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Calendar of Events

*** Executive Committee Meeting**

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

*** Kid's Day**

Date: Thursday, 22 May
Location: Waukegan Harbor, Waukegan IL

*** Outfitting Cruise & CPR Training**

Date: Sunday, 1 June at 1200
Location: Northpoint Harbor Building

*** First Mate Class Event**

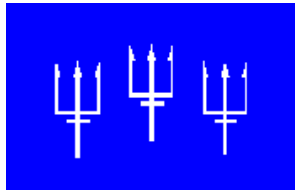
Date: Saturday, 7 June
Location: Northpoint Harbor Building

*** Executive Committee Meeting**

Date: Tuesday, 10 June at 1900
Location: Waukegan Harbor Building

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr Keith R Baldwin, JN

The snow is gone, the ice is receding, the harbors are opening, and we are all starting to think about the many hours of "therapy" we will go through to get our boats into the water. Most of us look to the skies every day now to see if this is the day we can go to the boat to get things ready. I hope you all have more warm sunny days than you need and that your commissioning goes well.

It was good to see those who turned out for the Change of Watch dinner/dance. District Commander Bob VanEwyk told me at the District Conference last month that he thinks we have a very viable program going, and was very impressed with the energy and activity he witnessed. I have been told that all had a good time, and again I want to thank the Meetings and Programs committee, Carol Kunath, Helaine Baldwin, and Inger Herbst for their efforts.

The Chief Commander of the United States Power Squadrons has notified us that 44 members of our Squadron, plus yours truly, have earned Merit Marks for the year 2002. That means that almost one half of our members, (lifers, actives, and second actives) gave extra effort and earned National recognition in response. Please check the list published in this issue, and when you get a chance, thank those listed for helping to make our

Squadron "First Rate."

There are several big events coming up this year, and I hope you all have marked your calendars and plan to participate. Let me put in a plug for three of them.

"KID'S DAY" On Thursday, 22 May Pete Owen will once again bring 120 kids, teachers, and chaperones to the harbor for the day. We will need volunteers to bring their boats, to assist docking boats, getting kids into life jackets, preparing and serving food. Please call Pete and let him know of your availability. Trust me, the volunteers get back much more than they give.

"OUTFITTING CRUISE" On Sunday, 1 June the Outfitting Cruise and Rendezvous will take place at the Winthrop Harbor building. This is your chance to become certified in CPR, and gain experience in operating a defibrillator. There will be a nominal charge for the course. We will open this course to the public, so bring your friends. Think about it, this course may help you save a life.

"FIRST MATE" On Saturday, 7 June the First Mate class will be run at the Winthrop Harbor building. This program is designed to equip first mate to deal with the eventuality of having to take control of the boat should the Captain become incapacitated. Both Captains and First Mates will prosper by attending this class, which is also open to the public.

Please check the "Calendar of Events" for other important dates coming up this year. I am sure you will find something of interest.

See you around the dock.

2002 MERIT MARK RECIPIENTS

Fred Adams	Tenney Ford III	Frank Herbst	Michael Ludtke	David Sallmann
J.R. Attwood	Edward Fugelseth	Inger Herbst	Richard Meginniss	Marcie Sallmann
Helaine Baldwin	Elisabeth Geltz	Carol Jernberg	Kenneth Miller	Harry Sandy Jr.
Keith Baldwin	Jeffrey Geltz	Donald Jernberg	James Moran	Jay Schenck
C.A. Baske	Vincent Giranda	Roger Ketchem	Linda Osterndorf	Albert Smith
Gorden Bloom	Paul Green	Jerzy Krzaczynski	Peter Owen	Brad Thieme
William Cotey	William Gregory	Carol Kunath	Verena Owen	Julie Thieme
Mark Davenport	Jean Hallen	Robert Kunath	Alfred Richter	John Turnball
Richard Davidson	Kenneth Hallen	Ellen Ludtke	Merwin Rosen	

WSPS Needs You!

**Lt/C Bob Kunath, A/P
Executive Officer**



The squadron and this office (and my prior office, AO) has had an extremely busy time in the past few months, but overall has made great contributions to the Squadron.

Those of you who were fortunate to be able to attend the Change of Watch dinner/dance know that we all had a great evening! A great seven course dinner was followed by installation of the new bridge, and an evening of dancing.

We also had a great turnout for the annual election meeting/pizza party, which was held at the Village Barn in Hawthorn Woods. Thanks to Todd Patton of UK sails for his great presentation on sail design and manufacturing.

The Spring Conference, hosted by the Illiana Squadron in mid March, was another great opportunity to meet USPS members from all over the area. We offered for sale at that conference raffle tickets supporting the fall conference, which of course we are hosting. Ticket sales will also benefit our general treasury as well.

OK, so why did I title this report “USPS Need You?” -- The Squadron and this office cannot function without active support from the membership. Specifically, the following positions in the executive department are open as of this writing:

Public Relation Officer – We need help in publicizing our educational and fellowship activities. Our mission to provide boating safety and skills education cannot be fulfilled if nobody knows what we do. The holder of this important position will use their skills to spread the word, using the media, signing and whatever means he or she can originate.

Electronics Information Officer (Webmaster)

– The Squadron will provide free web design training to the holder of this important position. We have moved almost totally to the Internet for our communications. We’ve received national recognition for our web page, which has been designed and managed so well by Ken Miller in recent years. Ken will provide the training, how good can it get? Do It! Call me! 847-540-8175.

Raffle Ticket Sales - Finally, we need you help in selling 50/50 raffle tickets, which will support our hosting of the Fall Conference as well as being the main source of funds for our general fellowship and administrative costs for the year. Tickets are \$5 each, the winners will receive 35%, 10% and 5% of the sales. Please email me at bobkunath@att.net or call me at 847-540-8175 and tell me how many tickets you can sell, I will mail them to you!



Ahoy from the Bridge

Lt/C George B. Tolon, S
Administrative Officer



As boaters, we are all probably in the April mind-set of getting the boat in the water for this season. We are thinking about what needs to be replaced or repaired; what needs to be cleaned, polished, sanded, coated, taped, waxed, or just plain left alone. Thinking about reacquainting ourselves with those “slip relationships”, those people that make up our world when we are at the marina, and on and on. And I know, I am looking forward to having fun and getting to know all of you better. In my mind, the whole reason we are boaters is to have fun.

As members of the USPS, we have collectively decided that safety and boating are mutually dependant upon each other. In order to have fun boating, we need to understand the activity completely, so that our fun will not be interrupted by something that could be avoided through knowledge and planning. Additionally, boating is an inherently dangerous activity, even with today’s technology and the way boats are made, it seems like it is almost harmless. We all know right below the surface lurks the potential for very real harm.

So, with all that said, our first three activities planned, are of course, fun and safety related.

The first is KIDS day, May 22. Kids get to come down to the marina and get up on a boat, and they get to talk to us, and maybe dream about what it would be like to have “fun” on a boat. WE need volunteers to make their boats available for these kids. I’m sure those of you

who participated in this previously know how rewarding it can be for the children, and for the boat owners too!

The second is the Outfitting Cruise, June 1. We have arranged to have a CPR instructor and we will be training in CPR and defibrillation. Spread the word, your slip neighbors AND YOU will find this helpful and informative. Remember, we are doing these things so you and your fellow boater can build your own personal foundation of resources to help you through some unforeseen emergency. We need YOU to attend, and bring along a fellow boater. The fun part is that we are going to watch as the Commander (that’s you Keith) is the patient in the defibrillation training! The spectacle will be electrifying.

The third is the First Mate Class, 21 June. This is where we go over what happens when the first mate takes over as captain. Last year was our first year doing this and was really well received (I’m told). Anyway, we all know the implications of this, if the captain is incapacitated, the first mate needs to take over. Just thinking through the event will be a valuable experience. Also, it can’t help but get the first mate in touch with more of the “fun”. So, come out, bring your boat and your first mate and a neighbor. No arguments allowed!!!!

We are putting her (we named her “At Last”- because it took me so long to do it) in the water on 4/22/03, if all goes well. We are in B21 at Winthrop Harbor. I will be flying my Lt Commander flag, and you are welcome anytime. Sue and I are looking forward to meeting you all.

Good luck on commissioning your boat this season.

So, that’s it for now, e-mail me at stolon@msn.com.

New Hands on Deck!
Welcome John and Dianne
Duckworth. The Duckworths live
in Antioch.



WSPS Educational Department

**P/C David Sallmann, AP
Educational Officer**

As your new SEO I want to take this opportunity to thank the past SEO and all those members that have worked tirelessly in recent years to offer the excellent education program that Waukegan Sail and Power Squadron has provided to its members and to the public. I wish to acknowledge Tenney Ford for his exceptional efforts as Chairman of our Public Boating courses. Tenney received the 2002 annual Waukegan Sail and Power Squadron Educational Award for his contributions. Last year Tenney and his assistants presented six public Boating Courses, and Tenney has indicated that he would like to increase that number to eight this year.

Currently Piloting, Seamanship and Junior navigation classes are in progress. The students taking these classes make up nearly twenty percent of our Squadron membership. With Seamanship, Advanced Piloting and Navigation planned for this fall, I hope that percentage will be maintained or increase.

My mission for the coming year is to keep our member classes on track and to increase student and member participation in our public Boating classes. We need your assistance as Class Chairpersons, proctors and instructors for these Boating classes. If you can help, let me know. Boat Smart will be offered starting April 9, 2003 at the Northpoint Harbor building and also starting April 10 at Libertyville High School. Both classes commence at 1900. If you have friend's or relatives that have not taken a Boating Class urge them to attend.

From the Desk of The Secretary

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

Spring has finally arrived. For most it is evident by robins in the yard or the crocus' and tulips starting to bloom. For the Ludtke household it is signified by boat cushions that occupy our family room, an inflated dinghy in the basement and a recently repaired dodger in the garage. Boxes of boat cleaning supplies are stacking up and past issues of Practical Sailor lay everywhere! Our 34' Hunter sailboat "Island Time" is scheduled to go back in the water next week. This will commence our 3rd boating season and we are looking forward to attending the many squadron events scheduled.

"Island Time" is docked at North Point Marina, slip E-81. We would love to meet you, so please stop by, and say "Hi".

p.s. Remember while doing the spring commissioning on your boat, set aside equipment or items that you no longer use or need for the Squadron's annual Used Equipment Sale which will be 21 June. It's a great way to help out the Squadron and yourself at the same time. Contact Linda Osterndorf 262-857-6433 for further information.

Congratulations New Senior
Members!!

Edward Fugelseth, AP
Peter Owen, JN

Senior Members Have Achieved Five Merit Marks



Cooperative Charting Committee

Lt. Marcie Sallmann, P

Squadron Cooperative Charting Chairman

From the Treasurer

**Lt/C Jim Mast, AP
Treasurer**

With three months of experience and less than one month of official authority in the office of Treasurer I can say that I now have about an equal number of questions as I do answers. From a bookkeeping point of view I guess that means we are balanced. Seriously, I can report that Ken Hallen was a great assistance to me and went to some lengths to make the reporting structure and responsibilities understandable.

I did have the pleasure of attending the spring District Conference hosted by the Iliana Squadron and was able to discuss with them how they administered the conference revenues and expenses as well as picking up few tips from the District Commander and Treasurer.

If you were to have a question regarding the Squadrons finances please do not hesitate to call.

As the 2002 Cooperative Charting year comes to a close I would like to thank those that submitted reports. As most of you know, the USPS /NOAA Cooperative Charting program is extremely valuable to our government as well as to recreational boaters and commercial seamen. Our reporting is a primary source for information that the National Oceanic Service uses to update Navigation Charts.

In 2002, the Waukegan Sail and Power Squadron received an acknowledgement for our exceptional efforts in the "adopt a chart" program. We were recognized on the updated version of NOAA chart 14904, Port Washington to Waukegan. Having our name appear on this NOAA chart is the highest honor that we can achieve in the Coop Charting program.

I would like to encourage those that have participated to continue your efforts this year and those members that have not submitted a report to get involved in Coop Charting. We as boaters can help to make our waters safer through updated navigational charts. As the boating season approaches, you can survey and report aids to navigation, harbor facilities and geodetic survey marks on the Great Lakes and our Ocean coastlines. We need to make a special effort to survey and report on the Lake Michigan shoreline from Waukegan to Port Washington as part of our "Adopt a Chart" commitment.

Starting this year all reports must be submitted via the Internet. The new website for Office of Coast Survey is (<http://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov>). This site provides a wealth of information about NOAA and the USPS Cooperative Charting program. If you have questions about the new reporting system, please give me a call.



THE NEXT WAUKEELOG
WILL BE COMING OUT IN
JUNE

Articles and announcements
for the next issue are due
Friday, 30 May.





An Invitation to All
**United States Power Squadron
Members:**

Please join us for a special day of
shopping, just for you.

Thursday April 10, 2003
**Save 10%* On All
Purchases, All Day at Both
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BoatU.S. Stores.**

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Arlington Hts
847-398-0606

BoatU.S.
567 East Roosevelt Rd
Lombard
630-792-1550

* 5% on Electronics. Present your U.S.P.S. Card to receive your Discount.

District 20 Spring Conference

Lt/C Ellen Ludtke, P

Thirteen Waukegan Sail & Power Squadron members attended the District 20 Spring Conference that was held 21-23 March at the Radisson Star Plaza hotel in Merrillville, In. The Illiana squadron, who was celebrating their 50th anniversary, hosted the conference. Friday night hospitality suites provided clues to questions about the history of the Illiana squadron. Answering the questions correctly and having your name drawn won you a prize. Mike Ludtke (our infamous Waukeelog editor) won a new flare gun and flares. Carol Kunath won a first aid kit. (You can't win if you don't play. You can't play if you don't attend the conference!)

Our 50/50 raffle to support the Fall Conference got off to a good start. 63 tickets were sold on Friday afternoon / evening. Various raffle prizes were donated and awarded to six lucky winners who bought tickets on Friday. (Their tickets were resubmitted to the final 50/50 raffle that will be drawn on 25 October at the Fall Conference) The six winners were: Frank D'Amico Skokie Valley, Larry Grumbowski "Ski" Dupage, Jerry Kowalski Dupage, Jim Allgire Illiana, Robert Mupo Dupage and Tamie Litke Fox Valley.

The Fall Conference is much closer then you think. We are in the planning stages and need your help. Join a committee, sell a few raffle tickets, donate a raffle prize and most importantly **PLAN TO ATTEND THE FALL CONFERENCE!**



*D/20 Spring Conference Dinner, Saturday night Dinner.
Standing: Lt Paul Green AP, Lt/C Jim Mast P, Lt Mike Ludtke P, Cdr. Keith Baldwin JN, Helaine Baldwin S, Lt/C Dave Sallman AP. Seated: Donna Green, Lt/C Ellen Ludtke P, Lt Marcie Sallman P.*

BOAT SMART. BOAT SAFE.