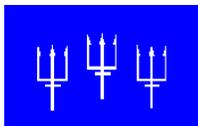
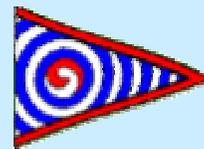


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COMMANDERS COMMENTS

Cdr Paul Green, AP

The summer is definitely over now, and if your boat is still in the water, you are an extreme optimist, or one of the lucky few who is able to take your boat south for the winter. Public and member classes have been under way for several weeks, and the Education Department is putting the final touches on the class schedule for winter/spring sessions.

On Saturday, November 13th, we held our General Membership Meeting for electing squadron officers and elected committee members for 2005. The dinner meeting was held at the Waukegan Yacht Club, where the business meeting was preceded by a buffet dinner, and followed by a presentation by Lynda Zachar on the North Channel rendezvous this summer attended by the Zachars, Baldwins and Greens. Lynda did a marvelous job of putting together a presentation which linked the beauty of the North Channel with the logistics of planning and navigating the trip. We had the best turnout for this

meeting that I can remember in several years, with 54 people attending. We had a good mix of old-timers, new members (including two potential new members who just finished the boating class) and the rest of us who fall in between the old and the new.

I am pleased to see that there will be three new members (less than one year) on the Executive Committee for next year, with Andy LeBoeuf in the Secretary's post, and Mitch Kosial and Oscar Lutz as members-at-large. New leaders bring fresh ideas to the squadron, and I welcome these new additions to the ExCom. During the next few months, bridge officers will be trying to fill positions on all the working committees for next year, and I urge all members to step up and volunteer for one of the committees. Many members feel that they have too many obligations with work and family to get involved. However, if we can spread the load over the entire membership, it won't present an undue burden to anyone, and we'll all have more fun. So.....please get involved. You will benefit as much from your involvement as the squadron does.

Finally, I would like to thank Dennis Boehmer who donated a Catalina 25 foot sailboat to the squadron. Dennis is another
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Sail Class Starts

Wednesday, 12 January
Bannockburn, IL

Cruise Planning Starts

Thursday, 13 January
Waukegan Harbor Building

Waukeelog Deadline

Thursday 15 January
Email: mludtke@rsg.org

Boating Class Starts

Tuesday, 25 January
College of Lake County

Change of Watch Dinner

Saturday, 29 January
Half Day Inn, Lincolnshire IL

Weather Class Starts

Monday, 31 January
Waukegan Harbor Building

Seamanship Class Starts

Wednesday, 2 February
Waukegan Harbor Building

Boating Class Starts

Thursday, 24 February
Vernon Hills High School

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 potential new member and I hope any of you who know him will encourage him to join. In the spring, I will encourage other members to help me clean, wax and perform other repairs necessary to make the boat ready to sell. We will use proceeds from the sale to fund the capital budget for our educational department and to implement a PFD-for-kids loaner program at Waukegan Harbor. Thanks to Mike Ludtke for his towing services to get the boat to Rondout and to Mark Davenport

for providing a facility to store and work on the boat.



Cdr Paul Green and Dennis Boehmer exchange the title. Dennis donated his 25' Catalina to the squadron.

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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
Lt/C Keith Baldwin, JN



Congratulations, congratulations, congratulations! Yes, congratulations to all of you who have taken the time this year to make yourselves better boaters by taking a class. And I might add there were many of you. Here is an inventory of your achievements.

Courses Completed to date in 2004

Class	# of participants	Instructor
Seamanship	4 people	Lt/C Mark Davenport, P
Piloting	4 people	D/Lt/C Keith Baldwin, JN
Ad. Piloting	5 people	Lt Gordon Bloom, N
JN Open Bk.	4 people	Lt Gordon Bloom, N
JN Closed Bk.	5 people	Lt Cordon Bloom, N
Marine Elect.	5 people	Cdr. Paul Green, AP
Inst. Dev.	6 people	D/Lt/C Keith Baldwin, JN

Courses in Progress to date in 2004

Class	# of participants	Instructor
Piloting	14 people	D/Lt/C Keith Baldwin, JN
JN Sights	4 people	Lt Gordon Bloom, N
Navigation Class	5 people	P/R/C Alfred Richter, SN
Engine Maint.	7 people	Lt Mervin Rosen, AP

Total that up and it represents over 50% of our squadron population. Granted, some people are represented in more than one category, but still the number of hours dedicated to the improvement of boating skills and knowledge is huge.

Of course, none of those classes could have been presented were it not for the instructors. We are all in their debt for the dedication and personal sacrifice they have given to teach and proctor classes.

If you are feeling like you missed out this year, you did! But it is not too late to improve your boating skills and enjoyment. We have just published our winter – spring member's class schedule. Look it over, signup, and be part of the "in" group next year!



Recent Instructor Qualification graduates, Cdr Paul Green, Andy LeBoeuf, Tom Parkinson, D/Lt/C Keith Baldwin & Lt/C Mark Davenport. Not shown Lt/C Julie Sanders

Upcoming Member's Classes

Seamanship begins 2 Feb.
 Weather begins 31 Jan.
 Cruise Planning begins 13 Jan
 Sail begins 12 Jan
 Inst. Qualf. -- TBA



POSTCARDS FROM THE ROAD

Captain Bob Kunath, AP

There's a lot to be said for staying in one place for a while.....especially if it's the Chesapeake Bay! This is a boater's paradise.

After a brief stop in Solomons Island, MD in June we decided that this place warranted a closer look. So, we returned here in late July, where we hauled out for about six weeks for a trip home, with the intention of returning in September to spend some time cruising the Chesapeake. Good Plan! We relaunched in mid-September.

Solomons is located on the western shore of Maryland, about half way between the northern and southern ends of the bay. As such, in two days one can travel either north or south to cover the entire length of this fantastic body of water. That opens up enormous cruising grounds: The Chesapeake offers the cruiser more coastline than the entire "left coast" of the US! Back Creek, the location of Solomons, is a branch of the Patuxent River a few miles from the Chesapeake. As such it very well protected, virtually bullet proof. And beautiful! There are at least 10 marinas here, with a boat count well over a thousand. Add a great maritime museum, some cool restaurants and watering holes, and you're hooked on the place!

As with all plans, we found that ours to explore the Bay this fall was a little ambitious. It has been said that the hardest part of any voyage is getting away from the dock, and, alas, that is true here, too. We

have found ourselves living here, not cruising here. The normal diversions of life have interfered.

Here's a sample of the events diversions that we encountered, and embraced here:

- Spring Cove Marina – Our temporary home, great resort like marina, year 'round pool.
- Maryland Lighthouse Challenge – Visited (by auto) 9 Maryland lighthouses in a weekend.
- West Marine Trawlerfest, Bob lectured a seminar about the Great Loop.
- Calvert Maritime Museum, complete with a Beach Boy(s) concert.
- Annapolis Sailboat Show.
- Annapolis Power Show.
- New Jersey Lighthouse Challenge – Visited 11 New Jersey lighthouses in a weekend.
- Niece Amy's wedding in New Jersey.
- Visit to the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum hanger at Dulles.



Navesink Lighthouse

We even attended a few meetings of the local Power Squadron, and did a seminar for them, too. Yes, plenty of steamed crabs, crab soup, crab cakes, etc.

We did manage a three-day cruise to Cambridge and Oxford on the Eastern Shore, as well as many local day cruises. The local cruising is great, with plenty of back creeks and bays to explore for a
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!



Dietrich Bronst	Dec 3
Frank A. Herbst	Dec 11
Joseph F. Sackett Jr.	Dec 11
Mark S. Davenport	Dec 28
JoAnn S. Heindel	Dec 29

Carol A. Kunath	Jan 6
Boris Peck	Jan 18
Andrew A. LeBoeuf	Jan 19
Robert E. Sloat	Jan 19
George R. McLaughlin	Jan 25
Helen Parkinson	Jan 30
Sharon Bucher	Jan 31

If you don't see your special day listed contact Roster Chairman Ellen Ludtke. Eludtke@rsg.org
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 few hours. Oxford in particular looks like a place we'll try again next Spring. Great restaurants, and local dealerships for Grand Banks and Hinckley are here. What toys they offer!

And of course, after a year of cruising, Sans Souci needed some TLC, so we've spent a goodly amount of time refinishing the teak, compounding the fiberglass, doing engine maintenance and dealing with some gremlins that have taken possession of our heat pumps. That, of course, is an ongoing process, but we want the boat to be in top shape for our trip home next summer.

We met some cool folks here as well. One of the guys on our dock, Ray, tells me he's been in the same slip on this dock for 40 years; his boat is a double cedar planked boat that he built with his father over 50 years ago. The boat is powered with a 12 cylinder Rolls-Royce engine that his Dad acquired as Army surplus after WWII. We've also met a few snowbirds on their way south; Solomons is very popular as an anchorage for these perennial migratory boaters, sail and power alike. One couple at Spring Cove lives in Utah in the winter, and here on their Beneteau for the summer. Another lives in New Mexico for the winter, here for the summer. Hmmmmm.

Oh, Yeah, it was about 70 and cloud free today, Election Day. There has been no frost yet, and the lowest daytime high temperature about 60.

We'll be hauling for the winter in about a week, then heading home for the holidays. But we'll be back here in April, ready to start north, again with the intention of exploring the cool anchorages and docks in the Chesapeake. Another good plan!

Welcome New Members



Sam & Patricia Guinta reside in Northbrook. They have a sailboat "HobNob"

Tom & Gail Adams reside in Green Oaks. They own a 28' powerboat "Apples III" harbored at Chincoteague Island, Virginia

Oscar and Sue Lutz reside in Libertyville and own a 33' sailboat "WindLassie" harbored at Waukegan

Sailors Corner

US Sailing

Safety at Sea Seminar

US Sailing will be holding its Safety at Sea Seminar at Strictly Sail Chicago on Friday 4 February.

To register or get more information, visit their website at www.strictlysail.com; drill down to Strictly Sail Chicago; Seminars; US

Sailing Safety at Sea

Volvo Ocean

Racers Wanted

LaSalle Bank is looking for two sailors to fill their crew for the 2005-2006 Volvo Ocean Race. If interested, apply at

www.abnamro.com/team

The above are non-USPS events, but we thought members may be interested. If you have any events you would like mentioned, email the editor.

WSPS Ship's Store Holiday Shopping Ideas

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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