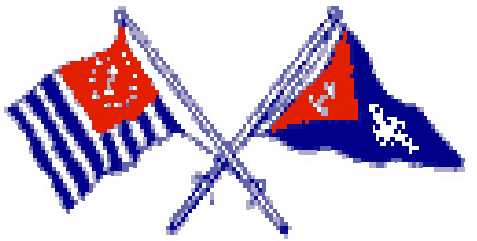




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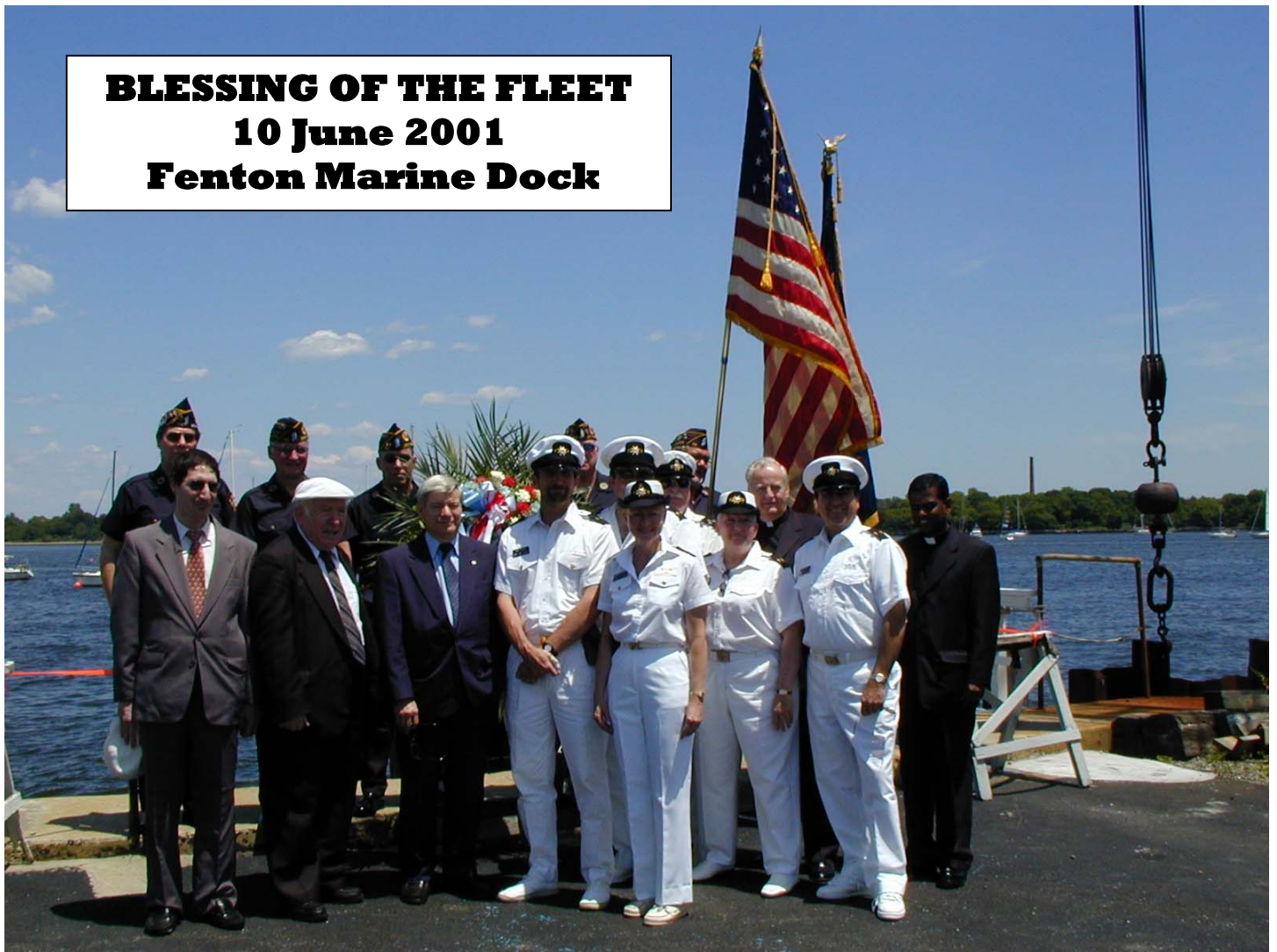


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## **BLESSING OF THE FLEET 10 June 2001 Fenton Marine Dock**



### **A Time of Reflection and Celebration**

An Incredible Day for CIPS – 98 Boats were blessed and we were featured on Channel 12 News



## Commanders Message



Welcome back from what I hope was a wonderful summer vacation. Time flew and while the weather wasn't always cooperative, I was delighted to have seen so many of you making yourselves available to our extended family.

Our July day raft-up was well attended and a hale and hearty three - *Diomede*, *Krisper* and *Destiny* participated in the August weekend raft-up. These events challenged our boating skills. There was lots of swimming, good food, much laughter, guitar playing and a sing-a-long (thanks to Danny) and some good memories to last a life-time. The August full moon was a welcomed guest.

Now time to start anew. Our 20 September *Welcome Back* Meeting will feature an Educational Expo. Advanced grade and elective course instructors will be available with course materials and training aids to talk with you one-on-one about the benefits of taking their courses. CIPS offers a host of practical courses to help make your boating experiences more enjoyable and safe. Please come to this meeting and take advantage of what CIPS has to offer.

Our next on-the-water activity is our annual Regatta. This race is intended for power boaters to learn the ropes by crewing on a sail boat. Having participated for more than six years now, I can tell you first hand that it's an event you do not want to miss. Remember - you do not need to own a boat to take a course or participate in our activities. Everyone is welcome to enjoy the fraternalism of our CIPS family!

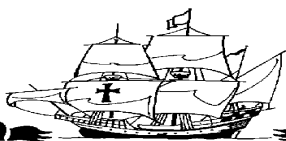
- Cdr. Barbara Mandarano, JN

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*Presenting Our Bridge Officers*

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*Please submit articles of information and interest that you would like included in future editions.*

*This newsletter may be viewed through our website and will allow you to see all photos in vivid color as an Adobe Acrobat document (.pdf)*

# Squadron Calendar - 2001

All dates tentative & subject to change

## September 20 Thursday

General Membership Meeting  
City Island Yacht Club

## September 29 Saturday

### REGATTA

Captain's Meeting – Touring Kyack Club

## October 3 Wednesday

D/4 Council Meeting  
San Carlo Catering, Lyndhurst, NJ

## October 4 Thursday

Executive Board Meeting  
Commander's Home

## October 10 Wednesday

D/4 Educational Department Meeting  
San Carlo Catering, Lyndhurst, NJ

## October 15 Monday

Public Boating – First Session  
City Island Yacht Club, City Island

## October 18 Thursday

General Membership Meeting  
City Island Yacht Club

## October 27 Saturday

CIPS Halloween Party  
Touring Kyack Club

## November 2-3 Fri-Sat

D/4 Fall Conference  
Marriott Hotel, Newark, NJ

## November 4 Sunday

Veteran's Day Parade  
CIPS to March

## November 8 Thursday

Executive Board Meeting  
Commander's Home

## November 15 Thursday

General Membership  
Commander's Home

## December 3 Monday

Public Boating – Last session/Exam  
City Island Yacht Club, City Island

## December 8 Saturday

CIPS HOLIDAY PARTY  
TBA

## December 13 Thursday

Executive Board Meeting  
Commander's Home

# BOAT SEARCH # 4

Find the VESSEL SAFETY CHECK Terms

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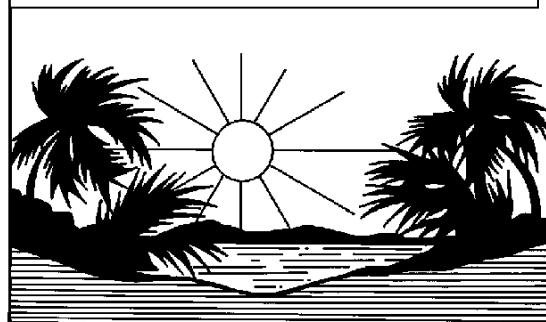
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REGISTRATION

VENTILATION

God Our Father, We ask your presence among us today. Give us your wisdom that we might find solutions to our problems. Be our strength when the seas are high. Be our compass when we lose our course. Be our anchor when we go adrift. Be our beacon when we're lost. Assist us that our purposes and intentions may be brought to successful conclusions. Remind us always that we are family and need each other and serve you best by being of service to one another. Amen.

- H.J. DiMatteo 21 June 2001



## **EDUCATION UPDATES:**

*“Safety Through Education”*

**REGISTER NOW FOR FALL CLASSES!**

## **SAFE BOATING COURSE:**

*Chairperson: P/C Jim Duffy, AP- 718.863.3588*

1<sup>st</sup> class begins Monday, 15 October. Jim is looking for new faces to assist him over the 8 weeks the program is presented.

**SEAMANSHIP:** *Instructor: P/C Gary Mandarano, JN-718.792.0897*

Learn practical marlinespike, navigation rules, hull design and performance, responsibilities of the skipper, boat care, operating a boat under normal and abnormal conditions, what to do in various emergencies and weather conditions, nautical customs and common courtesy on the water. This is the recommended first course for new members.

**PILOTING:** *Instructor: 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Gary Bieniewicz, AP 718.828.1972*

This course introduces you to the critical study of marine charts, aids to navigation, adjustment and use of the mariner's compass, dead reckoning, planning and plotting courses, and taking bearings to determine the on-the-water position.

**ADVANCED PILOTING:** *Instructor: Lt Charles Palumbo, AP 718.822.6073*

Build on the knowledge gained in Piloting! Learn the use of modern electronic navigation systems and other advanced techniques for finding position. Topics covered include: tides and currents and their effects on piloting; finding position using bearings and angles; simple use of the mariner's sextant; and electronic navigation – radar, loran, GPS, etc. Prerequisite: Successful completion of S and P

**Jr. NAVIGATION:** *Instructor: P/C Ed Shimansk, SN 718.931.8373*

Begin your study of offshore navigation. Learn to use an integrated electronic positioning systems, sight taking with a mariner's sextant on celestial bodies, and position and passage planning with special open-ocean charts.

**NAVIGATION:** *Instructor: Lt Jack Palmer, SN*

Further develop your understanding of celestial navigation theory and your skill in sight taking and reduction. The perfect course to learn how to navigate with minimal survival gear in the event of a disabling boat accident.

## **ELECTIVE COURSES**

**OPERATIONS TRAINING (OT):** *Instructor:*

*P/C Lil Vitaglione, JN-718.863.5468*

Everything you need to know about what makes an organization tick!

**INSTRUCTOR QUALIFICATION (IQ):**

*Instructor: P/C Lil Vitaglione, JN-718.863.5468*

Learn practical techniques for making effective presentations and gain more confidence when speaking!

**CRUISE PLANNING:** *Instructors: P/C Hank & Marion DiMatteo- 914.776.5682*

Prepare for that voyage afloat. This course covers: Planning and financing the voyage; equipping the boat; crew selection; provisioning; voyage management; navigation planning; weather; communications; entering and clearing foreign ports; anchors and anchoring; emergencies afloat; medical emergencies and security.

**ENGINE MAINTENANCE:** *Instructor: P/C Danny Perugini, SN – 718.822.1284*

You won't become an expert mechanic but you will learn how to troubleshoot most common engine problems. If something goes wrong - you will at least know where to look first!

**WEATHER:** *Instructor: P/C Lil Vitaglione, JN-718.863.5468; 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Peg Morton, S- 718.792.2804*

Gain an awareness of weather phenomena. What do those clouds mean? What about that change in temperature? What causes wind? How can we predict weather without a radio, newspaper or TV? A great class for on or off the water!

**SAIL:** *Instructor: P/C Jim Duffy, AP- 718.863.3588*

Not just for sailors! A thorough study of the terminology and dynamics of sailing.

## **ACTIVITIES CHAIRPERSONS**

**MEMBERSHIP:**

*Chairperson: Lt P/Lt/C Joseph Masone, SN 914.969.6264*

**MEETINGS:**

*Chairperson: Lt. Joseph Siragusa, P – 718.885.1050*

Check the 2001 calendar for General Membership Meeting dates. All are encouraged to attend.

**BOATING ACTIVITIES:**

*Chairperson: Lt/C Jeff Taylor, AP – 718.885.3757*

**MEMBER INVOLVEMENT:**

*Chairperson: P/C Joyce Mauro, JN – 718.931.9029*

**ENTERTAINMENT:**

*Chairperson: Lt Mary Perugini, AP – 718.822.1284*

## SUMMER HAPPENINGS



### Vessel Safety Examinations

Our team of certified Vessel Examiners continued to inspect boats and certify boaters for safety throughout the summer. Shown above is 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Peg Morton conducting an inspection of P/C Gary Mandarano and Cdr. Barbara Mandarano's twenty-three foot Sea Ray. And yes... *Destiny* passed inspection with flying colors and proudly displays a USPS Vessel Safety Check Decal.

**Do NOT Miss Our CIPS  
SAILING REGATTA  
Saturday 29 September  
Contact Jeff Taylor  
718-885-3757**

Learn new language like Boom  
vangclew; Outhaul; Halyard.  
Enjoy sounds of wind and water.



### Desktop Wallpaper

#### **"In Memoriam to Those We Have Lost"**

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choose option "save as wallpaper"

## RAFT-UPS & ON-WATER ACTIVITIES



### **Plandome, Pt. Washington Day Raft-Up 7 July 2001**



# PRESENTING PRESENTING

## OUR CIPS BRIDGE AND FLAG OFFICERS



**Executive Officer : Christopher DeStephano, AP**

Lt/C Chris DeStephano is a seasoned member of CIPS who joined our membership in 1983. He proudly recalled a cherished photo of himself holding a flounder he had caught when he was not yet 3 years old. Till today, Chris enjoys sailing and fishing. Chris has completed Advanced Piloting (AP) and is presently taking Junior Navigation (JN). He and his lovely wife, Kathleen, a nurse, recently moved into their new home in Silver Beach. Chris brags about having displayed the tallest flagstaff in that community. Chris works for Con Edison as a troubleshooter for high voltage electrical cable in Manhattan. He worked around the clock during the recent World Trade Center crisis and continues day to day joining fellow workers restore power lost in an entire sub-station. Chris admits to being a "treasure hunter" and recalls his most prized find – a Drexel Heritage Oriental Armoire. Says Chris: "Your trash is my treasure"



**Squadron Educational Officer: Daniel Perugini, SN**

P/C Danny Perugini has been a boater since 1959 when he went fishing on his Uncle Frank's boat. He continued boating after that with his brother, brother-in-law and friends and in 1985, Danny purchased his own boat and has been a sailor ever since. He joined City Island Power Squadron in '86 and started taking courses. By '89 he was teaching Advanced Piloting and studying celestial navigation. In 1991, after serving as Commodore of the Sea Anchors Yacht Club, Danny was elected Commander of CIPS, just in time to celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary. During his two years as Commander he took electives in Weather, Engine Maintenance, and Marine Electronics. He met a lot of new friends through the Public Boating classes and our Squadron's social affairs (which our classes also tend to be!). During this time Danny achieved a Coast Guard Captain's License which involved learning Commercial Rules and Regulations. While keeping up with the Boating Course, Navigation and Cruise Planning, Danny has done some extensive cruising with his wife Mary to places like Block Island, Shelter Island, Connecticut River, Peconic Bays, et al (thanks to the confidence of Squadron courses). Danny has taught Boating, Advanced Piloting and Engine Maintenance and helped with Piloting, Sail and Junior Navigation. By 1996, Danny had completed all courses for what we call a Full Certificate. In 2000, Danny was chosen as the Chapman Award nominee (highest educational honor in USPS) for all of District Four. For fun, Danny enjoys Cruising, Sail Racing, Skiing, Guitar, Photography, Traveling and Target Shooting (with the Greater NY Pistol League). For a living, Danny has been busy at Con Edison of NY with sampling, testing and trying to save the environment!



**Administrative Officer: Jeffrey Taylor, AP**

Lt/C Jeffrey Taylor proudly shared that he built a canoe with his grandfather when he was 10 years old. He is married to Susanna whom he met while enrolled in a Russian language class in the Army in Germany. Susanna was then a Sergeant and Jeff was a Private. Jeff joined CIPS in 1997 and recently he and Susanna completed Advanced Piloting (AP). Jeff works for the phone company as a cable splicer. He and Susanna reside in City Island and have provided a warm and loving home to three cats. Jeff enjoys sailing and the challenges and fun associated with celestial navigation and continues to find a satisfying hobby in woodworking.



**Secretary: Marie Milillo, S**

Lt/C Marie Milillo joined CIPS in March 2000 and was elected Bridge Secretary in April 2001. In addition to being editor of our Newsletter, Marie has completed IQ, OT, and Seamanship, is a certified Vessel Examiner (VE) and will be taking Piloting in the Fall. Marie is Northeast Sales Development Manager for NCS Learn, the leading provider of the most comprehensive pre-K through Adult electronic

curriculum solutions. She works out of her home office, travels extensively and enjoys increasing the use of educational technology to benefit learners. Marie was a member of the Blauvelt Dominican Congregation for 7 years and has an extensive teaching background in both academic and business environments. She plans on owning a power boat in the near future and has been researching Marinas and learning all she can about boats while conducting Vessel Examinations. Pleasure travels include trips to Greece and England, and this past Spring, Marie chaperoned 78 students from Preston High School to Paris and Italy. Marie always finds time to escape to nearby beaches and spent the last week of August at her time-share in Cape Cod. Gardening, photography and leisure time with family and friends are favorite pastimes.



**Treasurer: Jerry Simotas, AP**

Lt/C Jerry Simotas is married to Monica and has two children Lisa (34) and Chris (30). Jerry has lived in New Rochelle, NY since 1967. He currently works at CUNY in the Bronx as Information Technology (IT) Director. Prior to that he worked at Nassau Community College and Iona College. Jerry's wife works at College of Mt. St. Vincent in Riverdale. Jerry joined CIPS in 1997 after taking the public boating course and then decided to continue with advanced level courses. He completed Advanced Piloting (AP) and is planning to go on to Junior navigation (JN). Jerry started power boating back in the early 70's and turned into an avid sailor in 1997 and recently became the proud owner of a sailboat. He is a member of CGAuxiliary Flotilla 73 in Mamaroneck, NY and was qualified as Crewman. Winter activities and hobbies involve skiing, classical music concerts, carpentry and CIPS education courses.



**Assistant Treasurer: Peggy F Morton, S**

**1<sup>st</sup> Lt Peg Morton has been an educator for 25 years and is presently teaching religion at Preston High School. Peg hails from Buffalo, NY where the two seasons are Winter and the Fourth of July! She was a Sister of the Divine Compassion for twelve years. Peg earned her Dr. of Ministry in 1997. In 1999 she was diagnosed with lymphoma and spent a year fighting the disease. In January 2000, she took ballroom dancing and Public Boating as a way to “get back on her feet”. She has completed Marine Electronics, IQ, OT, Seamanship and is a certified Vessel Examiner. During the summer, she studied Weather on her own and is looking forward to assisting P/C Lil Vitaglione in teaching the class and will be taking Piloting in the Fall. Peg is our Roster chairperson and assistant editor of CIPS newsletter. Peg lives in Edgewater Park and shares her home with her adopted cat, Creamsicle. She enjoys playing guitar, reading, crossword puzzles and Pepsi. At present, the only boat she owns is a gravy boat but she is planning to own a power boat in the near future!**

**1<sup>st</sup>. Lt. Victor Hernandez joined CIPS in October 1997. He and his wife, Esperanza, have four children: Katie-13; Victor-14; Melissa-22 and Rebecca-25. Victor owned a 27’ Sea Ray and in August 2000 traded her in for a ’92 Silverton 34’ convertible. Victor works for the NYC transit for the past 22 years and is train operator #6. Victor shared that the reason he joined CIPS was because of the nice people who show sincerity and dedication. As Victor so eloquently put it: “Boating people are heck of a nice people”**



**Assistant Squadron Education Officer (SEO)  
Gary Bieniewicz, AP**

**1<sup>st</sup> Lt Gary Bieniewicz and his wife Pat joined CIPS in 1982. Gary is retired from the Police Department and now works for Galaxy Locksmith as a licensed locksmith in NYC. He has been teaching our CIPS Piloting Course for the past 10 years and is continuing on with his own study in Junior Navigation (JN). Gary and Pat live in the Bronx and have family in the tri-state area. They own a summer house along the shoreline in Old Lyme, CT where they keep their 17’ Boston Whaler power boat and in addition to enjoying time on *Tag Sale*, they enjoy sailing, fishing and travel. The highlight of their summer was a cruise to Bermuda. Gary fondly recalls that his father worked in the Brooklyn Navy Yard and this afforded him the opportunity to go down there by boat when he was 5 years old. He would visit the dry docks and take tours and this clearly sparked his love of boating. Gary and Pat are very supportive of CIPS social activities. They joined CIPS because it is a fraternal organization and they very much enjoy the people they continue to meet and the friends that have made.**



**Assistant Secretary: Victor Hernandez, P**

# WHO YOU GONNA CALL?



**2000 – 2001 CIPS Roster :**  
Roster Chairperson, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Peg Morton distributed our 2000-2001 Roster at the 21 June General Membership Meeting and provided a 15 minute presentation on the contents of the roster. She enthusiastically engaged the audience with a “test”. Those who answered correctly received a BIG Stick-on Smiley Face.

## **By Jove We've Got It**

On the overcast morning of Thursday, 26 July 2001, the vessel SHEARWATER, a sleek, good sailing, comfortable, fractional rigged sloop, a Contessa 33, left its mooring off City Island at 0300 with her crew of eight to travel with an ebb current toward New York Harbor in order to reach Bouy #2 off Rockaway Point by 1300 where the Around Long Island Regatta was to begin.

The crew was as seasoned as the sloop named after a graceful seafaring bird whose wings would shear the water when flying low. The SHEARWATER participated in the Regatta many times and six of the regular crew have competed in a total of thirty Regattas. It was the first experience for two and aboard were CIPS members, John Shea, Steve Pritz, Glenn Vitaglione and a graduate of our Public Safe Boating Course, Toby Moore.

The SHEARWATER was in Division #5 with a PHRF (Performance Handicap Racing Fleet) #138. The lower the PHRF number that is given the faster the vessel. Therefore, a vessel with a PHRF of 130 must give 8 seconds as a handicap for every mile of the race to one with a PHRF of 138. It is conceivable consequently that a slower vessel can be victorious.

The race which first organized by the sea Cliff Yacht Club of Hempstead in 1977 is 191 miles long. Actually, it is three races in one because of the different sailing conditions in the Atlantic Ocean, Block Island and Long Island Sound. Each vessel began at Bouy R#2, rounded Montauk to port, rounded Plum Point Lighthouse to port and ended at the Hempstead Harbor Breakwater.

Although the first gun to start the race sounded at 1300, the SHEARWATER began at 1350. It was overcast with a northeast wind and 20 knots of breeze which peaked at 26 knots during day 1 with wave heights of up to 4 to 5 feet. The crew intended to reach Mid Island by midnight and therefore

SHEARWATER hugged the shore to avoid the waves. Jack lines of one inch webbed nylon were strung on the deck on both port and starboard to which those who were on watch would be tethered. In this way they could move freely without fear of falling overboard. Those who served in the cockpit tethered themselves by hooking into securely fastened rings.

Between midnight and sunrise Friday, the wind speed changed constantly from 26 knots down to 3, then to 12 knots followed by no breeze, up to 18 knots and finally peaking at 22 knots until daybreak. A #3 head sail was changed to a #1, then to a light #1, to a #2 and then to a light #1 again and finally to a #1 at sunrise when a fair breeze of 8 to 10 knots and smaller waves prevailed. At one time the SHEARWATER found herself very close to shore in but 20 feet of water. Her average speed during the night was 4.5 knots.

She rounded Montauk at 1145 on Friday. Plum Gut was the next challenge for the crew. They planned to traverse the Gut using the maximum flood current which occurred at 1500. The "window", as it was called, closed at 1730 when the current started to ebb. They traveled 3 mile of the rumb line to stay in breeze through Block Island Sound using an .60 spinnaker. They "blew" through Plum Gut using the current and made 9 knots SOG (Speed Over Ground). They covered 17 miles of Block Island Sound in 4 hours.

Upon reaching Long Island Sound, an important decision had to be made as to whether to travel the north or south side of the Sound since the center of the Sound has insufficient breezes and was to be avoided. After monitoring NOAH weather reports, it was decided to travel using the north side. That evening, SHEARWATER moved in a fair breeze with a beam reach on a starboard tack until unfortunately the wind died. She was not making way against the current and the anchor was lowered. Suddenly, while at anchor for but 30 seconds the breeze reappeared. Quickly the anchor was weighed, the beam reach resumed and the night became a great one for sailing.

Around sunrise on Saturday, the water was like glass with zephyrs (small puffs of wind) popping up here and there. SHEARWATER sailed from puff to puff and kept moving until Sea Cliff appeared on the port beam. The crew “popped” the spinnaker with jibes back and forth across the Sound and kept the boat moving “hot and fast” in an easterly breeze. The SHEARWATER crossed the finish line at 0723.3. The crew was jubilant at hearing the “gun” as they passed. They knew then that they were the first in their Division. (Those behind are acknowledged with a whistle as they cross.) It is little wonder that upon reaching port they drowned themselves in the sparkling “bubbly”.

Not only were members of the crew experienced racers, their ability to organize and plan contributed to their success. The watch of four was changed every four hours with a rotation of one member each hour. One member would be replaced with three remaining who knew what was happening and could quickly brief the new arrival. Those relieved would go below to get some “shut eye”. Plots were taken every 15 minutes on the GPS. The different sails were stored in numbered bags and kept in separate places for easy access as was the gear for each crew member. During the night when the cabin was dark it was imperative to know where things were for the sake of efficiency and speed. Also, for the most part, it left the sleep undisturbed for those off watch. Supplies and food were brought aboard beforehand. Each crew member contributed a special dish. An interesting sauce emerged to enrich some entrees. However, it was speculated that it was made of “peanut butter”.

The crew was diligent, conscientious, compatible and efficient accepting each condition as a challenge to their racing skills. **CONGRATULATIONS** go to Glenn the Navigator, to John the Skipper, to Tobi the “puff” expert and to all. SHEARWATER was first in her Division and twelfth in the overall standing in a fleet of 103 vessels that crossed the finish line!

- Article written by P/C Lil Vitaglione who interviewed Lt. Glenn Vitaglione, JN



**COMMANDER’S THANK-YOU PARTY**  
for Executive Board Members and CIPS Officers


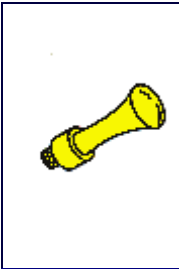


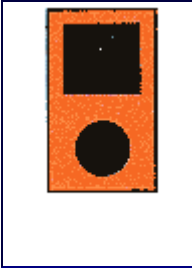
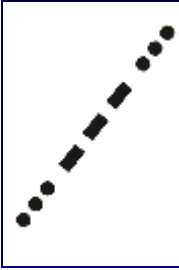
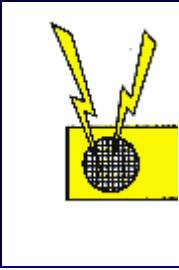
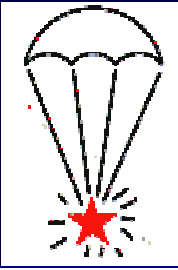
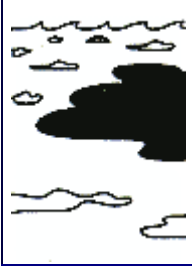





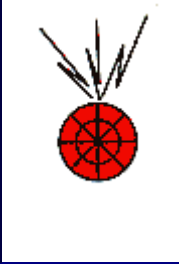



**On 24 August, Cdr. Brabara Mandarano** hosted a thank-you party at her home for her Executive Board Members and CIPS Officers.



**There was great food, warm hospitality and an added musical treat by our talented duo – Jim and Danny.**

## Visual Distress Signals

			
Red Star Shells	Fog Horn Continuous Soundings	Flames on A Vessel	Gun Fired at Intervals of One Minute
			
Orange Background Black Ball & Square	SOS	"Mayday" by Radio	Parachute Red Flare
			
Dye Marker (any color)	Code Flags November Charlie	Square Flag and Ball	Wave Arms
			
Radio-Telegraph Alarm	Radio-Telephone Alarm	Epirb	Smoke

**Did You Know: 38% of all water-related fatalities involve boats. 71% of these fatalities involve recreational boats. Of the 71%, 53% involve small power boats.**

## Battle of the Bilge

**History:** Rubbish talk among sailors was referred to as bilge. Legend has it that some unknown sailor was sent to inspect the deepest, darkest, part of the ship where water and residue collect. After a brief time in this black hole, the sailor was convinced that this area was also rubbish. From that day on, the area where water collects in a boat has been referred to as the bilge.

**Cleaning:** The most important reasons to keep your bilge clean are:

- To prevent growth of bacteria
- Eliminate foul odors
- Prevent rust and corrosion of equipment that lies in the bilge

You can get bilge cleaners in most marine hardware stores, however, it can be expensive. Liquid Tide is less expensive and does a good job. Containing no phosphorous, being biodegradable, cutting grease and dirt and having a clean smell make it a good choice. However, if you are going to be using a large amount of cleanser, or if you will be discharging the cleanser into the water, choose an alternative from a list of Natural Cleaning Product Alternatives.

Some boats take in more water than others. It is normal for some water to be in the bilge since it can leak in at the stuffing bos(es) and rudder Post(s). However, if you find an unusual amount of water, make sure that you don't have a leaking through hull fitting or pipe. If your boat usually has some water in the bilge, just add the liquid Tide to the bilge and let the rocking of the boat do the cleaning for you.

Most grease and dirt can be removed with Tide and perhaps a little elbow grease. However, steam cleaning can be an alternative. Steam cleaning is a harsh method that can cause paint to peel, especially on a wooden boat. As they say on stunt shows, don't try this at home. Seek out a professional and check their references.

**Limber Holes:** Limber holes are found in the ribs or partitions in the bilge which allow water to pass through them and flow to the lowest bilge points usually where the bilge pump is located. This allows the water to be pumped out either automatically or manually.

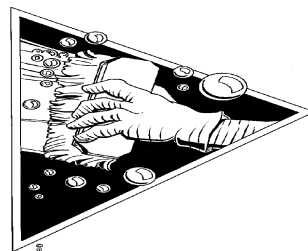
Keep these holes clear of residue to prevent blocking the water flow, Most boats will have a light chain running through the holes which allows you to pull it back and forth to dislodge any foreign matter.

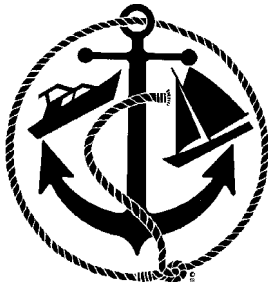
**Engine Oil:** Most newer model boats have drip pans installed under the engines to prevent oil from dripping directly into the bridge. Whether you have drip pans or not, it is a good idea to put absorbent pads under the engines. They not only absorb the oil that could drip but provide a quick way to find leaks. Each time you do an engine check, which should be each time prior to starting, check the pad to see if any new oil spots have appeared. If so, try to track down the source immediately.

**What To Look For:** Inspect the bilge and surrounding areas with a flashlight at least once a month. Look for the following:

- Lift up the float switch on your electric bilge pump to make sure it turns on the pump automatically
- If you find unusual amounts of water, be sure to track down the source
- Check all through-hull openings and fittings
- Make sure that all fittings below the waterline have double hose clamps
- Check the seacocks to make sure that you can turn them off. You could sink your boat if a hose comes loose from a seacock and you can't stop the flow of water because the valve is corroded
- Look for corrosion and rust
- Check for unusual growth and mildew
- Check all pipes, hoses and clamps
- Check limber holes

**Don't Pollute:** Remember that it is illegal to pump oily discharge overboard. If you find oil in your bilge water, turn off the bilge pump and find an alternative way of disposing of the oil water. Don't think just because there is only a little bit of oil it is okay. The test for illegal pollution is simply a "visible sheen" on the water.





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**Barnegat Bay, NJ Squadron**

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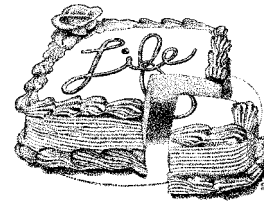
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**CIPS SHIRTS:** We have a limited supply of white golf shirts imprinted with our CIPS logo. These classy and comfortable shirts will be available for purchase at our 20 September General Membership Meeting

### **WELCOME PETER REINER OUR NEWEST CIPS MEMBER**

### **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Joseph Fulnari as he continues his chemotherapy.  
All victims of the recent terrorist attacks.



**Dear Commander,**

Just a note to thank you and those responsible for that lovely tribute paid to me in your last CIPS newsletter. It not only gave me great pleasure, but made me proud to know that my efforts were appreciated. It was a pleasure serving the Bridge and my fellow members for the past five years. **- Most Sincerely, Mell**

On Tuesday, 11 September, we evacuated the building where I work at about 9:30a.m. We were told to come back at noon, at which time we were informed that the building would not be open for the remainder of the day. The express bus and subways were not running. Several folks from the bus line and I WALKED home! We walked for 3 hours, through Hells Gate, etc. – probably over 100 blocks. We made it into the Bronx at 138<sup>th</sup> and Cypress where we got on a bus and Gary picked us up at Westchester Square. The humanity and caring of all the people we encountered in all neighborhoods, as well as walking, was heartwarming. People were offering free beverages to walkers. Never for one minute did we feel threatened in the toughest of neighborhoods. The color of that day was Red, White and Blue. God Bless America!  
**- Cdr. Barbara Mandarano**



## Paradox of Our Times

We have bigger houses and smaller families; more conveniences, but less time; more degrees, but less common sense; more knowledge, but less judgement; more experts, but more problems; more medicine, but less wellness.

We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom and lie too often.

We say too much and pray too little.

We've learned how to make a living, but not a life; we've added years to life, but not life to years.

We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet the new neighbor.

We've conquered outer space, but not inner space. We've split the atom, but not our prejudice; we write more, but learn less; plan more. But accomplish less.

We've learned to rush, but not to wait; we have higher incomes, but lower morals; more acquaintances, but fewer friends.

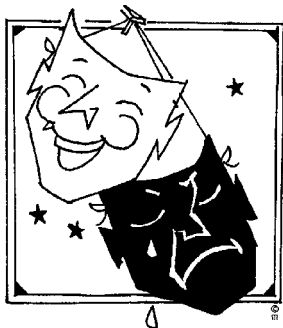
These are the times of fast foods and slow digestion; tall men and short character; steep profits and shallow relationships.

These are the times of world peace, but domestic warfare; more leisure and less fun; more kinds of food, but less nutrition. These are the days of fancier houses, but broken homes.

These are the days of quick trips, disposable diapers, throwaway morality, one-night stands, overweight bodies, and pills that do everything from cheer, to quiet, to kill.

It is a time when there is much in the show window, and nothing in the stockroom.

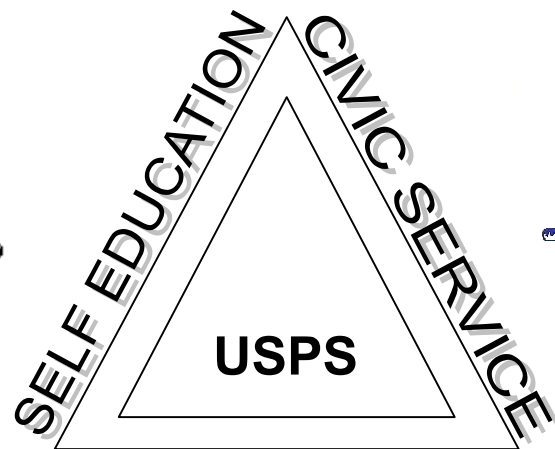
This is the time of progress?



## You Know You're Getting Old When:

1. EVERYTHING HURTS AND WHAT DOESN'T HURT, DOESN'T WORK.
2. THE GLEAM IN YOUR EYE IS FROM THE SUN HITTING YOUR BIFOCALS.
3. YOU FEEL LIKE THE NIGHT BEFORE AND YOU HAVEN'T BEEN ANYWHERE.
4. YOUR LITTLE BLACK BOOK CONTAINS ONLY NAMES ENDING IN M.D.
5. YOU GET WINDED PLAYING CARDS.
6. YOUR CHILDREN BEGIN TO LOOK MIDDLE AGED.
7. YOU JOIN A HEALTH CLUB AND DON'T GO.
8. A DRIPPING FAUCET CAUSES AN UNCOLTROLLABLE BLADDER URGE.
9. YOU KNOW ALL THE ANSWERS, BUT NOBODY ASKS YOU THE QUESTION.
10. YOU LOOK FORWARD TO A DULL EVENING.
11. YOU NEED GLASSES TO FIND YOUR GLASSES.
12. YOU TURN OUT THE LIGHTS FOR ECONOMIC RATHER THAN ROMANTIC REASONS.
13. YOU SIT IN A ROCKING CHAIR AND CAN'T GET IT GOING.
14. YOUR KNEES BUCKLE BUT YOUR BELT WON'T..
15. YOUR BACK GOES OUT MORE THAN YOU DO.
16. YOU HAVE TOO MUCH ROOM IN THE HOUSE AND NOT ENOUGH IN THE MEDICINE CHEST.
17. YOU SINK YOUR TEETH INTO A STEAK AND THEY STAY THERE.
18. YOU ARE WONDERING WHY MORE PEOPLE AREN'T USING THIS SIZE PRINT.

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