



Membership Newsletter - Volume 23 Issue 12

# Running Lights

## December 2023

*Come celebrate  
the holidays with us!*

Sunday 10 December 2023  
Commander's Open House  
1 PM ~ 5 PM



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**A MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMANDER**

The holiday season has begun. I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and enjoyed being with family and friends. We have already had a taste of winter with a few days of snow and cold (I'm hoping for a mild winter myself). Lights on homes, lawn decorations, and giant blow up Santas have slowly started to appear around the neighborhood. It is a colorful time of year.

Whether celebrating Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa or Boxing Day, preparing for these holidays bring us closer together and hopefully spending more time together. Decorating a Christmas tree, lighting the menorah, or whatever your family's tradition for the holiday, let's take some time to reflect on the past year. Sometimes we get wrapped up in all that goes on during the holiday that we forget this time is for family, friends, coworkers and even people we don't know.

In November, we met at Ron and Joanne's house to plan upcoming events, dinners, and cruises for next year. Lake Geneva Snow Sculpture Competition, fishing derby, sun-downers and other events were penciled in. Look at the Calendar of Events in this issue for the list of activities that we are planning. It's going to be a busy year. Our first general meeting will be on 21 January at Demetri's in Deerfield. Details are listed in this issue. If there is an event that you are planning (and wish to share) or possibly would like to see, let us know and we will try to get the word out for you.

Our Squadron Educational Officer Chuck Burger is busy planning classes for next year. He may be reaching out to you to help with teaching, proctoring, grading, or other duties. If there is a class or seminar that may be of interest to you, let him know. I am sure that we can try to arrange something.

Many thanks to Jim Soyka for the work he has done collecting Merit Marks recommendations and submitting them. We had 25 members submitted for Merit Marks and all were approved. Congratulations and thanks for all you do for Skokie Valley. It's our members and all your efforts that make us a great squadron.

The Commander's Open House is 10 December. It begins at 1:00 pm. Details and information are listed in this edition of the Running Lights. We hope to see you all here.

Karen and I would like to wish you and your family the best for this holiday season. Enjoy the season in whichever manner you and your family celebrate. Remember to take a moment during this busy time to enjoy what really is important.

—Cdr. Frank D'Amico, AP




**America's Boating Club North Shore 2023-2024 Bridge**

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# Mark Your Calendar



## December 2023

6	Wed	Executive Board/Bridge Meeting, 1900	Zoom meeting (page 7)
10	Sun	Commanders Open House Holiday Party, 1300	Hoffman Estates (page 6)
15	Sun	Publication Deadline—Running Lights	Karen D'Amico (224-238-7372)

## January 2024

3	Wed	Executive Board/Bridge Meeting, 1900	Zoom meeting (page 7)
10-14	Wed-Sun	Chicago Boat Show	McCormick Place, Chicago
15	Mon	Publication Deadline—Running Lights	Karen D'Amico (224-238-7372)
21	Sun	January Dinner Meeting, 1400	Demetri's, Deerfield (below)
31	Wed	Executive Board/Bridge Meeting, 1900	Zoom meeting (page 7)

## Member Dinner Meeting Sunday January 21, 2024 2 PM

### Demetris's Greek Restaurant

660 Lake Cook Road  
Deerfield, IL 60015

<https://demetrisgreek.com>



Celebrate the new year with authentic and classic Greek cuisine. Family owned for over 21 years, they offer fresh, locally sourced ingredients. We have a private room for the meeting, so come for cocktails and socialize before dinner.

**Cocktails at 2 PM**  
**Dinner at 3 PM**

We will order from the menu

**RSVP to Ron Zingler by  
January 15th**

**Call 847-634-3806 or  
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# November 2024 Member Meeting



Don Sidman & Rich Davidson



Sue Anthony, Joanne Zingler, Christine & Larry March



Ron Zingler, Rich Davidson & Rich Barta



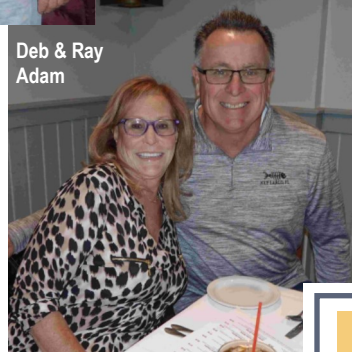
Joe Paldo & Natalie Witty



Gail Sidman, Karen D'Amico, Chuck Burger & Bonni Breen



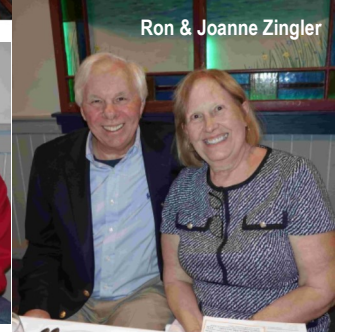
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Deb & Ray Adam

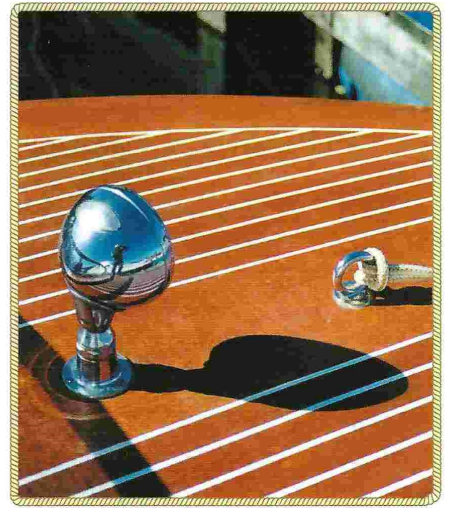


Gail & Don Sidman



Ron & Joanne Zingler

## CAPTAIN AHAB'S QUIZ



Stainless steel is the best metal for cleats and deck hardware. How do you check for the best grade? A) with a magnet, B) by how shiny it is, or C) by tapping with a brass key?

(see answer on back page)

## December Anniversaries

Marita Ocampo	2005	19 yrs
Birute Apke	2001	23 yrs
James Soyka	1992	32 yrs
Karen D'Amico	1991	33 yrs
James Koolish	1991	33 yrs
Keith & Kyle Parker	1991	33 yrs
Denyse Goodman	1986	34 yrs
Edward Colaprete	1988	36 yrs
Bruce Goodman	1986	38 yrs
Gerald Grofman	1972	53 yrs

Congratulations on reaching another milestone with the squadron. We appreciate your support!  
**Cdr Frank D'Amico, AP**



# SVPS 2024 Event & Cruising Schedule



When	Event	Location	Host
January 10-14	Chicago Boat Show	McCormick Place	
Sunday January 21st	Dinner Meeting	Demetri's Deerfield, IL	Ron Zingler
Saturday February 3rd	Lake Geneva Snow Sculpture Competition	Lake Geneva, WI	Frank D'Amico
February 6-11th	America's Boating Club Annual Meeting	Rosen Plaza, Orlando FL	National Meeting
Sunday February 18th	Dinner Meeting	TBD	Rich Davidson/ Ron Zingler
Friday-Saturday March 8-9	District 20 Spring Conference & Change of Watch	Holiday Inn, Elgin	District 20
Sunday April 14th	SVPS Change of Watch	TBD	Frank D'Amico
Sunday May 19th	Dinner Meeting	Nolan's Restaurant Illinois Beach Hotel, Zion	Ron Zingler
Saturday June 8th	Lake Michigan Fishing Derby & North Point Sundowner	North Point Marina	Dave & Sue Anthony
June 20-22, 27-29 & July 4-6	Summerfest Milwaukee Cruise	Milwaukee, WI	Ron Zingler
TBD	Lake Michigan Summer Cruise	TBD	
July 27-28	Milwaukee Air and Water	McKinley Harbor	
TBD	D20 Cruise & Rendezvous	TBA	District 20
Saturday August 17th	Sundowner	Racine, WI	Larry & Christine March
September 21 or 22	Dinner Meeting	Dockers on Pistakee Lake	Chuck Burger/Ron Zingler
September 22-30	America's Boating Club Fall Governing Board Meeting	Pittsburgh, PA	National Meeting
Sunday October 20th	Lake Geneva Boat Cruise Tour— Sunday Brunch	Lake Geneva, WI	Frank D'Amico
TBD	District 20 Fall Conference	TBD	District 20
Sunday November 10th	Anniversary Dinner	TBA	Ron Zingler
Sunday December 8th	Commanders Holiday Party	Hoffman Estates	Frank D'Amico

*Happy Holidays*



*You are cordially invited to the home  
of Frank and Karen D'Amico  
to celebrate the holiday season*

**Sunday 10 December 2023  
Commander's Open House  
1 PM ~ 5 PM**

**Come anytime  
Food and drinks will be served  
No need to bring anything**

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# WINTERFEST



**FEBRUARY 3, 2024**



Save the date for the **29th Annual Lake Geneva Winterfest**. Visit Lake Geneva, WI on Saturday February 3 to view and vote on the **National Snow Sculpting Championships**. The event starts Wednesday January 31, with 15 teams working for 3 days to build their snow sculptures by Saturday.

We will meet in Lake Geneva at **Starbucks at 685 W. Main Street at 9:30am** on Saturday. After grabbing a hot beverage, we'll head down to **Flat Iron Park and Riviera Plaza** to view and vote on the snow sculptures.

We will have lunch at **Popeye's at 811 Wrigley Drive. around 11:30am**. The menu can be found at <https://www.popeyeslkg.com/menu>. After lunch we can view the completed sculptures or walk around the downtown area for shopping and the ice sculptures on display. The winner of the Peoples Choice Award will be announced at 5pm for those who want to stay.

For more information about the event, parking, free shuttles and hotels in the area, go to the Winterfest website. <https://www.visitlakegeneva.com/winterfest/> There are two free lots and metered parking locations for \$4/hour all around the downtown area. There is also a free shuttle bus to downtown from the **Home Depot at 550 N Edwards Blvd** (north of Hwy 50).



**RSVP to Frank D'Amico at 224-238-7372 by January 31st** if you are planning to attend.

**Team North Shore**

**Executive Committee Meeting: Wed Dec 6th 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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Skokie Valley Sail and Power Squadron

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**District 20:** [www.uspsd20Boating.org](http://www.uspsd20Boating.org)

**USPS:** [www.AmericasBoatingClub.org](http://www.AmericasBoatingClub.org)



Captain Ahab answer:

A) with a magnet  
(the less it sticks, the better it is)



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