



# The Door Scuttlebutt

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## Commander's Message

Cdr. Bob Stierna, SN

"I must go down to the seas again  
To the lonely sea and the sky,  
And all I ask is a tall ship  
And a star to steer her by...."

--Sea Fever, John Masefield (1878-1967)

The above is from one of the more famous nautical poems in our culture, and brings to mind the call we all feel in one form or another to be near the sea. For us, in these northern climes, that call is greatest this time of year, when we can get out and enjoy our boats, and make a trip or several to a distant shore. All the tinkering we do on our boats, the new systems, and careful repairs find their justification in the few short weeks we have this time of year. As in fishing, one should never, ever, calculate the unit costs, we incur for our sport. Let it be enough that all the things we do in boating bring us some pleasure.

When I was young, and still to this day, I enjoy science fiction, imagining distant beings and wondrous civilizations impossibly far away in time and space. For me, the liberty in taking a small craft on a sea voyage is as close as I will ever come to that world of dreams. It's a pretty personal journey, and I'm sure all of us have our own special reason to be drawn to the sea, but we all experience the magnetism of the sea in one way or another.

Organizationally, we had a great time at the Flare Shoot / Fire Extinguisher Demo in early June, our Vessel Safety Checks got off to a great start with our kick off events at Quarterdeck, Harbor Club, Centre Pointe, and Sister Bay. Our picnic at Sunset Park was a great combination of good weather, a wonderful location, tasty food, and animated conversation.

For July, it's pretty much Vessel Safety Checks, a couple of short seminars and Cruisin' on most people's minds. One thing we are working on is a new radio check system. Bob DeNoto has found a location at the Maritime Museum, and we will have a public service message highlighting our local activities as part of the radio check response. More on that next month. Have fun out there, but be safe.

Bob

P.S. This month's cover photo is from our 1999 vacation to Australia, taken a little south of Carins, Queensland.

From the Executive Officer

Lt/C Alan Wentworth, SN

The Flare Shoot and Fire Extinguisher Drill that was held on 2 June went off as hoped for with a good turnout, no accidents, and the welcome presence of personnel from USCG Station Sturgeon Bay with their new patrol boat that replaced the familiar 41 footer. Expired flares were collected for disposal, many expired aersals were fired off, and practice with hand held flares was demonstrated and engaged in by a number of members and non-members.

The Fire Extinguished Drill was held under the guidance of the Sturgeon Bay Fire Department and with the support of Van's Fire and Safety business in Green Bay who donated six fire extinguishers. Each person who practiced was coached by members of the Fire Department as they blanketed fires set in a pan of water through which propane was bubbled.

Thanks go to the Coast Guard personnel, and to the men of the SBFD for their help in this National Safe Boating Week activity. As always, we appreciate the support of Van's and to our friend Tom Fox who will arrange for flare disposal. Attached are a few of the photos obtained.

As of 25 June our VSEs have completed approximately 90 VSCs. We have concentrated on a different marina every Saturday in June, including

Quarterdeck, Harbor Club, Bay Marine. Centre Point, Egg Harbor and Sister Bay. You are our members and we are pleased to visit your boat locations to provide these important safety checks.



Alan Wentworth W/John Reichmann

## Fire Extinguisher Training



## Jean Baumann Practices



Martha Alberti has a go.



## Shakedown Cruise to Menominee

Lt/C Dolores Hermann, AP

Thanks to John Reichmann for planning a very successful cruise to Menominee the weekend of 8 – 10 June 2012. Eight boats came over on Friday. Michelle and Jerry Anderson on “Splash Landing”; Jean and Dave Baumann on “August Windy II”; Eileen and Bob Brown on their 26’ power boat; Gloria and Tom Fox on “Foxsea”; Julie and Terry Keating on “Kathryn B”; Sandy and Gary King on “Southern Cross”; Mary and John Welch on “Marytime”; and Mary Jo and George Wilson on “Jenny Jo”. The Reichmanns, Hermanns and Wentworths, scheduled to arrive on Saturday, needed to cancel due to weather.

The group enjoyed the warm weather, sunshine and one another’s company. Dinner on Saturday was at Berg’s Landing. Departure on Sunday was early and the group enjoyed an easy crossing.



#### CRUISE ACROSS LAKE MICHIGAN – 9 – 24 July

There is still time to join the Andersons and Herman's for all or part of their cruise across Lake Michigan, leaving 9 July through 24 July 2012. The cruise begins with a Sturgeon Bay to Ludington crossing, then stays in Saugatuck, New Buffalo, Chicago's Burnham Harbor, Racine, Milwaukee and Manitowoc. Contact John and Dolores Hermann for more information.

#### CRUISE TO HORSESHOE ISLAND/SISTER BAY – 28-29 July

Our next scheduled weekender will have you travel to Horseshoe Island for the day with an overnight at the municipal marina in Sister Bay. Once again you can come on Friday if you have the time. You can also plan on anchoring at Horseshoe Island. Please contact Dolores Hermann by email to sign up for this one. Her email is [dolores.e.hermann@gmail.com](mailto:dolores.e.hermann@gmail.com). Contact the Sister Bay Marina at 920-854-4457 to make your slip reservation.

From The SEO

Lt/C Bob DeNoto, JN

The Weather course is on break for the summer. Instructor Alan Wentworth conducted 5 sessions and will resume on September 12. Through the use of NWTC's ITV, Distance Learning Technology, Alan was able to simultaneously instruct 4 students in the Green Bay classroom; as well as 4 students in the Sturgeon Bay classroom. The consensus from Alan and the students is that this approach works well.

Our summer Seminar Series kicked off Saturday, 16 June, with me teaching Emergencies on Board. We had thirteen in attendance.

This past Saturday; Alan Wentworth taught our second Seminar: Fuel & Boating to five attendees.

The Next seminar that is teed up is PaddleSmart , 14 July, with John Reichmann instructing.

All Seminars are at SkipperBuds Quarterdeck Marina, Saturday mornings 9-11 AM. Talk these seminars up amongst your friends. A nice way to start your Saturday.

The Public Relations Officer (PRO) position is STILL open. Cdr. Stierna , I and others have been temporarily sharing the responsibility. We are getting great cooperation from the Pulse and Advocate. Quite frankly: I'm wearing too many hats! We really need someone to step up and become PRO. Think about it. I'll be your coach. You also 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



Why do you care about this? Find out next month.....

From the WebMaster.....

Lt. Markus Ritter, AP

I have been updating the public computer at Quarterdeck recently.

So far I installed the Coastal Explorer's, Viewer Edition. It is a basic chart viewer and route planning tool that is available free of charge from Rose Point Navigation Systems. CEVE lets you view NOAA RNC® raster charts and plan routes. This is the Viewer that the Power Squadron is promoting instead of the Maptech Viewer from the past. On Windows 7 the Maptech viewer can only be run in the administrator account therefore it is not suitable for use on a public computer.

I also installed Sea Clear as it is a popular, totally free viewer/chart plotter for PC's. It is popular among sailors in Yahoo's Great Lakes group and I used it to make some charts in the past.

I have been using Memory Map Navigator (the non-free version) and I like it the best as it is good on smart phone's, PDA's, PC's, and iPad's. I have found that the demo version, which is free, operates very nicely on laptops and desktops. I think there are probably some users that would prefer Memory Map so I also installed that demo version on the QD lounge computer.

If you come by, check it out, you may find one of these programs to your liking.





## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



### 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—John Reichmann, instructor.** 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 and overnight at Sister Bay**  
Contact John & Nancy Reichmann at 920-983-2928.

- **28th—Marine Radar Seminar—9—11 a.m.— Quarterdeck Marina - Steve Rank, instructor.** 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.

- Cruises are in blue
- Classes are in green
- Meetings are in black
- Social Events are in red

### August 2012



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

- **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—John Hermann, instructor.** For information and registration contact Bob DeNoto at 920-493-0287 or [email Bob](#).

### September 2012



- **2nd-9th— USPS National Governing Board Meeting\_Detroit, MI**

- **11th—Executive Committee Mtg.—2 p.m.—SBYC. All members are welcome.**

- **8th-Octoberfest Party at Sawyer Park Pavilion—Sturgeon Bay. 12 noon—3 p.m. Contact John Reichmann**

- **12th-Weather Class Part II—NWTC—Alan Wentworth, instructor.**

### October 2012

- **16th-Exc. Committee Mtg.**
- **19th-Lay-up Dinner Mtg.**

### November 2012

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

### December 2012

- **7th -Holiday Party**

### January 2013

- **8th-Exc. Committee Mtg.**
- **18th-Annual Meeting**