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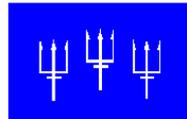
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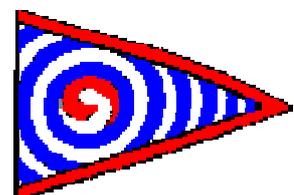


In just a few short weeks Smokin' J will be put away for the winter. It's been a fun year with a new boat and I learned plenty about sailing a race boat. We actually won a few races but we lost quite a few more. One of the reasons I bought a new boat was to have new challenges, and that's certainly been the case. Needless to say, I have a long list of projects for the winter.

Many of the projects are covered in the power squadron educational materials and seminars. One thing for sure, I need to sharpen my knot tying skills. (Oh, the stories I could tell.) The USPS "Knots, Bends & Hitches" should help. For some knot tying comes natural, for me it's an effort to get those knots right the first time. I also need to swing the compass and the Mariner's Compass seminar gave me the courage to try this myself. My compass is 10-15 degrees off depending on the point of sail and that's not acceptable by any standard. I suspect the previous owner just never took the time to adjust it and it needs to be done before we set sail next spring.

After attending the recent VHF/DSC Radio Seminar, I learned why my MMSI and GPS should have been plugged into the radio a long time ago. Rescue21 is coming to the Great Lakes in November, but as I learned, there were advantages to have it setup sooner. Based on our informal survey at the seminar, many of you with DSC capable radios don't have them setup properly either. We should all make an effort to get our DSC radios registered with a MMSI number and hooked into a GPS before the start of the 2012 season. It's on my to-do list. In the months ahead we have more "First Tuesday" seminars coming and the fall classes will be starting soon, if not already in progress. Our upcoming social events are a great time to meet with like-minded boaters concerned with keeping boating skills sharp and up to date. I hope you take advantage of all the power squadron has to offer in the coming months.

CDR Mike



Coming Events

4 Oct 1900 – Seminar WYC
Power Boat Handling

11 Oct 1900 – Excom

9-11 Sep Racine Cruise

21-23 Oct Fall Conference
Holiday Inn Elgin

8 Nov 1900 – Excom

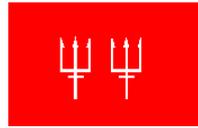
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EDUCATION OFFICER Lt/C BETTI MORS, AP



Public Classes

- Summer – Plans to enhance our Squadron's promotion of the ABC class and obtain a larger number of students. Coordinated & Instructed by Tenney Ford, an ABC class at CLC Thursday evenings commencing June 9th for 6 sessions with the Review & Examination conducted on 14th of July and Instructed by Tom Parkinson & Tenney Ford III. Did not come to fruition due to lack of students registering.
- Fall – Nine week course begins September 22 on Thursdays at The University Center of Lake County in Grayslake. P/Lt/C Tom Parkinson JN, instructor along with Lt/C Tenney S. Ford, III S.
- Once the students pass the ABC class, they will get six months free USPS membership as a promotional offer.

Member Classes

- Advance Piloting – Instructor P/D/C Keith Baldwin, SN and Proctor Lt. Robert Sloat, AP. September 19 on Mondays at Brunswick. A minimum of 5 students registered will be required to begin the class. Class was cancelled
- Sail – Instructor Lt/C Sheldon Wecker, JN and Proctor Lt. Robert Sloat, JN. Will begin September 20 on Tuesdays at Brunswick. Enough students have register to start the class.
- Seamanship – Instructor Lt/C Betti Mors, AP. Will begin December 5 on Mondays at Brunswick. Minimum of 4 students registered will be required to begin the class.
- Engine Maintenance - Instructor Jeff Geltz. TBD.

Seminars

- Tom Parkinson is organizing and coordinating the seminar classes in Waukegan Yacht Club.
- VHF & Digital Calling at WYC on September 6th was presented by Rex M. with about 14 people attending 90% members of our power squadron. Regatta Burgers were delicious.
- Power Boat Handling will be at WYC on October 4th presenter will be Bob K.
- Anchoring will be at WYC on November 1 presenter will be George K.

Other Business

- Harmonization Partnership of Skipper Bud's/USPS/Brunswick - USPS will do the seminars and instructional classes and the on the water hands on classes will be done by them. Pushed until next year.
- BOC pushed until next year.
- The free seminar "Basic Sail Racing" in August 14th was well received hosted by the Winthrop Harbor Yacht Club and presented by Mike Ludtke having about 12 people attending.

Betti

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**EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Lt/C SHELDON WECKER, P**



Guest article by Jim Moran AP:

Rex, This One's for You

Rex Atwood, long-time Waukegan Sail and Power Squadron member, succumbed to carbon monoxide poisoning aboard his boat in September, 2003. His death occurred 50 yards outside our Waukegan South Harbor entrance shortly after departing for a weekend Power Squadron cruise. I think about Rex from time-to-time. I thought about him a few days ago.

My wife, Betty, and I were heading south on Lake Michigan from Port Washington to Racine, WI. It was a near perfect day with a flawless clear sky and flat seas. We even had our own private air show. The Blue Angels were practicing for their performance the following day in Milwaukee. We were among three boats visible on the entire lake. The only thing that could have been better would have been a little more wind. We were motor sailing at between six and seven knots.

In the middle of that picture-perfect afternoon our carbon monoxide detector alarm sounded in the cabin. What in the world was going on? I went below to check it out. Although the little wind we had seemed to disburse most of our engine exhaust fumes, there was a buildup of carbon monoxide in our cabin.

Our CO detector did its job. Yet, I could not detect any odor whatsoever. Carbon monoxide is odorless. It's important to remember that carbon monoxide can be present without noticeable exhaust fume odor.

Actually, this was the second time in about ten years that we had the same experience. Our cabin had filled with carbon monoxide. How much? We'll never know. I do know that after I opened a hatch to circulate air through the cabin, it took 30-minutes before the alarm stopped as we continued to motor.

Apparent wind conditions on that perfect day were also perfect to allow carbon monoxide to accumulate in the cabin. Had there been more wind, it is likely that the CO would have been disbursed over a greater area outside the boat. If the boat heading relative to the wind had been different, the CO would have been disbursed elsewhere. But, that did not happen.

A dodger, bimini, side curtains and other enclosures do unpredictable things to air flow surrounding the cockpit and cabin. Under those circumstances, CO buildup from engine exhaust can become unpredictable, as well.

Now, here's the point. I'm nobody's mother. I won't lecture. But, I will ask the questions: Why don't more of my friends have CO detectors aboard their boats? I like to take an occasional nap while under way. What would have happened had I been snoozing? How could I have known about the presence of carbon monoxide without the alarm? How could my friends have known if this occurred on their boats? How could Rex have known?

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Christopher	Manns	Oct	14
Jessica	Hegberg	Oct	15
Helaine	Baldwin	Oct	16
Gary	Le Vine	Oct	17
Robert	Dick	Oct	18
Helen	Green	Oct	18
Bryan	Villano	Oct	21
Matthew	Banach	Oct	22
Jeffrey	Madore	Oct	30
Darren	Reist	Oct	30
Oscar	Lutz	Oct	31
Rosanne	Turow	Nov	4
Alex	Madore	Nov	6
Scott	Tollaksen	Nov	9
Raymond	Macklin	Nov	12
Randy	Rossi	Nov	14
David	Zachar	Nov	14
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Mark	Poupitch	Nov	21
Darlene	Smith	Nov	24
Mitchell	Koziol	Nov	30



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**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
Lt/C SEAN SULLIVAN**



Hi Folks

It's hard to believe that it's time to start thinking about putting the boat away again. The late start and weather excitement truly did a lot to make us really appreciate the time we spent *On the Water* this year. We should no doubt be thankful and mindful that none of us were unexpectedly in the lake from time to time.

This is in large part to our culture. Throughout this season the tone has been the same at all of the WSPS events and local club races, SAFETY FIRST. We can be proud that when the potential for hazardous conditions presented itself, it was nullified by the educated judgment we perpetuate. So far, this has been a challenging yet safe year for our membership and the folks we have touched through our classes. We should be proud of the way we conducted ourselves and the example we set to the boating community.

We have answered the call, growing our membership and offering more classes to more people. Our social event and gatherings have been a success even if delayed or dampened by the weather. 2011 tested what we are made of and our success is proof positive of the need for what we do.

Enough said... Let's recap and see what is going on...

The Racine cruise was pushed back a week due to the weather. Well, the weather was even worse on the alternate date. That didn't stop just under 20 of us from showing up for cocktails and dinner. BLUE HEAVEN represented our fleet after competing in the annual Waukegan-Racine. All things considered, Racine was a great time.

Our Old Timer/New Comer Ribs and Chicken BBQ is set for the weekend of Sept. 24th. So, far we have about 20 RSVP yes. Even if you have not replied, please stop by if you can to meet our new members and see old friends. It is going to be a lot of fun.

November 12th will bring our Election meeting and dinner. We are in the process of finalizing the venue and working out the details. We expect to hold this event at the Winthrop Harbor Yacht Club. We will be sending out details via email shortly.

Let's end this year on a DRY note, continue to stay safe, and start looking forward another great season *On the Water*.

Sean

**Welcome to New Members:
Sailors Donald & Darlene Smith, Highland
Park
Susan Hupfel, Hoffman Estates, no boat
yet.**

Safe Boating Quiz



Do you have what it takes to be a safe boater? Test your safe boating IQ with our boater safety quiz! These simple true or false questions below are a handy review of some key safe boating rules.

True or False: If my boat doesn't contain any fire hazards from the motor or fuel system, then according to Federal requirements, I don't need to bring a fire extinguisher along.

Answer: This is true. A fire extinguisher is only required on boats where elements such as a motor or fuel system create a distinct fire hazard. However, general safe boating guidelines will always suggest that you stow a fire extinguisher on the boat just in case.

True or False: Children younger than 13 years old should wear a Lifejacket while underway.

Answer: True. This is now a legal requirement for all Federal waterways and many states have also passed legislation to make this a requirement for non-Federal waterways as well. Showing your kids the ropes for safe boating also means ensuring they're adequately protected in the event of any emergency.

True or False: If someone falls overboard, the first thing you should do is jump in right away to assist them.

Answer: False. Jumping overboard to rescue someone should only be used as a last resort. Safe boating requires that the first thing you do is to REACH for the person, using either your arm or something nearby that they can grab onto. If you're more than an arm's length away, the next option is to THROW them an inflatable, floatable device. If you aren't close enough to reach or throw something, the next step is to ROW closer until you are. Only go in after someone as a last resort, and only if you are a strong swimmer with experience in lifesaving. Otherwise, you could end up having two men overboard instead of just one.

Safe Boating Quiz cont'd

True or False: A dock or slip should be always approached at clutch speed.

Answer: True. A safe boater always operates at a reasonable speed at all times, especially in crowded waterways or near docks and slips. Safe boating requires you to always be in control of your watercraft, taking the time to perform all maneuvers with adequate precision.

True or False: 25% of all boating accidents involve a personal watercraft that was borrowed.

Answer: False- the number is actually much higher, at over 50%. Before loaning your boat to anyone, make sure they are familiar with the all operational rules for safe handling of your boat in particular. You may even find it helpful to create a safe boating guide full of tips and instructions to keep onboard your watercraft.

True or False: Boats that are 16 feet and over must also carry one USCG-approved throwable Lifejacket (Type IV)

Answer: True. Additionally, Federal safe boating requirements maintain that all watercraft must contain at least one USCG (United States Coast Guard) approved, wearable Lifejacket (Types I-III) for every person onboard, but it's good to have a few extras on hand as well.



**WAUKEELOG
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Bob Kunath, JN
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We've got a dog, a small energetic Bichon. My prime motivation in getting tied up with a new responsibility was to make sure that I took several walks daily, which is working out as intended. Yesterday before dawn Molly and I were out for our first walk of the day near the overlook at Reefpoint.

This is the time of the year when the rocks are teeming with fisherman angling to get their share of the current fall spawning migration. As we walked, we were approached in the dark by three guys heading for the rock jetty. The youngest, about 10 years old, gave me a big "hello" as he briskly walked by, the kind of greeting you hear from a kid who's barely holding in his excitement and anticipation for catching 'the big one'. He beamed as he walked by, followed by his proud dad, and then by, I guessed, his GrandPa.

That quick scene reminded me what fishing (and boating) is all about. You plan a trip as a family, get up way too early, share the success of your trip, tell and hear stories of minor events that will never be forgotten, pass the how-to's down from generation to generation. I hope that later that day they were taking pictures of the young boy holding up a fish just a little longer than him, but it really doesn't matter what they caught. They were rewarded much more just by sharing the day together. It just doesn't get any better than that.

What does that have to do with the Squadron? Not much, except that we do play a part in helping boaters make days like these as safe as they are enjoyable. Let's' keep doing that!

Bob



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Safe Boating Quiz cont'd

True or False: If a boat is overturned or swamped, abandon the boat and use your Lifejacket for flotation.

Answer: False. If a boat is overturned or swamped, but not sinking, you can still use it to support your body and save energy. Removing as much of your body from the water as possible can also help prevent hypothermia.

True or False: I have family visiting and we will be going over recommended capacity by just one person. This shouldn't be a problem for safe boating, right?

Answer: False. It can be a fatal mistake to overload your boat.

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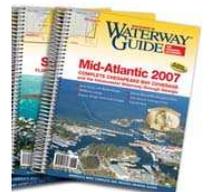
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Anchoring

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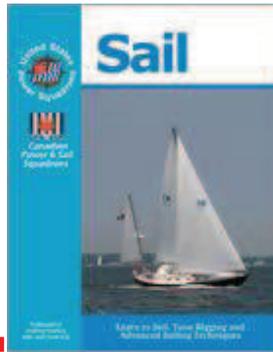
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Materials: Classroom
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FRIDAY 21 OCTOBER

1500-2000 Registration
1830-2000 Squadron Commander's Meeting
2000-???? Mariner Hunt
Hospitality Rooms

SATURDAY 22 OCTOBER

Schedule*

0730-1100 Friendship Room
0800-1200 Registration
0800-0900 Officer Meetings
(XO, SEO, AO)
0900-1100 Teaching Aids Exhibits
0915-1015 Seminar
1015-1030 Break
1030-1130 Seminar
1130-1145 Verification of Delegates
1145-1300 Luncheon
1300-1330 Verification of Delegates
1330-1600 Council & Conference Meeting
1800-1900 Cocktail Reception
1900-2200 Education Awards Banquet
2200-???? Hospitality Rooms

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