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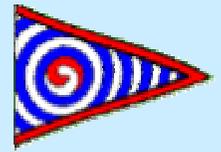
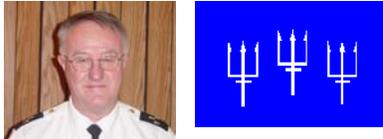


Photo Credit: David Snyder
Pictured is P/C Al Smith, SN holding the *Albert M. Smith Educational Award*, which was awarded to Al at the Change of Watch meeting on 29 January, 2005. The new award was named after Al to commemorate the many years of service he has diligently given to the Educational Department of The Waukegan Sail & Power Squadron. Al's service as SEO, his attendance at all our public boating classes and many member classes, where he is known for his persistence in making sure that the highest standards of teaching and accuracy of material is adhered to, has had a significant impact on the quality of the educational program of the squadron. The revolving award will be given annually to the person deemed to have made a significant contribution to the Educational Department, either during the past year or over several years.



COMMANDERS COMMENTS Cdr Paul Green, AP

I just returned from the D20 Spring Conference and my mind is racing with all the information I brought away from it. First, I would like to report that District is making progress towards making the conference more interesting for all members. The EXPO had better exhibitors this year, and there were seminar speakers which had topics of interest to all boaters. This year a seminar on fiberglass and wooden boat repair was excellent, along with a speaker from St. Paul Insurance Company, the carrier for the USPS insurance program. I finally have a better understanding of how premium discounts accrue to USPS members.

Most importantly, I came away from the conference with a renewed pride in and appreciation of our own squadron. Of all the areas in which squadrons are measured, we are probably not tops in any. But I feel we are way above average in all of the measures, and that is what gives me such a strong sense of pride.

Our member involvement is strong.
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Events

ExCom Meeting

Tuesday, 12 April
Waukegan Harbor Bldg.

Boat Smart Starts

Sat-Wed-Sat, 16-20-23 April
North Point Admin Building

Boat Smart Starts

Tuesday, 19 April
Libertyville High School

ExCom Meeting

Tuesday, 10 May
Waukegan Harbor Bldg.

Boat Smart Starts

Sat-Wed-Sat, 14-18-21 May
Waukegan Yacht Club

Waukeelog Deadline

Sunday 15 May
Email: mludtke@rsg.org

Used Equipment Sale, VSC Day, Picnic

Saturday, 21 May
Waukegan Harbor

Commander Comments

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We had more than 50% of membership turn out for each of our last three general members meetings. We also had over 30% of our members receive merit marks last year. Three new members, Sue Lutz, Oscar Lutz and Mitch Koziol, attended the D20 Spring Conference.

Our membership is growing. We had 12 new members last year, with three of them (Andy LeBoeuf, Mitch Koziol and Oscar Lutz) serving on the Executive Committee this year. Our membership program has strengthened and we expect to do even better this year with new members and membership retention. A new member mentoring program is expected to help more new members get involved in squadron activities immediately.

Our public boating class program is stronger than ever. We are giving 10 to 11 classes, teaching over 100 students each year. We have several new instructors certified to teach the public courses and they provide much needed support to Tenney Ford's efforts. We have several members attending each public class to promote a broader image of the WSPS and to create boating dialog with those students. Our Educational Department has

transitioned to all the new course material and has adequate training and equipment (computers and digital projectors) to teach the new powerpoint-based courses at multiple locations concurrently. We also have instructors qualified to teach all the advanced courses. We will continue to invest in equipment to maintain a strong educational emphasis.

Our boating safety program is becoming more visible. This month we trained several new vessel safety examiners, and will implement plans to improve our VSC presence at Waukegan and North Point marinas. Our new Childrens' PFD program will be in beta test at Waukegan Harbor beginning this spring, and will be extended to North Point Marina if we can work out the logistics. Training in CPR and the use of defibrillation equipment this spring will round out our safety program.

Lastly, we are in a strong financial position which makes it easier to accomplish all of the above as long as we can maintain the commitment to involvement by all our members. I hope you all share my pride in the squadron and work with me this year to maintain our quality organization.

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Welcome Aboard



Michael Orscheln

Michael resides in Libertyville
His 38' Power Boat is named
'Another Road'

**ENTHUSIASTIC AND
FRIENDLY PEOPLE
NEEDED**



The squadron is looking for friendly and enthusiastic people to help welcome new members into the Waukegan Sail & Power Squadron. This will involve meeting students once or twice during their boating course and helping them understand what our Squadron is about. As mentor you will guide new members from the first day of membership to their first anniversary. You will help them meet our members at meetings and bring them into our family as safe boaters.

Anyone interested can contact Andy LeBoeuf at 1-847-370-9207 or srfix@aol.com for more information.



EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Lt/C Keith Baldwin, JN

Did you ever experience the joy of seeing your child master a new skill, watch your pet accomplish a new trick, or coach your team on to new victories. These are all the visible results of training, i.e., teaching and learning.

As the Squadron Educational Officer I have had the opportunity to observe the many forms that education takes. We all learn things every day, and the unique thing about that, is where and when learning takes place. Of course we all recognize the effects of the classroom experience. The setting with a qualified instructor presents logical information that we translate into a new skill, type of behavior,

attitude, or way of thinking. As our winter/spring class schedule winds down toward the boating season, once again our Squadron can be proud of their participation in this learning format to prepare them to be better boaters in 2005.

Another form of education is the experiential exercise. In this format, the participants spend the bulk of their time not only learning new skills, but also practicing and perfecting those skills under qualified supervision. As a responsible member of the Squadron and the boating community you will have an opportunity to develop and perfect the skill of Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation, and Automated External Defibrillator operation. As a skipper you are responsible for everything that happens on your boat, and that includes the health and safety of your crew and guests. Why not dedicate one day this spring to educating yourself, and gaining the skill that just may save a life!

Class size for the "Save A Life" program is limited. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required.

We learn in other ways also. Teaching and proctoring a class is a great way to put into practice the things we know. Going to Squadron meetings provides us with the opportunity to learn what is going on in the Squadron, and to meet new members. Going to District meetings and events broadens our horizons, and exposes us to people and activities that are available nowhere else.

The seeds of education are all around. Plant a few of them in yourself and watch them blossom into skills you will have for the rest of your life.

"SAVE A LIFE"

GET CERTIFIED

Training in:

CPR ON ADULTS

CPR ON CHILDREN

DEFIBRILLATOR OPERATION

North Point Marina Conference Room

SATURDAY 11 JUNE 2005

08:30 – 4:00pm

\$40.00

Includes Sandwich Lunch

Pre-registration Required Registration Closes 6/4/05

To reserve, send a check, payable to "Waukegan Sail & Power Squadron" to:

Lt/C Julie Sanders, P

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Winnetka, IL 60093

Class Congrats



Piloting

Matthew Banach

Alison & Ed Gerstad

Donna Green

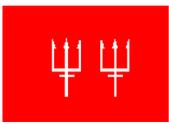
Sam Guinta

Mitch Koziol

Oscar Lutz

Sue Lutz

Ann Richter



EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Lt/C Julie Sanders, P

While the Executive Officer hasn't been very busy lately, the Executive Office has been. We have several programs we hope to pull off but success depends on your involvement. Twenty-one May is the kick off for Safe Boating week and we have a full day of activities planned for everyone.

First we will begin the day with our Annual Used Equipment Sale. This is not only a fund raiser for the Squadron but also a "FUN" raiser. Items to be sold should be dropped off between 8-10am the day of the sale. We encourage you to clean your garages and basements in search of things you'd like to unload. We also ask that you help spread the word around the harbor to fellow boaters so that they, too, can participate in the sale either by dropping off items to be sold or by shopping or both. All items not sold are to be picked up by 2pm the day of the sale otherwise they will be considered a donation to the Squadron and recycled into next year's sale. In addition to your sale items, your presence would also be appreciated in helping with the event.

Second, during the Used Equipment Sale we will have an Open House booth to help educate others about our program and services. During this time we will also be performing Vessel Safety Examinations. More details on this portion of the day will follow in an E-Flash but if you should have any ideas for the Open House, please let me know.

And finally, that afternoon we will have a Squadron Picnic at the Harbor. Everyone is invited and this would be a great opportunity for you to introduce others to the Squadron. We will have numerous fun activities planned for the afternoon.

Moving beyond the 21 May events, Frank Herbst has been successful in getting support from both Waukegan and Winthrop Harbors to set up a Life Jacket Loaner Program. This program will provide life jackets on a loaner basis, for boaters in need--particularly for children. The jackets will be available for check out on a daily basis. We are hoping to get the jackets donated, and Frank is busy acquiring all the data necessary for the grant.

At the Spring District 20 Conference I learned of a new program that we are participating in as a beta test. It's called the Experienced Boater Program (EBP) and is designed to allow an experienced boater to take the Boating Exam without the classroom participation. We all know of fellow boaters who have been boating for a long time and would like to take our advanced classes and/or participate in our other activities. This is an entry into the Squadron that skips the usual prerequisite and is designed to further our membership endeavors. Brochures about this program will be available detailing the benefits of the program. We will have them at the Harbor Houses and can also make them available to you for the asking.

The Executive Office appreciates your support in the above mentioned programs as well as any input you may have.

Happy Birthday!!



April

Thomas Adams - 7
Ann Richter - 18
MaryAnn Hartl - 20
Daniel Martin - 26



May

Elisabeth Geltz - 2
Richard Craig - 8
John Josko - 8
Jerzy Krzaczynski - 8
Sheila Metcalf - 9
Mitchell Koziol - 10
William Woods - 13
Alison Gerstad - 14
Leo John Marubio Jr. - 16
Margaret M. Opeka - 17
Donna Green - 19
John Herbst - 25
Brad Thieme - 27
Terry Hartl - 31
Patricia Josko - 31

**If you don't see your special
day listed contact Roster
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ADMIN. OFFICE
Lt/C Terry Hartl, AP

**Lotsa Opportunities for
Member Involvement!**

The Administrative Department's function is to focus on internal squadron communications and activities. The various committees that makeup this department has a full schedule of activities planned to keep squadron members busy and involved. Already this year we have conducted two successful events – the "Love Boat" hospitality suite at the District 20 conference, and the March Members Meeting.

Hard work and creative ideas by our volunteers brought home a third place award in the Best Suite category at the D20 Spring Conference. This is the first time WSPS has ever won an award for suite decorations at a D20 conference, and the \$75 prize helped offset the cost of hosting the suite. The March Members Meeting saw 52 members gather at the Hidden Hills Recreation Center in Gurnee. There may not be such a thing as a free lunch, but each year in the spring, WSPS proves there is a free dinner. This year members dined on hearty Italian

Beef sandwiches and healthy Grilled Chicken Caesar salads. Following dinner, Bob and Carol Kunath presented a fantastic program chronicling their adventures onboard Sans Suici as they sail the Great Loop.

Upcoming Events:

Four exciting events are planned for the remainder of this year, so mark your calendars. Twenty-one May has WSPS at Waukegan Harbor for our popular Used Equipment Sale. This is a great opportunity to pick up bargains on high quality, used boating equipment, and get rid of "boat stuff" that you no longer need. It's a fantastic way to complete your outfitting for the season and proceeds benefit the WSPS. This event really epitomizes the old adage that "one person's trash is another's treasure." A picnic will follow.

On 19 June we have a Beach Party planned at a "to be named" location. Volunteers are scouting miles of coastline in search of that perfect beach. Fourteen October has WSPS in Lisle, IL trying to take the blue ribbon for best hospitality suite at the D20 Fall Conference. Finally we have the Fall Members Meeting scheduled for 19 November. We are looking for volunteers to help with these events. Opportunities are currently open for planners,

chairpersons, and event staff. If interested, please drop Lt. MaryAnn Hartl an e-mail (maryannhartl@comcast.net) or call her at 847-855-9912 to discuss how to become involved.

Upcoming Cruises:

There are four fun cruises planned for this summer. The cruise calendar kicks off with a Shakedown Cruise to Winthrop Harbor on 11 June. This cruise coincides with the very popular CPR and AED certification class to be held at North Point Marina in Winthrop Harbor. Next up is the 23 July Cruise to Milwaukee, followed by the 20 August Moonlight Cruise to Kenosha. The cruise calendar comes to a close with the ever popular 10 September Cruise to Racine.

Cruises are a great way to visit new harbors, share camaraderie with fellow squadron members, and enjoy new dining experiences. Jim and Betty Moran have volunteered to serve as Cruise Captains for the Milwaukee Cruise. We are looking for volunteers to Captain the other cruises. If interested, please drop me an e-mail (terryhartl@comcast.net) or give me a call (847-855-9912) to discuss.

Looking forward to seeing you at our events and cruises.

New Vessel Examiners

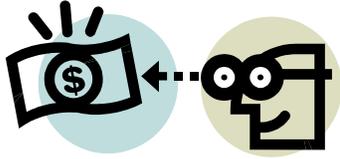


John Josko
Andy LeBoeuf
Julie Sanders



*"Scientists" say
intelligent life sprang
from the sea.
Really intelligent life
returns to it once in
awhile.
Bob Kunath*

**THE CROSSWORD PUZZLE
DRAWING RESULTS!!!**



Congratulations to John and Patti Josko, winners of the crossword puzzle drawing at the membership meeting held on 19 March.

John and Patti won a \$25 certificate to the WSPS ships store.

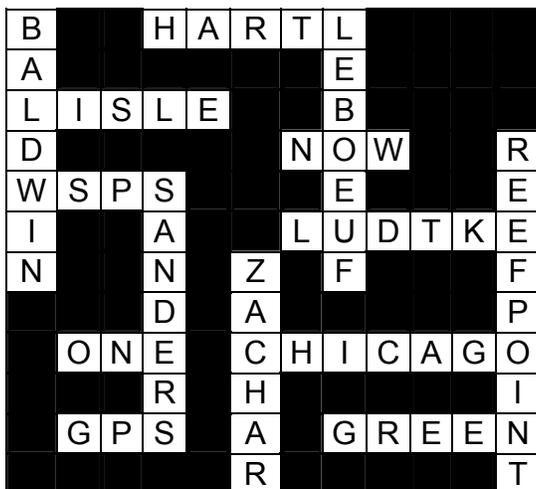
**WSPS CROSSWORD
(WITH ANSWERS)**

Across

- 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 ____



THE BIRDS, THE BEES, THE BOATERS!



**HAPPIEST SPRINGTIME COUPLES
LIKELY TO BE BOATERS**

**National Survey Indicates Boat Owners Rate
Marriage, Romance, Health, Other Key Areas
of Life Satisfaction Higher**

According to recent findings, the happiest couples this season are likely to be boaters.

A new national survey released during the Miami Boat Show finds boat owners report higher levels of satisfaction in marriage and romance than non-boaters. In addition, many key areas of life, including overall well-being, friendship, spirituality, health, work, leisure, sleep and finances, are more likely to be rated "excellent" or "very good" by boat owners than by their non-boat owning counterparts.

The survey of nearly 1,100 Americans was conducted on-line by Impulse Research Corporation, Los Angeles, and commissioned by the National Marine Manufacturers Association. The survey queried 542 boat owners and 536 non-boat owners.

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