!
- ❑ The Port Captains Program that offers a directory of USPS members who are available to assist you in unfamiliar waters

As we prepare for a New Watch, CIPS New and Established Members are encouraged to Get Involved by:

- ❑ Taking a class
- ❑ Teaching a class or being a guest lecturer
- ❑ Serving on a committee
- ❑ Chairing a committee
- ❑ Serving on the Executive Committee
- ❑ Taking the Operations Training Course
- ❑ Attending the District Council Meetings and Spring/Fall Conferences
- ❑ Providing ideas and suggestions

Always remember to forget
the things that made you sad.
But never forget to remember
the things that made you glad.

Always remember to forget
The friends that proved untrue.
But don't forget to remember
those that have stuck by you.

Always remember to forget
the troubles that passed away.
But never forget to remember
The blessings that come each day.

SAFETY TIPS

- ❑ A Safe Boater will always have the appropriate nautical chart(s) onboard their vessel. The exact meaning of an aid to navigation may not be clear to the boater unless the appropriate chart is consulted.
- ❑ Boaters who pass too close to a buoy risk collision with a buoy, the buoy's mooring, or with the obstruction which the aid marks. Boaters must not rely solely on any single aid to navigation for determining their position, particularly buoys. Environmental conditions, seabed slope, composition, and collisions or other accidents may cause buoys to shift from their charted positions, sink or capsize.
- ❑ Boaters should not come close to beacons due to the danger of collision with rip rap (stones/broken rocks), structure foundation, or with the obstruction/danger which the aid marks. Always maintain a safe distance from all aids to navigation.



Some A-OK Memories of Cdr. Barbara Mandarano during her 2001-2002 Watch

- Cdr. Barbara appears as Wonder Woman at CIPS Halloween Party
- Cdr. Barbara uses a bullhorn to keep things sailing smoothly at our Raft-ups and Regatta
- Cdr. Barbara kissed Dolphins and Sharks “down under”
- Cdr. Barbara inducted a Barbie Doll as an honorary member of our squadron.

As Cdr. Barbara Mandarano steps down as CIPS Commander, we applaud and thank her for her hard work, excellent leadership and ever-present concern for the growth and development of CIPS.

A book excerpt from *An Album of Memories* by Tom Brokaw led Gwen Danner Hollwand to recall her service in the US Naval Air Corps during WWII. She wrote this poem for her base newspaper as a tribute to those serving in our armed forces and their families.

Prayer in Solitude

I stand and watch the golden sun slip quietly away;
The dusk falls all about me; this is the end of day.
A tiny, rippling little stream, a wooden bridge so small;
The chant of crickets fills the air; the iris stands so tall.
This I choose, an alter Lord, a quiet place to pray;
For those we love so far away, where there's no night, no day.

Courageous men and women facing battle over there;
They strive for peace, then homeward bound; They knowest their despair.

The days and nights since they've been gone are long and lonely too;
You have them Lord, so let them know Thine own great love from YOU.

I pray for their safekeeping; I ask for nothing more; but that you hear this humble prayer above Your oceans' roar.
The night is come, I'll close my prayer for joyful peace again;
But through this war, I pray Oh God, please take care of them. AMEN

- submitted by Susan Garcia

Good and Welfare:

Let us remember in our prayers

Jack Palmer - Audrey reports that Jack has finished his radiation therapy... And all those for whom we have been asked to pray.

Good Advice to Live By in 2002

1. Throw out non-essential numbers. This includes age and weight.
2. Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down.
3. Keep learning. Learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening, whatever. Never let the brain idle.
4. Enjoy the simple things. When the children are young, that is all that you can afford. When they are in college, that is all that you can afford. When they are grown, and you are on retirement, that is all that you can afford!
5. Laugh often, long and loud. Laugh until you gasp for breath. Laugh so much that you can be tracked in the store by your distinctive laughter.
6. The tears happen. Endure, grieve, and move on. The only person who is with us our entire life, is ourselves.
7. Surround yourself with what you love, whether it is family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies, whatever. Your home is your refuge.
8. Cherish your health. If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.
9. Don't take guilt trips. Go to the mall, the next county, a foreign country, but not guilt.
10. Tell the people you love, that you love them, at every opportunity.



Remember... Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.

TIPS FOR SAFE BOATING

www.boatingsafety.com

TEST YOUR BOATING KNOWLEDGE

The United States Power Squadrons is the world's largest private boating organization worldwide. When students take our Safe Boating Course, they begin with a test of their boating knowledge. How well would you score? Answer Yes or No for each question.

1. Are gasoline fumes lighter than air?
2. Do boats under sail always have the right of way over powerboats?
3. Is PORT running light a GREEN light?
4. Is WINWARD a direction away from the wind?
5. Should a POWERBOAT sound a bell when underway in a fog?
6. Does a SPRING LINE often help in docking a boat?
7. Should you treat hypothermia by warming the victim's extremities?
8. Are NUN buoys usually even numbered and painted red?
9. Is the purpose of the "Navigation Rules" to prevent collision?
10. Is a life preserver necessary for every person aboard a boat?
11. Does the LUBBER LINE hold the compass in place?
12. Would a boat on a true course of 270 degrees be heading East?
13. Is the skipper liable for damage caused by the vessel's wake?
14. Do coastal navigation charts show water depth?
15. Is TIDE the horizontal movement of water?
16. Do six feet equal a fathom?
17. Do the white colored areas on nautical charts indicate deep navigable waters?
18. Would a compass bearing help determine a vessel's position?
19. When anchoring, does the amount of line you pay out affect the holding power of the anchor?
20. Would you benefit from taking additional Boating Courses with CIPS?

ANSWERS TO THIS QUIZ WILL BE POSTED IN CIPS JUNE NEWSLETTER .

A COMPANION TO A PORT CAPTAIN!



A Port Captain's job is to help you. But even Port Captains need resources. The Special Notice to Mariners published out of Boston is one such companion. The biennial publication provides a wealth of information to boaters in the 1st Coast Guard District (Maine to mid Jersey). You can view it on the First Coast Guard District website <http://www.uscg.mil.d/> or contact: Department of Transportation, US Coast Guard, 408 Atlantic Ave., Boston, MA 02110-3350 or can 800-848-3942, ext.8335.

Granted, you may feel that much of the information is a rehash for those kept up-to-date with the boating courses. But you can never get enough regulations information while traveling outside your turf. You'll like the handy, all-encompassing guide with authority contact names, addresses, telephone numbers and all the listing of all Coast Guard stations in the area. Internet resources are listed, US VHF Marine Radio channels and frequencies, the phonetic alphabet, and lots of neat stuff. A section on New England's Protected Whales is an example of the vast scope of this safe navigation guide.

Other related sources: The Special Notice to Mariners (above) is a supplement to the weekly Local Notice to Mariners (LNM) – a primary source of nautical information with the Broadcast Notice to mariners (BNM) providing supplementary and last minute information. The LNM is FREE. Write to: Commander, First Coast Guard District, Aids to Navigation Office, 408 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, MA 02110. Or check out the websites: <http://www.navcen.uscg.mil>
<http://www.ftp.navcen.uscg.mil>

For local conditions, marinas and fueling, where to get a cold one, the best restaurants, vets, repair shops and hotels contact your local USPS Port Captain.

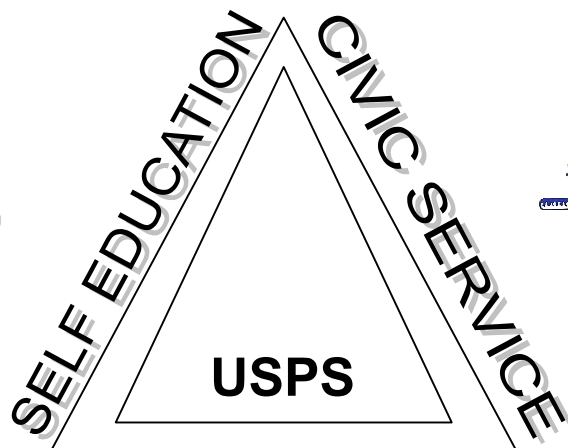
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