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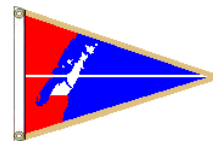
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## Scuttlebutt

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"The Little Squadron That Could"



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## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

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I thought this message would be brief—NOT! But it will be a little unconventional. That's because Karen and I are off to Italy 24 October through 14 November and I am submitting it before we go.

As many of you are aware, Door County is one of the eleven Squadrons that comprise District 10. Each year the District holds two conferences. The spring conference is District's Change of Watch. The fall conference, will be hosted this year (11-13 November) by the Oshkosh Squadron. Go if you can. Fall conferences are typically reflective of Squadron performance. Each squadron commander has to prepare a detailed report for the conference "seat packet". And an abridged report, to be delivered at the council meeting which is held via GoToWebinar prior to the weekend. I'd like to share my abridged report with you so that you get an appreciation for how special your squadron is. Since Karen and I will still be in Italy, Alan has agreed to present my reports. Thanks again Alan!

### Cdr. Bob's Abridged Report to the D-10 Fall 2016 Council 9 November 2016

Door County has had another busy year. I'm very proud to share this abridged version of my report.

#### Civic:

- We conducted 219 Vessel Safety Checks
- We host two Automated Radio Check systems
- A flare Shoot & Fire Extinguisher demo was conducted in conjunction with Safe Boating Week.
- We presented one ABC-3 Course
- Three radio programs with WDOR host Eddy Allen— covering History, Our Education Program, PFDs, VSCs, Wx and ESD
- We conducted two information sessions for USCG junior staff at the Sturgeon Bay Canal Station

- Eight members participated in the Tall Ships Festival in both Sturgeon Bay and Green Bay.

#### Education:

- Navigation was taught by Alan Wentworth to seven students in both Green Bay and Door County Squadrons in GoToMeeting format.
- Seamanship, Piloting, Marine Communications and 5 Seminars were also offered. (We currently hold the D-10 Prince & SEA Awards)

#### Fraternal:

- Fitting-Out Meeting—May, Picnic—June, Lay-Up Meeting—October, Holiday Party—December
- 5 cruises

#### Membership:

Holding steady at 64 with four new members; Jim & Pat Eggers, Bob Hoover and Dave Quirsfeld.

#### Futures:

As a result of two successful information sessions with the Coast Guard we are invited back for spring 2017. In addition, we are invited to participate in all safe boating promotions they will be conducting at the Canal Station during Safe Boating Week. I'm excited about this and see it as a tremendous opportunity to nurture and grow our partnership with USCG.

Cdr. Bob DeNoto will be joining the Board of Directors of the Door County Maritime Museum, January 1, 2017. Bob has been asked to lead a development team for the Recreational Boating Exhibit that will be part of the museum's new tower of exhibits. Bob has suggested that a Boating Skills Virtual Trainer (BSVT) simulator anchor the exhibit. Deferring funds for BSVT to DCMM will be the objective and challenge.

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## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE (continued)

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So, we truly are **"The Little Squadron that Could"**. My many thanks go out to my Bridge and all our members who took the effort to make our accomplishments happen. You all have every reason to be proud!

I'd like to expand a bit on the Door County Maritime Museum's "Tower" project: DCMM has launched its largest fundraising campaign since the construction of its waterfront museum in Sturgeon Bay nearly 20 years ago. The \$4.3 million dollar campaign is titled **"Reaching New Heights in Our Maritime Heritage"**. The Museum, plans to expand its present 22,000 sq. ft. facility with a spectacular addition containing 10,000 sq. ft. of state-of-the-art exhibits promoting the world's most extensive inland waterways and northern Wisconsin's contributions to the waterways ships, yachts, and maritime equipment successes. Serving as a visual landmark, the new 11-story observation tower will be reminiscent of lighthouses throughout the nation.

I am totally excited that DCS&PS will be a driving force for the Recreational Boating Exhibit. We will have an entire floor of the tower to play with. The title of the exhibit will be: **"Great Lakes Boating Life."** I'm going to lean on all of you for ideas on what this exhibit should include. I'll be working with Mike



Maves, grant writer for the museum, to see how we can reduce or eliminate costs for BSVT to the museum. The museum currently has about 65,000 visitors annually. It's anticipated the "Tower" will add another 35,000. How better to showcase USPS/DCS&PS???

Talk to you in December with pictures of Orvieto. Happy Thanksgiving.

Your Commander, Bob

## FROM YOUR EDUCATION OFFICER

Ahoy boaters, floaters, and paddlers,

We have arrived at that spookiest and scariest time of the year – fall layup. This year Craig Weis and I had a relatively easy time of it. The weather was in the fifties with only a light on-and-off-again drizzle. In fact, the weather was so balmy that Craig did a cannonball off the bumper of his jeep as we were maneuvering Wind Rover onto the trailer. After a few words offered up to the heavens Craig said that the water really wasn't too bad. I made up my mind that for future launchings I will buy a decent pair of waders. We have never taken the boat out of the water without getting someone's (read Craig's) feet wet. Having the right equipment can make any job easier and in this case dryer. Notice Steve is dry and Craig is wet.



Seamanship and Advanced Piloting are both underway. John Hermann and Craig Weis are teaching Seamanship to a class of three, including new members Jim and Pat Eggers and old member (LOL) Karl May. Steve Rank and Bob DeNoto are teaching Advanced Piloting with a class of three: Rex and Linda Pope and Dan Balch. We look forward to having our Advanced Piloting graduates taking JN and our Seamanship grads taking Piloting this spring. Other spring courses will be listed in an upcoming issue of the Scuttlebutt.

I would like to welcome my friend John Powell Jr. as the newest honorary member of our squadron. He has attended a couple of classes when he and his family visit us from St Louis each year. His eagerness to learn, his talent for picture taking, and his kind and gentle demeanor are truly inspirational. He is a great addition to our membership.

When Johnny was visiting us a few weeks ago we took a boat ride on the old Quo Vadis in the Fish Creek area. The tour took us along the coast line of Cottage Row and then to Adventure, Jack, and Horseshoe Islands. The tour guide was excellent and very knowledgeable. He is a former



member and friend of our squadron – Jerry Sabalus. I was so pleased to see him and urged him to consider rejoining us. He said he doesn't have a boat. I said he doesn't need a boat! He and Johnny are both examples of people who don't have a boat but are boat friendly and thus great possibilities for membership. Talk to your friends who don't have a boat about boating and let them know that they would be welcome and valuable members of our squadron. All they need is an interest in boating and the water.

Fair Winds, Steve Rank



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# **Holiday Party**

**Friday 2 December 2016**

**6:00 pm**

**CROSSROADS AT BIG CREEK**

**2041 Michigan St.**

**Sturgeon Bay**

**746-5895**

**Bring Your Own Beverage & Passing Dish**

**No One-Pound Auction This Year**

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# SPECIAL CRUISE PLANNING MEETING

Saturday 3 December 2016

9:30 am—noon

Coffee & Donuts

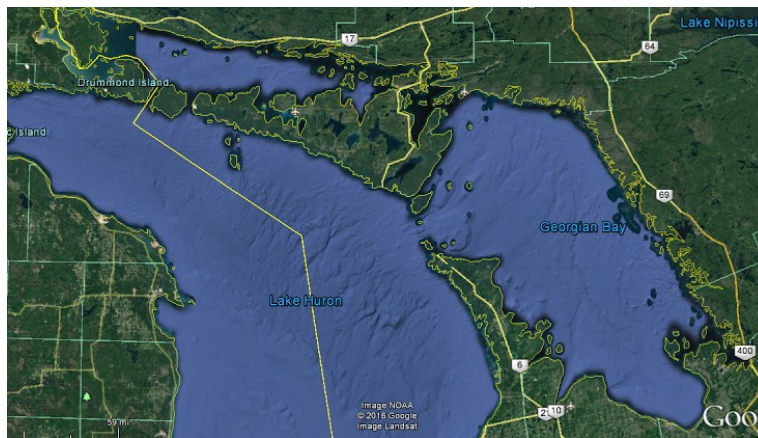
Hosts: Julie & Terry Keating

3756 Glidden Drive, Sturgeon Bay

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## Georgian Bay-Lake Huron

Timeframe: June 25—July 25, 2017



Georgian Bay is two cruises in one package. The northern half, above a line drawn between Tobermory and Parry Sound, is wild, pristine and vast. Billed as the “Hundred Thousand Islands” (actually only 90,000 have been charted, but, hey, who’s counting?) It’s the cruising/anchoring paradise of the North Channel on steroids; however, the northern half 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 (and that’s at 20+ kts. and perfect weather), you need at least three weeks in the Bay itself if you plan to make the whole circuit. Three weeks would be well spent in either the North or South half too; otherwise allot at least two weeks to do each half independently. It takes a lot to get there; so don’t hurry home.

The North Georgian Bay: This cruise starts at Kilarney and goes clockwise to Frying Pan Island and Tobermory. (It can also start at Tobermory and go counterclockwise).

From Kilarney, expect to anchor at least 3-4 days before the next port, Britt, where supplies, slips and fuel are available. As the crow flies, its 40 nm from Kilarney to Britt but as the cruiser cruises, its more like 100 depending on stops. Must anchorages include Collins Inlet or Beaverstone Bay.

Much more detailed information will be available at the meeting—what charts are needed, waypoints, equipment, etc. See you there.



## LAY-UP LUNCH MEETING AND SOCIAL

Twenty-two members attended this event held at the Log Den, south of Egg Harbor. Following lunch and a brief meeting, Sandy and Gary King gave a short program that focused on photos of the North Lake Michigan Cruise held last July that included three squadron boats belonging to the Kings, Keatings and Wentworths. The squadron also recognized two new honorary members: Cleida Galligan and Johnny Powell. Cleida is well known to all of us. Johnny is a friend of Steve Rank and a great power squadron fan.



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Safety Officer	P/C John Hermann, AP
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### Treasurer's Department

Ships Store	Lt/C Cynthia Weis, AP
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## CALENDAR

### NOVEMBER

11-13 D10 Fall  
Conference

22 Executive  
Committee  
Meeting



### DECEMBER

2 Holiday Party

3 Georgian Bay/  
Lake Huron  
cruise planning  
meeting



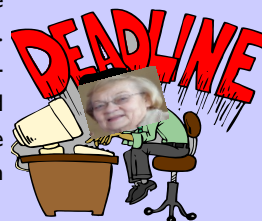
COMING SOON

2017 CALENDAR

WATCH FOR IT

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 December Scuttlebutt by November 30, 2016.



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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1st—Quinn Brennan

3rd—Martha Alberti

5th—Bob Satterfield

15th—Dick Grot

15th—Julie Keating

16th—Bonnie Balch

17th—Sandy King

20th—Cynthia Weis

28th—Johnny Powell

