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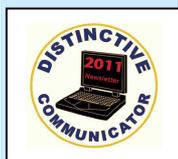
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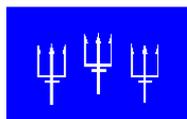
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## COMMANDERS COMMENTS CDR JEFF GELTZ, JN



A few weeks ago Bob Sloat, Jim Moran and I attended the Acceptance and Demonstration ceremony in Milwaukee for the Coast Guard Rescue 21 system for Sector Lake Michigan. This marks the full adoption by the Coast Guard in our boating area of the alphabet soup you've been hearing over the past few years about VHF radios that have Digital Selective Calling (DSC) capabilities through the use of individually assigned Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI) numbers. Assuming you have a DSC capable radio on your boat that is registered with an MMSI number and interfaced with your GPS, a simple push of a button will transmit vital vessel information, position and nature of distress to the Coast Guard. As demonstrated during the ceremony, the accuracy of search and rescue operations is significantly enhanced with the use of this technology. Rather than triangulating a fairly broad search area based on involving a number of VHF listening stations as was the case in the past, the new technology can pinpoint the source of a distress call within a few meters - saving precious time in the event of an emergency. Now that the Coast Guard has officially adopted this technology in our boating area, any investment we make in equipment that will take advantage of these features will be preserved. For more information regarding this technology you can visit the Coast Guard web site at the following address: <http://www.uscg.mil/acquisition/rescue21/>

It may not be official yet but summer is in full swing for the WSPS. We just had two blockbuster weekends from an activity perspective with the Used Equipment Sale/Flare Shoot and the Blessing of the Fleet at Great Lakes. Both events were very well attended and provided a taste of what looks to be an exciting boating season! Hats off to all who helped make these events a success.

Keep an eye out for the upcoming Seminar Series at the Waukegan Yacht Club. Dates and times are posted on the squadron web site. See you at the dock!

*Jeff*



## Coming Events

Seminar Weather Forecasting  
1 June 2000 WHYC

Seminar VSC & Knots  
3 June 1000 WYC

ABC Class  
Starts 7 June 1900 CLC

Seminar Fuel & Boating  
10 June 1000 WYC

Seminar Emergencies on Board  
17 June 1000 WYC

Seminar Partner in Command  
24 June 1000 WYC

Seminar Using VHF/DSC Radio  
1 July 1000 WYC

Seminar Rules of the Road  
8 July 1000 WYC

Seminar Power Boat Handling  
15 July 1000 WYC

D/20 Cruise & Rendezvous 13 July

Seminar Advanced PB Handling  
22 July 1000 WYC

Seminar Using Radar  
29 July 1000 WYC

Simons Island Beach Party  
29 July

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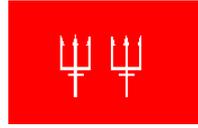
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## EDUCATION OFFICER Lt/C BETTI MORS, AP



### Public Classes

Once the students pass the ABC class, they will get six months free USPS membership as a promotional offer.

### Member Classes

- Engine Maintenance – Instructor Cdr. Jeff Geltz JN. Began April 20, 2012 on Mondays at Brunswick. 11 passed the final exam.
- Navigation – Instructor P/Cdr. Paul Green SN and Proctored by P/Cdr. Keith Baldwin SN. Began March 7, 2012 on Wednesday s at Brunswick. 12 Students registered. Waiting for the exam results
- Cruise Planning – Instructor Ken & Anne Miller. Began March 8, 2012 on Thursdays. 4 completed the course and passed exam.
- Piloting – Instructors Tom Parkinson & Tenney Ford. Began April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Thursday s at Brunswick. Waiting for the exam results.

### Seminars

- Basic weather was held May 1 at WYC, 39 attended.
- Vessel Safety Check Seminar was held by Mike Ludtke & John Josko on May 5<sup>th</sup> at Winthrop Harbor Yacht Club. 11 people attended and 4 of them had vessel safety checks on their boats afterwards.
- Wine Knots at WHYC was Friday May 18<sup>th</sup> by Betti Mors & Seaby Bess.
- Weather Forecast at WHYC Friday June 1<sup>st</sup> @ 8pm presented by George Krzaczynski. See flyer
- VSC/ Knots, Bend & Hitches Seminar at WYC Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 10am presented by Mike Lutke & Betti Mors.
- On The Water Anchoring at WHYC Saturday was May 26<sup>th</sup>

The Boat Operators Certificate (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*



### **Engine Maintenance Grads Congratulations to:**

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Seaby Bess  
William Clair  
Bruce Hegberg  
Ray Marklin  
Tracey Macklin  
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Anne Miller  
John Schuler  
Lynn Strauss

Instructors Ken and  
Anne Miller



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Lt/C ROBERT SLOAT, JR**



## Master Salute Contest Winner

In my last column we had a contest to win a marine beverage. The question was "What is the signal for the master salute signal as used on the Great Lakes?" It's unofficial, so not covered by the COLREGS or Inland Rules and the correct answer had to use the correct terminology for defining the Master salute signal. The winner is Terry Hartl, a WSPS member whose correct answer was: Three "prolonged" blasts followed by two "short" blasts. The question was not a trick question but ended up that way. A few folks responded with three "Long" blasts followed by two "short" blasts which is technically wrong. Nowhere in the COLREGS or Inland Rules is a "long" blast defined, but "prolonged" blasts are defined in Rule 32. Under that Rule, a "prolonged" blast is from 4-6 seconds and a "short" blast is about 1 second. If you do a Master salute signal, be prepared to recharge your hand held horn soon as you could be keeping your finger on the button for a total of  $6+6+6+1+1=20$  seconds! Think about getting an electric horn.

If you ever take a USCG test for a Captain's License, answering a "long" blast instead of a "prolonged" blast on the test will result in a wrong answer. And if you say it in a class studying for the Captain's license, you will be instantly corrected and possibly bullied by the instructor or classmates. In the real world, we are not taking tests when talking about how we signal our fellow boaters using sound signals. The important thing is to know what someone is telling you and fellow boaters in using a sound signal.

## Inland Navigation Rules

Safely boating sometimes involves using sound signals, so know them and use them properly. Get a fresh copy of the Inland Rules and look over Inland Rules 32 through 38 which cover sound and light signals. Next to them are the International Rules which can vary slightly. Check out Rule 35(c) and (d). Knowing it can help you win in a game of Marine Trivial Pursuit if you are asked "What does one prolonged blast followed by two short blasts then one prolonged blast followed by three short blasts mean?" The answer is: Restricted visibility signals used when a vessel engaged in towing is pulling a vessel that has a person on board. This is something the USCG would put in its Captain's License examination. Hearing this signal in the fog could be a frightening experience trying to figure out what it means, especially when these signals come from different locations which may not be too far apart, and if from the same direction, possibly coming toward you! The first signal is from a towing vessel and the second is from the towed vessel with the person on board. So these don't come from the same vessel but are required. This is a rare event around here.

Here is a safety tip for some inexperienced boaters involving the Inland Rules. Sailboats (Sailing vessels under the Rules) under sail only have the right of way over power boats (Power-driven vessels under the Rules) many times, but not when overtaking another vessel. Open your Inland Rules to Rule 13 which covers overtaking and overrides most other navigation right-of-way rules. So sailors, if you are doing 7 knots under sail and coming up behind (as defined in the Rules) a slower power boat, you have to keep out of the way of the power boat which is the vessel being overtaken. The vessel being overtaken has to hold its course allowing you the opportunity to safely overtake it. Overtaking is defined in the Rules as being more than 22.5 degrees in back of the beam of the vessel being overtaken. It gets technical, so learn to determine when overtaking occurs as it happens a lot in open water.

*Bob*

## Cool Web Sites

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

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### 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

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

### Free Electronic Charts

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

### Wind/WaveProjections

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

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

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dustin	Majewski	June	14
Tom	Parkinson	June	16
Keith	Bachar	June	17
Thomas	Bernardi	June	28
Julie	Thieme	June	29
Mark	Villano	June	29

Stacy	Logan	July	1
John	Simons	July	1
Thomas	Sivia	July	1
Gregory	Poupitch	July	4
Mary	Poupitch	July	4
Jeff	Geltz	July	9
Jim	Mast	July	10
Paula	Eskoz	July	15
Keith	Baldwin	July	18
Steve	Goldman	July	20
Sandra	Pearson	July	20
Alice	Koziol	July	21
Jim	Moran	July	23
Ellen	Ludtke	July	24
Barbara	Gunther	July	25

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**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER  
Lt/C SEAN SULLIVAN**



Hi Folks

Southern winds are blowing nice weather our way. So, it's time to start thinking about why we bought boats in the first place. It's all about the journey. With that in mind let's look at some of the cruises we have planned for this year.

This year's on the water journey starts with our annual Memorial Day with the Navy at Great Lakes Naval Base followed by a lineup of familiar cities including Racine, Kenosha, and Chicago. Details have yet to be worked out for a few of the cruises, so check the calendar often or email me at seansullivan@dls.net for information. As always, we will be sending official announcements via group email blasts in the near future.

Please keep these dates in mind when planning your summer weekends.

May 28 Monday – Memorial Day with the Navy at Great Lakes Naval Base Cruise Captain Jim Moran

July 13-15 – D/20 Cruise & Rendezvous, Kenosha WI (Fox Valley)

July 29th – Second Annual Simons Island Beach Party

August 17-20th – Cruise to Racine Cruise Captain Bob Kunath

TBD – Chicago and/or Milwaukee TBD

*Sean*



**Basic Weather Forecasting Seminar**  
(Public Welcome!)

**When:** Friday, 1 June  
**Time:** 2000-2100  
**Guest Speaker:** George Krzaczynski  
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**Location:** Winthrop Harbor YC  
One Yacht Club Drive  
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North Point Marina

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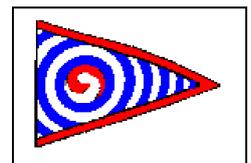
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**Welcome to New Members:**

*Richard Corbin Sr., Monica Corbin and son Richard Corbin Jr. reside in Libertyville and have a Sailboat "Buster Crab"*

*Jeffery and Stacy Logan reside in Kildeer and have a Powerboat "Eileen J"*

*Robert Sallmann resides in Lake Forest with his wife Melissa and has a Sailboat "Southern Cross"*





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of both boats have taken blood-alcohol tests, though the results haven't been released. Iowa Department of Natural Resources Officer Paul Kay told radio station KBUR that both boats had life jackets, but it appears they weren't being worn by the passengers.

The legal capacity of the wrecked boat was not known, but officials said that it was clear that it was exceeded.

Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad said at a news conference the following Monday, "I want to remind Iowans that it's important that we put safety first whenever navigating our waterways and our highways," he said. "We need to be alert, we need to be prepared and if we're in a boat we need to be wearing lifejackets."

Any prospective boater who takes Our ABC course would have no problem identifying a whole raft of problems leading to this senseless tragedy.

If there are any doubts that what we do has value, just think about easily this disaster could have been prevented following just a few of the basic elements of boating safety taught by our organization.

*Bob*

About once a year we hear about a horrible boating tragedy that could easily have been avoided with a little training and caution. A few weekends ago on a Saturday morning at 2AM four young adults were dead in Iowa following a boating accident. A group of Iowans in their 20's were partying on a sandbar in the Mississippi River near Burlington, Iowa. Two 18 and 20-foot johnboats were ferrying them back to a dock from the sandbar when one of the boats boat carrying 11 people was destroyed following a head-on collision with the other boat with one passenger aboard. One passenger was seriously injured and flown to Iowa City, seven more injured were taken to Burlington Hospital. The bodies of the other four were found 100 yards from the crash site Sunday. All four were Burlington residents in their young twenties.

One of the two boats had no lights; it is not clear whether the other had lights, and there was no moonlight. The front of the older of the two boats was torn off in the collision throwing all 11 passengers into the river. Most of them were rescued, pulled from the ten-foot deep water into the other boat.

The DesMoines County Sherriff said alcohol was served at the party but it's too early to tell whether it was a factor in the collision. The operators

## 2012 Seminar Schedules

### Seminars

Knots, Bends, & Hitches / VSC	Betti Mors / Mike L.	WYC	Sunday	6/3/2012	1000
Fuel & Boating	D Sallmann	WYC	Sunday	6/10/2012	1000
Emergencies on Board	John Josko	WYC	Sunday	6/17/2012	1000
Partner in Command	Lynn & Herbie Strauss	WYC	Sunday	6/24/2012	1000
VHF & VHF/DSC Marine Radio	B Sloat	WYC	Sunday	7/1/2012	1000
Mastering the Rules of the Road	Tenney Ford	WYC	Sunday	7/8/2012	1000
Power Boat Handling	Betti Mors, Seaby Bess	WYC	Sunday	7/15/2012	1000
Advance Power Boat Handling	Paul Green	WYC	Sunday	7/22/2012	1000
Marine Radar	TBD	WYC	Sunday	7/29/2012	1000

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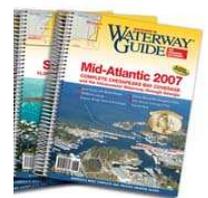
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# On-Water Training

By P/Cdr Mike Ludtke

The Power Squadron has a new 'on the water' certification program, Boat Operator Certificate (BOC). This program is different from our normal classes and involves on the water experience. There are currently two levels of certification, Inland & Coastal Navigator. I recently attended the Inland Navigator (IN) session in Peoria with members from Illinois Valley and Rockford Squadrons.

The IN program is an all-day seminar that starts out in the classroom with a brief overview. Then a demonstration of the common knots, the same knots we all learned in Seamanship. After lunch we took to the water. With three students and one instructor it was a great atmosphere to learn how to handle the boat. Each of us took turns at the wheel to perform the required maneuvers: slow and high speed turns, running a range (inbound & outbound), pivot turn, slow/high speed slalom, backwards slalom, a MOB drill and docking exercises. It was all a lot of fun and I'm not a power boater, but I gained a lot of confidence on running a power boat after the days training.

If you want to learn more about the BOC program, check out this web link: <http://www.usps.org/eddept/boc/>.

Hopefully our squadron will be able to offer the BOC program in the near future. If you are interested, feel free to contact me.

*Mike*

