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# Running Lights

## August 2019

**Saturday August 17th 4:30 pm**



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**A MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMANDER**

**A**h, the transition from meetings to boating is finally here. Our programs shift into summer mode. The best example was a cruise we took to Door County, WI last week. There were seven boats when it was planned, and one when it was time to get underway. Some of us had conflicts that came out of nowhere, two had medical situations to handle, and the inevitable hell (fog) and high water (big waves) issues showed up. The destination was Sturgeon Bay. Ron and Joanne Zingler piloted their 42 foot Carver, *Got-ta Love It*, after a two day delay to Center Pointe Marina. It was done in one day, with a refueling stop in Sheboygan, 160 miles, all in about 10 hours. When they arrived, four of us were on the dock to help them tie up.

Naturally, we wasted no time opening the bar on Ron and Joanne's party barge. Those four landlubbers were Don and Gail Sidman, Bonni Breen, and yours truly. We had dinner at the Fish Creek home of Keith and Kathy Parker. It was a wonderful experience. We toured their lovely cabin (two story) in the woods, including a garage with a nice workshop, screen porch, gorgeous decoration throughout, and more comforts than many of us have in our primary homes. Dinner was a memorable buffet of chicken, pasta, salad, other sides, and the dessert was a cherry pie from the locally grown crop that Door County is famous for. It was clearly a treat and a great celebration of friendship among our members.

A week earlier, Bay Marine had a flare shoot that our squadron organized. Jim Soyka brought most of the ordnance and gave the safety lecture. The rest of the open house was a pair of lectures on the Great Loop and the North Channel. The presentations were done by two experts that have made the journeys and created slide shows giving everything you need to know before taking either adventure.

At the end of June, we taught another ABC class at Sequoit Harbor. Pat Antoni, Joe Paldo, and I did the whole process in one day. It was exhausting, but most students want a fast and painless class where they can walk out with a certificate the same day. This format seems to work, so another ABC class will be offered at Bay Marine on September 28. Tell anyone you know that might want a starter class.

Finally, August will start out with a bang. The Tall Ships will arrive at Southport Marina, my boat will help escort them, our members will help District 20 run the event, and the Cruise & Rendezvous will take place there.

An informal dinner is planned at Hob Nob in Racine. That is a fine restaurant with a bar to remember, situated on a beautiful stretch of Lake Michigan. It is worth the trip. Many of us have been there before, and we want to go back again.

It may be summer, but America's Boating Club of the North Shore is doing a very full schedule of events.

—Cdr. Rich Davidson, SN



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# Mark Your Calendar



## August 2019

1-4	Thurs-Sun	Tall Ships Festival	Kenosha, WI
3	Sat	D20 Cruise & Rendezvous	Kenosha, WI (pg 8)
7	Wed	Executive Board/Bridge Meeting, 1900	Yen Yen Restaurant, Buffalo Grove
14	Wed	Skokie Valley Breakfast Club, 0900-1000	Market Square, Wheeling
15	Thurs	Publication Deadline—Running Lights	Karen D'Amico (224-238-7372)
17	Sat	Hob Nob Sundowner	HOBNOB, Racine, WI (pg 9)
28	Wed	Skokie Valley Breakfast Club, 0900-1000	Market Square, Wheeling

## September 2019

4	Wed	Executive Board/Bridge Meeting, 1900	Yen Yen Restaurant, Buffalo Grove
11	Wed	Skokie Valley Breakfast Club, 0900-1000	Market Square, Wheeling
12-14	Thurs-Sat	USPS Governing Board Meeting	Louisville, KY
15	Sun	Publication Deadline—Running Lights	Karen D'Amico (224-238-7372)
15	Sun	Member Dinner Meeting	Club Casa Café, Des Plaines (pg 4)
25	Wed	Skokie Valley Breakfast Club, 0900-1000	Market Square Wheeling

This is another lighthouse George saw when he was with Dick & Dorothy Hughes on their last leg of the Great Circle from Ft. Myers, FL to Waukegan, IL. George took this picture from the boat.

You get to the lighthouse from hiking trails in Killarney Provincial Park. This area is quite beautiful with sapphire blue lakes and white quartz ridges. The area has always been a popular destination for artists. The park only has one campground to keep the area a place of solitude and beauty in an undisturbed natural setting.

A contract was put together in 1850 to cover the cost of building four lighthouses on the north channel that run between the northern end of Georgian Bay and Lake Superior, but the cost became too high and led to postponement of north channel lights.

Finally in 1866, the government built five nearly identical lights. The Killarney lights were originally called Red Rock Light and Partridge Island. They were both built on bare rock. They are now called Killarney East and Killarney Northeast. They were both taken care of by one light keeper who would travel between the two by boat. Those early lighthouses did not offer housing for the light keeper, so he had to build himself a shack to live in.

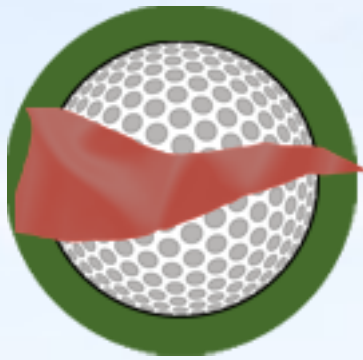
The present lighthouses built in 1909 are square, tapered towers mounted with octagonal iron lantern rooms. A hand foghorn was used at the East Lighthouse until 1957 when a fog whistle was installed. Traveling from the East Lighthouse to the Northeast light was very dangerous. Keeper Solomon's (1950-1960) boat capsized when he drew near the East Lighthouse. Before the boat turned over, Solomon grabbed two lifejackets and used them to stay afloat as he was repeatedly washed by waves. Eventually the icy water took away his strength, but just when he was giving up hope, a large wave pushed him onto a large shoal. The local game warden braved the waters and rescued Solomon who made a full recovery and looked after the lights till 1960 when he died at the age of fifty-nine.

Submitted by: Bridget Doerner, N

Photo by George H. Doerner, SN



**Killarney East Lighthouse**  
**Killarney, Georgian Bay, Canada**  
**46° 5' 0" N, 81° 20' 0" W**



# Member Dinner Meeting Sunday Sept 15, 2:00 pm Club Casa Café

353 N. River Road  
Des Plaines, IL 60016  
[clubcasacafe.com](http://clubcasacafe.com)



Enjoy the views of the Golf Center in Des Plaines for our Sunday afternoon meeting.

Cocktails at 2:00 pm (cash bar)

Dinner \$25

Family style London Broil and Chicken Breast Limone with salad, rolls, soda, coffee, tea & dessert.

Park on the south side of the building for handicap access to the elevator and 2nd floor banquet room.

RSVP by Sept 8th to Ron Zingler 847-634-3806 (home)  
847-946-2516 (cell) [zingleron@comcast.net](mailto:zingleron@comcast.net)

# CAMP ONE STEP

by Children's Oncology Services

Camp One Step empowers children who have been diagnosed with cancer to find new hope and believe again in a brighter future. The children who attend our programs are heroes to us, demonstrating unbelievable courage, strength and determination.



It was a beautiful day for the participants and guests to come out to Southport Marina in Kenosha from Lake Geneva and enjoy Boat Day. A total of 32 boats with 220 children and counselors joined in a cruise to ReefPoint Marina Celebration Dock.

The water was calm with 1 to 2 footers, full sun and 80 degrees. Dave and Sue Anthony were aboard "Rhapsody In Blue" a 61' Hatteras, while Ron and Joanne Zingler were aboard "Gotta Love It". We had 8 on board and Rhapsody had 12 cruising to ReefPoint as we listened to tunes, played Uno, ate snacks and took a turn at the helm. All went well as we docked with the help of designated dock hands. The children disembarked and had a feast that was cooked up on the grills with choice of hamburger, hot dogs, brats, or chicken with all the trimmings. After a great meal they had open swim at the pool.



By 1630 it was time for them to board the buses and head back to camp. Each child was handed a backpack stuffed with hats, towels and assorted snacks that was assembled the night before from various donors.

The campers all agreed that boat day is their favorite day at Camp One Step (formally called COSI or Children's Oncology Services Inc.). The boaters all look forward to next year.

Photos & Story by Ron Zingler





# YOUR WEATHER REPORT

By Mike Hennessy, AP, Instructor-Weather course



## Is Paradise Gone?

California was one of the places where everyone thought was perfect. It had the pleasant weather, scenic views, close to the ocean and so much more.

What California did not have was an abundance of water. As more people chose to live in California, the more congested roads became. The roads in the hills and mountains were windy and steep. Then climate added its own touch to the weather. It withheld rain making much of the wooded countryside dry and the Santa Ana winds did not help if a wildfire started.

Firefighters have never stopped a wildfire powered by Santa Ana winds. Wildfires can travel at 60 mph and they will consume everything in their path. This past year the Woolsey fire destroyed an entire town of 26,000 in 12 hours and the only thing that could stop it was the Pacific Ocean. But while this fire was burning, a fire further North called the Camp Fire was burning simultaneously, which was just as destructive.

Some California Residents are beginning to wonder if this area is really inhabitable by large amounts of people. Most of us want to live in an area with ideal weather that is affordable. Unfortunately based on what we know about this area of our country, the lack of rain, the dry conditions, the occasional mud slides, the earthquakes...makes one think, is California the paradise many of us thought it was.



### OUR GREAT LAKES, OUR GREATEST RESOURCE

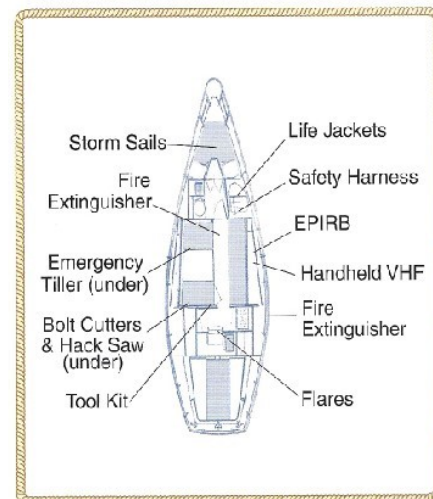
Speaking of paving paradise, I just read an article in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel about four schools in the Milwaukee area that are doing just the opposite. Reducing paved parking lots to replace with green space, including outdoor classrooms, trees, gardens and even a soccer field. What an amazing idea!



The project is being led by the Green Healthier Schools Program, which advocates for environmental education and sustainability. It gives the kids access to nature and increases academic performance. The hands-on learning opportunities in the gardens and outdoor classrooms improve understanding of topics like plants, gardening and photosynthesis. They also plan to make the space open to the community afterschool, so kids have a safe place to play.

According to the program, the organization works with five schools each year to develop their green space. So every year, schools in Milwaukee are at different stages from fundraising, design, permitting, construction and maintenance. So far two schools have completed the program, four are in construction this year, and five more are doing fundraising for next year. Each project takes about three years to complete.

### CAPTAIN AHAB'S QUIZ



It's good practice to have an \_\_\_\_\_ that is prominently displayed for crew & passengers in the event the Skipper falls overboard or is disabled.

(see answer on back page)

Tom Clark, AP, Contributing Editor  
Courtesy of Perchant Publishing



# SVPS 2019 Event & Cruising Schedule



When	Event	Location	Host
August 1-4th	Tall Ships Festival, D20 C&R	Southport Marina	Mike Ludtke
August 17	Hob Nob Sundowner	Racine	Ron Zingler
September 28th	America's Boating Course	Bay Marine, Waukegan	Rich Davidson
September 15th	Dinner Meeting	Club Casa, Des Plaines, IL	Ron Zingler
October 19th	Dinner Meeting	Port Edwards, Algonquin	Ron Zingler
November 16th	Anniversary Dinner	Saddleroom, Hoffman Estates	Ron Zingler
December 15th	Commander's Holiday Party	Lake Forest, IL	Rich Davidson



It was a great time at Summerfest as we indulged in food and beverage with good company, with Tony and Sue Palazzo, Joanne and Ron Zingler. Our entrance fee to the park was \$10 senior rate and we saw several good bands.

Tony and Sue saw STYX on Friday night and Joanne and I saw Zac Brown band Sunday night. Both very good bands to listen to as the weather played some havoc with us, but we were able to get shelter.

On Saturday night, we went together to see a great band called Chicago, previously named CTA (Chicago Transit Authority). They were very entertaining as they played all the old hits from the 60's and 70's. The sound and voices took you back in time as memories had been brought back. We all had a terrific time.

As Joanne and I walked to Summerfest we noticed a placard that read "This hotel was the birthplace of the American Baseball League on March 5, 1900". This included the Chicago White Stockings as Chuck Comiskey was in attendance. I found it strange that this took place in Milwaukee when they were not part of the league. Only Baltimore, Boston, Philadelphia and Washington DC.

Story and photos by Ron Zingler



# District 20 Cruise & Rendezvous Weekend and Tall Ships Festival at Kenosha WI August 1 – 4, 2019



## WEEKEND SCHEDULE

### Thursday, August 1

1300 – Kenosha Tall Ships® 2019 Parade of Sail Skippers Meeting at Southport Boaters Lounge (above pool house) with USCG, Event Planners, other marine unit stakeholders.

\* Review of Comms plan

\* Ship assignments to maintain Regulated Navigation Area (RNA)

1500 – Parade participants muster at rendezvous point

1600 – Parade of Sail begins, directed by Parade Command

1730 – Parade of Sail completes with docking in Kenosha north harbor

### Friday, August 2

1000 to 1800 - America's Boating Club Volunteer Day at the Tall Ships Festival  
(two shifts 1000-1330 or 1300-1800)

1600 to 1900 - Check-in & welcome reception (Wyndham Garden Hotel Lobby Bar)

1900 – Kenosha Rocks the Docks, “an evening of wind, water & song on the harbor”.

Tickets go on sale June 3.

2000 – Kenosha Comedy Club at the Wyndham Garden Hotel.

Act not yet announced.

Tickets will be available at [www.kenoshacomedyclub.com](http://www.kenoshacomedyclub.com)



### Red Witch Sail Away

Saturday at 3 pm. Cost \$55 per person. Space is limited so sign up online ASAP.  
[www.kenoshatallships.com](http://www.kenoshatallships.com)

### Saturday, August 3

1000 to 1100 - Late check-in & Friendship Room at Kenosha Public Museum DC Hall

1100 to 1200 – District 20 Council Meeting at Kenosha Public Museum DC Hall 1215

to 1315 – Group luncheon at Kenosha Public Museum DC Hall

1500 to 1630 – Sail Away on the Red Witch (\$55.00) from the Kenosha Yacht Club Sail Away Village.

1700 – Dock Party at Southport Boaters Lounge (above pool house)

### Sunday, August 4

0930 to 1000 – District 20 Pass and Review

1000 to 1800 – America's Boating Club Volunteer Day  
(two shifts 1000-1400 or 1400-1800)

### D20 Group Lunch on Saturday at the Public Museum DC Hall

Menu includes deli sandwiches, side dishes, salads, desserts, sodas, & water.  
Cost will be \$15-20 per person  
Payable at check in

### Related Websites and Contact Info:

#### Wyndham Garden Harborside

[wyndhamhotels.com](http://wyndhamhotels.com)

5125 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Kenosha WI 53140

262-358-9566

#### Stella Hotel

[stellahotel.com](http://stellahotel.com)

5706 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Kenosha WI 53140

262-842-2000

#### Tall Ships Kenosha® 2019

[kenoshatallships.com](http://kenoshatallships.com)

#### Kenosha Visitors Bureau

[visitkenosha.com](http://visitkenosha.com)

#### Southport Marina

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21 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Kenosha WI 53140

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**Saturday August 17th 4:30 pm**

**Let's get together at HOBNOB! Racine and Kenosha's favorite Supper Club cocktail lounge. Relax and enjoy your favorite Grasshopper, Old Fashion or Brandy Alexander overlooking Lake Michigan.**

**The atmosphere and food is great as you take a step back in time to 1954 when it opened. It was featured in the Chicago Tribune as the best Supper Club ever. Be prepared for an experience you will never forget.**

**Cocktails at 4:30 pm. Cash bar**

**Note: they do not open until 4:30 pm**

**Dinner at 5:30 pm. Separate checks**

**Order from the extensive menu.**

**Please RSVP to Ron Zingler by August 9th, 2019**

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# North Point Fishing Derby

by Stu Zwang; photos by Ron Zingler

I love my daughter. I am also a sucker for her. So, when she said, "Dad, I would be up for fishing with you," I bought it, hook, line, and sinker. My daughter, the imp that she is, did not realize the extent to which these forthright members of the Power Squadron, as well as myself had been suckered into her net. As an aside, she is not immune to dealing out her zingers at me. For example, in looking at my business truck, she is quick to tell me that I could easily lose a mid-size rodent in the stacks of tools, reference manuals and snacks.

Anyway, at the next bridge meeting, I decided to see if this idea would lure anybody in. So I cast out that maybe we could have a fishing outing. This comment immediately caught their attention. Dave Anthony, Ron Zingler, Rich Davidson, and Tony Palazzo all bobbed their heads and took the bait. Plus, Rich brought his stepson Doug, Dave brought his son Zach, and Tony brought his son Michael.

Remember the old adage, 'never volunteer for anything?' As soon as I mentioned this idea, in effect I had volunteered, and was asked to run this expedition. Fortunately, Dave Anthony said that he had friends and a charter boat near him at North Point, and he would find out about getting boats. In effect, Dave really did all the heavy lifting, and I cannot thank him enough for his help.

Anyway, the bridge decided that the optimum day for fishing would be the morning of 8 June 2019. This was because we had already decided to have a 'Sundowner' in the afternoon. The idea was to fish in the morning, and roast in the evening. In order to fish in the morning, we would meet at the public dock at no later than 5:30 AM and go out in the charters by 6:00 AM. We would come back at noon, and recount our fishing tales at **The Tropics** at North Point.

So at 5:00 AM, I was at the opening of an establishment that was to provide a first class, wholesome, power breakfast for the ravenous fishermen. In order to get to the Dunkin Donuts shop in Winthrop Harbor, I first had to get up at 3:30 AM, and meet my daughter, so we would help our early bird fishermen to catch the worm (or hopefully salmon.)

At 5:45, we were ready. Rich, his step son, Ron, myself and Rebecca boarded the *Son Set* while Zach, Dave, Tony and Michael boarded the boat named '*Tis A Good Life*' (translated from the Gaelic).

After about 45 minutes, Rebecca reported to me that she had a case of Mal De Mar. She was a trouper, and kept going. In the meantime, our boat traveled on the fishing grounds. We were able to catch the sum total of one small fish. Given the success that we were having, and Rebecca's continuing discomfort, at about 11:15, we called it quits on the *Son Set*. When we got back to the dock, Rebecca high tailed it back to her car, and went home. Just before her exit, she was awarded a jar of candy Fish Pills. She was told that these pills would deter her seasickness in the future. The fishing refugees from *Son Set* went to **The Tropics** to drown their general lack of success with beerskis.

After another 30 minutes or so, we were joined by the overwhelmingly successful group from *Tis A Good Life*. They caught a total of nine fish. Dave was the star fisherman, as he caught three and also caught the largest of the group. Thus, he was rewarded with the grand prize of one beautiful purple Tee shirt proclaiming he was a fish magnet.

Michael Palazzo earned the second prize tee shirt offering any fish to **hook up with him**. Dave and Ron were each awarded a package of hot sauces as a result of their frenetic activity in putting the fishing outing together. Doug and Rich were awarded chewing gum (so they could chew on the fishing process), while Rich earned a cigar for being our Commander. Both Tony and Ron also were awarded refrigerator magnets to commemorate this expedition.

The day of course had just begun. The crew from **The Tropics** then hung around and attended the Sun Downer. It was a long but wonderful day. All of us from the *Son Set* agreed that bad day fishing was better than a good day at work.



Rachael & Stu Zwang



Doug Breen & Rich Davidson



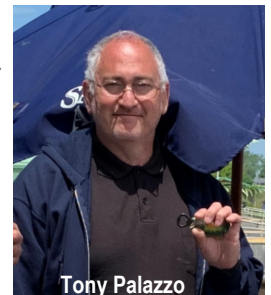
Ron Zingler



Zach & Dave Anthony



Michael Palazzo



Tony Palazzo



“Seashells remind us that every passing life leaves something beautiful behind.”  
Unknown



On Friday, June 28, we lost our dear friend Clark Sanford. Clark was a member of Skokie Valley for 26 years. He and his wife Jean both served as Past Commanders; Clark in 2000 and Jean in 2006. During this time, Clark earned 17 merit marks for the work he did serving the Squadron both on and off the bridge.

Clark and Jean first met in high school and were married for 70 years. In 1956, they moved to Palatine where Clark started his business, Abbey Carpet Sales and Service. But most of us were welcomed into their home in Barrington where they hosted many meetings and even a couple Holiday Open House events. They also really enjoyed staying at their campground in the Keys over the winter months.

I thought this picture from our 2017 Sept dinner meeting perfectly captured Clark’s fun loving personality and attitude toward life. He was always charming, positive, maybe a little mischievous, but most of all he wanted to make you laugh. Pat mentioned his many antics at the District 20 conferences, where he enjoyed dressing up in costume and entertaining all who attended. What great memories.

Clark always had a way to make you smile and brighten your day. I’m sure Jean and their whole family appreciate your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. We will miss you Clark.

## August Anniversaries

William Buholzer	1998	21 yrs
William Witty	1982	39 yrs
William Goldstein	1978	42 yrs
John Hennessy	1971	48 yrs
Ray Buellesbach	1971	50 yrs

Congratulations on reaching another milestone with the squadron. We appreciate your support!  
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Captain Ahab answer:  
Emergency Equipment Plan



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