



DISTRICT 20

Membership Newsletter - Volume 23 Issue 8

# Running Lights

## August 2023

Sunday August 20th  
North Shore Sundowner  
Event at the Shanty  
38985 US Hwy 41  
Wadsworth, IL 60083



RSVP by Aug 13th

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**A MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMANDER**

July was a busy month for some of our members and dock friends with the Lake Michigan summer cruise, a D20 Cruise & Rendezvous in East Peoria, and the last weekend of Summerfest in Milwaukee.

Be sure to check out the articles and pictures in this edition of the summer cruise to Port Washington and the Milwaukee Air & Water Show. It is good to hear about the fun and some sometimes challenging adventures associated with boating. Some of our members were also able to join in the activities in Port Washington by traveling by car.


Also inside this issue, our new Educational Officer, P/D/C Chuck Burger contributed an article with information on various classes and courses that are available to our members. He lists the core classes and elective classes. Many of these classes have been updated in recent years with the latest electronics and new course materials. Please reach out to him if you have questions or would like to participate in taking a course.

Karen and I were not able to attend the D20 Cruise & Rendezvous due to a family wedding, but I will report on it as soon as I have some details.

August will bring more activities to our members including the Sundowner on 20 August at the Shanty in Wadsworth (see information in this edition). Our last visit to the Shanty was right after Covid and we enjoyed a great dinner in their outdoor tent. If possible, come join us for what will be a great time. I hope to see everyone there and reservations are due by 13 August.

The Fall Governing Board Meeting is 27 August through 3 September. The National Meetings are always a great time and place to meet with other members of our organization across the US. This year's Governing Board meeting will be in Kansas City, MO. There are activities planned in addition to various seminars, committee meetings and sessions. Karen and I will be attending to see what new things the National committees are working on. It is very informative and I highly recommend to attend the Annual Meeting or Governing Board Meeting if you have the opportunity.

August is a great month to enjoy the summer before kids (or grandkids) are back in school, plan that last long summer vacation or just enjoy being out with family and friends. Labor Day is just around the corner; have a great August, and I hope to see everyone at the Shanty.



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—Cdr. Frank D'Amico, AP





# Mark Your Calendar



## August 2023

2	Wed	Executive Board/Bridge Meeting, 1900	Zoom meeting (page 5)
15	Thurs	Publication Deadline—Running Lights	Karen D'Amico (224-238-7372)
20	Sun	Sundowner at the Shanty	Wadsworth, IL (below)
27-4	Sun-Sun	Fall Governing Board Meeting	Kansas City, MO (page 5)

## September 2023

5	Wed	Executive Board/Bridge Meeting, 1900	Zoom meeting (page 5)
15	Fri	Publication Deadline—Running Lights	Karen D'Amico (224-238-7372)
17	Sun	September Member Meeting	Reflections, Lake Villa (page 7)

## North Shore Sundowner Event at the Shanty – Sunday August 20th

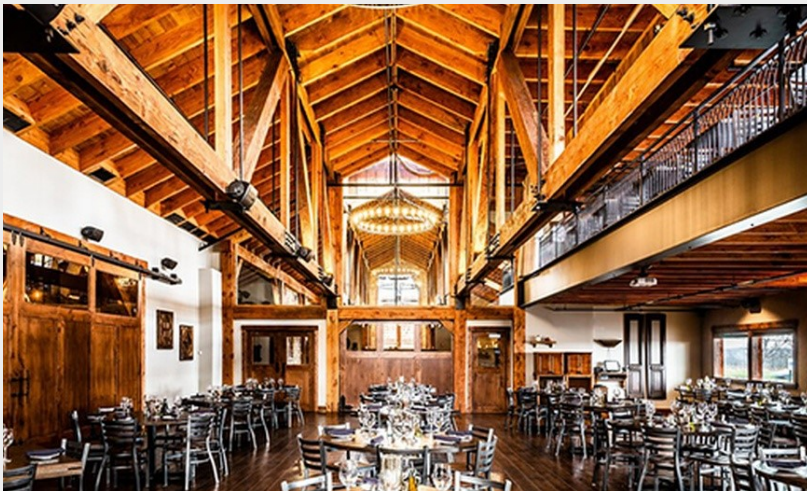
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The Shanty is a restaurant that was built by the people for the people. The building was locally sourced and constructed with the menu developed by patrons and staff. The restaurant is a meeting place for the community. It is truly a unique dining experience that needs to be seen.



Cocktail Hour starting at 4:00 pm (meet at the bar).

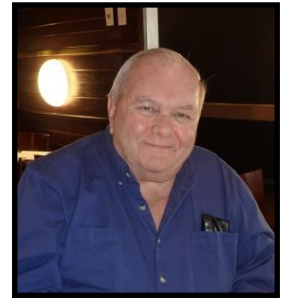
Dinner at 5:00 pm. Order from the extensive menu. Separate checks.



RSVP by Aug 13th  
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Greetings to members of SVSPS. My name is Chuck Burger and I am the Educational Officer for this year. The Educational Department's plan is to offer all courses available to squadron members, depending on demand. To offer a class we will need a minimum of three students.



The five Advanced Grade courses that will be offered are:

- ⇒ **Boat Handling:** An extension of America's Boating Course, this course continues the topics presented in ABC with greater detail. This course replaces the former Seamanship course.
- ⇒ **Piloting:** This course emphasizes planning and checking along with the use of GPS for determining position, and introduces digital charting along with traditional charting, compass and dead reckoning skills.
- ⇒ **Advanced Marine Navigation:** AMN continues Piloting with advanced plotting techniques, and an introduction to determining tides and currents.
- ⇒ **Junior Navigation:** This course introduces the student to navigating in an offshore environment. This includes using an electronic course plotter, and the use of a sextant to determine position while offshore. The student will also take sights of the sun with a marine sextant.
- ⇒ **Navigation:** This is a continuation of Junior Navigation that includes using electronic navigation tools to plot courses offshore. Sextant use will be expanded to include sights on a planet, star, the moon, and the sun. Also in this course is the study of electronic offshore navigation planning and execution using downloadable computer software.

The seven Elective courses that will be offered are:

- ⇒ **Cruise Planning**
- ⇒ **Instructor Development**
- ⇒ **Engine Maintenance**
- ⇒ **Marine Electrical Systems**
- ⇒ **Marine Communications Systems**
- ⇒ **Sail**
- ⇒ **Weather**

If you are interested in taking any of these courses contact me at (847) 322 0828 or email me at [chucknav1@aol.com](mailto:chucknav1@aol.com).

## 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  
[zingleron@comcast.net](mailto:zingleron@comcast.net)

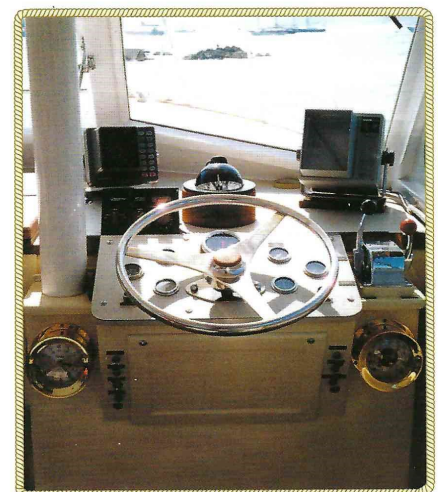
## August Anniversaries

Bill Buholzer	1998	26 yrs
Bill Goldstein	1978	47 yrs
Chuck Burger	1977	48 yrs

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

**Cdr Frank D'Amico, AP**

## CAPTAIN AHAB'S QUIZ



Old Salts sometimes refer to which of the following as "Iron Mike": harbor pilot, radio speaker, lower steering station or the auto pilot?

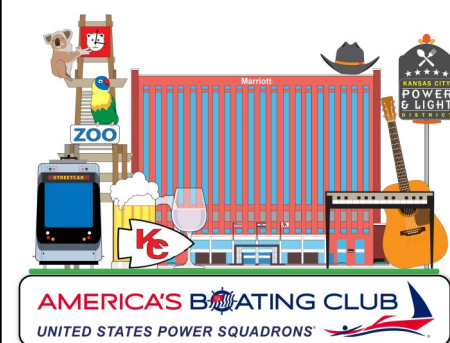
(see answer on back page)

Tom Clark, AP, Contributing Editor  
Courtesy of Perchant Publishing

# SVPS 2023 Event & Cruising Schedule



When	Event	Location	Host
August 20th	Sundowner at the Shanty	Shanty, Wadsworth	Ron Zingler
Aug 27-Sept 4	ABClub Governing Board	Kansas City	USPS
September 17th Sunday	Dinner Meeting	Reflections, Lake Villa	Ron Zingler and Joe Paldo
October 14th Saturday	Lake Geneva Boat Cruise Tour	Lake Geneva, WI	Frank and Karen D'Amico
October	District 20 Fall Conference	TBA	TBA
November 4th Saturday	Anniversary Dinner	TBA	Ron Zingler
December 10th Sunday	Commanders Holiday Party	Hoffman Estates	Commander Frank D'Amico



Fall Governing Board  
August 27 - September 4, 2023

- ⇒ **Tues 8/29:** KC Chiefs vs Pittsburg Pirates
- ⇒ **Weds 8/30:** open committee meetings, Western BBQ Dinner in the evening
- ⇒ **Thurs 8/31:** Keynote breakfast, AO, XO & Secretary Dept meetings, dinner at the Muehlebach
- ⇒ **Fri 9/1:** Seminars all day, hospitality suites open
- ⇒ **Sat 9/2:** Governing Board mtg, Evening of Jazz

## USPS Governing Board Meeting Kansas City Marriott in downtown MO

Visit the city of fountains to enjoy KC barbeque, jazz music and baseball. The hotel complex is part of the famous Muehlbach Hotel, now owned and operated by Marriott. It is just a block away from the KC Streetcar and many of the planned activities are located along this 2.2 mile stretch of downtown from the City Market to the historic Union Station which opened in 1914.

Also the hotel is walking distance to the KC Power & Light District, an 8 block entertainment hub with more than 50 bars, restaurants and shops.



**The July issue of the National Meeting newsletter has details.**

**Register today: 20% discount on lunches and dinners extended to Aug 13th**

**Login to the USPS site: [usps.org/php/reservations\\_new/meetings.php?mtg\\_id=45](https://usps.org/php/reservations_new/meetings.php?mtg_id=45)**

# Team North Shore

**Executive Committee Meeting: Wed Aug 2nd 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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# Summer Cruise 2023 by Cruise Captain Ron Zingler



Joanne & Ron in Port Washington

When planning our cruise, we had a few issues getting slip reservations in Milwaukee for the Air and Water Show. Jim and Dennis Soyka were short a slip, but Tony Palazzo came to the rescue and forfeited his slip assignment in hopes of a late cancellation. Tony began his preventive maintenance by changing the transmission fluid, only to discover a broken gear tooth. Sue reacted immediately by booking an Alaska cruise. Rich Barta has a new young rescue coon hound dog and also had to drop out.

We had two boats, Soyka and Zinglers that traveled on smooth waters to Port Washington July 18<sup>th</sup>. Dave and Sue Anthony were on a Lake Michigan cruise with their dock neighbors and we all met in Port Washington. We were also excited to have Bonni & Rich Davidson and Don & Gail Sidman join us who motored by car to PW.

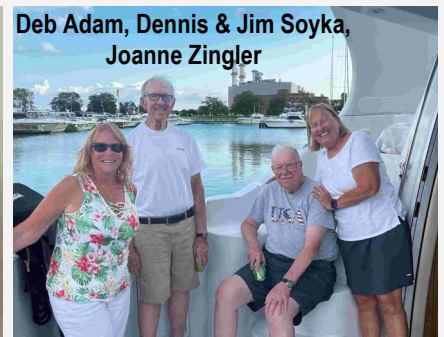


Ray Adam, Sue & Dave Anthony, Ron Zingler



Don & Gail Sidman, Jim & Dennis Soyka,

Bonni & Rich Davidson, Joanne & Ron Zingler



Deb Adam, Dennis & Jim Soyka, Joanne Zingler

We all took in the downtown sights of PW only to discover a new favorite restaurant called the Moonlight Tavern at the Port Hotel. The restaurant was upscale and the food was delicious. The Twisted Willow is another all-time favorite. Nothing like a stop at Bernie the butcher for homemade sausages and Kielbasa.



Our Cruisers in Port Washington WI

Friday was time to move on to Milwaukee except for the Soyka brothers who had a next day reservation. When it was time for Jim and Dennis to leave, one engine had failed and now they were stranded in PW. They were able to find a mechanic through the marina who came out the next day Saturday and was able to get a crankshaft sensor to get them back on the water. Unfortunately, they missed the air show and headed back to home port Sunday.



Blue Angels in Milwaukee WI

The Anthony's and dock neighbors were able to enjoy three days of the air show with a fire works grand finale at the end. The Zingler's on Saturday hosted family for the most spectacular air show that featured the first female Blue Angels pilot. The Blue Angels were able to demonstrate their precision flying in true Top Gun fashion.

The cruise had a rough start with some bumps but finished well. Wait till next year.



Sue & Dave Anthony



Joanne Zingler & dock mate

*Pictures by Ron Zingler*



# America's Boating Club North Shore September Member Meeting Sunday September 17<sup>th</sup> 1 PM

Enjoy great Polish home cooking at Reflections in Lake Villa. Sunday afternoon cocktails on the deck and a meeting with a 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**  
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**38564 N. Edgewood  
Lake Villa, IL 60046  
847.265.4170**



Cocktails: 1:00 PM

Dinner: 2:00 PM order from the menu with separate checks

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



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Captain Ahab answer:

The auto pilot



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