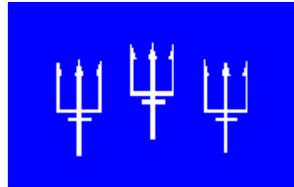
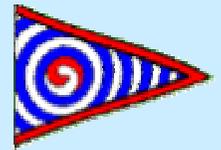


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COMMANDERS COMMENTS

Cdr Paul Green, AP

The change of watch dinner meeting is over, and I have suddenly realized that the squadron members have entrusted me with a great deal of new responsibilities for the coming year. For those of you who attended the dinner meeting, you know we had an evening of great fellowship and good food. The Café Oceana is worthy of a waypoint on our charts for future dinner meetings.

Looking back, I would again like to thank P/C Keith Baldwin and his entire bridge for all their hard work during the past year. I'm also glad that Keith and Jim Mast are staying to add some experience to the new bridge. I am excited by the enthusiasm of the new bridge officers, and we are all looking forward to the coming year. We've set some aggressive goals to carry on the achievements of the former bridge.

"... more on-the-water events so that everyone in the squadron has an opportunity to become more involved and interact ..."

In 2004 we plan to continue making improvements to our educational program. We also want to increase membership by implementing the "Power of One" program promoted by National, and by attracting more students to the public boating courses by a more focused marketing approach. Another big emphasis this year will be to try to have more on-the-water events so that everyone in the squadron has an opportunity to become more involved and interact with their fellow members. Boating is a great hobby, and it is made better by the bonds which develop through the fellowship of boaters.

I intend to work hard during the coming year to earn the trust you all have placed in me by putting me at the helm of this great ship, the Waukegan Sail & Power Squadron.

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Operations Training

Saturday, 7 February
Springfield IL

ExCom Meeting

Tuesday, 10 February at 1900
Waukegan Harbor Building

Navigation

Wed., 11 February at 1900
Heather Ridge Rec. Center

Instructor Training

Tuesday, 17 February at 1900
Waukegan Harbor Building

Boating

Thursday, 26 February at 1900
Vernon Hills High School

ExCom Meeting

Tuesday, 9 March at 1900
Waukegan Harbor Building

D/20 Spring Conference

Friday-Sunday, 19-21 March
Indian Lakes Resort

April Waukeelog Deadline

Wednesday, 24 March
Email: mludtke@rsg.org





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19-20 MARCH**

**THE DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION
IS 10 MARCH**

**DETAILS AND REGISTRATION
INFORMATION HAVE BEEN
INCLUDED WITH THIS ISSUE OF
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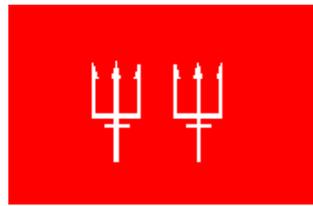
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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Lt/C Terry Hartl, AP

I would like to take a moment to introduce myself, your new Executive Officer, and give you an update on the various committees that fall under the XO Department.

My wife MaryAnn and I have been sailing for only about four years. We keep our Pearson 36 *First Look II* at Northpoint Marina in Winthrop Harbor. We are active racers, with MaryAnn racing our boat as a "women's only" team last year. They did well, beating many of the guys. I crew on other boats, and did the Queens Cup and Hook Races last season.

Some of you may recognize the name of our boat as that of a Jimmy Buffett song. The song is about a first trip to Rio where "It was my first look, that's when I swallowed the hook, it was my first look, that's all it took." We took to sailing in much the same way, so thought the name was appropriate. The II of course signifies the "second" boat, and proves that "footitis" is alive and well.

The Executive Officers position is generally regarded as "outwardly focused." The Department is comprised of numerous committees including Co-op Charting, Yacht Club Liaisons, Public Relations, and Safety. I am pleased to announce that most, but not all, of these committees have committed Chairs. Co-op Charting will once again be headed by Lt. Marcie Sallmann. Marcie has done a



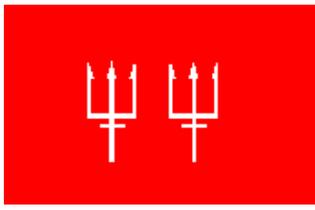
fantastic job with this very important effort in the past, and I am sure she will take the effort to new heights this year. Lt/C Julie Sanders will be our Liaison to the Waukegan Yacht Club. Besides being our Administrative Officer, Julie is also the editor of the WYC newsletter, the Port Hole. She is in a great position to strengthen ties between both groups. Lt. MaryAnn Hartl will be our PR Officer. With National's "Power of One" program, MaryAnn has a great theme to work with to garner positive PR for our squadron. P/C Frank Herbst has agreed to once again chair the Safety Committee. Safety is one of the key pillars of the WSPS, and the Vessel Safety Check program is one of the most recognized services we provide to the boating community. Hopefully we can perform a record number of vessel inspections this year.

In closing, I look forward to working for all of you this year to grow the stature of our squadron, as well as its membership. If you would like to become involved with one of the above mentioned committees, please feel free to give me a call or drop me an e-mail at terryhartl@comcast.net.

Welcome New Members

Mitch & Alice Koziol and their children Ashley, 13, and Mitchell Jr., 16. The Koziols live in Lake Forest.

Andrew LeBoeuf. Andrew and his wife, MaryLou, reside in Libertyville



EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Lt/C Keith Baldwin, JN

Are you in one? Are you behind in the reading? Have you mastered the bowline yet? Did you understand the difference between a flashing and a blinking light? If you are not engaged in conversations similar to those, you are probably not engaged in one of the primary functions the Waukegan Sail and Power Squadron, and are missing out. One of our goals is to self educate and teach new skills to all our members. The dues we all pay support our classroom activities, and the development of new and renewed courses. This past week Helaine and I were in Orlando at the United States Power Squadron's National convention. Of course the weather was great, outside activities were exciting and fun, but the real headliner of the convention was the PROGRAM EXPOSITION. I spent the whole day going from booth to booth talking with the people who are responsible for creating and developing the courses and programs the Squadron offers to its members. I was blown away by the sweeping changes that are coming in the near future.

To start with, Boating and BoatSmart courses have been rewritten, and adapted for power point presentation, with script and sound included. These will be available to us within the next few months. Seamanship has already been converted to a two-



module format, with new power point presentations available.

The biggest changes coming soon will be to the Piloting and Advanced Piloting courses. The new concept will be to teach these courses emphasizing the use of electronic devices, GPS, radar, chart plotters, etc., as that primary navigational tools with the back up system being the dead reckoning/bearings process. I saw the prototype power point presentations for these courses, and they are terrific. The testing format will also change with no closed book for Piloting, just a take home weekend cruise test. AP will be split into two modules with only a closed book exam for the first module, and a closed book exam for the second, along with a take home weekend cruise test.

Other changes will be coming soon, and I will share more of that with you when they are near. One new course that is available now is the new INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT course that will be starting on Tuesday 17 February. I hope you will consider joining, learn some new presentation skills that will be of value in more than just the WSPS. Give me a call to sign up, get involved, become engaged, and get more for your dues dollars!

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Member Achievements

Piloting

Fred Adams, P*
Julie Sanders, P*

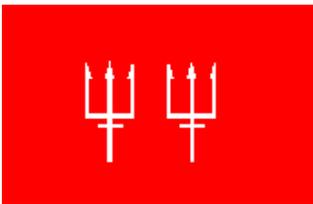
Advanced Piloting

Ellen Ludtke, AP
Mike Ludtke, AP

2003

Merit Mark Recipients

Fred Adams
Helaine Baldwin
Keith Baldwin
Gordon Bloom
Bob Carnahan
Mark Davenport
Tenney Ford
Ed Fugelseth
Elisabeth Geltz
Jeff Geltz
Paul Green
Bill Gregory
Terry Hartl
Frank Herbst
Inger Herbst
Rodger Ketcham
Bob Kunath
Ellen Ludtke
Mike Ludtke
Jim Mast
Ken Miller
Linda Osterndorf
Peter Owen
Verena Owen
Al Richter
Ann Richter
Dave Sallmann
Marcie Sallmann
Al Smith
George Tolon
Sue Tolon



ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Lt/C Julie Sanders, P*

Happy New Year to Everyone! The holidays are behind us and we can begin to focus once again on what Commander Green refers to as our "obsessive hobby." Many of you may not know me yet but you will very soon. My close friend recently complimented me on my new alligator shoes, but unfortunately I was barefoot at the time. Speaking of barefoot, yes I am Southern and yes I am anxious for warm weather to return. We have some exciting events planned for the upcoming year including some unique and informative guest speakers, harbor competitions, a shakedown cruise to Northpoint with a couple of seminars and a barbeque; a beach party (maybe a bonfire), and that's just the beginning.

Flare Gun Alert

Submitted by Jim Walkowaik, AP

If yours is an Orion Safety Products (was Olin) made before 2000, the flare gun may be defective. The defect is in the nylon material used to keep the breech closed. The nylon has deformed in some cases and will jam the opening mechanism, which will not allow your gun to accept a flare cartridge! If your flare gun was made after 2000 and stamped on the body 'USCG approved COD 160 028/12/1' you have the reengineered model.

Orin recommends checking the operation of the gun this winter and at the beginning of each season. If the breech will not open, return the gun for replacement regardless of age. Call 1-800-851-5260 for return instructions or any questions.

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Next month is the District 20 Spring Conference at Indian Lakes Resort in Bloomingdale. The theme for the weekend and the hospitality suites, in particular, is NASCAR. We will choose a driver to represent and decorate accordingly. Any fun ideas you have are always welcomed. As soon as we know our designated driver I'll ask if Ellen can post it on the weekly E-Flash. The dates for the Conference are March 19-21 so be sure to mark your calendars because it should be both a fun and informative weekend.

Thank you so very much to all of you who have so graciously volunteered to serve on the various committees under the Administrative Officer. I am looking forward to working with each of you because without you I would never be able to do my job. Thanks ya'll!

We failed to mention our January Birthdays in the last issue of the Waukeelog. Happy Belated Birthday to:

Carol Kunath	January 6
Boris Peck	January 18
George McLaughlin	January 25
Helen Parkinson	January 30
Sharon Bucher	January 31

Happy February & March Birthday to:

Julie Sanders	February 1
Conrad Metcaf	February 7
Mike Ludtke	February 8
Linda Jensen	February 10
Lynda Zachar	February 10
Joyce Bloom	February 18
Rick Donovan	February 20
Sharon Giranda	February 21

Betty Moran	March 2
Douglas Blackard	March 5
Kevin Thieme	March 17
John VanBenthuyssen	March 23
Betti Kinzalow	March 26
Dave Sallmann	March 26
Tom Valenzo	March 26
Ray Weigand	March 28

Are you celebrating a birthday in February or March and don't see your name listed? Contact P/Lt/C Ellen Ludtke Eludtke@rsg.org to get the roster updated.

WSPS Ship's Store

Polo Shirts	\$25.00	x	_____	=	_____
Sweatshirt	\$25.00	x	_____	=	_____
Hats	\$10.00	x	_____	=	_____
Sun Visors	\$10.00	x	_____	=	_____
Sm. Long Sleeve Denim Shirts	\$32.00	x	_____	=	_____
Lg. Long Sleeve Denim Shirts	\$34.00	x	_____	=	_____
Canvas Tote Bag	\$2.00	x	_____	=	_____
WSPS Burgee	\$27.00	x	_____	=	_____
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