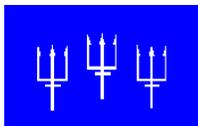
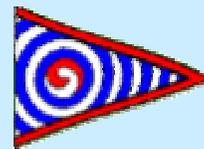


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Waukegan Sail & Power Squadron
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District 20



COMMANDERS COMMENTS

Cdr Paul Green, AP

Nothing makes the season seem over more than the sight of your boat up on boat stands 400 feet from the nearest water. It does, however, give me an opportunity to reflect over what seemed like a very short summer. Our used equipment sale in May was decimated by inclement weather. Then the Cross-the-Lake Cruise to New Buffalo was threatened by a forecast of thunderstorms, so we changed the destination point to Waukegan. That's right, we went from Waukegan to Waukegan; we didn't even have to cast off the mooring lines. After arrival, the Richters and Sallmans joined us on our boat for cocktails, and then we went to the Waukegan Yacht Club for dinner and more socializing.

A week later we headed for the North Channel, where we rendezvoused with the Zachers on *Sojourn* and with Baldwins on *Dolphin*. The weather during the first four weeks of our cruise couldn't have been better, with our first real weather days coming in Manitowoc, WI during our fifth and final week. Every time I go

back to the North Channel, I can't help but marvel at the pristine water and beautiful scenery. The sounds of loons woke us in secluded anchorages, and we stayed up late at night to watch the northern lights. Clean air is in abundance, and you suddenly realize that you actually feel better. All-in-all, it was an incredible journey. Lynda and David Zachar will present a slide show of the North Channel Cruise at our November General Membership Election Meeting. They will cover everything from Canadian & US customs procedures for boaters, to a dazzling array of photos, so mark November 13th on your calendar for a don't-miss event.

We returned home in time for the moonlight cruise to Kenosha, but regretfully the weather was again uncooperative, and the cruise had to be cancelled.

However, the weatherman always seems to provide good weather for our end-of-season cruise to Racine, and this year was no exception. Cruise captains MaryAnn & Terry Hartl did a masterful job of planning for this event, with dock parties, a great trivia game tied to the artistic bears which decorate the commercial establishments in downtown Racine, and dinner at a waterfront restaurant. Twenty-six WSPS members were in attendance at an event which

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Thursday, 7 October
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Monday, 11 October
TBD

ExCom Meeting

Tuesday, 12 October at 1900
Waukegan Harbor Building

D/20 Fall Conference

Fri-Sun, 15-17 October
Sheraton Chicago NW
Arlington Heights, IL

ExCom Meeting

Tuesday, 9 November at 1900
Waukegan Harbor Building

Boat Smart Class Starts

Thursday, 11 November
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Membership Meeting

Dinner/Election

Saturday, 13 November
TBD

Waukeelog Deadline

Tuesday 15 November
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was marred only by the absence of Ellen & Mike Ludtke. Ellen's father passed away a few days prior to the cruise, and I want to extend the sympathies of the entire squadron to Ellen and her family.

Several new members have joined the WSPS this summer, and I hope most of them will be attending the November meeting so that older members can meet them and make them welcome.



Donna & Paul Green at the Racine Rendezvous

The Nominating Committee is working hard to put together a slate of nominees for the elected positions in the squadron for next year. It is always difficult to find people willing to make the commitment of time when so many other commitments seem to be tugging at them. Please remember that the WSPS is an organization of members, and requires the involvement of all members to be successful. If you feel you can volunteer some of your time, call myself or Al Smith (Nominating Committee chairman) to discuss how you might get involved.

Speaking of involvement, the District 20 Fall Conference is coming up on Oct. 15-17th, and Julie Sanders is looking for people to help with our hospitality suite. This is a great way to get involved, have fun and meet members of other District 20 squadrons.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the November meeting.

It's time to register for the WSPS Fall member classes:



Engine Maintenance
starting Wednesday 6 October
2004, place TBA

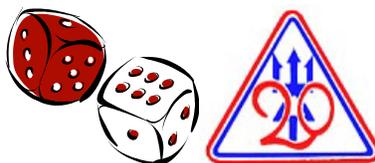
Cruise Planning
starting Thursday 7 October,
2004 at the Miller residence.

Piloting
starting Monday 11 October
2004, place TBA

Don't miss this opportunity to further your boating education and get to know some of your fellow WSPS members better.

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**BOAT SMART
BOAT SAFE**



The D/20 Fall Conference is coming up. The theme is Vegas. See the Trident or August Waukeelog for sign up information.

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Welcome New Members



Matthew Banach of
Gurnee
Power Boat "Snarkey"

Richard Jacobs, Jr of
Arlington Heights
Power Boat

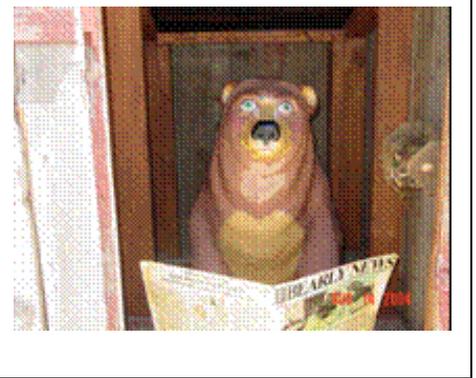
Robert & Wallis Sloat of
Vernon Hills
Sail Boat "Savannah"

**RACINE RENDEZVOUS:
“Perfect friends, perfect
weather, perfect fun!”**

Dave and Lynda Zachar were crowned bear hunters extraordinaire as they took top prize in the 2004 WSPS Grr-eat Bear Hunt – the featured activity during the club’s annual Racine Rendezvous. The Zachar’s narrowly edged the Greens, Baldwins and Sallmans for top honors. Participants solved clues to find the exact location of specific bears on Main Street Racine from the 2004 Racine Bears collection. Thanks to all participants for making the WSPS Grr-eat Bear Hunt a smashing success. The WSPS squadron closed out the 2004 rendezvous season with a growl!

With Mother Nature finally smiling on boaters who suffered through one of the coolest summer seasons in recent memory, the September WSPS Racine trip provided a glorious weekend for sail and power boaters as well as those who lumbered up the dry trail (I-94).

**Grr-EAT
BEAR
HUNTERS
FIND
TREASURE**



Following Saturday’s Grr-eat Hunt, members enjoyed an excellent array of appetizers as we shared summer adventures, repair tips and boating how-to’s on the docks at Racine with friends both old and new. Dinner at The Chancery followed, supported by this season’s largest rendezvous turnout. Boaters then turned in for an excellent nights rest as warm, early-autumn breezes kept everyone comfortable.

Sunday morning breakfast on the docks was a feast to remember, with, as usual, enough food to feed an army. Conversation centered around sharing excellent cruising tips on where to

go and what to do in both Lake Michigan as well as popular Caribbean destinations, and had the crowd dreaming of adventures to come.

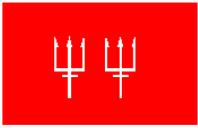
Off the docks by noon, the weather cooperated again for both sail and power boaters, providing a perfect trip home to close a splendid early fall weekend.

Thanks to everyone who supported the 2004 Racine Rendezvous and Grr-eat Bear Hunt. We hope to see you there next year.

Your 2004 rendezvous coordinators,
Terry & MaryAnn Hartl



WSPS Members at the Racine Rendezvous



**EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT**
Lt/C Keith Baldwin, JN

Here it is already, October, that time of year when Squadron members start putting their boats away for the winter. It is also the time of year to start thinking about a course to take that will prepare them to be a better and safer boater next year. This year members of the Waukegan Sail and Power Squadron have some interesting choices available to them. This fall, we will be offering three new and useful courses that will be of real value to the recreational boater.

The National Educational department of the **UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS** has undertaken the huge job of updating all its courses. In the past two years we have seen the new Marine Electronics, and Weather courses with new student manuals and greatly improved graphics and power point presentations.

This month we received the **NEW BOATING COURSE** that introduces electronic navigation for the first time. This course is currently being run at Vernon Hills High School.

The **NEW PILOTING COURSE** has just arrived, and this is the first of the inshore navigation curriculum that has been rewritten to teach what is being practiced on the water by today's electronic equipped boater. This course is being offered this fall starting Monday 11 October 2004. I have gone through this course and I believe that everyone, including those who have already taken Piloting could benefit by auditing this course. I will be teaching the course.

A **NEW CRUISE PLANNING COURSE** is also part of the new offerings this year, and includes power point presentation, and a new student manual that was designed for everyday use on your boat. This course is being offered this fall starting Thursday 7 October 2004. Ken Miller will be teaching the course.

A **NEW ENGINE MAINTENANCE COURSE** was introduced last spring, and brought with it new graphics and power point presentation. This course is being offered this fall starting Wednesday 6 October 2004.

Courses tentatively scheduled to be offered starting after the turn of the year include a **NEW SEAMANSHIP, WEATHER, and INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT**.

Your membership in the Waukegan Sail and Power Squadron provides you with a great opportunity to expand your boating knowledge. I hope you take advantage of it!



*The Ludtkes boat Island Time finished third in the 10th Annual WHYC Founders Cup. Pictured are Lt/C Terry Hartl, P/Lt/C Ellen Ludtke (hiding behind the flag), Lt. MaryAnn Hartl and Lt. Mike Ludtke.
Congratulations Island Time and Crew!*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!



Happy October & November Birthday to:

Ed Gerstadt	Oct 1
Harry Sandy Jr	Oct 2
Helaine Baldwin	Oct 16
Matthew Banach	Oct 22
John Seely	Oct 31
Thomas Carlton	Nov 9
Verena Owen	Nov 9
David Zachar	Nov 14
Quint Owen	Nov 19
Ken Miller	Nov 21
Pete Owen	Nov 21
Mitch Koziol	Nov 30

If you don't see your special day listed contact Roster Chairman Ellen Ludtke.
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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 15 November.