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FRIENDLY REMINDER FROM YOUR 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 on this link to the [National website](#). You will need 3 things:

Your invoice #

Your certificate #

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. Thank you.

Cynthia

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Murrells Inlet is about 25 miles south of Myrtle Beach. It is considered the "Seafood Capital of South Carolina" and home to Capt. Dave's Dockside, Drunken Jacks and Bubba's Love Shack. Jimmy Buffett has nothing on this. Karen and I are just returning from a two week vacation in Myrtle Beach. We visited Wilmington, NC, north and Charleston, south. Lots of fun, sun and beach. But it's good to get back to Door County and haul Carefree out of winter storage.

In my absence at the District Spring Conference in Lake Elmo, Alan Wentworth represented our Squadron. Thanks again Alan!

Alan passed along to me **ALL** the awards we received this year. Once again the "Little Squadron that Could" **DID!**

- 1) We again received the **Star Squadron Award** and **Growth Award**. The "Star" recognizes a Squadron's performance in key dimensions such as Membership, Civic Activities and Education.
- 2) Dolores and Markus each received the **Distinctive Communicator Award** for the Scuttlebutt and our Website.

3) Lou Pasquesi became a repeat recipient of the **Century Award** for performing more than 100 Vessel Safety Checks.

4) Last but not least, Terry Keating has achieved the level of **Educational Proficiency**. Ed Proficiency is half way in the journey to **Educational Achievement** (a full certificate). Terry is nearly there, having achieved JN AND N in 2015.

While winning awards isn't all we do, it surely makes a statement on how well we do it. Thank you all for your contributions to our "**prouds**."

The Green Bay Squadron will be hosting the District Summer Rendezvous the weekend of 5-7 August. This weekend is in conjunction with the Tall Ships Festival. We contacted Green Bay's Commander, Wayne Dunbar, and offered our help. Wayne was happy to accept. We are currently identifying ways to help so stay tuned.



Tide's In at Murrells Inlet, SC, 27Apr16

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

In addition, the Marinette & Menominee Squadron contacted me, as they want to jump start their Boat Operator's Certification (BOC) program. I provided Roger Quinlin with the info he needs. I see this as a great opportunity to merge both DCS&PS and M&M BOC Programs. Again, stay tuned.

Listen to us on Eddy Allen's radio talk show, WDOR (93.9 FM/910 AM) on 25 May and 31 May, 1020-1100. Our History and Educational program will be topics on the 25th. Topics for the 31st, will most likely be Life Preservers and Vessel Safety checks. John, Lou and I have outlined two other topics to air: Mariners Weather and Electric Shock Drowning (ESD). Those show dates are yet to be determined.

Last month I shared my curiosity about "Pennsylvania Barns". These barns are banked or set into hillsides. I asked if any of you knew



what that overhang was about. Having received no feedback, I "Googled" it. For what it's worth, here's what Google says:

"The forebay, also called an overshoot, was another clever design element. It created a sheltered yet open space for the basement level below. Farm animals could gather under it during winter months or harsh weather, and farmers could throw down fodder to them through trap doors in the forebay floor. Inside the lower level were stalls for livestock, while the upper level was often used as a threshing floor, with granary bins located in the forebay."

I'm off to fetch Carefree out of winter storage. Who knows, next month's missive may be composed aboard. Fair winds!

Your Commander Bob



**Attention
All Paddlers**

Anyone who fishes from a paddlecraft needs to be aware of required safety equipment. Here is a link to the March digital edition of [Paddling Magazine](#) and an article called, "Stay Safe Out There: 10 Safety Items Every Angler Should Carry With Their PFD." [Click here](#)

Lou Pasquesi



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Are you interested in safe boating?

Well of course you are because you're a boater! Somewhere in that host of newspapers, magazines and newsletters it's easy for safety news to get past us; and then there's all that email and website information, as well. Just on the chance that you may have missed it, let me call your attention to three meaningful safety articles in the on-line issue of [Seaworthy](#) for April. ([click here](#))

When It Rains Boats Sink

How well does your boat self-drain, as opposed to having a greater dependence on bilge pumps? According to a study done by BoatUS, "the majority of boats (69 percent) sink dockside or while the vessel is moored." "Why?"

Avoid over-dependence on bilge pumps due to scuppers located below a minimum distance from the *loaded* water line (4 inches is suggested). Avoid ball float scuppers!

Regularly inspect thru-hull fittings for corrosion or other deterioration, pump hoses and clamps for cracks and rust, and I/O bellows for softness, brittleness or cracks.

Check hatches and engine covers for a complete seal, i.e., well locked down over good gaskets.

At the dock or mooring, the bilge pumps can run only until the batteries quit. It's also important underway, isn't it?



Youtube – Electric Shock Drowning

Watch this short, informative ESD video by BoatUS, featuring the Boat Owner's Association (BOA). ESD is gaining attention. District 10 has proposed a "no swimming" sign for National's consideration.

Electrical Do-It-Yourself Uh-Ohs

These "Done Right" and "Uh-Oh" photos may be either interesting or amusing, especially to students in Marine Electronics who are learning about proper wiring on vessels.

Certificate of Vessel Documentation

Starting in 2017, Certificates of Documentation will remain valid for five years, instead of just one year. Boat owners will have to reapply for a new certificate if there are changes of address or a new home port. (See [BoatUS magazine](#) Feb.-Mar. issue.—page 22).

John Hermann, XO

FITTING OUT POTLUCK AND MEETING

**FRIDAY 20 MAY
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TO ATTEND**

RSVP KAREN DENOTO

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by 15 May



FROM YOUR EDUCATION OFFICER

Ahoy boaters and dreamers of all persuasions!

This month I would like to share with you two of my favorite natural (non-electronic) aids to navigation and a new MOB aid. Each will stimulate your seaman's eye and your appreciation of knowledge and safety in the natural world we so enjoy.

NAVIGATION and SAFETY INFORMATION

The star clock. Everyone knows that when we find the North Star we are facing north, but not everyone knows how to find it. The trick is to find the Big Dipper and Cassiopeia. Look for the pointer stars in the big dipper (the ones opposite from the handle and the big M or W (Cassiopeia) that they are pointing toward. The North Star is between them.

Now that we have found the North Star we can learn to use these constellations as a clock. We can tell time and mark the night watches by the stars as Nathaniel Bowditch taught us in the Newberry Award book, Carry On Mr. Bowditch. The following site will explain in simple terms how to make your own star clock and along with it how to find the North Star: <http://www.skyandtelescope.com/astronomy-resources/make-a-star-clock/> If you were to draw twelve clock faces, spring equinox would have 12 o'clock straight up. April would find the imaginary clock with twelve o'clock where 11 o'clock is normally, May would find twelve in the ten o'clock position and so on until we return to March. The clock runs backward and each half hour on the clock represents an hour of time. These clock faces have to be drawn in your head but with practice you can become adept at telling time while facing north at night. If you can estimate the passage of time and you know your course you can ball park distance. This might come in handy when you are coming up on a landfall at night with failed electronics aboard.

This Star Clock shows how the Big Dipper, Little Dipper, and Cassiopeia appear in the northern sky just before 9 p.m. (standard time) in early May.



Reading the waves. The New York Times Magazine on March 20, 2016 ran an article entitled "Sixth Sense" that explored how Polynesian navigators were able to travel thousands of miles in sailing canoes without a compass but with knowledge of wave patterns that show highways in the sea called *di-leps*. http://www.nytimes.com/2016/03/20/magazine/the-secrets-of-the-wave-pilots.html?_r=0 The Polynesian navigators learned that there were dominant swells flowing between continents or islands. One only needs to take a path that was exactly parallel to this swell to follow the highway. The authors conjectured that this road "wasn't a single wave reflecting back and forth between every possible combination of atolls and islands; what if it is the path you take if you keep your vessel at 90 degrees to the strongest swell flowing between neighboring bodies of land? Position your broadside correctly, smack in the di lep's path, and your hull would rock symmetrically, side to side in a manner to make you the most seasick."

When I was sailing back from Menomonie last year, Gerry Richter showed me how to steer to the waves on the quarter. I believe I saw a natural highway to steer through. I was not reading the di lep because the area was too small but I will try to "see" if there is something to this next time I'm sailing in strong wind in open water. The natural world has many lessons to teach us that we ignore to our diminishment. I have to wonder if our reliance on GPS and the internet is actually diminishing our understanding and is shrinking our minds.



L u m e - O n Lights. Practical Sailor in its May 2016 edition features stick on lights that are



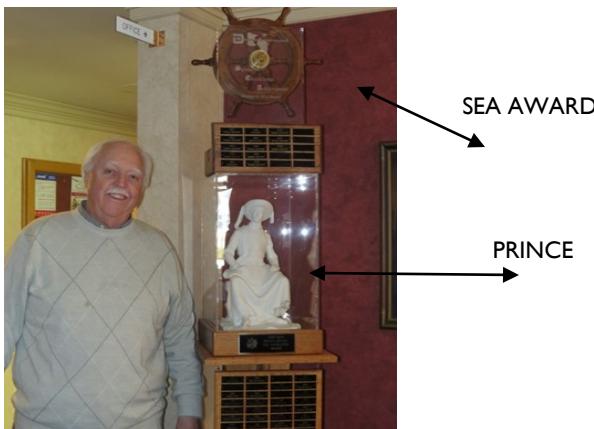
attached to your pfd's and will light up the whole bladder when they come in contact with water. They are not meant to be a replacement for a strobe attached to your pfd but are meant to be a great supplement for it. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xg_WbFdRFZo. These devices sell for \$20.00 per pair and look like a must have item for anyone who boats at night. If you have ever tried keeping a spotlight trained on a MOB at night while maneuvering the boat to him, you will appreciate the value of these ingenious lights.

STUDENTS, AWARDS AND UPCOMING COURSES and SEMINARS

Bob and I have completed the **Piloting** course and I am happy to report that Rex and Linda Pope as well as Dan Balch are now officially Pilots. Congratulations! You are valued and appreciated members who are helping us to be the great teaching squadron we are.

Alan Wentworth has finished the **Navigation** course and tests have been ordered for seven students. If the five Green Bay students all pass, I think the Prince Henry Award will move to Green Bay next year. I am happy that navigation expertise at its highest level is growing in our district as well as in our squadron. We can all be proud of the role that Alan and our squadron are playing in this endeavor.

Pictured below is your SEO with The Prince and SEA (Squadron Education Award) YOU have earned for Door County. Notice that the Prince has been won four times by Door County. I am proud of our instructors and our squadron more than I can express.



Speaking of Awards, anyone completing a grade level of at least Advanced Piloting (AP) and three Elective Courses receives the **Educational Proficiency Award**. Terry Keating has earned this award and will be presented with it at our next meeting. Terry is very close to earning the Educational Achievement Award as well. This is the highest educational award a student can earn. Terry is a truly remarkable student and valued member of our squadron. Congratulations and thank you for being one of the reasons our squadron is simply the **BEST!**

Marine Electrical Systems has started and is being taught by Chuck Stone, another of our premier instructors. The five students in this class are getting a hands-on crash course on wiring our boats. This is a very practical course that is meant to be applied by the student in both wiring electronic gear and in trouble shooting problems. I appreciate more than ever Chuck's professional expertise in this mysterious (at least to me) world.

Our **America's Boating Course** will be held June 6-9 at NWTC. I will sorely miss our friend and deeply knowledgeable lead teacher, Bill Galligan. Bill is irreplaceable. We have been truly blessed to have had him for so long. As a teacher, myself, I had a keen appreciation of how Bill handled his classes. He was knowledgeable, kind, and patient which are the hallmarks of a great teacher. Bill even sat in on classes he was not teaching just to help out in any way he could. We can all take a lesson in life from Bill. I will redouble my efforts to honor Bill by following his example. I hope you will too.

The **Summer Seminar Series** is listed below:

Sat June 18 **On Board Weather Forecasting**

Sat July 2 **Using GPS**

Sat July 16 **How To Read A Chart**

Sat July 30 **Using VHF/DSC Radio**

The seminars are scheduled for Quarterdeck except for June 11 which will be held at the Maritime Museum. I hope to hold more seminars there in the future.

I can't wait to apply what I have learned on the water. I'll leave you with a picture of one of our great native Door County fishermen.



Fair Winds and Good Fishing,

Steve



Following a 19 March productive cruise planning meeting, the cruise planning participants are proposing this schedule. Shorter cruises and overnight cruises were left to individuals to plan with friends. Additional ideas and venues are welcome.

Cruise Planning attendees included Terry and Julie Keating, John and Mary Welch, Gary and Sandy King, David and Prisca Smith, Chuck and Judy Holtz, Bob and Karen DeNoto, Karl and Erika May, Craig and Cynthia Weis and Tom Voegele.

June 2016—Shakedown Cruise—Fish Creek

Using the Fish Creek Town Dock with Alibi Marina as backup, Dave Smith, Cruise Captain, will plan logistics and lead the early-to-mid June two-day weekend time frame. Dave will select a weekend according to the weather and broadcast the event via email the Monday prior to the selected weekend.

July 2–20, 2016—Northern Lake Michigan and Green Bay loop

Multiple marinas - Gary and Sandy King Co-Captains

- July 2-3 Jackson Harbor or Peterson Bay (anchor)
- July 4-5 Fayette (if open) or South River Bay (anchor)
- July 6 Manistique
- July 7-8 St James Harbor, Beaver Island
- July 9-10 Petoskey or Harbor Springs
- July 11-13 Charlevoix or Boyne City or Sommerset Pointe
- July 14-15 Elk Rapids
- July 16-17 Leland or South Manitou Island (anchor)
- July 18-19 Frankfort
- July 20 Sturgeon Bay

As always, Mother Nature will dictate the schedule. With scheduling two nights in every port, except Manistique, any day can become a weather day. Then the plan for the next port can be adjusted accordingly. Carefree would be prepared to meet the cruise on July 8 or 9 in Charlevoix, Petoskey or Beaver Island. This cruise will be scheduled to allow other boats to catch up enroute. Bob Denoto and those not able to leave until after the July 4 holiday will coordinate.

August 5-8, 2016—Green Bay Tall Ships and D10 Summer Rendezvous

Karl May, Cruise Captain. We will follow the Tall Ships to Green Bay and stay the weekend at South Bay Mariana. It is advised that reservations be made asap as this will be a popular weekend. The price will be \$1.25 per foot per day—30 foot minimum. Call 920-327-3190 to make a reservation.

August 19-22, 2016—Annual Rendezvous to Menominee/Marinette followed by a day in Oconto before returning to Sturgeon Bay

Karl May will coordinate Menominee activities and Bob DeNoto plans the optional day in Oconto.

Communications Mobile phone text messaging by the Cruise Captains to all cruisers will be the method used to keep everyone informed about where boats will be a few days ahead. Interested cruisers must provide a mobile number.

2017 Cruising — Georgian Bay-Lake Huron June 25 to July 25, 2017 time frame

The cruise to Georgian Bay is two cruises in one package. This cruise will enter Lake Huron at Mackinac and travel through the North Channel to Killarney and then beyond into the northwest reaches of Georgian Bay.

The northern half, above a line drawn between Tobermory and Parry Sound, is wild, pristine and vast. Billed as the “hundred thousand islands,” it is the cruising/anchoring paradise of the North Channel. However, it has few facilities for supplies and fuel.

The southern half is like cruising Lake Michigan with many beautiful ports and harbors, abundant resupply opportunities and great restaurants.

Since it takes a minimum of two days to get to the Bay and two days to get back, we would need at least three weeks in the bay itself to make the whole circuit..

We will schedule a meeting during December 2016 for preplanning of this 2017 cruise.

United States Power Squadron District 10 Summer Rendezvous

Hosted by the Green Bay Sail and Power Squadron

August 5th to 7th

We are holding our rendezvous on the weekend of the Tall Ships Festival in Green Bay.



Tall ships return to Green Bay

Festival Overview

This festival is held every three years. It includes ship tours, food, drink, education and activities for all – young and old. If you're a boater, were a boater, or are about to become a boater or you just plain like boats, then you must see these ships.

The ships will arrive in Green Bay on Thursday and the rendezvous will kick off Friday at the Green Bay Yacht Club. Then Saturday you can take in the Tall Ship Festival and/or other venues around Green Bay. Dinner will follow Saturday night at The Rock Garden/Comfort Suites. At this time there will be nine ships in the event.

Algoma Sneak Peak – August 3

Majestic tall ships sail to the TALL SHIPS CHALLENGE® Race finish line, mustering off shore before heading to Sturgeon Bay

Sturgeon Bay Parade of Sail – August 3

Vintage tall ships sail through and dock overnight before heading to the main event in Green Bay

Baylake Bank Tall Ship Festival® Green Bay – August 5-7

Friday – Noon to 8pm with fireworks at 9pm

Saturday – 9am-4pm

Monday, August 8th

**Select ships board for sail to Sturgeon Bay.
All Ships Depart**

Please follow us on our website [gbbps](http://gbbps.org) and the District 10 website usps-d10.org for updated information as more becomes available.

See more at: <http://tallshipgreenbay.com/>



Festival Activities

Ships tours and excursions
Entertainment Stage
Education Tent
Children's Area
Maritime Market Place
Boardwalk
Food Vendors

We will have a booth and the boating simulator in Green Bay for this event. Members will be working the Tall Ship Festival, the Rendezvous and our booth. For that reason this will be a District 10 function and we will need help from other squadrons to accommodate the personnel needs.

Don't forget
to get a VSC

2016 VESSEL SAFETY CHECK OPPORTUNITIES

Sat 7 May Rick's AMA Archery, Bait & Tackle
Sat 21 May Bailey's Harbor—Blessing of the Fleet
Sun 29 May Sister Bay—Yacht Works Marina

Sat 4 June Quarterdeck & Harbor Club (all vse's)
Sun 5 June Bailey's Harbor Town Marina
Sat 11 June Centerpointe Marina
Sat/Sun 11/12 June Sister Bay Marina & Boat Rentals
Beacon Marine Safety Clinic, Gills Rock
Sat 11 June Flare Shoot & Fire Extinguisher Demo
from 1300—1500—location to be announced
Tue/Wed 14/15 June Ephraim Marina & Boat Rentals
Sat 18 June Fish Creek Marina, Alibi Dock & Boat Rentals
Two Rivers Beacon Marine Safety Clinic
Sun June 26 Egg Harbor Marina

Sat 2 July Bailey's Harbor Town Marina
Sat 3 Sep Sister Bay Marina Festival

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY



20 Fitting Out Meeting & Social
31 Executive Committee Mtg.

JUNE



Vessel Safety Checks – every Saturday
TBD Shake-Down Cruise—Fish Creek
6-9 ABC-3 Class
11 Flare Shoot/Fire Extinguisher Demonstration
12 Squadron Summer Social
18 On Board Weather Forecasting Seminar—Quarterdeck

JULY



2 Using GPS Seminar—Quarterdeck
2-20 Northern Lake Michigan Cruise
16 How to Read a Chart Seminar Quarterdeck
26 Executive Committee Mtg.
30 Using VHF/DSC Radio Seminar—Quarterdeck

AUGUST



4 Tall Ships—Sturgeon Bay
5-7 D10 Summer Rendezvous & Tall Ships Festival – Green Bay
5-8 Squadron Cruise to city of Green Bay
12-13 Wooden Boat Show
19-21 Squadron Annual Rendezvous—Marinette/Menominee
22 Cruise from M/M to Oconto

SEPTEMBER



3 MarinaFest—Sister Bay
11-18 USPS National Meeting
27 Executive Committee Mtg.

OCTOBER

6 Seamanship Course Begins
8 Lay-Up Fall Meeting & Social

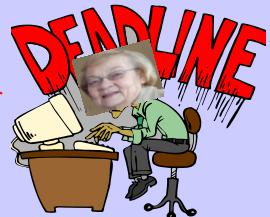
NOVEMBER

11-13 D10 Fall Conference
29 Executive Committee Mtg.

DECEMBER

2 Holiday Party

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, 2016.

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