



Membership Newsletter - Volume 18 Issue 12

Running Lights

December 2018

You're Invited!

December 2, 2018
2:00 PM—6:00 PM

Commander's Open House
Holiday Party
542 Elm Street, Deerfield, IL



A MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMANDER

We had a great turnout for the November 10th Anniversary dinner. The restaurant needed to add an extra table for folks who didn't think that they would be able to attend, and then were able to. It felt like half of my pre-dinner agenda was taken up recognizing past commanders in attendance. I particularly appreciated Bud Lemke's eloquent recognition of veterans in attendance, the day before Veteran's Day. We had a screen and projector showing a retrospective of the year, including rainy meetings and sunny boating events and all of the things that we did as a group in 2018. We also heard a bit about what is planned for 2019.

We are at that lull in the Midwest boating season. Boats have been put away ... although at least one of us was putting a tarp over the woodwork of an old sailboat just this week, on one of our last warmish days and ahead of a heavy snow prediction and a freezing week ahead. Now the holiday lights are hung on the Lokaj house and we have a contract for a slip for the 2019 season. Not much to do until the boat show.

Well, hold on. December 2nd Sue and I are hosting the traditional Commander's open house, and we invite everyone to stop in for our one meeting / gathering of the month. Nothing formal. Stop in for a sandwich and a beverage. Bring a dish to pass if you want to. Address and details are in this issue. Casa Lokaj is a bit smaller than our venue of the past two years, but we do have a gas fireplace to add to the warmth of friends gathering together again.

I look forward to seeing many of you in early December, and many more in the New Year. Happy Holidays!

—Cdr. Joe Lokaj, JN




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Mark Your Calendar



December 2018

2	Sun	Executive Board/Bridge Meeting	At Commander's Open House
2	Sun	Commander's Open House	Joe & Sue Lokaj's House (page 8)
5	Wed	Skokie Valley Breakfast Club, 1900-1000	Market Square, Wheeling
15	Sat	Publication Deadline—Running Lights	Karen D'Amico (630-483-9741)
19	Wed	Skokie Valley Breakfast Club, 0900-1000	Market Square, Wheeling

January 2018

2	Wed	Executive Board/Bridge Meeting, 1900	Yen Yen Restaurant, Buffalo Grove
2	Wed	Skokie Valley Breakfast Club, 1900-1000	Market Square, Wheeling
9-13	Wed-Sun	Chicago Boat Show	www.chicagoboatshow.com (pg 11)
15	Tue	Publication Deadline—Running Lights	Karen D'Amico (630-483-9741)
16	Wed	Skokie Valley Breakfast Club, 1900-1000	Market Square, Wheeling
27	Sun	January Dinner Meeting	Gusto Italian Restaurant, Glenview (pg 4)
30	Wed	Skokie Valley Breakfast Club, 0900-1000	Market Square Wheeling



Skokie Valley Power Squadron is America's Boating Club of the North Shore

To help promote our squadron, Skokie Valley has adopted the brand, America's Boating Club of the North Shore. This is not a new name...our Squadron name has not changed.

Many Power Squadrons across the county are having great success attracting students and new members with the USPS branding for America's Boating Club®. America's Boating Club is not a motto or a tag line, but rather an alternate brand.

Alternate brands are used in many industries as a way to appeal to different demographic groups. This is very common with retail companies like the GAP for example. They have stores called The GAP, but they also have stores called Old Navy, Banana Republic, Athleta and Inter-mix. Each of these brands is targeted to a different demographic, yet they are all part of the company called The GAP.

When working with the public, some prospective members like the tradition of the United States Power Squadrons, but many like the more casual feel of America's Boating Club. Skokie Valley is trying out the idea. We have officially registered Skokie Valley Sail and Power Squadron "Doing Business As" America's Boating Club of the North Shore. Sue Lokaj has already started incorporating our new brand into our social media accounts, and is working on adding our new brand to our website. We will also try out America's Boating Club of the North Shore to advertise our public boating courses in the Spring and see if we can generate more interest.

January Dinner Meeting Gusto Ristorante Italiano Sunday, 27 January 2019 Luncheon at 1:00 PM



Our January dinner meeting will take us to downtown Glenview. Gusto Ristorante Italiano serves Mediterranean cuisine and has received numerous culinary awards. Our guest speaker, Captain John Lehnard, will talk about the Coast Guard Auxiliary. John also occupies his time as a captain with the electric boats on the Chicago River.



Family Style Luncheon—Cost \$30

Appetizer: Bruschetta & vegetable dip

Entrees: Eggplant Rollatini, Chicken Francese, and Penne Marinara

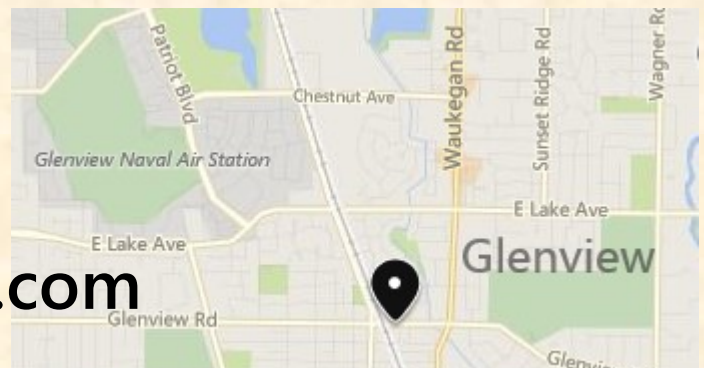
Includes: soup or salad, rolls, butter, ice cream, soft drinks, coffee, tea, and iced tea

Kindly respond by January 19th, 2019

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Anniversary Dinner



Ray & Nancy Buellesbach



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Pat & Al Antoni



Bud & Caryl Lemke



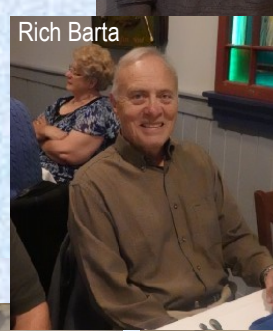
Frank D'Amico & Ron Zingler



Bridget & George Doerner



Dave & Sue Anthony



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Joe & Sue Lokaj



Gary & Lorraine Vinzant



Ron Zingler, Keith & Kathy Parker



Lori & Joe Ratajczak



YOUR WEATHER REPORT

By Mike Hennessy, AP, Instructor-Weather course



Air Masses

An air mass is a large body of air that has similar temperature and moisture characteristics throughout. Air masses can form over continents or over bodies of water. If they remain stationary for extended periods of time, they take on the properties of the surface below them. If they move, they can retain these properties for quite some time.

An air mass forming over water will take on moisture. If the water is tropical, the air mass becomes warm; if the water is cold, the air mass becomes cool. An air mass forming over land will be relatively dry and will take on the temperature of the land below it. When air masses are indicated on a weather map, they are identified by symbols that designate the type of air in the air mass.

A or cA	Arctic	bitter cold and dry
cP	Continental Polar	very cold and dry in winter; cool and dry in summer
mP	Maritime Polar	cold and moist on winter; cool and moist in summer
mT	Maritime Tropical	warm and moist
cT	Continental Tropical	hot and dry
E	Equatorial	hot and quite moist

All of these with the exception of E typically affect portions of the continental United States at some time during the year. Their movements can cause rapid weather changes.

OUR GREAT LAKES, OUR GREATEST RESOURCE

More than two thirds of the original coastal wetlands in the Great Lakes have been lost to agriculture, industry or human residence. The Calumet region of Illinois and Indiana has a long history of industry. It once consisted of nearly 45,000 acres of marsh and wet prairie. The vast majority of these wetlands were drained and filled to make way for factories and plants as they migrated south from Chicago in the late 1800s.



Patches of marshes that remained still supported incredible diversity through the 1990s. However, over the past 25 years, the further degradation of wetlands has resulted in significant losses of biodiversity. Marsh birds depend on a dynamic ecosystem called hemimarsch that provides the structure and food sources to successfully reproduce. Hemimarsch has almost disappeared from the Calumet wetlands.

Conservation organizations are working to protect and restore Great Lakes wetlands in order to improve habitat for breeding and migratory birds, build resiliency to climate change, and improve water quality for birds and people. While conservation efforts have started, it will take innovative, sustained efforts and funding to restore and maintain the marshlands into the future.

CAPTAIN AHAB'S QUIZ



OLD NAVAL SLANG

- "Dead Marine" – Empty liquor bottle.
- "Irish Pennant" – End of a line.
- "S.O.S." – Save our ship (souls).
- "Hog-Yoke" – Sextant.
- "Son of a gun" – Male born at sea.
- "Splice the main brace" – have a drink.
- "Dunnage" – Sailor's personal gear.
- "Bitter end" – A frayed line.
- "Scuttlebutt" – Water cask (water fountain – modern day).

Which of the two above definitions have been transposed?

(see answer on back page)


Tom Clark, AP, Contributing Editor
Courtesy of Perchant Publishing



SVPS 2019 Event & Cruising Schedule



When	Event	Location	Host
January 9th-13th	Chicago Boat Show	McCormick Place	District 20
January 27th	Lunch Meeting	Gusto's Glenview	Ron Zingler
February 10th	Dinner Meeting /Play Million Dollar Quartet	Marriott Lincolnshire	Dave and Sue Anthony
February 17th-23rd	USPS Annual Meeting	Rosen Center Orlando, FL	USPS
March 22th-23rd	District 20 Spring Conference	TBA	District 20
March	Operations Training	TBA	District 20
April 13th or 14th	SVPS Change of Watch	TBA	Commander
May 4th	Rowing Regatta	Crystal Lake	Gary Vinzant
May 18th	Cocktail Hour	Gotta Love It, Southport Marina	Ron Zingler
May 18th	Dinner Meeting Casa Capri	Kenosha	Ron Zingler
June 8th	Sundowner	Northpoint	Dave and Sue Anthony
June 20th-23rd	Windy City LakeShake (Country Music Festival)	Burnham Harbor	Ron Zingler
June 26-30th	Summerfest	Milwaukee	Ron Zingler
July 18th	COSI (Children's Oncology Services) Boat Day	Southport Marina	Ron Zingler
July 19th-27th	Summer Cruise to Sturgeon Bay, Bailey's Harbor, Algoma	Starting at Southport Marina	Dave Anthony, Tony Palazzo
July 22nd-Aug 10th	Cruise to Pure Michigan	Sturgeon Bay	Ron Zingler
July 27th-July 30th	Cruise to Tall Ships	Milwaukee/ Port Washington	Mike Ludtke
August 1-4th	Tall Ships Festival	Southport Marina	Mike Ludtke
August TBD	Hob Nob Outing	Racine	
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	Commander's Holiday Party		Commander



**Commander's Open
House Holiday Party
December 2, 2018
2:00 PM—6:00 PM**

**You are cordially invited
to the home of Joe & Sue Lokaj
542 Elm Street, Deerfield, IL**

**Simple sandwich items will be provided
along with a basic bar. Please bring an
appetizer or dessert to share.**

**Overflow parking is available at the nearby
train station lot, just a 1/2 block away**

Punta Insua Lighthouse

Lorino, Spain

42.77249°N 9.12503°W

This lighthouse is located in the community of Galicia, Spain. It is in the very northwest corner of Spain. It is bordered in the south by Portugal, the Atlantic Ocean to the west and the Cantabrian Sea to the north.

The lighthouse is 46 ft. tall. It has a focal point of 89 ft. The range is 15 nautical miles.

To get to this lighthouse we had to all go around the fence. There was no light keeper on duty, so we could not get inside and climb up to the light. In this area of Spain, the mountains come down to meet a beautiful rocky beach.

The lighthouse was built to link the Corrubedo and Finisterre lighthouses together, due to the difficulty of navigation at that part of the coast. In 1894, the necessity of its construction was determined, but it was not finalized until 1913. In spite of having been finished on that date, it was not inaugurated till 1921. It was electrified in 1947.

In 2002 there was an oil spill off the coast of Galicia, Spain, caused by the sinking of the 26 year old structurally deficient oil tanker *MV Prestige*, carrying 77,000 tons of heavy fuel oil. During a storm, it burst and sank about 130 miles from the coast of Galicia. It is estimated that it spilled 17.8 million US gallons of heavy fuel oil. The spill polluted thousands of miles of coastline and more than one thousand beaches on the Spanish coast, including the beach at this lighthouse. It took years to clean it up. We visited this area in September 2009 and beaches were all clean and beautiful.

Submitted by: Bridget Doerner, N
Lighthouse photo by: George Doerner, SN





**National Oceanic and
Atmospheric Administration**
U.S. Department of Commerce

In October, NOAA issued their winter outlook for the U.S. Given the extremely cold weather and the unexpected snowfalls this past month, you might be surprised to learn NOAA is predicting above average temperatures this winter season (December through February).

In fact, October 2018 was the second hottest October on record over the past 139 years, and also the 4th hottest year to date for the globe. This appears to be the trend as the month of October has been the hottest on record over the past 5 years, each year out doing the last.

This might be good for us, since many have to put their boats into storage during the month of October. It's not so good for the world over as many regions continue to experience record warmth. NOAA reported the average Arctic sea ice coverage in October was 27.4% below the 1981-2010 average, which is the 3rd smallest for October on record. Similarly, the Antarctic sea ice was 2.4% below average, which is the 4th smallest for October on record.

Here is what NOAA is predicting for the next several months. There is a 70-75% chance of a weak El Nino developing this year, influencing the winter season. The warming of the sea surface temperatures causes an ocean-atmosphere climate interaction (El Nino), and tends to bring wetter than normal conditions to the southern U.S. and drier conditions in the northern states.

Temperature

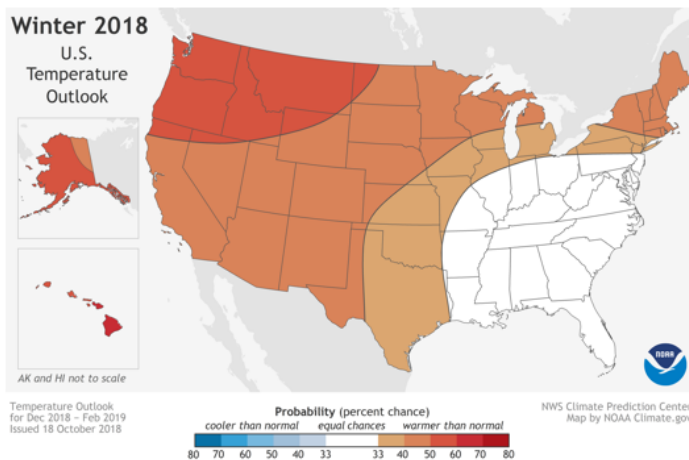
- Warmer-than-normal conditions anticipated across much of the northern and western U.S., with the greatest likelihood in Alaska and from the Pacific Northwest to the Northern Plains.
- The Southeast, Tennessee Valley, Ohio Valley and Mid-Atlantic all have equal chances for below-, near- or above-average temperatures.
- No part of the U.S. is favored to have below-average temperatures.

Precipitation

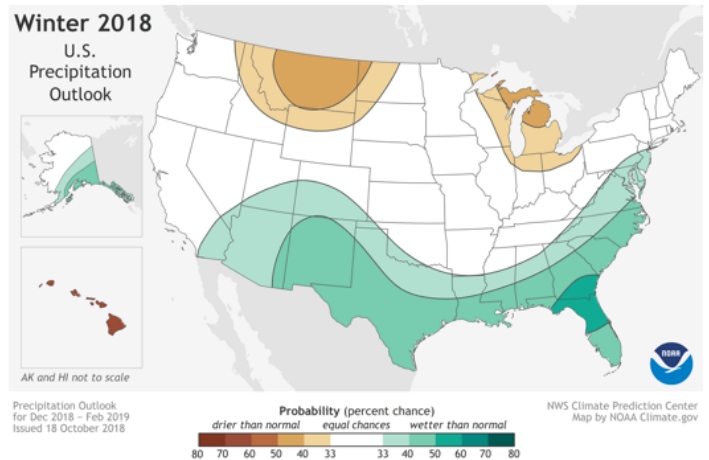
- Wetter-than-average conditions are favored across the southern tier of the U.S., and up into the Mid-Atlantic. Northern Florida and southern Georgia have the greatest odds for above-average precipitation this winter.
- Drier-than-average conditions are most likely in parts of the northern Rockies and Northern Plains, as well as in the Great Lakes and northern Ohio Valley.

Drought

- Drought conditions are likely to persist across portions of the Southwest, Southern California, the central Great Basin, central Rockies, Northern Plains and portions of the interior Pacific Northwest.
- Drought conditions are anticipated to improve in areas throughout Arizona and New Mexico, southern sections of Utah and Colorado, the coastal Pacific Northwest and the Central Plains.



Winter Outlook 2018-19 map for temperature. (NOAA)



Winter Outlook 2018-19 map for precipitation. (NOAA)

Heartfelt 
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Many of our members contribute their time and talent to helping Skokie Valley Sail & Power Squadron further it's mission as America's Boating Club. Members receiving merit marks this year include:

- Dave & Sue Anthony
- Pat & Al Antoni
- Richard Calfa
- Tom Clark
- Karen & Frank D'Amico
- Richard Davidson
- Bridget & George Doerner
- Mike Hennessy
- Bud & Caryl Lemke
- Joe & Sue Lokaj
- Tony & Susan Palazzo
- Joe Paldo
- Keith Parker
- Don & Gail Sidman
- Hugh & Judy Sommerfeld
- Jim Soyka
- Gary Vinzant
- Bill & Natalie Witty
- Joanne & Ron Zingler
- Stuart Zwang

December Anniversaries

Marita Ocampo	2005	13 yrs
Don Dorsch	2004	14 yrs
Birute Apke	2001	17 yrs
Tom Clark	1998	20 yrs
Paul Omohundro	1998	20 yrs
James Schardt	1994	24 yrs
Jim Soyka	1992	26 yrs
Karen D'Amico	1991	27 yrs
Carol Fey	1991	27 yrs
James Koolish	1991	27 yrs
Keith & Kyle Parker	1991	27 yrs
Denyse Goodman	1986	28 yrs
Ed Colaprete	1988	30 yrs
Bruce Goodman	1986	32 yrs

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

Cdr Joe Lokaj, JN



PROGRESSIVE
CHICAGO Boat,
RV & Sail Show™

Volunteers are needed for the Chicago Boat, RV & Sail Show January 9-13 McCormick Place—South

Members from across District 20 will be working at the booth, greeting fellow boaters, and talking about USPS courses & membership

Members receive free admission to the show, if you volunteer at the booth Please contact Joe Lokaj to learn how to sign up for an available time slot

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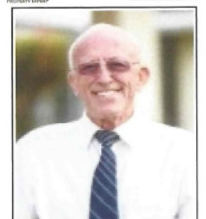
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Captain Ahab answer:

The "Irish Pennant" definition is transposed with "Bitter End"



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