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Calendar of Events

*** Executive Committee Meeting**

Date: Tuesday, 17 December 2002 at 1900
Location: Waukegan Harbor Building

*** Chicago Boat, RV and Outdoors Show**

Dates: Wed to Sun, 1-5 January 2003
Location: McCormick Place North, Chicago IL

*** Executive Committee Meeting**

Date: Tuesday, 14 January 2003 at 1900
Location: Waukegan Harbor Building

*** Strictly Sail ® Chicago**

Dates: Thurs to Sun, 30 Jan-3 Feb 2003
Location: Navy Pier, Chicago IL

*** General Meeting & Election**

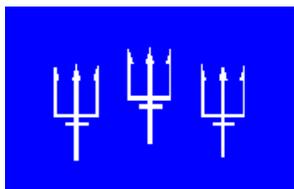
Date: Saturday, 8 February 2003 at 1700
Location: Village Barn, Hawthorn Hills IL

*** Executive Committee Meeting**

Date: Tuesday, 11 February 2003 at 1900
Location: Waukegan Harbor Building

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr Keith R Baldwin, JN

The holidays are upon us, and I would like to extend **SEASON'S GREETINGS** from the Baldwin family to you and yours. Thanksgiving and Chanukah are behind us, Christmas is rushing at us and the New Year is just around the corner. I hope you all enjoy this time of year to the fullest. As this year comes to a close I look back on the important happenings that have taken place this year, it was FIRST RATE. But more importantly I look to the Squadron members, new and old, who have stepped forward and become friends and co-workers in our efforts. To all of you, a sincere Thank You.

“... members of the Executive Committee will contribute an article for each Waukeelog ...”

There are many other important events coming up in the very near future. The most noticeable will probably be in the Waukeelog itself. In an effort to keep us all better informed about the Squadron, members of the Executive Committee will contribute an article for each Waukeelog issue, telling about something important going on in their area of responsibility. If you want to hear about something, please ask.

The Nominations Committee has nearly completed its very important work for the year. The nominees will be emailed to those with internet access and included in the 'snail mail' version of the Waukeelog for members not online. We are all indebted to Lt Dietrich Bronst, Lt Paul Green, AP and Chairman P/C Al Smith, SN for their efforts.

We have our two most important meetings

coming up in early 2003. On 8 February we have our ELECTION OF OFFICERS GENERAL MEETING, and on 8 March we have our CHANGE OF WATCH dinner. Information on the General Meeting are on page four of this Waukeelog. Lt/C Bob Kunath, AP promises to announce further details, which will include some surprises, in January.

“Shortly after the turn of the year the D/20 Fall Conference Committee will swing into high gear.”

Shortly after the turn of the year the D/20 Fall Conference Committee will swing into high gear. I know Lt. Paul Green, AP is looking for your input and help. This is going to be the biggest task of the year. See Paul's article on page five for details.

This year the Rules Committee will be proposing a change in our Bylaws that will change our fiscal year to the calendar year to coincide with National's calendar. Among other things this will mean that next year we will hold our election in November and our Change of Watch in December.

In keeping with our strong tradition, our Education program this year will include a variety of courses for us to take to improve our abilities and boating enjoyment next year. I hope you will check out the calendar and sign up to take a course.

These are just a few of the events and opportunities we have to be involved in the Squadron in the next few months. I look forward to working with you again next year, and hope you will once again support the Squadron's programs.





Executive Office

Boy Scout Venturing Group 96

Lt/C Frank Herbst, JN Executive Officer

Boy Scout venturing Group #96 of Grayslake plan to work with WS&PS in developing a co-operative youth program. Mr. Tom Parkinsen, who is a Wood Badge trained instructor, heads their group; one of the most advanced training categories in the Boy Scout leadership programs. Their organization comes to us equipped with two multi-hull, one swing keel and one fixed keel sail boat. They sail out of Winthrop Harbor.

Our first venture together will begin when 6 Venture members, 3 male and 3 female, will be joined by three adult leaders who plan on enrolling at CLC for our February 4th boating class which will be taught by Mr. Tenney Ford, S. WS&PS will give an \$7.00 scholarship to each Venture student (ages range from 16 to 21) who successfully completes and passes our boating class.

We recently received a Sea Scout brochure (titled Welcome Aboard) from USPS headquarters. This brochure suggested that USPS Squadrons might offer "Apprentice" Memberships to Sea Scouts/Venture groups who have completed one of our boating courses and who are interested in joining USPS at the rate of \$12.00 per year. This membership would of course make it possible for this group to participate in all our squadron activities; especially our advanced and elective courses.

From the Desk of The Secretary

Lt/C Ellen M Ludtke, P Secretary

It's hard to believe that in a few weeks it will be 2003. It's even harder to believe that just a short time ago I didn't know bow from stern, latitude from longitude, port from starboard. I initially took the Boat Smart class with my husband Mike three years ago as we had just purchased a 34' Hunter sailboat. I wanted as least some basic knowledge of what I was getting in to or should I say what Mike was getting me in to. ☺

After successful completion of Boat Smart we joined the Waukegan Sail & Power Squadron. Shortly after joining I accepted the position of Secretary, an office I have held for 2 years. During this time I have taken (and can happily report passed) Seamanship and Piloting. I am currently enrolled in Weather and will hopefully add to my list of completed courses. I have also attended and enjoyed all the D/20 Spring and D/20 Fall conferences since joining the squadron.

I strongly encourage all of you to take advantage of the classes being offered and get involved with squadron activities. By now you know that we are hosting the 2003 D/20 Fall Conference. If each of us gives just a little of our time and talents we can make it the best D/20 Conference ever.

I wish you and your families a safe and Happy Holiday season. I look forward to meeting all of you in 2003.



February Meeting.....

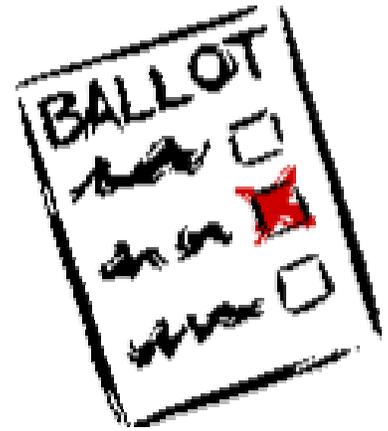
PIZZA! PIZZA! PIZZA!

Make your plans now to join us for the Annual Election Meeting to be held on 8 February 2003 at 1700!

Here's the basics:



Date: 8 February 2003
Time: 1700 (5 PM)
Place: Village Barn, Hawthorn Woods
Theme: Pizza Party
Cost: \$7 per member
Included: Pizza, wine, beer, soda and coffee
Your Part: Bring dish to pass



This meeting is important, as we will be holding our election of Bridge and Executive Committee officers for the new year. There will also be a guest program, to be announced. Please come to vote, enjoy the pizza, and share your boating plans for 2003 with your Squadron friends.

Please bring a dish to share. If your name begins with A-K, bring a dessert. If your name begins with L-Z, bring an appetizer. These dishes need only be sized for about four people (we had a lot of leftovers in October). The nominal cost of \$7 covers the pizza as well as the liquid refreshments.

Please RSVP to carolkunath@att.net or 847-540-8175 by February 2, 2003. We will be sending an email reminder to email members only in late January.

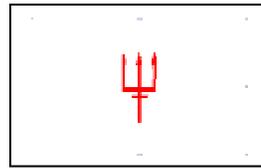
Directions to the Village Barn: The barn also serves as the municipal building and police station for Hawthorn Woods. It is located at 2 Lagoon Drive, at the corner of Old McHenry Road, Hawthorn Woods.

From the North and East, take Route 22 (Half Day Road) west about 1 mile past Route 83 to Old McHenry (first light after Rte. 83). Turn right (northwest), go 1-2 miles to Lagoon Drive. From the South, go Rte. 83 north to Rte. 22. Turn left (west) and proceed as above. From the northwest, take Rte 12 to Old McHenry Rd., then go southeast to Lagoon Drive. Call my cell phone if you get lost: 847 921-8175.

See you there!

Lt/C Bob Kunath AP





Educational News Spring Schedule

Lt/C Peter Owen, JN Educational Officer

January 2003 is the start of a great year for the WSPS! For openers, we have two Boating classes scheduled. All classes begin at 1900 unless otherwise noted.

- Thursday, 30 January at Libertyville H.S.
- Tuesday, 04 February at College of Lake County

Upon completion of these classes we have reserved places for two Boat Smart Classes:

- Thursday, 10 April at Libertyville H.S.
- Tuesday (or Wednesday) at Northpoint Marina (or alternate location) to begin after 1 April.

We anticipate starting JN, Piloting and Seamanship classes this spring. JN and Seamanship are slated to begin late January; Seamanship will be followed by Piloting.

To register for any class contact AEO 1st/Lt Richard A. Davidson, AP or me. Contact information is listed on page one of the Waukeelog.

D/20 Fall Conference 2003

Lt Paul M. Green, AP Squadron Conference Chairman

As most of you know, WSPS is hosting the D/20 Fall Conference in 2003. The conference will be held at the Doubletree Guest Suites hotel on Milwaukee Avenue in Glenview, IL 24-26 October, 2003.

Several people have already volunteered for committees to plan and implement the activities to make this a successful conference, but we still need more volunteers.

Please contact me by calling 847-295-6248 or email me, Pmdrgreen@aol.com, if you would like to help.

By getting lots of people involved, we can make this a *fun experience* for everyone, without a major commitment of time for anyone. I will schedule a meeting in January to kick off planning for the various committees.

Have a very Happy Holiday season!



The D/20 Fall Conference 2003 is closer than you think.

The squadron needs your help to fill positions in the following committees.

- ❖ Registration
- ❖ Fund Raising
- ❖ Housing
- ❖ Printing and Communications
- ❖ Friday Night Activities
- ❖ Saturday Lunch and Dinner
- ❖ Seminars
- ❖ Entertainment
- ❖ Flags, Signs and Decorations

The dates for the conference are 24-26 October 2003.

Contact Conference Chairman Paul Green to sign-up for any committee.





Administration Office

Email is here to Stay

Lt/C Bob Kunath, AP
Administrative Officer

We have made several changes in the operation of the WSPS in recent years, many of them involving the use of today's newer technology. An example is our new LCD projector, which allows us to format our training lessons in Microsoft's Power Point program, which is far superior to the acetate overhead slides we used in the past.

Perhaps the most cost-effective change we have made is the use of email for squadron communications. We now use Email for the distribution of the Waukeelog as well as special flyers and notifications between issues of the Waukeelog.

Many of our members do not know that only about \$25 - \$30 of our annual membership dues is retained by the Squadron, the rest being forwarded to District and National. The amount retained by us is to be used for general administration, promotional and activity costs, as the education program should be self-sustained by tuition payments.

Sixty-five copies of the Waukeelog are emailed, which incurs no cost. The cost to mail a Waukeelog is about \$.60 per issue, not counting printing and paper, as we often get donations of those services. Add to that distribution the costs of other mailings and notifications, and it is easy to see the benefit, especially since our dues revenue is so minimal. Email is also a big time saver for those volunteers who produce mailings: no printing, envelope stuffing, flap sealing, etc. In addition, we are able to get out email communications much faster than snail mail (there's a reason for that name!).

Of course, nothing is ever as easy as it sounds, email has its own hazards. Members are required to periodically log on to get mail, and the Waukeelog can take a while to download. The Squadron is not always notified of changed email addresses. Nevertheless, the economics and the efficiency dictate that we use email wherever possible, including the upcoming annual election notification.

We have found that the email members tend to be more active in Squadron activities than non-email members. The recent general meeting was attended by two of the 25 non-email members, but more than half of the email members attended. This may be partly due to the fact that we were able to send several email notifications of the meeting, where we could only send one snail mail announcement in a timely manner.

There are still some members without access to email; they will continue to get scheduled publications. There may be some who do have email, however, but have not given the Squadron their email address. If you are among that group, please email your address to the Secretary, Lt/C Ellen Ludtke P at eludtke@rsg.org.

Email is here to stay!



Free Email And Internet Access

The Waukegan Public Library offers residents, and non-residents, FREE internet access. The library offers FREE adult classes in basic internet use and the use of email. During these sessions you will learn about the Internet and practice exchanging email with other class members. Other computer classes are also available at no charge.

For more information, contact the Adult Reference Desk at the Waukegan Public Library or your local public library for similar services.

Waukegan Public Library
Adult Reference Desk: 847-623-2041 x237



New Hands On Deck

Betti Kinzalow

Hi. My name is Betti Kinzalow.

I'm a new member of the Waukegan Sail and Power Squadron and am currently taking the Seamanship class.

I was born in Mexico City and have lived in the United States since I was 15 months old. I speak Spanish, French, Italian, and Mandarin Chinese. I've traveled to Europe for both business and pleasure.

I have been boating at North Point Marina in Winthrop

Harbor for a year. I have owned small ski and fishing boats, but this past March I bought a 26-foot I/O Twin engine Mercury Cruiser.

I work as a Biochemist analyst for Abbott Labs. Prior to working for Abbott, I was an inventor for Nickelodeon and also worked as an instructor at Mad Science of Northern Illinois for Kids. My ultimate goal is to buy Mad Science Francis and invent. I strongly believe in the motto, "NEVER STOP LEARNING".



From the Editor

Lt Mike Ludtke, P

This issue completes another year as your editor. I hope you enjoyed the Waukeelog as much as I enjoyed putting it together.

This is our first Waukeelog using a new format, highlighting members of the Executive Committee and what is happening in their areas. In addition to these contributions we are interested in articles from members. We need your input! Did you take a boating vacation this winter? Do you have an idea for safer boating or a maintenance tip? How did you get started in boating? Your experiences and ideas would make great articles for the Waukeelog. This is your Waukeelog and we would love to hear from you. We are all boaters, if it's of interest to you; it probably interests all of us.

Please email or 'snail mail' me with any ideas or contributions you may have. I want to hear from you.

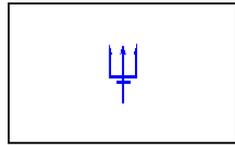
Lastly, I hope you and your family have a happy, relaxing and enjoyable holiday season.

WSPS Ship's Store

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The WSPS Educational Program Goes Electronic

1st/LT Rich Davidson, AP Assistant SEO and S/RTO

There is a quiet revolution in the USPS education program happening. It has been underway for a year or two and the pace is accelerating.

The Public Boating class transparencies are now being presented with a LCD projector. A what? That is one of those newfangled devices that your office has been using for the past few years to project a computer image onto a movie screen. When Dave Christensen received the mantle of Commander at a Change of Watch back in 1999, he presented his plans to the membership using a PowerPoint slide show via an LCD projector. With the efforts of Cdr. Keith Baldwin, JN WSPS now owns an LCD projector.

Gordon Bloom, who is currently teaching the Weather class, projects hundreds of slides onto a screen, duplicating what his laptop computer screen shows. This includes full motion video with sound and lots of detailed color pictures. He can zoom in and enlarge the image. If a network connection were available, we could use the Internet to provide the images. In fact, a great deal of Gordon's material comes from internet sources.

The Public Boating class has been split into two segments, Boat Smart and Chart Smart. Both are available online. Yes, future members can actually take the courses from the comfort of their home, over the Internet, and get a USPS certificate after passing the written exam.

The Operations Training manual is available online for downloading. So are almost all of the forms for the piloting courses like P, AP, JN, and N. If you do not already own a copy of *Bowditch: The American Practical Navigator*, it is online. So are the sight reduction tables for the JN and N courses, star finders and charts. In a short time, I believe all of the books in the USPS educational program will be available online.

In my courses I expect to receive emailed handouts, teaching aids and schedules from the instructor. When traveling, a student can email his/her homework to the instructor.

As Assistant SEO, I order all books, exams, and related materials using a computerized form. Because a signature is required, I print out, sign, and fax in the form. According to the folks at USPS HQS, soon, electronic signatures will be accepted, making the whole process an online event.

The squadron sends out the Waukeelog, roster and announcements via email. We have web sites for the public and squadron members; Ken Miller creations that have won awards every year of their existence. Maybe there are a few members who do not have the tools to participate in this electronic revolution. They will miss out on a real opportunity to do many of the things many enjoy doing: online educational materials, online Waukeelog, email announcements of events and good communications between members. If you are not yet using the internet, then consider how the world is changing and all that you will miss if you are not online with the rest of us.

Our educational program is good, it is up to date, and it is getting better with advances in technology. The squadron SEO, Assistant SEO, Commander, instructors, Bridge Officers, Executive Committee members, and many other WSPS volunteers are part of this revolution. We are bringing new advances to you as quickly as they appear.

Member Appreciation Dinner Meeting 26 October 2002

Pictures by Ken Miller



Even Popeye and Olive Oil came to the dinner.



Speaker Amy Seely of NOAA and the National Weather Service and Donna Green.



Ed Fugelseth, Al Richter, Frank Herbst, Ann Richter and Bob Carnahan.



Linda Osterndorf and Donna Green.



Bob Redfield and Roger Ketcham.



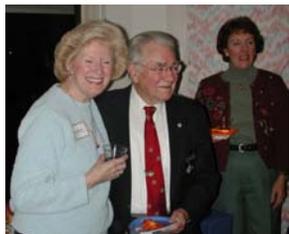
Mike Ludtke and Frank Herbst.



Donna Green greeting Dave Osterndorf with a lei.



Raymond and Cynthia Hirsh.



Sindi Redfield, Al Smith and Sharon Bucher.



Ellen Ludtke and Helaine Baldwin.



Elisabeth and Jeff Geltz and John and Maria Sultenfuss.



Anne Miller and Joyce and Gordon Bloom.



Tom Turnball, John Turnball and Betti Kinzalow.



Frank and Inger Herbst, Jim Mast and Jim Moran.



Joan and Eddie Rasmussen.



Jim Mast



Betti Kinzalow and Ken Miller.

These photos and more are available on the member web site.

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**Important
Information for
the 2003 Annual
Meeting included
in this issue.
The meeting is
8 February 2003.**

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Happy Holidays

*From The
Waukegan Sail & Power Squadron
Executive Committee*