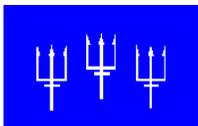
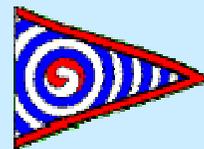


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# WAUKEELOG

Waukegan Sail & Power Squadron  
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## COMMANDERS COMMENTS

Cdr Julie Sanders, P

Wow! I am so excited to be your new Commander. I am honored you have shown confidence in me and my qualifications to lead the Squadron. My promise to you is that I will make every effort possible to serve our Squadron to the best of my ability.

Following Paul's legacy will be like chasing the sunset in a sailboat. It will be impossible without your input. When you have questions, comments or advice, please don't hesitate to talk to me (including you, Frank).

The turnout at the Change of Watch was most impressive.

Kudos to:

\*\* Donna Green for the hard work--advice and labor--you contributed to the success of the evening;

\*\* All of you who helped Paul and me worry about whether the restaurant was going to get the additional tables and chairs for the extra folks who were able to join us;

\*\* John Josko for generously

donating his raffle winnings back to the Squadron;

\*\* Chuck Berger, the District Representative, for his presentation and for administering the oath to me and the rest of the 2006 Bridge;

\*\* And to each and every one of you, as well as my beautiful family, for your support.

GREAT JOB EVERYONE!

It is thrilling to see so many of you turn out for our events. I recently spoke with another squadron who complained of low turnouts at their events—Not the case with us!

Chuck had some informative and promising thoughts regarding future plans at the District and Squadron levels. His confidence during the lnnnnnnnnng oath definitely calmed the quiver in my liver.

To reiterate some of the things I mentioned at the COW some of the plans for the upcoming year include:

\*\* Executive Officer Mike Ludtke's proposed publicity blitz, with advertising of our Squadron, classes, and cruises. The Vessel Safety Check program, continually increasing the number of boats checked for safety each year and as a recruiting vessel for new members;

\*\* Administrative Officer Mitch  
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## Events

### Boating Starts

Thursday, 23 February  
Vernon Hills High School

### ExCom Meeting

Tuesday, 14 March at 1900  
Great Lakes Kayak  
Lake Bluff IL

### VSC Training

Saturday, 18 March 0900-1500  
Deerfield IL

### General Membership Meeting & Dinner

Saturday, 18 March 1800-2100  
Heather Ridge  
Covered Bridge Rec Center  
Gurnee IL

### D/20 Spring Conference

Fri-Sun, 24-26 March  
Lisle Hilton, Lisle IL

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Koziol's plans for social events to include quality speakers along with a delicious meal at an enjoyable location. The member involvement committee will be working closely with the membership chairman to ensure that the "newbies" get involved;

\*\* Keith Baldwin's Educational Committee continuing to train new instructors, updating our classroom materials, and encouraging our members to further their boating education beyond the basics;

\*\* Secretary Andy LeBoeuf, who also serves as Membership Chairman continuing his diligent job of recruiting new members to the Squadron;

\*\* And Treasurer Oscar Lutz' attentiveness to the Squadron's

finances.

The 2006 Bridge is made up of a remarkable group of people. If we work as well together as we looked in our group photo, it's going to be an excellent year. Please remember that some of our Bridge members are rather new to WSPS so should they ask for help, take a minute or two lend a helping hand when possible.

While I may come across as a simple blonde Southern gal with a pink burgee, but truth is that I do most of the maintenance on my own boat. Down South I'm called a GRIT—Girl Raised in the South.

I thank you again for your confidence, and I am very proud to be your First Female Commander.

Sanders Out...

## Welcome Aboard



Vince and Nancy Byrne reside in Lake in the Hills. They have a power boat, "AT LAST".

Jan Guthrie, resides in Racine.

Geoffrey & MarySue Iverson reside in Arlington Heights.

Christopher & Lisa Simpson reside in Lake Forest. They have a sailboat, "Unplugged".

## D/20 SPRING CONFERENCE



The theme for the District Conference is Mardi Gras. Once again, it will be a short drive to the Lisle Hilton, March 24-26. It should be a fun weekend. Come for the weekend or just Friday or Saturday. If you plan to attend, send in your reservation form, found in the last Trident and contact Mitch Koziol to help with our hospitality suite.

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## D/20 WORKSHOP



Nine WSPS members attended the D/20 Workshop in Lisle on 4 February. Julie Sanders, Paul Green, Andy LeBoeuf, Keith Baldwin, Mitch Koziol, Oscar Lutz, Jim Moran and Dave Sallmann (not shown, Mike Ludtke).



## EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

D/Lt/C Keith Baldwin, N

The winter/spring part of our educational year is always an uplifting time for us all. The students, instructors, and proctors are all grateful for a schedule that forces them to get out of the house, get out of their cold weather routines and start thinking about the upcoming boating season.

We currently have a dozen students enrolled in our weather course. I visited the class on Monday, and it was exciting see and hear them discuss and explain how fronts, highs, lows, winds, etc., combined to cause the huge storm in the northeast last week. More importantly it was exciting to see in their eyes how they would use this new information and recognize these same factors when planning their boating activities this season. That knowledge and assurance are two of the many benefits that those students get as a result of being a member of the Waukegan Sail and Power Squadron, and is another building block in making them better and safer boaters.

We also have a dozen students enrolled in the new Piloting class. After only one class session it is already obvious these students are learning concepts and techniques that are foreign to their boating experiences in the past. It may be a small victory, but it is exciting to see them have that "Ahaa" moment when they master the technique of using a course plotter. Seeing their confidence rise as they face new challenges in the class insures that come the boating season, there will be a dozen more boaters who will be armed with a new set of skills that should make them better boaters, and the water safer for us all.

When was the last time you had the feeling that you were going to be a better boater? When did you last experience the enhanced confidence and assurance of being safer on the water because of something new you had learned? We are in the planning stages for our educational program for the fall season, and want to offer the classes you want to take. We are currently considering Seamanship, Advanced Piloting, Engine Maintenance, and Sail. I would like to hear from you if you have interests in some other course. After all, it is for you that we put on our courses. Remember, by taking additional courses you can get better rates on your insurance, but by taking additional courses you can also gain more assurance as a boater!

## Class Congrats



### Marine Electronics

Vince Byrne

Al Kisha

Carol Kunath

Bob Kunath

Richard Lazar

Guy Loiuselle

Oscar Lutz

Mike Ludtke

Ray Weigand

## 2005 Merit Marks

### Recipients



- Fred Adams
- Keith Baldwin
- Helaine Baldwin
- Gordon Bloom
- Mark Davenport
- Tenney Ford
- Ed Fugelseth
- Jeff Geltz
- Paul Green
- Donna Green
- MaryAnn Hartl
- Inger Herbst
- Frank Herbst
- John Josko
- Mitch Koziol
- Bob Kunath
- Carol Kunath
- Andy LeBoeuf
- Mike Ludtke
- Ellen Ludtke
- Oscar Lutz
- Jim Mast
- Ken Miller
- Jim Moran
- Pete Owen
- Tom Parkinson
- Al Richter
- Merv Rosen
- Dave Sallmann
- Marcie Sallmann
- Julie Sanders
- Al Smith
- Julie Thieme
- David Zachar
- Linda Zachar

# MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Who:** You!

**What:** Membership Meeting

**Where:** Heather Ridge, Covered Bridge Rec Center (this is not the same place we have met before, see map below)

**When:** Sat., 18 Mar at 1800

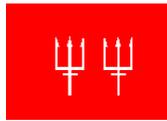
**How Much:** There will be a small cover charge for chicken, drinks and dessert.

**What to Bring:** A dish to share for approximately 6 people.

**How to Register:**

Contact Jim Moran.

Email: [Oldblue2@aol.com](mailto:Oldblue2@aol.com) or phone 847-367-1811



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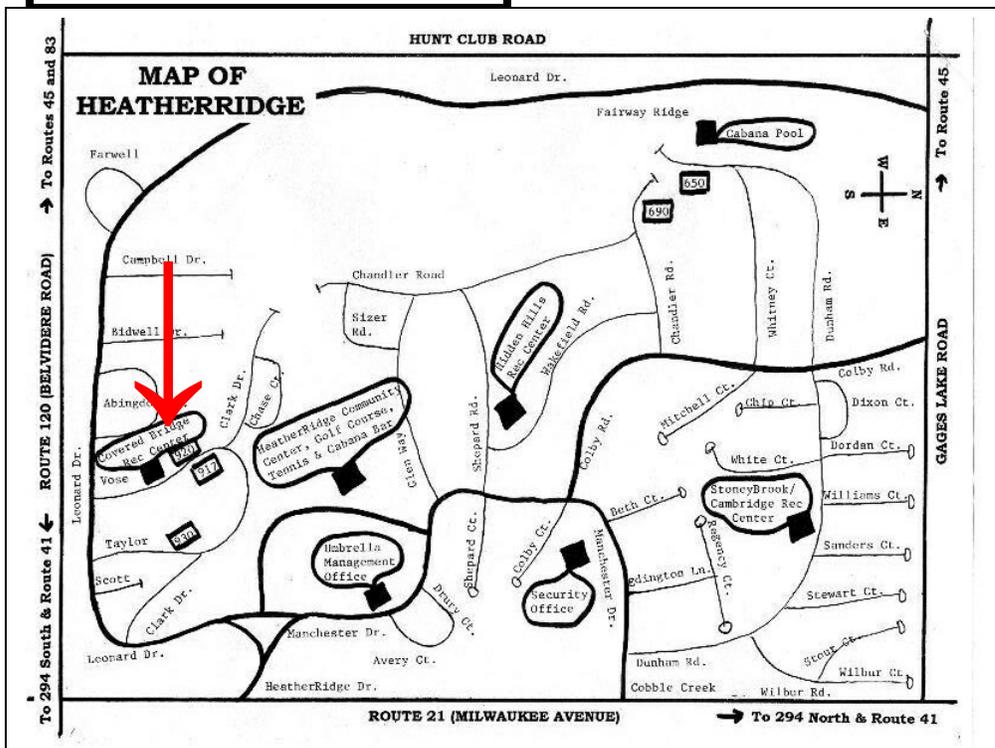
Lt/C Mike Ludtke, AP

While I was unable to attend the Strictly Sail show at Navy Pier this year, our squadron was well represented. WSPS adopted the booth all day Thursday, covering from 1000 to 1800. We were also represented at the Boat & RV Show, but not quite the same turn out. Maybe next year we can get you power boaters more involved in the boat shows. Many thanks to those who did volunteer their time, USPS could not have a booth without the support of the squadron volunteers.

I will be conducting a Vessel Examiner training session on March 18 in Deerfield. We have room for a few more if you are interested in becoming a Vessel Examiner. I know you have the knowledge, because you've

passed the Boating Course and the State Exam. With a few hours training you'll be ready to pass that knowledge on to your fellow boaters during a Vessel Exam. Nationally, we completed 32,891 exams, that's quite an accomplishment for 2548 volunteers. But with over 12 million registered boats, we still have a ways to go. Once you are certified, your hours are flexible. You can work independently, inspecting your friends and neighbors boats, or come walk the docks at one of our organized campaigns, like the Used Equipment Sale.

Speaking of the Used Equipment Sale, while you're sorting through your boating equipment getting ready to launch, don't throw anything away. Our Used Equipment Sale and Picnic is coming up May 20. We need help setting up and manning the sale. If you can help at this event, please give me a call.



## THANK YOU

The Executive Committee extends thanks to Great Lakes Kayak for providing a conference room for our 2006 ExCom meetings. When you are in Lake Bluff, stop by and check out their inventory.

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# Happy Birthday!!



**Julie Sanders Feb 1**  
**Steve Sanders Feb 3**  
**Stephen A. Kisha Feb 4**  
**Mike Ludtke Feb 8**  
**Sue Lutz Feb 8**  
**Linda Jensen Feb 10**  
**Lynda Zachar Feb 10**  
**Joyce Bloom Feb 18**

**Joseph Vavrusa March 2**  
**Betty Moran March 2**  
**Kevin Thieme March 17**  
**John VanBenthuyzen Sr.**  
**March 23**  
**Betti Kinzalow-Turnbull**  
**March 26**  
**David Sallmann March 26**  
**Ray Weigand March 28**

**If you don't see your special  
day listed contact Roster  
Chairman Ellen Ludtke.**  
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*New Commander Julie Sanders addresses the membership at the Change of Watch. Gee Pete, you could have at least faked being interested.*

## **NEW SEA SCOUT SHIP** **Tom Parkinson, S** **prknsn@xsite.net**

The Great Lakes Yacht Club (that sails out of the Naval Base) is sponsoring a Sea Scout Ship and I will be the Skipper. The Sea Scout Program is open to young men and women who are 14 years old (and have graduated from 8th grade) through age 20. In order to be ready to join in the summer cruises after they graduate, 8th graders are welcome to participate in the preparation activities.

The youth elect the Petty Officers of the Ship who plan what the crew will do. The skills that the youth learn in the early stages of the program match up well with the Squadron Boating course so I am going to be asking for help from Squadron members on particular subjects. It would be good to sign up the youth as Apprentice members of the Squadron. If any of the youth are interested in racing I will be looking for friendly Skippers to take them out.

The Ship program consists of training, social and maintenance over the winter – there are many activities possible for the new crew – ski trips, visiting the shows, visiting other Ships and Mariner Scout activities. In the summer we will start with day sails, then weekend trips, then a week cruise in the Apostle Islands with two or three sailboats. Our sponsoring Yacht Club runs activities and cruises to which we will be invited. There seems to be interest in SCUBA and in a warm-water cruise for 2007 by which time the Ship can have done some fund-raising.

It would be really great if some high school age children of

Squadron members would join the Ship (and even better if their parent(s) became involved).

We start off with a sailboat that is stored at the Naval Base and a promise of a mooring during the season. The boat is trailerable (swing keel like an old Macgregor 25) and looks like an Ensenada 20 (4 berths inside and at least two more in the cockpit and on deck). It would be great to have a slip in Waukegan and I would welcome any ideas as to how we could get the use of one (or more).

The Ship needs five full members to get a charter from Boy Scouts of America and we have only one at present so we have not set up a schedule of meetings. I expect that the crew will meet twice a month and the officers will have an additional meeting. Each month there should be an outing of some kind (even if only for Pizza).

We are fortunate in having the guidance of Tamara Christensen who has been the Mate of a Sea Scout Ship in Houston. Another leader is Mike Knill who races out of Waukegan. All Sea Scout adult leaders are required to take a Boating course from the USPS or CGAux so of course I am steering them towards WSPS courses.

Looking forward to a great year for sailing.

