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WAUKEGAN SAIL & POWER SQUADRON

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DISTRICT 20

WAUKEELOG

SAIL AND POWER BOATING

Calendar of Events

*** Change of Watch Dinner**

Date: Saturday, 10 January
Location: To Be Determined

*** Executive Committee Meeting**

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

*** Marine Electronics 102**

Date: Monday, 5 January at 1900
Location: Waukegan Harbor Building

*** Advanced Piloting**

Date: Wednesday, 7 January at 1900
Location: Waukegan Harbor Building

*** Seamanship**

Date: Thursday, 15 January at 1900
Location: Waukegan Harbor Building

*** Boating**

Date: Tuesday, 27 January
Location: College of Lake County

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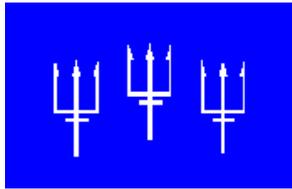
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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr Keith R Baldwin, JN

Well here it is, December. Thanksgiving is over, and the holidays are looming large on the horizon. Our boats are out of the water, classes are in full swing, and a new slate of officers has been elected to lead your Squadron for the next year.

This will be our first year to be changing the watch in January, and there will be a shift forward of much of the planning and scheduling for the activities of 2004. First of course will be the CHANGE OF WATCH dinner itself. Please set aside Saturday 10 January 2004 to join with us to celebrate and demonstrate your support for the new Bridge and Executive Committee.

'Your ideas and help are wanted and I know you want to see your Squadron have another exciting year.'

Secondly, there will be an outreach to many of you in the next month to ask you to serve on, or chair, one of the many committees that make the Squadron work. Your ideas and help are wanted and I know you want to see your Squadron have another exciting year. Let me be the first to ask, if you have a burning desire to serve on a particular committee or task force, call a member of the new Bridge and put your name on the list.

Thirdly, the calendar for next year's activities will be developed and announced very early in the year. This will give us time to set aside those dates and make plans to attend and support those functions. I would hope that all of us would make it a minimum goal for 2004 to attend at least two dinner meetings and one of the on-the-water activities.

As I said above, classes are in full swing, JN is

preparing for testing and taking sights, Piloting is in its final weeks and Marine Electronics is nearing completion of the first module. If you are interested in knowing what is coming up, keep watching the Monday Morning WSPS E-Flash News.

This is the last article I will be writing as your Commander. I want you all to know just how appreciative I am to have had your great support for the last two years. I have never been bashful about asking you to do things, and your response has always been energetic and enthusiastic. I know that you will continue to react that way for the next commander and for many more in the future. Thank you all.

See you around the dock.



From the Desk of The Secretary

Lt/C Ellen M Ludtke, P Secretary

This will be my final article written to you from the desk of the Secretary. However, you haven't heard the last of me as I have agreed to take on the challenging job of Member Involvement for 2004. My goal in this position will be to get as many of you involved in as many activities, meetings, classes, etc... as possible. It will be, of course, impossible for me to meet this goal without your help. I passed around a short member survey at the 22 November Election Meeting & Dinner. Only 10 out of the 36 members who attended completed the survey. A copy of this survey is included in this issue of the Waukeelog. Please take a few minutes to complete it and return it back to me or just drop me a quick note as to suggestions you have for meetings, programs, and activities. What are the reasons you didn't attend more Squadron functions? I really believe we can make 2004 the most active year the Waukegan Sail & Power Squadron has had in many years. Won't you help me make it happen?



Cdr Keith Baldwin JN organizing the 50/50 raffle.



New members, John Seely and Helen Parkinson, take USPS oath.



P/C Al Smith N announces the 2004 election slate.

General Membership Meeting and Election
Saturday 22 November
Hawthorn Woods Village Barn



Recent 'Boating' graduates, Mitch and Alice Koziol.



P/C Frank Herbst JN and Donna Green enjoy desert.



Mark Your Calendar for the Change of Watch Sat. 10 January

Details to be announced soon.

2004 Bridge Officers



Commander
Lt Paul Green, JN



Executive Officer
Lt Terry Hartl, AP



Administrative Officer
Julie Sanders, P



Secretary
1st Lt Mark Davenport, P



Educational Officer
Cdr Keith Baldwin, JN



Treasurer
Lt/C Jim Mast, P

The Great Circle Trip

Bob Kunath, AP

Wow. It's been almost 3 months since we left Racine! In that time we've doubled the engine hours on Sans Souci and traveled over 2500 miles. As I write this, we are at anchor in a bayou near Millville, Florida, near Panama City.

Each new day is a navigation exercise in waters we've never seen before. There are plenty of hours studying charts, trying to avoid new hazards.

We've also been visited by 5 different groups of friends or relatives, which has been great fun. Although none have traveled with us yet, it's been great to see them and share our experiences.

So, what's it like to do a trip like this?

The best part is that each day is different and new, seeing sights we've never seen before. Also, we've met plenty of cool people doing the same trip, another plus. Last week we spent in Fairhope, Alabama at a rendezvous of the American Great Loop Cruising Association (AGLCA) run by Ron and Eva Stob, authors of "Honey Let's Get a Boat." We got to meet about 50 cruisers just like us, all celebrating their "trip of a lifetime."

A big surprise was seeing the Florida panhandle, with the sugar sand beaches and beautiful shoreline. We even got to see the Blue Angels do their show overhead as we sailed passed Pensacola! The picture is of a large dune with local boats beached to watch the show.

Anchoring has become a routine, in many ways preferable to docking at a marina. Some of our anchorages have been in quiet, secure parks, some in coves surrounded by houses, and one right off the channel in the Tenn-Tom when we ran out of daylight. The anchorage we had targeted was being dredged, and the next over ten miles downriver, so we dropped bow and stern anchors at the inside of the next wide bend. Our anxiety lessened a little a few hours later when a single barge tow tied up to the bank for the night across the river from us!

Finding a place for Millie's shore leave is always a consideration. One creek in the heart of the delta above Mobile was a real challenge. It was apparent that alligators lived there, and a cruise up the creek in the dinghy found no safe place to land except for a fishing camp. The owners were present, who let us land at their dock. Their son took Millie for a walk on their land while they plied this writer with a cool Bud and plenty of stories of life in the delta. We also found two eagles nests (one populated) in that creek. Scanning the water with a searchlight near our boat that night found several pairs of eyes looking back at us.

Sans Souci has run very well through this trip. We've addressed a few minor issues, more in line with maintenance than repairs. Traveling at about 7 knots has been very efficient, although we've also run a few days at

cruising speed. This Pacific Seacraft is living up to its makes' reputation.

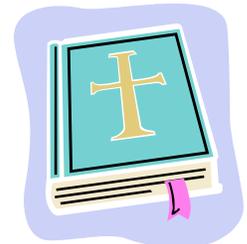
Days start and end early. Especially with the short days of winter, we usually start at dawn, are anchored or docked by 5 and are in bed by 9. No trouble sleeping.

Provisioning has not been as difficult as one would guess, Wal-Mart is the official supplier of cruisers everywhere. Many marinas offer a courtesy car to make it easy to get to the stores. Fortunately, they also sell wine and beer in most Wal-Mart's, those items are second only to diesel as the liquid consumed in substantial quantities.

We're headed now towards Florida's Big Bend. We'll either cross the gulf from Carrabelle to Tarpon Springs (150 miles) or work around the Bend through St. Marks, Steinhatchee and Crystal River to get to Tarpon Springs. Goal is to get to Bradenton FL to Riviera Dunes Marina where we will leave Sans Souci for the holidays, returning in January.

We're already looking forward to the next leg!

FROM THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER...



Lt. Inger L. Herbst, Chaplain

We are grateful for all God's Blessings as we begin to prepare for this upcoming holiday season. We are also aware that for many squadron members this has been a most difficult year. Some of our members have lost love ones; several members have had major surgery and who hasn't been touched by a job lost? We just learned that in May of this year that the Dietrich and Birgit Bronst family lost their home to fire, which is truly a disaster; but they are rebuilding and will be able to reoccupy their home soon. Despite war, sadness and loss all of us must stay the course by looking forward to next year with love and hope for a Joyous Christmas and a New Year filled with opportunities and new beginnings.

A graphic with a blue and orange background. On the left is a circular logo for the 'BOAT SAFETY BOAT SAFE' campaign, featuring a life jacket and the text 'WEAR IT!'. To the right of the logo, the title '4 Principles of Safe Boating' is written in white. Below the title is a list of four principles: 1. Wearing life jackets saves lives. 2. Boater education saves lives. 3. Safe boats save lives. 4. Sober boating saves lives. At the bottom of the graphic is the website address 'www.SafeBoatingCampaign.com' in white text.



SEAMANSHIP (S)

If you are a new member, this is the course in which you should first enroll. The student learns practical marlinspike, navigation rules, aspects of hull design and performance, responsibilities of the skipper, boat care, operating a boat under normal and adverse conditions, nautical customs and common courtesy on the water. SEAMANSHIP provides an introduction to the USPS educational program and a strong foundation for future courses. Mark Davenport, P will be teaching SEAMANSHIP starting Thursday January 15, 2004 at the Waukegan Port Authority Building.



PUBLIC CLASSES

BOATING

DATE: Tuesday, 27 January, 2004 through Tuesday 23 March, 2004
TIME: 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM
LOCATION: College of Lake County, Grayslake IL

BOATING

DATE: Thursday, 26 February, 2004 through Thurs. 29 April, 2004
TIME: 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM
LOCATION: Vernon Hills High School, Vernon Hills IL

BOAT SMART

DATE: Tuesday, 27 April 2004 through Tuesday, 25 May, 2004
TIME: 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM
LOCATION: Libertyville High School, Libertyville IL

WINTER COURSES 2004

Most people join the WSPS to learn to be better boaters by taking the courses offered. We offer courses on a revolving basis, and hope that over a four-year period, all our courses will be offered at least once. Here are the courses available during the winter quarter.



ADV. PILOTING (AP)

This is the second part of the USPS program in costal navigation. The revised AP-95 recognizes that positioning and course planning increasingly involve the use of electronic systems, with the traditional calculation and plotting methods taking on a back-up role. AP-95 jumps right into electronic costal navigation, focusing on the electronic compass, radar, loran, GPS, and electronic charting. The course stresses, however, that data from such advanced systems must be related to the real world via the chart. AP also addresses various advanced positioning techniques and the effects of current on positioning. It discusses tide and tidal currents and offers several ways to predict the height of tide or the set and drift of current at any time. The emphasis is on what you really need to know and the accuracy needed to predict your own safe passage. Gordon Bloom, N will be teaching ADVANCED PILOTING starting Wednesday January 7, 2004 at the Waukegan Port Authority Building.



NAVIGATION (N)

This course is the second part of offshore navigation and further develops the student's understanding of celestial navigation theory, essential to shortcut emergency methods. The student is introduced to additional sight reduction techniques and develops greater skill and precision in sight taking, positioning and the orderly methods of carrying out the day's work of a navigator at sea. Of particular interest and importance is the study of offshore navigation using minimal data and equipment, such as when on a disabled vessel or lifeboat. P/C Al Richter, SN will be teaching NAVIGATION starting on Wednesday February 11, 2004 at the Recreation Center Building in Heather Ridge.

Sign up for one or more classes! You will be surprised how much you will learn, and how it will give you the confidence to run your boat safely.

SAFE BOATING IS MORE FUN!

If you are interested in taking any of these courses, contact Keith Baldwin, JN, SEO Elect or Helaine Baldwin, P, ASEO Elect at 847-253-7252

More classes on next page.....



INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT (ID)

Unlike other USPS courses, the INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT course is not designed to enhance boating skills. Rather, its emphasis is on enhancing instructor skills. The course has been designed to demonstrate interactive teaching methods focused on adult learning. Students are required to prepare lesson plans and give four presentations to their peers utilizing a variety of teaching aids and presentation skills. Each presentation is to be given on a topic from one of the public boating classes with the intent that upon completion of the course every student will be qualified to teach one session of a squadron boating class. Keith Baldwin, JN, will be teaching INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT starting on Tuesday February 17, 2004 at the Waukegan Port Authority Building.



MARINE ELECTRONICS (ME)

Module 102, Marine Radio Communications, is the second module of this three module course. This course will acquaint students with basic principles of transmitters, receivers, antennas and propagation of electromagnetic waves. Students will learn of regulations governing the licensing and use of marine communications equipment and a review of other important radio equipment and safety gear. This course helps students gain an understanding of the capabilities and limitations of marine radio equipment, as well as manufacturer's equipment specifications. Paul Green, AP, will be teaching MARINE ELECTRONICS starting on Monday January 5, 2004 at the Waukegan Port Authority Building.



WSPS and Venturing Adventure/Crew96 **P/C Frank Herbst JN**

Tom Parkinson, the adviser to Venturing Crew 96 has been meeting with P/C Frank Herbst and Bill Gregory in an attempt to combine the two organizations to the benefit of young people involved in the Boy Scout/Venturing Crew 96. It is the opinion of many of our members we should be more involved in the future and training of safe boating techniques for young people in our vicinity.

One of the obstacles to this joint effort has been the involvement of these teen-age youth in school (kind of important), sports and school activities. Of course our past teaching schedules were set up for adults, which sometimes do not fit with the needs of a youth program. It has been suggested by our new educational officer Keith Baldwin, that in the future we might be more open to flexibility in scheduling our basic boating courses.

In 2005 Crew 96 is scheduled to go on a Tall Ship adventure out of BSA Sea Base in Florida. Both the parents and Venture Scouts would like to have completed US Power Squadron Basic Boating course before this adventure begins. If you would like further information on this program is the URL of the Sea Base Adventure programs; <http://www.bsaseabase.org/adventure/adventures.htm> I believe they are booking the "Sea Exploring – Keys Tall Ship" adventure. By the way, our Crew 96 E-mail site is: <http://www.optiminc.biz/T96/Vcrew.htm> There are photos of the Crew working on their Bristol sailboat VALHALLA at this site.

THE NEXT WAUKEEOG WILL BE THE FEBRUARY ISSUE

**Articles and
announcements for the
next issue are due
Mon. 20 January**



**Thanks to everyone who bought
raffle tickets to support the
D/20 Conference.**

AND THE WINNERS ARE.....

1st Prize:

Mike Knill \$938.70

2nd Prize:

Jim Diesi \$268.20

3rd Prize:

Cheryl Lemanski \$134.10



MEMBER SURVEY

This is an informal survey seeking ways in which we can improve or make it more desirable to be a member of the Waukegan Sail & Power Squadron. Please take a few minutes to complete this survey and return it to Ellen Ludtke. *Putting your name on the survey is optional.* However, if you fill out the lower portion of the survey and want become involved please be sure to give your name.

Years of Membership: _____

Educational Classes Taken: _____

Reason(s) for initially joining the Squadron:

____ Education ____ Cruise & Rendezvous ____ Social Programs

____ Other (specify): _____

Number of meetings / programs that you attended in the past year: _____

Reason(s) you didn't attend more Squadron functions:

__ Busy __ Meeting/Dinner Locations __ Lack of variety at meetings

__ Transportation __ Lack of friendliness or interaction from other members

__ Lack of or late notification __ other (specify) _____

Suggestions for future meetings, programs, activities: _____

Additional comments, suggestions, etc... _____

Yes, I want to be involved!

Name: _____

Areas of Interest:

Educational: ____ Proctor ____ Instruct ____ Class Chairperson

Committee Member: ____ Web Site ____ Newsletter ____ Programs/Meetings

____ Membership/ Member Involvement ____ Cruise & Rendezvous

____ Public Relations ____ Other (specify) _____

