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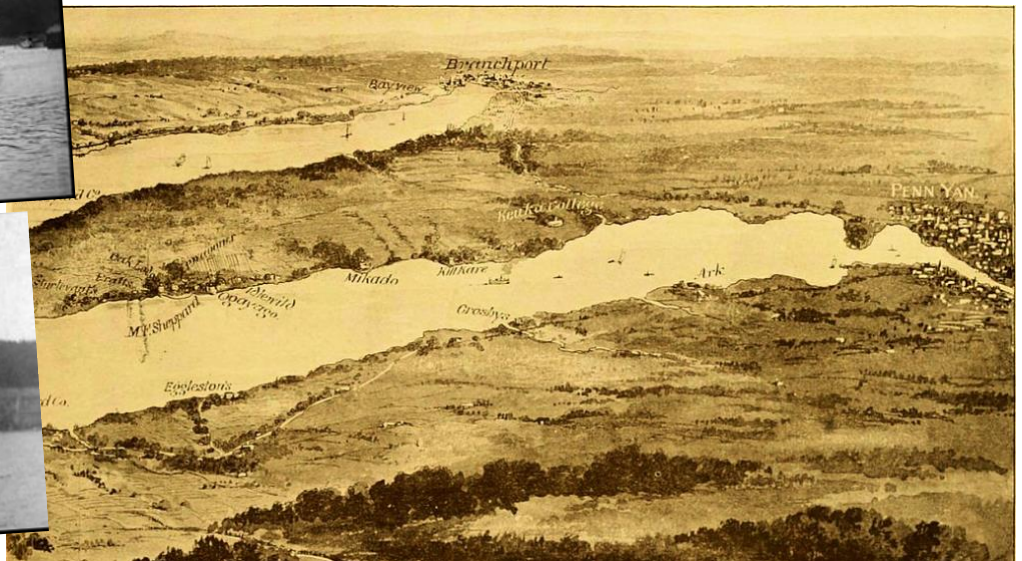
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## Keuka Lake Penn Yan, NY





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## Sprint Conference Highlights

By D/C Rick Hibbs, SN



Ann Smith, P

**Dates:** March 22 – 24, 2024

**Location:** The Hampton Inn, 110 Mace Street, Penn Yan, NY 14527

### Conference

**Committee:** D/1<sup>st</sup>/Lt Bridgett Arieno, JN; P/D/C Nancy Bieber, P; D/Lt/C Karen Green, S; C Mary Kucharek, P;

### Conference Highlights:

- **The Hampton Inn Penn Yan** – Keuka Lake Wine Trail starts less than a mile from the hotel, and Seneca Lake Wine Trail is 24 miles away. Wake up to a free hot breakfast. Enjoy the indoor pool and our fire pit on the terrace. Pet friendly with an additional fee.
- **Friday Evening Wine Tasting** – We are bringing a wine tasting event to the hotel! Keuka Spring Vineyards offers a wide variety of award-winning dry and sweet, red and white wines for every palate. We will be tasting six different wines. Before you head home on Sunday, be sure to visit the winery with a spectacular view of beautiful Keuka Lake and surrounding hills and vineyards and purchase a bottle or two.
- **Meet and Greet** - Join us to meet our new **National Executive Officer, V/C Michael Wiedel, JN-IN**. Grab a drink and a bite of food and catch up with your old and new friends. Feel free to bring a dish to pass if you'd like.
- **Programs**
  - **Finger Lakes Boating Museum (Nancy Wightman)** – Nancy is the Administrator, Operations and Planning at the Finger Lakes Boating Museum. She will share features of the museum and the current boat workshops.

- **The Solar Eclipse (Tom Alley)** – Learn about the upcoming solar eclipse and how to safely view this exciting event.
- **The America's Boating Channel (Rick Hibbs)** – America's Boating Channel has a lot of valuable information for new boaters, experienced boaters and for people who just like boat related TV. Learn how you can leverage this for boat shows and classes.
- **DEO Meeting:** All SEO's and ASEO's are invited to attend this meeting led by D/Lt/C Les Smith, JN.
- **Conference Banquet:** The banquet on Saturday night includes a delicious Buffet.
- **Gift Baskets Raffle:** Buy tickets to win beautiful gift baskets donated by our members. Drawing will be held during the banquet.

### Non-Business Meeting Options Include:

**Finger Lakes Boating Museum**, 8231 Pleasant Valley Rd. Hammondsport, NY

The Finger Lakes Boating Museum exists for the education and preservation of the boating activities and boat building heritage of the Finger Lakes. This museum has several exhibits of a variety of boats and related artifacts. You will also see a workshop on boat restoration projects underway. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. **Mention that you are from the America's Boating Club to get a special discounted rate of \$8.**

**Glenn H. Curtiss Museum**, 8419 State Route 54, Hammondsport, NY

This motorcycle and aviation museum contains a collection relating to early aviation and regional history, dedicated to the memory of pioneer aviator, Glenn Curtiss. In addition to the museum displays and exhibits, visitors can visit the Restoration Shop, talk with volunteer craftsmen, and see them working on historic aircraft. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.





**Oak Hill Bulk Foods**, 3173 State Route 14A, Penn Yan, NY

Opened in 1983, this Amish specialty market carries bulk food, candles, groceries, pretzels and a wide variety of Ohio-made Amish cheese. Try their delicious Amish fry pies with over a dozen flavors. Hours: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Saturday.

Local restaurants include:

**Main Deck**, 301 Lake Road, Penn Yan, NY 315-694-7536

Located within walking distance from the hotel on the north end of Keuka Lake with expansive waterfront views, the restaurant offers dinner and lunch/brunch service. Main Deck is inspired by the boating heritage of the Finger Lakes region and highlights locally sourced ingredients, wines and craft beers.

**The Keuka**, 10 Main Street, Penn Yan, NY 315-536-5852

The Keuka is owned by a long-time family from Penn Yan and is a bit more casual. Using the highest quality ingredients to make great BBQ and other delicious dishes.

**Parkers Grille**, 11 Main Street, Penn Yan, NY 315-227-2494

Chicken wings, soups, salads, sandwiches, wood fired pizzas and more!

**18<sup>th</sup> Amendment**, 7 Main Street, Penn Yan, NY 315-694-9032

The chef utilizes local seasonal ingredients to create several featured dishes with more casual dining at the bar with an amazing selection of food and drinks. Reservations appreciated.

**The Liberty**, 221 East Elm Street, Penn Yan, NY 315-536-9036

All American dining with a Friday night fish fry!

**The Wagner**, 124 East Elm Street, Penn Yan, NY 315-536-8062

Serving breakfast and lunch at reasonable prices.

**Penn Yan Diner**, 131 East Elm Street, Penn Yan NY 315-536-6004

Quaint retro diner – from omelets to burgers in this nostalgic Penn Yan icon. Breakfast and a smile served all day.

All D/6 squadron commanders, squadron bridge officers, members and their guests are invited to our 2024 Spring Conference.

***On behalf of the entire D/6 Bridge and conference committee, welcome to the 2024 Spring Conference!***

- Rick  
Commander, D/6

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## Introducing... V/C Mike Weidel, JN-IN



V/C Mike Weidel joined the Milwaukee Power Squadron of the United States Power Squadrons in 1988 after many years of seeing their booth at local boat shows. Mike was recruited to join the Milwaukee Boat Show Committee, and the following year was assigned

as Chair of that committee when the previous chair passed away. Mike continues to participate in Squadron public relations events when time permits.

Mike served on the Milwaukee Squadron Executive Committee as a Member at Large for 2 years before being elected Squadron Treasurer in 1992. Progressing through all the Squadron elected offices, he served as Squadron Commander in 1996.

In 1998 Mike was elected District 10 Secretary and then advanced through the District Administrative and Executive Officer positions and was elected as District 10 Commander in 2002.

After his district service, Mike joined the National Recreational Boating Safety Committee, and advanced to Chairman. Mike served as the technology aide to P/C/C Ernie Marshburn, and as the National Flag Lieutenant for P/C/C Louie Ojeda. Mike was elected to the office of National Administrative Officer in 2022 and again in 2023 and was elected to National Executive Officer at the 2024 Annual Meeting

He is also active in the Educational Department, teaching the Marine Electronics and Electrical suite of courses and seminars, as well as USPS Public Boating Courses. He also currently serves as the Milwaukee Squadron Treasurer and Educational officer.

Other USPS activities include the Vessel Safety Check (VSC), Marine Dealer Visitor (MDV), and Co-Op charting programs.

Also a member of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, Mike has served as a Flotilla Commander, the Ninth Western Region Conference Chair, and has also held various other positions at the Flotilla, Division, District and National Staff levels of that organization. Currently he is Assistant Staff Officer for Information Technology and Assistant Staff Officer for Communications for the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Ninth Western Region. He volunteers as a qualified radio communications specialist at Coast Guard active-duty stations and auxiliary communications facilities.

Mike is the Grand Warden of the International Shipmasters Association, and a member of The Great Lakes Captains Association. He holds a Masters of Self-Propelled Vessels of Unlimited Tonnage upon the Great Lakes and Inland Waters Credential.

Holding an amateur radio license since 1972, and a member of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), he actively participates in the Volunteer Severe Weather Spotters (SKYWARN), Amateur Radio Emergency Response (ARES), and Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) programs.

Mike's wife of 44 years, Kim, is also active in USPS. She also participates in many civic and professional organizations outside of USPS.

Mike and Kim are retired, and live in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In their free time they enjoy visiting the many waterways in their home state and Missouri's Lake of the Ozarks aboard their 23-foot Proline Center Console. They also routinely travel by boat on the Great Lakes and inland river system.

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## Spring Conference Agenda

### **The Hampton Inn**

110 Mace Street  
Penn Yan, NY 14527

Friday, March 22 – Sunday, March 24, 2024

#### **FRIDAY AFTERNOON and EVENING (UPSP Polo or Casual Attire):**

3:00 – 6:00 PM **Hotel Check-in and Conference Registration**

6:00 – 7:30 PM **Wine Tasting Event**

7:30 - 10:00 PM **Meet and Greet**

#### **SATURDAY MORNING and AFTERNOON (D6 Shirts, USPS Polo, or Blazer):**

7:30 – 10:00 AM **Conference Registration**

8:30 AM – Noon **D/6 Spring Conference meeting**

Noon – 1:00 PM **Lunch & Overview of the Finger Lakes Boating Museum (Nancy Wightman)**

1:00 – 2:00 PM **MuVIT Demonstration (Chris Foster)**

2:00 – 2:15 PM **Break**

2:15 – 2:45 PM **The Solar Eclipse (Tom Alley)**

2:45 – 3:00 PM **Break**

3:00 – 4:00 PM **America's Boating Channel (Rick Hibbs)**

4:00 – 5:00 PM **SEO/ASEO Meeting with Les Smith, DEO**

#### **SATURDAY EVENING (Smart Casual Attire or Blazer):**

5:30 – 6:30 PM **Cocktail Hour**

6:45 – 9:00 PM **Banquet and Gift Basket Raffle**

#### **SUNDAY MORNING (USPS Casual):**

8:30 - 9:30 **P/D/Cs meeting**

8:30 – 9:30 **D/6 Bridge meets with Squadron Commanders**

9:30 – 10:30 **D/6 Bridge meets with P/D/Cs**

10:30 – 11:30 **D/6 Bridge meeting**

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## Accommodation & Meal Details

### **The Hampton Inn**

110 Mace Street  
Penn Yan, NY 14527

This hotel is located on the beautiful Keuka Lake waterfront with a delightful view and is in the middle of the Finger Lakes wine region. Seasons on Keuka Lake is the banquet and conference facility next to the hotel.

Free parking and a free hot breakfast is included. A pet friendly hotel with a \$50 fee. Check-in at 3:00 PM; Check-out at 11:00 AM.

**Room Rate is \$134** per night for single or double occupancy.

#### **Wine Tasting - \$10**

Keuka Spring Vineyards will be bringing the tasting room to us with six wines to sample.

#### **Meeting Amenities - \$10**

Includes Coffee, Tea, Decaf and pastries. Also covers the AV equipment and room rental.

#### **Boxed Lunch - \$21**

Includes sandwich, chips, hand fruit, cookie and bottled water.

Your choice of the following sandwiches:

- Turkey, Bacon Ranch on a Brioche Bun
- Roast Beef, Cheddar with Horseradish Sauce on a Brioche Bun
- Grilled Chicken Caesar Wrap
- Grilled Vegetable & Hummus Wrap

#### **Spring Dinner Buffet - \$48**

Rolls with whipped butter.

Salad: Romain Lettuce, spring asparagus, radish, grape tomato, garbanzo beans, feta cheese, and lemon basil vinaigrette.

Chicken Breast: Ginger citrus glazed, grilled scallions, snow peas.

Garlic Soy Grilled Flank Steak: Cremini mushrooms, tri-colored sweet peppers.

Vegetarian: Cheese ravioli with roasted red peppers, artichoke hearts and spinach, basil broth, parmesan Reggiano.

Sides: Garlic Mashed Yukon Gold Potatoes and roasted broccoli, lemon, parmesan.

Dessert: Cheesecake with cherries



Reservation Form

Name (1): \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Name (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Hotel: Friday, Mar 22: \_\_\_\_\_ ADA Room: \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday, Mar 23: \_\_\_\_\_ **Total @ \$134 per night: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Meals:

Do you have any dietary restrictions? (Vegetarian, vegan, gluten free, lactose free): \_\_\_\_\_

# Meeting Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# Wine Tasting: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# Boxed Lunch: Turkey \_\_\_\_\_ Roast Beef \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_ x \$21= \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# Buffet Dinners: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$48 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total if Paid by Feb 29: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Late Fee** (if paid after Feb 29) +10%: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total with Late Fee (if applicable): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**RESERVATION DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 29, 2024**  
**LATE FEE OF 10% WILL BE ADDED AFTER THIS DATE.**  
**FOR A FULL REFUND, CANCELLATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY**  
**MARCH 8, 2024**

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: USPS DISTRICT 6  
SEND RESERVATION FORM & CHECKS TO:  
D/1<sup>ST</sup>/Lt Bridgett Arieno, JN  
139 Shore Dr., Rochester, NY, 14622





## District Calendar

### 2024

#### February

- 01 Winter issue of *The Deep 6* publication date. (D6)
- 02-12 USPS Annual Meeting, *Orlando, FL* (National)
- 15-18 CNY Boat Show, *NYS Fairgrounds, Syracuse, NY*
- 17 Susquenango Change of Watch (Susquenango)
- 29 **Spring Conference registration deadline.**

#### March

- 02 Syracuse Change of Watch (Syracuse)
- 22-24 D/6 Spring Council & Conference, *The Seasons Hampton Inn, Keuka Lake* (D6)

#### April

- 19 Deadline for *The Deep 6* articles (D6)

#### May

- 01 Spring issue of *The Deep 6* publication date. (D6)
- 17 NYS Canals Open
- 20-26 Safe Boating Week

#### June

*No events currently scheduled.*

#### July

- 19 Deadline for *The Deep 6* articles. (D6)

#### August

- 01 Summer issue of *The Deep 6* publication date. (D6)
- 02-04 Seneca Lake Boating Weekend, *Sampson, NY* (Finger Lakes)

#### September

*No events currently scheduled.*

#### October

- 23 Deadline for *The Deep 6* articles (D6)
- TBA D/6 Fall Council & Conference (D6)

#### November

- 01 Fall issue of *The Deep 6* publication date. (D6)

#### December

*No events currently scheduled.*

### 2025

#### January

- 17 Deadline for *The Deep 6* articles. (D6)

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*Do you have an event that you think others should know about? Please let me know so that it can be included!*

*– Ed. ([TheDeep6@uspsd6.org](mailto:TheDeep6@uspsd6.org))*