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A MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMANDER

Is everyone with a boat getting some time on the water? I think we are the fortunate ones that can enjoy this pas-time and still social distance from our neighbors on the dock. At the harbor, life seems pretty normal. It is only when you visit the shops, restaurants, and other public places that your mask has to go on, and reality of the pandemic sets in.

I have enjoyed having a slip in New Buffalo, MI this season. It gives me access to the Four Winds Casino, some great wineries and distilleries in the area, chances to explore great tourist towns like St. Joseph, and an escape from the challenges of life in confinement.

We just learned about the passing of our latest 50 year member, P/C Ray Buellesbach, SN, who taught many of our members basic boating and volunteered for so many of the events we held. Think of all the years he got to enjoy the activities we cherish as members. May his name remain for a blessing.

At the last Executive Committee meeting, held at my house, Pat Antoni announced that her house got an offer just after she listed it for sale again. If all goes well, our loss will be Florida's gain. Pat will live a short distance from her daughter Cindy, and a lot of well deserved enjoyment will come her way. Jim Soyka will get to assume the role of Squadron Education Officer. In the twenty years Pat has been part of our squadron, she has been our squadron commander, district commander, newsletter editor, education officer, and served on numerous committees for the squadron, district, and national organizations. Pat represents a large part of the knowledge base that keeps us doing all of our jobs correctly. We will dearly miss having her in the area.

D/L/C Stuart Zwang, SN, wrote an article for Running Lights that will appear in The Ensign. It describes his Shaky Shake Down Cruise some time ago. I was wondering how we could confer the Boner Award during this quiet season, but it now appears we have a winner, hands down. Ron Zingler will be delighted to hand it off to the lucky new honoree.

Our next Executive Committee meeting will be a return to a restaurant, now that the protocols allow us to meet at restaurants. On August 5, we are gathering at the Shanty in Wadsworth, on Route 41. They erected a huge event tent on their parking lot, and it serves quite a few customers. So, all members are welcome to attend. Be sure to RSVP me if you want to join in. This might be a dry run for a return to regular member meetings in the fall.

The time people are spending at home has given rise to some upgrades at National Headquarters. We no longer have SailAngle because we never supported its creator, but there is a new Merit Mark system in place and some work being done to replace DB2000. I am still plugged into the ITCOM committee, and most of this work is being done right and should work for a long time to come.

Our Chief Commander, Mary Paige Abbott, SN, cancelled the Governing Board this fall, and the Cruise and Rendezvous is also cancelled. I expect the Fall Conference for District 20 to be a virtual meeting, so keep your computers ready to deploy, and keep up with our events, such as they are.

—Cdr. Rich Davidson, SN




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Mark Your Calendar



August 2020

5	Wed	Executive Board/Bridge Meeting, 1900	The Shanty, Wadsworth (see page 6)
12	Wed	Skokie Valley Breakfast Club, 0900-1000	TBD
15	Sat	Publication Deadline—Running Lights	Karen D'Amico (224-238-7372)
26	Wed	Skokie Valley Breakfast Club, 0900-1000	TBD

September 2020

2	Wed	Executive Board/Bridge Meeting, 1900	Contact Rich Davidson
9	Wed	Skokie Valley Breakfast Club, 0900-1000	TBD
15	Tue	Publication Deadline—Running Lights	Karen D'Amico (224-238-7372)
23	Wed	Skokie Valley Breakfast Club, 0900-1000	TBD
26	Sat	North Point Sundowner and Bonfire	North Point Marina (see page 5)

Honfleur Lighthouse Calvados, France

49°25'10"N and 0° 13' 57"E

Submitted by Bridget Doerner, N
Photo by George H. Doerner, SN

HonFleur is a commune in the Norman region of Calvados, located on the southern bank of the river Seine across from le Harve and very close to the Normandie. The town is at the eastern end of the coastline called Cote Fleurie (Flowery Coast).

It is especially known as an old port with houses of slate-covered sides. The town was painted many times by artists such as Monet and Boudin because of the rustic look of the houses.

During the Hundred Years' War, the port benefited from the maritime trade, this lasted till the end of the 18th century.

The port also saw the departure of explorers. In 1503 Binot Gonneville explored the coasts of Brazil. In 1506 Jean Denis explored Newfoundland. Samuel de Champlain organized a trip to Canada and founded the city of Quebec.

The port thrived on trade with Canada, the West Indies, the African coasts and the Azores. During this time, the town of Honfleurs thrived in slave trade.

The wars of the French Revolution and the First Empire caused the ruin of Honfleur. The harbor began to silt over and a new port of Le Harve took over. Despite this, the port still functions today.





YOUR WEATHER REPORT

By Mike Hennessy, AP, Instructor-Weather course

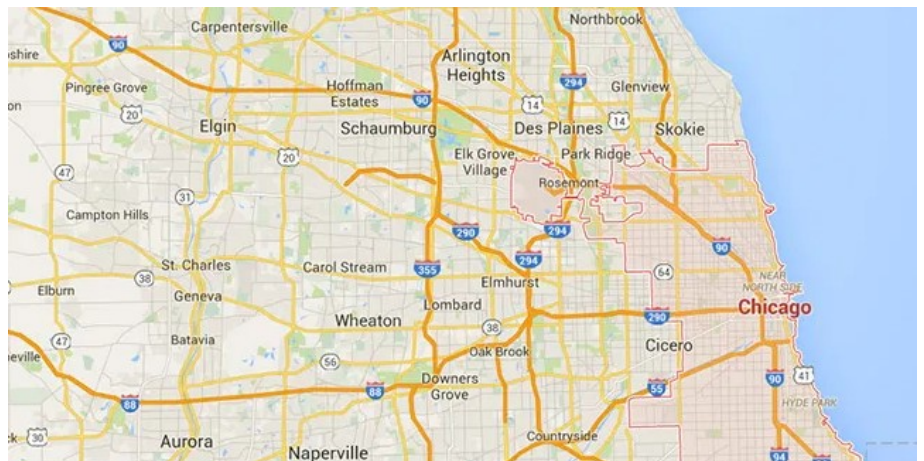


The Zone

There is an area bounded by Rt. 180 to the South and the Wisconsin State line to the North and Rt. 47 To the West. This area covers most of the Chicago Metro area. I call this the Zone.

If you watch the weather come from the West you will probably notice that 80% of the severe weather misses this area. It either stays South of Rt. 80 or goes North to Wisconsin. The severe weather that stays on course will diminish as it approaches Rt. 47.

I have no scientific reason why this happens except to believe Lake Michigan somehow causes this. We know there is lake effect weather, which is sometimes stated as cooler near the lake. We also know there are breezes off the lake. I have not seen any research to explain this but if you watch our weather you will notice that we live in the zone.



OUR GREAT LAKES, OUR GREATEST RESOURCE

The name for Lake Michigan is believed to come from the Ojibwe Indian word michigami meaning "great water".

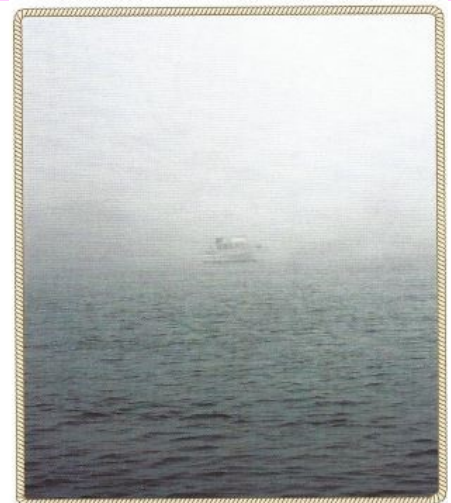


In 2007, a professor of underwater archeology at Northwestern Michigan College was out searching for shipwrecks on the lake and made an amazing discovery off the shores of Grand Traverse Bay. He discovered a row of granite stones paralleling an ancient shoreline at a depth of about 40 feet. The stones are of varying sizes and might have marked the shoreline 6,000-10,000 year ago.

One of the stones has a prehistoric carving that looks like a mastodon with a feathered spear in its side. A Mastodon is similar to our modern day elephants, and went extinct about 10,000 years ago. The ancient petroglyph has been challenging to verify because specialists have to dive to see it. That and the markings are a bit subtle after being underwater all these years.

Fossils of Mastadons have been found all over the state of Michigan, along with other evidence that the people of the time hunted them for food. It is also believed that they would submerge parts of the animal in water to store for consumption later.

CAPTAIN AHAB'S QUIZ



What is the first action a Skipper should take if he/she senses fog is beginning to form?

(see answer on back page)

Tom Clark, AP, Contributing Editor
Courtesy of Perchant Publishing



SVPS 2020 Event & Cruising Schedule



When	Event	Location	Host
Cancelled	Summerfest 2020	Milwaukee, WI	Ron Zingler
Cancelled	USPS Governing Board Meeting	Hilton Raleigh North Hills Raleigh, NC	USPS
Cancelled	September Member Meeting	Club Casa, Des Plaines, IL	Ron Zingler
September 26th Saturday	Sundowner	North Point Marina	Ron Zingler
October 18th Sunday	October Member Meeting	TBD	Ron Zingler
November 14th Saturday	Anniversary Dinner Meeting	TBD	Ron Zingler
December 13th Sunday	Commanders Holiday Party	TBD	Commander

North Point Sundowner, September 26th



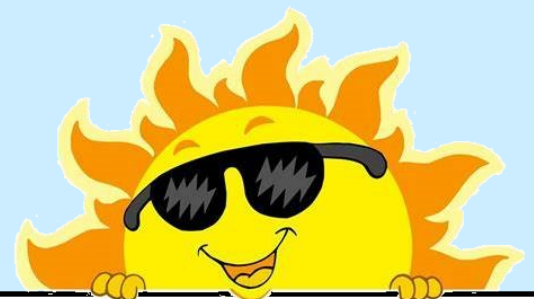
North Point Marina
701 Northpoint Dr.
Winthrop Harbor, IL 60096

Let's get together to watch the sun go down at North Point Marina and keep warm with a socially distant bonfire.

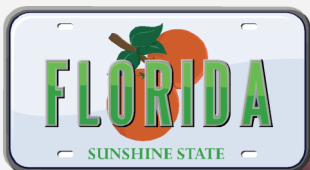
We will start at 5:00 pm with the squadron buying pizzas for everyone. Bring your own refreshments, lawn chairs and blankets.

As the sun goes down, we will have a bonfire on the beach.

If arriving by boat, contact the marina in advance for a slip assignment @ 847-746-2845



Here are photos from the July Executive Committee meeting held at Commander Davidson's house. The antenna is the ham radio antenna array on a tower fully extended to 72 feet. This was a big hit for the backyard picnic crowd.



Pat and Al Antoni are moving to Florida! They recently sold their house and are packing to join their family in Florida.

After so many years, we are grateful for their friendship and all they have contributed to SVPS, District 20, and USPS. We will miss them terribly and hope to see them at the USPS National meetings in the future.

Unfortunately, the move is coming quick. Come to the Skokie Valley Executive Committee meeting on August 5th at The Shanty to say goodbye and wish them farewell. See details below.



**Executive Committee Meeting — August 5, 2020, 7:00 PM
The Shanty 38985 N Rt 41, Wadsworth, IL**

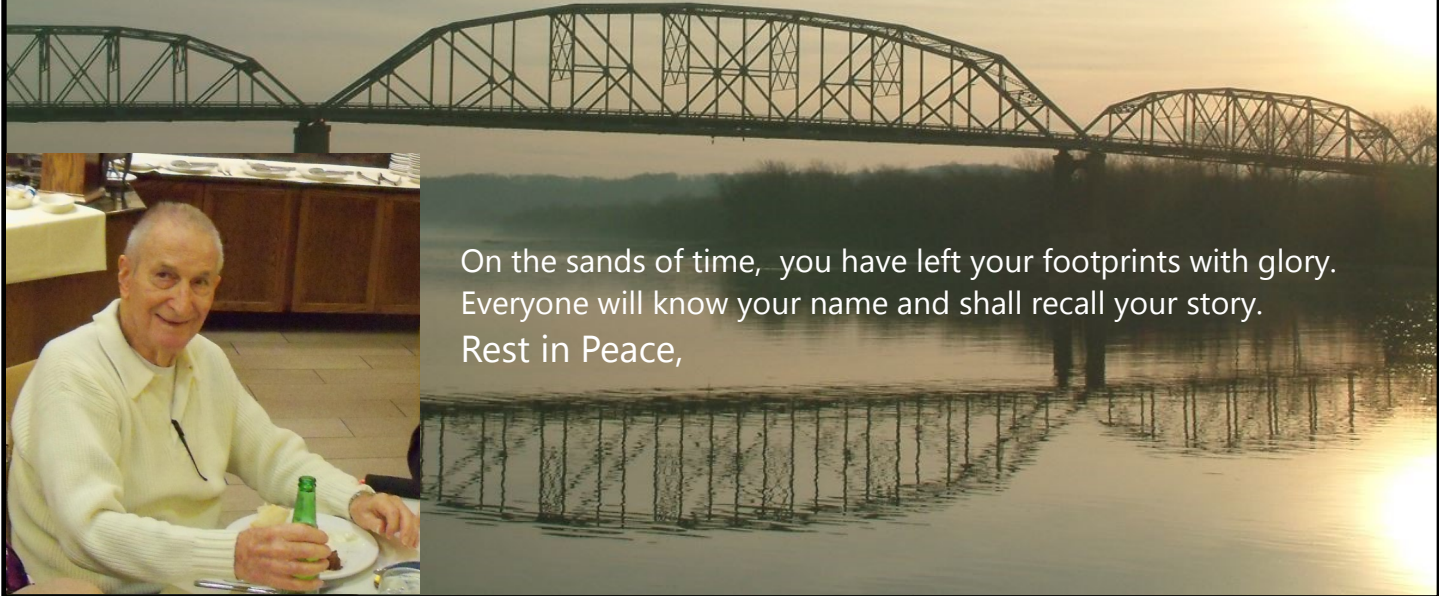
Commander Davidson is inviting you to the Executive Committee meeting at The Shanty. After eating there a few weeks ago, it is a good place to resume eating out while discussing squadron business.

The venue uses a huge event tent, so we can eat outdoors and safe from inclement weather. The tables are large and provide the social distancing requirements, with 4 people per table.



This month we remember P/C Ray Buellesbach, SN who passed away on July 25, 2020. Ray was recently honored as a 50 year member of USPS, and over the years had earned 45 merit marks.

Some of our fondest memories were on the IL River cruises. I still remember on our first cruise, at the happy hour in Henry, when Frank was recruited to join the Bridge. That following year we attended our first Exec Comm meeting at Ray's House, when he was commander of Skokie Valley. We enjoyed many wonderful cruises with the Five Bees and will miss our friend Ray.



On the sands of time, you have left your footprints with glory. Everyone will know your name and shall recall your story. Rest in Peace,



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August Anniversaries


William Buholzer	1998	22 yrs
William Goldstein	1978	43 yrs
Mike Hennessy	1971	48 yrs

Congratulations on reaching another milestone with the squadron. We appreciate your support!
Cdr Rich Davidson, SN


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Captain Ahab answer:

Fix the vessel's position (before landmarks and navigational aids are obscured)



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