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A MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMANDER

A new year is here with new events, activities and challenges. Some of us will be taking on new projects, finishing old ones or maybe just deciding on what we want from the new year. I know that when I look at the next year, I try to remember what (or who) brought me to where I am. I can truly say that my family, friends and Skokie Valley have had a big impact on what I look forward to. With that said, thank you all for guiding me, helping me, and just being there.

December was a busy month with holidays, conference planning and entertaining. Thank you all for coming to our Commander's Open House. It was a great way to start the holiday month. I hope you all enjoyed yourselves.

In December, some of the bridge members worked to finalize the contract details for the March D20 Spring Conference. We met at the Holiday Inn in Elgin, IL and worked through rooms rates, conference rooms needed and food for lunch and dinner. With everyone's help, we have a contract in place and reservations can be made online at [this link](#) (Group Code: USP); or by calling 847-488-9000 and saying you are part of "United States Power Squadron District 20" to receive the discounted rate.

Karen and I also hosted a Conference Planning meeting (very well attended) to plan the event. Many of the individuals that attended have already volunteered for various tasks. There is still a lot to do, and we will be discussing updates following each executive meeting with meetings as needed.

Everyone who received a Merit Mark should have received an email with a link view or download their Merit Mark. Many thanks again to Jim Soyka for all the work he has done. Congratulations and my thanks to everyone for all you do for Skokie Valley.

Chuck Burger (SEO) has planned the next America's Boating Course beginning in April and is working on scheduling an advanced grade class.

Our first General Meeting will be at Gusto Italiano Restaurant in Glenview on Sunday January 19th. Look for details and reservation information in this issue. I am looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Also, this month, D20 is returning to the Chicago Boat Show at the new location: the Donald E. Stephens Convention & Conference Center in Rosemont, IL January 8-12, 2025. I know that Mike Ludtke (Boat Show Chair) has reached out for volunteers to man the booth. Some have already volunteered, but more help is needed. If you have the time, reach out to Mike and see if there is a time slot that you can support. It's a new venue and much more accessible.

Wishing you a Happy New Year!



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—Cdr. Frank D'Amico, AP





Mark Your Calendar



January 2025

2	Thurs	Executive Board/Bridge Meeting, 1900	Zoom meeting, page 6
8-12	Thurs-Sun	Chicago Boat Show	Donald E Stephens Convention Center
15	Wed	Publication Deadline—Running Lights	Karen D'Amico (224-238-7372)
19	Sun	Member Dinner Meeting	Gusto Italiano, Glenview - below
29	Wed	Executive Board/Bridge Meeting, 1900	Zoom meeting

February 2025

4-9	Tue-Sun	America's Boating Club Annual Meeting	Orlando, Florida - page 8
15	Sat	Publication Deadline—Running Lights	Karen D'Amico (224-238-7372)
16	Sun	Member Dinner Meeting,	Mi Mexico, Buffalo Grove - page 7

Sunday, 19 January 2025
Gusto Ristorante Italiano
 1834 Glenview Road
 Glenview, IL 60025



Celebrate the new year at Gusto in downtown Glenview featuring award winning Mediterranean cuisine

We will order from the menu, individual checks
 Explore their menu at the link below
<https://www.gustorestaurant.com/dinner>

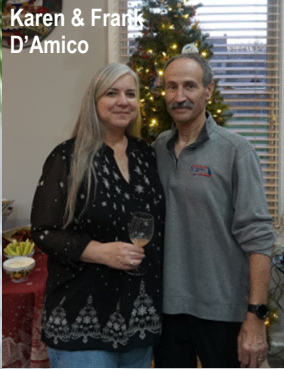


Seating at 4:00 pm

Kindly respond
 by January 12th
 to Ron Zingler
 847-634-3806 or
zingleron@comcast.net



Happy Holidays from the Commander's Open House



Karen & Frank D'Amico



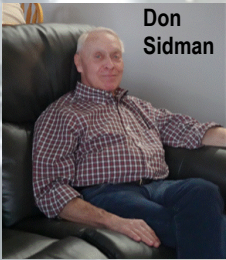
Lorri Zwang, Gail Sidman, Deb Adam, Joanne Zingler



Ron Zingler, Stu Zwang, Gary Vinzant, Jim Soyka



Lenore Stevens & Sue Anthony



Don Sidman



Dave Anthony & Chris Luczak



Natalie Witty & LeRoy Stevens



Rich Barta & Joe Paldo



Ron Dziagwa & Joe Paldo



Tony Palazzo & Dan Luczak



Joanne Zingler, Lorri Zwang & Lori Ratajczak



Lori Ratajczak



Lorri & Stu Zwang, Joanne Zingler, Lori & Joe Ratajczak



Deb Adam, Larry & Christine March, Frank D'Amico



Chuck Burger





SVPS 2025 Event & Cruising Schedule



When	Event	Location	Host
January 8-12	Chicago Boat Show	Donald E Stephens, Rosemont	District 20 Booth
Sunday January 19th	Dinner Meeting	Gusto Italiano, Glenview	Ron Zingler
February 2-9	America's Boating Club Annual Meeting	Rosen Plaza, Orlando FL	National Meeting
Sunday February 16th	Dinner Meeting	Mi Mexico, Buffalo Grove	Rich Davidson
Sunday March 16th	Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat	Marriott Lincolnshire Theatre	Dave & Sue Anthony
Friday-Sunday March 28-30	District 20 Spring Conference & Change of Watch	Holiday Inn, Elgin	District 20/Skokie Valley
Sunday April 6th	SVPS Change of Watch	TBD	Frank D'Amico
Sunday May 18th	Dinner Meeting	Foxtail on the Lake, Des Plaines	Ron Zingler
Saturday May 31st	Lake Michigan Fishing Derby & North Point Sundowner	North Point Marina	Dave & Sue Anthony
July 2-6	Summerfest Milwaukee Cruise	McKinley Harbor, Milwaukee WI	Ron Zingler
TBD	Lake Michigan Summer Cruise	TBD	
July 19-20	Milwaukee Air and Water	McKinley Harbor	Info Only
August 23	D20 Cruise & Rendezvous	TBA	District 20
September 2-7	America's Boating Club Fall Governing Board Meeting	Grand Rapids, MI	National Meeting
September 21st	Dinner Meeting	Reflections	Ron Zingler
Sunday October 19th	Lake Geneva Boat Cruise Tour—Sunday Brunch	Lake Geneva, WI	Frank D'Amico
October 25-26	District 20 Fall Conference	TBD	District 20
Sunday November 9th	Anniversary Dinner	Dover Straits	Ron Zingler
Sunday December 7th	Commanders Holiday Party	Hoffman Estates	Frank D'Amico

2025 Chicago Boat Show in Rosemont Donald E. Stephens Convention Center Wednesday January 8—Sunday January 12

**Volunteers
Needed!!**

Volunteers needed to help host the District 20 booth: greet visitors, talk about our organization, promote boating education classes. Shifts are 2 hours long.

Contact Mike Ludtke at (815)575-0809 or mikel643@outlook.com

Parking is \$15 and discounted tickets available on the website

<https://www.chicagoboatshow.com/>



July 2-6 2025

**we are planning a
cruise to**



Milwaukee Summerfest

Request your slip early to get on the waitlist. Reservations accepted starting in January 2025.



**Call McKinley Harbor
(414) 273-5224**

Team North Shore

Executive Committee Meeting: Jan 2 at 7:00 pm Central

Zoom Meeting ID: 878 9302 8355, Passcode: 289840

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87893028355?pwd=ltkd9CJDamlSMHUpmwiTLwmtJggJsA.1>

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

One tap mobile: +13126266799,,87893028355#,,,,*289840# US (Chicago)

Executive Committee Mtg: Zoom Meeting ID: 861 8457 1445, Passcode: 257418

Jan 29 at 7:00 pm Central <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86184571445?pwd=lKpyTMCyuvwu3XFIKazcSb24UP8TiW.1>

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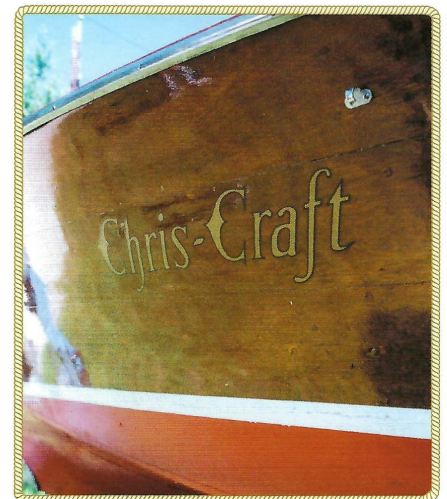
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CAPTAIN AHAB'S QUIZ



“_____” construction is a method of boat building in which the side planks are butt together flush and the seams caulked to make a smooth finish.

(see answer on back page)

Tom Clark, AP, Contributing Editor
Courtesy of Perchant Publishing



Member Dinner Meeting February 16, 4:00 PM

Mi Mexico
220 Milwaukee Ave
Buffalo Grove, IL

**We will order from the menu
 with separate checks**

<http://www.mimexicobuffalogrove.com/>



**RSVP by February 9th
 to Rich Davidson
 (847) 220-5571
rich@davidsondata.com**

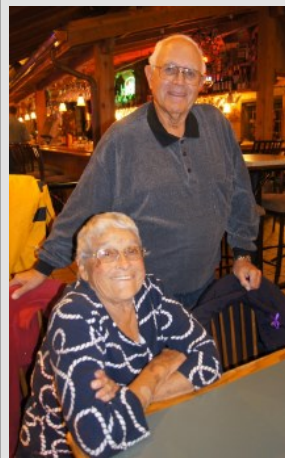
Skokie Valley Sail & Power Squadron Slate of Officers & Committees 2025 - 2026



***Coming Soon! This will be
 updated once a few more
 details are finalized***

We were very sorry to hear of the passing of one of our past members, Jim Walkowiak, in December. Jim was my predecessor as Editor of the Running Lights for nine years and taught me how to do this job!

Jim and his wife Gloria pictured here were members for over 20 years. They were very active in the squadron activities and events during that time and we share a lot of great memories.

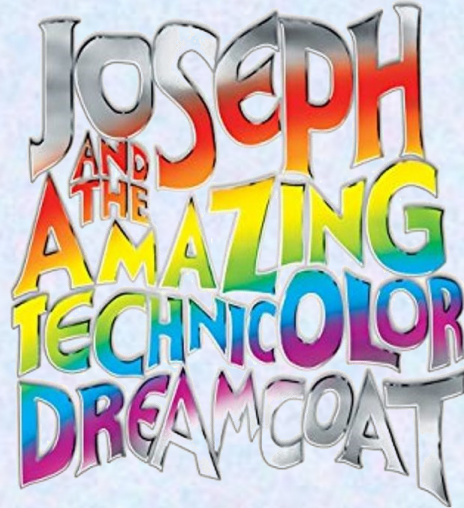


Ron & Joanne Zingler visited Jim last year at his 90th Birthday party!



SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 11:30 AM

Marriott Lincolnshire
Ten Marriott Drive
Lincolnshire, IL 60069



Tickets are \$52 per person

Reservations needed by January 17th

Contact Sue Anthony at 224-402-3107

Initial block is sold; an additional block of tickets will be purchased subject to availability

The play starts at 1:00 pm on Sunday

We will meet 11:30-12:00 at Wrights Brew & Bistro inside the Marriott Hotel before the play to pick up tickets and have cocktails

We are planning a dinner after the play (look for details in the next issue)



**America's Boating Club
Annual Meeting 2025
Rosen Plaza Orlando
Feb 2-9, 2025**

Tuesday: Outta Control Magic Comedy Dinner
Wednesday: Gatorland & Welcome Dinner
Thursday: Keynote breakfast (Sylvette Figueroa), Milk District Food Tour, & iMIS orientation
Friday: Titanic Exhibition & Hospitality Suites
Saturday: Annual Meeting & 70s COW Party

Check out the latest [newsletter](#) online
Discounted rates available until Jan 3, 2025

January Anniversaries

Richard Calfa	2007	19 yrs
Sandra Frankenbush	2006	20 yrs
Nancy Sibrava-Koenen	1983	43 yrs
Gerald Grofman	1972	54 yrs
Nelson (Dave) Rodelius	1970	56 yrs

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

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