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THE MASTHEAD

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SAVE THESE DATES

**April 6th Meet the Skippers
Ponus YC Stamford, CT 7:30 PM**

**April 20th Program Meeting
Patriot Pirates by Robert H. Patton
Double Tree Inn, Norwalk, CT 7:30PM**

**April 22nd Member Orientation Class
& Dockside Orientation Class
Norwalk, CT Tom Zagaroli
Social Get Together After Working on
Boats Mama's Boy Norwalk, CT 6PM**

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Cover photo: June 2015 reproduction of L'Hermione docked at the South Street Seaport. General Lafayette's frigate sailed to Boston in 1790 to meet General Washington. The ship participated in decisive victories in the Chesapeake and Yorktown
photo courtesy Lafayette College



Greenwich Sail and Power Squadron **www.greenwichSPS.org**

One Day Safe Boating Class

May 6th 9-5

June 10th 9-5

Weather Seminar

May 11th 7-9PM

Tuesday Sunset Cruises

June 6th onwards

Cruise Planning over 4 Tuesdays

Sept 12th 7-9PM

Norwalk Sail and Power Squadron **www.norwalksailandpowersquadron.org**

Has spring courses

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COMMODORE'S REPORT

By: Peter Luciano



SPRING BOAT COMMISSIONING

Nothing like messing around on boats to get the sailing season started. The skippers in the Club more than appreciate assistance from Club members during this busy time of the year. There is a lot to do and the sooner it is done the faster the boat can be splashed (putting it in the water). Working on yachts and in boat yards in the spring is fun, but there are some precautions we all should take to prevent injuries or potential damage to our long term health. Based on my personal as well as business experience the following are some things I believe we should be aware of.

***Most boat are supported on poppets**, the boat should have most of its weight resting on the keel not the poppets. They prevent the boat from falling or moving or topping over especially in a blow. Poppets tend to dig in during the winter months and can get loose. Before working on a boat inspect the poppets and make sure the pads are tight to the hull.

***Ladders are used when waxing or getting on a boat.** Ladder rungs can break, ladders can wobble, or move sideways if not properly secured. First and foremost ladders should be inspected for soundness and good construction. An old wobbly ladder should be discarded. When using a ladder to get on the boat make sure it is long enough and it is tied off at the deck so it won't move sideways. When using a ladder to wax the boat make sure it is a good angle and well footed. It's better to move the ladder often so that you don't have to overly stretch sideways as you may slip or strain your arms. Some have found having two ladders with a large board placed between the rungs helps get the job done. I have also found that some waxes go on easier, last longer and protect better. It might be better to spend a little more and save time.

***Walking around boat yards can be fun** but there are things we should avoid. Extension cords are used by many can get frayed. Wire and water = potential electrical shock. Discarded poppets, pieces of wood, ladders and other potential trip hazards are all around, be careful. At least once a year I walk into something and cut my head open because it is just above my line of sight. Walk slow and look up as well as down. Be careful when walking near a boat. Some don't look below before throwing things over like buckets of water from above. Keep your dog at home. Puddles are attractive to dogs and they may contain antifreeze-propylene glycol is lethal to dogs and extremely toxic to humans.

***Walking around the deck when the boat is on land (the hard)** is different from when it is in the water. My boat deck is 10" above the ground. You can only fall 10' to a hard surface once. If you ever paid attention to "one hand for the boat one for you" this is the time. In my opinion balance on a deck when on the hard is scary at best. Don't trust the life lines to keep you from falling, the gate may be open, they are only knee high, they may be rusted and weak. They were never designed to keep someone from falling off a boat on land. Decks should be cleaned and waxed in the spring but might it be better done after the boat is splashed.

***Prepping and painting boat bottoms is a necessary but potentially hazardous task.** First before sanding, washing or painting cover all your skin with an appropriate coverall. Next make sure you have a good face mask (respirator) not a paper dust mask, before sanding. Make sure your sander has an attached dust bag. I have observed yard hands using a stand up stick fan blowing the residual dust away from them. I have also found spot sanding and washing down the boat bottom with fresh water does a good job of prepping. Not sure if it helps but I put a few oz. of ground red pepper in each gallon of bottom paint. I also believe we tend to over paint bottoms, more is not always better. Consider using water based bottom paint.

Get Together After Working on Boats Saturday April 22nd 6PM Mama's Boy Restaurant Norwalk, CT



Every year SUS members and guests "Get-Together" as we are working on our SUS Skippers' boats to ready them for their Spring launch. But the boats are in different marinas and clubs "on the hard" as this work takes place. So in order to bring everyone together to share our Spring work stories, our anticipation of the sailing season yet to come AND to just to have a good reason to get a bunch of SUSers and friends together...we meet for the "After Working on Boats Get Together." Mama's Boy is giving us tables in front of the restaurant where we can "get together" as a group, a regular menu that we can select our food choices from, a choice of whether individuals want a drink, an appetizer or a full drinks and dinner evening and separate checks so we pay only for what we eat and drink plus a tip for our servers. Mama's Boy has changed its menu recently to include more popular food choices as well as retaining a few of the Southern favorites they have had for a while. Your choice! Mama's Boy is located at 19 N. Norwalk, CT 06854. It is across from the Norwalk Maritime Aquarium. Parking is available in the Maritime Parking Garage with entrances on Marshall St. and on Water St. Bring your parking ticket to the restaurant. They may be able to validate the parking. Evening parking at the Maritime Garage is \$2 per car after 6PM. Some street parking may be available as well. COME AS YOU ARE! Fully dressed, of course, but if there is a paint or varnish splatter or cleaning stain...no problem...you've been working!! This is a rain or shine event...even if you DID NOT work on a boat on 4/22, you are welcome and encouraged to join us!! The more the merrier to celebrate being "almost" ready to hoist the sails again for another wonderful year. No reservations are required. We hope you can join us on 4/22!!

Charlie Stackhouse Memorial Hike March 24, 2017

Sunday saw the gathering of SUS sailor/hikers walking the Long Park Beach in Stratford. Three mile hike under cloudy skies and cool breezes was enjoyed by all. Hikers walked to Bridgeport stack and tagged the ferry before the big turn-around. This was the annual Charlie Stackhouse hike which is now a SUS Memorial hike in honor of all SUS sailors who are no longer with us.

The invitation to this activity/celebration was issued to our membership and because of the unequalled ability at organization by Carolann Carter. Three people showed for the hike. Attendees were Nancy Zermani, Ingrid Deane and Howie Rinehart. Following our hike a delicious lunch was enjoyed by all at Marnick's Rodeway Inn. No commitments were made for return next year but, Carolann will be back. (Thank you Ingrid, Nancy and Howie for great company on our short hike and delicious lunch.)

2017 Cast Off Party and 30th Anniversary "Sailabration"

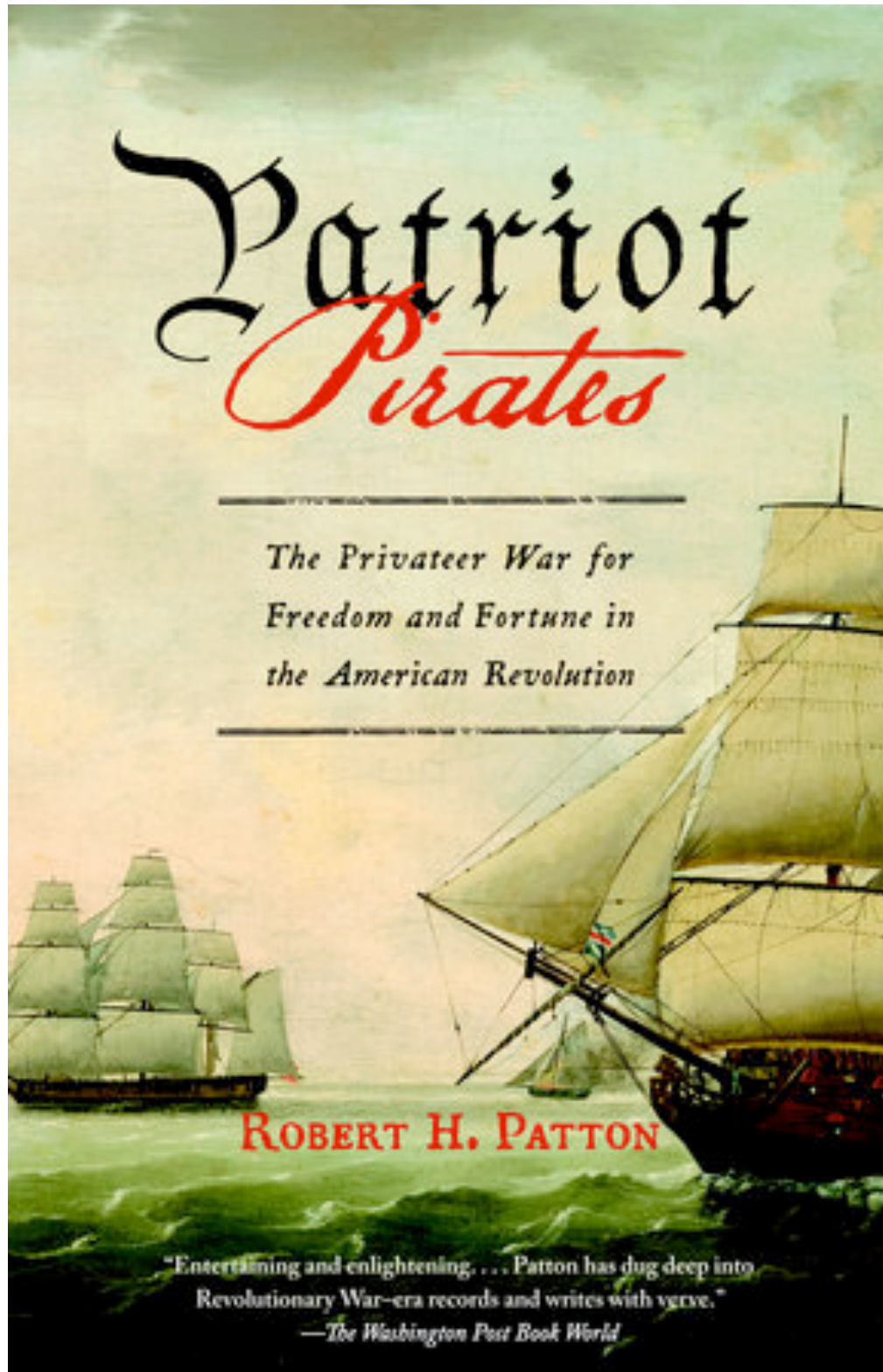
Save the date for a VERY Special combined SUS 30th Anniversary and
Cast Off to 2017 Party

Saturday May 20th at Jackie Durrell Pavillion at Penfield in Fairfield, CT. Lobster Bake (alt food available for those who don't want Lobster) band/dancing, meaningful remembrances, and a spectacular place to "Sailabrate" that SUS is "Still Under Sail" after 30 years. Flyer and reservation form with more details to follow soon. Plan to BE THERE!

Patriot Pirates With Robert H. Patton
Double Tree Inn
Norwalk, CT 7:30 PM

Unsung saga of America's raucous Revolutionary War privateers.

The little known and undersung saga of America's raucous Revolutionary War privateers will be the topic of Mr. Patton's talk at SUS. Based on his acclaimed book: "Patriot Pirates", he tells a sweeping story of courage, capitalism, naval warfare, and political intrigue set on the high seas during the Revolution. Colonial privateers played a pivotal role in defeating Britain and gaining American Independence. Essentially legalized pirates, they grew from a ragtag squadron of New England schooners in 1775 to a massive seaborne insurgency involving thousands of money-mad patriots plundering Britain's maritime trade throughout the Atlantic. Patton's extensive research brings to life the extraordinary adventures of privateers as they hammered the British economy, infuriated the Royal Navy, and humiliated the crown. Moreover, they did it in a classic American style of individualism combined with a national love of liberty.



Robert H. Patton is the grandson of World War II General George S. Patton. He has degrees from Brown University and Northwestern University. He broke with family tradition when he did not attend West Point. He has had careers as a Capitol Hill reporter, commercial fisherman and real estate developer.

Meet Your 2017 NEW Board Members

Rick Keen

Director of Programs

Member since 1999 but did attend SUS activities in the late 1980s when SUS was first formed (but forgot to join). Also an active, long term member of the US Coast Guard and is crew qualified. See Rick for USCG Vessel Safety Check. Rick has invented/developed/submitted several hundred medical devices through the FDA approval process. He is submitted to be part of the FDA Deregulation Task Force and is waiting on Dr. Scott Gottlieb's confirmation. The brilliant (camera shy) Sheba used to talk a lot but discovered "Rick" is the only word she needs.

Ajia Klebers

Co-Director of Special

I have been a member of SUS since 2001. Though I have lived in Port Washington, on Manhasset Bay, It is only through participating in SUS that I have learned to sail. For many years I worked as a Director of Office Services at TIAA/ CREF and PWC, commuting from work, jumping in the car and coming across the bridge to Norwalk meetings. Yes, the club has meant a great deal to me: the ability to sail with different Skippers, learning about sailing, boats and Long Island Sound, and certainly the social aspect.

The camaraderie, and close friendships that I have formed over the years through the club are so valuable.

For years I feel that I have taken from the club and not given, due to my work constraints. Certainly I have worked on Skipper's boats in

Tony Reyes

Co-Director of Membership

Tony holds several certifications in boating and boating safety. He has attended several courses which are approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administration, the United States Sailing Association and recognized by the United States Coast Guard. He also attended private sailing school where he received hands-on sailboat training. His longest ocean trip was from the Bahamas to Titusville, Florida which took 10 days and crossed the Gulf Stream current. He is a former CEO and has held several board positions for a few non-profits. He is a certified instructor and a Lieutenant Commander in a local United State Power Squadron. He rides motorcycles and loves all things sailing.



Lael Burns

Carolann Carter

Director of Newsletter

Director of Publicity

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I enjoy SUS cruises to Martha's Vineyard and Block Island. Part of it is sailing to interesting harbors and part of it is crew interactions. I retired from Stamford based Daymon Worldwide two years ago and now have more time to sail.

My children and grandchildren now live in distant places. I spend the winter traveling to Melbourne, Australia and Honolulu to visit. This January I took a dingy sailing course at Sandringham YC in Australia. I can now tack and gybe (Australian spelling) a small sailboat.

I am the the one on the far left in this photo of happy sailors.

Carolann joined SUS in 1997 and still considers herself "a wanna be" sailor. Learning and relearning skills each season. Loves being on the water almost as much as winter. A former teacher she enjoys all interactions with people and doesn't mind organizing the interaction. Time spent volunteering, reading, bridging, running, hiking, skiing, sailing and "musicing" is her way of living retirement. Especially "grandparenting."



Note from Programs Director Richard Keen

We seek presentation topics about sea adventures, history, human interest stories, travelogues, cruising, racing, maritime challenges or any presentation that stimulates the imagination. We favor overcoming adversity as a purpose. No lectures or tutorials about a procedure or technique. Any presentation should have "the sea" as its common core. The best programs result in many questions from the audience. Send your suggestions to Richard Keen at rkeen@fda-complianceconsultants.com.

2017 Membership Corner

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Suzanne Murray

Margaret Walsh



WELCOME RETURNING MEMBERS

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Caryl Bate
Leisa Bell
Joan Billows
Lael Burns
Marie Cunliffe
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Jane Deyoe
Gale Egan
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Renewal applications were emailed to members on February 11th. If you have not completed your application, please do so and forward to Leisa Bell before April 30th. Please contact susmembership@gmail.com if you need additional assistance.



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