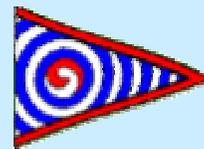


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WAUKEELOG

Waukegan Sail & Power Squadron
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POSTCARDS FROM THE ROAD

Captain Bob Kunath, AP

Well, we're now at about the halfway point in our Great Loop Trip, New Jersey! We returned to Sans Souci in Jacksonville in early May, and have slowly worked our way north up the ICW, with many stops and detours including Savannah, Charleston, Norfolk, Washington, Annapolis, Baltimore and Cape May. The climax was the July 4th weekend; we were tied up at Liberty Landing very close to the Statue of Liberty and the NYC Fireworks!

There are a few things I'd like to discuss in this column that we found particularly offbeat and interesting. We took the option traveling north across Albemarle Sound and heading north up the Pasquotank River past Elizabeth City NC, then the Dismal Swamp Canal, eventually terminating in Norfolk. The other option is called the North Carolina Cut, more direct but less interesting.

Approaching Albemarle Sound, we witnessed a forest fire in progress on a peninsular east of our boat. The fire was being fought by a

single two prop seaplane, perhaps an Albatross or similar. The plane was equipped with a scoop under its' fuselage, which enabled the plane to fly at sea level and scoop up a load of water without landing, which it would then carry to the fire and dump on the blaze, then return to the sound for another load of water. We watched this fascinating cycle repeated over and over again as we cruised by. Not a day goes by without seeing something fascinating!

Elizabeth City, NC is located on the Pasquotank River a few miles north of Albemarle Sound. Although a county seat, the town is much like many southern towns, very old but seeing significant restoration as funding permits. The city, led by the "Committee of 100" built a free

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CRUISE CAPTAINS

Contact the designated cruise captain to register for any event.



Kenosha Moonlight
Cruise, Sat Aug 28

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Racine Rendezvous

Sat-Sun Sept 11-12

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ExCom Meeting

Tuesday, 10 August at 1900
Waukegan Harbor Building

Moonlight Cruise

Saturday, 28 August
Kenosha, WI

Boating Class Starts

Thursday, 9 September
Vernon Hills

Racine Rendezvous

Sat-Sun, 11-12 Sept.
Kenosha, WI

Waukeelog Deadline

Tuesday 21 Sept.
Email: mludtke@rsg.org

ExCom Meeting

Tuesday, 14 September at 1900
Waukegan Harbor Building

Membership Meeting

Saturday, 9 October
TBD

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dock for cruisers about 25 years ago, to entice passing cruisers to stop at the city and hopefully spend some cruising dollars at the city's stores and restaurants. A local fourth generation civic minded resident, Fred Fearing formed the "Rose Buddies" when Fearing retired from the Post Office about the same time the docks were built. Fred or one of his Buddies greet each boat that ties up at the free dock, presents the lady of the boat with a rose, and educates the visiting cruisers on local facts. When five or more boats show up, the Rose Buddies host a free wine and cheese party at the dock's pavilion. What a treat! Willard Scott learned of the Rose Buddies, visited Elizabeth City and featured them on the Today show some 15 years ago. He also donated a golf cart to the group, which Fred uses to travel to the dock to meet his guests. Fred is now 90, but still



Fred Fearing and Carol Kunath, P.

performs this great service to his beloved city. What a treat to meet this legend!

The Pasquotank then winds north from Elizabeth City, twisting and turning through some beautiful, natural wetlands through the Dismal Swamp to the nation's oldest canal, the building of which was financed by a group led by George Washington. He and his investors built the 22 mile long canal to access the cypress and other woods in the swamp and further south, which opened commerce to North Carolina. The canal is die straight, only about 50

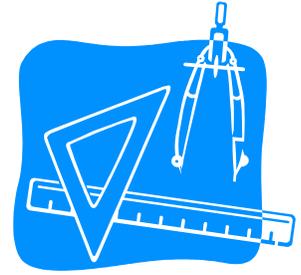
feet or so wide. There is a lock at either end that maintains the water level at 6-7 feet. The treetops virtually close the sky above some areas of the canal, which has abundant wildlife and plants along the shore. The canal must be traveled at no-wake speed to protect the fragile banks and environment. Unfortunately, there was significant damage caused by hurricane Isabel last year. Although the fallen trees were cleared up last fall in time for the snowbird cruisers migration south, recent rains before our passage swept new debris into the canal. As a result, we heard countless "thumps" as we hit underwater floating deadheads for part of the canal that had not seen recent maintenance.

Leaving the canal, we were filled in on a great deal of the history of the canal and area by the lockmaster at the northern lock. We learned from him that the \$440,000 annual cost to maintain the canal has been cut from the Federal budget, which may force closure of this national historic treasure this fall.

Which brings up another topic, the ICW. E've now traveled every inch of the ICW from Mobile to its' northern end in Manasquan, NJ. The Army Corps of Engineers has the responsibility of maintaining the ICW at a project depth of nine feet. Funding has been cut from the Federal budget as according to the OMB, there is not sufficient commercial tonnage to justify the cost of maintaining the ICW. Although most of the ICW is in reasonably good shape, there are an increasing number of trouble spots that require cruisers to either wait for high tide or take an alternate ocean route to make the trip. We have been getting plenty of notice of most of these from various Internet resources but still have had several "incidents." We've been able to recover from all of these so far, but it is apparent that TowBoat/US and Seatow are getting plenty of business

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along the ICW. The New Jersey ICW is particularly bad. Very few boats (including us) risk the ICW from Cape May to Atlantic City, opting instead for offshore travel. We have spent several days in Barnegat Bay, which only has a tidal range of less than one foot, but have bumped often in the middle of channels. What a pity as Barnegat Bay is truly a treasure, an estuary with great fishing, crabbing and places to anchor, particularly Island Beach State Park near Barnegat Inlet.

The estimates I've heard to bring

the ICW back to project depth is about \$845,000,000. It will be tough to get Congress to restore funding with the war deficit, but if you can find the time to write our Midwest congressmen perhaps we can make a difference. ICW boaters spend billions on the boats, fuel, docking and stores along the waterway. Places like Elizabeth City would dry up without the spending of cruisers.

I'm sending out an email of our trip with links to some pictures. If you are not getting these updates, and wish to be added to the distribution, send me an email at bobkunath@att.net and I'll add you to the list.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!



Ashley Koziol	August 2
Alfred Richter	August 3
John Bucher	August 8
Essie Woods	August 21
Edward Fugelseth	August 24
Robert Kunath	August 27
Tenney Ford III	August 31

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Paul Green	September 19
Roger Ketcham	September 19
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If you don't see your special day listed contact Roster Chairman Ellen Ludtke. Eludtke@rsg.org 815 678-4300.

KENOSHA "MOONLIGHT" CRUISE SATURDAY, 28 AUGUST 2004



This is the closest weekend to the full moon this month. We plan to sail from Waukegan Harbor, Winthrop Harbor, etc., at least by 0900 Saturday Morning, so as to arrive at Kenosha Yacht Club early afternoon.

We will plan some daytime activities for those who prefer, and plan to have dinner at the Kenosha Yacht Club.

We will depart from Kenosha at 1930 and sail back to our respective harbors under a near full moon and a canopy of twinkling stars

Power boats are also invited to attend, but we are trying to find space on sailboats for all who desire to experience the quiet of a moonlight sail.

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

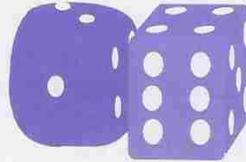


We'd love to hear about your adventures.

Next Waukeelog deadline is 21 September.

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District 20
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Schedule of Events



Friday 15 October
 1300-2000 Registration
 1830-1930 Squadron Commander's Meeting
 2000-2100 Council Meeting
 2100-???? Hospitality Rooms

Saturday 16 October

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Luncheon (Soup & Sandwich)			
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Dinner			
Roasted Chicken	\$27.00	_____	_____
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	Total:	_____	_____

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0800-1130 Registration
 0800-1100 Friendship Room
 0800-0845 XO/AC Meeting
 0800-0845 Educational Dept. Meeting
 0845-0900 Verification of Delegates
 0915-1145 Fall Conference
 1200-1300 Luncheon
 1300-1345 Teaching Aids Exhibits
 1330-1600 Tips and Techniques
 to inspire people
 1330-1630 Train the Trainer
 1730-1800 First Timers Reception
 1815-1900 Cocktail Reception
 1900-2300 Educational Awards
 Dinner/Dance
 2300-???? Hospitality Rooms

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 0900-1030 N Club Meeting

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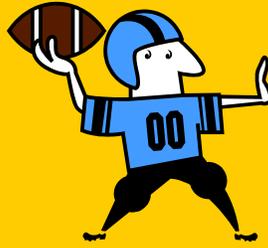
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