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## Commander's Message

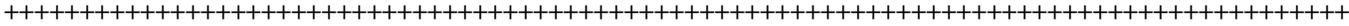
There is no doubt about it, the 2009 season IS STILL "underway...making way". Seneca Lake and the



Marinas are still lively as people make up for the lost weather days. When the weather has co-operated I have seen many of you out on the lake and making use of the skills you have learned in the classes and seminars of the Seneca Sail Power Squadron. By being a part of this great organization we not only learn from the classes but also from each other. And in doing this we can make the most of the boating we all so enjoy. Hats are off to our Squadron for the tireless efforts of the Bridge. Even though we haven't had any events to speak of this summer your Bridge has been meeting and planning our fall and winter activities. This past spring, the boater safety class on the Seneca Legacy

was a hit where we had many serious boaters and gained several members. Another at the Big Flats Community Center helped people get their certificates so they could use their jet skis on the lake. Tom Alley's sailing class on Friday nights this summer was full and the "on the water" part of the course had the makings of a "Spanish Armada". Our membership is on a high note and to all who are reading this, now is the time to ask, "What can I do for this Squadron?" Take a class this winter, come to a Bridge meeting, and take a look at the new seminars that are upcoming, or plan on attending our September dinner meeting. There is plenty of opportunity to get involved just waiting for you and the water is still as fantastic as it ever was. Want more information? Then call me at 742-5100. You have an open invitation from me to tour the "Seneca Sailing Adventures" boat. Another interesting opportunity is to come over and look over the new "Malabar VII" charter boat called "Schooner Excursions". It's all here waiting for you within your Seneca Sail and Power Squadron family.

Commander Terry Stewart



### 2009-2010 Seneca Squadron Bridge

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### SEO Musings *by Tom Alley, SN*

### Seneca Sail & Power Squadron Announces Fall Class Schedule

#### It's Back To School Time!

It's paper, pencils, books, binders, calculators and computers. Yes, it's that time of year when everyone traditionally heads back to school and we start (reluctantly) thinking about preparing for the off-season when it comes to boating. Fortunately for USPS members, we don't have to stop thinking about boating through the long months between boating seasons.

After a busy season on the water, the Seneca Education Department is pleased to be able to offer the "Weather" elective as our fall course. This is a course that consistently receives high marks in its quality and content and it is an excellent course to help you get in tune with the world around you. From the national USPS web site, the course is described as follows:

"The safety and comfort of those who venture out-on-the water have always been weather dependent. In this course students will become keener observers of the weather, but weather observations only have meaning in the context of the basic principles of meteorology — the science of the atmosphere.

The course focuses on how weather systems form, behave, move, and interact with one another and reflects the availability of all sorts of weather reports and forecasts on the Internet. Wx2008 is a general weather course benefiting those sitting in their living rooms, as much as those standing behind the helm."

Your instructors for the course will be two gentlemen with great experience with this subject. Don Kloeber has been teaching this course for many years and has a reputation for making the material easy to understand. Tom Taylor has years of practical experience in dealing with weather through is role as a pilot and can tell you first-hand how the conditions "up there" can be significant for a boater "down here."

**To Register:** Contact Tom Alley ([alley@acm.org](mailto:alley@acm.org) or 607-562-3909) to sign up for the course *before* September 14th.

Course specifics...

**What:** USPS Weather Course (2008 edition)

**When:** Begins Wednesday, September 30 @ 19:00. Duration is 11 weeks (including the final exam).

**Where:** Big Flats Community Center

**Who:** Instructors Don Kloeber and Tom Taylor

**How to Register for Classes:** To sign up for any of these classes or seminars, contact your Squadron Education Officers (that's me!) either by phone or by e-mail:

Tom Alley  
562-3909 (Home)  
[alley@acm.org](mailto:alley@acm.org)

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### **NY requires life jackets for cold weather boating**

ALBANY -- New York has become the first state to require life jackets for everyone in all small pleasure craft during the six coldest months of the year, when capsized boaters drown faster in chilly water.

Starting Nov. 1, kayakers, canoeists and all those aboard motorboats under 21 feet must wear Coast Guard-approved personal flotation devices while on lakes, the ocean or other waterways.

The rule remains in effect through May 1. Violators will face fines ranging from \$100 to \$250.

Similar measures apply to canoes and kayaks in Massachusetts and to all manually propelled vessels, including rowboats, in Connecticut.

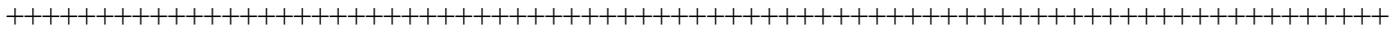
Falling into cold water can trigger shock, disorientation or gasping and inhaling water. Immersion can lead to hypothermia and passing out.

# Squadron Performs FREE Vessel Safety Checks



On Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, Seneca Squadron Vessel Safety Examiners held a Vessel Safety Check Day at the Village Marina. Eight Boats were successfully checked and passed. The free Vessel Safety Check Program helps to achieve voluntary compliance with state recreational boating safety laws, particularly with regard to the carriage of safety equipment. It also helps raise awareness about safety and environmental issues through voluntary contact by a Vessel Examiner. A Vessel Safety Check is not a boarding or a law enforcement issue. No citations are given. It is for safety awareness only and given as a public service. Participants are provided with a copy of the examiner's checklist and encouraged to follow suggestions given. Upon successful completion of the VCS participants are awarded a VSC decal to display. This does not exempt you from law enforcement boarding, but with a vessel safety check decal and the proper safety equipment you can be prepared to make it a positive encounter.

A major component of a fun filled outing is a boat which has all the necessary equipment operating properly. A free vessel safety check is the answer and our members will be happy to perform the check. If you would like to have your boat inspected contact Cdr. Terry Stewart, give him you dock location and when you would like it checked. He will make arrangements to have this done for you.



**Greetings from the Administrative Office of your Seneca Sail and Power Squadron!  
AO Lt/C Carrie Sproul, AP**

Summer (?) is almost over and even though it was not always the best of weather we can go forward and enjoy some of the good days of Fall. Your Bridge has been busily planning some educational and social activities for you to enjoy. I'll let our education department announce the course plans but I can certainly, with pride, announce our social plans. The next social get together is on **September 14, 2009** Dinner Meeting with Speaker at **Tag's Restaurant in Big Flats**. Our **Speaker** will be Tom Rupert with Cargill Salt in Watkins Glen. Tom and his wife, Kathy, are new members of our squadron and have a boat that they have enjoyed up on Seneca Lake this summer. See notice below for further information. I have already received a number of reservations but there is always room for more. Invite a friend and introduce them to your Power Squadron. We need to spread the word to friends who enjoy hearing about the lake and learning about safe boating. So come out and support your squadron, have some fun and learn some more about what goes on at the beautiful lake we take for granted that's right in our own back yard. In **October** we are planning our **Oktoberfest at Fulkerson's Winery** and in November we will have another dinner meeting with speaker. We will meet at Tag's again and our speaker will be from the Navy Barge on Seneca Lake. The District Fall Council is Saturday September 26 in Geneva The Fall Conference will be on the weekend of November 13 at the Holiday Inn on Grand Island, NY. This is a three day event, with hospitality rooms on Friday night, meetings during the day Saturday, dinner dance on Saturday night and home on Sunday. All in all it's a reasonable schedule of social activities. Hope to see you at some or all of them.



## Call to 2009 District Six Fall Council

TO: All District 6 Members – Call to Council

TO: Squadron Commanders, Executive Officers, Educational Officers, Administrative Officers and all that would like to attend.

D/C Warren, requests that you inform your officers, the district lieutenants in your squadron, and your members that they are all are invited to attend the Fall Council 2009.

The presentation Friday evening will be a town hall meeting presided over by D/C Isabel Warren, P. (Saturday) Participate in a streamlined Council business meeting beginning at 0900 and at 1030 a power point presentation and talk by Ro Woodard, Education Specialist on Boating Safety from the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

Lunch will be at 1200. The Educational Seminar, as well as CPR Certification, meet from 1300-1500. We realize that your time is important to you and we promise to have you out of this presentation by no later than 1500. Please see the proposed preliminary agenda. Your participation and input to this process is highly encouraged.

D/C Warren is inviting only a limited number of reports at Fall Council 2009. All committee reports are to be submitted to your respective Bridge Officers prior to the meeting. In addition, please submit a copy to the Secretary electronically. The respective Bridge Officers will report current and pertinent information. More formal reports will be given at Fall Conference 2009.

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Preliminary agenda, reservation form to be returned to P/D/C Michael R. Kelly, AP for lunch tickets (\$13.00), tax exempt room reservations (\$75.00), and driving directions. Council Meeting: Voting members at Council meeting are Squadron Commanders, District Bridge Officers, P/D/Cs, and Chairs of District Standing and General Committees. Other members and guests are welcome and encouraged to attend.

### Uniform of the Day:

Friday evening – casual

Saturday – blazer or casual

General Notes:

CPR certification will cost \$15.00 per person.

D/Lt/C Karen Wallace, S

### Meeting Location

Ramada Geneva Lakefront

41 Lakefront Drive Routes 5 & 20

Geneva, NY 14456 US

### Preliminary Agenda

Friday 1700 – 1900 Dutch Treat Dinner

1900 – 2100 Town Hall meeting D/C Isabel Warren moderator

1930 – 2200 D6 Hospitality in D/C room

Saturday 0900 – 1000 Council Meeting

1030 – 1130 Talk by Ro Woodard of the NY State Parks Department on Canoeing and Kayaking

- 1200 – 1300 Catered Lunch (hopefully with cookies)
- 1300 – 1500 Educational Seminar
- 1300 – 1500 CPR Certification
- 1500 – Departure

For tax-exempt room and lunch reservations, please tear off and send this form BEFORE **30 August 2009**, along with a check payable to D/6 Fall Council 2009.

Send to:  
P/D/C Michael Kelly, AP  
38 Preston Circle  
Rochester, NY 14626-1157.

ROOM: \$75.00 per night for pre-paid tax-exempt room.

\_\_\_\_\_ Smoking \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Smoking; Arriving \_\_\_\_\_ Departing \_\_\_\_\_ No. of nights \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ King \_\_\_\_\_ Double

LUNCH: No. of lunches at \$13.00\* \_\_\_\_\_ Special requests: \_\_\_\_\_

FRIDAY DUTCH DINNER: Please advise (non-binding) the number for Friday dinner \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SQUADRON: \_\_\_\_\_

Others Attending \_\_\_\_\_

\* Late Lunch reservations will be at \$15.00

If you become busy and forget to make reservations, please call Mike (585-225-0827) or e-mail him at [mkelly@rochester.rr.com](mailto:mkelly@rochester.rr.com).

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**2009 District Six Fall Conference**

Attached to this message are the pdf. files containing the announcement and registration forms for the 2009 District Six Fall Conference being held at the Grand Island Holiday Inn on 13-15 November 2009.

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## **Seneca Sail and Power Squadron Calendar of Upcoming Events**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
<b>06-13 Sept</b>	<b>Governing Board Meeting</b>	<b>Kansas City, Mo</b>
14 Sept	Monthly Dinner Meeting	Tag's Big Flats, NY
16	Bridge Meeting	Kingsley residence
16	Deadline for Drum Articles	
25-26*	D/6 Fall Council	Holiday Inn Batavia, NY
<b>21 Oct</b>	<b>Bridge Meeting</b>	TBD
21	Deadline for Drum Articles	
17	Oktoberfest	Fulkerson's Winery
<b>02 Nov</b>	<b>Monthly Dinner Meeting</b>	<b>Tag's Big Flats, NY</b>
13-15*	D/6 Fall Conference	Holiday Inn - Grand Island, NY
18	Bridge Meeting	TBD
18	Deadline for Drum Articles	
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<b>06 Dec</b>	<b>Holiday Party</b>	<b>Canceled</b>
16	Bridge/Nominating Com.	TBD
16	Deadline for Drum Articles	
<b>06 Jan 2010</b>	Bridge Meeting/COW Planning	TBD
20	Deadline for Drum Articles	
23	Change of Watch	TBD

\* Dates from D/6 website 09/06/09.