



# The Door Scuttlebutt

*Door County Sail and Power Squadron - June, 2012*

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## Commander's Message

Cdr. Bob Stierna, SN

If you are here, you must be noticing something different. Our longtime capable editor, Lt. Paula Cashin, S, has turned a page in her life and moved on. At this time, no one has replaced her and we must shift for ourselves. At our last Executive Committee meeting, we discussed how we were going to proceed during the continuing search for a newsletter editor.

I think it is important to keep the information flow to the membership intact, but we will of necessity shed all the features which make it an easy reading, award winning magazine. I'll put in my message and the officers will contribute in their areas of responsibility, and we will publish a calendar. I'll convert it to a single document and create a "pdf" file. We'll publish a calendar. But, I have my limits, in both time and talent, and so it will be a minimalist document.

Our search for a new editor continues, along with a Public Relations Officer, a Squadron historian, and two members at large for the executive committee. As with the newsletter, these things are being done in a skeleton fashion. That's why I picked the cover for our interim newsletter. If you are interested, please let me or any officer know, and we will get you set up quickly. If you get a call, please respond affirmatively

In other matters, June kicks off our brief boating season in earnest. My boat went in the water on Memorial Day, and life is looking up. Our first cruise of the season has already taken place, with a nice report in this issue by P/C Dave Baumann, P. We also had an opportunity to help out our Coast Guard Auxiliary friends when they were short Vessel Safety Examiners for an event in May. Our fitting out meeting/party was a fun event and a good kick off. Of special note, I was able to present John Welch with his Senior Navigator recognition. I also have a couple of life memberships for Chuck Holtz and Robert Ross if I can catch up with them. All are major achievements.

Coming up this Saturday, 2 June, is our big VSC kickoff at Quarterdeck and Harbor Club followed by a Flare Shoot / Fire Extinguisher training at 1500 at the Sturgeon Bay Yacht Club. This is a great event and a lot of fun, so come on out and use up your expired flares and learn proper techniques for shooting them off, plus there will be an opportunity for handling small fire extinguishers to quench live fires. Also 9-10 June, a "shakedown" cruise to Menominee and the Squadron cookout late in June (see announcement). Plus a couple of seminars, quite a full schedule. Check out the calendar.

Enjoy Door County ,

Bob

Tuesday, May 29, 2012

## PAST COMMANDER'S CRUISE REPORT



The start of the Door County Sail & Power Squadron cruising season was kicked off by Captain George Wilson when he, along with his wife Mary Jo and their dog Emma, led a small group of power boaters from Sturgeon Bay, WI up to Snail Shell Harbor in Upper Michigan's Fayette Historic State Park. The Wilsons' led the cruise in their 37-foot trawler "Jenny Jo."

Weather-hardened participants were Terry and Julie Keating in their 41-foot power boat "Kathryn B" and Dave and Jean Baumann, along with their dachshund April, in their 32-foot trawler "August Windy II."

The cruise set out on early Friday morning, May 25<sup>th</sup> as the seas of Lake Michigan started to settle down from Thursdays' blow. The passage was pleasant, with gentle following seas and a welcome sun bathing the cruisers. Arriving at Snail Shell Harbor by mid-afternoon gave all participants a chance to tie-up, wind down and explore the park and beaches.

Historic Fayette is located on the Big Bay de Noc and was a booming industrial community in the mid-to-late-1800's. It is now a preserved museum of life in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, when the manufacturing of pig iron gave birth to a booming industrial community. This historic park and harbor were the site of three days of exploring, hiking, beach-combing and, of course, fine dining and companionship.

The intrepid cruisers left Fayette's Snail Shell Harbor early morning, Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, anxious to leverage a good weather window for the return trip to Sturgeon Bay. Once again, the passage was pleasant, with kindly south-westerly seas and a partly cloudy weather pattern. All cruise participants arrived back at their home ports of Quarterdeck, CenterPointe and Bay Marine by

mid-afternoon – well in advance of the thunderstorms that embraced the Sturgeon Bay area later in the day.

All participants had a great Memorial Day weekend trip and a great start to the boating season. A big “thank you” to the Wilson’s for making this cruise safe and a delight for the senses.

PC/Dave Baumann, P

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### From The SEO-June 2012

**Marine Electrical Systems (ME 101)** started 7 February. The final was administered 3 April. Congratulations to Jerry Anderson, Terry Keating, John Reichmannn, Tom Schueppert and Terry Zielke for successful completions.

Again: Sincere appreciation goes out to Chuck Stone for superb instruction.

Module 2 (**ME 102**) of Marine Electronics; which focuses on the Marine Radio will be offered in the spring of 2013

The spring Boater's Safety course; **ABC-3** launched simultaneously in Sturgeon Bay and Washington Island 18 April; employing NWTC's ITV "Distance Learning" technology.

We had no takers on the Island. The issue is that we charge \$40.00 for ABC-3. USCGA charges \$10.00 for a similar course using WI-DNR materials. I want to pursue this. Hopefully if we are successful next spring, we can generate more members on the Island. Fred Hankwitz and I have had conversations around how to generate funds that can offset the cost of the courses to Island students. Three major Island events coming up this summer ( two barbecues and one Kayak weekend) may provide opportunity. Stayed tuned

The **Weather** course started 16 May, will continue through 13 June, break for summer and conclude after Labor Day (dates TBD). We are employing the same ITV "Distance Learning" approach to share this course with the Green Bay Squadron. There are four students in the Green Bay classroom and four students in the Sturgeon Bay classroom. Our instructor, Alan Wentworth is having fun with the technology and reports no glitches in the facilities.

Our summer **Seminar Series** kicks off 16 June with me teaching *Emergencies on Board*. A full schedule appeared in the April Scuttlebutt. I again encourage you all to attend these seminars and bring your friends.

The Public Relations Officer (PRO) position is still open. Cdr. Stierna , I and others have been temporarily sharing the responsibility. We really need someone to step up and become PRO. Think about it. You may have noticed that this Scuttlebutt isn't what it used to be! We need help here as well. **PLEASE** give us a call.

Bob DeNoto, JN

# Flare Shoot & Fire Extinguisher Training



Sturgeon Bay Yacht Club

Saturday, June 2, 2012

3:00 PM



Bring your expired flares and practice!

Learn how to put out a live fire.

Vessel Safety Checks @ Harbor Club & Quarterdeck ~~9AM-2PM~~



Door County Sail & Power Squadron, US Coast Guard, Sturgeon Bay Fire Department

**IT'S PICNIC TIME**

**DOOR COUNTY SAIL & POWER  
SQUADRON ANNUAL COOKOUT**



**SUNDAY, JUNE 24**  
**NOON—3 P.M.**  
**SUNSET PARK**

**RSVP BY JUNE 20 TO**  
**MICHELLE ANDERSON AT**  
**746-1373**

**BURGERS, BRATS &**  
**CHICKEN BREASTS**  
**WILL BE PROVIDED**

**BRING A DISH TO**  
**SHARE & YOUR OWN**  
**BEVERAGE OF CHOICE**





## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



### June 2012



• **Saturdays—Vessel Safety Checks—at Sturgeon Bay & Northern Marinas**

Contact John Hermann at 920-743-1675.

• **2nd—Flare Shoot—3 p.m.—Sturgeon Bay Yacht Club**

Contact John Hermann at 920-743-1675.

• **9th-10th—Shakedown Cruise to Menominee**

Contact John & Nancy Reichmann at 920-983-2928.

• **16th—Emergencies on Board Seminar—9-11 a.m.—Quarterdeck Marina**

For information and registration contact Bob DeNoto at 920-493-0287 or [email Bob](#).

• **19th—Executive Committee Mtg. — 2 p.m. —Sturgeon Bay Yacht Club.**  
All members are welcome.

• **24th —Squadron Summer Cookout— Noon—3p.m.  
Sunset Park, Sturgeon Bay**

• **30th—Fuel & Boating Seminar— 9—11a.m— Quarterdeck Marina**  
For information and registration contact Bob DeNoto at 920-493-0287 or [email Bob](#).

- Cruises are in blue
- Classes are in green
- Social events are in purple

### July 2012



• **8th-24th—Cruise Across Lake Michigan**

Contact Michelle & Jerry Anderson at 920-746-1373.

• **14th—Paddle Smart Seminar— 9-11 a.m.—Quarterdeck Marina**

For information and registration contact Bob DeNoto at 920-493-0287 or [email Bob](#).

• **20th-22th—Cruise to Washington/ Rock Island—Needs cruise captain**

Contact John & Dolores Hermann at 920-743-1675.

• **28th-29th—Cruise to Horseshoe Island**

Contact John & Nancy Reichmann at 920-983-2928.

• **28th—Marine Radar Seminar— 9—11 a.m.— Quarterdeck Marina**

For information and registration contact Bob DeNoto at 920-493-0287 or [email Bob](#).

• **31st—Executive Committee Mtg.— 2p.m.—Sturgeon Bay Yacht Club**

All members are welcome.

- Safety Events are in red

### August 2012



• **10th-12th —D10 Summer Rendezvous on the Waupaca Chain of Lake**

• **11th—GPS Seminar—9-11 a.m.— Quarterdeck Marina**

For information and registration contact Bob DeNoto at 920-493-0287 or [email Bob](#).

• **15th-16th—Cruise to Cedar River, MI then to Menominee for the Rendezvous**

Contact John & Dolores Hermann at 920-743-1675.

• **17th-19th—Squadron Annual Rendezvous, Menominee, MI**

Contact John & Dolores Hermann at 920-743-1675

• **25th—Trailer Seminar—9-11 a.m.—Quarterdeck Marina**

For information and registration contact Bob DeNoto at 920-493-0287 or [email Bob](#).

### September 2012

• **2nd-9th-Governing Board Meeting**  
Detroit, MI

• **11th-Exc. Committee Mtg.**

• **12th-Weather Class Part II**

• **8th-Octoberfest Party**

### October 2012

• **16th-Exc. Committee Mtg.**

• **19th-Lay-up Dinner Mtg.**

### November 2012

• **2nd/3rd D10 Fall Conference — Wausau**