



DISTRICT 20

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Running Lights

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMANDER

We had a great turnout for the Commander's open house. Sue and I truly appreciate everyone who showed up, and for the help that we received with food and with clean up. We were happy to host, and to have some simple planning turn into a feast. There were too many leftovers, even after sending some things away with the last of our guests. Double bonus -- the house was done being decorated weeks early, so December has been calm.

I was saddened to hear of the passing of Bob Fey. Friends rallied to make sure that a SailAngle notification went out a couple of days before the visitation. Thank you Pat, Ron, Karen, Bridget, and George.

Somewhere around the start of winter, the solstice, I saw the first sign of spring! It came in the form of a package of 2019 Vessel Safety Check stickers. That's not all. We may be at a lull in the Midwest boating season, but the Chicago boat show is almost here to keep us thinking about getting back on the water for something other than ice fishing or skating. Others may enjoy winter sports also, but when it comes to water I prefer to avoid the hard stuff. For the boat show, some of us have signed up for slots to man the D/20 booth. If you are interested in volunteering 2 hours you can gain free admission, but this year there is a little lead time required in order to get your name on the list and on a badge; generic 'Volunteer' badges will not be allowed. Email mludtke@hotmail.com or call 815-575-0809 to reserve your spot.

To keep those boating thoughts alive during the winter months, there also is the Northern Illinois Boat Show (<https://illinoisboatshow.com/>) coming up at the new Lake County Fairgrounds, February 28th to March 3rd. Additionally, we will have two member meetings between now and February 28th, for friends to gather and talk boating.

Look for the information about January's member meeting in this issue. I'm looking forward to the location in Glenview, to seeing our friend John Lenhard, and to award winning Italian food. I hope that we have a strong start to 2019, and perhaps entice some of you to attend because we have a speaker, or because of the venue.

One way or another, I look forward to seeing many of you in the New Year.

—Cdr. Joe Lokaj, JN




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Mark Your Calendar



January 2019

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

February 2019

6	Wed	Executive Board/Bridge Meeting, 1900	Yen Yen Restaurant, Buffalo Grove
10	Sun	February Play & Dinner Meeting	Marriott Theatre/Half Day Brewery (below)
13	Wed	Skokie Valley Breakfast Club, 1900-1000	Market Square, Wheeling
15	Fri	Publication Deadline—Running Lights	Karen D'Amico (630-483-9741)
19-24	Tue-Sun	USPS Annual Meeting	Rosen Center, Orlando FL (page 8)
27	Wed	Skokie Valley Breakfast Club, 0900-1000	Market Square, Wheeling



Sunday, February 10, 2019



MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET

THE BROADWAY MUSICAL INSPIRED BY THE TRUE STORY

The play "Million Dollar Quartet" starts at 1:00 pm on Sunday. We will meet at noon at Wrights' Brew & Bistro inside the Marriot Hotel for those who wish to join us for a cocktail before the play.

Tickets are \$45 per person. Reservations for the play must be made no later than January 10th. Please contact Sue at 224-402-3107 to reserve your tickets.

Dinner meeting to follow at 3:15 pm

**Half Day Brewery
200 Village Street
Lincolnshire, IL**



Just 5 min north of the Theatre

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 Lenhard, 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

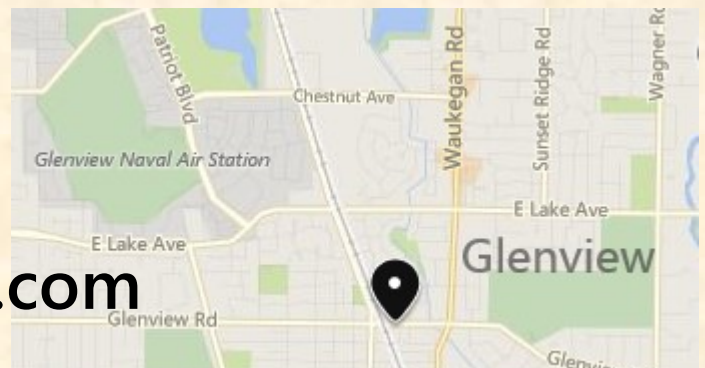
Includes: soup or salad, rolls, butter, ice cream, soft drinks, coffee, tea, and iced tea

Kindly respond by January 19th, 2019

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Commander's Open House

Cdr Joe Lokaj welcomes guests to the open house



Rich Davidson, Ron Zingler & Don Sidman



Bonni Breen, Gail Sidman & Kay Widdis



Dave & Sue Anthony



Joe & Sue Lokaj



Richard & Marilyn Calfa



Toni & Susan Palazzo



Sue Lokaj, Joanne Zingler, Marilyn Calfa & Bridget Doerner



George Doerner & Jim Soyka



Frank D'Amico





YOUR WEATHER REPORT

By Mike Hennessy, AP, Instructor-Weather course



Winter Weather Hazards

The colder air temperatures in the winter result in an increase in air density. Consequently, for a given wind speed there is greater physical discomfort and higher, more violent waves. The winds are much stronger and squalls and storms more frequent.

On inland waters there are special winter hazards. A cold spell can reduce the flow of a river; thaws can quickly increase river flows and floating hazards. Lakes may be drawn down in anticipation of thaw flooding. Debris laden water can deposit its load as rushing water enters into a still lake forming new gravel bars.

Snow and ice on slippery surfaces increase the risk of falling. Snow restricts visibility more than rain and makes obstacles appear farther away.

Winter conditions directly affect our bodies and senses. People who are cold are less vigilant because the senses are dulled. Survival time in the cold is reduced; exposure in cold air leads more quickly to dehydration; and a combination of wind and cold can result in frost bite and hypothermia from heat loss.



OUR GREAT LAKES, OUR GREATEST RESOURCE

Cigarette butts continue to rank among the most common types of marine debris found. The Ocean Conservancy's 2018 International Cleanup Report stated 2,412,151 cigarette butts were collected worldwide in 2017.

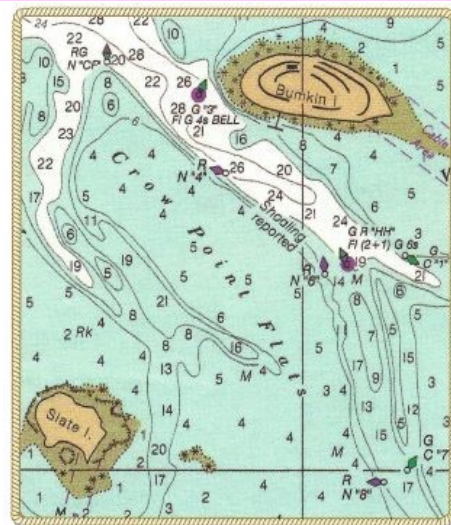
That is a huge increase from the 1.86 million collected in 2016. Every year cigarette butts are the number one most collected item during the cleanup efforts; sometimes 25% of the litter collected. Sadly the majority of the public are unaware the problem is so pervasive.



Most cigarette filters are made out of cellulose acetate, a plastic like material that does not degrade easily. The fibers in cigarette filters behave like plastics in our waters. The UV rays from the sun break the fibers down into smaller pieces, but they don't disappear. One solid filter ends up being thousands of tiny microplastics that are released into the marine environment.

A study from San Diego State University suggests one smoked cigarette butt in a single liter of water is sufficient to kill marine and freshwater fish, although how this translates from the laboratory to the environment is unclear. We do know other forms of microplastics and microfibers in our waters pose a risk to marine organisms and the water we consume every day.

CAPTAIN AHAB'S QUIZ



Assuming it is high tide and you can go directly from N'8'' to N'CF'' and it takes 45 minutes to make the 15 nautical mile trip, how fast were you traveling?
(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 19th-24th	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



2019 USPS Annual Meeting Rosen Center, Orlando Florida 19 Feb—24 Feb, 2019



Make reservations by 10 January for early bird savings of \$10 per person, per activity. Visit the USPS site for details and prices. https://www.usps.org/php/reservations_new/meetings.php?mtg_id=22

Tue 19 Feb, Al Capone's Mystery Dinner Theatre

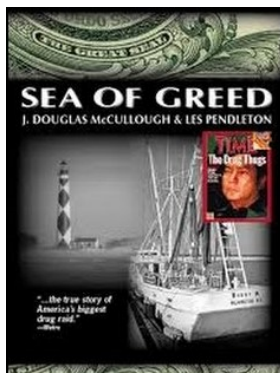
Your adventure begins in a turn-of-the-century ice cream parlor. Knock three times, say a secret password and enter Gangland Chicago 1931. Handsome mobsters and gorgeous dames shine in this unforgettable production with nonstop surprises, a gangster shoot out and a hilarious ending sure to knock your socks off. Dinner consists of a delicious buffet, a fresh salad bar, meat carving station, dessert AND unlimited beverages (including alcohol)!

Wed 20 Feb, Titanic Artifact Guided Tour & Lunch

Stroll through full-scale recreations of famous Titanic rooms, including her Grand Staircase, First Class Parlor Suite, Boilers, and Promenade Deck, where you can walk out and feel the chill of the cold Atlantic air as you gaze at the stars. Exceptionally trained actors in period costume portray famous Titanic notables such as Capt. Smith and Margaret Brown, sharing stories of her passengers and crew during an hour-long guided journey on board the most famous Ship in history. The exhibit showcases well over 400 artifacts & historical treasures. Following our trip back in time, we will be transported to Miller's Ale House for lunch ordering off the menu .

Wed 20 Feb, Blue Man Group at Universal Studios

Experience the mystery, the humor, the euphoria and the indescribable celebration of art, technology and music that is Blue Man Group at Universal Orlando® Resort. Lose yourself in incredible performances, astounding music and a captivating stage show. Combining science and laughter, Blue Man Group makes for an explosive evening of entertainment that has wowed more than 25 million people worldwide. We will take motor coach transportation to just outside the gate of Universal Orlando resort where you will have time to dine in one of many restaurants before the 8:00pm show.



Friday 22 Feb, Keynote Breakfast by Judge Doug McCullough

The true story of Americas' biggest drug raid. In the early 1980's three young smugglers teamed up to become a major force in the marijuana smuggling industry. While their first load is interdicted by the Coast Guard in Eastern North Carolina, later loads into North Carolina, Louisiana, Kentucky and Michigan give them huge sums of cash, which they eventually invest in Panama. The money is spent freely and at least two of the smugglers become close friends of Manuel Noriega, dictator of Panama.

The trio of smugglers, not content with their success arrogantly continue smuggling only to be undone by their own violence and greed when daring FBI undercover agent infiltrates the organization. Bitter political in-fighting among the investigative agencies, U.S. Attorneys and political advisors to President Reagan influencing the decision to indict and later Noriega provides President George Bush with sufficient reason to invade Panama and arrest Noriega.

Thurs 21 Feb, Leu Gardens and Lunch

Self-guided tour of the amazing 50 -acre botanical oasis minutes from Downtown Orlando. Each garden is designed specifically to further our mission: inspire visitors to appreciate and understand plants. The garden and historical home were donated to the City of Orlando in 1961 by Mr. Harry P. Leu and his wife, Mary Jane. Camellias, azaleas, gold/pink/ yellow trumpet trees, orchid tree, sweet osmanthus, powderpuff, and citrus will all be expected to be in bloom in February. Leu Gardens teems with vigor and beauty, regardless of the season. Discover palms, cycads and flowering trees. Enjoy azaleas, vines, bromeliads and tropical philodendrons. Appreciate the sight of familiar annual flowers and the beauty of roses and camellias. Stroll under the awe-inspiring branches of camphor trees, elms and oaks. Lunch will be at nearby White Wolf Cafe on your own

Fri 22 Feb, Gatorland Orlando

Get ready for down-home family fun at "The Alligator Capital of the World®" – Gatorland! There isn't a better place to see alligators and crocodiles of all sizes, from babies, also known as grunts, to the 14-foot monsters that call our Breeding Marsh home. We even have the largest collection of extremely rare white leucistic alligators. But, Gatorland is more than just a gator park! Our free-flight aviary, petting zoo, one-of-a-kind animal shows ensure your day will be chock-full of fun, smiles and special memories! Founded by the late Owen Godwin in 1949, and still privately owned by his family today, Gatorland is a 110-acre theme park and wildlife preserve that combines old Florida charm with exciting experiences, exhibits and entertainment, to make it Orlando's Best Half Day Attraction®.



Skokie Valley Sail & Power Squadron 2019 - 2020 Slate of Officers & Committees

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Commander	Richard Davidson, SN
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Elected Member	Sue Palazzo, P
Elected Member	Don Sidman, JN

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Keith Parker, P (Chair)
Don Sidman, JN
Hugh Sommerfeld, P

Nominating Committee

Frank D'Amico, AP (Chair)
Don Sidman, JN
Gary Vinzant, JN
Joe Lokaj, JN
Karen D'Amico, AP
Stuart Zwang, SN-IN

As you can see, we still have one open positions to fill this year. If you are interested in helping the squadron, please contact Frank at 630-483-9741 or talk to anyone on the nominating committee:

Respectively Submitted by Nominating Committee:
Frank D'Amico, AP (Chair)
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Cape Fisterra Lighthouse (Faro de Cabo Finisterre)

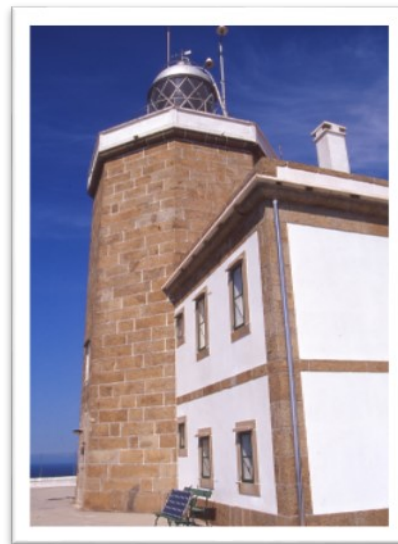
Galicia, Spain
42.882362°N
9.271849°W

The thing I remember the most about this lighthouse was that it had an Art Gallery on the 1st floor. It is a part of a permanent collection of photographs done by one of the light keepers, but I could not find anything online about this Gallery.

The famed lighthouse at the end of the world, Faro de Fisterra, is one of the most recognized landmarks in all of Galicia. The lighthouse was built in 1853, and on a clear day, can be seen from 19 miles out at sea.

The northwest coastline of Galicia is rough, jagged, and treacherous. Therefore, it was given the appropriate name, Costa da Morte, the Coast of Death. Numerous vessels from ancient times to the present are resting on the floor of the Atlantic with lives lost multiplied many times more. It's not only pleasure and fishing boats that have had distress, but well-documented naval battles between the French and English occurred just off Cabo Fisterra. Because this prominent landfall is between Northern Europe and the Mediterranean, there have been many battles to try to control the area. Visitors are also reminded to be careful walking on the slippery rocks as deaths on the coastline around the lighthouse have also occurred.

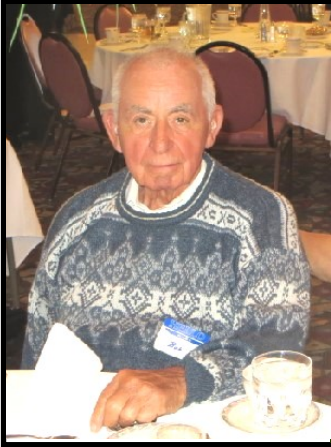
Because of the ancient belief that Fisterra was the end of the world, there are special spiritual & physical significance to this site.



There was a pit where people could burn their clothes; they would leave worn boots, and build stick crosses. This is not allowed any more and the area has been cleaned up. Because pilgrims used to walk here from their walk of *the Way of St. James* to the Cathedral of Santiago, it is just another 56 miles to the end of the world. These pilgrims are the ones that burnt their clothes or boots at the end of their journey.

Submitted by:
Bridget Doerner, N

Photo by
George Doerner, SN



In memory of our dear friend, Bob Fey
 For all the good times we had together,
 we will miss you!



January Anniversaries

Richard Calfa	2007	13 yrs
Sandra Frankenbush	2006	14 yrs
Art Moses	1976	24 yrs
Gerald Grofman	1972	48 yrs
Dave Rodelius	1970	50 yrs

Congratulations on reaching another milestone
 with the squadron. We appreciate your support!
Cdr Joe Lokaj, JN



Member Steve Chmela visits Washington DC

 Thanks to his son for sending in this chance photo in front of the Washington monument

PROGRESSIVE
**CHICAGO Boat, RV
 & Strictly Sail Show™**

**Chicago Boat, RV & Sail Show
 McCormick Place—South
 January 9-13, 2019**

**More volunteers are needed!
 2 hour shifts are available**

**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**

**Contact Mike Ludtke to confirm
 available time slots 815-575-0809
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Captain Ahab answer:

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