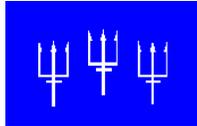
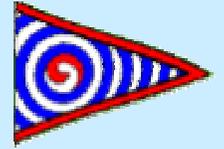


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# WAUKEELOG

Waukegan Sail & Power Squadron  
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District 20



## COMMANDERS COMMENTS

Cdr Paul Green, AP

That time of the year, which we dream about all winter, has finally arrived. Our boats are in the water, and we're going through the spring ritual of checking gear and making sure everything works properly. It's also fun to get involved in the socializing which takes place at the harbors this time of the year. I guess it's because the lake or the weather isn't always accommodating in May, so we spend more time at the docks talking with friends we haven't seen for a few months.

Except for one public boating class, which will be completed before this goes to press, all our winter and spring classes have been completed. My compliments to the Educational Department for all their hard work over the winter months. I also met many students in the public courses whom I think are excellent candidates for WSPS membership, both from their desire to take more courses and to socially share experiences with other boaters.

On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, we had our used equipment sale and boating safety day at Waukegan Harbor. Regretfully, the weather did not cooperate to provide us with a good day for either. With very few people at the harbor on a windy, rainy day, it turned out to be a lot of work for limited rewards. My special thanks to all the members who came to set up and operate the used equipment sale.

Very few vessel safety checks were performed, as well. Hopefully, our examiners, John Turnbull and Mike Ludtke, will be able to schedule other days during the spring for performing VSC's. If you haven't had one in the past two years, I urge you to schedule one to avoid being pulled over on the water and have to go through an inspection at a time when you want to be enjoying yourself on the water.

Also, at the used equipment sale, we started off our Dinghy Raffle. We are raffling off a Walker Bay 10. This ten foot dinghy was a retailer demo unit which normally retails for \$1049. We will be selling 200 raffle tickets for \$5.00 each, and we will conduct a drawing to determine a winner as soon as all the tickets have been sold. We will be setting up spots to sell tickets at Waukegan and North Point marinas on certain weekends, but anyone who  
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## Events

### **ExCom Meeting**

Tuesday, 8 June at 1900  
Waukegan Harbor Building

### **Beach Party**

Saturday, 19 June  
Waukegan

### **Cross the Lake**

Fri-Sun, 2-4 July  
Destination: TBD

### **D/20 Rendezvous**

Saturday, 24 July  
Hammond IN

### **Chicago Rendezvous**

Saturday, 24 July  
DuSable Harbor

### **North Channel**

### **Rendezvous**

24-31 July  
North Channel

### **Waukeelog Deadline**

Tuesday 27 July  
Email: [mludtke@rsg.org](mailto:mludtke@rsg.org)

### **ExCom Meeting**

Tuesday, 10 August at 1900  
Waukegan Harbor Building

### **Boating Class Starts**

Thursday, 9 September  
Vernon Hills

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wants to buy tickets can call me  
at (847) 295-6248.

The Cross-the-Lake cruise, which we have scheduled for three days over the Fourth of July weekend, is planned to go to New Buffalo. This is a chance for boaters who have never crossed the lake to go in the company of old salts who have been doing it for years. By my calculations, if the day is clear we should be able to see the Sears Tower for the entire trip, so you Piloting students will be able to keep a DR plot and take bearings for estimated positions to compare with your GPS fixes. New Buffalo should also offer JN and N students a chance to finally take sights in the western sky with a clear horizon. Please let Julie Sanders know if there is a chance that you will come on this cruise so we can have enough slips reserved.

And a final note; annual dues notices have been sent out, but dues are slow in coming in. The Squadron gets billed for late fees for any member's dues that haven't been paid to National by the end of June. (See Treasurers

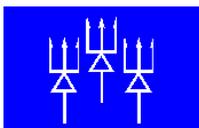
Report). Last year the Squadron picked up these late fees, but it isn't fair to the members who pay on time that we should have to do this. I would rather use our excess funds, which we work very hard to generate, to improve our educational programs and to provide entertainment at our general membership meetings to the benefit of all members. So if you haven't sent your dues in yet, please make that a priority in the coming week.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our summer cruises and activities, and wish you all a very safe and enjoyable boating season.

**Get your VSC and receive a 10% discount on any safety related items at your local West Marine.**



**Contact John Turnbull or Mike Ludtke to schedule your Vessel Examine.**



## **D/20 CRUISE & RENDEZVOUS**

D/C John DeLuca, SN



The D/20 Cruise and Rendezvous is set for July 24 and will be held at the Hammond Marina in Hammond Indiana. This will be a one day affair and promises to be a fun time for everyone. The necessary meetings will be held in the morning and the afternoon will be reserved for the activities. We have been in contact with the Personal Watercraft Industry Association and they are putting together a program to demonstrate the PWC's in the afternoon. Additionally, Saturday evening is the annual Venetian Night Boat Parade at the marina which is usually well attended and a lot of fun.

The marina will have slips available to us, but with the evening activities, it is imperative that you make our reservations now, if you plan on bringing your boat.

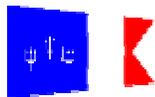
There is plenty of parking, but to get a convenient spot, plan on being there early.

The Hammond Marina will set aside 10 slips. They must be reserved by June 15 with a credit card.

They will give us 25% discount for Friday, than full price for Saturday.

Rates:           Up to 30' \$30.00  
                      31' to 35' 35.00  
                      36' to 40' 40.00  
                      41' to 45' 45.00  
                      46' to 50' 50.00

Courtesy dock might be filled.



**TREASURES REPORT**  
Lt/C Jim Mast, P

On or before May 15<sup>th</sup> each of the active members or households received a dues notice from USPS-National with a notification that all dues are payable by May 31<sup>st</sup>.

To date I have received only 36% response from Nationals mailing.

On June 8<sup>th</sup> I will send a duplicate of the dues notice to all those for whom I have not received a response, however, it would reduce my job and costs to the Squadron if you would make payment of your dues prior to the June 8<sup>th</sup> date.

Per the "Recommended Deadlines" established by National I must transmit to National, District, and the Educational Fund their portion of the dues no later than June 30, 2004. Squadrons as well as members failing to meet this deadline WILL BE ASSESSED A LATE FILING FEE.

This past year our association with the Waukegan Sail and Power Squadron has given us the advantage and enjoyment of participating in excellent education programs, seminars, and social events where the principle interest of all involved is Good, Safe and Smart BOATING.

Let's not diminish the resources of the Squadron by incurring unnecessary expenses as LATE FILING FEES.



**YOUR BOAT IS READY FOR THE SEASON BUT SKIPPER ARE YOU READY TO HANDLE AN OVERBOARD SITUATION?**

P/C Frank Herbst, JN  
Safety Officer

**I was reading some safety articles and ran across the following E-mail site: ([http://www.ussailing.org/safety/Studies/lifesling\\_history.htm](http://www.ussailing.org/safety/Studies/lifesling_history.htm)) Well if you read a few of these cases it is like watching Halloween II at the movies.**

Out of all the scary cases I found several which I could relate to (100,101, 102, and 103). In these cases the person who fell overboard returned safely to their boat. It is recommended that whether sailing or power boating you should:

1. Have a Life Sling and a Horse Shoe life preserver on board and ready to use.
2. Have a personal life preserver for everyone on board your boat and wear them.
3. Know or learn how to rescue a boater who has fallen into the water and can't climb back on the boat due to exhaustion or other limiting factors.

I suggest you read the May issue of ENSIGN, especially pages 14 & 15. The article on the Skipper Saver Course is especially important. If you haven't taken this course at least order a copy of the Skipper Saver manual from your Education Officers Keith or Helaine Baldwin 847-253-7252 and review the contents. Take the course when the Squadron offers it the next time. The life you save could be your own.

*"Today is your birthday.*



*It's my birthday*



*too..."*

Inger Herbst	June 4
David Jensen	June 14
Tom Parkinson	June 16
Julie Thieme	June 29

Ken Hallen	July 5
Jeff Geltz	July 9
Jim Mast	July 10
Keith Baldwin	July 18
Alice Koziol	July 21
Bill Cotey	July 23
Jim Moran	July 23
Ellen Ludtke	July 24
Fred Adams	July 28

Are you celebrating a birthday in June or July 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.





## EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Lt/C Keith Baldwin, JN

What a fantastic spring we have had in the education department. Now that the boating season is truly upon us, we will take a well-deserved break in the course schedule, and prepare for the fall season. Those of you who took advantage of some of our course offerings should feel very good about the successful completion of the work itself, as well as knowing that you have added to your boating skills and knowledge. Congratulations to you all.

Our Boating and Boat Smart classes are winding down after a very successful spring term. We graduated 12 from our College of Lake County class, 16 from our Vernon Hills class, and as I write we have 28 attending Libertyville, and 6 in our Waukegan Yacht Club class. Tenney Ford, Linda Osterndorf, Al Smith, and Frank Herbst did another great job. Five members have finished the Instructor Development course, and have already started to shoulder some of the instructing duties for Boating and Boat Smart courses. They will be recognized in our next issue after completing their exam. It is our plan to run the ID course again in the spring and have even more of you share your boating knowledge in the classroom.

Advanced Piloting, and Junior Navigation students have completed their course work, and some are still waiting to hear back from their exams, or to complete their sight work. The Navigation class has taken a summer break, and will resume classes in the fall. Speaking of fall let me review

what we have scheduled to occupy your time. Boating, Boat Smart and Seamanship will be offered along with Cruise Planning. We are considering Sail 101 in the fall followed by Sail 102 in the spring. Navigation will continue on in the fall.

*Here is a special note to all. I just finished instructor training for the new Piloting course material. I strongly encourage you all, whether you have taken P, AP, JN or N in the past or not, to consider taking this new class in the fall. It is presented from the aspect of GPS navigation and will hold something for everyone from the casual weekend boater to the serious port-to-port cruiser. This is a very "user friendly" course with a lot of hands-on practical training experience. Keep watching the Monday Morning Flash for dates, times and places.*



## REPORT FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

Lt/C Julie Sanders, P

The Administrative Officer is lazy and doesn't like to write reports or articles. But the thought of being reprimanded by the Commander at the next Executive Officers' meeting is enough to kick me in gear. There are three main subjects that need addressing: upcoming cruises; membership; and the District Conference in the Fall.

We now have a Chair for each of the cruises so in the future, reservations; etc should be sent directly to them. Our first planned cruise is being chaired by Frank Herbst and it's the lake crossing. Frank has been in touch with the harbor to make reservations but there is a lot of information he needs for each boater so please get in touch with him soon if you plan to go. Also, since this is a holiday weekend, slips may fill up fast!

The Chicago Cruise set for July 24 is being chaired by Andy LeBoeuf. Being that Chicago Harbors are sticklers for confirming reservations, we all need to support in any way we can.

The moonlight cruise from Kenosha is scheduled for August 28 and is headed up by Keith Baldwin. We've checked the calendars and are expecting a full moon that evening. We will raft up outside the Kenosha Yacht Club during the afternoon. Power boaters are invited to join the Sail Boaters on their boats for this cruise.

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### Congratulations!!!

#### Seamanship Grads

Julie Sanders  
Tom Parkinson  
Helen Parkinson  
Mitch Koziol

#### JN Open Book Grads

MaryAnn Hartl  
Terry Hartl  
Dave Sallmann

#### Marine Electronics Grads

Ken Baehr  
Paul Green  
Terry Hartl  
David Zachar  
Lynda Zachar

**BOAT SMART  
BOAT SAFE**

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And in September, Terry Hartl is in charge of the Racine cruise. That's scheduled for the 11-12 and is always a fun weekend. Racine is a great town for boaters with the trolley cars that transport folks all over town.

One of our newest members, Andy LeBoeuf, has jumped in feet first in recruiting more new members. He is very enthusiastic about recruitment and we should all encourage and help him in any way possible. Membership is not a one-person job, it's everyone's responsibility!

And lastly, the District 20 Fall Conference, October 15-17, will be here before we know it. The theme is Las Vegas and we are representing Caesar's Place in our hospitality suite. If any of you have suggestions, thoughts, and ideas, anything that could contribute to the suite please let me know.



## POSTCARDS FROM THE ROAD

Ken and Jean Hallen

Hi Everyone,

We arrived here on a Tuesday, 4 days before Antigua's Race Week began and in the middle of the Classic Boat Regatta.

We had joined the crew of "DSD Carnival" a 45 ft. Beneteau - a bareboat chartered out of the BVI Charter Co.'s Fleet. While in Tortola at one point we were tied up alongside and agreed to become the mother ship during races and participate on the boat. She arrived 2 days after us, anchored close by in Falmouth and we set about rigging her for racing - cruising stuff off ... racing stuff on.

The rest of the crew flew in on Saturday ... no time for practice ... first race Sunday 28 miles from English Harbour in the south of the island to Dickenson Bay in the north west. Six bareboat classes - 92 boats, 8 other classes - an additional 120 boats including some of the fastest and largest sail boats around.

On our passage here the winds had been 20+ and the waves 8 ft.+ and nothing had changed. so we raced through amazing conditions. I am not sure who was the most amazed, us or the competition but we were first over the line and it put us first in our class and first in the fleet for that race. We raced all week through Saturday and won Antigua Race Week - Bareboat Class. Second was a Swedish-crewed boat, "Roscoe" and third a British-crewed boat "Carrie On". An amazing event for all of us ... mainly a result of the expertise of the helmsman, Phil Otis, and tactician Arjan Stoof. We were so pleased that our daughter, Toni was able to fly down and join us and she also participated in the last 2 races and of course the big Saturday night bash to celebrate.

We spent the last week recovering, touring the Island and getting ready to set sail. On the North Atlantic passage we had ripped our mainsail to shreds and finished up with a gift from a charter company in Tortola which we have been using since ... it wasn't the right size but it worked pretty well. Had a new one delivered today and are planning to leave for Trinidad tomorrow.

It's about 400 miles and we are planning to straight shoot it ... about 72 hours .. all being well.

## CRUISE CAPTAINS

Contact the designated cruise captain to register for any event.



### Cross the Lake

Fri-Sun July 2-4

Frank Herbst

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847-398-6469

### DuSable Harbor

Sat July 24

Andy LeBoeuf

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847-816-6331



### Kenosha Moonlight

Cruise, Sat Aug 28

Keith Baldwin

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/ 847-253-7252

### Racine Rendezvous

Sat-Sun Sept 11-12

Terry Hartl

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847-855-9912



The wind is a steady 15-20 out of the east - our course is due south so we are hoping for a great reach.

Best of everything to everyone.

SV CIRRUS

P.S. For those that might want to look at pictures of the racing there are 2 good web sites, "sailingweek.com" and "photoaction.com"

Do you have an interesting boating story or nautical knowledge to share with the Squadron? Email it to editor Mike Ludtke [MLudtke@rsg.org](mailto:MLudtke@rsg.org)



We'd love to hear about your adventures.  
Next Waukeelog due deadline is 27 July.