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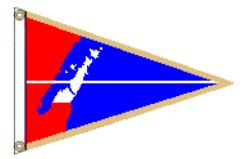


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ITS HOLIDAY PARTY TIME



JOIN US AT

CROSSROADS AT BIG CREEK
FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER 2013

6—9 P.M. (1800-2100)

No charge to attend but **BYOB** and bring a dish to share at the holiday buffet table.

Also bring a surprise gift for the one-pound auction. This can be a pound of anything that strikes your fancy and beautifully wrapped to disguise the contents. This is our annual fundraiser, so be prepared to bid wildly.

\$5 each RAFFLE 6 for \$25

Join Steve Rank aboard the Windrover for an afternoon sail for up to four guests (day to be mutually arranged). This will include a box lunch. Cruise area will be determined by the wind and the wishes of the passengers. If you are a power boater, this is your golden opportunity to enter the beautiful and relaxed world of sail. This will be a raffle item in addition to the auction. See below for a way to enter without being there in person.

RAFFLE TICKET

New this year is a way for everyone to participate in the fundraiser even if you are not able to attend by participating in the Windrover cruise raffle. [Click here](#) and let Cynthia Weis know how many tickets you would like. **They are \$5 each or 6 for \$25.** Then send a check to her, payable to the Door County Sail & Power Squadron, at 1609 Texas Pl., Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235. The odds are very good that you will be a winner and also benefit our Squadron.

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

HEADING SOUTH FOR THE WINTER

When we move south to Austin, Texas for the Winter, it's mostly to see our grandson Rai, and only secondarily to enjoy the benefits of the warmer climate. It's a good thing too, as there hasn't been much warmer climate to be had. We did get a day of 80's, but followed immediately by a daily high of 37 degrees. Then we had rain, and rain, and rain. Having lived through severe droughts, I'll never speak against rain, and down here they certainly need it. Lake Travis, which is just outside the window, is 40 feet low, but it was definitely weather for ducks.

We drove to Austin via Minneapolis, some 1500 miles and "a lot" of diesel fuel, when it was 35 degrees in Sturgeon Bay. Not exactly what we had in mind to start our second season. We were also treated to 200 miles of slush on the way down. It took all that next day to clean the 5th Wheel.

Mind you, it's still a great life, and we'll get plenty of nice weather while we are down here. My daughter's speedboat is in the marina next door, within walking distance, and I get usage rights for a bit of clean up. After sailing the wide open spaces of Lake Michigan, it's a different experience on a reservoir lake. We do get to take out some of the folks here at the RV park. Many have been on the shoreline here for years, but never experienced the boating lifestyle. We even had a couple we know from down here meet us for a sailboat ride in Sister Bay during the summer.

I have had the opportunity, other years, to sail the lake here, but with high canyon walls and a lot of twisting and bending, it's a real art to keep wind in the sails. And then there's the Rug Rat. At 19 months, he's really beginning to get this life thing figured out, and is pretty much grabbing life by the throat and wringing out all that it has to offer. I understand that his yoga/Spanish teacher/daycare provider is putting him in a Christmas show, I'm fascinated to see how all that's going to work out..

2013 FALL CONFERENCE IN GREEN BAY

Just before we left town, we went to the District Fall Conference in Green Bay.



Door County was well represented there.

One of the main orders of business was welcoming the new Marinette & Menominee Sail and Power Squadron to our fold. They should receive their charter at the Annual Meeting in Florida come January. Door County advanced a resolution on seminar pricing. Although unsuccessful in passage, it did have the effect we wanted, that of gaining more local freedom for our own approach to offering seminars.

2014 FALL CONFERENCE IN DOOR COUNTY OUR TURN TO HOST

We also had an ulterior motive in having a lot of folks present. Next year, we will be hosting the District Fall Conference at the Landmark in Egg Harbor. We've made some substantial progress already. Over the summer, Dolores Hermann, Tom Schueppert and I met with the Landmark staff and hammered out a contract and had it approved by District. Over the next month or so we will be putting together the Conference Committee. It will have Co-chairs, Dolores Hermann, AP and Bill Galligan, AP. I will be involved with Budgeting and Planning issues from here, Cynthia Weis, AP will handle registration and financing, and other positions are being filled as quickly as possible.

Even though it is almost a year away, much of the work needs to be accomplished by the District Spring Conference in March, after which it becomes a tactical matter of accomplishing the plan. We are going to need some help right now, and more later, when we have to actually staff for the event. This is a super way for people to become involved and meet some new friends. Even if you're relatively new, it's a way you can become involved now, contribute to our mission, and earn a merit mark. This is a relatively small organization, and if you're being asked, it's because we really need you.

Reserve the dates 24-26 October 2014, and let's throw a party for the ages!!!

Fair Winds,

Bob Stierna

FROM THE EDUCATION OFFICER

Engine maintenance is nearing completion. Exams have been ordered. Students have reported that this is a great course and is a highlight of membership.

AP is also well underway and is scheduled to conclude 19 December. As usual, the students have busy work schedules causing us to not have every student every week in class. This is okay, though, because the students are following the syllabus and asking questions as needed for review of any materials they missed. All are doing well in the AP journey.

Instructor development has been delayed until after the first of the year due to holiday conflicts in December. Bob DeNoto will instruct the course. Dates will be posted shortly.

John Reichmann has completed his sight folder for JN and is ready to take his exam which has been ordered for him. He would like to take his test in December. I am really excited that he has taken the course this way. Thank you to Alan for his helping John to get his sight folder in order. Robert Curran has also expressed his desire to take JN as an independent study like John. He would like to do this beginning in January. Let me know if anyone else is interested in JN so we could make it a class.

UPCOMING CLASSES

Seamanship will be scheduled on Thursdays from 6 February – 27 March.

Sail will be scheduled on Thursdays from 10 April – 29 May.

ABC is scheduled on the calendar beginning Tuesday 15 April.

Prior to the ABC Class, Bob DeNoto and I are planning on meeting with the police and the DNR to coordinate bringing in students to this course and to share their inputs with the students. We will offer the course and teach it while using these representatives to supplement the course much as we did in the past. The purpose is to stop spinning our gears competing with each other. Our materials put us in the best position to lead this effort.

I am excited about the raffle of a sail and lunch aboard my sailboat, Windrover, this coming summer. Sailing is a poetic and empowering connection to the natural world of wind and water we all love so deeply. I love taking people sailing and opening up this wonderful on-the-water perspective that is the same and yet so different from the world of power boating. The sail will be raffled off at our upcoming holiday party. I can't wait to find out who will win.

LT/C Steven G Rank, SEO

DOOR COUNTY SAIL & POWER SQUADRON

ANNUAL MEETING

FRIDAY 17 JANUARY 2014

STURGEON BAY YACHT CLUB

5:30 P.M. SOCIAL HOUR 6:30 P.M. DINNER 7:30 P.M. MEETING & PROGRAM

MENU SELECTIONS

9 oz. Grilled Pork Loin w/apple brandy glaze, Parsnip Puree \$28

4 pcs. Pan Fried Perch, Sweet Potato Mash, Cole Slaw \$23

Vegetable Lasagna \$20

All entrees include soup & salad bar

Dredging- 2013 Style

(The Scuttlebutt Editor wishes to thank Jim & Gloria Walkowiak of the Skokie Valley Power Squadron for permission to reprint this article which appeared in the Skokie Valley PS Running Lights newsletter.)

"The dictionary says: Dredging is an activity usually carried out underwater or in shallow seas, for the purpose of gathering bottom sediments and disposing of them at a different location. This technique is often used to keep waterways navigable." But there is another way to dredge!



We had an opportunity to visit Menominee, MI while in Door County with good friends John and Mary Welch this past month. We saw an amazing event taking place at the their municipal marina (Great Lakes Memorial marina). Cranes and trucks were driving on the bottom of the marina! Yes, about 14 feet below the stationary docks! Instead of dredging the marina as in the dictionary description above, the marina entrance from Lake Michigan was blocked (water tight), and then the water in the marina basin was pumped out! This \$1.4 million dredging operation began after all boats left for winter storage. It is anticipated to be complete by year end. This will amount to 25,000 cubic yards being removed to provide 8 feet of water depth at the slips, and 10 feet at the marina entrance.

This 261 slip marina is a short hop across Green Bay, and is a very popular destination with boaters. The two times we joined with the Sturgeon Bay Power Squadron, every slip was taken. With lake levels falling these past years it became necessary to accommodate boats safely without bottoming out. The marina has a section of stationary docks and also floating docks.

We watched the cranes and trucks in operation near the stationary docks from behind a construction safety fence. The cranes would drag the bucket & scoop the dirt and place this in piles. This would allow the water to seep out of most of the pile. Then the crane would remove the top part of the pile, and place the drained dirt in huge dump trucks. We did not observe them working in the floating dock area.

After we arrived home and I started to put this story together, I googled the Menominee marina project for some more information. Guess what? We found a very informative web site, that has some nifty professional pictures of the work going on, taken by James LeBouton. We borrowed his picture of the aerial shot of the marina before dredging. One neat picture shows an overhead view of the entrance of the harbor, and how they blocked it, along with showing the huge pumps required to keep the water on the lake side of marina.

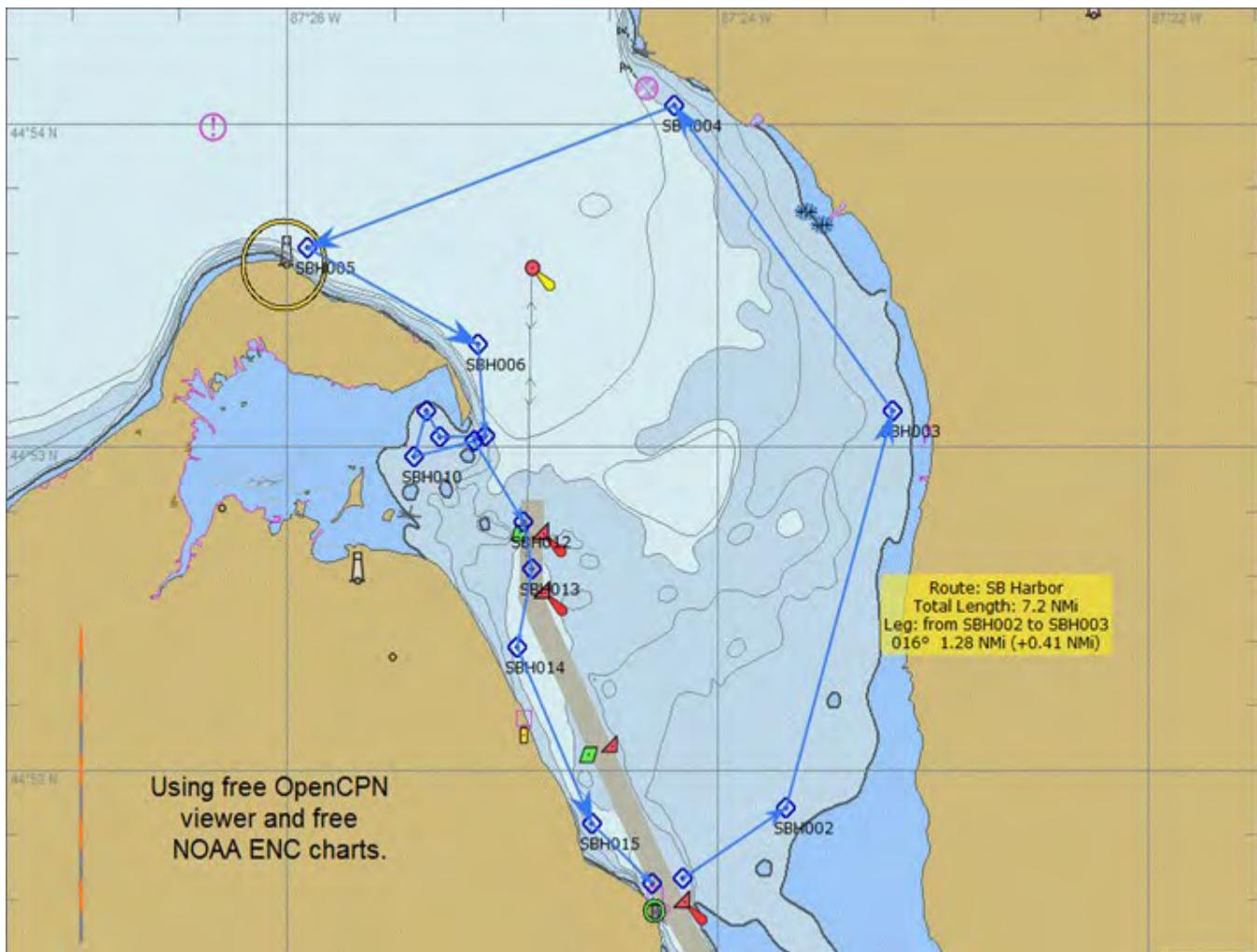
Go to www.Menomineemarina.com

Submitted by Jim & Gloria Walkowiak



PHOTO OF THE MONTH

Here is a little picture showing the places that 6 foot draft boats can use in the bay of Sturgeon Bay



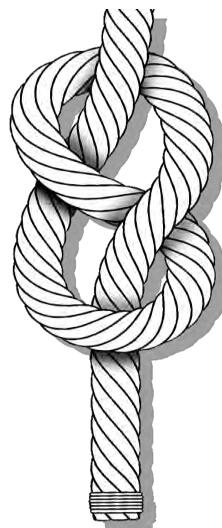
Do you have an unusual or interesting photo that you would like to share with other members—nautical or not? If so, please send it to dolores.e.hermann@gmail.com. This month's photo was submitted by Markus Ritter.

DOOR COUNTY SAIL & POWER SQUADRON MEMBER BENEFITS

Did you know that membership in USPS comes with a variety of benefits? Benefits like insurance, office supplies, hotels and rental cars. [Click here](#) for more information available on the USPS website.

MARLINSPIKE

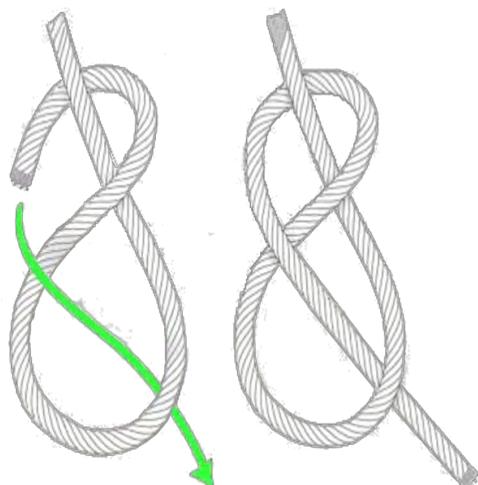
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Stopper Knot

USPS Seamanship—chapter 8

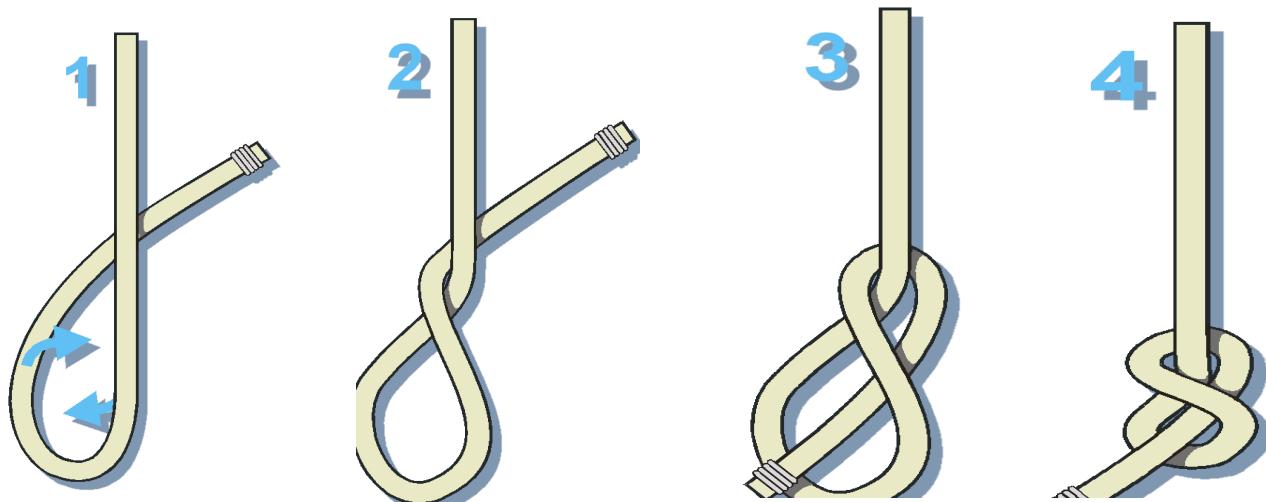
Marlinspike



1. Start by forming an underhand loop.
2. Lead the free end under the standing part.
3. Feed the free end through the loop formed by the underhand loop.
4. Pull the knot tight.



Figure 8 Construction



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

2nd—Chuck Holst

18th—Bob Curran

21st—Bob DeNoto

25th—Jim Jauquet



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Schedule of Events

December 2013

6th—Holiday Party at Crossroads of Big Creek
6—9 PM



January 2014



7th—Executive Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—on-line
17th—Squadron Annual Meeting and Election of Bridge Officers—SBYC
26th—USPS Annual Meeting—Jacksonville FL (thru Feb. 2)



February 2014

6th—Seamanship begins
TBA—Squadron Change of Watch
18th—Executive Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—on-line
22nd—Squadron Cruise Planning Meeting—location TBA

March 2014

28th-30th—District 10 Spring Conference—St. Paul MN



April 2014

1st—Executive Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—on-line
10th—Sail begins
TBA—Vessel Safety Examiner Season Prep Meeting
15th—ABC Class begins



May 2014

6th—Executive Committee Meeting—7 p.m.
16th—Fitting Out Meeting & Social



Thank you to all of the members who contributed articles and pictures. Please take no offense if your article was somewhat changed or if your picture was not included in the Scuttlebutt. Changes, exclusions and inclusions are made based on space.



Submit articles and pictures for the January Scuttlebutt by December 30, 2013



Send your comments, ideas and articles to:

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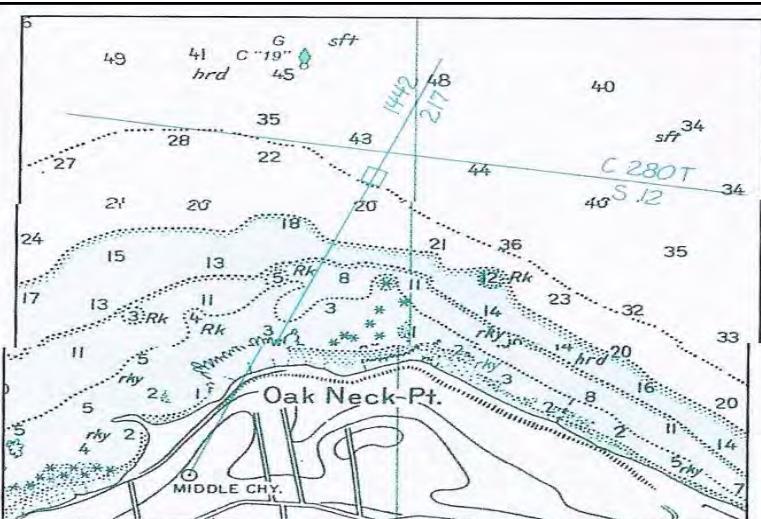


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Scuttlebutt November Quiz Answer

Departing Milwaukee's McKinley marina heading for Manitowoc, Bay Belle's chart plotter went dark one hour out of port. Having the paper chart with Dolores' DR line became very important.

Statement: A single LOP can often be combined with depth information to provide an estimated position (EP). True or false?



A single LOP can often be combined with depth information to provide an estimated position (EP). The LOP shown above is a beam bearing. A depth reading of 21 feet has indicated that the estimate should be farther inshore than the DR track indicates.

Based on this chart reprinted out of Chapman's Piloting, Chapter 20 on Position Information, the correct answer is TRUE.

Scuttlebutt December Quiz

Nautical charts for tidal regions present vertical datum, i.e., soundings based either on MLW or MLLW. How are these two references determined? Try to answer without referring to your earlier class materials.

Send your answers to the Scuttlebutt Editor
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