



DISTRICT 20

Membership Newsletter - Volume 24 Issue 2

Running Lights

February 2024

**MEMBER DINNER MEETING
FEBRUARY 18, 2024, 4:30 PM**

MAMBO  ITALIANO

748 S. Butterfield Road
Mundelein, IL 60060



A MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMANDER

Cross off December and January; February may be a day longer this year, but it's time to look forward to hopefully the last real winter month.

We tried a new place for the January General Meeting and Demetri's was terrific. We had a great turn out and the food was excellent. Thanks Ron and Joanne for the new venue. Speaking of new places, February's General Meeting will also be at a new place, Mambo Italiano in Mundelein. It will be on February 18th at 4:30pm. Check out the menu in this issue to make your selection. As many of you know, I'm always looking forward to a great Italian meal.

The February General Meeting is also our election meeting. The Slate of Officers for 2024–2025 is printed in this issue. I want to thank everyone who has chosen to commit to a position and make Skokie Valley Sail and Power a strong and great squadron. Also, many thanks to our Nominating Committee for their work in filling the 2024-2025 positions.


February 3rd is our trip to the Lake Geneva Winterfest. We had fun last year viewing the many snow sculptures and then getting together for lunch. Karen and I look forward to attending it again and hope to see you there. Check out the details in this edition and let us know you if you are joining us.

Karen and I are attending the USPS Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL. Along with some fun activities, we will gather information on what is new at National, including updates on our marketing efforts and other initiatives. These meetings are a great place to make friends from other districts and learn what other squadrons are doing. If you ever have the opportunity to go to one, I highly recommend it. It is also a good excuse to get away from the Chicago winter.

SEO Chuck Burger has scheduled America's Boating Class from 30 April to 16 May for the boating public. Contact Chuck with any questions or if you know someone interested. We have a few members taking the Seamanship (Boat Handling) course this Spring. If there is a class or seminar that may be of interest to you, please reach out to Chuck to let him know.

—Cdr. Frank D'Amico, AP

P.S.: Our D20 Spring Conference is 8-9 March at the Holiday Inn in Elgin. Discounted room rates are available until 8 February. Dave and Sue Anthony are hosting our hospitality suite Friday and Saturday for all our members. The registration form is in this edition of the "Running Lights" with the schedule of events and meal choices for lunch and dinner. The deadline to select your meal choices is 26 February, so mail in your reservation form soon!



America's Boating Club North Shore 2023-2024 Bridge

COMMANDER	Cdr Frank D'Amico, AP	224-238-7372
EXECUTIVE OFFICER	P/C Tony Palazzo, AP	630-347-6586
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	P/C Ron Zingler, AP-IN	847-634-3806
SECRETARY	P/D/C Karen D'Amico, AP	224-238-7372
TREASURER	Lt/C Sue Anthony, P	224-402-3107
EDUCATION OFFICER	P/D/C Chuck Burger, SN	847-322-0828
ASSISTANT EDUCATION OFFICER	1st Lt Joe Paldo, P	847-255-9158
IMMEDIATE PAST COMMANDER	P/C Tony Palazzo, AP	630-347-6586
ELECTED MEMBERS AT LARGE	Lt Ray Adam	630-347-3495
	Lt Dave Anthony, P	224-402-3107
	Lt Gail Sidman, AP	847-726-7309

America's Boating Club® and logo are trademarks of the United States Power Squadrons®





Mark Your Calendar



February 2024

3	Sat	Lake Geneva Winterfest	Lake Geneva, WA (page 8)
4-11	Sun-Sun	America's Boating Club Annual Meeting	Rosen Plaza, Orlando, FL (page 5)
15	Thurs	Publication Deadline—Running Lights	Karen D'Amico (224-238-7372)
18	Sun	February Dinner Meeting	Mambo Italiano, Mundelein (below)

March 2024

6	Wed	Executive Board/Bridge Meeting, 1900	Zoom meeting (page 8)
8	Fri	March Member Meeting, Friday night	Elgin, IL (SVPS hospitality suite)
8-9	Fri-Sat	District 20 Spring Conference/Change of Watch	Elgin, IL (page 7)
15	Mon	Publication Deadline—Running Lights	Karen D'Amico (224-238-7372)

MAMBO ITALIANO

MEMBER DINNER MEETING FEBRUARY 18, 2024, 4:30 PM

MAMBO ITALIANO RISTORANTE
748 S. Butterfield Road
Mundelein, IL 60060

Order from the menu
Individual checks

[Dine-In Menu \(themamboitaliano.com\)](http://themamboitaliano.com)



At Mambo Italiano Ristorante, Sal believes that you are family and wants you to join him for a delicious dinner. Sal has been preparing the handmade pasta and dinners for the past 19 years. This is the place to bring your valentine for a special date and a great meal.



Kindly respond by Feb 11th
Ron Zingler 847.634.3806
zingleron@comcast.net





Skokie Valley Sail & Power Squadron 2024 - 2025 Slate of Officers & Committees

Executive Committee

Commander	Frank D'Amico, AP
Executive Officer	Tony Palazzo, AP
Education Officer	Chuck Burger, SN
Asst. Education Officer	Joe Paldo, SN
Administrative Officer	Ron Zingler, AP-IN
Secretary	Karen D'Amico, AP
Treasurer	Sue Anthony, P
Immediate Past Cdr	Tony Palazzo, AP
Elected Member	David Anthony, P
Elected Member	Gail Sidman, S
Elected Member	Ray Adam

Rules Committee

William Bellinger, SN
Dennis McNamara, JN
Natalie Witty, JN

Audit Committee

Keith Parker, P (Chair)
Gail Sidman, S
Rich Davidson, SN-ACN

Nominating Committee

Gary Vinzant, JN (Chair)
Richard Davidson, SN-ACN
Stuart Zwang, SN-CN

**Respectively Submitted
by Nominating Committee:**

Gary Vinzant, JN (Chair)
Richard Davidson, SN-ACN
Stuart Zwang, SN-CN

Vote at our February 18th Dinner Meeting

February Anniversaries

Barbara O'Connell	1980	20 yrs
Dixie Widner	1983	42 yrs

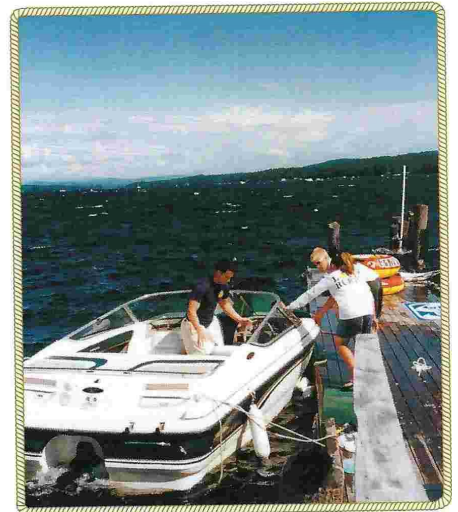
Congratulations on reaching another milestone with the squadron. We appreciate your support!
Cdr Frank D'Amico, AP

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

CAPTAIN AHAB'S QUIZ



When docking, after considering wind/current, planning the maneuver and instructing the crew, the well-prepared skipper will also have a predetermined _____ route, should it be needed.

(see answer on back page)

Tom Clark, AP, Contributing Editor
Courtesy of Perchant Publishing



SVPS 2024 Event & Cruising Schedule



When	Event	Location	Host
Saturday February 3rd	Lake Geneva Snow Sculpture Competition	Lake Geneva, WI	Frank D'Amico
February 4-11	America's Boating Club Annual Meeting	Rosen Plaza, Orlando FL	National Meeting
Sunday February 18th	Dinner Meeting	Mambo Italiano Ristorante	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



Annual Meeting February 4-11

Rosen Plaza
Orlando FL

[Hotel Web Site](#)

Highlights:

Disney's Drawn to Life (Cirque Du Soleil)	Sunday - Feb 4
Polynesian Fire Luau	Monday - Feb 5
The Art of Origami (Craft)	Tuesday - Feb 6
Pirate Adventure Dinner Show	Tuesday - Feb 6
Mary Catherine Berube Retirement Party	Wednesday - Feb 7
Awards and Life Member Recognition Dinner	Thursday - Feb 8
Change of Watch and Dinner Dance	Saturday - Feb 10



Sue Anthony, Gail Sidman, Sue Palazzo, Karen & Frank D'Amico



Deb Adam, Gail Sidman



Sue Anthony, Bonni Breen, Joanne Zingler



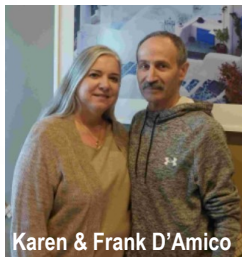
Joe Paldo, Christine March, Dave Anthony



Don Sidman, Ron Zingler, Rich Barta



Ray Adam, Larry March, Jim Soyka



Karen & Frank D'Amico

January Member Dinner Meeting



Joe Paldo



Ray & Deb Adam



Ron Dziagwa, Jim Soyka



Dave & Sue Anthony



Don & Gail Sidman



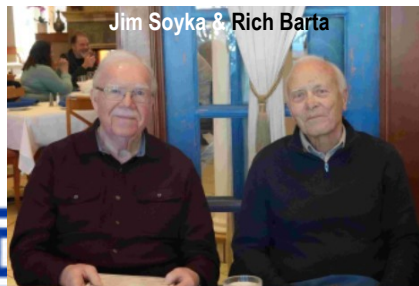
Tony & Sue Palazzo



Rich Davidson & Bonni Breen



Christine & Larry March



Jim Soyka & Rich Barta



Ron & Joanne Zingler



DISTRICT 20

2024 Spring Conference and Change of Watch

8-9 March, 2024
 Holiday Inn Chicago Northwest
 495 Airport Rd., Elgin, IL 60123



Room Rates: Standard King \$115/night, Standard Double Queen \$125/night; Junior Suites (King/Queen), Executive Suites \$139/night. Room block is limited. **The deadline for making hotel reservations is 8 February.**

Call (847) 488-9000. Mention "United States Power Squadron District 20" block to receive discounted rates.

Rank	Name	Grade	Squadron	Email	Telephone
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Luncheon Choices : Price \$28 per person

_____ St Brigid Burger: Includes cheese, bacon, onions and mushrooms on a Brioche Bun w/fries.

_____ Bennigan's Club: Honey wheat bread with ham, turkey, bacon, tomato, lettuce and cheese w/fries

_____ Kilkeny's Country Chicken Salad: Grilled chicken with garden greens, bacon, cheese, eggs, and tomatoes w/honey Dijon dressing.

Dinner Choices: Price \$50 per person

_____ Grilled Salmon

_____ Mushroom Champagne Chicken

_____ NY Strip Steak

(Lunch includes coffee, tea or soft drink. Dinner includes salad, rolls, Chef's choice of starch & vegetable, coffee/decaf, tea or soft drink)

	<u>Meals</u>	x		=	\$	<u>Total \$</u>
Luncheon:	_____	x	\$28	=	\$	_____
Dinner:	_____	x	\$50	=	\$	_____
			Total:		\$	_____

Make checks payable to: **WSPS**
 Registration and check should be sent by **26 Feb**
 to: **P/Lt/C Ellen Ludtke AP,**
11419 Zarnstorff Rd., Richmond, IL 60071

Schedule of Events

Friday 8 March:

1500-1800	Registration - Lobby/Hallway
1830-2030	Cocktails - Cash Bar
1900-2030	Games: Test your boating connections and explore new ones.
2030-2230	Hospitality Suites

Saturday 9 March:

0700-1000	Coffee/Tea & Snack in the Friendship Room - Sapphire Room
0800-1100	Registration - Lobby/Hallway
0900-0950	Educational Meeting - D/Lt/C Scott Harmon
1000-1050	C/C Message and updates from the National Meeting - D/C Mike Ludtke
1100-1150	Keynote Speaker - Mike O'Malley "Does Size Really Matter?"
1200-1300	Lunch
1315-1330	Verification of Delegates
1330-1530	Spring Conference Meeting
1700-1800	Cocktail Hour—Cash Bar
1800-2030	Banquet & Change of Watch
2030-2230	Hospitality Suites

Dress Code:

Friday night: Theme is Lighthouses
 Saturday: Uniform G (short sleeved shirt no tie) or business casual
 Banquet: Business Casual

WINTERFEST

LAKE GENEVA

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 see 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: Jan 31st at 7:00 pm Central

Zoom Meeting ID: 875 8578 5751, Passcode: 949310

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87585785751?pwd=6CPnI7nwsK6PHoBnfQd8zhJOQAso4g.1>

Dial by your location: +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

One tap mobile: +13126266799,,87585785751#,,, *949310# US (Chicago)

Richard J. Calfa

(847) 658-5700
Fax: (847) 658-5705
E-Mail: richard@calfaforins.com

CAEA FOR INSURANCE

1134 N. Main Street
Algonquin, IL 60102



65/19

Kanizzle
Tell Your Story



Christine March

Midwest Regional Manager
815.307.2743

Christine@kanizzle.com

www.kanizzle.com

Running Lights

Skokie Valley Sail and Power Squadron

FROM:

P/D/C Karen D'Amico, AP
1240 Bison Lane
Hoffman Estates, IL 60192

TO:

FIRST CLASS MAIL



Be sure to visit our websites:

Skokie Valley Sail & Power Squadron:
www.skokievalleypowersquadron.org

District 20: www.uspsd20Boating.org

USPS: www.AmericasBoatingClub.org



Captain Ahab answer:
escape



Editor and Publisher

P/D/C Karen D'Amico, AP
RunningLightsEditor@gmail.com

Contributing Editors

Tom Clark, AP
P/C Ron Zingler, AP
Joanne Zingler, AP
Stuart Zwang, SN

Photographers

P/C Richard Calfa, N
P/C Ron Zingler, AP

Production Staff

P/C Frank D'Amico, AP