

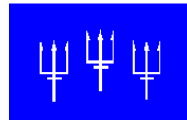
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**COMMANDERS  
COMMENTS**  
CDR. MIKE LUDTKE, N



The next couple months are very important to the squadron in terms of membership. Many of you will be receiving your renewal notices; first via email, and if you don't pay online, by USPS mail. I hope you'll pay online, as that will save the organization from sending out the paper copies. Anyway, on to my article. I'm always being sidetracked on the internet by these lists, like Ten Best Places to Retire; Ten Stocks to Own Now; Ten Reasons You Need a New Boat, so I thought I'd share my 10 reasons for continuing your power squadron membership. Here we go:

- **Take A Class:** Learn from your fellow boaters by taking a class or attending a seminar. Even if you've taken them years ago, technology changes and you never know, you might just learn something new.
- **Vessel Safety Checks:** Easy access to a vessel examiner. Contract XO Sheldon to get your FREE VSC this year.
- **Discount on your Boat Insurance:** If you contact your agent and they won't give you a discount for your USPS membership, visit [www.uspsboatinsurance.com](http://www.uspsboatinsurance.com) to get a quote.
- **Good Times This Summer:** Our AO Sean has some fun activities planned.
- **Feeling Good:** It just feels good when you give a little of you time to help the squadron at one of our events.
- **Pass on Your Knowledge:** Your vast knowledge can help educate fellow boaters if you teach a class, seminar, proctor or conduct vessel safety checks.
- **Free Money:** Discounts on all sorts of stuff. I saved on a new Dell computer with my USPS membership. I'll probably save more than my membership cost when I order my sextant from Weems & Plath.
- **Prestige:** Be involved in an organization that is second to none in promoting safe boating and education.
- **Tax Break:** Your membership is tax deductible.

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## Coming Events

- 1 April Marinas Open-Yeah!
- 2 April Larsen Marine Appreciation Day-Open House
- 5 Apr "1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday" Seminar WYC – Topic TBD
- 5 Mar 1800 Members Meeting Dinner Green Town Tavern
- 12 April 1900 Excom
- 16 Apr 1800 Social Dinner WYC
- 10 May 1900 Excom
- 14 May 0800 Midwest Womens Sailing Conference
- 21 May 0900 Used Equipment Sale and Picnic Waukegan Hbr Safe Boating Week begins
- 30 May Memorial Day Cruise and Fleet Blessing GLYC

### In this Issue...

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Extra Stuff  
WYC Trim for Speed Seminar**



## EDUCATION OFFICER Lt/C BETTI MORS, AP



### Public Classes

The winter session offered to all the ABC (America's Boating Course) which began *January 27<sup>th</sup>* at CLC (College of Lake County); which was presented by Tom Parkinson JN & Tenney Ford S. The summer session will offer another ABC commencing June 9<sup>th</sup> at CLC to obtain a larger number of students and will again be instructed by Tom Parkinson & Tenney Ford. As an incentive and to promote more members; every student who passes the ABC exam will be given *6 months FREE membership*.

### Member Classes

Marine Electrical systems instructed by Rex Miller P began February 9<sup>th</sup> and four students enrolled; held at Rex's home. Six Class Sessions plus closed book final exam given March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Junior Navigation instructor Paul M. Green SN and proctor Keith Baldwin SN. Begins March 7<sup>th</sup> on Mondays at Brunswick Corp. Lake Forest. Nine students enrolled. Eleven class sessions plus open book final exam May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Piloting instructor Tom Parkinson and proctor Tenney Ford. Begins April 7<sup>th</sup> on Thursdays at Brunswick Corp. Lake Forest. Ten Class sessions plus Open Book Final Exam. Vessel Examination instructor Sheldon Wecker and projected to begin April 9<sup>th</sup>. Seamanship instructor Betti Mors AP. Projected to begin in the Fall September season. Engine Maintenance instructor Jeff Geltz JN Details TBD.

### Seminars

The Waukegan Yacht Club seminar for March 1<sup>st</sup> was Basic Coastal Navigation presented by Tom Parkinson with a head count of 26 attended. WYC will hold WSPS free seminars open to the public every first Tuesday of every month until May. I am very happy to announce Tom Parkinson is organizing and coordinating the seminar classes and plans to expand it to Saturdays in Waukegan.

The Instructor Development Class was instructed beautifully by Keith Baldwin on February 12, 2011 at Brunswick Corp. All 9 future new instructors successfully passed.

I encourage all to plunge into the upcoming classes including on-the-water boating education that is being squared out to the final details by USPS, Brunswick & Skipper Bud's. Whatever your reason is (to lower insurance cost, be a safe boater, increase knowledge to buy a bigger boat, plan to cruise, get your captain's license, etc....). I challenge you to make this 2011 year your *educational enrichment plunge*. *Sign up for the upcoming classes...*

*Betti*

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- USPS is America's Boating Club: Enjoy the camaraderie of being a power squadron member and sharing time with your squadron friends and fellow boaters.

I'm sure you've got some of your own. If you'd like to share them, please post them online in the Commanders Corner section of our online forums at [wspsboating.org](http://wspsboating.org). I try to post something new there about once a week, so hopefully you'll join me in our online community.

*Mike*

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## *Cool Web Sites*

### **USPS Member Discounts**

[www.usps.org/national/admin\\_dept/membenefits.htm](http://www.usps.org/national/admin_dept/membenefits.htm)

Get discounts on stuff!

### **District 20 Squadron Activities**

[www.uspsd20.org/CalendarOfEvents/SQ\\_Activities.htm](http://www.uspsd20.org/CalendarOfEvents/SQ_Activities.htm)

### **Weather – All NOAA Stuff**

[www.weather.gov](http://www.weather.gov)

### **Real Time Buoy Data**

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**No Fees – No Fines – No Tickets**

USPS Safety Committee’s Vision is “Safe, Fun & Responsible Recreational Boating”. Making certain our boats are sound and equipped with appropriate safety gear is fundamental to this Vision. Having our boats inspected by a trained Vessel Examiner assures we’ve done it right. Operating a boat that meets safety standards brings peace of mind – knowing you’ve done what’s recommended to be safe, but there is another reason USPS members need to have their boats inspected – we need to “Walk the Talk”. If USPS members don’t get inspected, why should anyone? We need to be examples to the rest of the boating community. Last year WSPS Examiners did 51 checks. That’s less than the number of boats belonging to our members. This year, WSPS boat owners will all be contacted by an examiner to schedule a check. When they call – please say yes. And if that isn’t enough incentive, remember – VSC stickers tell the Coast Guard that your boat has passed inspection so they are more likely to spend their time inspecting someone else’s boat. No fees, no fines, no tickets!

This year we are offering Vessel Safety Checks at Larsen Marine. By catching boats as they are being launched, we hope to make it more convenient for boats that are on moorings, or don’t have active programs at their harbors, to be checked. Any significant issues can also be more easily fixed before the boat has left the yard.

For more information, or to schedule a VSC, please contact me at [wspso@gmail.com](mailto:wspso@gmail.com)

*Shel*

**Waukegan Yacht Club is Open for dinner  
Friday and Saturday Evenings**

**5:30 - 9pm**

**Featuring Weekend Fish Fry \$10.50**

**Open to the Public**

**Reservations Call (847) 623-4188**

***Welcoming New Members...***

**Laura Studders, Palatine, sailing *Patriot* from Northpoint**

**John and Priscilla Simons, Lake Bluff**

**Raymond Macklin, Libertyville, transferring in from National roster**

**Bruce and Wendy Hedberg, with children**

**Abby, Eric and Jessica, Chicago, sail 32’**

***Happy Birthday***

Ann	Richter	Apr	18
MaryAnn	Hartl	April	20
Laura	Studders	April	20
Daniel	Martin	April	26
Elisabeth	Geltz	May	2
Marc			
ia	Oberg	May	5
Elizabeth	Villano	May	5
Susan	Shank	May	7
Richard	Craig	May	8
John	Josko	May	8
Jerzy	Krzaczynski	May	8
Mitch	Kozioł	May	10
William			
Earl	Woods	May	13
Marlene	Cox	May	16
Laura	Hille	May	17
Norman	Eskoz	May	25
James	Holmes Jr.	May	26
Brad	Thieme	May	27
Rosalie	Villano	May	30
Terry	Hartl	May	31
Patty	Josko	May	31

If you don’t see your special day listed contact Roster Chairman Ellen Ludtke. 815-678-4300





**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER  
Lt/C SEAN SULLIVAN**



It will eventually warm up, and spring's April fool's Joke will be just a distant memory. 2011 is rich with great WSPS events. Let's take a minute, grab our calendars, and circle a few dates that you won't want to miss.

April starts off with THE BEST DAY of the year. April 1st, most of the Marinas on the Great Lakes open. It's time to prepare your slip, see the old neighbors, and meet the new ones. April 2nd, Larsen Marine is having their annual Open House and Customer Appreciation Day. This is a great opportunity to see what's new and get the best deal on bottom paint around. April 16th, we are having a social dinner at the Waukegan Yacht Club at 1800. If you have not been to the WYC lately, you should join us there for dinner. The food is amazing, people are cool, and the location is ... wait for it ... "On the Water". We will be ordering off the menu; making this the perfect opportunity to treat yourself to a steak topped with Blue Cheese, grilled Atlantic Salmon with glass of Pinot, or Classic Reuben with an ICE cold beer. I will be sending out the details and RSVP request email shortly.

May will bring warmer breezes and the time to loading up our boats. On May 21st, from 900 to 1300 hours at the Waukegan Harbor Patio, let's all stop by the Used Equipment Sale. This is the time to go through that bin of stowed nautical treasures and give a fellow boater the rush of storing it in their boat for a season ;-). In all seriousness, there will be a lot of great deals on gear you have always wanted and/or needed. We all know what it is like to have to run to West Marine because we didn't have an extra shackle, line, fender or life jacket. This is the perfect opportunity to grab what you might need and sell what you don't. Lunch will be served off the grill. Drop in when you can and leave when you want. It will be great to see everyone.

Memorial Day, May 30th, will be a day to remember. Jim Moran is Captaining our Memorial Day with the Navy at Great Lakes Naval Station. No other event on our calendar says "It's on!" like this cruise. What better time to make sure everything is rigged right and running? Keep a sharp look out for Jim's email with details.

Let me tease you with one more date you absolutely must save. Saturday July 31, is the First Annual Island Times Beach Party. If you make no other event this year, don't miss this one! We have secured a GREAT location ... .. ON THE WATER. ? (More details next month)

There is so much to look forward to in the coming months. The snow and ice is gone. The sun is high in the sky. So, let's get out and enjoy it. Let's get involved, grow our club, and make this the year you spent ON THE WATER.

*Sean*

## **Free Boating Seminars**

1900 to 2100 p.m. at  
Waukegan Yacht Club in  
Waukegan

1 Mar - Basic Coastal  
Navigation

5 Apr-The Mariners  
Compass

3 May-Mastering the Rules  
of the Road

## **American's Boating Course**

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County in Grayslake

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\$25 – Text

\$15 – Plotting Kit

Contact Lt/C Betti Mors AP, SEO at  
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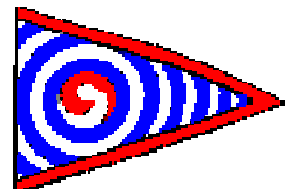
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## Social Dinner at the Waukegan Yacht Club

**Saturday 16 April 1800**

**Location: Waukegan  
Yacht Club 199 North  
Harbor Place**

**Waukegan, IL. 60085**

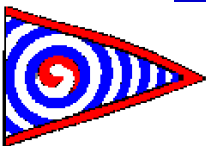
**We will be ordering off the  
menu. Separate checks / Cash  
Bar.**

**Bring a friend or two!**

**casual dining attire**

**Please RSVP by April 3<sup>rd</sup> (or right  
now would be Great)  
RSVP to Sean**

**Sullivan at [seansullivan@dls.net](mailto:seansullivan@dls.net) or  
[847-226-685](tel:847-226-685)**



We've had some interesting Power Squadron activities lately, sponsored by the Sarasota Squadron, reinforcing our interest in our mission. But first, a little background. With over 300 members, Sarasota is, I think, the nation's largest, and one of the oldest. They have their own building, which hosts activities and training with not one, but two LCD projector equipped classrooms. They are able to support a weekly luncheon with at least 50 attendees at Marina Jacks (open to guests). Of course, the average age of the members is older than most, as it is said that when older people retire, they move to Sarasota.... So they can be near their parents in Venice! Many of the members in both Sarasota and Venice are transfers from northern places. Carol and I attended a fire extinguisher demo/class hosted by SSPS and the Sarasota Fire Department. Each of the attendees actually got to operate a class A/B/C type usually found on boats, and put out a fire. I was surprised how many members did not seem to know how to activate one, so this was a worthwhile seminar.



On another note, National has combined the two awards for Web and Journalism into one new award, "Distinctive Communicator". I'm not sure why this was done, but the Squadron, Jeff and I are proud that we share the award given to Waukegan for 2010. The recognition logo is displayed both on our web site and this publication.

*Bob*

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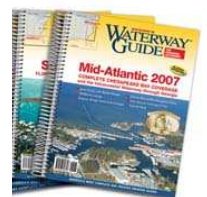
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# Extra Stuff...

## **JUNIOR NAVIGATION SPRING 2011**

**Start Date:** Monday 7 March, 2011

**Location:** Brunswick Corp,

**Time:** Start 1900, End 2100 with a 10-minute break

**Duration:** Eleven Classes plus Open Book Final Exam

**Materials:** USPS JN Student Manual  
WSPS Sextent (provided by Squadron)

**Cost:** \$ 47.50 Members

\$127.50 Non-Members (Includes 1<sup>st</sup> yr dues)

\$ 20.00 Second family attendee sharing books

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Squadron, formally of  
Waukegan Squadron,  
receives Squadron Top  
Educator Award from  
D/22 SEO Margaret  
Barber at the Venice  
COW.**

**A big 'THANK YOU' to all our members that helped or attended the D/20 Spring Conference. Pictured: Dave Sallmann, Marcie Sallmann, Lynda Ostendorff, Tenney Ford III, Gary LeVine, Kathy LeVine, Ann Richter, Al Richter, Ellen Ludtke, Mike Ludtke, Helaine Baldwin, Paul Green, Elisabeth Geltz, Sheldon Wecker, Keith Baldwin, Jeff Geltz & Tom Parkinson.**

**Not Pictured: Helen Green, Terry & MaryAnn Hartl, Oscar Lutz, Chris & Caridad Mann, Jim & Betty Moran, Dennis & Sandra Pearson and John Simmons.**

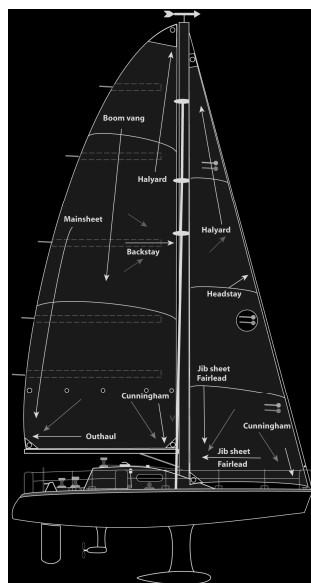


Greetings from the Waukegan Yacht Club!

Please join us on April 13, 2011 for a seminar by Bob Roitblat:

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- Minimum necessary halyard tension for flatter entry
- Fairlead in to increase Angle of Attack
- Headstay tension increased for flatter entry
- Fairlead fore/aft for proper twist or more aft in smooth water
- Trim sheet in to increase Angle of Attack

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**For More Power**  
*(Deep is power, flat is fast)*

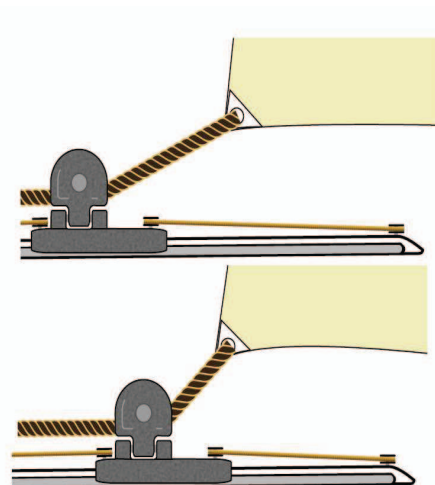
- Bear off to add power - increase Angle of Attack
- Fairlead in to increase AoA and add depth to foot
- Halyard tension decreased to move draft down & aft
- Fairlead forward to increase draft and decrease twist
- Headstay tension decreased to decrease twist
- Trim the sheet to take out twist
- Change to a larger headsail

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**To Widen Steering Groove**

- Increase halyard tension
- Decrease headstay tension
- If needed: Ease the sheet

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