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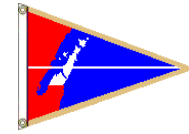


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SHAKEDOWN

CRUISE TO ESCANABA

4—6 JUNE 2015



Contact Karl May, Cruise Captain

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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**

SEE YOU THERE

2015 Cruise Schedule

June	Location	Cruise Captain
4-6	Escanaba	Karl May
8-13	Charlevoix	Terry Keating

July	Location	Cruise Captain
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
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8-16	Southern Cruise Eastern Lake Michigan	Terry Keating & John Welch
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Aug	Location	Cruise Captain
14-16	Menominee Annual Rendezvous	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

Group B

Continue South to
Muskegon

Return North to
Arcadia

July 15:

Sturgeon Bay

July 16: One Weather Day

One Weather Day

July 17: Grand Haven

White Lake

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

Manistee
Arcadia
Return

Dates to be determined

July 17-19, 2015: Save the Dates!

D10 SUMMER RENDEZVOUS

Madison Wisconsin

[Click here for more information](#)



COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

One of our Squadron's preferred partners is the Peninsula Pulse. The Pulse has never declined to publish our requests. If we submit by cut-off, they get it in. The Pulse falls under the Peninsula Publishing & Distribution umbrella. Peninsula Publishing also brings us *Door County Living* magazine. You may recall that Door County Sail & Power Squadron appeared as a featured article in the Late Summer 2012 edition. Why am I rambling on?? Well: We are in Door County Living again on page 102 of the current edition (*Early Summer 2015*).



40,000 copies just hit the stands and will be there until late June. I consider this a perfect time frame for what we want to accomplish. We were able to defer the expenses of this ad by receiving a District 10 Enrichment Fund Grant. Note that "United States Power Squadrons" along with the tag line is dominant as well as the USPS logo. This is all part of a uniform branding strategy that was adopted at the USPS Annual Meeting this January in Jacksonville. We will continue this "uniformity" approach in all future publications and promotions.

I encourage you all to pick up a couple of copies of DC Living. Show our ad to your boating friends. Who knows, they just might "stay for the friends." If nothing else, it's a fun magazine with great articles about the unique county we all cherish.

I had an opportunity to start my 2015 boating season early in Hilton Head, SC., 17-20 April. I participated in an on-the-water exercise sponsored by the Boat Operators Certification (BOC) Committee. The exercise afforded me the additional certification of Certifier Trainer (CT). This means that I can now train certifiers for Inland Navigator, Coastal Navigator and Advanced Coastal Navigator.

BOC was kicked off in 2007. There are four levels that the experienced boater can strive to achieve. IN, CN, and ACN (mentioned above) are currently active. The fourth: Offshore Navigator (ON) is in the final shake-out phase and should launch shortly. Prerequisites for each level are a combination of courses, seminars and skill demonstrations, including proficiency in on-the-water skills. Each level has increased complexity and difficulty. The Offshore Navigator will require extended/overnight ocean (Great Lakes) passage. I can't wait!!

There are currently 8 Door County members pursuing different levels of BOC. Talk to any one of us and we will tell you: "This is probably the most fun program that USPS has." Want more information? [Click here](#). Then give SEO Steve a call and he will make sure I stay busy.

That's it for now. Don't miss our Fitting-Out gathering in Egg Harbor. These are always fun.

"Carefree" came out of winter storage yesterday. Hope your vessel is out as well.

Until next month,

Your Commander Bob



Commander Bob training new Advanced Coastal Navigators

FROM YOUR EDUCATION OFFICER

Well, it's really looking like summer is coming! In Door County innkeepers mark the season by the arrival of the turkeys, AKA tourists. Jeri and I, however, witnessed a real turkey we've dubbed "**Moby Turk**" marking the opening of the upcoming boating season. Jeri was out in the backyard when she came upon a tom turkey. He panicked and took to the sky, probably figuring he'd fly over to Pot Park which is about a mile across the bay at that point. He made it about half way across and then ran out of gas, plunging into the open water and forgetting that turkeys aren't supposed to swim. He stuck his neck up like a submarine periscope and started working his legs at what looked like about 5 knots. (I used 60D ST to estimate Moby's swimming speed, of course.) He made surprisingly good time toward a large skim ice floe off our beach, but when he finally floundered up on it, he crashed through. Jeri was praying to St Francis (the patron saint of animals) and I was praying to St Nicolas (the patron saint of sailors) to help him. It must have worked because after several heart-rending breakthroughs he made it across to the sand. After shaking off and hunkering down in some weeds for about half an hour while we observed him anxiously with our binoculars, he got up and walked away, seemingly none the worse for his cold adventure. I've seen a lot of sea birds but this swimming turkey was a first. I bet he had a sea story to tell the hens that night about wearing a PFD.

Speaking of turkeys and the lack of PFD'S, Gary King, Bob DeNoto and I were taking sights at Lilly Bay a couple of weeks ago for the JN course when three teenage boys with an open aluminum boat showed up to do some fishing on frigid Lake Michigan. So here we are, three old guys with sextants eyeing these kids who undoubtedly figured we were DNR. I asked the nearest guy if they had PFDs aboard. I knew that if they fell in hypothermia would happen quickly (if they didn't die from the gasping reflex first.) The young man said, "Oh yeah" and pointed to the seat. I guessed he was thinking of the cushion (singular) peeking out from under the seat. They launched and got about a quarter mile off the beach and proceeded to put a plywood board over the two seats which they stood on to fish like bass fisherman do in hot pursuit of brown trout. Of course no one had a PFD on. I didn't read about an accident so they must have gotten back to shore in one piece but that was sure a bonehead turkey move on their part. I'm just sorry I wasn't more insistent when I mentioned the PFDs in the first place.

Both **N** and **JN** are nearing conclusion I am happy to report. I find myself singing in the shower what I call the JN song in anticipation of actually becoming a JN. This is a goal I have wanted to achieve for a long time. It feels great to take a challenge that doesn't come easily,

and that I feared, and then to meet it confidently and joyfully. Maybe I should rename Junior Navigation to Joyful Navigation. I hope that those of you who have stopped your educational journeys at AP will be encouraged to move on and up. As the saying goes, "The purpose of life is the journey"! Without a goal we have no control over the journey. I'm here to tell you JN is quite a trip.

Electronic Navigation will begin 21 May – 18 June under the able instruction of Chuck Stone. There are seven students lined up to take the course which is being held at NWTC on Thursday nights in room 103 from 1830—2030. It is not too late to sign up if anyone else is interested in taking this course. Just let me know soon. **EN** is a requirement for the Advanced Coastal Navigator passport. We will be conducting **ACN** on-the-water skills this summer. We have members who can do on-the-water training for the Inland Navigator and the Coastal Navigator tickets that go along with our courses and seminars ashore. Contact me if you are interested in pursuing your **IN, CN or ACN** or for more information. These on-the-water tests really put together, in a hands-on way, the skills we have learned.

America's Boating Course will be taught at NWTC 8 June – 11 June from 1830-2030. There will be at least two instructors for this course because Bill Galligan will not be able to teach this year. It will take at least two if not three of us to stand in for him!

We have a really exciting summer seminar series set for Saturdays from 0900 – 01100 at Quarterdeck Marina. The schedule is as follows:

June 20	Partner in Command
June 27	Basic Coastal Navigation
July 11	Trailing
July 18	Sail Trim
July 25	Anchoring
August 1	Advanced Power Boat Handling
August 8	Paddle Smart

I love the summer seminars because they are free and give you the option to buy materials after the course so you can be the judge if you want them to remember the seminar. They are really well put together and many people decide to buy after they see them. We hope to draw in members and non-members to these seminars in order to increase safe boat handling and membership in our squadron at the same time.

Fair Winds, God Speed, and SEE YOU ON THE WATER,

Steve

SAFETY OFFICER'S REPORT

May 16-22 will be National Safe Boating Week. Here in Door County, the weather will be cool, even if our boats are in the water. Therefore we give special emphasis on safe boating starting in June at marinas, conducting many vessel safety checks and holding a flare shoot/fire extinguisher demonstration for the public. The headliner for the national campaign is "LOVE THE LIFE-WEAR IT!" The downward trend in annual boating fatalities reflects the success of nationwide emphasis on safe boating, especially wearing life jackets.

BOATING FATALITIES

1991	924	1996	709	2001	681	2006	710	2011	758
1992	816	1997	821	2002	750	2007	685	2012	651
1993	800	1998	815	2003	703	2008	709	2013	560
1994	784	1999	734	2004	676	2009	736		
1995	829	2000	701	2005	697	2010	672		

Practicing safe boating requires us to know the causes of accidents and fatalities. That's why the United States Coast Guard publishes accident and fatality statistics annually. The 2013 fatality records appear below.

2013 STATISTICS REFERENCE CARD

additional statistics on other side

USCG BOATING STATISTICS

CAUSE OF DEATH BY VESSEL TYPE	LIFE JACKET WORN?	NUMBER OF DEATHS	AIRBOAT	AUX. SAILBOAT	CABIN MOTORBOAT	CANOE	HOUSEBOAT	INFLATABLE	KAYAK	OPEN MOTORBOAT	PERSONAL WATERCRAFT	PONTON BOAT	ROWBOAT	SAILBOAT (ONLY)	SAILBOAT (UNKNOWN)	STAND UP PADDLEBOARD	UNKNOWN	
																	OTHER	UNKNOWN
CAUSE OF DEATH																		
TOTALS	-	560	3	6	25	55	3	14	54	272	36	36	30	5	8	5	2	6
CARBON MONOXIDE	NO	5	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CARDIAC ARREST	YES	4	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CARDIAC ARREST	NO	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
DROWNING	YES	61	0	0	2	7	0	3	21	16	5	2	4	1	0	0	0	0
DROWNING	NO	328	3	3	15	41	1	7	24	172	7	25	22	1	0	5	2	0
DROWNING	UNK	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	7	0	0	0
HYPOTHERMIA	YES	4	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
HYPOTHERMIA	NO	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER	YES	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
OTHER	NO	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRAUMA	YES	39	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	15	19	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRAUMA	NO	50	0	0	3	1	0	0	1	39	1	4	0	1	0	0	0	0
TRAUMA	UNK	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
UNKNOWN	YES	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
UNKNOWN	NO	33	0	1	2	2	1	1	4	19	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
UNKNOWN	UNK	11	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	6

Taken from the fatality records, examples of the importance of wearing life jackets are clear.

- Cabin motorboats: 17 drownings in which 15 victims wore NO lifejacket.
- Open motorboats: 188 drownings in which 172 victims wore NO lifejacket.
- Kayaks & canoes : 93 drownings in which 65 victims wore No life jacket.

WISCONSIN REGULATIONS – LIFE JACKETS (Personal Flotation Devices-PFDs)

- All vessels (including canoes, kayaks and paddle boards) must have at least one USCC-approved life jacket, Type I, II, III, or V for each person on board.
- In addition to life jackets, one USCC-approved Type IV (throwable) must be on board vessels 16 feet or longer (except canoes and kayaks) and be *readily* accessible.
- Federal law requires children under the age of 13 to wear a USCC-approved PFD while underway in an open vessel on federally controlled waters.
- Sailboarders and windsurfers are exempt from PFD requirements but are encouraged to wear them.
- Every person on board a Personal Water Craft (PWC) must wear an approved life jacket.

Besides being USCC-approved, all PFDs must be:

- In good serviceable condition; no tears, rips, broken straps or snaps.
- Readily accessible; can be put on quickly in an emergency.
- Of proper size for the intended wearer, based on body size and weight.

Our Vessel Safety Examiners inspect life jackets according to the above regulations.

John Hermann

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

GOOD OLD SUMMERTIME SHRIMP BOIL

SUNDAY 14 JUNE

1300 HOURS

AT THE ANDERSONS

7020 OVERLOOK TRAIL IN STURGEON BAY

BRING A SALAD OR DESSERT TO SHARE AND YOUR OWN ADULT BEVERAGE

SHRIMP AND SODA WILL BE PROVIDED

\$5.00 PER PERSON

RSVP: Michelle & Jerry at 746-1373

SEE YOU THERE

FIRE EXTINGUISHER RECALL

Kidde plastic valve disposable fire extinguishers

Hazard: A faulty valve component can cause the disposable fire extinguishers not to fully discharge when the lever is repeatedly pressed and released during a fire emergency, posing a risk of injury. Boaters should determine if any of their fire extinguishers are a part of the recall.

Remedy: Replace

Consumer Contact: Kidde toll-free at (855) 283-7991 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

Sold at: Home Depot, Menards, Walmart and other department, home and hardware stores nationwide, and online from August 2013 through November 2014 for between \$18 and \$65, and about \$200 for model XL 5MR.

Lou Pasquesi

Vessel Safety Check Chair



FRIENDLY REMINDER FROM OUR TREASURER

It's that time of the year again when our memberships are coming up for renewal. National has decided to send our membership renewals by email to save on postage. After a few weeks, if you do not respond 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](#) to go to the 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 weiscynthia@yahoo.com and I will find the information for you.

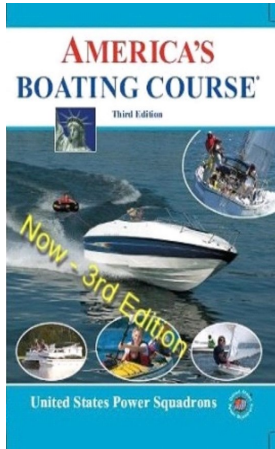
Also, I have three burgees priced at \$25—please let me know if you would like to purchase one.

Finally, I will be sending out a new roster on May 17. Please let me know if you have any changes to your roster information.

FROM YOUR WEBMASTER

Here is an opportunity for members to help promote our safe boating classes on their facebook pages. To do this you can go to our website, ([click here](#)) make a copy of the picture below and add the picture to your timeline, along with a brief description that includes the URL, as follows:

The Door County Sail & Power Squadron a unit of the United States Power Squadrons® is offering the comprehensive introductory America's Boating Course at the Sturgeon Bay Campus of the NWTC. There are four, two hour evening sessions June, 8 through June, 11 of 2015. Here is the short description of the ABC course
http://www.usps.org/door/Course_ABC.html



May BIRTHDAYS

18th—Christi Decker
 18th—Mike Finnessy
 23rd—Gary King
 25th—Jeri Rank



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ABC Representative & **Cdr Robert DeNoto, JN**
Boat Operator Certification

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Newsletter **Lt Dolores Hermann, AP**
Webmaster **Lt Markus Ritter, AP**

Treasurer's Department

Ships Store **Lt/C Cynthia Weis, AP**

COMING EVENTS

May

- 7—Vessel Safety Examiner Season Prep—Quarterdeck Marina—10—noon
- 15—Fitting Out Potluck & Meeting—Bertschinger Center, Egg Harbor—1800
- 16—Neenah/Lake Winnebago (Auxiliary looking for VSC volunteers)
- 21—Electronic Navigation begins
- 23—Yacht Works Open House, Sister Bay—VSC's 1000—1400
- 26—Executive Committee Meeting—Sturgeon Bay library—1400-1600



June

- 4-6—Cruise to Escanaba—Karl May
- 6—VSCs at Quarterdeck & Harbor Club Marinas
- 8—ABC class begins
- 8-13—Cruise to Charlevoix — Terry Keating
- 13-14—VSCs at Sister Bay, Gills Rock & Center Points Marinas
- 14—Squadron Shrimp Boil
- 20—VSCs at Fish Creek Marina
- 20—Flare Shoot
- 27—VSCs at Egg Harbor Marina



July

- 3—VSCs at Bailey's Harbor Marina
- 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



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 May Scuttlebutt by May 30, 2015.



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September

- 5—VSCs at Sister Bay -MarinaFest
- 25—Lay-Up Dinner Meeting
- 29—Executive Committee Meeting



October

TBD—D10 Fall Conference

November

- 24—Executive Committee Meeting

December

- 4—Holiday Party

