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Sea Scouts Serve Up WSPS Dinner

By Patti Eney, S

On Saturday, 10 September, volunteers from the Sea Scout Ship #946 catered the dinner at the Old Timers / New Comers Dinner. In return for this service, WSPS donated \$200 to the Sea Scout Ship to help with their programs.



*Sea Scouts Emilia Ruzicka & Cassie Poray serving
at the WSPS Old Timer / New Comer Dinner
Photo Credit: Art Noel*

The Sea Scouts started in 1912 and is the oldest, on-going youth boating organization in the United States. It is a division of the Boy Scouts of America and is open to both young men and women,

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Upcoming Events

Weather Class

Wed., Nov 2 @ 1830
Location: Brunswick Corp.
1 N. Field Ct.
Lake Forest, IL

WSPS ExCom Meeting

Tuesday, Nov 8 @ 1900
Location: Tacos El Norte
Libertyville, IL

Election Dinner

Saturday, Nov 12 @ 1730
Location: Brookside
Clubhouse
Gurnee IL

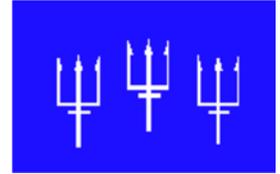
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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

CDR Robert Sloat, N



Our annual election meeting is on Saturday evening, 12 November 2016 and we will be looking to fill spots on our Bridge and other elected positions. Bridge Nominations have been posted to membership via a recent Constant Contact communication. All but Commander and Executive Officer have been filled and we are actively looking for candidates for these two important positions. Many of our current elected positions are filled by members who have been in those positions for three or more years. Fresh faces are welcome and necessary to keep our squadron energetic in what we do.

Please plan to attend this important meeting. More details on time and location will be posted to members.

A few important changes in how we operate should be considered by our squadron. I recommend they be implemented. The goal is to reduce the amount of process for our operations and cut back on some of the more taxing social activities to make it easier to run our operations. This should make it easier to find volunteers to fill Bridge and other Executive Committee positions and help recruit volunteers to help with many other of our activities.

One change includes reducing the current nine Executive Committee meetings a year to three meetings a year with more reliance on conference call meetings and email to pass resolutions on our activities where formal decision making is required. Another change is reducing the number of taxing social events to

help make things easier for the volunteers working on social events. Also, reshaping our focus to education where we can rely on USPS courses and seminars and a comprehensive five-year education cycle will help keep our squadron actively engaged with the north shore boating community.

At the annual meeting, we will have an opportunity to discuss these changes with our members. Member input is important, so please plan to attend and give us your thoughts. It is your squadron and the candidates for election serve you as volunteers. Help them out by getting involved in this discussion and stepping up to pitch in on a WSPS event, course or seminar, vessel safety checks, Squadron Emergency Response Action Team (SERAT) or in our important communications areas including the Waukeelog newsletter, our Facebook page, WSPS website, Constant Contact activities and other PR areas. We will actively seek volunteers for these areas at the meeting - a job fair of sorts.

If you have questions on any of these activities, please consider dropping me a note at commander@wspsboating.org or have a chat with any of the Executive Committee members at the meeting.

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ages 14-20. Sea Scout Ship 946 is chartered by Lord of Glory Lutheran Church and sails out of North Point and Bangs Lake in Waukegan. This year we are enjoying a new-found relationship with Waukegan Power and Sail Squadron, providing concessions for the Equipment Sale in June and catering the New Comers / Old Timers Dinner in September. We are grateful for the generous financial contribution the Squadron gave to us for these two events.

This summer we made several positive changes to our fleet. We sold our twenty-foot daysailer and a San Juan 24 and bought a J29 at quite a reduced cost. The donation from the Power Squadron helped us with the cost of repairs to the main halyard, traveler, and engine mount. In the two months we have had the J29, we have been amazed at the stability due to the eleven foot beam and longer length than any of our boats. Our youth love how fast the J can go! We still have several significant repairs to make on the boat due to several years of abandonment on the hard. We would love to have any help once springtime rolls around!

Current members of the Power Squadron who are advisors of Ship 946 are Mark and Patti Eney, Clint Rahn, and Caroline and Paul Thacker. We are always looking for youth and adults who are interested in boating in general and sailing in particular. Contact the Eneys at 847-265-0336 if interested in joining our Ship as an advisor or youth. During the off-season, we meet on the first Sunday of the month from 4:00-5:30 in Grayslake.



Sea Scout Spencer Thacker approves of the WSPS Old Timer / New Comer Dinner.

Photo Credit: Art Noel

OPEN LETTER TO WSPS MEMBERS

By P/C Jim Moran, AP

I am privileged to have been a WSPS member for 25 years. I am especially thankful to deceased member, Al Smith and current member, George Krzacynski for taking the initiative to provide encouragement when I needed it: Both to become a member and, later, to become involved with Squadron programs and activities. I have been an active member for 18 to 20 of the 25 years that I have been a member including moving through the chairs on the Bridge and serving as Commander. We sold Footloose, our pride and joy sailboat, two seasons ago after 23 years in Waukegan Harbor and have begun spending more time out of state. Time marches on. We all get a little older. Our interests and needs change. But, in my case, I continue to have a vested interest in WSPS!

I am encouraged by the quality of some of the newer members that I have met. It prompts me to recall the time when I first joined this outfit. I was working. Often goofy hours. Betty and I had a growing family. I was, however, determined to make boating a priority in our lives. With a little uncertainty, I accepted Al Smith's invitation to become a member. I was uncertain because I often felt being tugged in different directions by my job, family, boating interest and, to some extent, WSPS.

As time passed, the opportunity to become involved in a variety of Squadron activities and social functions arose. I chose to become involved and discovered that I enjoyed it. I have made life-long friends and, importantly, I have found that I have consistently, throughout the 25 years, gained more than I have invested in the Squadron.

Here's the bottom line...My reason for taking the time to express myself to you.

I want to emphasize that the investments in time and effort to be an active member of the Power Squadron has paid great dividends for Betty and me. The value of the rewards gained by our participation in the Squadron far exceeds the time we invested. Our boating experiences have been made better by the classes, friendships and our participation in Bridge and other volunteer programs in the Squadron.

As you think about the importance of boating in your life, I encourage you to take full advantage of your Power Squadron opportunities which includes volunteering for Bridge positions, summer cruises and social functions. And, expect to get more out of your total boating experience in return.

Thank you!

PC Jim Moran, AP



Commander's Update 2017 District Change of Watch Spring Conference



Waukegan Sail & Power Squadron will be hosting the D/20 2017 COW Spring Conference tentatively scheduled from the evening of Friday, March 17 through Saturday evening, the 18th. It's been many years since we have hosted a conference and we have a couple of members on the district bridge. The normal transition is for D/20 bridge members to work at a succession of bridge roles (through a lot of volunteer efforts) eventually being considered by a nominating committee for election to commander of the district. We all know Mike Ludtke, a previous commander of WSPS who remains very active with WSPS in addition to D/20 duties. He is currently the second in command (Executive Officer) at D/20. Nothing has officially been announced, but it seems like Mike would be a prime candidate for the next commander of D/20. That is why we are getting ready for the possibility that Mike might be the new commander of D/20. The district council will approve the nomination slate of officers in December.

P/C Oscar Lutz has volunteered to be the Conference Chairman. Planning is already in the works. The theme will be St. Patrick's Day. We will have a hospitality suite "Shamrock Shuffle Poker Run" on Friday night to encourage interaction among the squadrons. The highlight of Saturday's schedule will be the district Change of Watch dinner where the new district commander and bridge is installed.

We are personally asking **YOU** to help us make the conference a success. There are many areas that need to be filled. Even if you don't think you'll be able to attend, there are many things that need to be done prior to the conference. A signup sheet will be at the 12 November Election Dinner. If you aren't going to be at the Election Dinner and want to volunteer or have any questions, contact Oscar Lutz at ojlutz@aol.com 847 528-4221.

Specific details as to the date, location and schedule will be released once available.

We will be discussing this at our annual election on 12 November.

Thank you for your support.

Cdr Robert Sloat

There is no "I" in Team, but, there is a "U" in Volunteer!!

Crossing Lake Michigan to Holland

By Donna Nicosia, S

Summer was filled with wonderful sailing weather and this year Jim Mast and I tried to get the most of it.

As a first timer, I accompanied Jim and his daughter across Lake Michigan to Holland Michigan. Our journey began at 0230 am with clear, starry skies and a glowing moon; never imagined it could be so intriguing with no sight of any traffic on the rolling sea.

As the dawning hours approached, 0530 am, a mysterious vessel lumbered out of the rolling fog. No lights were visible. With our keen eyesight, we determined it was not a pirate ship, but a tall ship heading to Chicago.

Our next encounter was with a behemoth object - soon to be recognized as a lake freighter. Should we wake the Captain?? Well let's wait until we get close. When the vessel was 20 degrees off our port and closing, we called the Captain. WHAT! Let's change course!!! Well we didn't get close enough to get the name, but riding the wake of the freighter was exciting.

With calm seas and a following wind we made it to port in 12.5 hours - the motor got its workout.

The harbor was wonderful but bring a dingy if you go. We tried to walk to town but never made it and had to cab back to the harbor.



Information on Visiting Holland

www.holland.org

www.michigan.org

www.tripadvisor.com

www.tuliptime.com

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Map from Holland.org

Photo Credits: The Crew of Captains Mast



EXECUTIVE OFFICER Lt/C Elisabeth Geltz, JN



How many people can you fit SAFELY on a boat, and wouldn't you like to be wearing a life preserver in this situation???

In San Francisco, last month, a group of **30** people including three children were enjoying an airshow in the bay aboard a **34-foot** boat. Unfortunately, the boat overturned leaving 30 people in the water with two underneath. This all happened within 100 yards of shore. Thankfully all survived due to Coast Guard Fire and Police Department, and Good Samaritan efforts. According to NBCBayArea.com,

“One day after a near catastrophic tragedy in the San Francisco Bay, authorities are combing through evidence in an attempt to figure out how a boat carrying 30 passengers suddenly capsized Saturday afternoon, sending eight people to the hospital.

Public safety officials announced Sunday that crews will use sonar equipment to search for the 34-foot-long vessel after the conclusion of the San Francisco Fleet Week festivities on Sunday.

"It may drift a little bit with the tide, but if it's on the bottom as we suspect, it's not going to move terribly far," said Michael Andraychak of the San Francisco Police Department.

Andraychuk said Sunday their focus was to keep boats out of the air show area. Once the show ended, a full-fledged search was launched.

Two children who nearly drowned in the accident have been released from a hospital in good condition, authorities said Monday.

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*Thirty boaters in San Francisco Bay after a 34-foot boat overturns.
Photo Credit: NBCBayArea.com*

*For more information,
follow this link:*

<http://www.nbcbayarea.com/news/local/Passengers-OK-After-Boat-Capsizes-in-San-Francisco-Bay-396465541.html#ixzz4MyX1kbMP>



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No charges had been filed as of Sunday, but authorities are investigating to see if alcohol played a role in the capsizing and if the boat was fully stocked with enough available life jackets.

Everyone aboard the vessel is expected to survive, including a 4-year-old child who was plucked from the water and found to be unconscious. A good Samaritan and rescue crews initiated CPR on the child before rushing the youngster to a local hospital.

Thanks to the quick-thinking of other boaters in the area who heaved life jackets to those stranded in the cold water along with the large contingency of emergency crews nearby participating in Fleet Week, all 30 passengers were brought to safety in roughly 30 minutes.”

How many times have you seen an overloaded boat on Lake Michigan and wondered what can they be thinking! This is a great example of lack of knowledge which is what USPS are all about. Please encourage your boating friends, dock neighbors, and new boaters to take classes starting with ABC, wear life jackets, and think about their safety...

Happy Fall -

Elisabeth



*During an event this summer at the Waukegan Harbor Patio,
Art Noel caught this rainbow photo.*

Photo contributions to the Waukeelog are always welcome.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

November

4 Rosanne Turow
5 Rich Clark
19 Robert Sallmann
21 Donna Nicosia
26 Vickie Smith

December

22 Richard Kofsky
27 Zachary Thacker

NEW MEMBERS

Vito A Caragiulo
Munelein IL
Power Boat, “Lexie”

Ray Damijonaitis
Lake Forest, IL

Paul & Caroline Thacker and
Zack, Hunter & Spencer
Wauconda, IL
Sail Boat, “Mara J”

Transfers from Kankakee

Al Smith, P &
Vicki Smith
University Park, IL
Sail Boat, “Pneuma II”

Rodney Cummins
Mundelein, IL
Sail Boat, “Escape”

Returning Members

Rebecca Paret, P
Antioch, IL

Engine Maintenance



Instructor Rex Miller shows the Engine Maintenance students how to properly maintain a Yanmar diesel at Larsen Marine.

Thank you Larsen Marine for allowing us to use their engines and work area for our student training.

Congratulations Engine Maintenance Graduates

Karl Cazzini
Mark Eney
Patricia Eney
Bob Guida
David Miller
Arthur Noel
Robert Sloat

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Old -Timers / New-Comers Dinner at Waukegan Harbor



**Thanks to Sea Scout Ship #946
for provisioning and serving dinner.**

Emilia Ruzicka, Cassie Poray, Spencer Thacker,
Hunter Thacker, Zach Thacker, Paul and Caroline
Thacker, Mark and Patti Eney and Clint Rahn.

Dinner Photo Credits: Art Noel

Magical Mirror

By Art Noel, AP

On July 27th 2016 I accompanied Ray Boller on assignment to assist as a crew member aboard his boat to officially help in the Pepsi Chicago Tall Ships Parade. We are part of the US Power Squadron, Waukegan 7th Squadron's SERAT vessel (Squadron Emergency Rescue Assistance Team) which Rav is the Captain of. Following is my account of our voyage from Waukegan Harbor, IL to Navy Pier, IL.

We met at the harbor at approximately 6:00 A.M. and left for Navy Pier at 6:45 A.M. Underway, the apparent wind flowing over my face and the sound of two V8 engines' cylinders humming in synchronization as we make our way toward Chicago Harbor, brought me to full wakefulness.

Our GPS waypoint was set for L N42-05.833 and LO W087-38.706 where we would change direction from 157 degrees magnetic outside of Wilmette Harbor to 164 degrees magnetic toward Chicago North Gap (N41-54.202; W087-36.541). Ray's boat, "About Time", made its way effortlessly through the lake waters at an average speed of 23 knots.

This was not a sailor's dream-morning except for the possibility of a comfortable breakfast at anchor. However, it was as blissful as it gets for power boating. The temperature of the air was still cool for an early, July, summer morning and there was no wind or breeze worthy of acknowledgement. The ride was as smooth as a



Photo Credit: Art Noel

new Cadillac on a modern expressway. Yes, we were motoring on a sea of glass. Taller objects along the shoreline and anything high enough to appear over the lake created a beautiful reversed double of itself. The only distinct motion on the water was our wake as it rolled off into the distance gradually disappearing from eye's view.

I don't have years of experience on Lake Michigan, but I have concluded that this was a very magical morning on a lake this size. It doesn't take a very strong breeze traveling the distance of the lake to create ripples which have their own beauty but, do not mirror the world around them.

It is said "a picture is worth a thousand words". The one which accompanies this article hopefully lives up to this popular, timely quotation. In less than thirty minutes after it was taken the wind began to create small waves which broke up the magical Lake Michigan mirror returning it to a more statistical norm.



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