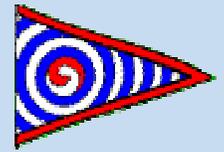


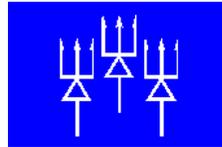
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# WAUKEELOG

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## COMMANDERS COMMENTS CDR. JULIE SANDERS, P



Boating season has officially begun and not a minute too soon. With soaring gas prices this may be the year that power boats become comfy floating condos and sailors find more and more guests on their boats. I, myself, talked my son, Tyler, into working at the harbor gas dock so that he can let me know when fuel prices are going up even more.

Working at the fuel dock, Tyler already has some nightmare stories to tell. One fellow put diesel into his fresh water tank, tried to suck it out with the pump-out hose then wanted to siphon it into the lake. Another boater emptied his refrigerator into his head and clogged up the pump out hoses and in an attempt to unclog them (yes, both of them) he spewed excrement all over the dock. If nothing else, this should make Tyler appreciate the idea of going to college after all.

The beginning of boating season also marks the end of our educational class season. In addition to the 45 students who passed the Boating and Boat Smart classes, we also passed 8 folks in the Piloting class and 7 in the Weather class. Congratulations to all of you and thank you Tenney, Tom, John, Andy, Keith, Paul and Gordon for your expert teaching skills.

Our Boat US funded placemat program (see third page) was a great kick off to Safe Boating week. On Thursday and Friday, May 18-19, we delivered 8100 placemats to participating restaurants from the Wisconsin state line down to Waukegan. Our hopes are that boaters will see the safety tips on the placemats and it will lead to a safer, more enjoyable experience for us all.

With the beginning of Safe Boating week, the Used Equipment Sale was held and was a great success. Cliff Phelps, one of our senior members, donated a 1940/50s 25hp Johnson motor which drew attention from many passersby. Early reports indicate that we profited more than usual. That, coupled with publicity for the squadron and camaraderie among the squadron members made for a wonderful event. And the picnic that followed the sale was icing on the cake. The food was wonderful and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

We have several exciting events planned for this summer. The Shakedown Cruise to Great Lakes' Blessing of the Fleet was a very rewarding and moving experience for all who were able to attend. *Continued last page*

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### ExCom Meeting

Tuesday, 13 June  
SouthPause, Waukegan Hbr .

### Waukegan Breakfast -TBA

### D/20 Cruise & Rendezvous July 14-16, Dubuque, IA

### Waukeelog Deadline July 15

### Milwaukee Cruise German Fest July 28-30

### Night Crossing August 11

### New Classes Starting Advanced Piloting 9/13 Seamanship 9/14 Engine Maintenance 9/18

D/20 Cruise & Rendezvous'  
*Check out the website for this  
super upcoming D/20 event:*  
<http://uspsd20.org/2006CandR/CandR/candr.htm>



**EDUCATION DEPARTMENT  
D/Lt/C KEITH BALDWIN, N**



Well, here we are smack dab in the first month of the boating season and our thoughts continue to be oriented toward putting the final touches on making the boat look good and operate well. These tasks are labors of love, and in most cases provide a great type of therapy for those of us who partake.

But what about the other “component” involved in successful operation of your boat? What about the “component” that makes those critical decisions involved in the maintenance and upkeep of your engine and your electronics, and of your safe day on the water or passage from one port to another? When this “component” is properly trained it can clean a fuel line strainer, replace a pump impeller, bleed air from a fuel line, etc. This “component”, when properly trained, can also change the oil and filter on a marine engine, successfully manage fuel consumption, and troubleshoot engine problems on the spot.

This mystery “component” however, is very versatile, and can also be trained to install and operate sophisticated electronic equipment such as GPS’s, Chart plotters, VHF radios, and sonar and radar transceivers. On top of that, this “component” can also be trained to repair both AC and DC wiring and circuitry that runs those creature comforts such as lights, music, refrigeration, air conditioning and hot water to our boats.

This highly prized “component” is also capable of being trained in general safety procedures, first aid, safe boat operation, cruise planning, and weather forecasting. When we add navigation that ranges from land-based point of reference to utilization of the stars and the planets, this “component” proves to be totally indispensable.

Most of us know that everything that is used has to be maintained, upgraded, and renewed. The “component” of which I write is no different, and it too needs training, maintenance and renewing. You can accomplish that by taking a class, even if you have taken it before, we have a full line of all new courses coming in the near future that could prove interesting. The Education Department could also use your talents in teaching and proctoring classes, and that is a great way to renew your own skills.

**Our Fall Class Schedule for Members:**

Advanced Piloting	9/13 – 11/15
Seamanship	9/14 – 11/16
Engine Maintenance	9/18 – 11/20

Be the “component” that continues to function at peak efficiency. See you in the classroom.

**\*\*\*\*\* Special Education Recognition \*\*\*\*\***

Our own Gordon Bloom N, who has been a dedicated and effective instructor for AP, JN, Weather and Seamanship, has just passed the U. S. Coast Guard exam for Captain, Operator of Uninspected Power Vessels to 100 Tons. Bob Kunath, AP, who holds a USCG Captain’s license, passed the USCG Master’s Upgrade exam. ***Both of these men found the USPS training invaluable in preparing for this exam. Congratulations!***

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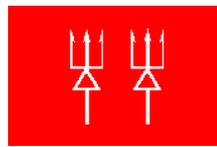
**Class Congrats**



**Class: Weather**  
**Inst: Gordon Bloom**  
Sue Lutz  
Oscar Lutz  
Stuart Gordon  
Matt Banach  
Jim Moran  
Ray Weigand



**EXECUTIVE  
OFFICE**  
Lt/C Mike Ludtke, AP



May 20-26 was Safe Boating Week. To promote Safe Boating Week, on May 20, WSPS had its Annual Used Equipment Sale and VSC Day. May was also the month we were asked to renew our USPS Membership. One of my sail racing crew, a member of another squadron, asked me, "Why should I renew my membership?" My first suggestion was to take the member courses to advance his education. But, he's taken all the classes he is interested in and asked if I could come up with anything else. I mentioned the camaraderie of the squadron, going to the membership meeting and mingling with other boaters, but he doesn't go to the meetings or attend any of the district events. I have to admit, at that point, I drew a blank. I couldn't come up with anything.

When I got home, I went to our website at [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com) and looked for reasons to continue membership. I found, discounts on boat insurance, Dell computers, C-Map Charts, books and plenty of other resources. Last year I saved enough on my computer purchase to pay for this year's membership, so the savings are there if you seek them out.

A few days later I ran into the same crew member that was considering not renewing, the conversation led to the fact that he wants to do the Great Loop and possibly sail around the world. I asked if he had seen Ken & Anne Millers presentation on their circumnavigation or Bob & Carol Kunath's presentation at the D/20 Conference on the Great Loop. Of course he hadn't seen either because he doesn't show up for the membership meetings or district events. At our last meeting, Jim Moran gave an excellent presentation on sailing the Caribbean 1500. If you are interested in sailing off-shore, doing the Great Loop, sailing around the world, or simply want to expand your boating knowledge, the resources are available. Attend the next membership meeting, come to a district conference or take a class.

If you haven't renewed your membership, I urge you do so. The benefits of membership are there, if you just reach out and use them.

# Happy Birthday!!



## JUNE

Inger	Herbst	June	4
Diane	Loiselle	June	9
Vince	Byrne	June	10
David	Jensen	June	14
Jill	Gordon	June	15
Tom	Parkinson	June	16
Anne	Kisha	June	17
Julie	Thieme	June	29

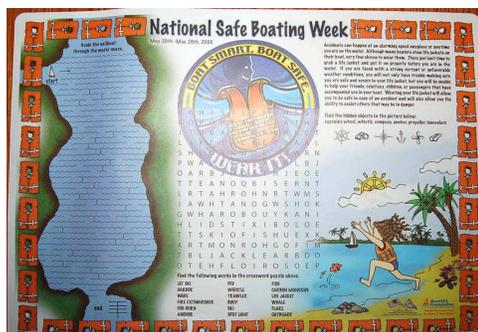


## JULY

Jan	Guthrie	July	7
Jeff	Geltz	July	9
James	Mast	July	10
Keith	Baldwin	July	18
Alice	Koziol	July	21
James	Moran	July	23
Ellen	Ludtke	July	24
Fred	Adams	July	28

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

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# Safe Boating Week, May 20-26



Mitch Koziol distributed 8100 of these placemats to restaurants in our area, to help raise awareness of Safe Boating Week. The placemats were provided at no cost to WSPS by a grant from Boat/US. To see Sudoku puzzle large enough to play, see elsewhere in this and future issues

## More Class Congrats



**Class: Piloting**

Instructors:

Keith Baldwin

Paul Green

Grads:

Michelle Vavrusa

Joe Vavrusa

Tom Parkinson

Helen Parkinson

Guy Loiselle

Dick Lazar

Michael Knill

John Josko

Note: The USPS grader stated that as a class, this was the best set of exams he has ever had the privilege to grade. He also noted that overall the plots completed were the best set he has seen.  
Wow!!!!



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There's a reason I have my email address as part of my by-line. I need HELP! We're looking for timely, interesting articles that would be of interest to the members. Found a new marine product or tool that makes life worth living? How about a restaurant in a Lake Michigan port that makes the trip there worthwhile? Have you had a boating experience, maybe even a scary one, that the rest of us could learn from? My email address in the header is a hyperlink, so just click on it and your email program should open with my address filled in. Tell me your story and it will find its way into this log someday. You may even find your contribution in the Great Lakes edition of Waterway Guide, as I'm also Cruising Editor for Lake Michigan for that guidebook. My job is to cruise to the various ports on the Lake and write reviews. Tough job, but somebody has to do it! The same goes for pictures. Send me some pictures from your cruises or WSPS events to share with the members.

A comment on our training classes. I took a SeaSchool review course two years ago with 30 other guys, many of them professional seamen, to prepare for the USCG Captain's License Exam. During that course, I was nicely surprised by how well my USPS training prepared me for the exam, particularly the charting disciplines taught in Piloting and Advanced Piloting. Gordon Bloom, my AP instructor, found the same when he took and passed the USCG Captain's exam a few weeks ago. Most long distance cruisers that we met on our Great Loop cruise spent many hours attending USPS or USCG Auxiliary classes in preparing themselves for the cruising life. Getting out on the boat on the weekends is great fun. Knowing what you're doing on the water makes that experience safe, and as a consequence makes it even more fun. Take a course this Fall!

You may notice I am experimenting with a new layout this month, a suggestion by Tom Parkinson, P. I've widened the columns so you can often read an article without having to scroll down and up the page, just read across, and scroll down. Let me know what you think about this change.

**Factoid:** Columbus's flagship *Santa Maria* had no ratlines to climb the mast, as they were not invented yet. Sailors went up the mast using a blocks and tackle, invented by Archimedes Before 200 B.C.

*Bob*

### Boat/US PlaceMat Sudoku

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		1	8		6	7		
		6	4		2	1		
	4		7	9	3			5
1	3	7				9	4	2

### \$\$\$\$ Free Electronic Charts \$\$\$\$

NOAA contracted with Maptech years ago for to scan and digitize the printed NOAA charts. Maptech was licensed to sell those charts, and did so in regional kits that sold for about \$160 each. Part of the deal required Maptech to offer those charts free after a certain number of years....., which is NOW!!! You can download those charts, as well as *Chart Navigator*, a free program to view the charts, at <http://www.freeboatingcharts.com/>

# USED EQUIPMENT SALE

Thanks to all the volunteers, those that donated items, and the wonderful weather the Used Equipment Sale was a huge success. While too many showed up to thank individually, there are several that deserve special mention: Cashiers Ellen Ludtke, Helaine Baldwin, Inger Herbst & Jill Gordon; tent setup/take-down Keith Baldwin, Ed Fugelseth & crew; the wonderful games & safety presentations of Tom Parkinson; our chef for the day, Paul Green; and everyone that brought a dish to share at the picnic. You all did a wonderful job!

We took in \$1459.60, of that amount the squadron keeps \$428.10, which far exceeds our expectations of \$250. Add the \$72.50 from the 50/50 raffle and all our efforts proved to be worthwhile. The fellowship we shared just added to the enjoyment.

## RAFFLE WINNERS

John Bucher - \$72.50 cash (50/50)  
John Seely – Startlite Restaurant Gift Certificate  
Keith & Helaine Baldwin – Stone Creek Gift Certificate  
Betty Moran – The Tropics Gift Certificate  
Jill Gordon – Emily's Pancake House Gift Certificate  
John Josko – Ruffolos Gift Certificate  
Marcie Sallmann – Rain Suit.

## STILL FOR SALE - HURRY WHILE SUPPLY LASTS!

### New Stuff:

Mustang PFD MV3118 (Medium) - \$35.00  
Mustang PFD MV3128 (Large) - \$55.00  
Mustang PFD MV3114 (X-Large) - \$40.00

25hp Johnson Outboard (circa < 1955?) – Make an offer

### Commander's Comments

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In early July we hope to have a breakfast for the Squadron at the harbor (watch E-Flashes for more details). Many of our members no longer have boats and this is a way for them to join us at the waterfront and feel more a part of the boating season. Later in July (28-30) we will be cruising to Milwaukee for their German Festival. Rumor has it that we will be getting polka lessons so don your lederhosen and dancin' shoes for an enjoyable weekend. And finally, we have a night crossing set for the weekend of August 11<sup>th</sup> and we're hoping for a clear night to enjoy the full moon. This should be a great opportunity for those of us who have never done much night boating.

I'm hoping to see you at some or all of our activities planned for the summer. Take care and safe boating,

*Julie*

