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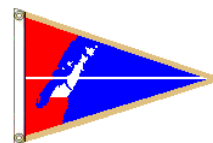
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"The Little Squadron That Could"



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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

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Boy! This article really snuck up on me. Maybe it was how the holidays fell or maybe it was just all too many other things at the top of the list. Whatever! First, I would like to wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year. Second, I would like to thank Past Commander Bob Ross for his time and assistance in doing our audit. Bob is a thirty-year life member of USPS and currently serves as our Law Officer.

The New Year always stirs up feelings of reflection, anticipation and a little anxiety in me; but mostly excitement over new opportunities and challenges that lie ahead.

Three significant Squadron, District and National meetings are coming up in this early New Year. Our Change of Watch, Sunday 12 February; the USPS Annual Meeting in Orlando, 19-26 February; and the District 10 Spring Conference and Change of Watch, in Wausau, 31 March—2 April. In preparation for the D-10 Spring Conference, D/C Kris Harmon has asked each Squadron Commander to submit background material for the **Star Squadron** award. This is where the "reflection" piece comes into play.

The **Star Squadron** award measures a Squadron's performance in five key areas. Our "Little Squadron that Could" consistently achieves five star status. The five stars are:

Membership

Civic

Self-Education

Member Involvement

Commander's Choice

In 2016 Door County met the following goals:

Membership We increased membership from 62 in 2015 to 64 this year

Civic We held an ABC-3 Course in early June. We increased our VSCs from 180 to 219. WOW: Thanks Lou, our VSC Officer,

and all our dedicated vessel safety examiners. We conducted six seminars, all presented to non-members as well as members, and we contacted seven marinas to heighten awareness of Electric Shock Drowning (ESD). The 2017 challenge re ESD will be to get the marinas to post signs.

Self Education We blew away the self education star, coming away once again with the Prince as well as the SEA awards. WOW! Thanks SEO Steve, and all our dedicated instructors.,

Member Involvement A squadron automatically achieves this star if they host a D-10 conference or rendezvous. Although we did not do either one, we had eight members present at the Tall Ships Festival in Green Bay to assist the Green Bay Squadron at the booth and

on the dock assisting with lines. In addition, when the ships came into Sturgeon Bay we adopted General Patton's "When and If."

Commander's Choice This one is left to my discretion. I consider our enriching partnerships with the US Coast Guard and the Door County Maritime Museum as qualifiers.

So, once again the "Little Squadron that Could" DID.

As you make your resolutions and reflections for the New Year; I want you to keep Bob Stierna in your hearts and in your prayers. We've been in touch with Patsy in Texas. The situation is hour to hour. Bob will soon be "peacefully furling his sails."

Until next month, stay warm.

Your Commander,

Bob

FROM YOUR EDUCATION OFFICER

Ahoy everyone,

With 2017 upon us many of us are dreaming and planning for the upcoming season. A great way to do this is to take some more courses from us. Many of you have continued on or recently embarked on a navigational journey. To me, well tuned navigational skills are the key to both safe boating and high adventure. Going to new places in sometimes challenging conditions is, of course, where the navigator shines. Ignorance is not a reason for disaster with a good navigator aboard. Remember that a good navigator does not just mean one who is competent in using GPS, depth sounders, and radar. The contents of the navigator's tool box must contain non-electronic tools including paper charts, dividers, navigation forms such as those put out by USPS, a current nautical almanac and of course a sextant. This is especially true for those of us who sail out of sight of land. As I have said many times, too many captains rely on GPS primarily and the other electronic gear mentioned above **exclusively** to navigate. Without working electronics we can get ourselves into serious trouble. Knowing how to navigate using dead reckoning, a chart and a sextant, have become arcane skills that many boaters don't want to take the time to master, probably assuming they will never need to use these skills. That may be so, but what if...



Dan Balch just completed a trip to Antarctica and during the journey had a chance to chat with the captain. Dan inquired how the captain went about his navigational duties. The captain said they used GPS exclusively. Dan asked if that meant that there was no sextant aboard, to which the captain replied affirmatively. Now the waters the cruise ship was sailing in are some of the most remote and dangerous in the world. If something happened that required rescue and if the ship could not report its position, well you get the idea. I'm not saying that it is likely that such a scenario could happen, but if it is even a possibility why not train for it.

While we are not cruise ship captains, we are captains on the Great Lakes where anything can happen. I want to encourage all of you to take our navigation courses and to actually practice the skills you learn when plying the waters this summer. If you learn but don't apply you will forget. I invite you to practice your navigation skills on your own boats regularly this season. Any of the upcoming cruises would be great practice, especially the cruise in the Georgian Bay area that is not fully charted even today, the county circumnavigators, and the Snail Shell Harbor cruise. Cruisers may want to check out the skill demos I would like to hold this summer (see Education Happenings below). Check out the YouTube video I took of a wild December 26 at Cave Point and imagine that you are in a boat running blind (in the fog or at night) and needing to stay off those rocks.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZzWgTv_noww.

I want to show you another piece of low-tech navigation equipment I made for Wind Rover. It is a tiller comb. The tiller is locked into the comb which I made to look like a fish. The boat will hold her course long enough for me to get a cup of coffee and shoot a movie. I call the comb Peace Fish because I lettered PEACE on the fish in the closed position. When my tiller pilot fails due to lack of power, Peace Fish will work every time.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9aJSrDrNpq4&t=9s>



FROM YOUR EDUCATION OFFICER (continued)



Here's Jerry Richter recommending tiller comb navigation with Peace Fish. If you would like to make one for your boat, contact me for a demo and a look.

Unfortunately, no matter how much knowledge you have, there is no excuse for bone-headedness. The following pictures are from some duck hunters in December making some truly idiotic moves in hypothermic waters without any visible pfd's. Note the gun being transferred from one obviously stable craft to another! Notice also the high visibility in the area in case someone went in the water that would help them to be spotted along with their brightly colored clothing. But what the heck, what could go wrong anyway?



EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

HAPPENINGS

Congratulations to our newest Seamen (and woman)! Under the wonderful instruction of John Hermann and Craig Weis, Karl May and Jim and Pat Eggers all passed their tests. Well done everyone.

Bob DeNoto and I finished up the Advanced Piloting course and all three students took the test. We are awaiting the results but I know they all will pass with flying colors.

February will mark the start of Junior Navigation, the first in the off-shore navigation series. I have three students for sure that want to take the course. I highly recommend it to everyone. If you have taken AP you qualify for JN. Why not challenge yourself in the coming year and learn a new skill that will expand your brain and could one day save your life. Bob DeNoto, Alan Wentworth, and I will teach the course.

Piloting and Marine Communications will be taught in late April and May. Instructors and date will be determined later. These courses will conclude as the boating season is about to begin. Skills learned will be fresh in the students' minds.

In addition to ABC and our summer seminars, which will be determined later, I want to hold on-the-water skill training demonstrations. I want to take students out on my boat and other volunteer boats to demonstrate heaving to, reading radar, using a life sling, reefing sails, and marking a dead reckoning trail on a chart and getting a fix. I would like to set up two different summer days to do this. They could be done at Quarterdeck to get boaters involved that may want to learn skills but are not members of our squadron. We could do one demo during our flare shoot day, or we could schedule in conjunction with our seminars. I would like to know how much interest there is in our squadron for skill demos such as I am suggesting and would appreciate any feedback you could give me. The skills I am suggesting are not part of the Boat Operators Certificate program but are complementary. I would also like to remind everyone that we would like to do BOC training, if anyone is interested. Contact me for more details on this. Applying the skills we learn is both fun and practical, especially for those times when we don't have time to think.

Fair Winds,

Steve



At the cruise planning meeting on December 3, preliminary plans were made for a spectacular cruise to Georgian Bay. Here is a preliminary itinerary that is designed for flexibility. Some cruisers will join the cruise enroute. The plan is for some boaters to anchor out more than others and to meet up often at marinas for food and fuel and stopovers. **The next meeting will be Saturday, January 28, 9:30 a.m. at the Keatings.** We will discuss the itinerary in greater detail. Contact Terry at 920-889-9059 for more information.

PRELIMINARY ITINERARY

- June 26-30. (250 miles) Leland, Mackinac, via Canada customs at Meldrum Bay to stage in Killarney
- July 1. (14 miles) Collins Inlet to Mill Lake - anchor
- July 2. (6 miles) Beaverstone Bay - anchor
- July 3. (18 miles) Bad River Channel - anchor
- July 5. (10 miles) Bustard islands - anchor
- July 7. (22+ miles) Byng Inlet/Brill – Wright's Marina [\[705-383-2295\]](tel:705-383-2295) (43 miles from Killarney via open water)
- July 9. (29 miles) Point au Baril Station – Government Wharf [\[705-746-4243\]](tel:705-746-4243)
- July 11. (19 miles) Snug Harbor – Gilly's Snug harbor Marina [\[705-342-5552\]](tel:705-342-5552)
- July 13. (17 miles) Parry Sound Town Dock [\[705-746-7373\]](tel:705-746-7373) or Killbear Marina [\[705-342-5203\]](tel:705-342-5203)
- July 14. (16 miles) Henrys Fish Restaurant dock [705-746-9040](tel:705-746-9040) near Sans Souci and Frying Pan Island
- July 15. (28 miles) Honey Harbor – South Bay Cove Marina [\[705-756-3333\]](tel:705-756-3333)
- July 17. (10 miles) Midland harbor Town Docks [\[705-526-4610\]](tel:705-526-4610) & Port Severn
- July 19. (77 miles) Lion's Head Marina [\[519-793-4060\]](tel:519-793-4060) or Cabot Point anchorage
- July 20. (50 miles) Tobermory - Big Tub Resort marina [\[519-596-2191\]](tel:519-596-2191)
- July 22. (66 miles) Little Current – Federal Wharf via Wally's Dock Service [\[705-368-2370\]](tel:705-368-2370)
- July 23. (70 miles) St. Ignace Public Marina [\[906-643-8131\]](tel:906-643-8131) via US customs at Drummond Island
- July 24. (70 miles) Leland
- July 25. (75 miles) Sturgeon Bay

Important websites: Review on-line charts of ports by using Navionics chart app found at <http://www.glcclub.com/>

Canadian Hydrographic Service for chart index: <http://www.charts.gc.ca/documents/charts-cartes/manitobandex.pdf>

Entering Canada by Boat requirements: <http://www.glcclub.com/boating-and-uscanada-border>

Weather for Georgian Bay: http://weather.gc.ca/marine/index_e.html

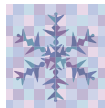
Boating Georgian Bay Commercial Site: <http://www.boatinggeorgianbay.com/ports.html>

Every boat must have: Canadian strip charts CHS2202, 2203, 2204 (order from West Marine)

COMING EVENTS—2017 SQUADRON CALENDAR

January 2017

31—Executive Committee Meeting



July 2017

25—Executive Committee Meeting



February 2017

TBD—Squadron Annual Meeting & Change of Watch

TBD—Junior Navigation

19-26—USPS National Meeting, Orlando

TBD—Squadron Cruise Planning Meeting



August 2017

11-13—Squadron Rendezvous—Menominee MI



September 2017

10-17—USPS National Meeting— Dallas TX

26—Executive Committee Meeting



March 2017

24-26—District 10 Spring Conference —Wausau

28—Executive Committee Meeting



October 2017

TBD—Lay-Up Meeting & Social

TBD—District 10 Fall Conference



April 2017

TBD—Vessel Safety Examiner Season Prep Meeting

TBD—Piloting and Marine Communications



November 2017

21—Executive Committee Meeting



May 2017

19—Fitting Out Meeting and Social

30—Executive Committee Meeting



December 2017

1—Holiday Party



June 2017

3—Vessel Safety Checks every Saturday

TBD—ABC Class begins

11—Squadron Summer Social

TBD—Flare Shoot



HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAY

8th—Ben Coons

7th—Jeff Johnson

22nd—Janelle Peotter

23rd—Don Cameron

26th—Glenn Deedon

29th—Suzanne Brennan



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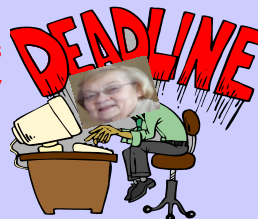
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Congratulations Janelle Peotter

Janelle has a feature article published in the Winter 2017 edition of THE ENSIGN, the magazine of the United States Power Squadrons. It is called, "Sailing Around the Door: Sailors Circumnavigate Wisconsin's Door Peninsula". [Click here](#). Here is a picture of Janelle and her husband, Eric Perlman at the Rock Island boat house.

