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## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

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"When and If" at sea



What a crazy month July has been!! It started late June, when Steve Rank and I went through DNR Instructor Certification. This should make moving the paperwork for the ABC-3, Boater's Safety Course and certifying the students much smoother.

Then it was off to Denver on the July 4th weekend for our youngest son (40) Jason's wedding. What a beautiful setting at "Overlook Point" in Golden. Mom was able to attend. How sweet!!

Now the Tall Ships will be stopping over in Sturgeon Bay Wednesday 3 August on their way to Green Bay for a weekend festival at Leicht Memorial Park on the Fox River. That same weekend coincides with the District 10 Summer Rendezvous. I'd like to thank our Squadron Members: Rex and Linda Pope, Terry and Julie Keating, Jerry Anderson, Alan Wentworth and John Hermann for volunteering to assist in line handling, working the booth and the boat simulator. I especially want to thank Dolores for coordinating all of this.

Most of us docents at the Door County Maritime Museum will be adopting a Tall Ship, while they are in Sturgeon Bay, Wednesday. The one I have chosen is When & If.

When and If is a 63': 83' overall with bowsprit and boomkin (pronounced bumkin) Alden Schooner commissioned by General George Patton in 1939 when he was a

Colonel. The story behind the name to quote Patton goes: "When the war is over, and if I live through it, Bea and I are going to sail her around the world". His untimely and somewhat suspicious death in 1945, never allowed him to do that. When & If will be docked by the DNR Building. No boat tours while in Sturgeon Bay. But tours will be available in Green Bay.

Carefree, Lark and Nevr Moar will be heading to South Bay Marina in Green Bay, Thursday morning, to enjoy the weekend. Karen's brother Craig is coming up from Indiana to join the fun. On Sunday, the 7th, Craig and I will depart for Menominee and points North for a 2 week cruise ending back in Menominee for our annual rendezvous weekend 19-21 August. Hope to see you there. It's always fun to share this 3rd weekend in August with our M & M friends.

Steve is winding down a successful Seminar Series and planning our fall course offerings. Lou tells me we will see our best VSC season ever. There are some pretty cool events coming up in August. And my favorite boating months are still ahead. It doesn't get much better. Thank you all for your contributions to our "Little Squadron that Could".

BTW: I didn't pass the N exam (again!!). I'll take another run at it in October; when all this fun is over. Until next month: Fair winds and be safe.

Your Commander Bob

# FROM YOUR EDUCATION OFFICER



Ahoy from beautiful Door County

Those of you who follow my column each month know that I have strongly emphasized navigation as a major component of safe boating. I know that this means we are aware of what is on and, just as importantly, under the water. Chart reading covers both areas and we all have been taught to use our seaman's eye to compare our surroundings to our charts. So that means we're covered, right? Well, let me tell you a sea tale.

My brother and sister-in-law and my two nieces were visiting me last week, and naturally the subject of going sailing came up. I dutifully covered all the safety rules and the location of the safety gear and how to use it should I become incapacitated. I explained that they would be able to see the chart on the chart plotter that I activated so they would not run into any problems. I then hoisted the main at the dock in my most seamanlike manner and cast off from the dock. We were blown slightly away from the dock and my nieces and I were on the low side. Now mind you, we were in my lagoon. NO PROBLEM! ..... Until I hear BANG! We had slipped almost to the other side when we hit the ....TREE.

I was fiddling with the motor and never thought to look up. The pig stick I made to proudly fly the squadron burgee was snapped in half and unceremoniously fell in the drink and sank. The windex was also bent and defies straightening without dropping the mast, something I am not going to do. Fortunately my niece is half fish and kindly volunteered to dive down and recover the stick and burgee. I was able to repair it after trying several fixes. So what is the moral of the story? You might know a lot but if you aren't paying attention it won't help. So remember that keeping a lookout means don't forget to look up!

By the way, we went sailing anyway and a good time was had by all until my second niece asked me if there was a less bumpy spot to sit on the boat. Yep, you guessed it, she had a case of mal de mer. I gave her some motion ease I keep in the first aid kit but it didn't help so I headed back immediately rather than prolong her misery. When we returned to the dock she quickly recovered.

I guess I was channeling Admiral Nelson who famously said, "The cure for seasickness is to sit under a tree." Could that be the tree we hit earlier?



Gorgeous view from the classroom at the Maritime Museum. How can anyone concentrate on the lesson?

## SEMINARS AND COURSES

We have completed four seminars this summer.

We had 13 students for the Weather and GPS seminars. Some were not members but had been invited by Alan or me, or had heard about it through Quarterdecks posters. We gained at least one new member from this group.

The How to Read A Chart seminar had two students, both squadron members.

GPS was held at the Maritime Museum which was a great location for the course. I hope we can hold other seminars or even the ABC course there in the future.

Saturday was the VHF radio seminar at Quarterdeck. We had four students.

This fall we will offer Seamanship and Advanced Piloting. The spring will feature Piloting, JN, and Marine Communication Systems. I will put dates out soon.

I have offered an ambitious schedule of courses the last several years and I hope to continue. I would like to emphasize that I need more people to step up to the instructor's plate. Please talk to yourselves and your friends in the squadron about volunteering to teach a course. I will help and encourage anyone who would like to teach. If our squadron is to thrive we need to have volunteers willing to share their knowledge and love of boating. That is what makes squadrons great.



Instructor Steve Rank at work



# SUMMER CRUISE SCHEDULE



**JOIN CAREFREE AND OTHER  
SQUADRON BOATS AT THE DCS&PS  
ANNUAL RENDEZVOUS  
19—21 AUGUST 2016  
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Friday 19 August 1700 to 1900**

Dock crawl – hoist your squadron burgee to welcome guests aboard your vessel or gather with a group at one of the nearby picnic tables. Bring your own beverage and an appetizer to share. Groups may then plan to walk to one of the nearby restaurants for dinner.

**Saturday 20 August**

Spend the afternoon shopping or enjoying sights in the park. Potluck in the boater's lounge from 1600—2000. Bring a dish to share.

**Sunday 21 August** Depart for home ports.

Cruise Captain: Sandy King— 920-746-4471 (home) or 920-495-7675 (cell)

Please contact the marina directly to make slip reservations.  
Click here: [Menominee Marina](#)

If arriving by land yacht, here are nearby motels:  
Click here: [Econo Lodge](#)  
Click here: [AmericInn](#)

## PLANNING AHEAD FOR 2017

### Georgian Bay-Lake Huron

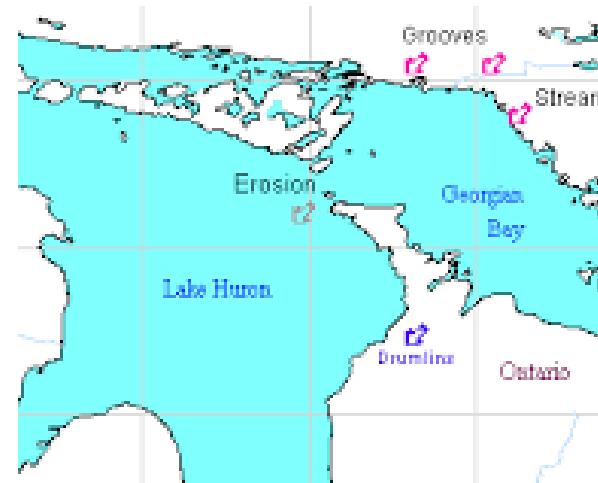
**June 25 to July 25, 2017 time frame** The cruise to Georgian Bay is two cruises in one package. This cruise will enter Lake Huron at Mackinac and travel through the North Channel to Killarney and then beyond into the northwest reaches of Georgian Bay.

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.



## VSC REPORT

Completed VSC's 183

Vessels that passed 161

There is still time to get your boat inspected by the friendly guys in red shirts:

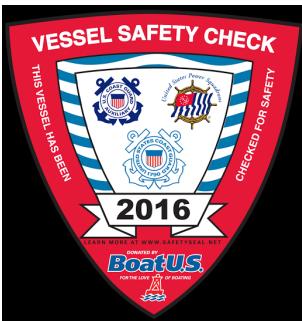
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This decal can be yours

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

10th—Ron Trimberger

18th—Prisca Smith

19th—Lou Pasquesi

23rd—Mary Smart

25th—Chuck Stone



We aren't often able to rejoice with one of our members who got married. Congratulations to member Janelle Peotter and Eric Perlman who were married on July 16!

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## AUGUST



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

## SEPTEMBER



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

## OCTOBER



- TBD TBD Seamanship Advanced Piloting
- 8 Lay-Up Fall Meeting & Social

## NOVEMBER

- 11-13 D10 Fall Conference
- 29 Executive Committee Mtg.



## DECEMBER



- 2 Holiday Party



## JUST WHEN YOU THINK YOU HAVE SEEN IT ALL.....a story from Alan Wentworth

"We Great Lakes folks share with our coastal dwellers frequent weather anomalies. As an example, the other day we noted a typical summer sou'wester blowing against Bellatrix at our dock. Suddenly one of our four venerable fenders between the boat and dock popped loudly and collapsed. These 10 x 24 inch fenders are probably 20 years old or so, and the vinyl just gave out. It's the first time that I have seen a Taylor Fender pop.

The customer service rep at Taylor couldn't have been more helpful. She is sending a replacement--gratis."

Alan



## DEADLINE

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 September Scuttlebutt by August 30, 2016.

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