



DISTRICT 20

Membership Newsletter - Volume 23 Issue 4

# Running Lights

## April 2023

**America's Boating Club  
North Shore Change of Watch  
Sunday 16 April 1-5 PM**



A special dinner to celebrate  
the past year and swear in  
the new Bridge Officers

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**A MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMANDER**

Its official. We have a new D20 Commander, D/C Mike Ludke SN-CAN. Mike took over responsibilities from the now P/D/C Richard Davidson. We are confident Mike will do a great job. The D20 Conference started out on Friday with 50's/60's themed party including a nostalgic and boating trivia question quiz. D20 Commander Rich Davidson took the prize by answering 19 of the 20 questions correctly. They served appetizers and it was an open bar. We had a great time.

One of our cyber members Ron Dziagwa attended the meeting. It was a pleasure to meet him. Ron has an extensive background in the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary. He has flown Coast Guard helicopters and well as airplanes. He is very sociable and many members had the opportunity to meet him. Thanks to Dave and Sue Anthony we had a very successful hospitality suite, closing up Saturday morning at 1:00 AM.

Saturday after breakfast we had an update from Mike Ludke on the National Meeting held in Florida. Then Phil Aleo gave a very informative talk on the history of Chicago, the first 100 years. I enjoyed his presentation. It was filled with very interesting information on how the city of Chicago started. The COW was conducted and a new Bridge was established. So we are set for another productive year. SVPS had 14 members in attendance. Thank you all for attending. The meeting was adjourned and music and dancing ensued. The very fine music by The Kennedy/Taylor Experience. I would like to thank P/D/C Mary Merrell and D/Lt/C Jesse Bowen for a well-planned and successful D20 Change of Watch.

SVPS America's Boating Club of The North Shore will conduct our Change of Watch on April 16<sup>th</sup> at Dover Straits in Mundelein. We will order off the menu. This is usually a well-attended meeting and I encourage our members to attend, to thank the current Bridge for all their hard work planning 2022/2023 events. Our success was based on the hard-working bridge we elected the past 2 years. It made my job as Commander very easy. So let's attend the COW to show our support, and thank the outgoing Bridge for a job well done, and thank the incoming Bridge as well. We have a lot of great events scheduled for the upcoming year so please see our Running Lights Newsletter for all the detailed information.

It was a pleasure being commander of America's Boating Club of the North Shore / Skokie Valley Power Squadron the past 2 years. Let's welcome our new Commander at the COW. I am very confident Frank will do a great job. He is very knowledgeable about the United States Power Squadrons rules and operating procedures. See you all at the April 16<sup>th</sup> Change of Watch.



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—Cdr. Tony Palazzo, AP





# Mark Your Calendar



## April 2023

5	Wed	Executive Board/Bridge Meeting, 1900	Zoom meeting (page 5)
15	Sat	Publication Deadline—Running Lights	Karen D'Amico (224-238-7372)
16	Sun	Change of Watch Dinner Meeting	Dover Straits, Mundelein (page 4)
22	Sat	ABC Public Boating Course	Lake Villa Metra Station (page 4)

## May 2023

3	Wed	Executive Board/Bridge Meeting, 1900	Zoom meeting (page 5)
15	Mon	Publication Deadline—Running Lights	Karen D'Amico (224-238-7372)
20	Sat	May Member Dinner Meeting	Zion, see below
20-26	Sat-Fri	National Safe Boating Week	<a href="http://www.SafeBoatingCampaign.com">www.SafeBoatingCampaign.com</a>



## May Member Dinner Meeting Nolan's at Illinois Beach Resort May 20, 2023

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**Cocktails 4:00 pm**  
**Dinner 5:00 pm**

If you have never been to the Illinois Beach Resort and Conference Center, come see this beautiful location with a sandy beach on our very own Lake Michigan. The dinner meeting will be held at Nolan's Restaurant off the lobby, overlooking the lake.

We will order from the menu with separate checks.

Kindly Respond by May 15<sup>th</sup> 2023

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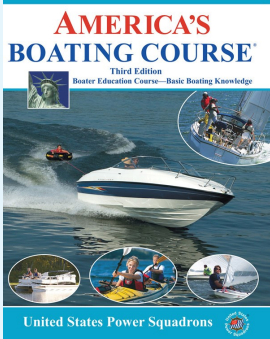
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RSVP to Ron Zingler  
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**We are offering America's Boating Course \$50 pp  
Saturday April 22nd at Villa Lake Train Station, 9 AM-5 PM**

The most comprehensive, single source, in-person boating course. Taking the boating class reduces risk of accidents and injuries, saves money on boat insurance, and qualifies for a state boat license or operator certificate.

If you know someone interested, contact Jim Soyka [jmsoyka2@gmail.com](mailto:jmsoyka2@gmail.com)



# SVPS 2023 Event & Cruising Schedule



| When                                     | Event                                        | Location                                                 | Host                               |
|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| April 16th<br>Sunday                     | SVPS Change of Watch                         | Dover Straits, Mundelein                                 | Tony Palazzo & Frank D'Amico       |
| April 22nd<br>Saturday                   | America's Boating Course<br>(open to public) | Lake Villa Metra Station<br>126 Railroad Ave, Lake Villa | Jim Soyka                          |
| May 20th<br>Saturday                     | Dinner Meeting                               | Illinois Beach, Zion                                     | Ron Zingler                        |
| June 10th<br>Saturday                    | Lake Michigan Fishing                        | North Point Marina                                       | Dave Anthony                       |
| June 10th<br>Saturday                    | Sundowner                                    | North Point Marina                                       | Tony Palazzo, Dave and Sue Anthony |
| June 22-24<br>June 29-July 1<br>July 6-8 | Summerfest                                   | Milwaukee, WI                                            |                                    |
| July 18-24                               | Lake Michigan Summer Cruise                  | Port Washington + Milwaukee Air & Water Show             | Ron Zingler and Tony Palazzo       |
| July 22-23                               | Milwaukee Air and Water                      | McKinley Harbor                                          |                                    |
| August 19 or 20th                        | Sundowner                                    | Shanty or Stage Stop                                     | Ron Zingler                        |
| August                                   | D20 Cruise & Rendezvous                      | TBA                                                      | District 20                        |
| Aug 28-Sept 4                            | ABClub Governing Board                       | Kansas City                                              | National Meeting                   |
| September 16th<br>Saturday               | Dinner Meeting                               | Reflections, Lake Villa                                  | Ron Zingler and Joe Paldo          |
| October 14th<br>Saturday                 | Lake Geneva Boat Cruise Tour                 | Lake Geneva, WI                                          | Frank D'Amico                      |
| October                                  | District 20 Fall Conference                  | TBA                                                      | TBA                                |
| November 4th<br>Saturday                 | Anniversary Dinner                           | TBA                                                      | Ron Zingler                        |
| December 10th<br>Sunday                  | Commanders Holiday Party                     | Hoffman Estates                                          | Commander                          |

**Team  
North  
Shore**

**April Executive Committee Meeting: Wed April 1st at 7:00 pm Central  
Zoom Meeting ID: 886 8635 3567, Passcode: 494049**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88686353567?pwd=Wng0dHhhWWVXY0R6QytVUU8rUTE3dz09>

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## Engine Cut-off Devices. This requirement could save your life.



The requirement to use an engine cut-off switch (ECOS) took effect on April 1, 2021, and applies to all U.S. waterways, with fines of \$100, \$250, and \$500 for the first, second, and third offenses, respectively. State and local authorities may choose to enforce the law differently, but using an engine cut-off switch is now the law for qualified vessels everywhere in the United States.

The law applies to all personal watercraft and recreational boats under 26 feet with motors capable of 115 pounds of static thrust (a little under 3 horsepower). Boats not currently equipped with an engine cut-off switch are exempt, but that grandfather clause is closing fast. Another recent federal law required manufacturers to install engine cut-off switches on all new boats starting in January 2020.

Videos are available that offer an overview of the importance of specialized safety equipment for recreational boating that will shut down the engine in an emergency such as the boat operator falling overboard. America's Boating Channel™ produced these videos to help viewers learn about traditional lanyard type devices, as well as the new wireless systems.

Watching videos like "[Engine Cut-Off Devices](https://youtu.be/3J3M8dMzqTk)" (<https://youtu.be/3J3M8dMzqTk>) is an excellent way for boaters to prepare for safer experiences on the water. America's Boating Channel also produced a sequel entitled "[Wear an ECOS](https://youtu.be/i0Nu7Gu-JG0)" (<https://youtu.be/i0Nu7Gu-JG0>). It covers differences between boating knowledge and boating skills and why it matters. Viewers learn approaches to take to improve their boating abilities.

Visit <https://www.youtube.com/@AmericasBoatingChannel> to find these and other boating education videos. [America's Boating Channel™](https://www.youtube.com/@AmericasBoatingChannel) is produced by the United States Power Squadrons® under a grant from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund administered by the U.S. Coast Guard.



## Can You Help?

We are seeking a Membership chairperson to assist with onboarding new members and driving awareness about member benefits.

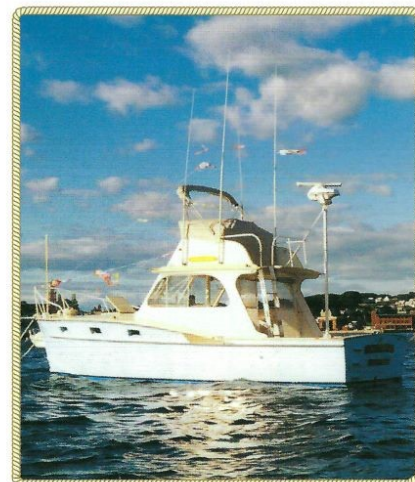
Contact Ron Zingler if you're interested  
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## April Anniversaries

|                    |      |        |
|--------------------|------|--------|
| Tony & Sue Palazzo | 2001 | 20 yrs |
| Sowah Anyetei      | 2001 | 22 yrs |
| Don & Gail Sidman  | 2001 | 22 yrs |
| Judy Sommerfeld    | 1996 | 27 yrs |
| Frank D'Amico      | 1990 | 31 yrs |
| Robert Frankenbush | 1973 | 51 yrs |

Congratulations on reaching another milestone with the squadron. We appreciate your support!  
**Cdr Tony Palazzo, AP**

## CAPTAIN AHAB'S QUIZ



Although your yacht club may not approve, the \_\_\_\_\_ prevention system, shown above is 99% effective (excluding fly-bys). Lash wind socks or pieces thereof to a length of "small stuff" and string it fore and aft.

(see answer on back page)

Tom Clark, AP, Contributing Editor  
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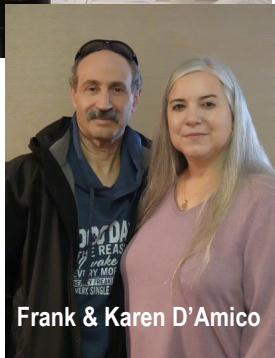
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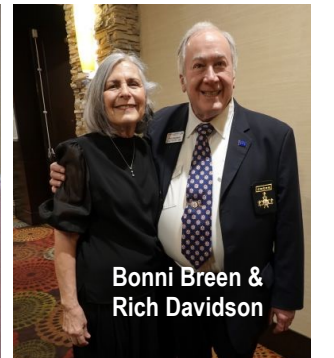
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