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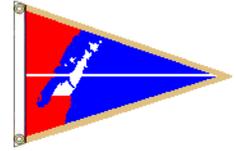


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A TASTE OF MENOMINEE

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The Annual Menominee Rendezvous was held 15—17 August. We combined our squadron's Rendezvous this year with the Green Bay and Menominee Squadrons. On Friday night we held our Potluck in the Boater's Lounge and 20 members attended, Members of the Menominee Squadron could not attend due to other commitments, but did drop off some appetizers and stayed to visit awhile. Saturday night we had dinner at Murray's Irish Pub with 18 members attending.

Friday Night – Dolores, John & grandson Austin Hermann (by land yacht), Karl & Erica May (Never More), Bob & Karen DeNoto (Carefree), Alan & Nancy Wentworth (Bellatrix), Bob & Patsy Stierna (Compromise), Gary & Sandy King (Southern Cross), Craig Weis (Comfort & Joy) and Dick, Janet & granddaughter Gwen Grota (Summer Nite). Joining us from Green Bay were Dave & Onis Budde & Michael Buege.

Saturday Night – Dolores, John & Austin Hermann, Karl & Erica May, Bob & Karen DeNoto, Alan & Nancy Wentworth, Bob & Patsy Stierna, Gary & Sandy King, Craig Weis. Dave & Onis Budde and Norman & Wendy Schroeder came from the Green Bay Squadron.

Nice weather for the crossing on Friday, Sunday was a different story — a little Rock'n Roll (See Carefree's picture).
Submitted by Sandy King



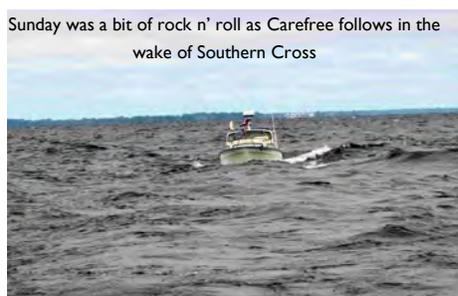
The Hermann's, Stierna's and DeNoto's enjoyed the car show set up in the park



Cocoa and Daisy take their mistress, Erica May, for a walk



Friday was an easy breezy crossing



Sunday was a bit of rock n' roll as Carefree follows in the wake of Southern Cross



Still smiling however



Bob & Patsy Stierna with Stella



Shawn & Erik May aboard their beautiful Sundancer



Nancy & Alan Wentworth at Murrays



Gary & Sandy King take a moment to relax—thanks Sandy for chairing this event



Karl and Erica May enjoying their new boat

Dick, Janet and Gwen Grotz, with Karl May, at the Friday potluck in the Boater's Lounge



Ahoy down there, Craig Weis!



Dinner at Murrays with Wendy & Norm Schroeder (in matching shirts), Dave & Onis Budde, and Craig Weis



The M&M Squadron was on hand to offer VSC's—here are Pam Quinlan & Tim Coffey



Bob Denoto, Nancy & Alan Wentworth & John Hermann



Craig Weis, Mike Buege and Austin Hermann at the Friday potluck

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Well, this is just too much!!!! I had to pull my boat early due to some severe leaking which got worse immediately after the Menominee Rendezvous. I had been trying to trace the source during July with little success. But I was getting several gallons a day and the situation became serious. We took Compromise to Sawyer Harbor and worked with the folks from Centerpointe to identify what was happening. Nothing doing, we had to pull it and take it to the yard. Once on the trailer there was some water just leaking from the front of the keel, and we decided to reseal the joint. When the yard picked it up a bit to work on it, the crack widened and the keel needed to be removed. I'll find out more after the Labor Day weekend, but the suck factor is stratospheric right now. I was able to accept the cancer, the 3 biopsies, the start of Chemo...., but to break my boat. Rabble-snabbin-frabble-wrap!!! The gods are having a great time at my expense....

Not everything is lost!!!! Patsy and I got motivated today and got the powerboat, my 30-year-old fishing boat, limbered up. It's a shame really, I built the boat originally for fishing here, but now that I'm living here, most of my time is spent on other activities and it suffers mainly from neglect. This summer, I hadn't even had the opportunity to start it. I put the batteries in, a thimble of gas down the carburetor, and it fired right up. We'll salvage a bit of the season here yet. It's really a great boat, and I had spent a long time setting it up as a great fishing machine. We probably should sell it, but it sure is nice to have it to fall back to.

*Coming up !!!!!*We will be having a lay-up dinner in September, where we will have a special guest. John Bacon, of the Grand Trav-

erse Islands National Lakeshore Campaign, will be joining us to talk about the unique opportunity to possibly create a national lakeshore between Door County and the Garden Peninsula. You will not want to miss this special event. September will also see a quickening of activities for the Fall District Conference to be held 24-26 Oct in Egg Harbor. This is a great time to see your District 10 friends and partake in some fun events.

By the way, the doctors tell me that it is a recurrence of my previous cancer, which is classified as a non-aggressive type. A bit of good news.

Bob



Trading one ride for another?

FROM YOUR EDUCATION OFFICER

Ahoy everyone. I hope you all had a safe and enjoyable summer boating season and had a chance to practice the boating skills you learned in previous classes. I know that without practice it is easy to forget or to get rusty (no pun intended).

Our summer seminar series was successful and informative. I would like to thank Quarterdeck for their hospitality and look forward to next summer's offerings.

Mark your calendars for one of the squadron's most popular courses, Weather, led by a team of instructors headed by none other than Alan "Mr. Weather" Wentworth. We will offer a multiple instructor format, as we did for Sail last spring. The course will be held Tues evenings at NWTC starting 30 Sept at 1830. Call me to let me know if

you would like to take this course. I will also send an invitation to everyone who is eligible to take this course. This is an extremely practical and popular course that you absolutely will not want to miss. The course will be covered over a ten-week period.

Since our summer was less than many of us hoped for we look forward to a beautiful fall boating season. Let's hope we keep sailing as long as we can here in beautiful Door County and don't cut short what some consider the most beautiful boating weather of the year.

Fair Winds to you all!

Steve Rank

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Vessel safety checks have continued apace through the end of August, our VSEs having completed 207 inspections. Twenty one boats, or 10%, failed to pass inspection. Navigation lights, dirty flame arrestors on gasoline engines, and uncovered negative battery terminals (Wisconsin regulation) were the most common failures. The national VSC season ends in November. Here, in the northern Great Lakes, not many VSCs will likely be completed after Labor Day. At this late date Door County leads D-10 squadrons in completed inspections, accounting for 20% of the district total, our best season thus far. The November Scuttlebutt will have a wrap up report that covers the national picture.

For the vessel safety inspection, VHF radios are not required safety equipment, but are to be recommended and discussed, especially with the emphasis now placed on Distress Signal Calling (Rescue 21). All of our captains appreciate the importance of the VHF radio. P/C Bob DeNoto reported that our installation of the Sea Tow Automated Radio Check is now working effectively throughout most of the local cruising area.

Door County Sail and Power Squadron once again participated in the Sister Bay Festival 30 August. Rain resulted in fewer visitors at our tent, which was located midway on the boardwalk in front of the boat slips. A fair number of folks stopped by during the "drippy" morning, but a serious rain curtailed traffic. A heavy downpour shut down traffic for the afternoon.

It's important to have a squadron presence at boat shows and waterfront festivals. The squadron gets visibility, meets the public, hands out literature and usually conducts some VSCs.

My sincere thanks to our members who participated in Sister Bay: Cynthia and Craig Weiss, Bob DeNoto, Bill Galligan and Lou Pasquesi.

John Hermann

Fred Hankwitz, P: 1940-2014

The weekend of 23 August, I skippered Carefree up to Washington Island to attend the 3rd annual Death's Door Barbecue, which is a Kansas City BBQ sanctioned event. Fred Hankwitz was one of the original drivers of this event. He and a few others got it started in 2012. We lost Fred, 30 July, at age 74. Fred was a 58 year member of USPS, a longtime member of the Door County Sail & Power Squadron and my dear friend. During my tenure as your Commander and Educational Officer, Fred was my go-to for all things "Island".

There are many fond memories I have of Fred: The day we presented him with his 50 year pin at Bay Pharmacy, the presentation he gave at our 2009 "Fitting-Out" dinner" at Mr.G's but most of all; the spring of 2012. We were making our first attempt at bringing the Boater's Safety Course to Washington Island. Bill Galligan was instructing in classroom 137 at the NWTC Campus in Sturgeon Bay. His presentation was being simulcast to a classroom at the Washington Island School. Fred coordinated all the needs associated with the Island class. My intent was to head up for the first class to kick off the course. Fred picked me up at the Ferry. We drove to his home where Lisa was preparing an early feast. I would be staying with them that evening and departing on an early Ferry the following morning.

Class was scheduled to start at 6:30. Fred and I arrived about 6:00 in anticipation of registering the students. Two members of the local Coast Guard Auxiliary joined us. Much to our disappointment, about an hour passed and no Island students showed. Nine students regis-

tered in Sturgeon Bay. Fred and I returned to his home for a delightful evening of conversation; filled with our many stories.

The following morning we departed for an early Ferry. Fred was going off island as well. But first a stop at the "Red Cup" for coffee! Fred and I joined the large round table of locals which included the pastor, the police chief, the attorney and a marina operator. We queried our table members about last evening's disappointment and lack of students. Their universal response was: we were attempting to charge too much (\$40). Think about the beauty of this: A small connected, community providing immediate valuable feedback. The ferry ride back is another story. With

Fred being a retired Captain of the Ferry Line, I got to ride in the wheel house: Way Cool! How endearing this total experience was for me.

Fred was one of the most water knowledgeable people I know. Each time we spent time together, I came away feeling more enriched. I will forever remember his easy demeanor and gentle smile. At times, I reflect back on special friendships and feel regret, that I hadn't met that friend sooner in my life, so we could have shared more time together. Fred's friendship is one of those. I will miss dearly: I already am.

Fraternally yours

Bob DeNoto





LAY-UP DINNER MEETING AND PROGRAM



MENU OPTIONS

- 4 pc Pan Fried Perch w/vegetables & horseradish
mashed potato \$23
- Pan Roasted Chicken w/artichoke, tarragon cream
and sweet potato au gratin \$27
- Egg Plant Parmesan \$23
- All entrees include soup & salad bar
- Dessert & Coffee served in the Commodore Room

AGENDA

- 5:30 Cash bar social hour
- 6:30 Dinner in the dining room
- 7:30 Meeting and Program in
the Commodore Room
- Program to feature John Bacon's
plan to protect the Door to
Garden Peninsula Coastal area
through creation of the Grand
Islands National Lakeshore
Campaign

Please contact Dolores Hermann at 920-743-1675 or [click here](#) by September 16.



CORRECTION: Last month's issue incorrectly placed the location of this sign in Kagawong on the North Channel. The correct location is Little Current.

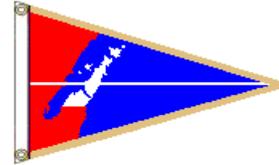
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

- 11th—Marilyn Grose
- 17th—Tom Gall
- 28th—John Welch
- 30th—Bob Ross





District 10 USPS
2014 FALL CONFERENCE



FRIDAY NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT

“Pirate Booty” game in the State Room

Bring a wrapped white elephant gift—stealing from others is encouraged



SATURDAY AFTERNOON



Visit [Lautenbach’s Orchard Country Winery](#) and Market—you can sign up for a scenic tour on the Door County Trolley - ticket information is on the registration form.

OR

Hike with John at the Door County Land Trust

Lautenbach Nature Preserve on the Niagara Escarpment



SATURDAY NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT

[“Talk of the Town”](#)

Swing/Dixieland style jazz



60/40 RAFFLE

3 chances to win cash (1st prize 40%, 2nd prize 15%, 3rd-prize 5%)

2014 FALL CONFERENCE UPDATE

24—26 OCTOBER

It won't be long now! Door County Sail & Power Squadron is hosting the 2014 District 10 Fall Conference. We will need lots of help from our members in order to make this event a success. Soon we will be contacting you to find out where you might lend a hand. Please see the Help Needed chart for details and please be ready to say "yes."

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

Thank you for whatever help you can provide.

Bill Galligan and Dolores Hermann
Conference Co-chairs

SAVE THE DATE

SEE PAGES 6 AND 7 FOR
MORE INFORMATION

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.

YOU WILL NEED
TO REGISTER

HELP IN ANY
WAY YOU CAN

IT'S FUN TO WORK
TOGETHER

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 October Scuttlebutt by September 30, 2014



Send your comments, ideas and articles to:

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Schedule of Events

September 2014

7-14th—USPS Governing Board Meeting—Arlington, VA
 16th—Executive Committee Meeting
 26th—Lay-Up Dinner Meeting
 30th—Weather Class begins—1830—NWTC



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



January 2015

6th—Executive Committee Meeting
 16th—Squadron Annual Meeting



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P/R/C Alan Wentworth, SN

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