



# WAUKEELOG

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## Waukegan Squadron to Celebrate 60 Years of History

*By P/C Bob Sloat, N*

The Waukeelog is a great source of information on squadron happenings and history. Our website has many Waukeelog issues going back as far as February 1964. Just scroll down on the Newsletter page to see the issues available on-line. It is interesting to look over our history over the last 60 years.

The date of our local squadron's charter is June 19, 1957. This year we celebrate our 60th year of boater education, safety and socialization among fellow boaters. For folks who look at our calendar and see June 19, 2017 as WSPS Founding Day, that is the reason.

The February 1964 issue of Waukeelog is a very interesting issue. It chronicles our founding as Waukegan Power Squadron and granting of our USPS charter on September 9, 1957. It is interesting that 41 Waukegan boaters in a Piloting Class, the predecessor to Americas Boating Class, given buy Evanston, along with a number of boaters from Evanston Squadron, Kenosha and Milwaukee made up the charter members of Waukegan. If any readers have some history of WSPS that may be of interest to our members, drop me a note. Hopefully, there will be enough interesting historical information to report on in future issues of Waukeelog.

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### Upcoming Events

#### Seamanship Class Begins

Mon, Mar 6 @ 1900

Location: Lake Forest, IL

#### WSPS ExCom Meeting

Tuesday, Mar 13 @ 1900

Location: TBA

#### District Spring Conf & Change of Watch

Fri & Sat, Mar 17-18

Location: Itasca, IL

#### Piloting Class Begins

Thurs, Mar 30 @ 1900

Location: Lake Forest, IL

#### WSPS ExCom Meeting

Tuesday, Apr 11 @ 1900

Location: TBA

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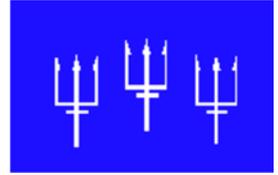
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# COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Cdr. Dave Sallmann, JN



I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to members of Waukegan Sail and Power Squadron whom I have not met and tell you a little about myself. I have been a member of the WSPS since 1980. I have served on the bridge for about ten years in the 1980's and 1990's. I was the Squadron Commander in 2000. I am currently the District Treasurer, however that term will be completed this March. I am a sailor and I was a Lake Michigan power boater for many years. I have a sailboat in Waukegan Harbor and I enjoy cruising with my family. I also race on Thursday nights and participate in a couple of longer races. Most of my Thursday evening crew are members of WSPS.

As I took on the role of Commander this year, I thought about goals for the year. I believe one important goal is to increase member involvement in the Squadron. Although we have a full bridge of Squadron officers and Executive Committee members at large, we are lacking members in key positions such as Waukeelog Editor. Our current Editor, Mike Ludtke will become the District Commander in March and he will not have the time to continue as our Squadron editor. If any of you are willing and able to help us with the Waukeelog, please let me know.

We hope to expand our Squadron Cruise schedule and participation this coming boating season. Our Squadron Cruises during recent years have been weekend or day cruises. In the past, we have had successful full week and longer cruises to ports along the Lake Michigan

Shore. I would like to hear from members regarding where and for how long they might like to cruise this summer.

One final note. As you probably know, Waukegan is hosting the District Spring Conference March 17 and 18. Mike Ludtke will be sworn in as District Commander at this event. We would like to see as many WSPS members as possible attend this event to support Mike. You can find more information about this event in this Waukeelog issue. If you haven't reserved a room for or haven't sent in your meal reservations, please do so now.

Cdr David Sallmann, JN

## WSPS Memorial Education Fund

WSPS thanks P/C Dick Kofsy for the generous memorial gift made to the Waukegan Sail and Power Squadron's Memorial Education Fund. Dick's gift was in memory of his long-standing friend and companion Dee Toscano who passed away in December.

This fund is used by WSPS to further boating education for the public.

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## EXECUTIVE OFFICER

### Lt/C Ellen Ludtke, AP



For those of you who don't know me, I am your Executive Officer for 2017. I have been a member of the Waukegan Sail & Power Squadron for 17 years. Mike and I joined in October 2000, that November (one month later) I was sworn in as Secretary and Roster Chair. I held the position of Secretary for 3 years and Roster Chair for 15. If you attended our recent Change of Watch and listened to Mike's speech as incoming District Commander his message was we all need to get involved. Don't hesitate to say "Yes" when you are asked to fill a position or serve on a committee.

One of the responsibilities of the Executive Department is to promote our squadron and public relations. I want to thank Lisa Brock & Randy Conner (Waukegan) and Mike Ludtke (Kenosha and North Point) for taking on the roles of Harbor Port Captains. In addition to posting promotional flyers, announcements they will maintain the PFD loaner displays.

I have created a WSPS brochure "Who We Are" and will be asking the harbors to include in their spring boater packets.

Although the date has not been announced yet, we will once again have a booth at Larsen's Appreciation Day. If you are interested in promoting the squadron at the event, please let me know.

Mike Ludtke will continue as our Vessel Safety Check Chairman. If you are not aware, USPS offers free vessel safety checks, though will not keep the USCG from boarding, can prevent you from costly fines. Please contact Mike ([mludtke@hotmail.com](mailto:mludtke@hotmail.com)) if you would like to become certified as a VSC inspector or would like to have your boat inspected.

Your 2017 Executive Committee has some great ideas for the upcoming year. Let 's all get involved and make Waukegan Sail & Power Squadron number one in District 20.

Lt/C Ellen M Ludtke, AP

## Please Update Your USPS Profile

We are trying to make things easier for our volunteers working on our new streamlined WSPS Roster and our new WSPS Harbor Directory both of which are on our website, [wspstoating.org](http://wspstoating.org). They are both protected with the same WSPS password to give us some privacy. If you forgot the WSPS password, contact a fellow member for that information or send a note to Bob Sloat via email at [resloat@comcast.net](mailto:resloat@comcast.net) and once confirmed as a legitimate request you will be contacted.

The information for our Roster and Harbor Directory is downloaded from USPS databases. To help out please update your profile on the [USPS.org](http://USPS.org) website. To do this, just go to the site, and click Member Login at the top of the page. Then log in using your E number (USPS member number) and your Password or USPS PIN. Your E number is on your membership card and your PIN is on your dues receipt you get after paying membership dues each year. We post only E numbers on the WSPS roster on our website. If you forgot your password, click on Forgot Your Password on the login page to get a new one.

Once logged in, you will see a Manage Profile box on the right side of the opening page. Click it to update your profile. Please look at all the editable items and make sure they are correct. It is especially important to us that your correct email address is shown. This is how we let you know of events and announcements through Constant Contact emails from WSPS. If you have a boat located at a harbor please fill in the last three items. They are Boat Type, Boat Name and Harbor. For Harbor put in the harbor you are at and also add your slip location. An example is: Waukegan, Slip S5-9.

If we all do this, there will be less volunteer work needed to maintain our Roster and Harbor Directory and we will have accurate member information to more easily contact fellow WSPS members and know where member boats are in our harbors.



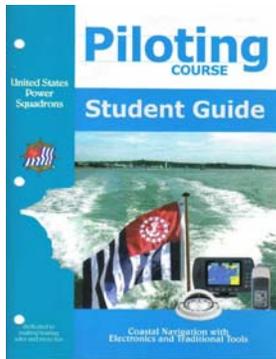
### March

- 7 Gary Nadeau
- 14 Brian Markey
- 14 Sean Sullivan
- 19 William Strauss
- 21 David Barnum
- 23 John VanBenthuyzen Sr.
- 26 David Sallmann
- 30 Karl Cazzini

### April

- 10 Hunter Thacker
- 10 Spencer Thacker
- 18 Ann Richter
- 20 Bob Guida
- 20 MaryAnn Hartl
- 22 Rebecca Paret
- 26 Daniel W Martin

# Educational Announcements



## PILOTING

Piloting is the first course in the sequence of USPS courses on navigation, covering the basics of coastal and inland navigation. This course focuses on navigation as it is done on recreational boats today and embraces GPS as a primary navigation tool while covering enough of traditional techniques so the student will be able to find his/her way even if their GPS fails. The course includes many in-class exercises, developing skills through hands-on practice and learning.

Start Date: Thursday, March 30, 2017

Location: Brunswick, Lake Forest

Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Duration: 10 Class Sessions Plus Open Book Final Exam

Materials: USPS Piloting Text

Cost: \$ 78.00 Members  
\$170.00 Non-Members\*  
\$ 20.00 Second family attendee sharing text

Instructors and to register please contact:  
Brian Markey, SEO  
bgmarkey@gmail.com

Tenney Ford  
Tenney@illinoiscarbide.com

\* Includes 1 year membership dues



## Congratulations to the Sail Class Grads

Richard Barta (Skokie Valley)  
Vito Caragiulo  
Ray Damijonaitis  
Mark Eney  
Patti Eney  
John Plemons (Michigan City)  
Al Smith  
Paul Thacker  
Zack Thacker

## Favorite Tool

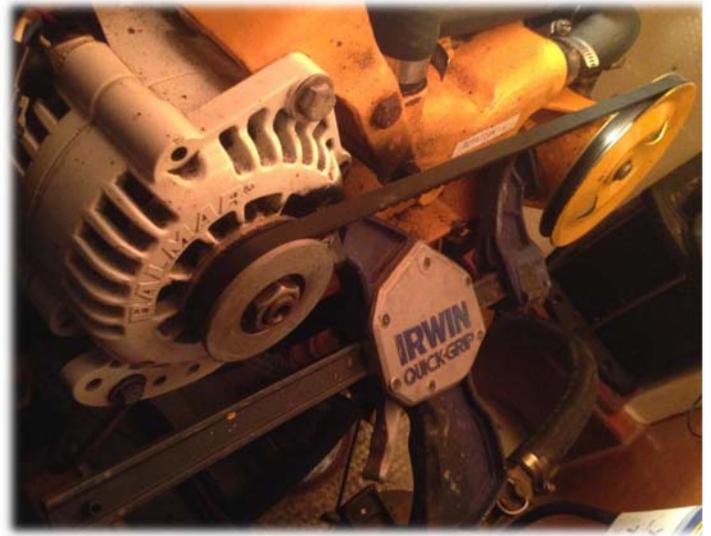
Lt. Ray Boller, AP

About Time

**Emergency repairs** – your vessel engine has an over temperature alarm and loss of alternator output. While troubleshooting, you determine the problem is a broken v-belt. You have a spare. You have the needed wrenches and a prybar to use when tensioning the new belt. Now, you find out how tough it is to make the repair on a **hot engine**, while in **rough seas**.

So, you loosen the tension adjustment, place the new belt, and find a way to lever the belt adjuster to its proper position. You wish you had one more hand, but there is no room for a helper, anyway – a very tough situation!

If there was just some way to hold the tension adjustment, while you have a wrench in each hand to tighten the bolt. --- So, here is my favorite tool to make this job easier – the belt tensioner



(By the way, a couple of these clamps on board might come in handy in other emergencies, such as holding a temporary patch on a hull leak)

Please share one of your favorite tool tricks with your friends!



There are some adjustable carpenter C-clamps which have a reversible end – so that instead of only squeezing parts together, it would push things apart. Pick a size which will fit in appropriate spots on your engine. The cushion pads on the clamp help to keep it in position – and, now you have an extra hand to hold the belt tension (per engine mfg. recommendation), while you work the wrenches to finish the job.

*Editor's Note: Let's here from our members and make this a regular feature in the Waukeelog. Tell us about your favorite instrument, favorite tool, safety device or anything boating related that you'd like to share.*

# Change of Watch Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>



*P/C Bob Sloat receives his P/C Flag  
from D/C Harvey Young*



*Cdr Dave Sallmann taking  
the USPS oath*



*Commanders Award recipient  
Art Noel receives the award  
from Bob Sloat.*



*The 2017-18 Executive Committee*



*D/C Harvey Young, P/C Bob Sloat, P/C Suzanne Mora  
(Great South Bay) and Cdr Dave Sallmann*



*Bob Sloat and the Boner Award*

*Photos by Art Noel*



**District 20 Spring Conference**  
**17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> March 2017**  
**Hosted by Waukegan Sail & Power Squadron**  
**The Westin Chicago Northwest**  
**400 Park Blvd**  
**Itasca, IL 60143**

**Room Rate:** The \$109.00 per night rate has been extended for a *limited time*. Make your reservation TODAY. Use the online room reservation <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/USPowerSquadronDist20> .

**Meal Reservations need to be received by 12 March.**

Rank	Name	Grade	Squadron	Email	Telephone
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

**Lunch:**

	Price	No.	Total
<b>Herb Roasted Chicken Breast</b> w/Roasted Yukon Potatoes, Green Beans & Carrots	\$34	___	\$ _____
<b>Herbed Swai Fish Roulade</b> w/ Grilled Vegetable Pearl Couscous	\$34	___	\$ _____
<b>Pan Jus Grilled Sirloin Filet</b> w/Roasted Yukon Potatoes, Green Beans & Carrots Lunch includes: Dessert, Coffee and Tea	\$34	___	\$ _____

**Dinner:**

<b>Chicken Piccata</b> w/Lemon Caper Cream Sauce	\$48	___	\$ _____
<b>Wood Grilled Beef Filet</b> w/Wild Mushroom Demi	\$48	___	\$ _____
<b>Cracker Crusted White Fish</b> w/Smoked Yellow Tomato Sauce	\$48	___	\$ _____
Dinner includes: Caesar Salad, Vegetable Risotto Dessert, Coffee and Tea		Total	\$ _____

**Schedule of Events**

**Friday 17 March**

1500-1900	Registration
1900-2000	Activity Pending
2000-2400	Hospitality Suites

**Saturday 18 March**

0730-1100	Friendship Room
0800-9000	Education Meeting
0900-1100	Registration
0915-1015	Soo Locks Presentation
1030-1130	Council Meeting
1200-1315	Luncheon
1315-1330	Verification of Delegates
1330-1600	Spring Conference
1800-1900	Cocktail Reception
1900-2100	Banquet/COW/Raffle
2100-2300	Hospitality Suites

Check if First Time Attending a District Conference

Make Checks Payable to D/20 Spring Conference  
 Registration and check should be **sent by 12 March** to:  
 Lt/C Ellen Ludtke  
 11419 Zarnstorff Rd  
 Richmond, IL 60071 [emludtke@gmail.com](mailto:emludtke@gmail.com) / 815 245 0888

**Dress Code:**

Friday: "Wearing O the Green"  
 Saturday (day): Uniform F - White long sleeve, black pants and tie  
 Saturday (night): Uniform A or appropriate attire.

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