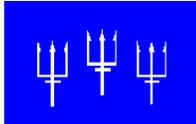
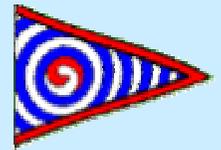


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COMMANDERS COMMENTS

Cdr Paul Green, AP

As I write this article, I am looking back at the past year to give me vision for the coming year. We started 2004 with new Bridge Officers who, for the most part, were unfamiliar with the workings of the Executive Committee. We had officers who were pressed for time from the demands of their jobs and everyday lives, but somehow persevered and turned chaos into a mildly successful year. By the time this article goes to press, the new Executive Committee will have been sworn in, and will actively be planning activities for the coming year. Having only one new Bridge Officer who hasn't been part of the Executive Committee in the past should allow us to get a head start on implementing our plans for the new year.

I would like to thank Jim Mast and Mark Davenport for their dedicated service on the Bridge during the past year. Jim Mast has been Treasurer for 2-1/2 years and has structured an information system which facilitates a simplified approach to the financial management of the

squadron. I commend him for all his hard work and dedication. Mark Davenport, although under heavy demands from his business, somehow found time to complete the Secretary's duties in a very proficient manner. I want to thank him for staying on as a Member-at-Large on the Executive Committee for the following year. Terry Hartl (2004 Exec Officer) and Julie Sanders (2004 Admin Officer) have stayed on the Bridge for 2005, but have switched offices.

David Zachar, who was a Member at Large on last year's Executive Committee, has moved into the Treasurer's position. Like Jim Mast, David has a financial management background, which should allow for a smooth transition. New to the Executive Committee is Andy LeBoeuf who will be taking on the Secretary's post. Andy is the winner of last year's *Commander's Award* given to a new member who made the greatest contribution to the squadron during the past year.

The Administrative Department is beginning to plan activities for this coming boating season. In addition to some new cruises, we plan to offer the CPR/AED seminar again this spring, so that any members who want to become certified in CPR and the use of automatic electronic defibrillators will be able to do so with a one-day seminar and test. Those who were certified two years ago will be able to renew
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Events

Seamanship Class Starts

Wednesday, 2 February
Waukegan Harbor Building

D/20 Operations Workshop

Saturday 5 February
Lisle, IL

Boating Class Starts

Thursday, 24 February
Vernon Hills High School

D/20 Spring Conference

Fri-Sun, 11-13 March
Lisle, IL

Waukeelog Deadline

Tuesday 15 March
Email: mludtke@rsg.org

Membership Meeting

Saturday, 19 March
Rec Center at Heather Ridge
Gurnee, IL

Commander Comments

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their certification. If anyone would like to offer ideas about summer activities, please call or email Terry Hartl.

We had 12 new members join the squadron during 2004, which we hope to replicate again in 2005. I want to encourage all the new members to attend meetings and become active in all the events of the squadron.

Change of Watch Awards:

Three awards winners were announced at the Change of Watch dinner meeting on January 29th.

A new revolving trophy was created for the annual educational award. The new award will be presented annually to the person who contributed the most to the educational department. The basis for judging the winner can be for a single year's contribution or for cumulative years of contribution. The Executive Committee voted unanimously to name the award the **Albert M. Smith Educational Award** in recognition of the many years which Al Smith has devoted to the training and educational excellence fostered by the

educational department. It was only fitting that Al Smith was selected as the 2004 recipient of the award.

Another new award was created to recognize contributions by a new squadron member for the prior year. Andy LeBoeuf was the recipient of the **Commander's Award** for 2004. During his first year as a member, Andy became certified to teach the public Boating & Boat Smart classes. He also volunteered to become the Membership Chairman. During the year he taught segments of several Boating classes; he attended most of the boating classes to give membership presentations and to talk to students about membership in the WSPS. He also prepared booklets to give to new members outlining the workings and structure of the squadron. Andy did all this, and still managed to take Seamanship and Piloting during the year.

As of this writing, the winner of the **Boner Award** for 2004 was still unknown. However, there is no doubt that Bob Carnahan was on his best behavior (especially when he had Al Richter onboard) so that he didn't get it two years in a row.

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2004 MERIT MARK RECIPEIENTS

Fred Adams	Paul Green	Linda Osterndorf
Helaine Baldwin	Mary Ann Hartl	Tom Parkinson
Keith Baldwin	Terry Hartl	Al Richter
Gordon Bloom	Frank Herbst	Dave Sallmann
Bill Cotey	Inger Herbst	Marcie Sallmann
Mark Davenport	Andy LeBoeuf	Julie Sanders
Tenney Ford	Ellen Ludtke	Al Smith
Ed Fugelseth	Mike Ludtke	David Zachar
Jeff Geltz	Jim Mast	Linda Zachar
Donna Green	Ken Miller	



New Senior Members

(5+ Merit Marks)

Fred Adams
Paul Green
Inger Herbst

Educational
Proficiency Award
(AP, plus three electives)
Bob Kunath



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

Well, here it is January, and once again Helaine and I are in Florida attending the National Convention of USPS. This has become somewhat of a tradition and I must admit that it does have its *advantages*. Last year I reported that there were sweeping changes coming in the Educational Department. One of the *advantages* of being down here was that I got to see first hand the new PILOTING COURSE. This fall twelve members of our squadron got to experience this new PILOTING COURSE which has recently been distributed. Having taught both the old and the new courses, I appreciated the ease with which the students quickly and painlessly picked up the concepts and skills to safely navigate from one place to another using GPS as well as the more traditional navigational techniques of dead reckoning and bearings.

This year the new ADVANCED PILOTING course has been unveiled. I also had the *advantage* to see and hear this new course and see that it too promises to greatly enlighten navigators to advanced techniques and skills utilizing additional GPS concepts, radar, sonar, and computers. The presenter at the seminar suggested that every Squadron member, SN, N, JN, and APs could benefit by taking this new course, and urged everyone who is retaking to take the open book exam, (there is no closed book exam.) He also promised that you would retain your current ranking

regardless of how you do on the exam!

Another *advantage* of being here is to visit with those who are responsible for developing courses and programs for USPS, and to exchange ideas and suggestions with them and to hear what is being done to keep us the most progressive self-educating club in the recreational boating world. I am pleased to announce that those of you who are enrolled in our Cruise Planning, Weather, and Sail courses this winter will be using the latest edition of books and support materials available. In addition to that all of the presentations will all be done utilizing state-of-the-art Power Point technology.

Another *advantage* of being here is that it is 81 degrees, I am sitting by the pool in my swimming trunks, bathed in bright sunshine, sipping on some umbrella drink, while you are back in Illinois digging out from a 14" snowfall!

Think about it, you too can take *advantage* of the wonderful opportunities that are offered in the terrific array of courses, programs and activities that are available to us as members of WSPS. Sign up for a class, volunteer for a committee, lend a hand teaching or proctoring a class, attend Squadron meetings and events, go to a District or National Conference, get involved! Trust me, you will enjoy it sooooo much more



Class Congrats



Seamanship
Andy LeBoeuf

Engine Maintenance
Mitch Koziol
David Zachar
Oscar Lutz
Sue Lutz
Merv Rosen

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!!**
February Birthdays!

- 1 Julie Sanders
- 7 Conrad Metcalf
- 8 Mike Ludtke
- 8 Sue Lutz
- 10 Linda Jensen
- 10 Lynda Zachar
- 18 Joyce Bloom

March Birthdays!

- 2 Betty Moran
- 17 Kevin Thieme
- 23 John VanBenthuyzen
- 26 Betti Kinzalow
- 26 David W. Sallmann
- 26 Thomas Valenzo
- 28 Ray A. Weigand

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

PLAN TO ATTEND General Membership Meeting

19 March

Hidden Hills
Rec Center at
Heather Ridge,
Gurnee IL

The squadron will provide
the drinks and main course
for this meeting, with
attendees expected to bring
a salad or desert.

Following dinner,
Guest Speaker
Capt. Bob Kumath, AP
will present
The Adventures of
Sans Souci on the
Great Circle Cruise

Welcome New Members



Welcome

John & Patty Josko.
John & Patty reside in
Vernon Hills and sail
Grandma's Cat out of
North Point Marina

Introducing Lt/C Andrew Arthur LeBoeuf, S WSPS Secretary for 2005

Where did you grow up?

I was born in Chicago and raised in the house my grandfather built in the early 1900s. I went to school at St. Bartholomew Catholic School. My grandfather built the Church and school. After I graduated Foreman High School, I attended Wright Community College and De Vry Technical Institute of Technology with a degree in Electronics engineering.

I was drafted on my 21st birthday and served in the United States Army. After basic training in Kentucky, I was stationed in San Antonio. From there I went to Europe as part of the 5th Special Forces.

What type of work do you do now?

I am retired from Pitney Bowes after working for 33 years as a senior systems designer. We designed large mailroom facilities for companies such as Bank One, Citibank, Discover Card and Southern Bell Corp. These are just a few of the projects I was involved with. Currently I have a real estate license with Koenig & Strey Real Estate in Libertyville. I also started my own company, Allspect Inc., which does home inspections.

What type of boat do you own?

I have owned several boats over the years, from a 16 foot fishing boat to a

34 foot Sea Ray, my current boat on Lake Michigan. I like boating because it is a family function and it's one way to keep the family together and visiting with each other. I find this is a fun way to enjoy days with the family, especially if there grown and have there own family.

Tell us about your family.

I married May Lou Aiello in October of 1970 and have been with her for over 34 years. We have 3 wonderful children. Dan, age 29, is married to Kate. Dan is a graphic arts designer with U-line Inc in North Chicago. Lisa LeBoeuf is a Public Defender with the States Attorney Office in Lake County. And then there is Andrew Anthony LeBoeuf, he is currently a student at Chicago Medical School, the Roslyn Franklin campus in North Chicago. His goal is to become a Pediatrician ER Doctor.

Besides boating, do have any other hobbies?

I refereed ice hockey for 18 years and have coached hockey teams for different schools and ice rinks over the years.

What got you interested in the Sail & Power Squadron?

One of the ambitions I have is to help make boating safer and a better enjoyment for family, friends and the public.

Thanks for your time Andy.

DISTRICT 20 NEWS



The D/20 Spring Conference is coming up 11-13 March at the Lisle Hilton. The theme is "Boating on the Big Screen". Check your recent Trident Newsletter or the D/20 website for registration forms.

See you there!

ATTENTION PHOTOGRAPHERS



The Basic Public Education Committee is seeking photos for new editions of the *Boat Smart* and *The Squadron Boating* coarse books. The best 10 photos will receive a prize. Email BPECom@gmail.com for more information and a registration form.

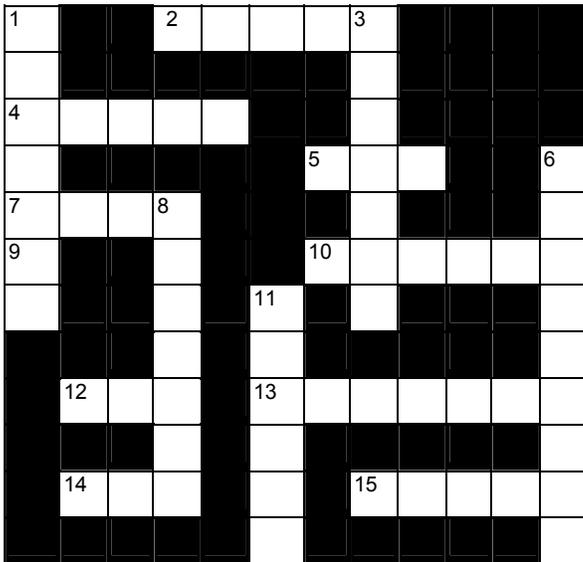
WSPS CROSSWORD

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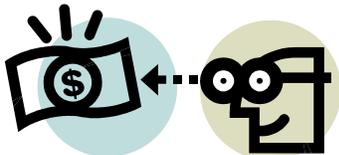
2. Incoming Administrative Officer Terry ____
4. Hotel location of upcoming D/20 Conference and Operations Training.
5. The time to get involved is ____!
7. Our Squadron
9. " ____ " will get involved.
10. Waukeelog editor Mike ____
12. The "Power of ____" National campaign.
13. WSPS July rendezvous destination.
14. Global Positioning System
15. 2004-2005 Commander Paul ____

Down

1. 2004-2005 Educational Officer Keith ____
3. Incoming Secretary Andy ____
6. Marina of WSPS annual September rendezvous.
8. Incoming Executive Officer Julie ____
11. Incoming Treasurer David ____



CROSSWORD PUZZLE DRAWING



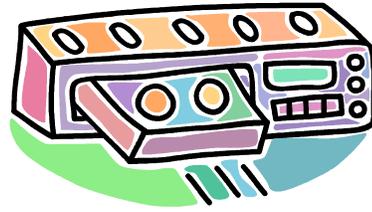
Once you complete the crossword, send it to Waukeelog Editor for a chance to win a \$25.00 WSPS Ships Store gift certificate. The drawing will be held at the Membership Meeting, Saturday 19 March.

Send to:

**Lt Mike Ludtke
11419 Zarnstorff Road
Richmond IL 60071**

Or bring it with you to the meeting.
Sorry, but ExCom members are not eligible for the drawing.

LENDING LIBRARY



Waukegan's Sail and Power Squadron now has a lending library. You might say we have a few acorns from which we hope to grow a mighty oak of information on power and sail boating. The following is a list of our current inventory:

- Handling and anchoring your boat--Better Boating Series
- National Safe Boating Test—USPS
- Small craft facility reporting
- Your Guide To Safety Equipment—USPS
- Set Sail Video Magazine 1999 - America's Cup, On Charter, Jill's Grill, Sailing Tips, Formula 40 Fever, Sailing school, Medical check list, Builder's boast, Nautical news, and Windsurfing.

If you would like to borrow or donate a video contact Frank Herbst 846-398-6469.



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. Be sure to note your sizes for the shirts.