

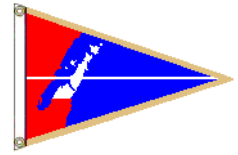
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### COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Sailing is magical sometimes. A nice breeze off the beam as we coast along with only a little fluttering from the flags and a swishing gurgle as the boat cuts through the water. Boating in general and sailing in particular is about process. If you want to get there fast, take a plane.

Motor boats can capture a different magic when they travel at displacement speeds with the soft rhythm of the engine providing a mellow beat to the experience. One of the great experiences of life is a slow motor on a full-moon night, when the sun sets as the moon begins rising a few minutes later.

I know the thrill of dropping the hammer and commanding the fierce energies of a powerful engine, of spray flying and air rushing through one's hair, making the eyes water.

I know the patient searching and rewards of a screaming reel as a large salmon strips hundreds of feet of line off in a few seconds. The animal instincts stir to the call of "fish on". The battle is engaged.

I know the quiet stroke of the paddle in a canoe or kayak, the intimate feel on a nearby shoreline or small channel, a place to sleep just by the water. Close, intimate, quiet.

Up and away from the water I can travel the quiet forest paths of the great natural areas set aside to pass through, but not disturb. The temple of life.

There is commerce, but of a different kind. A small shop, a shopkeeper who lives in back, away from the megastores and their sameness. A festival, with artisans of various skills, tempting additions to your shelf of small wonders.

This is Door County in its season of glory. It is for this we live here. Experience it now.

Fair Winds,

Bob



## EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

June is always a busy month for the squadron and this season has not been a slacker. We did, indeed, conduct vessel safety checks at marinas every Saturday; not only in Sturgeon Bay but in Sister Bay and Fish Creek as well. Lou Pasquesi is our man "up North," who also helps out in Sturgeon Bay.

Bob DeNoto, Bill Galligan, Lou Pasquesi, Bob Stierna, Alan Wentworth and I are your Vessel Safety Examiners. We are focused on boater welfare by assuring safe vessels and informed captains. So far this season we've completed 140 VSCs, which compares favorably with D-10 squadrons. For the rest of the season our VSEs have their own inspection schedules. Call or email one of us to set up a time and place for your boat to be inspected.

Additional VSEs would allow us to get to more marinas and increase our coverage. Give serious thought to becoming a Vessel Safety Examiner. It's a good feeling to meet boaters who are concerned with being safe on the water. They like to hear about new safety technologies, such as Rescue 21 and Sea Tow Automated Radio Checks.

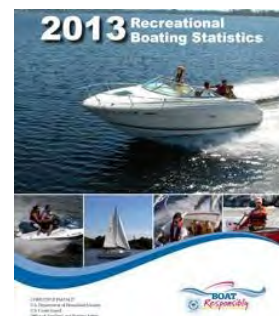
Seventeen people, primarily squadron members, participated in the Flare Shoot practice and Fire Extinguisher "discussion" 14 June. I say "discussion" because the wind led the firemen to not

discharge fire suppression powder. Nonetheless, they gave a thorough presentation that prompted good questions and answers. The Coast Guard arrived by boat and contributed their knowledge about flares and fire extinguishers. Thanks to Alan Wentworth for setting up this event every year. We are likely to change the location next year, to avoid the risk of wind carrying powder to nearby buildings.

We had our tent at the Skipper Bud's On-The-Water Boat Show 21 June, at Harbor club marina, while offering VSCs at Centerpointe marina at the same time. Thanks to Cynthia and Craig Weis who staffed the tent and Dolores Hermann who staffed the table at Centerpointe. We completed some VSCs at both places.

The Coast Guard recently published its' annual boating accident report for 2013. Scuttlebutt readers should find the executive summary on the next page to be of interest. [Click here to view the full report.](#)

Lt/C John Hermann SXO



## FROM YOUR EDUCATION OFFICER

Hello Everyone,

Our summer is finally getting into full swing. I still don't want to go swimming in the bay or lake because the water temps are well below average. I was listening to the NOAA marine weather forecast two days ago and could not believe my ears when I heard the water temp north of Washington Island was 38 degrees. I hope my ears were deceiving me! The good news is that cold water evaporates slower than warm water which will lead to higher water again next season, I hope.

Our summer seminar series is off and running. We conducted the Rules of the Road Seminar on 21 June and had six students. This is a great improvement over last year. The seminars are free and students are able to order materials after taking it. We had three students order the materials after hearing the seminar presentation.

Sat. 12 July will be the Radar seminar which I will teach at Quarterdeck. I hope to see many of you there. It is a great seminar if you have any thoughts of having radar installed on your boat. One thing I have learned from teaching seminars that involve electronics is that many people don't know how to use the electronics they have and would like to learn but don't want to read

their manuals. This is particularly true of radar and believe it or not, GPS. If anyone falls in this category, why not join us for the upcoming Radar seminar? I hope everyone is enjoying summer and is practicing the skills we have learned to ensure a safe and fun boating season. I hope to see you on the water soon and often.

Lt/C Steve Rank, SEO

### SUMMER SEMINAR SERIES

Sat 12 July **Radar**

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

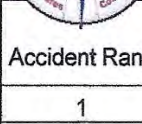
Sat 26 July **Compass**

Sat Aug 2 **Emergencies on Board**

All seminars will be held at Quarterdeck on Saturday mornings from 0900 to 1100. The seminars are free and open to anyone who would like to attend. We look forward to seeing many of you there as well as attracting new people to our organization through these seminars.



Table 1 • 2013 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



TOP FIVE PRIMARY ACCIDENT TYPES				
Accident Rank	Accident Type	Number of Accidents	Number of Deaths	Number of Injuries
1	Collision with recreational vessel	947	36	619
2	Flooding/swamping	430	67	144
3	Collision with fixed object	427	56	269
4	Grounding	399	15	255
5	Skier mishap	332	11	352

VESSEL TYPES WITH THE TOP CASUALTY NUMBERS						
Casualty Rank	Type of Boat	Drownings	Other Deaths	Total Deaths	Total Injuries	Total Casualties
1	Open motorboat	189	83	272	1380	1652
2	Personal watercraft	13	23	36	601	637
3	Cabin motorboat	17	8	25	223	248
4	Canoe/kayak	93	16	109	110	219
5	Pontoon	27	9	36	80	116

LIFE JACKET WEAR BY TOP FIVE KNOWN CAUSES OF DEATH					
Known Cause of Death Rank	Cause of Death	Number of Deaths	Life Jacket		
			Worn	Not Worn	Unknown if worn
1	Drowning	398	61	328	9
2	Trauma	91	39	50	2
3	Cardiac arrest	12	4	8	0
4	Hypothermia	5	4	1	0
4	Carbon monoxide poisoning	5	0	5	0

TOP TEN KNOWN PRIMARY CONTRIBUTING FACTORS OF ACCIDENTS				
Accident Rank	Contributing Factor	Number of Accidents	Number of Deaths	Number of Injuries
1	Operator inattention	567	57	371
2	Improper lookout	396	19	247
3	Operator inexperience	385	34	262
4	Excessive speed	319	19	289
5	Machinery failure	286	9	81
6	Alcohol use	236	75	187
7	Navigation rules violation	208	15	161
8	Force of wave/wake	188	7	170
9	Hazardous waters	182	53	88
10	Weather	181	40	92



## SELLING SANKATY

Judy and I decided to sell Sankaty for real in early April by seriously lowering the asking price to an all-time low. Before we knew it we had to rush to get the tarp off as we started to have tours of the boat every weekend and even once during the week.

Then in early May three offers came in within a few days. We took the first one at our new list price. Just before Sankaty went into the water we had a little goodbye party with one of my favorite after dinner drinks, Grand Marnier.



Shortly after, the new owner had the out-of-the water survey conducted. Sankaty went into the water (the first time ever after Memorial Day)



On June 7<sup>th</sup> at 0001, Bruce, the new owner's representative came with his two crew members and his wife. His wife got the job of taking the cover and cover frame work back to Chicago after a night at a motel. Bruce was a bit familiar with Sankaty as he had a four hour test ride in early September of 2013 out by the Olde Stone Quarry.

I joined Bruce and the crew for the first half of the trip to Chicago's 31<sup>st</sup> Street Harbor. We arrived in Port Washington about 16 hours later at 1800 where Judy met me for the return trip. I

totally forgot how difficult it is to pick your way out of the Quarter-deck Marina's mooring field with no moon, but we made it okay, thanks to some powerful flashlights. I was totally amazed at how well my GPS route kept me right in the center of the channel. I used Open CPN and downloaded to both of our GPS 12's using the URL to RS232 cable. Man was it cold out on the Lake both at night and during the day. I was really thankful for the one piece heavy weather suit our boys gave me 15 years ago when left for our Great Loop Trip.



We still need to find someone that wants our Buoy and 900# tow motor, fork lift truck, counter weight.

I learned that the newest breakwaters are not shown on the RNC or ENC NOAA charts and Google is way ahead of NOAA. Click [here](#) to see an example of Chicago's 31<sup>st</sup> Street Harbor.



Markus Ritter

## 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.

## FLARE SHOOT AND FIRE EXTINGUISHER DEMONSTRATION AT THE YACHT CLUB IN STURGEON BAY



The Coast Guard arrives



Jeri & Steve Rank, Bob & Karen DeNoto & Craig Weis get their instructions



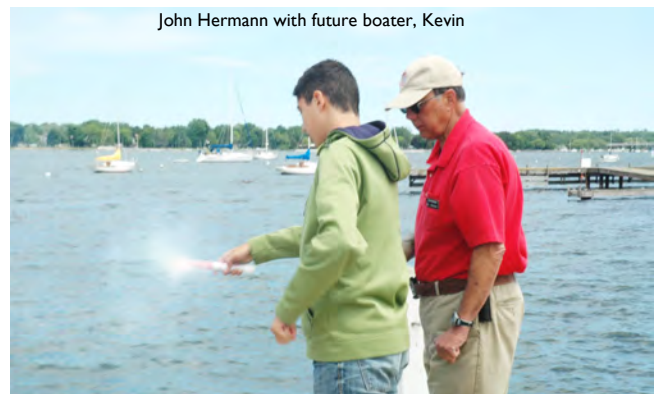
Alan Wentworth and Marie Coons



Alan Wentworth and Terry Keating conferencing over a flare



Julie Keating getting ready to fire



John Hermann with future boater, Kevin



Terry Keating burns two at a time



Sandy King & Craig Weis with dueling flare guns



## WE HAD A GREAT PICNIC



THE GRILL TEAM



THE DINERS



THE CROQUET MATCH



## CRUISE PLANNING UPDATES

### NORTH CHANNEL CRUISE—4 JULY — 26 JULY

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

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

Watch for their cruise log in the August issue of the Scuttlebutt.



### COMING UP

**13-14 August—Escanaba Cruise**—2 nights—co-captains: Karl May & Tom Schueppert This will tag onto the Annual Rendezvous Cruise to Menominee. This port will allow for a day at the Upper Peninsula Fair. Captains will need to make their own slip reservations. Contact the marina at 906-786-9614 or [click here](#). Then call Karl at 920-493-6233 to let him know you are coming

**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. Captains will need to make their own slip reservations. Contact the marina at 906-863-8498 or [www.menomineemarina.com](http://www.menomineemarina.com). Then call Sandy at 920-495-7675 to let her know you are coming.

## SHAKEDOWN CRUISE TO EGG HARBOR

Bob DeNoto with Bob Stierna aboard, arrived on Carefree, Michelle and Jerry Anderson, with daughter, Jill and grandson, London, traveled aboard Splash Landing and Alan and Nancy Wentworth appeared on Belletrix. John and Dolores Hermann, Karen DeNoto and Bill and Cleida Galligan arrived by land yacht. Karl May came on his scooter. One way or another we convened for the day at the beautiful Egg Harbor marina. Lunch was in the nearby Harbor View Grill. Most everyone left for home ports after lunch, but the Hermanns, DeNotos and Stiernas enjoyed dinner at Shipwrecked. Bob DeNoto spent the night aboard Carefree and Karen joined him in the morning for a pleasant journey back to Sturgeon Bay. The weather was perfect. John Hermann completed five VSC's that day, including the Boston Whaler pictured below.



On the porch of the Harbor View Grill



John Hermann does a VSC on a Boston Whaler

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO



2nd—Alan Wentworth

2nd—Larry Burkhardt

7th—Jerry Smart

8th—Michelle Anderson

8th—Bob Brown

12th—Karl May

15th—Donna Hermann

16th—Tom Schueppert

17th—Terry Keating

31st—Bryan Nebel

## Schedule of Events

### July 2014



Vessel Safety Checks continue

4th-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

### August 2014



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

13-14—Escanaba Cruise—Karl May

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

### September 2014



6th—MarinaFest—Sister Bay Booth & VSCs

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

16th—Executive Committee Meeting

26th—Lay-Up Dinner 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 August Scuttlebutt by July 30, 2014



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### 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





## JUNE MONTHLY QUIZ

On the road we see some boat trailers with license plates and others without them.

Question:

When must a Wisconsin boat trailer be registered with the state and display a license plate?

- A. Always.
- B. If 26 feet or more in length.
- C. If 2500 pounds or more.
- D. If 4000 pounds or more.
- E. If 10,000 pounds or more.

THE ANSWER

Several years ago the correct answer was: D. If 4,000 pounds or more.

Now, the correct answer is: IF 3,000 pounds or more (also when trailer breaks are required).

## GREAT LAKES SAILOR DIAL-A-BUOY

Has anyone used the dial-A-buoy system around lake Michigan. I found this about a year ago. Placed around the different marinas of lake Michigan are weather buoys that give wind direction, wind speed, wave height and water temp. If you go online and type in "DialABuoy," it will give you a site that will give you the 5-number of each buoy for the area you want to sail in. Call --[1-888-701-8992](tel:888-701-8992) and follow the instructions, try it you'll like it. [Click here for more information](#) . May your sails always be full and the sun on your back. (This was posted on Great Lakes Sailor by mikesb@embarqmail.com.)

The above was submitted by Markus Ritter who also suggests you visit our website for [links to local weather](#).



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