

WAUKEGAN SAIL & POWER SQUADRON

A UNIT OF UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS

DISTRICT 20

WAUKEELOG

SAIL AND POWER BOATING

September/October 2002

Calendar of Events

Fall Cruise (details on page 4)

Dates: Sat. & Sun., 7-8 September 2002

Location: Reefpoint Marina, Racine WI

Executive Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, 10 September 2002 at 1900

Location: Waukegan Harbor Building

Executive Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, 8 October 2002 at 1900

Location: Waukegan Harbor Building

D/20 Fall Conference (details on page 6)

Date: 18-20 October 2002

Location: La Porte, IN

Executive Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, 12 November 2002 at 1900

Location: Waukegan Harbor Building

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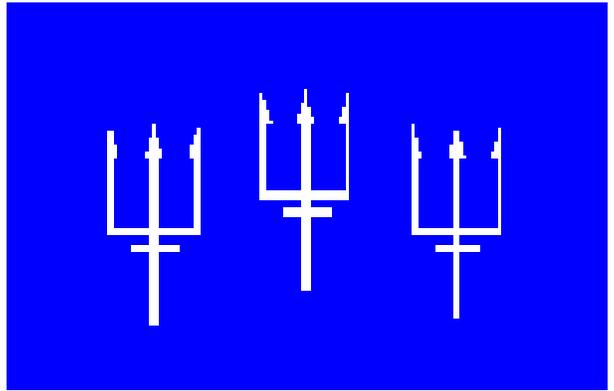
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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



The Dolphin just returned from a three-week cruise crossing over from Sheboygan to Pentwater and continuing around the southern end of Lake Michigan. I continue to be impressed with the friendliness and warmth we were greeted with on our trip, and how most of the communities go out of their way to cater to the boater's needs. It is a trip I highly recommend. We did our share of motoring, but, a magnificent six-hour sail from Monroe Harbor to Waukegan on Tuesday made it all worthwhile. Unfortunately, the trip had to end. Upon returning, I found waiting in the mailbox information pertaining to winterizing and storing the boat. I realized the season is rapidly coming to a close.

There are three items coming up that I would like to highlight and encourage you all to consider taking part:

First, is the **Fall Cruise** scheduled for 7-8 September at Reefpoint Marina in Racine, Wisconsin. Bob and Carol have done an excellent job putting this season ender together. I hope you make every effort to visit this outstanding marina and trade stories of your summer exploits with the rest

of the squadron.

Second, is the **Member's Class Schedule**. Starting in mid-September there is an outstanding educational opportunity for us to advance our boating knowledge. Please review the schedule on the web page or in this Waukeelog, and contact 1/Lt Rich Davidson to register.

Third, is the **District 20 Fall Conference**. This year's Fall Conference will be held on 18 – 20 October in La Porte, Indiana. Please try to fit this into your schedule. Waukegan Sail and Power Squadron will be hosting the District 20 Fall Conference next year, and we would like your input on events and activities you would like to see us sponsor. See registration information on page six of this Waukeelog.

I hope the season has been good to you and your boating activities safe and fun. We have some exciting events coming up during the fall and winter months. I hope you will be involved.

See you around the dock.

Cdr. Keith Baldwin, JN

EDUCATIONAL NEWS



Mark Your Calendars! Fall Class Schedule

For more information, or to register for any of these classes, contact 1st Lt Rich Davidson, AEO 847-295-8845 or rich@davidsondata.com. All classes will be held at the Waukegan Harbor Building.

Weather

Class begins Mon,
16 September

The Weather course is designed to teach a student how to make weather observations and predictions for more enjoyable boating.

Topics include:

- Awareness of weather phenomena
- How to read a weather map and the sky
- How to understand and anticipate weather developments
- Structure and characteristics of the atmosphere
- Factors considered in weather forecasting
- Sources and use of weather reports and forecasts
- Instrument and visual observations the skipper can make

Seamanship

Class begins Tue,
17 September

Building on the basics learned in Boating, the Seamanship course is an important foundation for other "advanced grade" courses.

The student learns:

- Basic marlinespike seamanship
- Hull design
- Navigation rules
- Operation under normal and adverse conditions
- Responsibilities of the skipper
- Fire prevention and control
- Basic first aid
- Common courtesies on the water
- Boat care
- Nautical customs and flag etiquette

Piloting

Class begins Wed,
18 September

This course is the first of a two-part program studying inland and coastal navigation. Its focus is on the fundamentals of piloting - keeping track of a boat's movements, determining one's position at any time and laying out courses to a planned destination.

Included are subjects such as:

- Charts and their use
- Aids to navigation
- The mariner's compass
- Variation and deviation of the compass
- Plotting and steering courses
- Dead reckoning
- Plotting and labeling charts

BOAT SMART FROM THE START. WEAR YOUR LIFE JACKET.



Attention all WSPS Cruisers!

Fall Cruise:

September 7-8, 2002

Destination:

Reefpoint Marina, Racine WI

Events – Saturday, 7 September

- 1500 Arrive at Reefpoint early afternoon
Dock Party
- 1830 Dinner - The Docks at Reefpoint

Events – Sunday, 8 September

- 0900 Breakfast on dock
- 1200(or when ready) Departure
- Cruise Captain: Lt/C Bob Kunath, AP

Cruise Itinerary:

Here's a chance to travel to one of the best destinations on Lake Michigan! We'll have a dock party starting 1500 on Dock E-12, followed by dinner at The Docks. Bring drinks and an appetizer dish to pass at the dock party, and expect to have your boat toured! Breakfast will also be casual on the dock Sunday morning starting 0900, bring a dish to pass for that as well. Call Reefpoint at 262-633-7171 and reserve your slip now! Request a slip on E-12 near Kunaths' Sans Souci (E12-9) if your boat is 35'

or less, Dock E-10 if your boat is over 35'. There should be plenty of slips on those two docks, but call early! There is no special pricing, cost is based on boat length.

We have a dinner reservation at the docks, but will need a count so they can set up.

Please RSVP by 1 September to carolkunath@att.net or call 847-540-8175.



Reefpoint Marina, Racine WI

The General Slocum Disaster

Jersey City July 1st., 1904

By Lt/C Bob Kunath AP

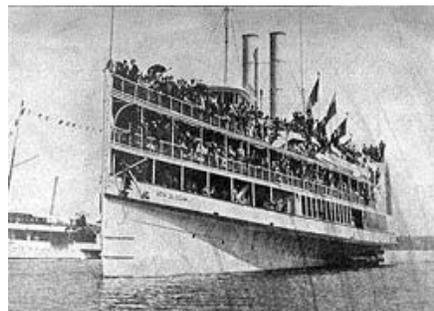
American maritime history is rich with disasters of epic proportions; the most famous being the sinking of the Titanic. The worst in Chicago's history is probably the 1915 Western Electric company picnic disaster, when the excursion boat Eastland listed to port and capsized at the dock in 20 feet of water, killing over 800 of the picnickers.

New York's worst disaster also involved an excursion boat, the General Slocum, a side wheeler steamship that caught fire on June 14, 1904. Chartered for a Sunday school picnic cruise by the German-American congregation of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in New York City, over 1000 of the almost 1400 passengers perished by burning or drowning when a fire started in a storage room. Both bales of hay and kerosene lamps were present in the room, despite regulations against that practice. Rescue efforts were hampered by the fact that lifeboats were wired to the rail to prevent loss, life jackets crumbled and fell apart when passengers tried to don them, and decrepit fire hoses burst when water was turned on. All this despite a passing grade on an inspection made only a month before the fire. Few New Yorkers knew how to swim in those days, but many jumped into the East River anyway to escape the raging fire, and drowned. The ship burned to the waterline, but did not sink as the captain

grounded the ship after the fire broke out.

One of the passengers aboard the ship was one Margaret Kunath, my grandfather's sister. She was 16 at the time, and was invited to the outing by friends who were members of the church. She, one of the few survivors, was not injured and lived to the ripe old age of 96. I have only vague memories of her as a kid, and knew nothing at the time of her part in the tragedy.

A relative of mine recently sent to me a letter written by my grandfather, Edward Kunath, to his father shortly after the event. The following is an excerpt from that letter. I have deliberately not corrected his spelling errors and typos. He was an engineer and inventor for Underwood Typewriter at the time and usually typed even personal letters. I guess that did not make him an exceptional typist, a trait that somehow has passed on to me. I found this letter fascinating and thought I'd pass it on:



The General Slocum sank 14 June 1904 taking over 800 lives in New York's worst maritime disaster.

Dear Father:

We received your letter of the 27th, inst., with pleasure and very glad to hear that you are both having such a good time.

There have been a few happenings since you left which no doubt will interest you; for instance; on arriving home that morning after we left you at the ferry we learned from a friend that sister Margarete was on board the ill fated steamer General Slocum, but was one of the lucky ones to escape without a scratch her four friends who were with her were all killed; how it happened that she saved her life is a surprise it came about this way; she was on the upper deck of the steamer while the fire was burning furiously and while everybody was excited her friends suggested that they go down stairs and so they did all but Margarete who was stoped by a man who told her not to go that if she did would never get saved; and told her to follow him; after which they climed over the gard rail on the side of the boat and stayed hanging there until a tug boat came and saved them.

There has been much written of the disaster, here's an interesting website with pictures if you wish to learn more. A Google search will also produce many more sites.

http://www.correctionhistory.org/html/chronicl/genslocum/gen_slocum.html



District 20 Fall Conference

**The Beach Bum Bash
18-20 October 2002**

**Hosted by the Michigan City Power
Squadron at Ramada Inn, La Porte, IN**

Lunch and Dinner Reservations

Rank	Name	Grade	Squadron
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Spouse	Phone		
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Address			
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City	State	Zip	
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Meals	Price	Number	Total Cost
Luncheon Ticket	\$12	_____	_____
Dinner Ticket	\$23	_____	_____
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Total		_____	_____

Deadline: Please reserve by 12 October 2002

Mail to: Lt/C Gail Cletcher, JN
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Valparaiso IN 46383-9503

Hotel Information
RAMADA INN
444 Pine Lake Avenue
La Porte IN 46350
Phone: 219-362-4585
Fax: 219-324-6993

For reservations and group rate
availability contact Veronica
Tsitrian at the Ramada Inn.
219-362-4585

**District 20
Fall Conference**

**Ramada Inn
La Porte, IN
18-20 October 2002**

Friday 18 October

1300-2000 Registration – Lobby
1300-2000 Table Exhibits – Lobby
1830-1930 Squadron Commander's
Meeting
2000-2100 Council Meeting
2300-???? Hospitality Rooms

Saturday 19 October

0800-0845 Merit Mark Seminar –
C/C Rep.
0800-1145 Teach Aids Exhibits
0900-1200 Registration – Lobby
0900-1015 NOAA Guest Speaker
Brian Link
1015-1030 Coffee Break
1030-1145 Seminar Guest Speaker
P/D/C Bill Baldwin, SN
1200-1330 Luncheon
1330-1600 Fall Conference
1730-1830 First Timers Reception
1830-1930 Cocktail Reception
1930-2300 Educational Awards
Dinner/Dance
2300-???? Hospitality Rooms

Schedule above schedule to change

Sunday 20 October

0900-1030 N Club Meeting

WS&PS Ship's Store

Polo Shirts	\$25.00	x	_____	=	_____
Hats	\$10.00	x	_____	=	_____
Sun Visors	\$10.00	x	_____	=	_____
Sm. Long Sleeve					
Denim Shirts	\$32.00	x	_____	=	_____
Lg. Long Sleeve					
Demim Shirts	\$34.00	x	_____	=	_____
WSPS Burgee	\$25.00	x	_____	=	_____
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Total					_____

| Send order form w/check to Carol Jernberg, 905 N Carlyle Lane,
 | Arlington Hts., IL 60004.
 | Questions? Call Carol at 847-259-7356.



Inter-Squadron Activities

Chicago Power Squadron

Triangle Cruise

21 September 2002

Rendezvous: Burnham Harbor ramp area,
0900-1000

Cruise Plan

Burnham north to Chicago Locks, proceed into Chicago River, south to Ship Canal, into Calumet Sag Channel. Exit river through O'Brien locks, head up Calumet River to Lake Michigan. Estimated time 4-6 hours.

CPS Contacts:

Bob Adamczyk (630) 833-6811

Lt. John Brazil (312) 861-0091

Contact Lt/C Bob Kunath if you would like more details! (847) 540-8175 or bobkunath@att.net.

Return Address:
11419 Zarnstorff Road
Richmond IL 60071

Place 1st
Class Stamp
Here

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**GET INVOLVED!
TAKE THE HELM!**

Our Squadron is hosting the
D/20 Fall Conference 2003.

We need a chairperson to
organize the event. Could that
person be you?

Interested?

Contact

Cdr Keith Baldwin.

