



# The Door Scuttlebutt

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*Door County Sail and Power Squadron September, 2012*

Volume 6 #9

## Commanders' Message

Cdr. Bob Stierna, SN

It was our first trip in our new fifth wheel RV, our home to be for several months this winter. We were off to Waupaca, and the D10 Rendezvous. Our first morning started off COLD, because it was a freak little cold spell in Mid-August, it was our first trip, just a shake down, and we hadn't loaded much of our "stuff" yet. Well, our stuff included our extra blankets, which were conveniently at home. Because Patsy is allergic to formaldehyde, we had to have a lot of ventilation, which rendered the furnace only marginally effective. Experience is a harsh teacher, penalty first, lesson second. Just like some rookie boaters.

Well, we had a great time. It was my first experience in a Kayak, as the main event for the weekend was a group Kayak trip through some of the more intimate stretches of the Chain-of-lakes. The lesson in the morning was a bit intimidating; as our guides' daughter demonstrated the various rolls and escape maneuvers you needed to be aware of. Finally, we drove off to the launch point and the beginning of our new adventure. I had a kayak to myself, but Patsy took a double and our dog Stella came along for the ride. Stella is a very well behaved dog, and simply sat quietly throughout the trip. There were a number of folks who brought their own equipment, and a number of us rented, so there were over 20 on the trip. What a blast, the part of the chain-of-lakes we were on were a series of small, quiet bodies of water, which were ideal for learning the sport. The intimate setting really enhanced our contact with nature and gave us the perspective we need when we return to our normal lives. Well Done Central Wisconsin. These recreational rendezvous really provide some of the glue that holds the organization together when we work on more serious things.

As we roll into September, it's time for some of our non-cruise activities to get underway. The Educational calendar is kicking into high gear, and to celebrate, we are offering our very successful sail-away membership package again this year. Several couples took advantage last year of this opportunity to get Seamanship, Piloting and a year's membership in the squadron at a great rate. Let your boating friends know that this is a great time to join the Squadron and get involved in our educational opportunities immediately. See the notice following this article for details.

Bob's also been busy getting the Radio Check system up and running, a major good thing the squadron has brought to the community. September is also bringing on our fall party, Oktoberfest (in September). It should be a great time, be sure to come.

As for me, we'll be hopping off to Detroit and the USPS Governing Board meeting this month. We stay with the Highway Mariners, an official USPS RV club. We've met up with them with our Lance Truck Camper before, in Orlando a couple of times, Anaheim, and now with the fifth wheel in Detroit.

This month's photo is from the US Environmental Protection Agency website.



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A UNIT OF THE  
**UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS®**  
SAIL AND POWER BOATING



Presents the

**Sail-Away Membership Package,  
that includes the advanced Seamanship & Piloting courses  
plus a one year membership to the Squadron  
**\$175/Single or \$210/Couple****

**Seamanship Beginning September 18, 2012.**

The course contents facilitate knowledge development for increased safe operation of recreational boats. Emphasis within the course is on higher level boating skills, rules of the road, safe operation and marlinspike.

**Piloting Beginning January 16, 2013**

Piloting is the first in a sequence of courses on Navigation, covering the basics of Inland and Coastal Navigation, working with charts, GPS, dead reckoning and finding your way on the water.

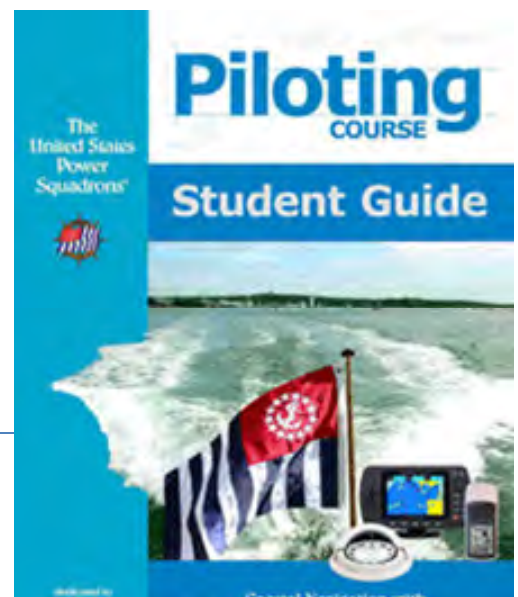
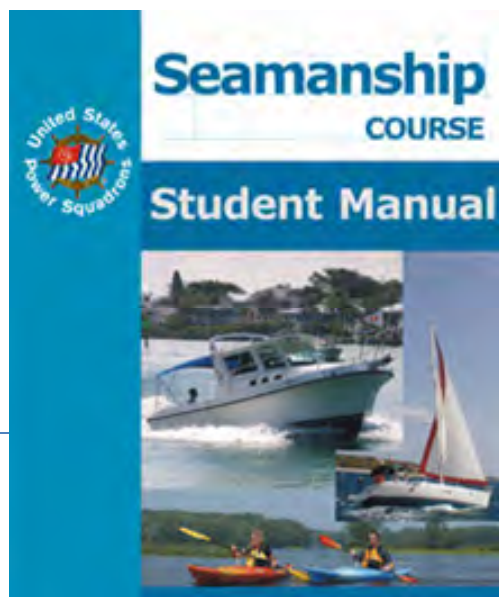
**Don't miss this opportunity to receive advanced grades, in-depth education that has previously only been available to United Power Squadron Members: Learn from the best!**

These 6-8 week classes will be held in classrooms at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College (NWTC) 229 North 14th Avenue, Sturgeon Bay

To enroll, contact Squadron Educational Officer Bob DeNoto at 920.493.0287 or [bobdenoto@gmail.com](mailto:bobdenoto@gmail.com)

Visit [usps.org/door](http://usps.org/door) for more information on the Door County Sail & Power Squadron

**Tick-Tock; don't delay: Offer ends September 5, 2012**



## From The SEO-September 2012

Our summer **Seminar Series** concluded with our sixth seminar: **Trailer Your Boat** this past Saturday 25 August. Nearly 50 students attended our seminars this summer. I consider that commendable. My sincere thanks go out to our instructors: Alan Wentworth, John Reichmann, John Hermann and Steve Rank.

**Seamanship** is scheduled to start 18 September at NWTC classroom 103 at 1900. To date we have 7 students registered. Two of our students came to us through our recently promoted SailAway package. Thanks go out to Paul King our instructor. We have room for more. Last call! Join us.

**Weather** with Alan Wentworth teaching to classrooms in Green Bay and Sturgeon Bay simultaneously will resume 12 September.

Last month I asked ASEO Steve Rank to assume responsibility for the Inland and Coastal Navigator levels in the BOC program. Steve's communication went out to all eligible candidates on 1 August. We have about six candidates spread over the two levels, who have expressed an interest in on-the-water training. I'm excited to let you know; we are getting the USPS "Water Trainer". So: What's the Water Trainer? 'Water Trainer' is a 20ft Boston Whaler Dauntless powered by a 200hp Mercury outboard. It travels about the country (pony express style) on its custom trailer pulled by a Ford F150 pickup. 'Water Trainer' is funded by a grant to USPS to provide a facility for On-The-Water training.

I will be picking up the Water Trainer in Minnesota on 26 September and passing it on to Peoria, IL, late 29 Sept. It will be available for OTW training in Door County 27, 28 & 29 September. Come join us. We have room for a few more. Call Steve



**Automated Radio Check (ARC):** Last month I reported that Sea Tow has created a network of radio stations to allow boaters to do “radio checks” without using VHF Ch 16. Dial up Channel 28 and key your mike. You will receive a pre-check message that identifies DCMM as the host. Your radio check message will be played back to you, 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. Sea Tow is close to releasing the following announcement (in part). What a great promotion for DCS&PS and our preferred partner; the Door County Maritime Museum!!

**“The Door County Sail & Power Squadron in Sturgeon Bay Wisconsin Now Offers Free Automated Radio Check Service *Area Boaters Can Make Sure Their VHF Is Working on Channel 28* Southold, NY—August, 2012—**Sea Tow Services International, Inc., the nation’s leading professional marine assistance provider, announces that the Door County Maritime Museum is now a Sea Tow Automated Radio Check host station. Boaters in the Sturgeon Bay Shipping Canal and as far west as 5 miles out into the waters of Green Bay and 5 miles or more to the east out into the waters of Lake Michigan can take advantage of this vital boating safety service free of charge by calling Channel 28 on their VHF radio.”

Following are pictures of the base unit and antenna.





Thanks go out to Gary King for crawling around with me in the cupola at the Door County Maritime Museum, to mount the antenna and install the base unit. The system is up with approximately a 10 mile range from the Maritime Museum. I'm really **NOT** going to miss crawling around in the attic and cupola of DCMM!!

I need to state this again: 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. We are out of the busy rush. Now's the time for me to coach you. Think about it. Give us a call.

Bob DeNoto, JN

## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2012

### Cruise report

Lots of spirited conversation was to be found at our recent Squadron Rendezvous to Menominee. The Baumanns on August Windy II and the Wilsons on Jenny Jo arrived on Thursday and were there to welcome everyone else. By the Friday night Pot Luck Supper in the boaters lounge at the marina, we were a group of 14, which included Bob DeNoto who arrived on Carefree (Karen came by land yacht on Saturday morning); the Hermanns and grandson, Austin, on Bay Belle; the Kings on Southern Cross; and the Voegeles on Whistling Swan. The Stiernas came by camper yacht and stayed at the town park camping area near the river. Lots of good food.

By dinner time on Saturday at Murray's Irish Pub, we had grown to 24, now including the Reichmanns on Sea Note, the Wentworths on Bellatrix, the Stones on Milestone, Craig Weis on Comfort & Joy and Steve Rank and Jerry Richter on Wind Rover. The sailboats had a challenging crossing against the wind but made it nevertheless. The purpose of a rendezvous is to learn more about cruising opportunities and to build friendships with others who enjoy cruising. This we were able to do over the two days we were together. If you have never cruised with us, please plan to do so the next opportunity you have to travel with the Squadron.



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **THE OKTOBERFEST FEAST – SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER – NOON TO 3 P.M.**

Check out the special flyer promoting our “first ever” Oktoberfest party at the Sawyer Park Pavilion. The Pavilion is located at the west end of the Oregon Street Bridge. The Pavilion is enclosed and should be comfortable come rain or chilly weather. The Neighborhood Pub specializes in German food at this time of year and if you have never eaten from their Oktoberfest menu, you are in for a real treat. Save room for the strudel! Bring your own beverages and if you want to participate in a German beer and German wine tasting event, be sure to bring enough of your favorite for others to try. This will be a great place to spend a Sunday afternoon in early fall with boating friends. If you are one of our newer members, this is the way to get better acquainted. See you there!

### **FALL LAY-UP DINNER MEETING – FRIDAY 19 OCTOBER – 5:30 P.M.**

Hard to believe it is already time to “lay-up” our boats, signaling the end of the boating season and another summer. So let’s get together to talk about what we have done on the water or off throughout the summer. Our location will be announced in the next issue of the Scuttlebutt. It will be a dinner meeting and interesting program. Mike Stapleton is our presenter who will tell us about the Sail AnyWay program available to disabled boaters in this area, as well as throughout the country. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend.

**KEEP YOUR PHOTOS AND BOATING SAGAS COMING MY WAY!** I would love to include you in the slide presentation I am doing at the January Annual Meeting. Doesn’t need to be something you did with the Squadron – any boat trip is important to remember. Or, maybe you never left the dock – that’s okay, too!

Dolores Hermann, Administrative Officer – [dolores.e.hermann@gmail.com](mailto:dolores.e.hermann@gmail.com).

**DOOR COUNTY SAIL & POWER SQUADRON**  
**HERE'S AN IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM YOUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
**EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY – ACT NOW!**

The words used to describe your squadron are: welcoming, growing, active, dynamic, effective, successful. Consistently recognized for outstanding performance in Education, Public Service and Fraternally by USPS Headquarters, District 10 and locally.

Whether you are a new member or have been around for a short or long while, if you're not actively involved in squadron leadership, THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN AN OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP TEAM.

Your participation will be recognized and appreciated. Guaranteed. As part of the team you will be part of the decision-making process and you'll enjoy what you do. Also guaranteed.

To volunteer or just to ask questions, call or Email:

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**SCUTTLEBUTT EDITOR**

The monthly Scuttlebutt is the squadron's main vehicle for communications with our members.

The Editor:

- Sets the monthly cut-off date for content and receives officer's reports, announcements, schedules and photos via Email.
- Edits and formats digital data and image files. Microsoft Publisher is currently used.
- Emails the finished Scuttlebutt to members. It also appears on our web site.

Our contributors are good about submitting articles on time and require minimum follow-up by the Editor. We will train the new Editor.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER**

The PR Officer's duties can be divided into three parts

- Works with local media to promote squadron activities; e.g., classes and seminars, vessel safety checks, flare shoots and fire extinguisher demonstrations.
- Develops special promotion plans for major squadron events.
- Works with Education Chairs to publish times and locations of public classes and seminars.

PR products and services consist of media news releases, posters, fliers, paid ads, radio announcements and interviews.

# 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  
Hungarian Strudel

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 4)

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



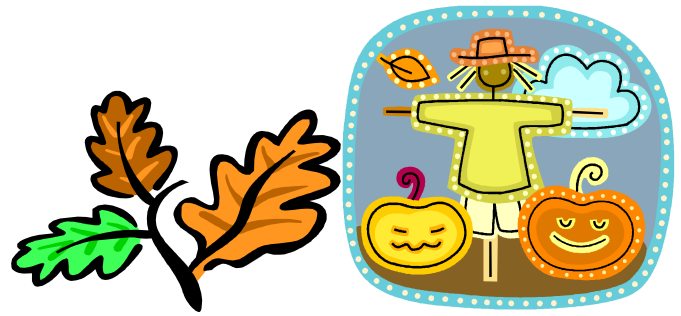
## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

### **SEPTEMBER 2012**

- 2<sup>ND</sup> – 9<sup>TH</sup> – USPS National Governing Board Meeting, Detroit, MI.
- 11<sup>TH</sup> – Executive Committee Meeting – 2 p.m. – SBYC. All members are welcome.
- 12<sup>TH</sup> – Weather Class Part II begins – NWTC – Alan Wentworth, instructor.
- 16<sup>TH</sup> – Oktoberfest Party at Sawyer Park Pavilion in Sturgeon Bay – noon – 3 p.m. Contact John Reichmann to sign up.
- 18<sup>th</sup>– Seamanship begins – NWTC – Paul King, instructor.

### **OCTOBER 2012**

- 16<sup>TH</sup> – Executive Committee Meeting - 2 p.m. – SBYC. All members are welcome.
- 19<sup>TH</sup> – Lay-up Dinner Meeting – 5:30 social hour, 6:30 dinner, 7:30 program – Location to be announced.



### **NOVEMBER 2012**

- 2<sup>ND</sup>/3<sup>RD</sup> – D10 Fall Conference – Wausau WI.

### **DECEMBER 2012**

- 7<sup>TH</sup> – Holiday Party

### **JANUARY 2013**

- 8<sup>TH</sup> – Executive Committee Meeting - 2 p.m. – SBYC. All members are welcome.
- 16<sup>th</sup> – Piloting Begins
- 18<sup>TH</sup> – Annual Meeting

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