

Mark Your Calendar – It's Rendezvous Time!

15 July to 18 July 2016

United States Power Squadrons District 6 Summer Rendezvous from Watkins Glen to Ithaca

The Inspiration:

In 2001 PDC Will Kirnie led an intrepid group who embarked on *"2001 – A Lakes Odyssey"* following a mysterious monolith across the – no, wait. That was the movie.

Will's group left Watkins Glen; traveled north to the Cayuga-Seneca Canal, bypassing the wineries, well most of them, then moved eastward to the explored and settled regions of Hibiscus Harbor at the north end of Cayuga Lake. Needing sustenance there they found local food cooked over flames which was good and beverages which were better.



The next day those with a clear head set out to explore the southern region of Cayuga Lake and had great success observing wineries as they cruised. Some wineries required inspection and those met with approval for visitation by following explorers (us).

After a day's cruise the explorers met to celebrate their accomplishments and again were successful finding good fare, friendly hosts and revelry. Enough that they called it quits since they'd run out water to keep going south.

The Goal:

As District Commander I've learned that if something worked well once it might do it again so here we go! We're going to re-do (not Rideau) the Watkins Glen to Ithaca journey. The plan is to meet in Watkins Glen Friday the 15th, enjoy a meal together that night then head north Saturday to Geneva. There we'll enter the Cayuga-Seneca Canal, visit Iroquois Commander Mike Williams' Hidden Harbor Marina. There we'll rest, tell stories about the wonderful, or harrowing, trip we enjoyed that day and eat.

Sunday morning we continue our eastward cruise through the canal, perhaps stopping to rest and explore along the way. At the end of the day we'll stop at Hibiscus Harbor on Cayuga Lake and enjoy another evening together with our hosts.



Monday we'll conclude the cruise in Ithaca. More spectacular scenery along the way, great places to visit on our cruise, followed by a party to celebrate our success.

Plan to be there. If you can do it, do the whole trip. Or join us along the way. There are plenty of access points if you're trailering your boat, or you can meet us anywhere along the canal. Drive the route. If you're a camper too then bring your gear, there's lots of places where you can be with us on the hard and I'm certain you could get a ride on the water.

Boating, partying, carousing with friends, and, wait for it, contesting but nothing too serious. Mark your calendar and be there. It's over a weekend so you won't even lose your vacation!