



**DISTRICT 20** 

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# Running Lights

# **April 2022**





#### America's Boating Club North Shore 2021-2022 Bridge

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#### A MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMANDER

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the successful 2022 America's Boating Club D20 Spring Conference. The event was so well planned out and everything went smooth. The entertainment was great. Thank you to those who donated the baskets for the raffle. They were excellent and generous.

It was a team effort and I thank you all. Special thank you to Joanne Zingler and Mary Merrell for heading up the conference. Also Dave and Sue Anthony, Ray and Deb Adam, Richard and Marilyn Calfa for the decorations.

#### Commander's Checklist for 2022

Conference Planning Meeting

✓ January Dinner Meeting

✓ Plan Summer Lake Michigan Cruise

February Dinner Meeting

Conduct Election of New Bridge

✓ Plan Change of Watch Dinner

Schedule Boat Launch

Attend D20 Spring Conference

Go on Vacation!



-Cdr. Tony Palazzo, AP





### **Mark Your Calendar**



	April 2022				
6	Wed	Executive Board/Bridge Meeting, 1900	Zoom meeting (see page 7)		
15	Fri	Publication Deadline—Running Lights	Karen D'Amico (224-238-7372)		
23	Sat	America's Boating Club North Shore Change of Watch	Dover Straits, Mundelein (page 5)		
May 2022					
4	Wed	Executive Board/Bridge Meeting, 1900	Zoom Meeting, Contact Tony Palazzo		
15	Sun	Publication Deadline-Running Lights	Karen D'Amico (224-238-7372)		
21	Sat	May Member Meeting	Reflections, Lake Villa (page 9)		
21-27	Sat-Fri	National Safe Boating Week	www.safeboatingcampaign.com		

#### Special Thanks from our Conference Chair, Joanne Zingler

In the winter edition of the TRIDENT, Terry Phillips said the weather outside is terrible and she was tired of watching television at night. She wanted to go out and have some fun. So, she came to the District 20 Conference at the Holiday Inn Elgin and spent a weekend on the shipwrecked Gilligan's Island.

Fun was had by all thanks to the efforts of the Skokie Valley Power Squadron. And now a note of appreciation is definitely in order.

We knew that we could count on Dave and Sue Anthony for a terrific well decorated hospitality suite. It is no secret that everyone enjoys hanging out there. But it was also fun to check out the Waukegan and Chicago suites. The pina coladas whipped up by Janice North were delicious.

Pat Antoni and Karen D'Amico did a terrific job with advertising the conference to all district members. Frank D'Amico kept us on track by scheduling the critical planning meetings.

Christine March using the alias Kanizzle had us properly dressed in red and blue shirts that fit us to a T.

The palm trees and the S.S. Minnow created by Rich Calfa were perfect for the Friday night Sing-A-Long. Marilyn Calfa came through with her delicious homemade nut mix. Rich Davidson and Ron Zingler kept the audio equipment going with their technical prowess.

Little do any of us understand, but we very much appreciate the effort by Jim and Mary Soyka to prepare the registration packets, meal selection tally, checks, and seating charts. Sue Anthony still has work to do with paying the bills and balancing the budget. Great job.

I was shocked by the table centerpieces. I really thought the same decorations were going to be used for both lunch and dinner. Well, I was properly chastised by Sue Anthony and Deb Adam. The centerpieces at lunch and dinner were adorable. Ron Zingler and Gary Vinzant had a 20-minute discussion on how to give-away the centerpieces. In the end, they let each table fight over them.

The raffle baskets were a hit. All the credit goes to Deb Adam for the wrapping, display, tags, ticket containers and set-up. Special thanks to the following for the stunning baskets:

- Ray and Deb Adam
- Janice North of Chicago Squadron
- Frank and Karen D'Amico
- Mary Merrell of Fox Valley
- Kanizzle Larry and Christine March (2 Baskets)
- Tony and Sue Palazzo
- Ron and Joanne Zingler
- Dave and Sue Anthony
- Rich Davidson and Bonni Breen

Joanne Zingler & Mary Merrell

So, to sum things up, Rich Davidson kicked off the conference more than 2 years ago and Tony Palazzo kept us on track for a successful event. Finally, this conference would not have happened without Mary Merrell's dedication, hard work and direction. Thank you Mary!



# America's Boating Club North Shore Change of Watch Saturday 23 April 12-4 PM



Dover Straits 890 E. US Highway 45 Mundelein, IL 60060 www.doverstraits.com

Join us for the 2022 Change of Watch as we celebrate the events of the past year and swear in the Bridge Officers for the coming year



#### Cost \$32 per person—select your entrée at dinner

Entrees: Choice of New York Strip Steak, Atlantic Salmon Filet, Breast of Chicken Marsala, or Jumbo Shrimp and Pasta.

All Entrees Include: soup, salad with choice of dressing, rolls, butter, dessert, soft drinks, coffee, tea and iced tea



RSVP to Tony Palazzo by April 16 ontimeedm@gmail.com 630-347-6586

# Charter Fishing Derby—June 11th the boats depart from North Point at noon

Gear up and get out on Lake Michigan for a charter fishing excursion

Contact dave-sue-anthony@comcast.net for information.

Sign up now! We have two boats reserved and each boat holds 6 people. The estimated cost is expected to be about \$130 per person, depending on the number of fishermen (or fisher ladies).



#### <mark>April Anniversaries</mark>

Frank D'Amico 1990 30 yrs Dick Hughes 1990 32 yrs	Dick Hughes	1990	32 yrs	
Robert Frankenbush 1973 50 yrs	Robert Frankenbush	1973	50 yrs	

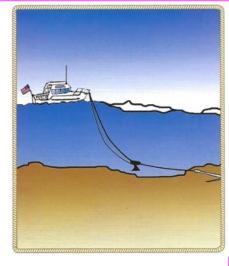
Congratulations on reaching another milestone with the squadron. We appreciate your support!

Cdr Tony Palazzo, AP



#### CAPTAIN AHAB'S QUIZ





To prevent an anchor from dragging in heavy weather, a should be rigged as shown.

(see answer on back page)

Tom Clark, AP, Contributing Editor Courtesy of Perchant Publishing



## **SVPS 2022 Event & Cruising Schedule**



When	Event	Location	Host
April 23	ABC North Shore	Dover Straits, Mundelein	Tony Palazzo
Saturday, Noon	Change of Watch		
May 21	Member meeting	Reflections, Lake Villa	Ron Zingler &
Saturday			Joe Paldo
June 11	Lake Michigan Fishing	North Point Marina	Dave Anthony
Saturday	Derby		
June 11	Sundowner & Bon Fire	North Point Marina	Tony Palazzo, Dave
Saturday			& Sue Anthony
June 23-25	Summerfest	Milwaukee, WI	Ron Zingler
Thurs-Sat			
July 8-17	Summer Cruise	South Haven, St. Joe, Ham-	Tony Palazzo
Fri-Sun		mond Casino	
July 16	Port Washington Fish Day	Port Washington	
Saturday			
July 23-24	Milwaukee Air & Water	McKinley Harbor	
Sat-Sun	Show, Blue Angels		
August 19-20	D20 Cruise & Rendezvous	Riverside Conference	Rockford Power
Fri-Sat		Center & Suites, Rockford	Squadron
August 20-21	Chicago Air & Water	Burnham Harbor	
Sat-Sun	Show, Thunderbirds		
September 18	Member Meeting	Bucca diBeppo, Wheeling	Ron Zingler
Sunday			
October 23	Member Meeting	TBD	Ron Zingler
Sunday			
November 12	Anniversary Dinner	TBD	Ron Zingler
Saturday			
December 11	Commander's Holiday	TBD	Commander
Sunday	Party		

#### **April Executive Committee Meeting for Wednesday April 6th at 1900 (7:00pm)**

**Join Zoom Meeting** 

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81074711585?pwd=Z0N0U0dTQU9UYIIPUk5MUVpPKzB4dz09

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# America's Boating Club North Shore May Member Meeting Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup> 3 PM

Enjoy great Polish home cooking at Reflections in Lake Villa. Cocktails on the deck and Saturday afternoon meeting with beautiful views of Deep Lake.

After dinner, Joe Paldo has invited everyone to his lodge on Crooked Lake. Just 3 blocks from the restaurant.

## Reflections

38564 N. Edgewood Lake Villa, II 60046 847.265.4170



Cocktails: 3:00 PM

Dinner: 4:00 PM order from the menu with separate checks

After Party: Joe Paldo's Lodge (3 blocks away)



RSVP to Ron Zingler 847.946.2516 Cell zingleron@comcast.net

#### Americas Boating Qub Oruise to Southern Lake Michigan July 8<sup>TH</sup> thru July 17<sup>TH</sup>

Beat the winter blues and start planning for warm summer weather. This July we will embark on our long awaited southern Lake Michigan cruise. All are welcome by boat or car! Marinas fill up fast, so in March we need to make reservations and send deposits. Call Tony Palazzo AP at 630-347-6586 to join.

Our first port of call is **South Haven Municipal Marina, Michigan**. Slip reservations can be made by calling 269-637-3171.

http://www.southhaven.com/parks\_and\_recreation/marinas.php

The charming harbor town of South Haven has long been a favorite spot for vacationers. Packed with wonderful restaurants and pubs, great shopping, museums, 2 vineyards, and unique art galleries, it is no surprise that South Haven has been a popular year round vacation destination for over 140 years. There is a lot to enjoy around the area for some good old fashioned fun. Summers at the beach are great. This is a frequent stop for our group and a personal favorite for me.





Our next stop is **West Basin Marina, St. Joseph Michigan**. Slip reservations can be made by calling 269-983-5432. https://sjcity.com/live-here/marina

West Basin Marina is located on the north side of St. Joseph River. Getting to the town of St. Joe on the south side of the river will require using their free shuttle service. This is a new stop for us, but lots to do in the area, like wineries, restaurants and shopping. Along the lake, at the mouth of the St. Joseph River, sandy Silver Beach features a restored 1910 carousel and a pavilion. Near Tiscornia Park and its dune-backed beach, the 2 North Pier lighthouses date from the early 1900s. The Curious Kids' Museum offers hands-on exhibits, including a play veterinarian clinic, apple orchard and farm.

Next stop, Hammond Horseshoe Casino and Marina, Indiana. For information on slip rentals or any other questions about the marina, call 219-659-7678. https://hammondportauthority.com/hammond-marina/

The newly remodeled Hammond Marina is just steps away from the Horseshoe Casino. There are over 900 slips of various sizes that can accommodate many types of vessels. After enjoying a day out on beautiful Lake Michigan, enjoy a night of gaming excitement at the Horseshoe Casino. Designated the first "Clean Marina" in the state of Indiana, Hammond Marina strives to be at the forefront of environmental conscientiousness. It features recycling bins throughout the marina, as well as a top-notch drainage system and boat wash-down station that



keeps dirty water from flowing into the lake. Beyond the cleanliness of the marina, they offer attractive Indiana fuel prices at lower rates. Add into the mix the marina's extended hours and location, and it makes the perfect stop for boaters. It's located in the Hammond Harbor Basin of Lake Michigan, just 12 nautical miles from downtown Chicago.

#### Intended itinerary below based on weather and time permitting!

Date Leave	Port Leave	Port Arrive	Date Arrive	Miles
7/8/2022	Kenosha	South Haven	7/8/2022	85
7/11/2022	South Haven	St. Joe	7/11/2022	25
7/14/2022	St. Joe	Hammond	7/14/2022	60
7/17/2022	Hammond	Home Port	7/17/2022	65
			<u>Total Miles</u>	<u>235</u>

Everyone is welcome to attend our cruise by boat or driving. All of our ports can be followed by car. Also we can make decisions on Itinerary as a group when we are traveling. Bring your own ideas and we can discuss as a group. Call Tony Palazzo AP at 630-347-6586 to join.

#### Congratulations to our new District Commander, Rich Davidson!

Rich was elected during the Conference meeting in the afternoon. Then he and the new D20 Bridge were sworn in during the Change of Watch dinner Saturday evening. Stuart Zwang was also sworn in as he is continuing as D20 Executive Officer again his year.













This month we morn the loss of two friends and past commanders of Skokie Valley. Hugh Sommerfeld, commander from 2001-2002 and Tom Fox, commander from 2002-2003. I served on the Bridge with both of them, as I was the next one to become Commander in 2003.

Tom and his wife Gloria moved up to Door County WI after retirement. They bought the home while on a squadron cruise. Even after they moved, they organized cruises up to the peninsula and used to host the squadron at their home.



Hugh and his wife Judy joined the squadron in 1996. Hugh was very active during his 26 years in our boating classes, our executive bridge, committees, and events. They lived in Wheeling, which is also where I grew up, and interesting fact: Hugh and my father served as Trustees of Wheeling Township. Hugh and Judy often hosted our dinners at The Continental restaurant, which was near their home. Most recently they took over organizing the biweekly breakfast club up until the restaurants closed during the pandemic. So many great memories and we were very sad to hear about their passing.





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Captain Ahab answer:

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