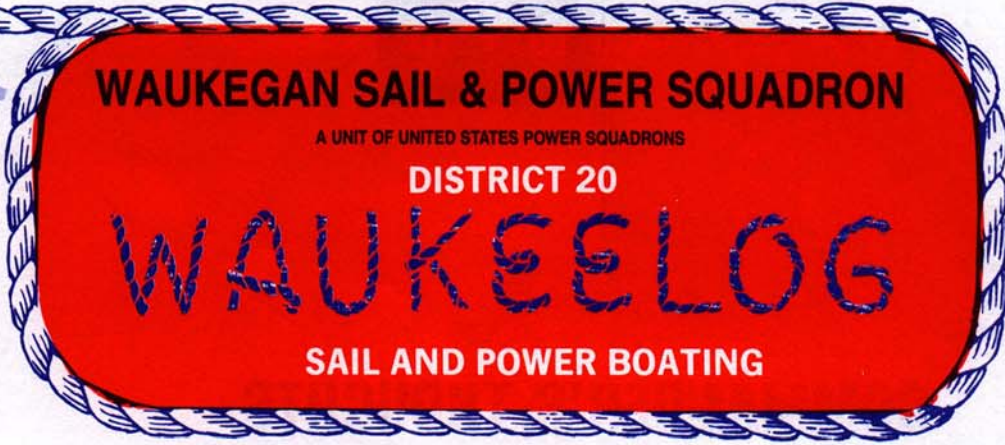


February/March 2003



**WAUKEGAN SAIL & POWER SQUADRON**

A UNIT OF UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS

**DISTRICT 20**

**WAUKEELOG**

**SAIL AND POWER BOATING**

**Calendar of Events**

**\* Change of Watch/Commanders Ball**

Date: Saturday, 8 March at 1800  
Location: County Squire, Grayslake IL

**\* Executive Committee Meeting**

Date: Tuesday, 11 March at 1900  
Location: Waukegan Harbor Building

**\* D/20 Spring Conference**

Date: Friday - Sunday, 21-23 March  
Location: Radisson Hotel at Star Plaza

**\* Executive Committee Meeting**

Date: Tuesday, 8 April at 1900  
Location: Waukegan Harbor Building

**\* Executive Committee Meeting**

Date: Tuesday, 13 May at 1900  
Location: Waukegan Harbor Building

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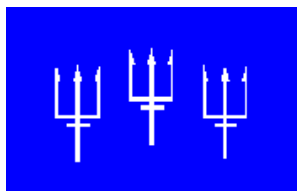
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## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

**Cdr Keith R Baldwin, JN**

There is something about turning the corner at New Years Day to find it's time for the boat shows, Super Bowl, Valentine's Day, opening day for baseball, Easter, and most importantly, time to start working on the boat to get ready for spring commissioning. It is coming and will it be here soon, but don't forget there are classes starting in February that you will want to sign up for. If you don't want to take a class, how about signing up to proctor or teach a class? We can always use your help.

***"District 20 was well represented, and we saw several of our members elected into national positions."***

Helaine and I attended the National Convention in Orlando again this year, saw some familiar faces from last year and met some new fellow boaters. District 20 was well represented, and we saw several of our

members elected into national positions. We got to see lots of neat teaching aids that people created, and talked with the people putting together the new modular courses that are being delivered.

Some of us have taken Sail 1 & 2 and Weather 1 & 2 this past year. Seamanship, starting in February, is now also a two-part course consisting of Seamanship and Boat Handling. If you are interested, I know there is still time to sign up. This year National has scheduled delivery of modular forms of Piloting, Advanced Piloting, Junior Navigation and Navigation. The National Dues Collection motion was narrowly defeated, and will probably be brought back next year. Most of the objections centered on whether the National office was properly equipped to handle the additional workload. The ability to take credit cards and no prorating of dues are two major selling points of the program.

A new slate of officers was elected on 8 February. I hope you all got to the meeting, and had a chance to lend your support and advice. Next up on the agenda is the Commander's Ball/Change of Watch on 8 March, and we hope to see you there. We plan to discuss an exciting agenda of Social and Educational events for next year.

See you around the dock.

### New Hands on Deck!

Rick, Diane & Ben Donovan - The Donovan's live in Gurnee. They have 31' Sea Ray they will keep at Winthrop Harbor.

Joseph Sackett, Jr. - Joseph lives in Libertyville and has a Laser, *Wildfire*, he will be keeping at Waukegan Harbor.

Bruce Murphy - Bruce lives in Hales Corners, WI

Edward and Alison Gerstad - The Gerstad's are from McHenry.

David and Lynda Zachar - The Zachars live in Lake Forest.

Scuttlebutt  
\SKUHT-I-buht\, noun:

Do you know the nautical original of this word?

If not, think about it and keep reading. You will learn the answer later in the Waukeelog.

# Election Results

The following members were elected at the Membership Meeting on 8 February, at the Barn in Hawthorn Woods.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### BRIDGE OFFICERS

Commander	Cdr Keith R. Baldwin, JN
Executive Officer	Lt/C Robert W. Kunath, AP
Educational Officer	P/C David W. Sallmann, AP
Administrative Officer	George B. Tolan, S
Secretary	Lt/C Ellen M. Ludtke, P
Treasurer	Lt James L. Mast, S

### MEMBERS AT LARGE

Past Commander	P/C Frank A. Herbst, JN
	Lt Roger A. Ketcham, JN
	Lt Michael B. Ludtke, P
	Lt Elisabeth A. Geltz, S

## NOT ON EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Assist. Ed. Officer	Mark S. Davenport, S
Assist. Treasurer	James R. Diesi

## ELECTED COMMITTEES

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Chairman	P/C Albert M. Smith, SN**	2 Years
	Lt Dietrich Bronst **	1 Year
	Lt Terry J. Hartl, AP	2 Years

### RULES COMMITTEE

Chairman	P/C Robert Redfield, P **	1 Year
	Lt Carol S. Jernberg, S **	2 Years
	P/C James C. Moran, P	3 Years

### AUDITING COMMITTEE

Chairman	Lt Harry R. Sandy, S **	1 Year
	Lt Vincent Giranda, AP **	2 Years
	Lt Julie Thieme, S	3 Years

\*\* These individuals were previously elected to a multi-year term and are restated here only to indicate the remaining term.



## "THE COMMANDER'S BALL AND CHANGE OF WATCH DINNER"

Join the New Bridge on Saturday, 8 March at the County Squire Restaurant, Grayslake IL

Cost: \$35/person

Evening Events Include:  
Cocktails  
Full Course Dinner  
Change of Watch  
Dancing to RJ's Music

Cocktails begin at 1800

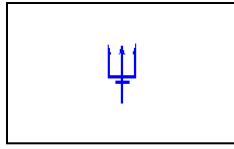
Call or email Carol Kunath with your RSVP

carolkunath@att.net  
847-540-8175

## Attention Webmasters!

The squadron needs a new webmaster by 1 July. If you have web experience or a desire to learn, contact Ken Miller.





## The WSPS Educational Program

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

I remember many occasions sitting in a college classroom as an engineering student and hearing the whining of others. They believed they were forced to learn something that had no relevance to their career goals.

Now let's look at the USPS educational program. There are five advanced grades, six electives and Operations Training. Complete all of them and you have graduated with a full certificate; the rank of Senior Navigator. The most recent member accomplished this in 1984, some nineteen years ago!

The nay sayers will tell you they took the courses they wanted and see no need for a Cruise Planning course, if they are not going anywhere far away for any length of time. In this age of GPS, celestial navigation strikes many as an anachronism. The folks who have trouble figuring out which end of screwdriver to use may balk at Engine Maintenance and

Marine Electronics. Some say the weather class is nice, but I get weather reports on the radio. Sail is not for me, I am a power boater. Piloting, AP, JN, and N must be a real grind to anyone who seriously believes he will never use a chart for its intended purpose -- to compute how to get from here to there safely. Some will say, I have a computer program; I just need to click on my mouse, download to my chart plotter or GPS and the equipment tells me my heading, time to go, course made good, etc. However, electronic navigation systems do fail. One bolt of lightning and you are up the creek without an electronic paddle.

I believe that a new class of Senior Navigators is due in the next few years. They have been my classmates in Advanced Piloting, Cruise Planning, Engine Maintenance, Marine Electronics, and Weather the past few years. I expect most of them to take Junior Navigation and the Navigation courses when offered. To them I say, "Go the distance, finish your education and get your diploma." There are others who are finally picking up where our SN elders were two decades ago. This is a tribute to the education program started by Al Smith and furthered by Pete Owen and myself. We try to offer every course, every few years. Work on your SN, hold an office and work on a committee. You will have graduated and you are ready for your life's favorite work -- boating.

See you all in one of our classes!



**District 20 Spring  
Conference at the  
Radisson Hotel  
Star Plaza**

Your attendance is requested at the upcoming D/20 Spring Conference, 21-23 March. Come meet the members of our fellow D/20 squadrons, attend interesting seminars and have an overall great time. Members on email were sent details last week. Snail mail recipients the information is included in this mailing.

**SEE YOU THERE !**

# SPRING CLASSES

## **BOAT SMART**

A new Boat Smart class begins at Libertyville H.S. Thursday 10 April at 1900.



If you know anyone with a desire to learn safe boating, have them contact SEO Pete Owen, JN to register.

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## **JUNIOR NAVIGATION**

JN will begin Monday, 10 February 1900 at the Waukegan Harbor Building.



The course will be led by Gordon Bloom, who will be aided by other squadron JNs.

Contact SEO Pete Owen, JN to register.

## **SEAMANSHIP CLASS**

### When

Ten Weeks Beginning  
Tuesday 18 February  
1900-2115

### Final Exam

Tuesday 6 May 1900

### Where

Waukegan Port Authority  
Building  
Waukegan Harbor



### Instructors

Bill Cotey, S  
Mark Davenport, S  
Keith Baldwin, JN  
Tenney Ford, S  
Gordon Bloom, Jr., N

Contact Bill or Mark  
to register

## **PILOTING CLASS**



### When

Nine Weeks Beginning  
Wednesday 19 February  
1900-2115

### Final Exam

Wed. 30 April at 1900

### Where

De Paul University Campus  
Intersection I-294 & 160

### Materials Included

USPS Piloting Text  
USPS Advanced Course  
Plotter & 6" Dividers  
USPS Protractor  
1210TR Chart

### Instructors

Keith Baldwin, JN  
PaulGreen, AP

Contact Keith or Paul  
to register

## Congratulations Seamanship Graduates

Kenneth J. Baehr, S  
Cheryl Mitrick, S  
George Tolon, S  
John Sultenfuss, S

JoAnn Heindel, S  
Frank Mitrick, S  
James Mast, S  
Maria Sultenfuss, S



## LIFE JACKET RECALL

SOSpenders is recalling approximately 7,200 automatic inflatable personal floatation devices. Approximately 300 defective units were found in a lot of 500 and were loaded incorrectly and will not inflate.

The PFDs have the brand name SOSpenders and can be identified by a Yellow Hammar MA1 Manual/Automatic Inflator Cap.



Some defective PFDs were sold at West Marine as Millennium PFDs from March 5, 2002 through August 13, 2002 for about \$200 - \$250.

Consumers should stop using the vests and immediately contact SOSpenders customer service department at 1-800-858-5876 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. PST Monday through Friday.

*The information is from an announcement at the SOSpenders website. Details can be found at [www.SOSpenders.com](http://www.SOSpenders.com).*



## Administrative Officer's Notes

**By Lt/C Bob Kunath, AP  
Admin Officer**

By the time you read this, the February Pizza Party and Annual Meeting will be history. Thanks to all who turned out for what was expected to be a great meeting. Thanks to the events committee, Carol Kunath, Helaine Baldwin and Inger Herbst, for putting this fun evening together.

We are now looking forward to the Change of Watch dinner/dance on 8 March. This will certainly be a gala affair! We will all be enjoying cocktail hour, a seven course dinner, COW ceremony and dancing to RJ's Mobile Music. What a party this will be, and a terrific value at only \$35 per person. Location for the event is the famous Country Squire on Route 120 in Grayslake.

Call (847-540-8175) or email ([carolkunath@att.net](mailto:carolkunath@att.net)) Carol Kunath NOW with your RSVP, and mail in the response card with your payment so that you don't miss out on this exciting evening with your WSPS friends.

See you at the Change of Watch!

## From the Desk of The Secretary

**Lt/C Ellen M Ludtke, P  
Secretary**

2003 is upon us. The new roster has been distributed. Please review the information I have listed for you. Let me know if it's not accurate or up to date.

***"mark your calendars  
and try to attend at least  
one of the many events  
and programs the  
squadron has  
scheduled"***

National is in the process of beta testing a new roster database program that will allow updates to the National roster on an "online-real time" basis. I have been selected at the squadron level to help test this new system. Once implemented it will insure our member records are truly in-sync with National.

In March I will be starting my third term as squadron Secretary. There are many of you I have yet to meet. Please mark your calendars and try to attend at least one of the many events and programs the squadron has scheduled for this year.

# Inspecting Your Inflatable PFDs



**Lt Mike Ludtke, P**

In preparation for our first bareboat charter, it was time to inspect our inflatable PFDs we plan to take along. We received the PFDs when we purchased our sailboat, *Island Time*, three years ago.

One cold January evening Ellen & I sat down to begin inspection. First we removed the CO2 cartridges and weighed each to be sure they were full; all were fine. We then inspected the bobbins. The bobbin is made up of an aspirin type substance that dissolves, causing the PFD to inflate, when immersed in water. Of the four PFDs we had, three had bobbins that expired in 2001. The bobbins absorb humidity over time and need replacing annually. Sadly, the fourth had no bobbin and would not have automatically inflated when needed. *LESSON 1: At a minimum, annually inspect CO2 cartridges and replace bobbins.*

Next we put on the PFDs and tried manually blowing them up, as would be necessary if the automatic inflation failed. We both struggled with the manual inflation until we found it easier to pull apart the Velcro that holds together the sides and top. Even after the Velcro, I had trouble with mine; the inside plastic had stuck together from years of non-inflation. *LESSON 2: Occasionally, put on your vest and manually inflate it to be sure you know how it will work before you need it.*

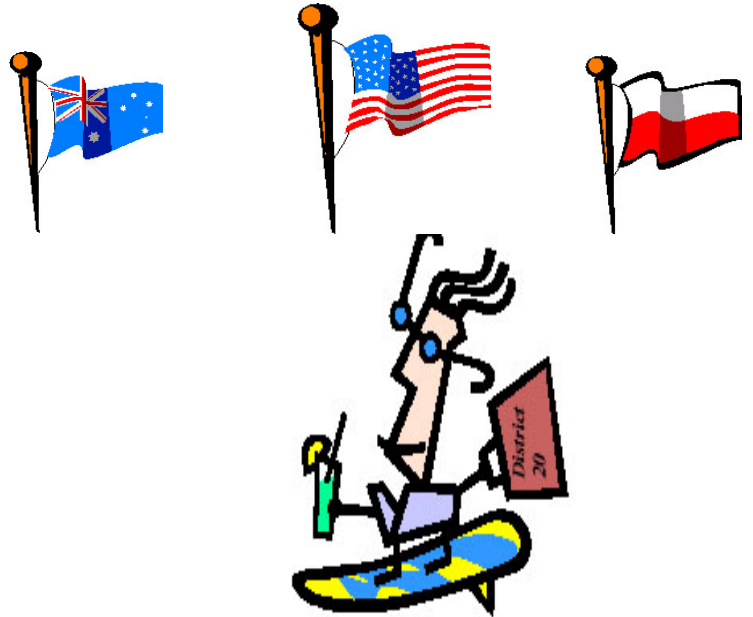
Next, we left all the PFDs inflated overnight and the next day checked to be sure there were no leaks. None had leaks. *LESSON 3: At least once a year, check your PFDs for leaks.*

After a trip to the local marine store we had new bobbins for the all the PFDs. All are now tested and ready for the upcoming bareboat charter and sailing season.

It is also a good idea to install whistles and signal mirrors, or strobe lights, on all PFDs.

scuttlebutt \SKUHT-I-buht\, noun:  
(Nautical)  
a. A drinking fountain on a ship.  
b. A cask on a ship that contains the day's supply of drinking water.  
Scuttlebutt comes from scuttle, "a small opening" + butt, "a large cask" -- that is, a small hole cut into a cask or barrel to allow individual cups of water to be drawn out. The modern equivalent is the office water cooler, also a source of refreshment and gossip.

Source: [www.dictionary.com](http://www.dictionary.com)



"LET'S GO CRUIS'N"  
District 20 Fall Conference

**International Cruise**  
Your Passport to a Weekend of Fellowship and Fun  
Hosted by Waukegan Sail & Power Squadron  
24-26 October 2003  
at  
Doubletree Guest Suites  
Glenview, Illinois

