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Running Lights

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**Happy
New
Year!**



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMANDER

It's 2022. Sue and I hope everyone had a good time at the Christmas Party. We had a great turn out with 28 members. Some long time members attended, Bud and Caryl Lemke, Joe and Lori Ratajczak, Richard and Marilyn Calfa, Bridget Doerner, Nancy Buellesbach, and Kay Widdis. It was great to see everyone. The ornament exchange was a hit. There were prizes given out at the Bingo games. We even had a visit from Santa himself. It was great to share the festive afternoon with all our friends.


Our January dinner meeting is on Sunday January 16th at 2:00 pm at Biaggi's in Deer Park Illinois. Seats are limited due to the space. Please let Ron Zingler know ASAP if you plan to attend. You'll find details about the event in this issue.

We also have a D20 Spring Conference at the Holiday Inn in Elgin Illinois on March 25th thru 27th. We have entertainment scheduled and the theme is Gilligan's Island. It will be a fun weekend. We are in need of volunteers to help host the event so if you are able, please contact Joanne Zingler. Joanne is the Conference chair and coordinator. We will have coordinating polo shirts with our club logo embroidered on them for the conference. If you would like to order a shirt please contact Christine March (her contact info is on page 11).

In preparation for the Change of Watch, we will be posting the 2022 / 2023 Bridge as well as all the committees in Running Lights for the next couple of months. I am happy to report you will see a new name on the Bridge, Ray Adam, he will be nominated for Elected Member. Ray and Deb Adam are new members and have already volunteered to help us out. Ray is nominated for elected member and Deb is helping out with decorations for the D20 Spring Conference. A special thanks to them for jumping in to assist us. When you see them, introduce yourself and make them feel welcomed.

As we struggle to get back to normal life, another coronavirus variant (Omicron) is being spread. Hopefully this diminishes quickly and the summer months help us to contain this virus so everyone can get back to a more normal life. I hope everyone has a warm and healthy time throughout the winter months.

—Cdr. Tony Palazzo, AP

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Mark Your Calendar



January 2022

5 Wed Executive Board/Bridge Meeting, 1900
 13 Thurs Conference Planning Meeting
 15 Sat Publication Deadline—Running Lights
 16 Sun Member Dinner Meeting

Zoom Meeting, Contact Tony Palazzo
 Zoom Meeting (page 9)
 Karen D’Amico (224-238-7372)
 Biaggi’s Ristorante, Deer Park (page 7)

February 2022

2 Wed Executive Board/Bridge Meeting, 1900
 8-13 Tue-Sun USPS Annual Meeting
 13 Sun Member Dinner Meeting
 15 Tue Publication Deadline—Running Lights

Zoom meeting, Contact Tony Palazzo
 Pointe Verde, FL
 Di Piero Ristorante, Lake Zurich (page 5)
 Karen D’Amico (224-238-7372)

Commander’s Holiday Party

Santa & his elves with Marilyn Calfa

Santa & his Mrs. Claus

Santa & his elves with Richard Calfa

Ornament Exchange

Santa & his elves with Caryl Lemke

Santa with Bridget Doerner

Santa & his elves with Kay Widdis & Rich Davidson

Rich Barta wins Bingo

Joe Ratajczak wins Bingo

Caryl Lemke wins Bingo

Christmas BINGO



Commander's Holiday Party



Tony & Sue Palazzo, Ron Zingler, Christine March, Gail & Don Sidman



Thanks to our hosts
Sue & Tony Palazzo

Christine & Larry March



Bud & Caryl Lemke



Bridget Doerner,
Caryl Lemke &
Nancy Buellesbach



Deb &
Ray
Adam



Joanne & Ron Zingler



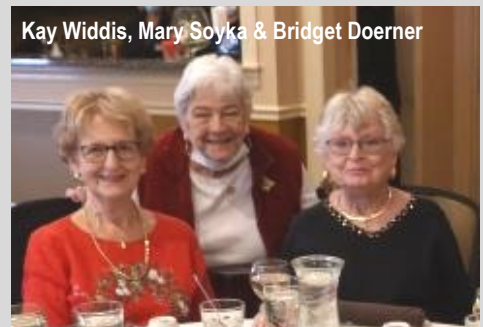
Jim &
Mary
Soyka



Rich Barta & Dennis Soyka



Kay Widdis, Mary Soyka & Bridget Doerner



Rich Davidson



Dave & Sue
Anthony



Joe & Lori
Ratajczak



Richard & Marilyn Calfa





SVPS Dinner Meeting February 13th, 2022 4:30 PM

Christine & Larry March have been long time patrons of Di Piero's in Lake Zurich. Di Piero's has been serving Italian cuisine from Northern and Southern Italy since 1985. With a cozy atmosphere, it is one place to love. Celebrate Valentines Day at Di Piero's.

Di Piero's Ristorante
17 E. Main Street
Lake Zurich, IL 60047

Located in downtown Lake Zurich
Cost is \$25 per person

Dinner selections are:

1. Salmon Piccata
2. Chicken Marsala
3. Spinach Stuffed Gnocchi

Salad and Spumoni for Desert

Kindly respond by February 6th

Register with
Christine March at
847.307.2743 or
christine@kanizzle.com





SVPS 2022 Event & Cruising Schedule



When	Event	Location	Host
January 16 Sunday, 2 PM	Member meeting	Biaggi's, Deer Park	Ron Zingler
February 13 Sunday, 4:30 PM	Member meeting	Di Piero's, Lake Zurich	Christine March
Feb 8-13 Tuesday-Sunday	USPS Annual Meeting	Pointe Verde, FL	USPS
March 25-26 Friday-Saturday	D20 Spring Conference	Holiday Inn, Elgin, IL	SVPS & District 20
April 9 or 23 Saturday	SVPS Change of Watch	TBD	Commander
May 21 Saturday	Member meeting	Reflections, Lake Villa, IL	Ron Zingler & Joe Paldo
June 11 Saturday	Lake Michigan Fishing Derby	North Point Marina	Dave Anthony
June 11 Saturday	Sundowner & Bon Fire	North Point Marina	Tony Palazzo, Dave & Sue Anthony
June 23-25 Thurs-Sat	Summerfest	Milwaukee, WI	Ron Zingler
July 8-16	Summer Cruise	South Haven, St. Joe, Hammond Casino	Tony Palazzo
July 16 Saturday	Port Washington Fish Day	Port Washington	
July 23-24 Sat-Sun	Milwaukee Air & Water Show, Blue Angels	McKinley Harbor	
August 20-21 Sat-Sun	Chicago Air & Water Show, Thunderbirds	Birmingham Harbor	
September 18 Sunday	Member Meeting	Bucca diBeppo, Wheeling	Ron Zingler
October 23 Sunday	Member Meeting	TBD	Ron Zingler
November 12 Saturday	Anniversary Dinner	TBD	Ron Zingler
December 11 Sunday	Commander's Holiday Party	TBD	Commander



BIAGGI'S

RISTORANTE ITALIANO



Member Meeting
January 16, 2022
Sunday at 2 PM

Biaggi's Ristorante Italiano
Deer Park Town Center
20560 North Rand Road
Deer Park, IL 60010

Our January dinner meeting will be at Biaggi's in Deer Park. Biaggi's has 17 locations in 9 states and has won numerous awards for its Italian cuisine. <https://biaggis.com/menu>



This worked so well at our last dinner, we will order dinner from the menu



RSVP by Jan 10th
to Ron Zingler
847-634-3806 or
zingleron@comcast.net

The private room is limited to 18 capacity, so call early to make your reservation



AN OLD, OLD FRIEND by Stuart Zwang

I have an old friend in my study. I look at it almost daily, and think about what it represents. It reminds me that any person who boats will sooner or later make a mistake. It might be small, large, expensive, foolish, or funny. In fact the only way that a mistake of this ilk will not happen is if you do not own or operate a boat. No matter how safe, courteous or cautious you are, you don't know when you will get an opportunity, as a boater, to take a swim, run aground, run out of fuel, dock in a unique or unusual manner or anchor incorrectly or end up in the wrong location.

This old pal makes me humble. It was 'born' in the early 1960's. It idolizes, memorializes and formalizes the exploits of so many of our predecessors and contemporaries. It seems like a who's who of the Skokie Valley Power Squadron. (or America's Boating Club North Shore we call ourselves today). My friend reminds me of camaraderie, laughs, good people and good times. Frankly this friend sometimes makes me sad as well, because it reminds me of many of the individuals who are no longer with us.

My friend has an interesting shape as well. It is about ten inches (10") wide by eight inches (8") tall. The face of my friend has a tattoo of our burgee on its upper left hand quadrant. It has a very unique feature that every canine wants to grasp with their snout. The lower left quadrant of this snout starts about an inch and a half (1-1/2") above and to the right of the lower left hand corner. It then rises for eight inches (8") at an angle of about 25 degrees towards the upper right side of my friend. It has two tendrils coming down – one on the left, and one on the right. Each tendril is a little longer than two feet (2')

Have you figured out who my old friend is yet? Other squadrons have old friends like this as well. Another squadron that I know of calls it the 'Bent Prop Award.' Of course we call my friend the "Boner Award." My long suffering wife expresses her reservations about what an idiot I have been to 'earn' it.

Ken Bluett, a gentleman that I never met was the first recipient in 1964.

My name graces this award first for my 2015 exploit with Gary Vinzant when we were helping out as the chase boats at the Crystal Lake Rowing Club Invitational. We anchored my boat at the finish line, and came in for lunch on Gary's boat. After lunch we left the pier on Gary's boat. The problem was that Gary is such an excellent mechanic that his spring commissioning, his reverse gear wouldn't. So I got out and pushed. Unsurprisingly, when I tried to jump into his boat, I missed. Fortunately I was wearing swim clothes, so after an hour of grumping, I was dry.

Incidentally and perhaps fittingly, Gary won the award on his own for both 2014 and 2016. That was his third. I am sure that he will be more than happy to explain this to you the next time you see him. In 2020 my wife and I volunteered as boat escorts for the tall ships pageant in Kenosha WI. I won the award for not one item, but for a number of exploits that kept recurring. You can read all about this in a prior issue of Running Lights.

For the record, Bud Lemke is the all-time record recipient of this award (five times).

I was told that any person in the Skokie Valley Squadron who has a boat has at least a 15% chance to earn the boner award. The reason for that is we have fewer and fewer members who actively own and operate boats. Although one of my recent Running Lights article again puts me in the running for the award, I am given to understand that after a fourteen year hiatus, it appears that Joe Lokaj nominated himself for 2021.

You will have to come to the Change of Watch to find out who is this year's recipient. In the meantime, I want to wish each and every one of you, a New Year that is blessed with peace and happiness.





D20 SPRING CONFERENCE



GILLIGAN'S MARCH 25-27 2022

ISLAND

Castaway Party

Friday night sing-a-long
with appetizers, cash bar
and Gilligan Special
signature drink

Saturday guest speaker
Phil Aleo, local historian,
author and speaker

Holiday Inn—Elgin IL
495 Airport Road
847-488-9000

Standard Rooms
\$94 per night + tax
Suites \$119 + tax

Make your reservations
before 3/11/2022
Rooms reserved under:
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Spring Conference meeting Saturday afternoon

Saturday night change of watch dinner followed by
dancing with Chicagoland entertainer Jack Miuccio

Volunteers Welcome! Join our next conference
planning meeting Thursday January 13 at 7:00 pm



Zoom Meeting ID: 827 0088 7454, Passcode: 639347

Click this link to join the Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81025616956?pwd=REdKWU9HWkpxWEd3RlJrMOZITkEyUT09>

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Skokie Valley Sail & Power Squadron 2022 - 2023 Slate of Officers & Committees

Executive Committee

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

Rules Committee

Pat Antoni, SN (Chair)
William Bellinger, SN
Natalie Witty, JN

Audit Committee

Keith Parker, P (Chair)
Gail Sidman, S
Hugh Sommerfeld, P

Nominating Committee

Gary Vinzant, JN (Chair)
Joe Lokaj, JN
Richard Davidson, SN
Stuart Zwang, SN-IN

Respectively Submitted by Nominating Committee:

*Gary Vinzant, JN (Chair)
Joe Lokaj, JN
Stuart Zwang, SN-IN*



to our
newest
members
Deb and
Ray Adam

CAPTAIN AHAB'S QUIZ



SIX BASIC STEPS IN A CREW-OVERBOARD SITUATION

1. Get buoyancy to the victim.
2. Slow the boat.
3. Assign a crew member to keep the victim in sight at all times.
4. Return to the victim (downwind).
5. Connect the victim to the boat.
6. Recover the victim.

In most circumstances, a crew-overboard situation is not life-threatening if handled properly. Drills should be conducted regularly and above all _____ should prevail throughout the recovery.

(see answer on back page)

Tom Clark, AP, Contributing Editor
Courtesy of Perchant Publishing

The 2022 Chicago Boat Show at McCormick Place has been postponed again another year to January 2023.



The website is citing current needs, economics of the Chicagoland market and historically low market-specific boat inventory as the reason the show has been cancelled this year.



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January Anniversaries


Richard Calfa	2007	15 yrs
Sandra Frankenbush	2006	16 yrs
Bill Haag	1997	24 yrs
Arthur Moses	1976	26 yrs
Gerald Grofman	1972	50 yrs
Nelson Rodelius	1970	52 yrs

Congratulations on reaching another milestone with the squadron. We appreciate your support!
Cdr Tony Palazzo, AP

**From: Terry Phillips,
District 20 Commander**



The national Board of Directors has formed an ad hoc committee to examine our organizational structure and operations to better serve our members and local Squadrons/Clubs. They are considering options that may include restructuring districts, forming regions, and improving services directly to Members from the national level.

Please read the linked article for more information.
<https://theensign.org/organizational-restructuring/>



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Captain Ahab answer:
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