

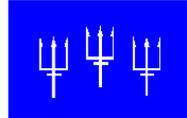
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COMMENTS**  
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It's the Boy Scout's motto, "Be Prepared", but that could easily apply to boaters too. When in command of our boats, mishaps are bound to happen, and we must be prepared. I was reminded of this a few weeks ago when I ran aground departing North Point. I missed one of the green buoys marking the shallows at the harbor entrance, of course I didn't realize this until the sounder read 6'4"; Smokin' J draws 6'6". The crew and I worked together and were able to free ourselves by shifting the weight to the back of the boat to raise the bow. Slowly we reversed off the sand, back to safe water the same way we entered. This is a rather simple example, but I think our collective experience and education made it all the easier to get out of the bad situation I put us in.

When we attend our power squadron classes or seminars, we learn a lot of useful information, but we are also preparing ourselves for potentially life threatening situations that we hope to never find ourselves in. No one expects their GPS to fail, but after completing the Piloting class, I know I can find my way without it, just in case. I don't expect to be caught in a hurricane, but after the Weather class, I know which side of the hurricane is the safe side and why, increasing my chances of surviving. Each class and seminar you attend will help build your confidence and make you a smarter and safer boater. Our 2011-12 class schedule will be announced shortly, I hope you find a class that interests you and you take the opportunity to further your education. You'll also be more prepared for any trouble you find yourself in on the water.

*Mike*

## Coast Guard Releases 2010 Boating Statistics

Recently released recreational boating statistics from the U.S. Coast Guard revealed a decline in the number of accidents, injuries, and damages in 2010 as compared to previous years. Those statistics include a 6.9% decrease in deaths from 2009, but, sadly, 672 deaths did occur.

Factors cited as contributing to accidents include: operator inattention, improper lookout, inexperience, excessive speed, and alcohol use.

## Coming Events

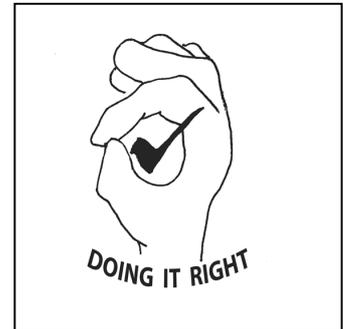
9 Aug 1900 – Excom

19 Aug – LMSS Q Race  
Solo Challenge

9-11 Sep Racine Cruise

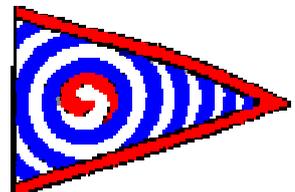
12-17 Sep – Governing Board  
Meeting Greensboro NC

24 Sep 1800-2100 Rib Dinner  
Location TBA



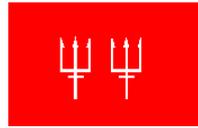
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## EDUCATION OFFICER Lt/C BETTI MORS, AP



### Public Classes

The College of Lake County has denied our request for classroom space this fall. We believe this is due to budget cuts at the college. We are presently seeking a new location to hold the class.

### Member Classes

The graduates from the Spring ABC class took advantage of the of the free six-month membership and signed up for our Piloting class. I am excited to announce that all students passed **Piloting** with very high scores. Great job students, instructor Tom Parkinson and proctor Tenney Ford! Six Class Sessions plus closed book final exam given March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Junior Navigation** - Instructor Paul M. Green and proctor Keith Baldwin. Began 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>. 7 Students did their sighting May 21<sup>st</sup> in Waukegan.

**Piloting** - Instructor Tom Parkinson and proctor Tenney Ford III. Began April 7<sup>th</sup> on Thursdays at Brunswick Corp. Lake Forest. Ten Class sessions plus Open Book Final Exam in June.

**Engine Maintenance** - Instructor Jeff Geltz has been moved to the Spring 2012.

**Seamanship** - Instructor Betti Mors is moved to December 2011.

### Seminars

Tom Parkinson is organizing and coordinating the seminar classes and plans to expand it to Saturdays in the marinas and yacht clubs thru the summer season for the purpose of educating new boaters or thinking of being boaters.

Basic Sailing Rules of Racing, Sunday August 14<sup>th</sup> @ 10 – 11am in Winthrop Harbor Yacht Club Classroom. Free Seminar all welcome.

### Other Business

Tom Parkinson has setup a youth SPIN activity using the USPS materials and instructors. Below are Tom's comments:

*A summer youth activity:*

*I have organized a 6-week Youth Sailing Program (very basic) under the 4-H organization of the University of Illinois Extension Service.*

*We meet at North Point Marina office building on Tuesday evenings.*

*There are seven youths with an attendance of parents and Sabrina Huley of the Lake County 4-H program.*

*We are using USPS ABC materials - the previous edition - which was donated by the national office for things like this.*

*Betti Mors has done a session of knot/hitch instruction using the squadron knot boards.*

*Tenney Ford has given on-the-water training and promoted the fall ABC class.*

*We sail the boats of Sea Scout Ship 946 out of North Point Marina.*

***Betti***

### **Piloting Grads**

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Nicholas Kinnas  
Ray Macklin  
Tracy Macklin  
Jeffrey R. Madore**

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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)

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

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[www.ndbc.noaa.gov/](http://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/)

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[www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/](http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/)

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[www.windmapper.com](http://www.windmapper.com)

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**EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
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### Let's be safe out there!

For those of us who cut corners and get complacent about safety, the tragic deaths that occurred during this year's Chicago-Mac race, and the sinking that occurred on the Hook, are a wakeup call.

- Have you had a Vessel Safety Check this year? Remember – for every check performed by WSPS, \$2 is contributed to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and you just may discover something you've overlooked.
- Consider upgrading your flares to 25mm, or SOLAS grade. The Coast Guard requirements are really minimums for small boats staying close to shore. Flares are essential even if you are carrying GPS beacons. The beacon will get the rescuers close, but on a stormy night when the visibility is bad, a flare gets their attention.
- Speaking of beacons – if you have one, make sure it is properly registered. Check the serial number on the sticker you got from NOAA against the serial number on the beacon. Don't trust the number on the box or registration card that came with the beacon. There have been instances where serial numbers on beacons and the boxes they came in don't match. This happened to me.
- Is your radio/handheld waterproof? The crew of the boat that capsized on the Hook contacted the Coast Guard with a cell phone that was stored in a Pelican case. It eventually quit when it got too wet as well.
- Have you done a MOB drill this year?
- Don't be macho – wear a lifejacket. Even if you have no trouble swimming, it makes you more visible and takes some of the pressure off the skipper to get it right on the first pass (especially if you haven't done that MOB drill).
- Speaking of life jackets, if you have an inflatable – have you tested it this year? You don't have to "pull the ripcord" and waste a cartridge to test it – you can inflate it manually and see if it holds pressure overnight. Contact me if you don't know how.
- In really bad conditions, or if you are single handing, you need to wear a harness and tether as well. It's important that the tether attachment at your chest can be released quickly under load if the boat starts to sink. Don't trust a release mechanism that has a split ring in it – the rings can peel open without opening the shackle (West Marine recalled a tether that had a split ring connecting the release lanyard to the shackle). A knife is a good backup, but don't count on being able to find the knife and cut the tether. You may be under water, upside down and in the dark. While the word isn't in yet on whether there was a direct connection, the two people who drowned on the Mac were found tethered to the boat.

## Happy Birthday

Ashley	Koziol	Aug	2
Al	Richter	Aug	3
John	Bucher	Aug	8
Kathy	Le Vine	Aug	9
Caroll	McIntosh	Aug	10
Stephanie	Reist	Aug	10
Essie	Woods	Aug	21
Lauren	Eskoz	Aug	24
Ed	Fugelseth	Aug	24
Bob	Kunath	Aug	27
Anne	Miller	Aug	30
Tenney	Ford III	Aug	31
Nicholas	Kinnas	Aug	31

Wallis	Sloat	Sept	2
Jack	Orlov	Sept	4
James	Booth	Sept	9
Linda	Madore	Sept	12
Marcie	Sallmann	Sept	12
Fred	Suhr	Sept	16
Thomas	McIntosh	Sept	18
Paul	Green	Sept	19
Roger	Ketcham	Sept	19
Lynn	Strauss	Sept	20
Rex	Miller	Sept	21
Steven	Townsend	Sept	23



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

- Take a course – Many of the USPS courses teach how to deal with heavy weather and emergencies

Most important – check the forecast before you go. Don't go out if the forecast is for conditions your boat can't handle. The experts haven't weighed in yet, but boat design likely played a role in both capsizes.

*Shel*



**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER  
Lt/C SEAN SULLIVAN**



The weather Gods have finally smiled on us and they could not have picked a better day. It was perfect on Saturday July 30<sup>th</sup> and our Beach Party was big success. More than 20 members and 20 guests showed up by land and sea. At one point we had about a dozen boats anchored off Simmons Island beach and a few others tied up at the Kenosha Yacht Club. We played Baggo, lounged on the beach, and Giant Jinga. The breeze off the lake kept us cool. The view was awesome. The food was delicious, beer ice cold, and the mood relaxed. It was a really great time. Many who attended expressed an interest in this as an annual event.

*Sean*



**Note: This letter was sent via email to USPS members with emails, but not to those without email addresses in National in July, 2010.**

**Please see Editor's column for discussion**

## **Introducing a new collection of USPS member benefits**

*Dear (Members Name)*

The Member Benefits Committee has put together a new group of benefits to help USPS members save money on travel, vacations, wireless phone plans, auto and home insurance, prescription drugs, computer backup programs, identity theft programs, accidental death benefits, long term care programs, senior age life insurance and cancer care insurance.

And this is just the beginning. More benefits will be added in the future. To keep you informed about what benefits are available, some providers will mail you informational pieces from time to time. USPS respects your **privacy** and will control the distribution of the list to ensure the confidentiality of your mailing addresses.

While we're confident that you'll be excited to hear about these programs as they become available, if you prefer not to receive this information, you can discontinue the mailings at any time. Simply [click this link](#) to indicate your wishes.

Thank you for your ongoing support of USPS. We're sure these new member benefits will further enrich your USPS membership

Yours in Boating,

*Frank*

Frank Dvorak  
Chief Commander  
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**Extracted from the USPS Privacy Policy**

1. Members should have a reasonable expectation of privacy.
2. We will continue to inform members and respect their privacy and will extend the same courtesy to non-members.
3. Members and employees of USPS will not seek financial gain from information learned from USPS membership, nor will others be allowed to do so.

**Further extract from the USPS Privacy Policy:**

3. The Operating Committee may authorize disclosure of information to governmental bodies, grant providers, and others if it's advantageous to USPS or its members or is required by law.

You can read the entire Privacy Policy by following this link, starting on page 19 of this document:  
<http://www.usps.org/national/natsec/Documents/PolicyDoc.pdf>

*Note: The Editor's column is used by the Editor to relate information and his opinion relative to boating; the opinions expressed herein are solely those of the Editor, and are not necessarily in line with WSPS policy, and are not reviewed by the WSPS Bridge.*

Recently we received two mailings from outside vendors in envelopes displaying the USPS logo, and inside were letters also displaying the USPS logo. One of the mailings was selling long term care insurance, the other selling Life Line Screening. Some or all of you may have received those mailings.

I've learned that the USPS Board of Directors approved last year the use of the USPS national member address data base by certain outside vendors for the purpose of offering by direct mail products or services perceived by National to be of benefit to the members. Chief Commander Dvorak announced the new policy in an email only to those members where National had email addresses for those members. I've shown the letter on the prior page, as it was intended to be distributed locally by Squadrons in addition to the email distribution from National. You may use the "click this link" hot link to opt-out of mailings if you wish. I know of no procedure to "opt-out" in writing if you have no email.

My concern is that such letters require the release of member data files to outside vendors, outside of USPS's direct control. I also believe that the practice directly conflicts with the USPS Privacy Policy (see left) that specifically prohibits the use of membership data for "financial gain".

What's your opinion? Should the USPS release member information files to vendors for the vendors' use in offering goods and services via direct mail? Let me know: send me an email or write me at 92 Mark Drive. Hawthorn Woods 60047.

**Bob**

**Q: Why do ships and aircraft use 'mayday' as their call for help?**

**A: This comes from the French word m'aidez -meaning 'help me' -- and is pronounced, approximately, 'mayday.'**

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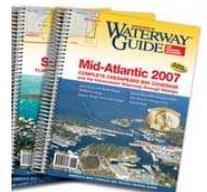
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## ***Lake Geneva Antique and Classic Boat Show***

**Location:**

The Abbey Resort  
269 Fontana Blvd.  
Fontana, WI 53125

**Participation:**

Anticipating more than 130 of the top ranked and prized vintage boats in all classes from the entire US and Canada.

**Hours:**

**Friday, September 23: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**  
**Saturday, September 24: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**  
**SUNDAY, September 25: 9:00a.m.- 4:00p.m.**

**Cost:**

Free

**Additional activities:**

Vendor area, Boat parade Saturday Sept 24, 4:00 pm, boating activities Sunday Sept 25. Speakers or restoration activities TBD Friday and Saturday, September 23 & 24, 2011, in conjunction with the Antique and Classic Boat Society's Annual Meeting.

### Friday - September 23

Location	Time	Presenter	Description
Abbey Sand Bar Room	10:00-11:00	Buddy Melges	Ice Boating on Lake Geneva
Abbey Sand Bar Room	11:00-12:00	Dan Acierno	Wright Tornado Engine Restoration
Main Tent	12:00-1:00	Steve Van Dam	Cold Molded Hull Construction
Main Tent	1:00-3:00	Don Danenberg	Lapstrake Boat Restoration: Plank Removal Plank Replacement
Main Tent	3:00-4:30	Tome Holmes	Marque Club Round Table Subject - Lapstrake Boats Several Speakers from Marque Clubs: Lyman, Thompson; Chris Craft, Century

### Saturday - September 24

Location	Time	Presenter	Description
Main Tent	10:00-11:00	Ted Cartner	Engine Maintenance
Main Tent	11:00-12:00	Ted Cartner	Engine Restoration - Tearing down a Hercules K
Main Tent	12:00-1:00	Chris Smith	History of the Chris Craft Corporation
Main Tent	1:00-3:00	Don Danenberg	Preservation vs Restoration

## Racine Cruise – Reefpoint Marina 9-11 September

WSPS is cruising to Racine, Wisconsin the weekend of 9-11 September, Friday to Sunday.

The Reefpoint staff has pledged to make every effort to put our boats together in slips in the West docks. Early reservations are essential, especially for the larger boats. Call Deb at 262-633-7171 now to make your reservation. Identify yourself as part of the Waukegan Power Squadron group to help ensure that we are located together.

Reefpoint has it all. Plenty of restaurants within walking distance, West Marine, 4 travel lifts, diesel and gas mechanics, the Johnson art museum and numerous galleries, shops and of course taverns, it is Wisconsin. And we're boaters. What a match.

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