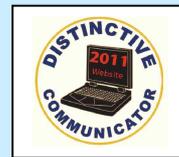


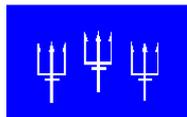
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**COMMANDERS
COMMENTS**
CDR JEFF GELTZ, JN



This past weekend the Squadron Bridge members attended the District Spring Conference. I was struck by two key themes of discussion. One was the challenge that all squadrons are finding with respect to attracting new members in a tough economic environment using traditional methods including handing out flyers at boat shows, etc. The other was the challenge that squadrons are having migrating to electronic forms of communication. The discussion ranged from the distribution of electronic rosters to ways to keep web sites updated to how we can best leverage social media tools in order to attract younger boaters who live on those mediums. Personally I find the two intertwined. Old mediums are no longer effective at attracting new members and the electronic mediums are changing so fast that everyone is having trouble determining which tools on which to bet the farm.

While the WSPS has climbed many of these hills already, more remains to be done in terms of timely information dissemination on our web site as well as how we can best leverage social media tools in a thoughtful manner for all of our existing and prospective members. Bob Sloat and I are working with both district and national representatives to help carve out a strategy for the WSPS, you will read more about that in Bob's column below. Feel free to reach out to Bob or myself with your suggestions along these lines.

While we are on the topic of the District Conference – the Waukegan Sail and Power Squadron once again cleaned up as a recipient of a bunch of awards. Hats off to Bob Kunath for again winning an excellence award for the Waukeelog newsletter. You can see all the awards in the Hall of Fame section of the photo gallery at our web site wspboating.org.

Meanwhile everyone knows that our primary focus is on boating education. Educational Officer Betti Mors and her sidekick Keith Baldwin continue to push the envelope with respect to coming up with creative ways to deliver course content in fun and interesting ways. Our current Engine Maintenance class is no exception. Roughly half way through the class schedule we conducted a hands-on engine maintenance session where students were able to get their hands dirty on a real diesel engine. We started out with a parts identification portion where each student was asked to point out a list of over a dozen key engine components. Afterwards, each student tried their hand at changing the oil and fuel filters as well as the impeller. We served the students coffee at the morning session and beer in the afternoon session. I'll let you guess which one was more crowded.

As spring is just around the corner we are about to go into full swing with our outdoor events. Keep an eye on the web site calendar for upcoming events such as a Social Dinner, the Used Equipment Sale, the Blessing of the Fleet cruise to Great Lakes Naval training center as well as our seminar series. See you there!

Jeff

Coming Events

31 Mar Larsen Marine Open House

Sail Trim Seminar
3 Apr 1900 WYC

Piloting Class begins
5 April 1900 Brunswick

17 Apr 1800 EXCOM
Tacos el Norte Libertyville

Social Dinner
21 April 1800 WYC

Weather Forecasting Seminar
1 May 1900 WYC

VSC Seminar
5 May 0900 WHYC

Seminar Wine Knots
18 May 2000 WHYC

Used Equipment Sale & Picnic
19 May 0900
Waukegan Harbor Patio

Seminar Racing Rules
25 May 2000 WHYC

Blessing of the Fleet
28 May 1000 GLYC

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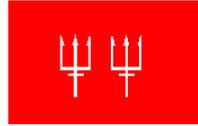
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**EDUCATION OFFICER
Lt/C BETTI MORS, AP**



Public Classes

Final exams for the Spring ABC class at CLC were taken March 22nd. The next ABC class will begin on June 7th. Lt/C Tenney Ford III, S and Tom Parkinson, JN are the team instructors.

Member Classes

Seamanship – Instructor Lt/C Betti Mors, AP & Lt Seaby Bess are proctors, classes began December 5 on Mondays at Brunswick. **12 Students took the exam.** Keith Baldwin, SN is teaching Operational Training in three 30 minute sessions at the beginning of class. The exam was February 13th. All 12 students passed with very high grades.

Engine Maintenance - Instructor CDR Jeff Geltz, JN, began February 20, 2012 at Brunswick, 14 Students are registered. Hands-on was on March 17th and Final Exam will be April 2nd.

Navigation – Instructor Paul Green SN and proctored by Keith Baldwin, N classes are held on Wednesdays at Brunswick. 12 Students are registered.

Cruise Planning – Instructors Ken Miller, SN and Anne Miller, began March 8, 2012 on Thursdays, 5 Students are registered. Classes are at the Millers' home.

Piloting – Instructors Tom Parkinson & Tenney Ford, will begin April 5th, 2012 Thursdays at Brunswick

Seminars

Tom Parkinson is organizing and coordinating the Winter and Summer seminar classes at the Waukegan Yacht Club.

The GPS Seminar was held at WYC March 6 presented by Keith Baldwin and Lt/C Bob Sloat, JN.

Sail Trim seminar will be held April 3rd at WYC, the guest speaker is Bob Roitblat.

Basic Weather Forecast will be held by George Krzaczynski May 1st at WYC.

Vessel Safety Check Seminar will be held by Mike Ludtke, SN on May 5th at Winthrop Harbor Yacht Club.

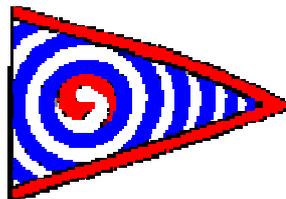
Other Business

The BOC begins in May 13, 14 & 15 2012 in Chicago Harbors.

Free seminars will be held every Sunday morning at WYC in the summer season.

WSPS has been included in the WHYC educational program planning meeting for short seminars and exposure. This gives us an opportunity to invite boaters into our organization and promote our programs and materials.

Betti



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**EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Lt/C ROBERT SLOAT, JN**



In the next month or so, keep an eye out for more activity of WSPS on social media. That's where friends (very loosely defined) sometimes reveal more about themselves that most of us care about. Commander Geltz and I attended a District 20 workshop where increased use of social media to get out the Power Squadron message was discussed. USPS National is also encouraging more of this activity. Our Squadron's goal in more social media exposure will be to increase interest among the boating public on what we offer and the benefits of membership while trying to get some sort of brand recognition for WSPS so those who see or hear about us think something favorable about boating. Members can do their own thing on revealing their dark boating sides through social media without WSPS help!

At the same workshop, a guest speaker, Nick Hayes a marketing research consultant and avid Milwaukee based sailor gave an excellent talk on Saving Sailing which is the title of his book on the same. Much of his analysis can be applied to power boating as well. His conclusion was that low USPS membership is not a marketing problem, but a connection problem. That's marketing lingo meaning that all the advertising in the world is not necessarily the answer for increased membership. Families in sailing and power boating are the missing demographic for membership according to Nick. So our outreach through Squadron activities and PR should somehow also aim at getting families involved on the water in both power and sail activity. Since our Squadron is mostly Lake Michigan boaters, this is more than connecting with families who go out fishing in a fourteen foot runabout or drop a small ski boat, sailboat or PWC in an inland lake. Venturing out on Lake Michigan requires more of a time and financial commitment and skill. This is a challenge for us all to consider. If any WSPS members have ideas on reaching out to families that would draw them to WSPS, drop a note to me at xo@wspstoating.net. The WSPS Executive Committee is interested in any and all ideas.

Master Salute Contest

Remember the Costa Concordia incident that occurred in mid-January? News accounts reported that the vessel was journeying close to shore to honor or give a salute to some folks there. It did not work out. Here on the Great Lakes there is an unofficial master salute using the vessel's whistle or horn. Just make sure you have sufficient water under your hull when you do it. You can use the salute at public events when a parade of boats is passing by a reviewing stand as for a blessing of the fleet or similar situations where there is no doubt the captain is giving a "Salute." It is not something you do in a crowded harbor just to say "Hi." In a more somber setting, the master salute is traditionally the last signal from a vessel being decommissioned or sent to the boat graveyard. Done on an old fashion steam whistle, it is an eerie sound not heard much these days.

The contest question for our readers is: What is the signal for the master salute signal as used on the Great Lakes? (Hint: Since it's unofficial, it's not covered by the COLREGS or Inland Rules.) For the first WSPS member who emails me the correct answer (Executive Committee Members excluded), I will buy the winner a six-pack of his or her favorite marine beverage and deliver it at the next WSPS event that member attends. This is one way to help increase attendance at WSPS functions. Send me an email at xo@wspstoating.org with your answer which must use the correct terminology for defining the Master salute signal. The next column will announce the winner. A few minutes surfing an interesting Great Lakes and seaway shipping based website, www.boatnerd.com will help you find the answer. When you find it, welcome to the boating nerd world. That is meant in only in the most positive way.

Bob

Cool Web Sites

USPS Member Discounts

www.usps.org/national/admin_de pt/membenefits.htm

Get discounts on stuff!

District 20 Squadron Activities

www.uspsd20.org/CalendarOfEv ents/SQ_Activities.htm

Weather – All NOAA Stuff

www.weather.gov

Real Time Buoy Data

www.ndbc.noaa.gov/

Free Electronic Charts

www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/

Wind/WaveProjections

www.windmapper.com

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| MaryAnn | Hartl | April | 20 |
| Laura | Studders | April | 20 |
| Daniel | Martin | April | 26 |
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| William Earl | Woods | May | 13 |
| Laura | Hille | May | 17 |
| Jay | Morgan | May | 24 |
| Norman | Eskoz | May | 25 |
| Brad | Thieme | May | 27 |
| Janis | Majewski | May | 29 |
| Ronald | Reynolds | May | 29 |
| Rosalie | Villano | May | 30 |
| Terry | Hartl | May | 31 |
| Patty | Josko | May | 31 |

Email Ellen Ludtke
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among the missing on this list!



**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
Lt/C SEAN SULLIVAN**



What a spring has sprung! Can you believe this? It's been in the 70's for 10 days in a row in the middle of March. Who needs Florida? This is the perfect opportunity to wax, paint, and plans to attend the next few WSPS events.

April 21st is our first official Social gather of the season and what better place to do it than on the lake front at the Waukegan Yacht Club. They have a new Chef this year, Meghan Morris. She cooks a lot like my grandmother used to. She goes to market, sees what looks good, and puts together Specials that will knock your socks off. Megan has opened up her full menu to us and will do 3 or 4 specials. Prices range for about \$15 to \$30 and the bar will be open. Folks should start showing up around 1800. Let's not be shy about stopping in early for a drink or two before dinner. It will be a great time, in a great place, with great people.

May brings two of our foundations events. On May 19th, we will have our Annual Used Equipment Sale and Picnic. This event runs strong from about 0900 to 1300. If you haven't had a chance to go through your pile of nautical treasure to see what someone else may value more than you, now is the time. If you have items to sell please contact Bob at resloat@comcast.net or just bring them the day of the event. Notice is always appreciated and increases the likelihood that the right buyer will be found. We also warmly welcome shoppers and the hungry. So, stop in, buy, sell, eat, and have fun.

Great Lakes Naval Base has again invited us to their May 28th Blessing of the Fleet and Cruise celebration. Jim Moran will again Captain this event. Things have relaxed on base. Allowing us to invite and celebrate with family and friends by land or sea. Jim will be sending out details shortly. If at all possible, you should not miss this event. Well we are off. Where last year we had to make the best of it; this year will be the best. Let's have fun, be safe, and be on the water as much as possible this year.

Sean



**Welcome to New
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**Thomas & Kathleen Sivia, Beach Park
Richard Jenkins, Park Ridge, sailboat
Ronald Reynolds, Mundelein**



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Vessel Safety Check

May 5th, 9:00 – 11:00am, Saturday Waukegan Sail & Power Squadron

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Wine Knots

May 18th, 8:00 – 9:30pm, Friday

Capt. Betti & Capt. Seaby

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Sail Racing Rules Seminars for Dummies

May 25th, 8:00 – 9:00pm, Friday Waukegan Power Squadron & WHYC

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Donation \$10 non-members

On The Water Anchoring

May 26th, 9:00 – 11:00am, Saturday

WHYC Volunteers & Capt. Betti

Learn the skills on all type of anchoring.

Donation \$10: non-members \$30

Introduction to Sail Trim

May 27th, 10:00am – 11:00am, Sunday

Waukegan Power Squadron Guest Speaker: Lt/C Sheldon Wecker, AP

Learn how to trim your sails for optimum performance when cruising.

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Vessel Safety Check Seminar

When: Saturday May 5th, 2012

Time: 9:00 – 10:00

Where: Winthrop Harbor
Yacht Club Classroom
One Yacht Club Drive in North Point Marina
Winthrop Harbor, IL 60096



Guest Speaker: Mike Ludtke – Certified Vessel Safety Examiner

Past
Commander of Waukegan Sail & Power Squadron, Past Commander of Waukegan Sail & Power Squadron, Avid race Sailor & 1st place champion of many races including the “Founder’s Cup” on his boat.

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We took a ride in our southern *Sans Souci* last Saturday, travelling 8 miles on a Cruise and Rendezvous’ to the Casey Key Fishhouse. This boat is a 20’ Hurricane deck boat, which is very easy to use and maintain, perfect for a retired couple who just want to do a little boating without a huge commitment. The C&R was sponsored by the Venice Sail & Power Squadron, of which we are associate members.

The attendance was about 40, considered a great turnout. More significantly, four boats actually made the run to the restaurant! That does not sound like many, but most of the 75 or so members transferred to Venice from their northern homes, and no longer own a vessel. Furthermore, Florida is generally known for marinas where very few boats actually move with frequency. I guess that means when you finally get to that place where you can use the boat anytime you want, you don’t want to much.

But, the weather was spectacular, wind light, and we saw the most traffic we’ve ever seen on this stretch of the GICW. Beggar, our resident dolphin swam around every boat that passed through his territory looking for a treat. (some risk the \$2500 fine) The scene was not unlike what you will see in Illinois and Wisconsin soon when the weather really breaks out into one of those spectacular days that screams, ‘*Let’s take the boat for a ride*’.

So, when that happens, go for it! Just remember your VSC, your VHF and PFD’s, remember what you learned in ABC and any other boating safety acronyms that may apply.



Begger, hangin’ near the Albee bridge

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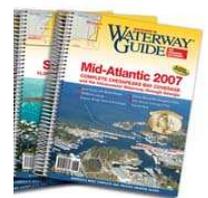
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Basic Weather Forecasting Seminar

(Public Welcome!)

Tuesday, May 1, 2012

WSPS Speaker

George Krzaczynski

The safety and comfort of those who venture out on the water have always been weather dependent. This seminar serves as an introduction to the basics of weather and forecasting. It is a must for boaters who have never taken a weather course. The optional materials include a waterproof McGraw Hill Captain's Quick Guide *Onboard Weather Forecasting* designed for onboard and field use and a full color Student Guide with slide images and complete notes.

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Sail Trim Seminar

(Public Welcome!)

Tuesday, April 3, 2012

WSPS Guest Speaker

Bob Roitblat

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Guest Speaker Bio: Captain Bob Roitblat is an active yacht racer, with experience from local regattas, Mac races to ocean racing events, including the Transpac, Fastnet, Pineapple Cup & Nassau Cup in boats ranging from Beneteau First 36.7s to Santa Cruz 70s. Bob is the author of "Sailorspeak: The Complete Insider's Guide to Yacht Racing Terms, Jargon & Slang"

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2012 Seminar Schedules

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| | | <u>Location</u> | <u>Day</u> | <u>Dates</u> | |
| Basic Coastal Navigation | Tom Parkinson & Tenney Ford | WYC | Tuesday | 2/7/2012 | 1900 |
| Using GPS | Keith Baldwin & Bob S. | WYC | Tuesday | 3/6/2012 | 1900 |
| Basic Weather Forecasting | TBD | WYC | Tuesday | 4/3/2012 | 1900 |
| Sail Trim | TBD | WYC | Tuesday | 5/1/2012 | 1900 |
| Knots, Bends, & Hitches / VSC | Betti / Mike L. | WYC | Sunday | 6/3/2012 | 1000 |
| Fuel & Boating | TBD | WYC | Sunday | 6/10/2012 | 1000 |
| Emergencies on Board | TBD | WYC | Sunday | 6/17/2012 | 1000 |
| Partner in Command | Lynn & Herbie Strauss | WYC | Sunday | 6/24/2012 | 1000 |
| VHF & VHF/DSC Marine Radio | TBD | WYC | Sunday | 7/1/2012 | 1000 |
| Mastering the Rules of the Road | Tenney Ford | WYC | Sunday | 7/8/2012 | 1000 |
| Power Boat Handling | TBD. | WYC | Sunday | 7/15/2012 | 1000 |
| Advance Power Boat Handling | TBD | WYC | Sunday | 7/22/2012 | 1000 |
| Marine Radar | TBD | WYC | Sunday | 7/29/2012 | 1000 |

5 Things Every Crew Should Know

P/C Mike Ludtke SN

One of my pleasures owning a sailboat is introducing new people to sailing. Over the years I've taken friends, family and a few strangers sailing, many for the first time. One of my big concerns is if something should happen to me and the inexperienced crew is left to fend for themselves. I've come up with a small list of things everyone on board should know, and be prepared to perform, in the event of an emergency.

- 1) How to stop the boat. It's a sinking feeling watching a perfectly good sailboat sail away without you. At a minimum, they should know how to release the lines to stop the motion of the boat. Maybe even show them how to heave-to. It's not a difficult maneuver and one every sailor should be familiar with.
- 2) How to operate that 'red button' on the DSC-VHF radio and/or communicate with the authorities. I leave the radio turned on, tuned to channel 16, whenever we are on the water. If you don't keep your radio on, be sure everyone knows how to turn on the VHF and how to summon help. A card next to the radio with mayday instructions and listing your boat name and description is suggested. Cell phones may work close to shore, or maybe not. The most efficient communication on the water, and the quickest lifeline to help, is still the VHF radio.
- 3) Know what to do if someone goes overboard. First off, remain calm and rational. One person should be designated to keep an eye on the person in the water and point at them until they are back onboard. It's easy to lose sight of a person in the water.
- 4) On Smokin' J we use inflatable PFDs. Everyone is required to wear one while underway. Be sure the wearer knows how it operates. If the auto-inflation doesn't trigger, know how to manually inflate the PFD, where to find the pull-tab and oral tube. The best place to store your PFD is on your body. If you don't require people to wear one, be sure they are readily available and everyone knows where to find them.
- 5) Finally, make sure everyone is familiar with the location of various safety items. Point to all the fire extinguishers; show them where the first aid kit is stored, the flashlights and the flares. If there is an emergency, you'll want as many capable hands helping as possible.

You can probably come up with some of your own. I narrowed the list down to five of what I think are the most important and most likely to save the lives of the captain and/or crew in the event of an emergency. I plan to post this list on Smokin' J and cover it with everyone that comes onboard for a sail. How about you?

