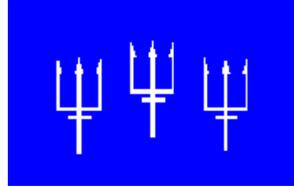
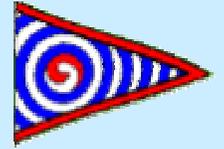


April/May  
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# WAUKEELOG

Waukegan Sail & Power Squadron  
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District 20



## COMMANDERS COMMENTS

Cdr Paul Green, AP

Well, it finally looks like Spring is trying to make its presence known. If you are like me, you're starting to think about sanding, painting, cleaning, waxing and all the other pre-launch chores that seem like a spring ritual for boaters. Regretfully, income tax preparation is still a higher priority, but only because I can't figure out a way of getting out of it.

Two weeks ago we had our March General Membership Meeting with a fabulous chili dinner (it always tastes better when you mix about two dozen different recipes into one pot). Julie Sanders and dinner committee members did a great job planning and executing the dinner. Following dinner, Ken & Ann Miller presented a slide show of the 10 years they spent sailing their 35 foot boat, *Resolute*, around the world. A broken mast on *Resolute* and a broken knee on Ann didn't keep them from achieving their dream.

After hearing their travelogue, I have decided that the places you see are not nearly as rewarding as the people you meet along the way. In retrospect, I think that is what we enjoy the most about cruising on the Great Lakes; it's all about the people you meet. For those of you who missed the meeting, you can see excerpts of their trip that were printed in the in the News Sun at <http://www.suburbanchicagonews.com/newssun/features/w23main.htm>.

Last weekend twelve members of WSPS attended the District 20 Spring Conference at Indian Lakes Resort in Bloomingdale, IL. In an attempt to make the conference more attractive to a larger number of members, the conference followed a slightly different format. It started out with the usual commanders and council meetings followed by a hospitality suite theme party on Friday night. Julie and the dinner committee members did another great job of decorating our hospitality suite to a NASCAR theme and preparing all the food and beverages. WSPS won the  
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### **ExCom Meeting**

Tuesday, 13 April at 1900  
Waukegan Harbor Building

### **GPS Seminar**

Thursday, 24 April, 0900-1400  
Waukegan Yacht Club

### **Boat Smart**

Tuesday, 27 April at 1900  
Libertyville High School

### **ExCom Meeting**

Tuesday, 11 May at 1900  
Waukegan Harbor Building

### **Boat Smart**

Saturday, 15 May  
Waukegan Yacht Club

### **Used Equipment Sale & Vessel Safety Checks**

Saturday, 22 May  
Waukegan Harbor

### **June Waukeelog Deadline**

Monday, 24 May  
Email: [mludtke@rsg.org](mailto:mludtke@rsg.org)

### **ExCom Meeting**

Tuesday, 8 June at 1900  
Waukegan Harbor Building

### **Beach Party**

Saturday, 19 June  
Waukegan

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second place prize for decorations, a tribute to the hard work of Julie and others. Saturday saw a departure from the normal conference schedule, with the conference meeting with officer elections in the morning. Following lunch, there was a Vendor Expo and a guest speaker. It was the consensus of our members that the expo needs more boating-related vendors. We also felt that the speaker was good, but we need to augment with boating related seminars if we expect to make the conference more attractive to general members. However, in general, we recognize that District is finally moving in a direction which should make district conferences more interesting to everyone.

I would like to congratulate our own D/Lt/C Keith Baldwin who was elected to the position of District Secretary. I know that Keith will take the same amount of energy to the district bridge that we have seen on our bridge for the past several years, and that his efforts will have a positive impact.

Our calendar for 2004 is now posted on the WSPS website. We have many cruises and activities planned for the summer. I encourage you to let Julie Sanders know which of the activities you might attend so that she can do the appropriate planning ahead of time. If anyone is planning to go to the North Channel this summer (or would like to), please let me know so that we can try to keep you updated on our rendezvous plans, group travel, customs forms, etc.

I look forward to seeing you all on the water and at one or more of our activities this summer.



## Happy Birthday to...

Ann Richter	April 18
MaryAnn Hartl	April 20
Daniel Martin	April 26
Elisabeth Geltz	May 2
Charlene Kochanowski	May 7
Richard Craig	May 8
Jerzy Krzaczynski	May 8
Sheila Metcalf	May 9
Mitch Koziol	May 10
William Woods	May 13
Alison Gerstad	May 14
Leo Marubio Jr	May 16
Maria Sultenfuss	May 16
Vincent Giranda	May 17
Margaret Opeka	May 17
Donna Green	May 19
Brad Thieme	May 27
Terry Hartl	May 31

Are you celebrating a birthday in April or May and don't see your name listed?

Contact Roster Chair P/Lt/C Ellen Ludtke [Eludtke@rsg.org](mailto:Eludtke@rsg.org) 815 678-4300 to update your information.

**When you get your Vessel Safety Check, take your Vessel Safety Form (pass or fail) to any West Marine to receive a 10% discount on safety related items.**

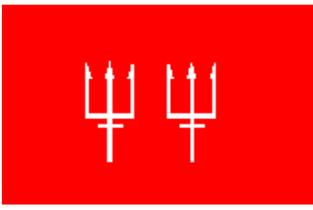


**Vessel Examiners will be on site 22 May, at the Used Equipment Sale.**



D/Lt/C Keith Baldwin, P/Lt/C Ellen Ludtke, Lt/C Julie Sanders and 1<sup>st</sup>/Lt Helaine Baldwin in the WSPS Hospitality suite at the D/20 Spring Conference.





## EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Lt/C Keith Baldwin, JN

Here it is the end of March, and most of us are at least starting to think about what work needs to be done on the boat in the next few weeks to get "her" ready for the season. It is always a task that most boaters look forward to and recognize as a sure sign of spring.

But what are you doing to get yourself ready for the boating season? Hopefully you have taken advantage of some of the courses we have offered last fall and this spring, and have fine-tuned another skill to make your boating season more enjoyable and safer.

Some of us have taken advantage of the course offerings, and you can check our progress by looking at the Member Achievements section. Congratulations to them all!

### Member Achievements

#### Marine Electronics 101 &102

Ken Baehr  
Paul Green  
Terry Hartl  
David Zachar  
Lynda Zachar

#### JN Closed Book

Paul Green  
MaryAnn Hartl  
Terry Hartl  
Dave Sallmann



Well, it is not too late for you to upgrade your skills. On Saturday 24 April, the Waukegan Sail and Power Squadron in cooperation with the Waukegan Yacht Club will be holding a one day **GPS SEMINAR**. This is a new program developed by USPS that serves as the platform for the new Boating, Piloting and Advanced Piloting courses coming this fall. We will cover the basic operation of the instrument, putting in waypoints and routes, and basic GPS navigation. This is a chance to get some explanation of the owner's manual that came with your GPS, and get a feel for the many functions the device can perform.

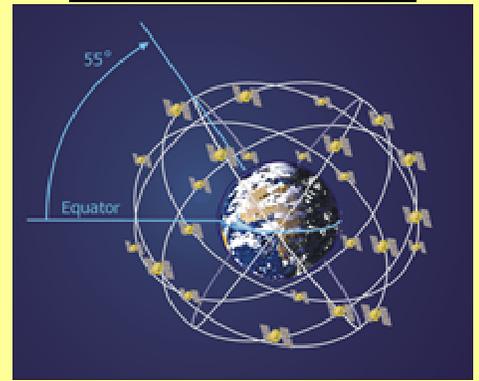
The seminar will be held at the Waukegan Yacht Club. We will start at 0900 and end at 1400, with one hour for lunch. There will be handouts and a copy of the new USPS Learning guide to take home and review. This course is a real bargain for \$15 for the first family member, and \$5 for each additional person, with one book per family.

While this seminar is open to the public, we are trying to schedule a hands-on co-op charting exercise. Watch the Monday Morning WSPS E- Flash News for more information and details.

See you in the classroom.

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## GPS SEMINAR



Learn how to get the most out of your GPS at the GPS Seminar. Course will be held at the Waukegan Yacht Club on Saturday 24 April, 900-1400. Cost of course is \$15 per person.

For Squadron Members only, the first person will pay \$15, additional persons in the family will pay \$5, one reference book per family. Reservations required, limited space as it is open to the public. Contact Julie Sanders at 847-612-1259. WYCPORHOLE@aol.com



## Amendment to By Laws Waukegan Sail & Power Squadron

By a two-thirds majority vote of the members present at a general membership meeting of the Waukegan Sail & Power Squadron on 6 September, 2003, the following amendments to the squadron's by laws were approved:

### **Replace section 9.3 with the following:**

**Section 9.3** The annual meeting shall be held in the month of November at such time and place as the Executive Committee may designate, at which time an election of officers and members of elective committees, including the chairman thereof, shall be held. Written notice of the annual meeting, containing a list of all active members nominated by the Nominating Committee for election to positions within this squadron, shall be sent to each active member by the secretary, in such manner as determined by the Executive Committee, at least 30 days prior to such meeting.

### **Replace section 12.5 with the following:**

**Section 12.5** The squadron fiscal (business) year shall be for 12 consecutive months beginning on 1 January and ending on the last day of December.

## 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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Total					

Make checks payable to Waukegan Sail & Power Squadron. Send order form and check to Donna Green.

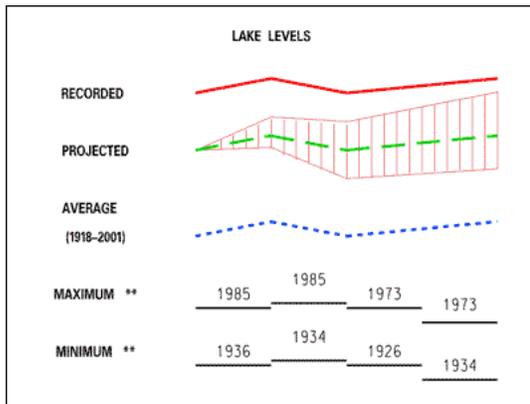


*The Waukegan Sail & Power Squadron burgee flies over Leverick Bay on the North Sound of Virgin Gorda in the British Virgin Islands. Where has your burgee been? Don't have a burgee? Contact Donna Green at the WSPS Ship's Store.*

## Notice to Mariners

According to the 9th District Local Notice to Mariners, published 02 March, Lake Michigan-Huron are seven inches lower than the chart datum.

The chart below shows the average, recorded and projected lake levels as of February.



\*\* Period of Record 1918-2001

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