My growing up years were spent in Paramus, NJ, in a family that tried to spend all its free time during the summer on the water. The Long Island Sound, the Jersey shore, the lakes of Maine, various swimming areas near home were all part of my family’s summer fun. Boating on Little Sebago Lake in Maine was the best of all.

In 1961 I arrived on the Syracuse University campus not knowing central NY would become my home. With graduation, came marriage, two children and a career in speech language pathology which eventually became a business of my own. With hills to ski on and many lakes to boat/sail on, I thought Central New York was and is the greatest place to live. During changes in my life I managed to always have a boat in the picture. After lessons in sailing in 1980 on Skaneateles Lake I was ready to own my own boat as well. Living in Skaneateles for forty years was a wonderful source of water fun. As my children grew up, I found myself sailing on Lake Ontario, Thousand Islands and the two years sailing to Trinidad in the Caribbean while living aboard.

I am now content in retirement with a 28 ft Trojan docked at Wellesley Island and I am thrilled to find an outlet for my administrative skills in the role of District Commander of the USPS. I hope I can further the ideals that are currently being put forth by our national bridge to make the USPS even more effective in providing better boating education. With your help I am sure we can have a good year together.
MEET YOUR DISTRICT BRIDGE MEMBERS

D/C Judith (Judy) Swanson, JN-CN, is from Syracuse Squadron. Her introduction is included in her message, with photo, on Page 1.

D/Lt/C William Herrick, JN, Executive Officer from Susquehango Squadron. I’m self-employed working with small computer systems. I support clients with systems as small as a single machine to some with multiple locations and networks of 35 computers.

My wife of forty years, Linda, and I have two sons, one in Binghamton and the other in Durham, NC, and they have a combined total of five children.

I’ve been a USPS member since 1996. We have 3 sailboats. We sail our Catalina 22 on Cayuga Lake and use our O’Day Daysailer and Capri 14.2 on some small lakes where we live in Binghamton.

D/Lt/C Tom Schuell, N-CN, our DEO, enjoys learning as much as possible about boating and sharing his knowledge by teaching USPS courses and seminars. He served three years in the U.S. Navy and 39 years as a Professor of Educational Psychology at the University at Buffalo, State University of New York. He and his wife, Judy, have been involved in USPS since taking the safe boating course 10 years ago. Currently, he is Assistant Chair of USPS’ Instructional Development Committee and did most of the writing for the newly released Instructional Development course. He also is Educational Officer for District 6 and a Past Commander of Swiftwater Sail and Power Squadron. He and Judy enjoy cruising on their 31-foot, 1990 Sea Ray, spending last summer in the 1,000 Islands and planning a Montreal/Ottawa/Rideau Canal cruise for this summer.

D/Lt/C Jeffrey C. Freedman, AP, earned a B.A. from Swarthmore College; Ph.D. in Biology, University of Pennsylvania; recently retired from the Department of Physiology at SUNY Upstate Medical University, Syracuse, NY.

A life-long boater, Jeff enjoys both sailing and power-boating. He is Past Commodore of Onondaga Yacht Club. He and his wife Tess have owned and sailed their O’Day Mariner RealityWave for 36 years, including entry in eight US Mariner National Championship Regattas.

Six years ago, after purchasing Empire, a 1975 Trojan F36 flybridge cruiser, they joined Syracuse Sail & Power Squadron (SSPS), took and taught USPS courses, and have cruised Oneida and Onondaga Lakes, parts of the Erie Canal, Lake Ontario, The Thousand Islands, the Rideau Canal and the entire length of the Trent-Severn Waterway. Jeff currently serves as Vice-Chair of the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Citizens Participation Working Group on the remediation of Onondaga Lake. He is Commander of SSPS, and our District 6 Administrative Officer.

Secretary and Treasurer information is located on Page 8

The Deep 6 - District 6 Rendezvous 23-26 July 2013
Treasures of the Thousand Islands
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Vessel Safety Check Program — Another Great Year!
D/Lt Bruce King, AP

2013 VSCs
The D6 VSC examiners are now actively completing vessel examinations as part of the 2013 program. West Marine is again offering discount coupons to boaters who get a “Vessel Safety Check.” Be sure and print the coupons out from the national VSC web page and hand them out. Now is also the time to recertify previously certified VE’s, recruit and certify new examiners, establish squadron recognition incentives and provide refresher training for all VE’s. Again in 2013, the primary focus of the National Safe Boating Campaign is the wearing of life jackets. VE’s should wear the inflatable life jackets provided by the USCG when conducting VSC’s.

Ten Thoughts on Increasing Vessel Safety Checks
Source: For Safety’s Sake-USCG AUX
With the boating season upon us, it’s time to start planning for a “Safe Summer”. Vessel examiners should start to make their plans for 2013. Here are ten thoughts to get you started:
1. Continue dock walking since boat owners will soon be spending weekends getting their boats ready for the boating season.
2. Contact boat owners for whom you performed a Vessel Safety Check last year. Start keeping telephone numbers if you do not already do so.
3. Hit those rental agencies (power, sail, kayak, canoe) as they prepare for the new boating season.
4. Don’t hesitate to approach boat owners with vessels in tow or on roof racks (those will probably be the kayaks), while at gas stations, car washes, boat dealers…. wherever.
5. Go for a drive. When was the last time you drove through a subdivision other than your own? Though prohibited in some, many neighborhoods will have boats in driveways. Stop, introduce yourself, and inquire about a Vessel Safety Check. Most of those you talk to will probably love the opportunity to take a break from their chores. Never forget to ask if they have paddle craft in their garage, as well.
6. Contact your local civic clubs, such as Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions, etc. Have a “Ramp Day” at some place other than a ramp.
7. Call your Scoutmasters. Many families with Boy Scouts in the home have some type of watercraft.
8. Contact military bases. Most bases have MWR (Morale, Welfare, and Recreation) Departments with watercraft for hire.
9. Contact local fishing clubs and offer to conduct Vessel Safety Checks at the next member meeting.
10. Help the economy. Buy a new boat and call your fellow Vessel Examiner. And remember, never go anywhere without your Vessel Examination kit. The impromptu Vessel Safety Checks will add up!

DXO’s Comments
D/Lt/C William A. Herrick, JN
Summer is fast approaching and squadrons are ramping up their plans for fun activities to keep their members involved. Three squadrons, Auburn, Ithaca, and Susquenango, are planning a mid-July seminar/picnic/recruiting event at the north end of Cayuga Lake. The seminar will be Boating on Rivers, Lakes, and Locks and their ambitious plans include locking through a couple of locks so participants can have first-hand experience. The event will be open to the public and will offer a great opportunity to fraternize with boaters from the Central and Southern Tier parts of the state. It’s a super chance to show off our knowledge and willingness to share it as well as demonstrate that we’re just plain folks who enjoy a good time around boats.

Our District Rendezvous on the St. Lawrence, 23 July through 26 July, will be another great time at a familiar venue. DEO Tom Shuell has planned On-The-Water training sessions for those interested in Inland or Coastal Navigator Certifications; there will be plenty of time to cruise the islands and lots to do ashore. Rumor has it that Susquenango will be having its rendezvous on the river immediately after District’s so the fun will continue. Mark it down and plan to be there.

I’ve mentioned three squadrons that are doing things together this summer. All our squadrons have an excellent method to publicize their events and few capitalize on it: The Deep 6. Your PRO’s concentrate on getting the word out to the community at large, but fellow members are likely candidates to be a part of the good times that your squadron will enjoy. Write brief articles to let us know what’s going on in your squadron. We’d like to know what’s going on and join you.

District 6 Bylaws
The D/6 Bylaws changes have been approved and are now in effect. They are available in the District 6 group filing cabinet on SailAngle. Thanks go to P/D/C Paul Roetling, SN, and his team for their efforts in getting this accomplished.
The annual D/6 Summer Rendezvous returns to Bonnie Castle Resort with its wonderful nautical and historical ambience. Planned activities showcase treasures of the Thousand Islands and the expertise of SSPS members.

**Bonnie Castle Resort**, under new management last year, and with its beautiful view of Boldt Castle on Heart Island, has newly renovated accommodations. Three restaurants offer fine dining: the Manor House Restaurant, a more casual atmosphere dockside at The Pointe Bar Grill, and live music at the Riverside Sports Bar. Take a dip in the new outdoor swimming pool outfitted with the latest technology for handicap accessibility, or relax indoors in the Summerland Room’s heated pool and hot tub.

If you travel by boat, reserve early to stay in covered marina slips with full utilities. DEO Tom Shuell will coordinate Inland and Coastal Boat Operator Certifications. If there are enough participants and boats, Ed Folts will conduct an on-the-water piloting contest. A fleet review will also be part of the boating festivities.

**Barbeque** and cocktails on Tuesday, 23 July.

**Banquet** on Thursday, 25 July.

**Visit Thousand Island Park.** SSPS member and waterfront architect Robert Charron will give a seminar on vintage architecture of the Thousand Islands, and will then lead a narrated tour of unique houses in the Thousand Island Park Historic District on Wellesley Island for up to a group of 20.

**TI Cottage Tour.** SSPS member and photographer Jim Scherzi will take you on a boat tour to visit summer cottages, including their interiors and gardens, as featured in his book *The Summer Cottage, Retreats of the 1000 Islands* (Rizzoli International Publications, 2010).

**Voyageur Canoe Ride at Wellesley Island State Park.** Two park employees will accompany up to 16 guests on the paddle, telling about natural history and the history of voyagers who passed through the Thousand Islands on their way to the Great Lakes.

**Vintage Sail.** SSPS member Dr. Harold Small will take up to six passengers sailing on his beautifully restored, award-winning vintage Pearson 30, departing from his cottage on Wellesley Island.

**Excursion to Boldt Castle and/or Boldt Castle Yacht House.** Uncle Sam’s Boat Tours will provide transportation from Bonnie Castle to the Boldt Castle dock for a group of a minimum of 20.

**Golfing at the Thousand Islands Country Club.** Join SSPS members Ken Green and Bill Favro for a golf outing on Thursday Morning.

**Winery Tour** with SSPS members Jim Sharpe and Marion LaPierre.

**Alexandria Bay** will have a Concert in the Park at Scenic View Park on Wednesday, 24 July. You may also want to visit the Alex Bay 500 Go Carts and Mini Golf or the Bay Drive-in Theater.

**The Thousand Islands Land Trust** offers a Kids Trek on Wednesday, 24 July, and a Lake of the Woods Kayak Trek for all on Thursday, 25 July.

**Reservation Form is on Page 5 — Registration Deadline is 21 June 2013**

Reserve early with your choices of activities!
Commander Judy Swanson
Cordially invites you to
Treasures of the Thousand Islands
District 6 Rendezvous
23-26 July 2013

1. Personal Info:
Name______________________________________________
Others with you/Children (age)_________________________
Address:__________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
Phone:_____________________________________________
E-mail______________________________________________
Home Squadron______________________________________

2. Boat Info:
Boat Name__________________________________________
Length________     Beam________    Dra:q-___________
Power or Sail______________________
Arriving__________________     Departing ______________

3. Accommodations:
Dockage $1.25 per foot per night with Elec. and Water
Length (ft)_____ x $1.25 x ______ nights = $____
Limited slips available
Please pre-register ASAP  (jtsharpe10@yahoo.com)

Hotel Room at Bonnie Castle Resort
$85.50/night x _______nights = $__________
$108.75/night with Jacuzzi x _______ nights = $___________

RV: Many local and State Parks have RV accommodations

4. Meals
Tuesday—BBQ Dinner Poolside $38  x ____ persons = $____
Wednesday—on your own; restaurant list will be provided
Thursday—Banquet $40  x ____ persons = $____
_____# Filet Mignon _____# Chicken Francaise
_____ # Sole Florentine
Meals subtotal: $__________

5. Memorabilia: Rendezvous Polo Shirts, $28.00
Universal sizing for male and female (S, M, L, XL, XXL)
Name_________________________Size____  Amount  $_______
Name_________________________Size____  Amount  $_______
Memorabilia Subtotal: $__________

6. Activities:
Please indicate 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices for events denoted
with asterisk and then the number of persons for each event
Most activities are free. Estimated charges are given for golf
and Boldt Castle (to be paid at Rendezvous).

Tuesday:
• Boat Operator Certification (BOC) # persons:_____
• *Voyageur Canoe Trip (am)_______# persons:_____
• Winery Tour (pm) # persons:_____

Wednesday:
• *Thousand Island Cottage Boat Tour ______ # persons:____
• Excursion to Boldt Castle ($8) or Boldt Castle Yacht House
  ($5), package for $10; Uncle Sam Boat ride to Heart Island
  $8; lower cost for children 6-12; under 6 free  # per-
  sons:_____
• On-the-water Piloting Contest  #persons____
  Can provide boat for contest____
• Concert in the Park  # persons:_____

Thursday:
• Golf at 1000 Islands County Club, a.m. ($52/18 holes)____
• *Thousand Island Park Architecture Tour a.m. ______
• *Vintage Sail______
• Fleet Review, afternoon: Check if entering boat_____
  Need seats for _____# passengers or Can take _____# Passengers

7. Total Amount:
Accommodations $ ________
Meals $ ________
Memorabilia $ ________
Total due with registration $________

REGISTRATION DEADLINE JUNE 21 2013
Make checks payable to Syracuse Sail and Power Squadron
Mail registration form and check to:
Lt/C James Sharpe, P
4273 Taylor Road
Jamesville, NY 13078
Questions: (315) 492-1096   E-mail : jtsharpe10@yahoo.com
**The Deep 6 Changes**

The summer 2013 issue of *The Deep 6* is the last scheduled edition to be distributed to all District 6 members physically through the US Postal Service. Beginning with the fall issue everyone with a valid e-mail address will receive notification when *The Deep 6* is available to view and download. Current and past issues will be stored both on SailAngle and on the District’s own website, [www.uspsd6.org](http://www.uspsd6.org).

This change is overdue for several reasons. Going to electronic distribution allows *The Deep 6* staff the liberty of expanding and contracting the issues as needs demand, content will be enhanced by the use of full color—event photos will “pop” and be visually attractive, our publication costs will be drastically reduced, and time from submittal of articles to publication will be significantly reduced.

We know that *The Deep 6*, our newsletter, is the single most important method of communicating with our members, so it’s important that all squadrons make sure their members’ email addresses in DB2000 are current. We have to maintain that line of communication. There will be some people who don’t and won’t have email addresses and we’re working on a method that will satisfy our obligation to keep them in the loop.

To ensure that we have your latest e-mail address make certain that it is currently on DB2000 at USPS Headquarters or send an e-mail to me, Bill Herrick, at wherrick@stny.rr.com with your name, squadron and e-mail.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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**What Are You Doing Next Winter?**

Susquenango Sail and Power Squadron is in the cruise business again. Two winters ago they successfully sponsored a cruise to Bermuda and they’ve arranged an exciting winter trip for next winter.

January 19 to February 2 join Susquenango on a cruise through the Panama Canal. In addition to the Panama Canal transit the cruise stops in Cartagena, Colombia, Puntarenas, Costa Rica, and in Mexico: Puerto Chiapas, Huatulco, Puerto Vallarta, and Cabo San Lucas. All these before arriving in Los Angeles on February 2. 14 nights aboard Norwegian Cruise Lines’ 91,000 ton Panamax cruise ship *Norwegian Star* with all meals and entertainment included while aboard.

For complete details contact Susquenango’s Commander, Nancy Bieber: nbieber3@verizon.net or 607-775-4952.

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**District 6 Coming Events**

**Rendezvous 2013**
Bonnie Castle
Alexandria Bay, NY
23–26 July 2013
See pages 4 and 5

Fall Council and Conference details are in negotiation as the Conference Planning Committee continues to work to provide us with the best possible overall package. The efforts will be complete in June, and the dates will be announced by SailAngle.

**The Deep 6** fall issue deadline will be 50 days prior to the Fall Conference, and will also be announced in SailAngle.

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**What are Merit Marks?**

*From the Sea Chest, Susquenango Sail & Power Squadron*

Susquenango Squadron continues its tradition of a Merit Mark Recognition Dinner for members who have earned a Merit Mark for the preceding year. There is no fee for those attending who earned a Merit Mark. Your *The Deep 6* Editor thinks this is an excellent way to recognize those who have worked for your squadron, district or at the National level. Below is from the latest edition of the Sea Chest.

A merit mark is awarded by the Chief Commander to a member for substantial effort in personally furthering the interests, programs and objectives of USPS, its districts and squadrons. It is the only official recognition a member receives for his/her efforts. Only one merit mark per member may be awarded in a year, no matter how extensive the contribution. Recommendation for a merit mark is made by one’s superiors. A member who earns 25 merit marks is awarded lifetime, dues-free membership.

Editor’s Note: A member who earns 50 merit marks is honored as a Member Emeritus of the Governing Board.
DAO’s Comments
D/Lt/C Jeffrey C. Freedman, AP

How do we best market our USPS boating courses and seminars with virtually no marketing budget? Most of the dues that squadrons collect go to National USPS, leaving little in our squadron coffers to advertise our courses locally. Putting up posters listing our course offerings on bulletin boards in marinas, boat stores and libraries is essential but has recently proven to yield limited numbers of student enrollees. One strategy to reach a wide public audience has been to offer USPS courses and seminars through existing community-based adult continuing education programs.

In Syracuse, past Squadron Education Officer (SEO) Jim Sharpe successfully listed our April ABC-3 course for the first time in the Onondaga-Cortland-Madison (OCM) County BOCES spring catalogue. The BOCES catalogue is distributed to all 198,000 households in Onondaga County, and by request to residents of Cortland and Madison counties as well. The BOCES classroom in Liverpool, NY, is state-of-the-art with a large digital touchscreen display of the powerpoint slides. All P/C Liz Stewart has to do to advance the slides when teaching ABC-3 at BOCES is to touch the LED screen! Students pay BOCES a registration fee of $39 to enroll in ABC-3, and then buy the book from Syracuse Sail & Power Squadron (SSPS) for an additional $35. The cost of marketing via a large-scale distribution of the course catalogue is essentially passed on to the students without costing our squadron a cent.

Another outreach in Syracuse is through OASIS, a national adult education program, sponsored locally by Upstate Medical University. Four boating seminars were offered through Oasis during the past year, and were advertised in the Oasis catalogue that was mailed to some 8,000 individuals over age 50.

Community recreation programs through local parks departments, and adult education programs based at certain high schools, also potentially offer free publication of offerings of USPS courses and seminars. Also, many community libraries have fairly large lists for talks held at the library. By holding a power squadron general membership meeting at such a library with a speaker presenting a talk on a boating topic of general interest, the talk can be advertised not only to the squadron members, but also to a larger public audience on the library’s list-serve.

With this approach, our USPS boating education courses and seminars can be marketed at no cost to our squadrons to a broad constituency that includes many boaters in our District 6 region. By this strategy, the cost of marketing is borne by the individual students who take USPS courses and seminars and pay fees for registering to established adult education programs. This adult education strategy is intended to complement what can be accomplished through our partnership with Smith Boys. All of these efforts should have a beneficial effect on membership levels while promoting our mission of boating safety through education.

COOPERATIVE CHARTING
D/C Judy Swanson, JN-CN

Now is the time to plan your summer cooperative group ventures. Remember it can be a lot of fun. Many will want to go just for a nice boat ride and that's OK Plan a day of it. Meet at 13:00 survey your chosen area and return to the dock for cocktails and dinner in a nearby restaurant or hamburgers on the dock. You can't miss with this recipe for fun. Get in touch with me if you need to know how to do the cooperative charting part and I will walk you through it. Don't put it off or summer will be here and gone.

And — What About This Summer?

Binnacle Island is Syracuse Sail & Power Squadrons beautiful island in the St. Lawrence. At the intersection of the Canadian Channel and the Bateau Channel it is in a fabulous location for people watching, boat watching, sunning, relaxing and, with a Canadian License, fishing. Sunrises, if you are prone to rising that early, are beautiful, and sunsets over the Bateau Channel are fabulous. The photo is at sunrise on a misty morning.

Binnacle Island is available to all USPS members in good standing on a weekly basis. A limited number of weeks are still available for the 2013 season, and are listed below.

Available dates: 15-22 June; 22 to 29 June; 10 to 17 August; 24 to 31 August; 31 August to 7 September (closing weekend). Contact Jim Scherzi at jim@scherzi.com
MEET YOU DISTRICT BRIDGE MEMBERS continued

Marshall Shear, S.N., has been elected to be the new District 6 Treasurer. He is a 40 year member of USPS will earn his 25th Merit Mark—Life Member—this year. Marshall joined Rochester Squadron and then became a founding member of Iroquois Squadron. He was a member of Santa Clara Squadron while living in Northern California, and a member of the Royal Yacht Association while living in London. He is a lifelong boater with a special liking of the Finger Lakes and the 1000 Islands. Highlight was a 10 week cruise from Geneva to Sodus Bay, A Bay, Brockville and back.

He served as Iroquois Treasurer and Commander. Served as D/6 VSC chair for past 10 years (Editor’s Note: Building a very strong program) and is a member of the VSC Century Club for the past 8 years. He is the first Iroquois member on district bridge since 1981 when Bill Leydecker was Commander.

He is a retired VP of Xerox, past president of the Harvard Business School Club of Rochester, senior examiner of Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, past board member of California and NYS Quality programs.

He has been a Ski Patroller for 25 years at Ski Valley Club and at Lake Tahoe, and is also an old car enthusiast—had Jag E type, currently 1967 Mustang.

Al Carmon, J.N., is our new Secretary. He was born and raised in the Oneida, NY area, presently living in Canastota (TWay Exit 34) with First Mate Lois Trontoski. He has boated from an early age in small open fishing boats, mostly on eastern Oneida Lake, around Wellesley Island, and the Fulton Chain. Very active as a boy hunting, fishing, trapping, and camping with parents and younger sister and brother. He was a member of BSA, obtaining the Eagle Scout rank, and in his teens worked at Scout camps as a dining hall steward and waterfront instructor, as a sheetrock installer, and at a slaughter house.

After graduating from Oneida High School in 1970 he attended Clarkson University in mechanical engineering for two years, worked in the local factory for a few years, then attended SUNY Delhi, earning an AAS in Auto Mechanics. After several auto tech jobs, worked as school bus mechanic and supervisor for 12 years. In 1989 went to work for NYS DOT as a state bus inspector. Transferred to the roadside truck inspection program, and retired as a supervisor in 9/10.

Al joined Syracuse Sail and Power Squadron after taking the 20 hour course in 2002, and became P/C Ron Beebe’s Flag Officer at the first General meeting attended. Subsequently served as Squadron Secretary for several years, and started a second rotation on the Rules Committee. Prior District involvement has been helping with the last Conference held in Syracuse, and some Rendezvous jobs.

He currently has two boats, Bull Pen, a 1962 Sea King 14’ open aluminum with a 15 HP Evinrude; and Centerfield, a 1970 31’ Concorde fiberglass cabin cruiser with twin Ford 302’s. Bull Pen has been in the family since new, and was obtained by me last year. I repainted the outer topsides, and completely fitted it for walleye and perch fishing. Centerfield was purchased after a year and a half search (during which I joined USPS). I have gutted and replaced here, too, but have more to do. Future projects include A/C, hydraulic steering, and auto pilot.

Al is a member of Canastota Fire Dept., Peterboro Conservation Club, NRA, AARP, BoatUS, and the CNY chapter of the National Model Railroaders Assn.

Joined USPS because I had no experience cruising in large boats, and needed the training. Agreed to serve on the District 6 bridge because a certain Nomination Committee Member, who shall be unnamed, has relentlessly hounded me for the last 4 years to serve.

Photos of Bonnie Castle Marina & Resort Home of Treasures of the Thousand Islands District 6 Rendezvous 2013 23-26 July
Educational Activities at the D/6 Rendezvous, 23-26 July 2013

_____ I’m interested in initial IN certification; enclosed is my check for $50 for the IN kit
_____ I’m interested in initial CN certification; enclosed is my check for $50 for the CN kit
_____ I’m interested in becoming an IN Certifier, please contact me.
_____ I’m interested in becoming a CN Certifier, please contact me.
_____ I’m interested in the following seminars: ________________________________

Name: ___________________________ email: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________
Address: ___________________________ Town/State/ZIP: ___________________________

Mail to: D/Lt/C Tom Shuell, 8077 W. Rivershore Dr., Niagara Falls, NY 14304

I don’t really know how long I have been Editor of The Deep 6, but it has been a while. I started when Irv Knopf was entering his second year as District Commander, and the Bridge in 1983 insisted I relinquish the helm when I was elected DEO. I took it over again several years later, and have been responsible for editing and publishing ever since.

When I started we used a printer to print the publication. I provided copy — sometimes typed, sometimes handwritten — which was typeset by them. I received proofs, and sometimes I had estimated (read guessed) right and it fit; more often than not we would have to tweak (not twit-ter, tweet) and they would modify their typeset. Usually this only took one iteration. We did a lot of work together and then we had friends over for mailing parties for the 3,000 copies we mailed. With very efficient bar tenders (our sons) the party was quite pleasant, comfortable and happy. As time wore on the process got better as computers came to our (my) rescue.

Later, with a different printer, I created the file for them to transfer into plates from which they printed. It was in Adobe PageMaker — very powerful, but a steep learning curve. When Microsoft Publisher came on line, and the printer could use it, I was delighted. Since they folded, tabbed and printed addresses automatically, they did the mailing. As the evolution in technology continued, and with our current printer, CDL in Spencerport, NY, we learned we could work from Publisher transferred to PDF, and then to PDF color for placement on the web and printing (black & white) for mailing.

Well, the evolution continues, and we now print and mail under 800 copies. While our printer has done yeoman work in maintaining the line on cost, such things as basic setup take the same amount of time with costs spread over a smaller base, plus costs of mailing are going up.

So we are taking the next step in the evolution of The Deep 6 — this will be the last printed copy you will receive. Future issues will be posted on our web site and/or SailAngle (they are now, by the way, and in color). You will be advised by e-mail or SailAngle that the issue is available for your reading pleasure. But we need your help. We need to have your correct e-mail address, so, please send it to Bill Herrick at wherrick@stny.rr.com to ensure you are on the list for the Fall Issue. See the reminder box on Page 6, The Deep 6 Changes, for more information.

Thank you for your support in this timely change, Ann and I look forward to seeing many of you at the Rendezvous — it will be a grand time.

Treasures of the Thousand Islands
Some of the scenes you may see as you attend the Rendezvous and tour the St. Lawrence River. Photos from Ann’s & Dick’s files.
Boating season is just around the corner, and it’s time to start planning courses, on-the-water activities, and the D/6 Rendezvous 23-26 July. Given our interest in safe boating and improving our boat-handling and piloting skills, a number of educational opportunities (both BOC on-the-water activities and seminars) will be available during the rendezvous.

Although there won’t be an official BOC school as last year, there will be opportunities this year to obtain four different types of BOC certification:

- Inland Navigator (IN) certification by demonstrating small-boat handling skills. [IN certification is needed to teach the on-the-water part of the 8-hour Practical On The Water Training seminar offered to the general public.]
- Coastal Navigator (CN) certification by demonstrating on-the-water piloting skills.
- Certification as an IN Certifier able to certify individuals at the IN level.
- Certification as a CN Certifier able to certify individuals at the CN level.

Each certification requires advance planning, both by the candidate and by those doing the certification. Thus, it is important to let me know within the next week or so, if you are interested in being certified at one or more-than-one of level. If you are interested, please send me the form on page 9 as soon as possible.

Those interested in initial certification at the IN and/or CN level need to purchase a kit that explains what the candidate will be expected to do and materials that will aid you in preparing for the activity. Each kit costs $50 and will be mailed to you as soon as I receive them.

Those interested in becoming an IN Certifier or CN Certifier must first be certified at the respective IN/CN level and become familiar with what is expected of them during the on-the-water certification process. If you let me know your interest, I will provide you with appropriate information. Candidates at all four levels will be asked to contribute a modest amount toward the cost of fuel for the boats.

Hopefully, it also will be possible to offer several of the seminars required for IN and CN during the rendezvous. If you are interested in attending a seminar, let me know; they will be free, unless you wish to purchase the materials for $35.00.

If you have any questions, let me know — email: shuell@buffalo.edu or phone: 716-283-0457.

I look forward to seeing you in Alexandria Bay!