



Membership Newsletter - Volume 24 Issue 1

Running Lights

January 2024

2024

Ring in the New Year

Greek Style

Member Dinner Meeting

Sunday 21 January 2024

Demetri's Greek Restaurant

Deerfield, IL 60015



A MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMANDER

Happy New Year. I hope the holidays were a terrific time for everyone. A little bit of white would have been nice, but the warmer weather made it easier to get around. I wanted to thank everyone who came to our holiday open house. It was very nice to see everyone, good company and a fun time together.

With the new year comes some new activities and many regular events. This month we will be trying a new venue for our General Meeting. We will be at Demetri's Greek Restaurant in Deerfield on Sunday January 21st. Sounds like a great place to try new and different foods. Please RSVP to Ron by January 15th.

Take a minute to review the 2024 SVPS Events & Cruising Schedule and start reserving dates for the activities we have planned. Let Ron and myself know if there is something you may want to see added to the calendar. We are going to have a busy year ahead.

We have two Executive meetings this month due to the National Annual Meeting in Florida. One meeting will be on Wednesday 3 January at 1900 and our February meeting will be on Wednesday 31 January. These are the meetings where we conduct squadron business, and they are open to everyone. The link to join the meeting is listed in every "Running Lights."

January 10-14 is the Chicago Boat Show. Even though District 20 will not be hosting a booth, it is a great event to check out new models, new boating products, or just get out of the house for a bit.

We will be attending the Lake Geneva Winterfest again this year in early February. It was a great time last year, viewing the many snow sculptures (they ship in the large piles of snow) and then getting together for lunch. Karen and I look forward to attending it. Check out the details in this edition and let us know if you may be interested in joining us.

Many thanks to our Nominating Committee for their work in filling the 2024-2025 Bridge and committee positions. I appreciate all who have volunteered their time and efforts to keep Skokie Valley a strong and active squadron.

This year our SEO Chuck Burger has planned to offer America's Boating Class in late April / early May. 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.

Lets have a great 2024.

—Cdr. Frank D'Amico, AP




America's Boating Club North Shore 2023-2024 Bridge

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Mark Your Calendar



January 2024

3	Wed	Executive Board/Bridge Meeting, 1900	Zoom meeting (page 8)
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 8)

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 4)
15	Thurs	Publication Deadline—Running Lights	Karen D'Amico (224-238-7372)
18	Sun	February Dinner Meeting	Mambo Italiano, Mundelein (page 7)

Member Dinner Meeting Sunday January 21, 2024 2 PM

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

Executive Committee

Commander	Frank D'Amico, AP
Executive Officer	Tony Palazzo, AP
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Asst. Education Officer	Joe Paldo, SN
Administrative Officer	Ron Zingler, AP-IN
Secretary	Karen D'Amico, AP
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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

Annual Meeting February 4-11



Rosen
Plaza
Orlando
Florida

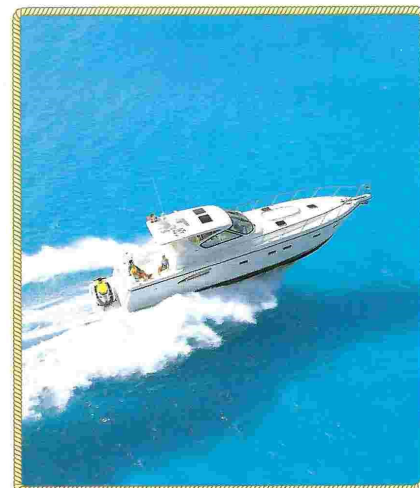
[Hotel Web Site](#)



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

CAPTAIN AHAB'S QUIZ



Underway on twin engines, what actions will quickly turn the boat to starboard: A) reverse port engine, hard right rudder; B) reverse starboard engine, rudder amidships; or C) reverse starboard engine, hard right rudder?
(see answer on back page)

Tom Clark, AP, Contributing Editor
Courtesy of Perchant Publishing



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 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

January Anniversaries

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

Cdr Frank D'Amico, AP

Commander's Open House

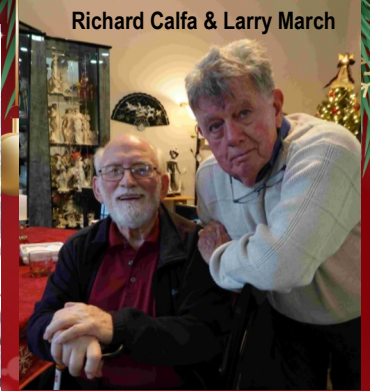
Frank & Karen D'Amico



Dave Anthony, Tony Palazzo, Rich Barta



Richard Calfa & Larry March



Joanne Zingler, Lorri Zwang, Mary Soyka



Christine March & Kay Widdis



Lori Ratajczak & Marilyn Calfa



Tony & Sue Palazzo



Chuck Burger



Joe Ratajczak



Jim Soyka & Rich Barta



Sue Anthony & Natalie Witty



Gail & Don Sidman



Rich Davidson, Gary Vinzant & Sue Palazzo



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
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We are so sad to publish the passing of our dear friend Al Antoni. Al joined Skokie Valley in 1999 and immediately was lending a helping hand, earning 20 merit marks over the years.

Together Al and Pat enjoyed many years cruising with the squadron on Lake Michigan. They often invited everyone to their island summer home on the Chain. Al was always doting on their little dog Candy,  who he secretly loved. Although Al and Pat moved down to Florida a few years ago, they remained members of Skokie Valley and we were grateful to see them both at the last D20 Spring Conference.

Al was a great friend to all. We will miss his smile and his laughter.

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 3rd at 7:00 pm Central

Zoom Meeting ID: 875 8578 5751, Passcode: 949310

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

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Captain Ahab answer:

C) reverse starboard engine, hard right rudder



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