



SKOKIE VALLEY SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON

DISTRICT 20

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Running Lights

April 2018

*Change of Watch
Sunday 22 April 2018*

*Wildfire Lincolnshire
325 Parkway Drive*

1230 Cocktails

1300 Family Style Dinner

1430 Change of Watch Ceremony



A MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMANDER

Last month we had our dinner/general meeting in our hospitality room at the D/20 Spring Conference. Friday night was St. Patrick's Day theme and costumes. Thanks, as always, to Dave & Sue Anthony for keeping the hospitality room humming along.

Saturday morning's keynote speaker was author Rochelle Pennington, who talked about the subject of her book *The Endurance, History's Greatest Shipwreck*. She chronicled the story of Sir Earnest Shackleton's 1914 attempt to circumnavigate through the waters of Antarctica. She showcased his leadership ability, which made the difference in saving all the crewmember's lives following the ship being encased in ice and subsequent destruction, months later. It was a 470 day ordeal. The story is often retold at leadership workshops. In my humble opinion, this presentation was best-ever, and we've had very good presentations at the conferences. Thank you D/C George Prescott for scheduling Rochelle Pennington's presentation.

For the first time in several years, we had an ABC course. Arranged by Rich Davidson and taught at Larsen Marine in Waukegan last month. Eight students will now be knowledgeable and safe boaters.

Our Change of Watch is on Sunday April 22nd, at Wildfire in Lincolnshire. Please come out and show your support for our next commander, Joe Lokaj. He held this position on the 2010-2011 bridge and has a lot of ideas to drive the *America's Boating Club* campaign forward.

I want to thank all of the 2017/2018 bridge officers for a great year of service. And thanks to everyone who has helped me over the last two years. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as commander of Skokie Valley Sail & Power Squadron.

—Cdr. Gary Vinzant, JN




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2017-2018 Bridge**

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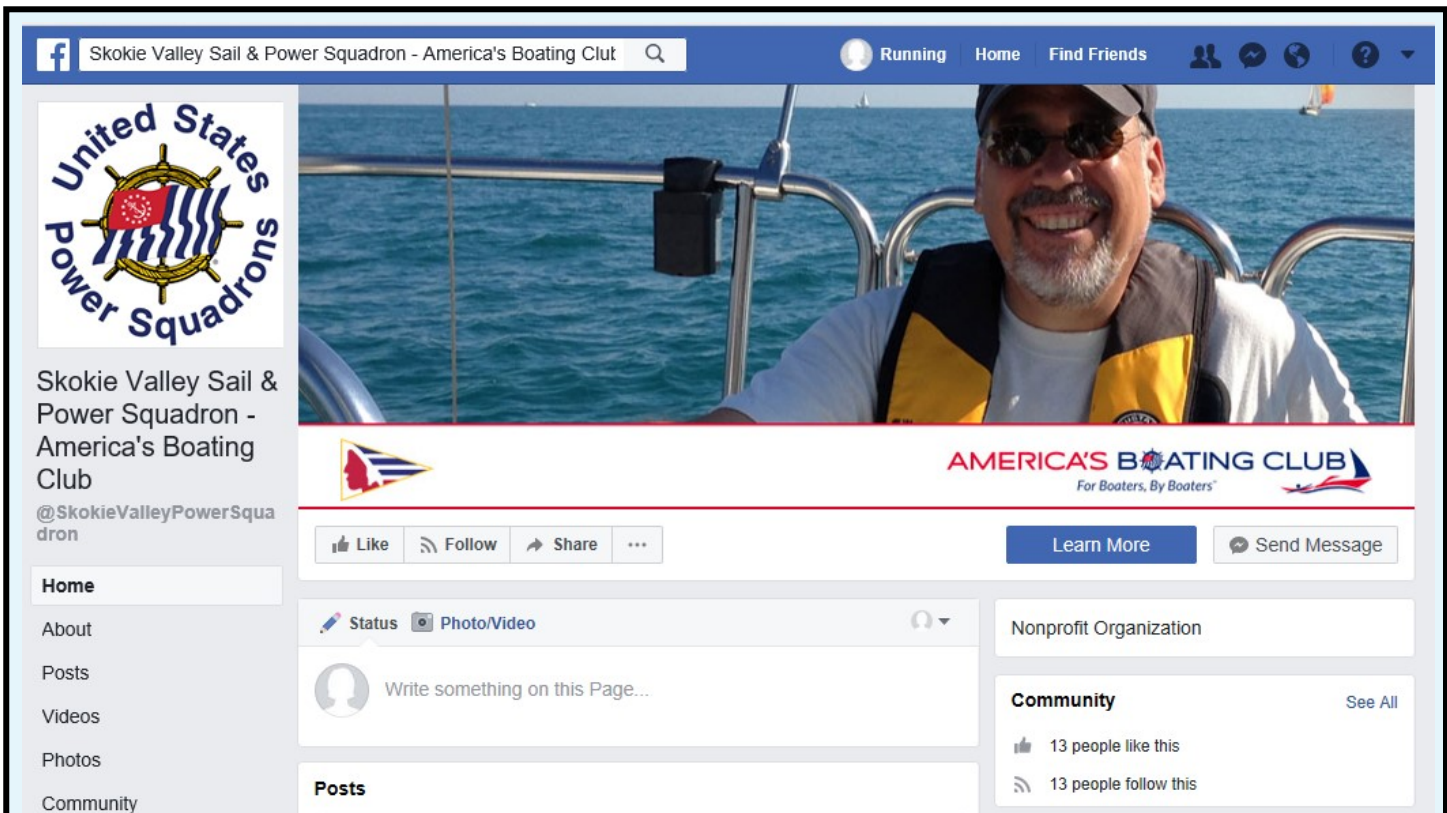


April 2018

4	Wed	Executive Board/Bridge Meeting, 1900	Yen Yen Restaurant, Buffalo Grove
11	Wed	Skokie Valley Breakfast Club, 0900-1000	Market Square, Wheeling
15	Sun	Publication Deadline—Running Lights	Karen D'Amico (630-483-9741)
22	Sun	SVPS Change of Watch	Wildfire, Lincolnshire (page 5)
25	Wed	Skokie Valley Breakfast Club, 0900-1000	Market Square, Wheeling

May 2018

2	Wed	Executive Board/Bridge Meeting, 1900	Yen Yen Restaurant, Buffalo Grove
9	Wed	Skokie Valley Breakfast Club, 0900-1000	Market Square, Wheeling
15	Thurs	Publication Deadline—Running Lights	Karen D'Amico (630-483-9741)
20	Fri	May Member Meeting	Chicago Botanic Garden (page 10)
23	Wed	Skokie Valley Breakfast Club, 0900-1000	Market Square, Wheeling



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Sue Lokaj has been getting our new facebook page up and running. Check out all the great stories and America's Boating Club videos.

Please be sure to go to our page and Like us!

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George Doerner, Sue & Bruce Longman, Dorothy & Dick Hughes, Rosemary & Tom Thomas

In February 2018, several current and past SVPS members met at Dick & Dorothy's home in Cape Coral Florida. We started to gather at 3:00 pm Feb. 24th for drinks and appetizers. Later we went to dinner at RumRunners in Cape Coral.

Submitted by Bridget Doerner



George Doerner & Sue Longman



Rosemary Thomas, Hal Slaughter, & Tom Thomas



Dick Hughes, Bridget Doerner & Marilyn McCormick

Attending were:
George & Bridget Doerner
Dick & Dorothy Hughes
Bruce & Sue Longman
Tom & Rosemary Thomas
Marilyn McCormick
Hal Slaughter
Kay Widdis



Hal Slaughter, Dick Hughes, Tom Thomas & Kay Widdis



Hal Slaughter & Kay Widdis



Sue & Bruce Longman



Tom & Rosemary Thomas

Change of Watch

Sunday 22 April 2018

Wildfire Lincolnshire
325 Parkway Drive

1230 Cocktails (cash bar)

1300 Family Style Dinner — \$45

1430 Change of Watch Ceremony

Join us for the installation of the
Skokie Valley 2018 Bridge and to thank the
2017 Bridge Officers for their service

Family Style Dinner: prime rib, split-roasted herb chicken,
cedar-planked salmon, redskin mashed potatoes, and
balsamic-roasted vegetables

Includes: salad/appetizer, coffee, tea, soda & dessert

Please Make Reservations by 15 April

Sign up on SailAngle, or contact Joe & Sue Lokaj
via phone 847-914-9447 or Sue@lokaj.net



YOUR WEATHER REPORT

By Mike Hennessy, AP, Instructor-Weather course



The Global Water Crisis

The month after I wrote about floods, it seems strange that I am writing about a water crisis. But it is true, in certain parts of the world there is a serious water shortage.

Our own west coast has been suffering from a shortage of water as can be proven by the amount of wild fires they have been experiencing. Experts do not see a change in weather pattern for that area any time soon.

Cape Town, South Africa is in such a crisis that they expect to be completely out of water by this summer. That is 4 million people who will have to live off of bottled water for an indefinite period. Also, this area's water supply is not expected to change any time soon.

The Middle East and North Africa are most likely to suffer as rain fall in these already dry regions is expected to decrease another 20% by the end of the century. The countries in the Middle East with the lowest renewable freshwater resources are Kuwait, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, Egypt, and Qatar. Sanaa, Yemen's dry inland capital is expected to run dry of water within a few years. Pakistan's government has warned the entire country will lack sufficient water as soon as 2025.

The cities of Beijing, Shanghai, and Mexico City are pumping so much water out of underground aquifers that they are literally sinking. In the U.S., Lake Mead and Lake Powell have dropped 140 feet over the past 15 years.

Some of the solutions to this crisis will require extensive repairs to leaky water pipes which accounts for lost water in about 40% of cities. Another is the building of Desalination plants. Both of these solutions are very expensive and time consuming.

The bottom line is that Climate change can create severe droughts, and if you haven't prepared for it, you are going to have serious problems.

Water is life.



OUR GREAT LAKES, OUR GREATEST RESOURCE

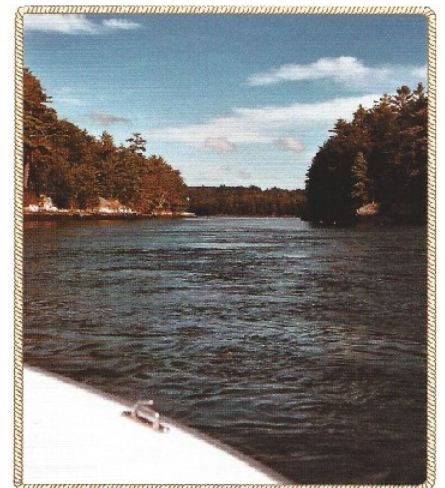
The Farm Bill is up for renewal this year, and that is a big deal for conservation efforts in the Great Lakes region. It's the largest land, water and wildlife conservation program for private land owners in the nation.



Congress allocates about \$6 billion a year for conservation programs in the Farm Bill, and it is fundamentally important for clean drinking water.

Some farming practices degrade natural resources and the environment. Sediment, nutrient and pesticide runoff or leaching can impair water quality. The Farm Bill provides programs designed to help farmers improve their practices affecting soil, water, and air quality, wildlife habitat, and greenhouse gas emissions. Basically farmers get paid to do the right thing for the land and water, which is important when they have to make decisions impacting their livelihood.

CAPTAIN AHAB'S QUIZ



When cruising up a large river, you hear a warning on the radio that there is a snag on the "left bank".

Would the snag be on your port or starboard side?

(see answer on back page)

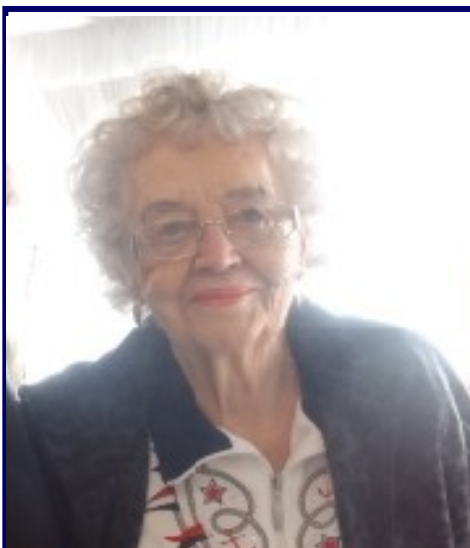
Tom Clark, AP, Contributing Editor
Courtesy of Perchant Publishing



SVPS 2018 Event & Cruising Schedule



When	Event	Location	Host
April 22, 2018 Sunday	SVPS Change of Watch	Wildfire, Lincolnshire	Joe & Sue Lokaj
May 5, 2018 Saturday 0800	Rowing Regatta	Crystal Lake	Gary Vinzant
May 20, 2018 Sunday	Luncheon Meeting	Chicago Botanic Gardens	Ron & Joanne Zingler
June 10, 2018 Sunday	Luncheon	Arlington Park Race Track Arlington Heights, IL	Ron & Joanne Zingler
June 29 to July 1, 2018	Summerfest Cruise	McKinley, Marina Milwaukee, WI	Ron & Joanne Zingler
July 13 to August 3, 2018	Summer Cruise	Port Washington Fish Day, Sturgeon Bay, Frankfort, Charlevoix, Bay Har- bor, Harbor Springs, Mackinaw City, Ludington, Pentwater	Ron & Joanne Zingler
July 28, 2018 Saturday	D20 Cruise & Rendezvous		District 20
August 17-20, 2018	Chicago Air & Water Show	North Avenue Beach Chicago	Ron & Joanne Zingler
August 19, 2018 Sunday	Chicago Architectural Tour	Wendella, Chicago	Ron & Joanne Zingler
September 9, 2018 Sunday 1400	Dinner Meeting	Reflections Lake Villa	Ron & Joanne Zingler
October 2018	Dinner Meeting	Marriott Lincolnshire Play & Dinner Meeting	Dave & Sue Anthony
November 2018	Anniversary Dinner	TBD	Ron & Joanne Zingler
December 2018	Commanders Holiday Party	TBD	Commander



*It's hard to forget someone who gave
you so much to remember*

*Our dear friend Kim Chmela passed away in March.
We shared many memories and our prayers go out to
her husband Steve and their whole family*



Spring Point Ledge, South Portland, Maine

43°39'61"N 70°13'26.06" W

Southern Maine lighthouses attract thousands of visitors every year, summer and fall. This lighthouse is the only caisson-style light station in the United States that visitors can walk to as most of the water-tight chamber lighthouses are out in the water. In other words, work can be done on the lighthouse underwater.

Before the lighthouse was built, ships were crashing into the ledge.

The Keepers lived on the lighthouse but there was not room for their families and not enough water supplies for families. The keepers had a boat and could row to shore to visit family and get their mail and supplies.

The best-known keeper was Augustus Aaron Wilson, know as Gus. In 1917 Gus was assigned to Spring Point Ledge. For fifty years, Gus was a prolific carver of decoys and his decoys were renowned for their detail. He frequently sold his decoys for 75 cents a piece to a sporting goods store in Portland or gave them away to friends.

Gus carved them while on watch at Spring Point. He did not only carve decoys, but also African animals and the smaller species of marsh birds frequently seen on the coast of Maine. Soon his pieces became collector's items. Gus Wilson died in Gray Maine in 1950. His carvings began to be sold at auction and sold for hundreds of dollars to thousands of dollars. Now some of his works have gone from \$120 to \$195.

The lighthouse is currently maintained by a trust and is open to the public in the summer for tours.

Submitted by: Bridget Doerner, N
Photo by George Doerner, SN



LOCATED adjacent to the campus of Southern Maine Community College

FIRST LIT 1897

AUTOMATED 1934

STILL ACTIVE

HEIGHT 54'

ORIGINAL LENS 5TH Order Fresnel lens.

CURRENT LENS Barrel lens

CHARACTERISTIC White light flashing group every 30 seconds.

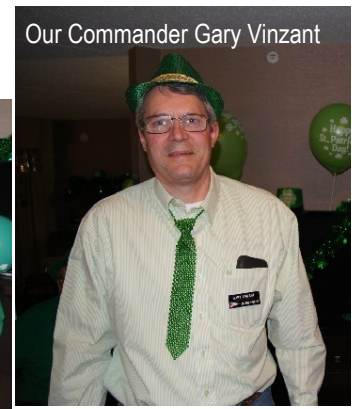
D20 Spring Conference

Thanks to Ron Zingler for the great pictures!

Thanks to Richard Calfa for making the hospitality sign!



Richard Calfa, Don & Gail Sidman, Joanne Zingler, Marilyn Calfa & Sue Anthony



Our Commander Gary Vinzant

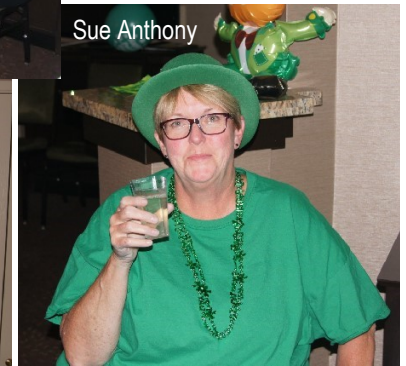
Karen D'Amico & Richard Calfa



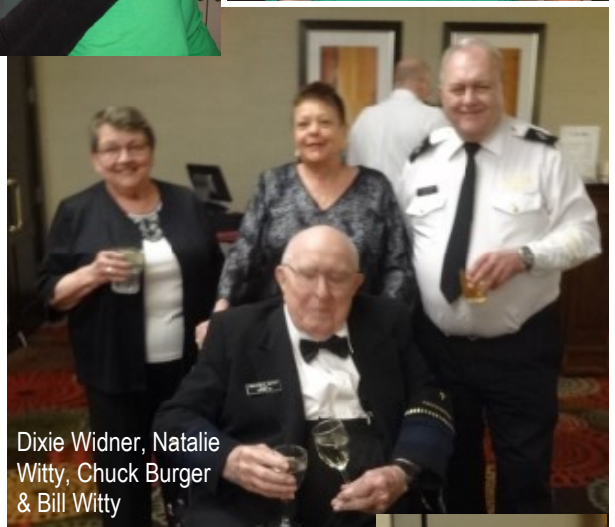
Marilyn Calfa & Dave Anthony



Sue Anthony



Dave & Sue Anthony, Rich Davidson, Joanne Zingler & Gary Vinzant



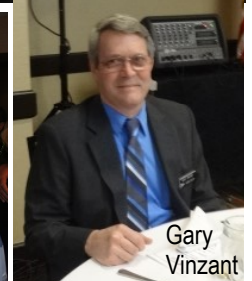
Dixie Widner, Natalie Witty, Chuck Burger & Bill Witty

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Dave & Sue Anthony

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Joanne & Ron Zingler

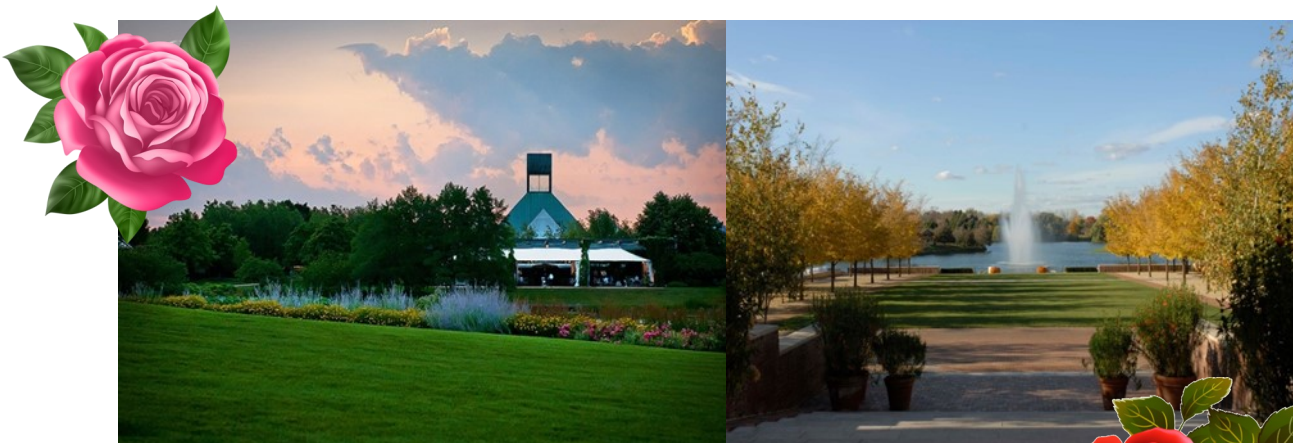


Rich Davidson & Bill Witty



SVPS May 20th, 2018 Lunch Meeting

If you have never been to the Chicago Botanic Garden, you have to come out to see the beauty at this event. The Gardens are situated on nine islands providing panoramic views surrounded by beautiful plantings. This is a treasure in our own backyard that can only be appreciated by viewing it.



Where: Chicago Botanic Garden
1000 Lake Cook Road
Glencoe, IL 60022 847.835.5440



Time: 11:30 Arrival
12:00 Narrated Tram Ride around the gardens 35 minutes
01:30 Lunch served in the Lakeside Room at Visitor Center

Parking: Mention **Skokie Valley Power Squadron Event** to the guard for free parking

Cost: \$50 Includes parking, tram ride, walks through the garden for the day, and lunch buffet

Buffet: Salad, grilled chicken, vegetable, desert, coffee, tea and water
Alcohol refreshments can be purchased in the cafeteria.



Last Day for Registration is May 3rd



Please register on SailAngle or contact: Ron Zingler
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- When:** Wednesday, April 11, 2018—May 30, 2018
- Time:** 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
- Cost of Class:** Nothing!
- Sponsor:** NORTH SHORE RADIO CLUB – www.ns9rc.org
- Where:** Northbrook Fire Department
Administration Building
740 Dundee Road (1/2 mile West of Edens Xpy)
Northbrook, IL 60062



License Examination Session:
Wednesday, May 30, 2018

The class is taught by local volunteer Amateur Radio Operators from the North Shore Radio Club. Your primary instructor is Rich Davidson, K9RD, BSEE, who has taught this course for more than two decades and has been a ham for over 58 years. Rich is the recipient of the national 2004 Herb S. Brier *Instructor of the Year* award, selected by the board of the American Radio Relay League.

For more information, visit <http://www.ns9rc.org> or call (847) 295-8845

April Anniversaries

Cindy Geske	2009	11 yrs
Sue & Tony Palazzo	2001	15 yrs
Sowah Anyetei	2001	17 yrs
Don & Gail Sidman	2001	17 yrs
Hugh & Judy Sommerfeld	1996	22 yrs
Frank D'Amico	1990	26 yrs
Dick Hughes	1990	29 yrs
George Doerner	1980	39 yrs
Vince Rychlewski	1979	40 yrs
Robert Frankenbush	1973	46 yrs

Congratulations on reaching another milestone with the squadron. We appreciate your support!

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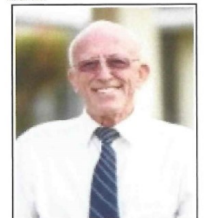
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Captain Ahab answer:

Starboard—upriver
(port—downriver)



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