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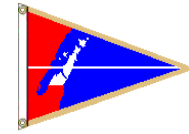


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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

I believe it was Rodney Dangerfield who said; "I went to a fight the other night and a hockey game broke out." Something similar happened to Karen and me while on vacation on Tybee Island. We were having dinner at Tubby's Tank House in Thunderbolt and a "Squadron Meeting broke out.." Literally: In a meeting room right next to our table, the Tybee Light Squadron was having a dinner meeting. Their meeting organizers were very gracious and wanted to make up name tags for us so that we could join them. Unfortunately, we had to decline as our meals had just been delivered to our table. The Tybee Light Squadron has about 150 members. The meeting hostess, however, made the point very clear, that only about 50 were actually active. Sound familiar?? With your help this year we should be able to get a higher percentage of our members involved. Your leadership team is hard at work coming up with an aggressive plan to show our boating community what "Our little Squadron that could" is all about. Stay tuned. Because when we call on you; we are serious about needing your help.

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INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT TYBEE ISLAND, GA

For those of you who have not boated in waters that go up and down, this is what a 9 foot tide looks like. The tides on Tybee can run from a high range of 9 feet to a low range of 6 feet over a lunar month. I grew up with tides in Connecticut, but none as massive as these. The creatures that come out at low tide are fascinating!



Interestingly: The marina at Thunderbolt is where the PJ boats used to put in after their shakedown cruises.

Returning from vacation, we made one last stop to attend the District 10 Spring Conference in Milwaukee. Thad Smyczek, SN was sworn in as District Commander at Saturday evening's Change of Watch. The Seminars and Workshops at the conference shared similar themes: Membership and Promoting the Squadrons. Again: Sound familiar??

A recommendation was made by incoming District Executive Officer, Kris Harmon, to form an Ad Hoc Committee to explore more central locations for these Conferences to be held. The recommendation was spurred by declining attendance at these conferences. Door County hosted the Fall Conference last year and our members enjoyed the luxury of not having to travel. Those District members attending from Duluth or the Twin Cities squadrons, however, were looking at a minimum of 6-8 hours travel time. If we can locate these Conferences more centrally; such as Wausau, Tomah or Wisconsin Rapids and tie the weekend to a local happening (cranberry bog tours or?); who knows? We might improve attendance. Attending District Conferences is one of the major push backs our Nominating Committee meets when soliciting members for leadership positions.

If you did not experience the fun of the *Boating Skills Virtual Trainer* at our Conference last fall, take a peek at this video; [YouTube video](#). The video was taken by member Robin Coles at the Marine Dealer Conference and Exhibition in Orlando, FL. You'll want to be connected to the internet.

While you're at it, visit our website: www.usps.org/door and see what Markus has done with Membership (under Main Links). If you have friends who want to know more about DCS&PS, please send them to this page. Thank you Markus for all the *magic* you provide us!

In closing, I have some sad news to report. A dear friend to many of us, Nancy Hamilton, from the Minnetonka Squadron has lost her long battle to cancer. Nancy served as Chaplain to District 10 and served National as Assistant Chair of the Ship's Store. I share with all, a deep feeling of loss for Nancy. Condolences can be sent to Jeff at 8431 Colton Court, Woodbury, MN 55125.



Maybe by this writing next month, our boats will be out of winter storage and we will anxiously be awaiting launch. Until then.

Your Commander Bob

July 17-19, 2015: Save the Dates!

D10 SUMMER RENDEZVOUS

Madison Wisconsin

[Click here for more information](#)



CRUISE PLANNING—A SURE SIGN OF SPRING

On Saturday 7 March a Cruise Planning group armed with charts and good ideas met at the home of Julie and Terry Keating to discuss and plan the 2015 Cruising Schedule. The group included Erica and Karl May, Tom Schueppert, Janelle Peotter, Mary and John Welch, Michelle and Jerry Anderson, Sandy King, and Chuck Holtz..



Steve Rank, Janelle Peotter, Jerry Anderson & Terry Keating enjoying the view and good conversation



Michelle Anderson, Mary Welch and Julie Keating
The welcoming committee



Sandy King, Mary Welch and Michelle Anderson are ready to plan



Karl & Erica May, Tom Schueppert, John Welch and Chuck Holtz share boating ideas and experiences

2015 Cruise Planning – Tentative Schedule

June	Location(s)	Cruise Captain
4-6	Escanaba	Karl May
8-13	Charlevoix	Terry Keating
July		
4-17	GLCC rally and Summer Rendezvous a) Elk Rapids b) Rogers City	Sandy King
7-14	Sail Boat oriented circumnavigation of Door County	Steve Rank & Janelle Peotter
8-16	Southern Cruise Eastern Lake Michigan down and back	John Welch & Terry Keating
August		
14-16	Menominee Annual Cruise	Sandy King
28-30	Green Bay	Karl May

Southern Cruise Itinerary

(East and possibly South Lake Michigan)

July 8-16, 2015 (and possibly extended)

John and Mary Welch/Terry & Julie Keating

July 8: Sturgeon Bay to Frankfort

July 10: Frankfort to Luddington

July 12: Luddington to Pentwater

July 14: Group A

Continue South to
Muskegon

July 15:

July 16: One Weather Day

July 17: Grand Haven

Points South?
Saugatuck
South Haven
Benton Harbor/St. Joseph
Michigan City, Hammond
Calumet
Chicago
Return

Dates to be determined

Group B

Return North to
Arcadia

Sturgeon Bay

One Weather Day

White Lake

Manistee
Arcadia
Return

FROM YOUR EDUCATION OFFICER

Ahoy Everyone,

I am thrilled that the ice has finally left Sturgeon Bay and that the water is higher than last year. The lack of snow has not been as decisive a factor as the cold, freezing over 87% of Lake Michigan-Huron this past winter. I see thirty inches of water off a spot on my dock that was dry two years ago. Even though the water is high don't be like me and navigate yourself onto a Dunlap Reef due to a neglecting of your navigation skills. I will try not to have a repeat performance this summer.

I am excited about our education department. We have just completed Cruise Planning. Five students took the course. We held the class at Chuck Holtz's house which was a great setting for the course since Chuck had lots of equipment used for cruising ready at hand. Every student passed the test with flying colors. Students were Terry and Julie Keating, Karl May, Stephen Mayhue and Janelle Peotter. The Cruise Planners will meet aboard Karl May's boat later this spring to plan our summer cruises for the squadron. This will be a nice extension to the classroom part of the course.

Navigation is well underway with Alan Wentworth at the helm. Terry Keating tells me that the students are progressing well and are learning a lot. Terry is doing what I thought was impossible. He is taking both N and JN at the same time. I am in awe of his progress. Five students are taking the class, four of whom are members or associates of our squadron. Alan is using the Go-To-Meeting format to teach the course which is a first for us.

JN is underway with John Welch at the helm and with Bob DeNoto as a co-teacher for some of the chapters and for sight-taking assistance. There are four students in this class and all are proceeding nicely. I think I can safely say that the Prince will stay in our squadron this coming year. I am really excited at the interest in JN and N. I have noticed that these ranks are not common in most squadrons. We will have more than our "fair share" in the coming year. I am taking JN myself and find it very rewarding as I work through it.

Chuck Stone was scheduled to begin Electronic Navigation on 16 April. We need to move the start date to 21 May through 18 June.

Due to Chuck's and his wife's cataract surgeries, they will not be able to come to Door County until the middle of May. This will be a quick four week course with an extra week built in for the exam. Electronic Navigation (the Canadian version) will be accepted as Marine Electronics module three until National comes out with our own version. It is a requirement on the Advanced Coastal Navigator Passport. We will do the ACN this summer, led by Bob DeNoto.

I am planning on six seminars this summer: Anchoring, Basic Coastal Navigation, Boat Handling Under Power, Partner in Command, Trailing Your Boat, and Sail Trim are the ones I am considering. If anyone has any feedback or requests let me know. I will set up dates and topics this month.

ABC is scheduled for June. Please tell any kids you know that they will need a certificate to operate a power boat. This of course includes jet skis. Because children must be accompanied by an adult for this course this is a great opportunity to take a safe boating class with your family. I can't think of anything more fun and gratifying than to get a child fired up about boating.

Fair Winds,

Lt/C Steve Rank

CONGRATULATIONS

Janelle Peotter, member of our Squadron and a Keller Elementary School social worker recently won Barnes and Noble's local "My Favorite Teacher" contest. Janelle was nominated by a student who wrote a letter explaining how Janelle has positively affected her life. Janelle will be recognized at a local ceremony and will be entered into a regional and national contest. Way to go Janelle!



EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Dolores and I just returned from several weeks in Texas, where we stayed with our son in Houston and daughter Donna (squadron member) in Austin. We visited with P/C Bob Stierna and Patsy at their lovely Fifth-Wheel trailer on the shore of Lake Travis. While the Great Lakes have been recovering from near-record low water, Lake Travis's areas of exposed lake bottom and fluctuating levels are most impressive. Having left Door county February 27 in zero temperatures, we returned to near 40 degrees, ice already out on our shore and the winter fleet moving out.

Let me call your attention to the 2015 vessel safety check schedule. All of our boating members should display a VSC decal. Our VSEs will be ready for action, with decals and regulations literature, after their 18 April meeting, led by Lou Pasquesi. The VSE team kicks-off VSCs at Quarterdeck and Harbor Club 6 June.

Since the first squadron cruises are scheduled to start 4 June and 8 June, you early cruisers should get your VSCs done in May. Call Lou Pasquesi at 920-421-2214 or me and "get er done."



Spending time with Bob & Patsy Stierna and Stella—a sunny afternoon in March

VESSEL SAFETY CHECK SCHEDULE APRIL 2015

**18 April 2015 -Vessel Safety Examiner Preparation Meeting – Quarter Deck
1000 to 1200**

16 May 2015 – Neenah/Lake Winnebago –Auxiliary looking for volunteer VSEs.

23 May 2015 - Yacht Works Open House –Sister Bay 1000 to 1400

06 June 2015 – Quarter Deck and Harbor Club

13-14 June 2015 - Sister Bay Marina – Gills Rock- Center Point Marina

14 June 2015—Afternoon squadron shrimp boil at the Anderson's

20 June 2015 - Fish Creek—Afternoon flare shoot in Sturgeon Bay

27 June 2015 - Egg Harbor

03 July 2015 - Bailey's Harbor Marina (date subject to change pending confirmation)

05 Sept. 2015 - Sister Bay Marina Fest

FITTING OUT POTLUCK AND MEETING

FRIDAY 15 MAY
BERTSCHINGER CENTER, EGG HARBOR
6 PM

Bring a dish to share
Salad—meat or cheese dish—dessert
Plus your own beverage



This is a time to celebrate a
new boating season so come to:

- share boating experiences
- learn about upcoming cruises
- enjoy good conversation with boating friends

No charge to attend
Free will basket at the door to cover
room rental costs

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4th—Tom Voegelé
6th—Jerry Anderson
20th—Steve Rank
21st—Andrea Kinsey-Jauquet
23rd—Jean Baumann
24th—Bob King
30th—Rosie Gall



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COMING EVENTS

April



18—Vessel Safety Examiner Season Prep Meeting—Quarterdeck—10-noon

May

15—Fitting Out Potluck & Meeting—Bertschinger Center, Egg Harbor—6 pm

21—Electronic Navigation begins

23—Yacht Works Open House, Sister Bay—VSC's

26—Executive Committee Meeting—Sturgeon Bay library



June

VSC's every Saturday—various marinas

4-6—Cruise to Escanaba—Karl May

8—ABC class begins

8-13—Cruise to Charlevoix — Terry Keating

14—Squadron Shrimp Boil

20—Flare Shoot



July



4-17—GLCC Rally & Summer Rendezvous—Sandy King

7-14—Sail Boat trip around Door County—Steve Rank & Janelle Peotter

8-16—Eastern Lake Michigan down and back—John Welch & Terry Keating

17-19—D10 Summer Rendezvous—Madison

28—Executive Committee Meeting



August

7-8— Wooden Boat Show

14-16— Squadron Annual Rendezvous—Menominee—Sandy King

25-30—USPS Governing Board Meeting—San Diego

28-30—Cruise to Green Bay—Karl May

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September



5—MarinaFest, Sister Bay

25— Lay-Up Dinner Meeting

29—Executive Committee Meeting

October



TBD—D10 Fall Conference

November

24—Executive Committee Meeting

December

4—Holiday Party

