



The Door Scuttlebutt

Door County Sail and Power Squadron - August, 2012

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Commander's Message

Bob Stierna, SN

We had been traveling around the northern reaches of Green Bay with the Ritter's and at Jackson Harbor, they had elected to go on towards home while we stayed to meet up with our daughter and one of our nieces, who were coming over on the ferry to see the Island. It turned out to be an extra day well spent, with a wonderful time had by all. Now however, there were some serious decisions to be made. The next day promised some pretty windy weather to Sister Bay, but also a favorable breeze getting home the day after. After a good deal of thought and multiple checks of current and expected conditions, we decided to go for it. We left with a reef already set in the mainsail, and ventured out. With a sailboat, you're not going to make a dash for shelter; you have to take what comes.

We were crossing the western end of Death's Door, winds 25 knots sustained, 35 knot gusts from the east, 3 to 5 foot seas and building, the boat rail occasionally in the water, but screaming along on a beam reach at hull speed. Oh, and rain, lots and lots of rain. Patsy said we went through eleven storms that day. My 20 year old rain gear utterly failed, and I was pretty much soaked to the skin. But what a blast. It's been a long time since I've had such an exhilarating ride. I'm cautious by nature, and don't seek out such conditions, but as long as I'm there, I'll wring out whatever enjoyment the moment offers.

It could have easily been terrifying, but I have confidence in my equipment, the training and classwork, and skills that I have learned over the years in the Squadron. That day saw elements from basic boating, seamanship, piloting, marine electronics, sail, cruise planning, and of course, the weather class. Having a couple of Wind App's on the cell phone helped a lot also, as I could get up to the minute conditions at Northport pier in Death's Door as I came around the island as long as I had data signal, which was spotty but adequate.

The next day we caught a really fine wind from Sister Bay back to Sturgeon Bay. One of the most pleasant, easy sails we had in a long time.

One of my recurring themes in the various leadership positions I've had in USPS has been the idea of Creating Possibilities, that is, to view our classwork and safety programs not in terms of what we may need, but rather, in terms of what we aspire to. In plain English, we provide the knowledge and skills to let you take the next step.

Our trip with the Ritter's was a hoot. We spent a couple of days in Menominee (1 forced), a night in Cedar River, a couple of super days in Escanaba, a couple in Jackson Harbor and Rock Island State Park (where we just happened to run into John and Nancy Reichmann), and the final downhill slide home. Hope your outings are as successful. I've enclosed a few pics from the trip (thanks to the Ritter's & Reichmann's for some of these).

Bob



Compromise & Sankaty @ Cedar River



Markus in Escanaba



Getting Underway



Admiralty Conference (Judy & Patsy) in Escanaba



John, Nancy, Patsy, Bob going to Rock Island



Compromise (the little one) in Jackson Harbor
Notice the step up is at eye level



Wet but happy
Markus also sent along a video clip of us motoring along at: <http://youtu.be/b2L-ylkOTnK>

From The SEO-August 2012

Our summer **Seminar Series** is clicking along with four of the six seminars complete: Emergencies on Board, Fuel and Boating, PaddleSmart and Marine Radar. GPS is scheduled for 11 August with Trailoring as our final offering on 25 August. Thanks go out to our excellent instructors Alan Wentworth, John Reichmann and Steve Rank.

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!!

We were unable to gather critical mass to conduct an ABC-3 Course at the Ephraim Yacht Club. I have sent an e-mail to Sue Zinsheim of EYC, suggesting that we find a way to do this early next summer. She concurs.

Your ASEO Steve Rank and I sat down with the Education Calendar a couple of weeks ago and came up with dates for Seamanship in the fall and Piloting in the spring of 2013. Paul King has agreed to teach Seamanship.

I have asked ASEO Steve to assume responsibility for the Inland and Coastal Navigator levels in the BOC program. We have drafted a communication that will go out to all eligible candidates, soliciting their participation in the program. Look for it. I can't think of a better way to spend late season (Sept/Oct) time on the water than in beautiful Door County conducting BOC training.

Automated Radio Check (ARC): Although not technically under the SEO umbrella, I found this program interesting so I took it on.

Sea Tow has created a network of radio stations to allow boaters to do "radio checks" without using VHF Ch 16. To get a feel for how this is going to work please view this video:

<http://maritelusa.com/solutions/arc/>. Door County is one of the first Squadrons in District 10 to activate this system. The hardware will be installed at the Door County Maritime Museum (DCMM). All necessary components have been received. It is anticipated that we will go live by mid-August.

The boater calling in will receive a pre-check message that identifies DCMM as the host. Their radio check message will be played back to them, followed by a PSA promoting the Door County Sail & Power Squadron. There are 8 different PSAs ranging from Safe Boating Courses to Life Jackets to VSCs.

Examples of the pre-check and PSA follow:

http://www.usps.org/door/Radio_check_Museum_promotion.wav

http://usps.org/door/Radio_check_VSC.wav

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: We need your help. We really need someone to step up and become PRO. Think about it. I'll be your coach. PLEASE give us a call.

Bob DeNoto, JN



[Jenny Jo at St. Ignace](#)

JULY CRUISE REPORT

The Baumanns and the Wilsons joined the annual Nordic Tug Rendezvous at St. Ignace - June 20 – 24, departing SB for Charlevoix, through Gray's Reef into Mackinaw City, then Bay and the Wilsons continued into Georgian Bay..



[August Windy II](#)

The Gary & Baumanns and July 27, returning to SB on August 1, cruise.

The Kings and Baumanns cruised up Rock Island July 12 – 15. The Keatings Washington Island the weekend of

Great cruising weather for all.



[The Kings at Jackson Harbor](#)

Sandy Kings joined the Wilsons at Elk Rapids on marking the end of the Wilson's summer

to Washington Island, Jackson Harbor and also cruised to Shipyard Marina on July 21/22, enjoying the fly-in fish boil.



[The Chain Ferry at Saugatuck](#)

was flat and we maintained our ideal cruising speed of 25 mph. Saugatuck was festive and our marina was on the edge of town.



[Navy Pier and the Chicago skyline](#)

Chicago was hot but always awesome when seen from the water, especially at night, and in Milwaukee we enjoyed cruising the river to restaurants and shops.

The following weekend the Andersons, Hermanns and DeNotos cruised to Alibi Dock in Fish Creek and enjoyed watching the artists paint subjects dockside and in town during the Plein Air Art Festival. The Reichmanns joined us for a Saturday night supper dockside.

[Dockside in Fish Creek](#)



[Splash Landing passing Carefree on the way to Fish Creek](#)



[Karen DeNoto taking a picture of Mac Schueppert painting a picture](#)



DOOR COUNTY SAIL & POWER SQUADRON

JOIN YOUR FRIENDS AT OUR FIRST EVER

OKTOBERFEST PARTY



MENU

Braised Beef Rouladen
Assorted Bavarian Sausages
Braised Red Cabbage
Buttered Spaetzles
Sauerkraut
Bavarian Dark Rye Bread
Tossed Green
Salad/Dressings
Applesauce
Assorted German Desserts

Catered by the Neighborhood Pub *

PLACE: SAWYER PARK PAVILION (NEXT TO THE OREGON STREET BRIDGE)

DATE: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2012

1200 HOURS

COST: \$25 PER PERSON

(RSVP to John or Nancy Reichmann at 920-983-2928 by Tuesday, September 11)

BYOB: If you would like to participate in the tasting,
bring a six-pack of German beer or a bottle of German Wine



German music you
can dance to

*The Neighborhood Pub is known for its delicious German food

ANNUAL RENDEZVOUS – August 17 – 19

This is the big event of the summer. Make your reservation with the Menominee Marina by calling 906-863-8498 and tell the dockmaster that you are with the DCS&PS group. We have the boater's lounge at the Menominee Marina reserved once again for a Friday pot-luck social and will gather at the Italian restaurant for dinner on Saturday night. Please contact me at 920-743-1675 or send an email to dolores.e.hermann@gmail.com if you can come. I guarantee a great time.



We have planned a pre-rendezvous cruise to Cedar River before the Menominee weekend – August 15 & 16. Call Dolores at 920-743-1675 if you are interested and/or willing to coordinate this.

OKTOBERFEST PARTY – Sunday, September 16, 2012 (please note the change of date)

This is our first annual Oktoberfest which will be held at the Sawyer Park Pavilion – an enclosed space in case of chilly or rainy weather. We are having this catered by The Neighborhood Pub which does a special Oktoberfest menu throughout September and it will be a real treat. Please keep the attached flyer handy and mark your calendar.

CALLING ALL PHOTOS

We would like to feature more cruises in the next issue of the Scuttlebutt. Please send pictures and a brief description of your day, weekend, or longer cruise to Dolores Hermann at dolores.e.hermann@gmail.com. Photos of your boat are also welcome. *Video's are fun too.*



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 send an e-mail to 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—Trailering Seminar—9-11a.m.—Quarterdeck Marina—John Hermann, instructor.
For information and registration contact Bob DeNoto at 920-493-0287 or send an e-mail to Bob.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



September 2012



•2nd-9th— USPS National Governing Board Meeting Detroit, MI

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

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

•16th-Octoberfest Party at Sawyer Park Pavilion—Sturgeon Bay. 12 -3 p.m. Contact John Reichmann 920-983-2928

Seamanship—TBA

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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

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Changes & Updates are done monthly.

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