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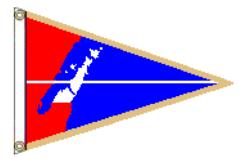


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FRIENDLY REMINDER FROM OUR TREASURER

It's that time of the year again when our memberships are coming up for renewal. **This year, National has decided to send our membership renewals by email to save on postage.** If you do not respond after a few weeks they will send an invoice by the postal service. Everyone who does not have an email address will also receive their invoices by the postal service.

Please renew your membership to continue to enjoy our excellent Education Department and Social Events. It is very easy to renew online. You can click on the link in the renewal notice you get by email or you can click here: [National website](#)
You will need 3 things:

1. Your invoice #
2. Your certificate #
3. Your credit card #

Both your invoice # and certificate # can be found on your renewal notice. If you can not find your renewal notice contact me at weiscynthia@yahoo.com and I will find the information for you.

THANK YOU

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart."
--Elizabeth Andrew

First of all, a sad duty. For those who might not have heard, I must report to you that our Executive Committee member and Public Relations Officer, Lt. Mary Mayheu, passed away during April. For me, it was a stunning loss. First the diagnosis, and then a fight which on the surface seemed to be going well, and then the sudden reality of her passing. Our organization was better for her sojourn with us, let us be grateful for that, and support Steve and her family as we are able.

For the second time this year, we find the Executive Committee individually taking bits and pieces of an organizational role, deciding who can write a bit of copy, who knows someone at the Pulse or the Advocate, when are things due, etc. We had to do that earlier, with the duties of the Administrative Officer, when that office went unfilled entering the watch year. There is a saying, "If you want something done, ask a busy person." The members of the Executive Committee continue to just add that little bit more, and we are getting some help from the membership. Michelle Anderson handling social events and meetings and Sandy King volunteering to coordinate the Annual Rendezvous come to mind. We also have a committee working on the District Rendezvous for October which is making good progress. But we could still use some additional help.

For a number of years, I used to join a number of organizations, but only on a superficial level. I would pay my dues, read the magazine, and hope that it was doing some good. Well, after a while I realized that it was unfulfilling, that there was something missing. I had to narrow my scope and deepen my commitment. I looked across my interests, and decided that boating safety was an important focus and found a way to help. As we continue to see the death rates in boating accidents decline over the decades, I know I have contributed to that, and it's what sustains me through all the work over the years. We all joined the Squadron for different reasons, probably multiple reasons, some social, some educational, some to give something back to the community, but over time, the real payoff is in what we can do for each other and the community at large.

So if you would like to take a little piece, talk to me or any of the Executive Committee members and we'll find a role that is "right sized" just for you. Another quote in closing, this one from Winston Churchill:

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give"

Fair Winds,

Bob Stierna

THE D-10 SUMMER RENDEZVOUS

July 18 - 20

Superior, Wisconsin

Hosted by the Duluth Sail and Power Squadron

SAFETY ON THE WATER

AVOIDING COLLISIONS WITH KAYAKS

In the past few years, there have been several tragic examples of small boats, notably kayaks, which were run down by larger, fast-moving boats. A group of prominent engineers recently presented the paper, "Visibility Factors in Small boat Collisions," at the 2012 International Marine Forensics Symposium sponsored by the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers. This paper offers some good suggestions on how to avoid running over small boats.

The suggestions on how to avoid being run over were based on a series of test on the water using volunteers in kayaks and power-boats. Researchers found that kayaks aren't likely to be spotted by a powerboat until they're a quarter of a mile away, which can quickly lead to an "extremis condition." The sooner a small boat is spotted, the better.

Seventy-five percent of the powerboat operators first reported seeing "paddle flash" when they saw the boat. A white or light colored paddle blade was much easier to see than a dark blade. The remaining 25 percent saw the luminous jersey that was being worn by the volunteers.

Among the recommendations to kayakers—

- Carry an audible signaling device.
- Wear fluorescent life vests or shirts.
- Use paddles with white or light colored blades.
- Avoid kayaking in areas with high boat traffic.
- Use flags that can be mounted on kayaks.

Conversely, for owners of larger boats: wear sunglasses; keep a proper lookout; and, be especially alert in areas where you are likely to encounter smaller craft.

John Hermann, Safety Officer

Source: "Seaworthy, the Boat U.S. Marine Insurance and Damage Report," July 2012

FROM YOUR EDUCATION OFFICER

Sail class is underway with five students with widely divergent backgrounds and with five instructors teaching the course in segments. This is an exciting course because of the knowledge the students and instructors bring to the course to teach each other. I am anxious to get on the water with the students in June as soon as possible after the conclusion of the course. The sixth and final instructor will be my sailboat. I can't wait for this on-the-water class.

The ABC course will be held June 10-13 in the evenings at NWTC. I hope to see lots of students who want to get out on the water and put into practice what they have learned right away. When the course has been offered in April there is a lag time between learning and applying what has been learned. We will offer an on-the-water segment to this course as well.

Now that the snow has finally melted, along with the ice on the bay, we can see that the upside of this horrible winter is MORE WATER in all the great lakes.. I am thrilled about all of the expanded boating possibilities because of the higher water. This will certainly contribute to a safer boating season. Living where we do limits our time on the water but I believe that this makes that time all the sweeter than our counterparts who live in warmer climes. Here's to a safe and fun boating season for all.

Steve Rank

SUMMER SEMINAR SERIES

Sat 21 June **Rules of the Road**

Sat 12 July **Radar**

Sat 19 July **Knots, Bends, and Hitches**

Sat 26 July **Compass**

Sat Aug 2 **Emergencies on Board**

All seminars will be held at Quarterdeck on Saturday mornings from 0900 to 1100.

FROM YOUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER

SQUADRON VESSEL EXAMINERS RE-CERTIFIED

Two of our VSEs attended the workshop at D-10's spring conference and were re-certified: Bob DeNoto and Alan Wentworth. The rest of our VSEs were re-certified at our own workshop 26 April: Bill Galligan, Lou Pasquesi, Bob Stierna and myself.

We need more VSEs!

We have lost a few examiners over the last few years. So has the USCG Auxiliary. More trained examiners are needed. There are so many recreational boats around Door County that need VSCs. Are you interested or do you know a member who may be interested? Give me a call.

At the workshop we firmed up the VSC schedule through June. You'll find it in the calendar. We hope every member cares about a VSC. If the marina dates don't work for you or yours is a trailer boat, call one of our VSEs for an appointment at your boat.

Bob DeNoto	493-0287	Bill Galligan	743-2316
John Hermann	743-1675	Lou Pasquesi	421-2214
Bob Stierna	743-4759	Alan Wentworth	336-3274

FLARE SHOOT AND FIRE EXTINGUISHER DEMO AND PRACTICE

The date for the event at Sturgeon Bay Yacht Club had to be changed. It will take place Saturday 14 June from 1300 to 1500.

BOAT SHOW AT HARBOR CLUB

An in-the-water boat show will take place Saturday and Sunday 21-22 June. Skipper Bud's is our Brunswick partner with whom we have a strong and growing relationship. Our squadron was asked to provide an information booth. On Saturday, we will staff the booth at Harbor Club and offer VSCs there, even as VSCs are conducted at Center Point. Our picnic is set for Sunday, so we will not provide a booth that day at Harbor Club.

GREAT LAKES WATER LEVELS

Lakes Superior, Michigan-Huron and St. Clair are 14, 11 and 7 inches, respectively, above what their level was this time last year. Lakes Erie and Ontario are both 6 inches above their levels of a year ago. Lakes Superior and Michigan-Huron are predicted to climb 4 inches each over the next 30 days. Lake St. Clair will rise 3 inches over next month, while Lakes Erie and Ontario are both projected to rise 2 inches.

John Hermann

2014 FALL CONFERENCE UPDATE

24—26 OCTOBER

Hosted by our Squadron, we have a wonderful opportunity to welcome other squadron members in the district to our beautiful Door County. Co-chairs of the Conference are Bill Galligan and Dolores Hermann. Committee members are:

Bob DeNoto & John Hermann—Materials
Karen DeNoto & John Hermann—Activities
Mary Welch—Hospitality
Cynthia & Craig Weis, Sandy King —Registration

As conference time approaches, we welcome many hands to staff the hospitality rooms and help with activities. If you can assist for a day or part of a day, please contact one of the Committee members.

Thank you for whatever help you can provide.

Bill Galligan and Dolores Hermann
Conference Co-chairs

HELP NEEDED IN THESE AREAS

HOSPITALITY ROOM STAFFING

Friday 3—6 pm—attendees will come in for coffee & cookies and questions about the county.

Saturday 6:30—10 am (2 shifts)

Sunday 6:30—10 am (2 shifts)—continental breakfast is served both days—would involve set-up, making coffee, clean-up.

ACTIVITIES STAFFING

Friday night games—need helpers.

Saturday afternoon Orchard County Market—need hosts to join Karen and accompany the group.

DONATIONS

Cookies, apples and mini chocolate bars for the hospitality room.

JOIN YOUR SQUADRON FRIENDS
AT OUR FITTING OUT PIZZA & SURPRISE NIGHT
(and a short meeting)

Friday 16 May

1800 (6:00 pm)

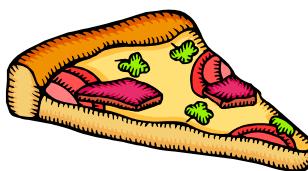
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Community Center

Egg Harbor

[Click here](#)

for a google map



ENJOY SONNY'S PIZZA

Cost: \$15 per couple

\$ 7:50 single

Bring a salad or dessert to share & your adult beverage of choice. Sodas will be provided.

SIGN UP BY MAY 10 WITH MICHELLE ANDERSON

CALL MICHELLE AT 920-746-1373



**Celebrate the return of boats to
our beautiful Green Bay & Lake
Michigan waters**

**Share boating adventures and
HAVE FUN!**

SEE YOU THERE!!!!!!

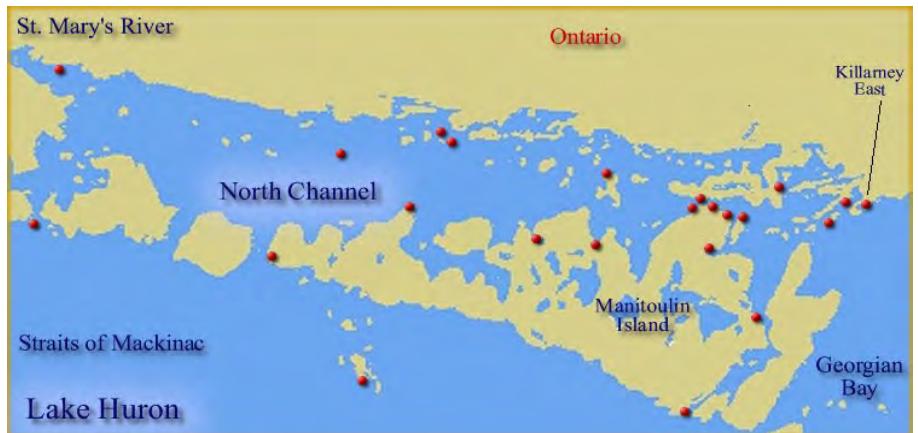
CRUISE PLANNING UPDATES

NORTH CHANNEL CRUISE SUGGESTED ITINERARY—8 JULY — 26 JULY

Ports: Meldrum Bay, Gore Bay, Kagawong, Manitowaning, Little Current, Killarney, Blind River, Drummond Island, St. Ignace, Beaver Island.

Anchorages: Bear Drop, John Island, Benjamins, Heywood Island, Baie Fine.

There is still time to sign up for this always-exciting cruise. If you are interested in participating, plan to attend the meeting at the Keatings on Saturday, May 17, at 9 am. Call 920-743-4201 for information on what to bring.



7 June—Paddle-craft Adventure—Clarks Lake— note change in date. Captain: Karen DeNota. Additional paddle adventures will be announced later.

28 June—Shakedown Cruise—Egg Harbor—co-captains: John Hermann & Bob Stierna. Joint cruise with the M & M Squadron. VSEs available. Can be a day or weekend cruise.

Late June—Anchoring/Rafting practice rendezvous—Chambers Island or Sand Bay—cruise captain needed. Intended for anyone who seeks experience anchoring/rafting-off; especially for cruisers heading to the North Channel. Can be part of the Egg Harbor Cruise.

July—2 weeks—North Channel Cruise—co-captains: John Welch and Terry Keating. Seven captains plan to join this cruise, including fast and slow boats. Vessel captains will choose between anchorages and marinas and make their own slip reservations. Cruise allows for 3-4 weather days. (see detail above).

July/August—Escanaba Cruise—2 nights—co-captains: Karl May & Tom Schueppert August dates would offer the UP County Fair.

15-17 August—Squadron Rendezvous Cruise—Menominee—co-captain: Sandy King. The Squadron's most popular cruise. We have invited the M & M Squadron to co-plan and join us.

Fayette - existing dock open as usual for 2014 season

According to an article in the Great Lake Cruising Club Newsletter there had been plans to rebuild the Fayette docks this spring, but those plans are suspended. The marina will be open for boats, once the ice is out, as it has been in past years, no reservations, no electricity, a long floating dock which may require rafting off to accommodate all the visiting boats, etc. So, please make your cruising plans to come and visit the beautiful Fayette Park.

The current funding has reduced the scale of the proposed project for 2015 to focus on safety items. This is planned to include rebuilding the long floating dock, and adding electric service at the dock. The electric service will eliminate the risk of Carbon Monoxide poisoning, which has been a significant concern from the use of engines and generators in close quarters by boats at the dock. The design of marina shore power systems is also under review to comply with the revised electrical codes to eliminate Electrical Shock Drowning, for the new installation. [Click here for more information on Electric Shock Drowning.](#) (Thanks to Terry Keating for submitting this article).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

18th—Christi Decker

18th—Mike Finnessy

23rd—Gary King

23rd—Mike Morrison



Schedule of Events

May 2014

6th—Executive Committee Meeting—Sturgeon Bay Library—2-4 pm

16th—Fitting Out Meeting & Social—6 pm

25th—VSCs Yacht Works—Sister Bay



June 2014

7th—Vessel Safety Checks at Quarterdeck/Harbor Club

7th—Paddle-craft adventure on Clarks Lake—Karen DeNoto

10-13th—ABC Class—NWTC—6-8 pm

14th—VSCs at Bay Marine

14th—Flare Shoot & Fire Extinguisher Practice—SBYC—1-3 pm

17th—Executive Committee Meeting—Stur. Bay Library—2-4 pm

21st—Rules of the Road Seminar—9-11 am

21st—VSCs at Centerpointe

21st—Boat Show & VSCs at Harbor Club

22nd—Squadron Cookout—Sunset Park—1-4 pm

28th—VSCs at Egg Harbor Marina

28th—Cruise to Egg Harbor—John Hermann & Bob Stierna

TBA—Anchoring/Rafting practice



July 2014

Vessel Safety Checks continue

8th-26th—North Channel Cruise—John Welch & Terry Keating

12th—Radar Seminar—9-11 am

19th—Knots, Bends & Hitches Seminar—9-11 am

18-20th—D10 Summer Rendezvous—Duluth S&PS

26th—Compass Seminar—9-11 am

29th—Executive Committee Meeting

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 June Scuttlebutt by May 30, 2014



Send your comments, ideas and articles to:

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Vessel Safety Checks continue

2nd—Emergencies on Board Seminar—9-11am

TBA—Escanaba Cruise—Karl May

15-17th—Squadron Annual Rendezvous—Menominee MI—Sandy King



September 2014

6th—MarinaFest—Sister Bay

7-14th—USPS Governing Board Meeting—Arlington, VA

16th—Executive Committee Meeting

26th—Lay-Up Dinner Meeting



October 2014

21st—Executive Committee Meeting

24-26th—D10 Fall Conference—DCS&PS—Landmark Resort

November 2014

December 2014

2nd—Executive Committee Meeting



5th—Holiday Party

MAY MONTHLY QUIZ

SAFETY—ON BOARD IN PORT

SURGE PROTECTION DEVICES (SPD)

Most of us keep electronic devices, such as the TVs and PCs plugged into surge protectors to safe guard them from electrical surges, e.g., lightening. It would follow that we use surge protectors when on board and connected to shore power.

Statement:

When the vessel is connected to AC current via shore power we can safely use the same surge protector that we use in our home.

True. Your home surge protector is perfectly safe while your boat is connected to AC current;

False. A marine-rated surge protector is needed.

Note: VSEs need not respond because we covered this question during our workshop.

Email your response and comments to the Scuttlebutt Editor. The answer will appear in June.

SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY, JUNE 22 2014

1-4 PM

SUNSET PARK

SQUADRON ANNUAL COOKOUT



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