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Waukegan S.E.R.A.T. Assists with Tall Ships Chicago

By D/Lt/C Mike Ludtke SN

S.E.R.A.T. stands for Squadron Emergency Response Assistance Team. Lt Ray Boller AP started the Waukegan SERAT last year. We are the 7th squadron in the country to start a SERAT program. The idea of SERAT is to assist local police and fire departments



*Lt Ray Boller AP on his boat It's About Time at Navy Pier for the Pepsi® Tall Ships® Chicago 2016 Event
Along with Ray is Terry Cox of the Citizen Corp Council of Lake County.
Photo Credit: Art Noel*

during water based emergencies, where they may not have sufficient resources.

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Upcoming Events

Old Timers / New Comers Dinner

Saturday, Sept 10 @ 1730

Location: Waukegan Harbor Patio

WSPS ExCom Meeting

Tuesday, Sept 13 @ 1900

Location: TBA

Rendezvous at Racine

Sat & Sun, Sept 17-18

Location: Racine, WI

WSPS ExCom Meeting

Tuesday, Oct 11 @ 1900

Location: TBA

District Fall Conference

Fri & Sat, Oct 21-22

Location: Oak Brook, IL

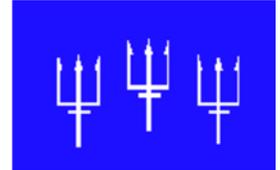
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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

CDR Robert Sloat, N



Mike Ludtke is now our new Waukeelog editor. Thanks to Mike for helping out on this important part of our communications to member and guests to our website. Another thanks to Maureen Lilleeng who was our editor for the past few years helping WSPS to get a number of awards from USPS for our newsletter.

We also have a new secretary, Ellen Ludtke. Kathy Levine is our new roster chair and Donna Nicosia working on our Harbor Directory and the new Fly the Burgee campaign. Again, thanks to Gary Nadeau who was our secretary for many years and Ellen Ludtke who previously served as secretary from 2001-2004 and served as roster chair for 15 years.

To heighten awareness of fellow WSPS members at our various harbors, we are putting together a WSPS Harbor Directory which will be eventually posted on our website. It will show where members boats are located in the various north shore harbors we serve. Elsewhere in this newsletter is more information on purchasing a WSPS burgee (for those new to boating, pronounced *bur jee*) and how to proudly fly it 24/7 on your boat.

If you haven't had a chance to look over the commander's letter in a WSPS Constant Contact

post on 28 July, please do so. The letter reported on a very important member meeting on 17 July to discuss a possible WSPS name change.

Members decided to keep the WSPS name but to stress our north shore presence as we have boaters in other north shore harbors. If you have any suggestions on tag lines to use in our public relations efforts, please drop me a note at commander@wspstoating.org. We have had suggestions for tag lines like Serving the North Shore, Your North Shore Squadron as examples.

We will be having our annual Old-Timer Newcomers social event at the Waukegan Harbor patio on Saturday, 10 Sept. Keep an eye on WSPS Constant Contact posts for more details. Please plan to attend as this is a great opportunity to meet new members and help them become more familiar with WSPS.

Members Ray Boller and Art Noel, who are part of the new WSPS Squadron Emergency Response Action Team (SERAT) were requested by USCG to help out on public service duties for the Tall Ship Parade at Navy Pier on 27 Jul. Ray's boat, It's About Time, served in public service activities helping with controlling traffic and providing some photographic duties for the event. SERAT is a USPS sponsored program that serves USCG, and local authorities with on-the-water support when needed. Thanks to Ray and Art. USPS was very appreciative of the efforts WSPS. [Inland Rules learning moment. Check out Inland Rules, Annex V, section 88.12 for Public Service Activities which are government sanctioned.

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Juliet: "What's in a name? That which we call a rose By any other name would smell as sweet."
Romeo and Juliet (II, ii, 1-2)

Source: <http://www.enotes.com>

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Vessels engaged in such activities may display alternately flashing red and yellow light signals. Ray's boat was so equipped.]

Our annual election meeting is on Saturday, 12 November 2016 and we will be looking to fill spots on our Bridge and other elected positions. Many of our elected positions are currently filled by members who have been in those positions for 3 to 4 years. Fresh faces are welcome and necessary to keep our squadron energetic in what we do. If you are at all interested in getting more involved in any part of WSPS activities from social, education, WSPS Facebook postings, WSPS website posting and maintenance, vessel safety checks and Executive Committee activities please consider dropping me a note at commander@wspsboating.org. Our Nominating Committee (Jeff Geltz, Gary LeVine and Dave Sallmann) is starting to review candidates for any and all positions on our Executive Committee and I will forward names of members who contact me to the Committee. You can also talk to any of the Nominating Committee members if you have questions. They are all located at Waukegan Harbor.

For the rest of the boating season, wishing all of our members enjoyable times on the water. Life is too short to sit at the dock.

Commander Bob Sloat, N



*Cdr Sloat enjoying a summer day with P/C Oscar Lutz SN
Photo Credit: Art Noel*

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SERAT can also be useful for planned events. One such event was the Pepsi® Tall Ships® Chicago event at Navy Pier, which was held July 27-31. The US Coast Guard was looking for support boats to assist in patrolling in and around Navy Pier as the Tall Ships arrived during the Parade of Boats. Shirley Heald, of the USPS Partner Relations Committee, contacted District 20, who in-turn reached out to Lt Boller about using the WSPS SERAT unit to assist. Lt Boller assembled a crew and had this to say about the experience, "It was amazing!"

In preparation, Lt Boller was added to high level emails between Coast Guard Sector Lake Michigan, the director of Tall Ships America and USPS National. He said he was, "treated somewhat like a celebrity."

Lt Boller continued, "We were initially to lead the parade of tall ships and carry press photographers. We were invited to attend the briefing in the command center at Navy Pier. The director of Tall Ships America had 20 plus requests from press photographers and the Coast Guard was concerned about a legal issue with us leading the parade without law enforcement ability, and having to deal with some of the press on board at the same time, so we were upgraded to a free roaming photographic platform at the request of Patti Lock of Tall Ships. The CG 45' RBM took over leading the parade. This was a good decision. The briefing included CG Command and teams, Homeland Security Command, State Police Command, Chicago Police Command, Tall Ships Command, a couple of the tall ship captains and us. The briefing was amazing by itself! The planning is amazing. Total crowd expected through this weekend - 750,000!"



S.E.R.A.T. Logo

"We were assigned a pier location on Navy Pier before traveling to Chicago. So after the briefing, we had lunch on the boat and waited for our first photographers. Initially, we were to deliver some photographers to certain ships, and then pick them up later. The thought of photographers climbing up and down rope ladders while ships were underway was first modified so they could board only, then ride with the ship to tie up. Even this was modified in the end due to multiple issues."

"So our job got even better - free roaming photography platform! We were given a special yellow flag to fly and given permission to travel freely - even cross between ships during the parade."

"We had two photographers and a videographer/photographer. The videographer was part of a three-person team making a documentary for Tall Ships America. And, guess what - crewmember Arthur Noel is a professional photographer! He took lots of shots while standing by as crew." [See Arthur's photos on page 5]

"Thanks for the heads up on this! SERAT 71 and USPS were available at the right place, at the right time!"

Pepsi® Tall Ships® Chicago 2016

Photos by Art Noel



Tall Ships at Navy Pier



S.E.R.A.T. Ship 7 and the Chicago Skyline



Dennis Sullivan



Viking Ship

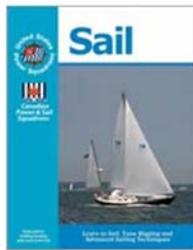


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Waukegan Sail & Power Squadron - Fall Classes



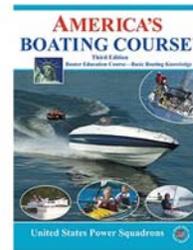
The US Power Squadrons' Sail course is designed to serve the needs of both the novice and experienced sailor. It covers basic sailboat designs and nomenclature, rigging, sail types and design, stability factors, sailing forces above and below the water, sail shape and techniques for upwind, downwind, heavy weather and storm conditions sailing. Also covered is docking, anchoring, safety, marlinespike and basic navigation rules. An introduction to sailboat racing and sailing in Canadian waters is included in the student manual and not covered by the final exam.

Contact Robert Sloat as soon as possible to reserve a spot. We may set a minimum class size so early registration is helpful.

Instructor: Cdr Bob Sloat, N
847-767-4507
Commander@wspsoating.org
Proctor: George Krzaczyński, SN

Start: Monday, 19 September
Times: 7pm to 9:10pm
Duration: 8 Weeks
Exam: Monday, 7 November
Tentative Location: Brunswick Corp., Lake Forest, IL (Near Route 60 and Interstate 94)

Cost: \$ 59 WSPS Member, \$151 Non-Members. **Join WSPS and this course is free.**
WSPS Membership Cost: \$92 Single Member, \$138 Family Unit Member.



Effective January 01, 2016, individuals born on or after January 01, 1998 must have completed a boating safety education course in order to operate a motorboat over 10 hp on the waters of the State of Illinois.

The Waukegan Sail & Power Squadron is presenting "America's Boating Course", a six session course convening on Thursday, September 29 from 7:00 to 9:15 p. m. and concluding on Thursday, November 03, 2016.

Individuals may contact Tenney Ford at 262 222-3078 for additional details.

The first five sessions will include boat terminology, required equipment and regulations, boat handling, navigation rules, aids to navigation, emergency conditions, marine communications, water sport safety, trailering, PWC operation, and knot tying followed by a review and examination conducted the sixth session. This module is specifically designed for those who desire to boat on inland lakes and waterways.

Individuals will have met the requirements of the recently enacted State of Illinois Boating Safety Education Legislation by satisfactorily completing this course including the examination.

A textbook fee of \$30.00 will be collected at the first session of the class.



EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Elisabeth Geltz, JN



Safety, Safety, Safety...

Have you had your VSC for 2016 yet? If not there are three VSC Examiners waiting to assist you. Please go to the website www.wspsboating.org to sign up.

In preparation, are your flares up to date? Got any outdated flares? We can help with those too! Read on for your purchasing options.

In 2015 WSPS held two Flare Shoot Safety demonstrations. During each a number of types of flares were demonstrated as well as made available for participants to practice with. Boat US has authored a well written description of the manufacturers and types of flares available in the U.S. as well as Boat US's test results for each including aerial, handheld, smoke and non-pyrotechnic flares. In preparation for 2017's flare shoot demonstration as well as replacement of any expired flares the article below is well worth reading. Please note the end of the article talks about what to do with expired flares. The best option is not listed... and of course it is to bring all your expired flares to the next WSPS Flare Shoot Demonstration!

Happy reading and we look forward to seeing you at the next Shoot...

<http://www.boatus.org/findings/45/>



Congratulations on 25 Years of Membership

Lt/C Tenney Ford III, S
P/C Jim Moran, AP

Lifeslings

By Arthur Noel, AP

I recently read an article in *Practical Sailor* magazine titled "Lifesling Webbing Beckets Fail". The person sending the article reported that his Lifesling MOB rescue device failed. The webbing beckets that attached the polypropylene float line to the horseshoe float had deteriorated. They tore free from the float under forty pounds of pressure.

Practical Sailor recommends the following:

1. "Inspect Lifeslings of any age for UV damage (beckets, stitching, webbing tether, poly float line, horseshoe float;) and animal damage. Any degradation requires that the whole device be replaced."
2. "Load test the Lifesling regularly, especially if yours is an older model or if you plan to take it offshore."
3. "Pay close attention to the health of the storage bag or case. This is the most common Lifesling failure point."
4. "Unpack and repack the Lifesling annually. Be sure that all critical parts are protected from the sun. For a good how-to on packing the Lifesling properly, visit <http://theboatgalley.com/is-your-lifesling-ready-for-use-are-you-sure/>."

*Note: This is just a summary of the article. For the complete article consult "Practical Sailor" magazine www.practical-sailor.com.

Fly Your WSPS Burgee

By Cdr Bob Sloat, N

WSPS members are encouraged to fly the WSPS burgee 24/7 on their boats so the public knows who we are and we can more easily identify fellow WSPS members at the harbor or on the water. WSPS has 50th anniversary burgees for sale at its cost of \$20. Contact Donna Nicosia at djtravel21@yahoo.com, give her a call at 847 980-2513 or stop by her boat at S 8-16 in Waukegan harbor to order a burgee.

For WSPS on-the-water events such as a cruise or a raft up, it is recommended that participating members fly the WSPS burgee. Fly it when out on the water even if not involved in a WSPS event.

Basic Rules for Flying Our Burgee

For sailboats, fly the WSPS burgee from the starboard spreader. For a power boat, fly the burgee from the bow staff. For power boats without a bow staff, fly the burgee at the top of an equipment mast or if equipment limitations prevent this, fly the burgee from a spreader halyard.

USPS rules allow the burgee to be flown both day and night when under way or at your slip.

If you have a question on how to fly your burgee, go to USPS.org and in the site index go to the Flag & Etiquette section for additional guidance.

Please don't fly the WSPS upside down! The correct way is shown to the right. Remember whitecaps breaking to help get it right. Also, check the burgee on your WSPS badge.

Editor Comments

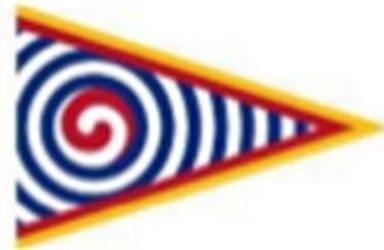
By D/Lt/C Mike Ludtke SN

I hope you enjoy this issue of the Waukeelog. I would like to see our newsletter be a more than just about what's happening in the Power Squadron and be about you, the members. If you have photos of your boating adventures, an interesting story or some thoughts you want to share, please send them to me to be included in the next issue. This is your newsletter, so please help keep it interesting and relevant to you and your boating life.

Email contributions can be sent to mludtke@hotmail.com



July "raft up at Great Lakes" with David and Sue Barnum, and Ray, Deb, and Justin Boller.



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WSPS Annual Old-Timers Newcomers Party



This is our annual event for new comers to our squadron to meet many of our members. If you have joined the squadron in the last year or two, we would like to personally meet you and share our common interests in boating.

When: Saturday 10 September, 2016 @ 1730
Where: Waukegan Harbor Patio

Watch Your Email for
More Information



Happy Birthday

August

Al Richter	3
John Bucher	8
Kathy Le Vine	9
Jaimie Contreras	18
Melissa Sallmann	21
Anne Miler	30
Tenney Ford III	31

September

Wallis Sloat	2
Jeanne Goldman	3
Mark Eney	3
Randy Rosebrook	5
John Hoskins	8
Randel Conner	8
Marcie Sallmann	12
Manfred Suhr	16
Paul Green	19
Lynn Strauss	20
Rex Miller	21
Clinton Rahn	25

October

Patricia Eney	5
Cynthia Johnson	8
Arthur Noel	15
Helaine Baldwin	16
Gary Le Vine	17
Robert Dick	18
Helen Green	18
Bryan Villano	21
Matthew Banach	22
Herb Strauss	25
Lauri Ahlman	26
Oscar Lutz	31



District 20 Fall Conference

21 – 22 October 2016



Double Tree By Hilton, 1909 Spring Road, Oak Brook IL

Room Rate \$129.00 Per Night Plus Tax

A Limited Number Of Suites Are Available At A Rate of \$169.00 Per Night Plus Tax

Use "US Power Squadrons" To Identify Our Room Block

Please make your reservations by September 30, 2016 Double Tree Phone 630-472-6000

Rank	Name	Grade	Squadron	Email	Telephone
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D/20 Educational Awards Luncheon

	Price	Number	Total
Herb Roasted Chicken Breast Roasted Bone In Chicken Breast, Natural Juice, Sautéed Green Beans, Garlic Mashed Potatoes	\$34.00	_____	\$_____
Farm Raised Tilapia Lemon Butter sauce, Steamed Broccoli, Blended Wild Rice	\$34.00	_____	\$_____
Seared Beef Tips Beef Tenderloin Tips, Mushroom Demi Sauce, Wide Egg Noodles, Green Beans	\$34.00	_____	\$_____
Lunch Includes: Mixed Green Salad, Assorted Dressings, Rolls & Butter, Chocolate Mousse Dessert, Iced Tea and Coffee			
Total Dinners & Cost		_____	\$_____

Send registration form and check payable to

USPS District 20 to:

Cecilia Van Ewyk
1101 Iroquois Ave, #2432
Naperville IL 60563

Schedule of Events

Friday 21 October	
Registration, Lower Lobby	1500 – 1900
Commanders Meeting, Cermak Room	1800 – 2000
USPS Seminar, Ogden Room	1930 – 2030
Hospitality Room Shuffle Squadron Suites	2000 – 2300
Saturday 22 October	
Friendship Room, Cermak Room	0730 – 1000
Registration, Lower Lobby	0730 – 1200
SEO Meeting, Ogden Room	0800 – 0900
Teaching Aids, Lower Lobby	0900 – 1130
Guest Speaker, Essex Ballroom	0900 – 1015
Council Meeting, Essex Ballroom	1030 – 1145
Educational Awards Luncheon, Riverview Ballroom	1200 – 1330
Verification of Delegates, Lower Lobby	1330 – 1400
Fall Conference, Essex Ballroom	1400 – 1700
Members Reception	1700 – 2100

Dress Code:

Friday: Blazer or USPS Casual

Saturday: Uniform F – Long Sleeve Shirt, Black Tie & Pants or Blazer