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# Running Lights

**July 2019** 



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### A MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMANDER

Welcome to summer! The warm days are finally happening on a regular basis. Hopefully the rain will abate, and the days of tee shirts and Bermuda shorts will be with us for several months.

It was just warm enough to make our fishing trip on Lake Michigan go well. Two boats went out, one caught nine fish, and the other caught one. I was on the boat with the light load in the cooler. It was a coho salmon, I got to take it home and grill it that night, and it was delicious. Nothing like a shore lunch fresh from the water. The fact that enough of us turned out and we needed two boats was by itself a great sign that interest in our programs is still strong.

The Sundowner that day went well, I am told. A conflict made me miss it, but I am trying hard to schedule around our events.

Coming up is an Open House & Celebration at Bay Marine in Waukegan on July 13. Bring your outdated ordnance, and join us there at 4:00 PM. The events there begin at noon and include lectures on cruising the Great Loop and the North Channel. Those two have to be the ultimate trips by boat.

Short of going that far, we have two cruises in July that will take us to Sturgeon Bay in Door County, WI and to Pure Michigan, both in July. Tony Palazzo and Ron Zingler are heading up these trips, both being the cruise-meisters in our squadron. I have participated in a few of these and can tell you that nothing is so exhilarating as taking your boat on a long trip across and along Lake Michigan. The only catch is how weather and waves can make unexpected changes in the reservations at the marinas, but they are accustomed to those realities and always seem to be able to accommodate our schedules that change daily.

For the land lubbers, there is the option of driving to the ports around the lake and staying at hotels at each site. You might be helping out that way by having ground transportation for our boaters at each port.

The Cruise and Rendezvous is coupled with the Tall Ships arriving at Southport Marina in Kenosha. I volunteered to man the events hosted by District 20 and offered my lofty ship for the Parade of Ships part of the festival. Both are great honors, not to mention great experiences.

The Bay Marine event, the Tall Ships events, and now our official hosting of the District 20 Spring Conference are examples of the coordination of Skokie Valley with Waukegan and District 20 in planning and sharing of schedules. I think this expansion of our horizon will benefit everyone by offering more to do and some great fun in the year ahead.





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## **Mark Your Calendar**



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8	Mon	Executive Board/Bridge Meeting, 1900	Yen Yen Restaurant, Buffalo Grove
11	Thurs	COSI (Children's Oncology Services) Boat Day	Southport Marina, Kenosha, WI
13	Sat	Flare shoot	Bay Marine (pg 5)
15	Mon	Publication Deadline—Running Lights	Karen D'Amico (224-238-7372)
17	Wed	Skokie Valley Breakfast Club, 0900-1000	Market Square, Wheeling
-27	Fri-Sat	Summer Cruise to Sturgeon Bay	Starts in Kenosha, WI (see below)
-10	Mon-Sat	Cruise to Pure Michigan	Contact Ron Zingler (847-634-3806)
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## Americas Boating Club Cruise to Sturgeon Bay July 19<sup>TH</sup>

It has been a long winter and now it's time to enjoy the warm summer weather. The 2019 Cruise is scheduled for July 19<sup>th</sup> thru July 28<sup>th</sup>. We have 6 Boats interested in going this year: Dave and Sue Anthony, Ron and Joanne Zingler, Jim and Dennis Soyka, Rich Davidson, Rich Barta, Tony and Sue Palazzo. And hopefully more to join us as we get closer to our departure date.

Everyone is welcome to attend our cruise by boat or driving. All of our ports can be followed by car. Preliminary Itinerary Weather permitting!!! Also we can make decisions on Itinerary as a group when we are traveling. Bring your own Ideas and we can discuss as a group.

### Tentative Itinerary below based on Weather and time permitting!

Date Leave	Port Leave	Port Arrive	Date Arrive	Miles	Notes	
7/19/2019	Kenosha	Sturgeon Bay	7/19/2019	175	Fuel Sheboygan 85 miles	
7/22/2019	Sturgeon Bay	Menominee	7/22/2019	25	Top Off Fuel if necessary	
7/25/2019	Menominee	Kewaunee	7/25/2019	35	Top Off Fuel if necessary	
7/27/2019	Kewaunee	Milwaukee	7/27/2019	100	Top Off Fuel if necessary	
7/27/2019	Milwaukee	Kenosha	7/28/2015	35		
			<u>Total Miles</u>	<u>370</u>		

### If anyone is interested in joining our cruise please Call Tony Palazzo AP at 630-347-6586

Our first Port of call is **Center Point Marina in Sturgeon Bay**. Check out their website <a href="http://centerpointeservice.com/lake-michigan-marinas/sturgeon-bay-door-county/marina-facilities.php">http://centerpointeservice.com/lake-michigan-marinas/sturgeon-bay-door-county/marina-facilities.php</a>

CenterPoint Sturgeon Bay is a "Best in Class" Marina with state-of-the-art floating docks and luxury throughout. Amenities include water and electric, restrooms and showers, laundry facility, indoor and outdoor pool, fitness center, modern clubhouse with beautiful Sturgeon Bay views. Convenient by land or by lake, and just walking distance to local restaurants, and Sturgeon Bay events! With 150 slips CenterPoint is sure to be able to cater to your docking needs.

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Many of us stayed at Center Point Marina in 2016 and it lives up to its reputation. This is a fun place to stay, there are great Restaurants, Door County Maritime Museum, John Purves tug boat tours, there is a Door to Door bus service that gives you access to the entire Door County Peninsula.

On Sunday we are all invited to Keith and Kathy Parkers residence for dinner, they live in Fish Creek. We thank the Parkers for their generous invitation. It's sure to be a fun night. On Monday morning we depart from Sturgeon Bay and head to Harbor number 2 in Menominee Michigan where we will stay at the Menominee Marina.





#### City of Menominee Michigan http://www.menomineemarina.com/

In historic times, this area was the traditional territory of the Menominee Indian Tribe. The town of Menominee was named after their English name, which roughly translates as "wild rice," a nickname given to them by their Ojibwe neighbors based on their cultivation of wild rice as a staple food. In their own language, they are known as *Mamaceqtaw*, which means simply "the people", and the town of Menominee is known as *Menīkāneh*, which means "at the good village". They were removed to the west of the Mississippi River and now have a reservation along the Wolf River in North Central Wisconsin after ceding their territory to the United States in the 1836 Treaty of the Cedars.

Menominee gained prominence in the 19th century as a lumber town; in its heyday, it produced more lumber than any other city in the United States of America. During this time of prosperity, the House was built. It is being restored now. In the 1910s a cycle car, the "Dudly Bug", was manufactured in Menominee. In the waning years of lumber production, local business interests, interested in diversifying Menominee's manufacturing base, attracted inventor Marshall Burns Lloyd and his Minneapolis Company Lloyd Manufacturing, which made wicker baby buggies. In 1917 Lloyd invented an automated process for weaving wicker and manufactured it as the Lloyd Loom. This machine process is still in use today. In the 21st century, the economy of Menominee is based on manufacturing paper products, wicker lawn furniture, auto supplies and tourism.

In 1940, during the "Vote for Gracie" publicity stunt in which comedian Gracie Allen ran for President, she was nominated for mayor of Menominee, but was disqualified because she was not a resident of the city.

Menominee Marina is a full service very large Marina that can handle boats from 25 feet to 60 feet. There is Boaters Lounge, Free Wi-Fi, and Courtesy Bicycles. Looks like a great place to stay. Next Stop Kewaunee Wisconsin, Salmon Harbor Marina. <a href="https://www.salmonharbor.net/">https://www.salmonharbor.net/</a>

**Salmon Harbor Marina** was developed late Dec. 2005 by members of the Lamer family who originally started the Marina over 15 years ago. It is nestled just off of Hwy 42 north of the Kewaunee River Bridge in the heart of Kewaunee. The Lamar's expanded the marina from just the docks, to a full service marina.

This is one of Wisconsin's most naturally protected harbors and they offer outside and inside storage, a full mechanics shop, ship's store, fuel, lounges, and camping. They have a great staff of highly qualified individuals to help to serve our needs, and are looking forward to a great boating season.

Our next Harbor, Milwaukee, McKinley Harbor



#### https://county.milwaukee.gov/EN/Parks/Explore/Lakefront/McKinley-Marina



McKinley Marina, Milwaukee County's only public lakefront marina, offers 655 slips with floating docks, security, parking, electricity, water and many amenities included in the annual rental fee. Full-service fuel docks with pump-out facilities and a convenience/ships store with marine maintenance and safety supplies are also available.

For tenants' convenience, the award-winning open-air pavilion offers lower-level restroom and shower facilities. You have Museums, Restaurants, walking paths, Beer Gardens, all in walking Distance of the marina. Lots to do in Milwaukee.





RED SIGNAL FLARE

## SUMMER OPEN HOUSE & CELEBRATION!

CHECK OUT OUR FACILITY SHOWCASING OUR PRE-OWNED AND NEW BOATS FOR SALE IN WATER DEMOS! REGISTER TODAY

**Presentation Seminars:** 

2-3PM Cruising the GREAT LOOP, Capt. John 3-4PM Cruising the NORTH CHANNEL, Capt. John 4:00PM The US Power Squadron will be directing an Expired Flare Shoot! Bring all of your expired flares and we will dispose of them in a safe and fun manner.

LIGHT FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

JULY 13, 2019 • NOON - 5 PM

Bay Marine's Chicago Yachting Center 3 E. Madison Street Waukegan, IL 60085

847-336-2628

**BAYMARINE.NET** 



### YOUR WEATHER REPORT

By Mike Hennessy, AP, Instructor-Weather course



### **Flooding**

Every spring there is flooding in the USA. Usually the flooding is associated with the Red River, the Mississippi, or the Missouri Rivers. Then of course there is the local flooding that we see in the Des Plaines River and the Fox River.

This year we had the flooding but the areas that were hit were different. The Arkansas River was the main culprit this year causing severe flooding in Arkansas, Missouri and Oklahoma.

Although some areas were not flooded by rivers, the excessive rain did not allow farmers to plant their crops because their fields were too muddy. Even the Chicago area has experienced the wettest May in our history.

Because so many areas that have been flooded this spring (even areas that never flood) the gov-

ernment is preparing new flood zone maps. This will help people decide if they should include flood insurance in their insurance planning.

Many are asking why this Spring was so wet, and I have not seen any conclusive answer. But if wetter Springs are in our future, then many things are going to change. More and stronger levies, probably less crop production and probably higher insurance rates.

Let's hope Spring 2019 is the exception and not the new normal.



### OUR GREAT LAKES, OUR GREATEST RESOURCE

Freshwater ecosystems are among the most threatened habitats on earth. In the US, these include rivers, streams, lakes, wetlands and of course, our Great Lakes. Many fish and aquatic species that depend on freshwater face critical challenges to their survival.



The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation has been focusing on freshwater conservation issues for over 25 years. The organization supports conservation programs to protect and sustain major river, stream and aquatic ecosystems.

The NFWF has several approaches to restore and maintain freshwater species and their habitats.

- \* Passage: eliminate barriers to fish movement.
- \* Water quality: reduce pollution to restore clean water.
- \* Water quantity: ensure stream flows are maintained at healthy levels.
- \* Spring systems: protect springs and other unique ecosystems for freshwater species.
- \* Control invasive species: restore the natural balance of the ecosystem.

### CAPTAIN AHAB'S QUIZ





Heavy Weather Seamanship: If the course to your destination runs parallel to large breaking waves, how can you avoid a wet & potentially dangerous ride?

(see answer on back page)

Tom Clark, AP, Contributing Editor Courtesy of Perchant Publishing



## **SVPS 2019 Event & Cruising Schedule**



When	Event	Location	Host
July 13th	Flare shoot	Bay Marine, Waukegan	Rich Davidson
July 11th	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, D20 C&R	Southport Marina	Mike Ludtke
August 17	Hob Nob Sundowner	Racine	Ron Zingler
September 28th	America's Boating Course	Bay Marine, Waukegan	Rich Davidson
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 15th	Commander's Holiday Party	Lake Forest, IL	Rich Davidson

## The Tall Ships are coming to Kenosha, August 1-4, 2019



Thursday Aug 1st is the Parade of Sail for the tall ships prior to docking in Kenosha. D20 members will be among the boats volunteering to serve as security perimeter for the event. We are still looking for boats to participate!

Volunteer opportunities are also available on Friday Aug 2nd and Sunday Aug 4th to help organizers running the festival. Members can serve on ships, checking wrist bands, assisting guests on/off the boats, and as docents on the ships. USPS members will be organized into groups to work together.

Please contact Mike Ludtke (mludtke@hotmail.com) ASAP if you want to volunteer for the Parade of Sail or working any of the festival dates.

This event is perfectly timed with the D20 Cruise & Rendezvous, to be held in Kenosha on Saturday August 3rd. Our friendship room opens at 10 AM followed by the Council meeting at 11 AM. In the afternoon, we will have a group luncheon. Then there is time to tour the festival, and even an opportunity for an 80-minute cruise aboard one of the tall ships—the Red Witch. Saturday evening will be a Sundowner party at Kenosha harbor.

See the full weekend schedule on page 8. C&R registration forms can be found in the D20 Summer Trident issue.

## District 20 Cruise & Rendezvous Weekend and Tall Ships Festival at Kenosha WI

## August 1 – 4, 2019

### WEEKEND SCHEDULE

### Thursday, August 1

- 1300 Kenosha Tall Ships® 2019 Parade of Sail Skippers Meeting at Southport Boaters Lounge (above pool house) with USCG, Event Planners, other marine unit stakeholders.
  - \* Review of Comms plan
  - \* Ship assignments to maintain Regulated Navigation Area (RNA)
- 1500 Parade participants muster at rendezvous point
- 1600 Parade of Sail begins, directed by Parade Command
- 1730 Parade of Sail completes with docking in Kenosha north harbor

### Friday, August 2

- 1000 to 1800 America's Boating Club Volunteer Day at the Tall Ships Festival (two shifts 1000-1330 or 1300-1800)
- 1600 to 1900 Check-in & welcome reception (Wyndham Garden Hotel Lobby Bar)
- 1900 Kenosha Rocks the Docks, "an evening of wind, water & song on the harbor".

Tickets go on sale June 3.

2000 - Kenosha Comedy Club at the Wyndham Garden Hotel.

Act not yet announced.

Tickets will be available at www.kenoshacomedyclub.com

### Saturday, August 3

1000 to 1100 - Late check-in & Friendship Room at Kenosha Public Museum DC Hall

1100 to 1200 - District 20 Council Meeting at Kenosha Public Museum DC Hall 1215

to 1315 - Group luncheon at Kenosha Public Museum DC Hall

1500 to 1630 – Sail Away on the Red Witch (\$55.00) from the Kenosha Yacht Club Sail Away Village.

1700 - Dock Party at Southport Boaters Lounge (above pool house)

### Sunday, August 4

0930 to 1000 - District 20 Pass and Review

1000 to 1800 – America's Boating Club Volunteer Day

(two shifts 1000-1400 or 1400-1800)

## D20 Group Lunch on Saturday at the Public Museum DC Hall

Menu includes deli sandwiches, side dishes, salads, desserts, sodas, & water. Cost will be \$15-20 per person Payable at check in



### Red Witch Sail Away

Saturday at 3 pm. Cost \$55 per person. Space is limited so sign up online ASAP. www.kenoshatallships.com

### Related Websites and Contact Info:

### Wyndham Garden Harborside

wyndhamhotels.com

5125 6 Avenue, Kenosha WI 53140 262-358-9566

Stella Hotel

stellahotel.com

5706 8th Avenue, Kenosha WI 53140 262-842-2000

Tall Ships Kenosha® 2019

kenoshatallships.com

Kenosha Visitors Bureau

visitkenosha.com

Southport Marina

www.spmarina.net

21 56th Street, Kenosha WI 53140 262-657-5565

## North Point Sundowner

Thanks to Ron Zingler and Richard Calfa for the pictures!

The day started out beautifully as 9 of us all met at Northpoint marina 05:30 for coffee and donuts compliments of Stuart. We then hopped onboard our fishing charter boats. We had Dave Anthony and his son Zach with Tony Palazzo and his son Michael on the first boat. Stuart and his daughter Rebecca with Rich Davidson and stepson Doug and myself Ron Zingler on Sonset.

We set out to sea for 6 hours of pure fishing. The first boat broke the ice on this cool but sunny day

with 1 to 2 footers. They happened to pull in 3 more before Sonset and Doug wrestled to pull in our 3 pound coho. It was dry for a few more hours as the fish moved out to deeper cooler water. At the end of the day boat number one score 9 to Sonset at 1. It is always an adventure and fun waiting for that rod to tip.

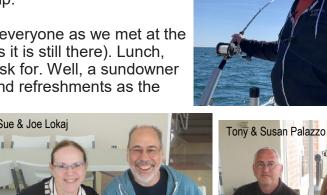
For all our efforts, Stuart had trophy's for everyone as we met at the infamous Tropics restaurant for lunch (yes it is still there). Lunch, trophy's and friends what more can you ask for. Well, a sundowner at the main building. More food, friends and refreshments as the party continued on.

Just when you think it is over, Tony brings his truck load of wood for one of his pyro bonfires. Tony unloaded, lit the fire and we all gathered around for the warmth as the sun went down and the night had cooled. It was an ending to a great day with the America's Boating Club friends.









Ron Zingler, Michael & Tony Palazzo, Stu Zwang, Zach & Dave Anthony, Rich Davidson and Doug Breen

Ron Zingler















## Saturday August 17th 4:30 pm

Let's get together at HOBNOB! Racine and Kenosha's favorite Supper Club cocktail lounge. Relax and enjoy your favorite Grasshopper, Old Fashion or Brandy Alexander overlooking Lake Michigan.

The atmosphere and food is great as you take a step back in time to 1954 when it opened. It was featured in the Chicago Tribune as the best Supper Club ever. Be prepared for an experience you will never forget.

Cocktails at 4:30 pm. Cash bar Note: they do not open until 4:30 pm Dinner at 5:30 pm. Separate checks Order from the extensive menu.

Please RSVP to Ron Zingler by August 9th, 2019 847.634.3806 or zingleron@comcast.net



HOBNOB
277 South Sheridan Road
Racine, WI 53403
www.thehobnob.com

## Strawberry Island Lighthouse Georgian Bay, Ontario Canada

George took this picture from Dick & Dorothy's boat when they were on the last leg of a Great Circle trip. George had joined them in Detroit as they made their way to Waukegan.

This lighthouse is an important beacon for those traveling through Georgian Bay and Lake Superior, which is an intricate channel that winds between numerous islands. This lighthouse lies just west of the northernmost section of Manitoulin Island and the town of Little Current. Little Current is the largest in the area, and is also the administrative Centre.

Because of the importance of this location, a lighthouse was built on the island in September

1881. It had a fixed catoptric at an elevation of 40 feet above water mark and would be visible 11 miles from all points seaward. The building consists of a square wooden tower, 44 feet high with a keepers dwelling attached.

The longest-serving keeper of Strawberry Island was William McKenzie. He and his wife and children would cross over to the Island in March on a sleigh before the ice melted and leave in October. No need for a lighthouse keeper if the bay is frozen over.

In June of 1915, the white fixed light was improved with a fourth-order lens for the lamp and reflector that had been formerly used in the lantern room.

In 2006, Strawberry Island Lighthouse was declared a Recognized Federal Heritage Building, most of the recognition had to do with the beauty and ascetics of the lighthouse. The lighthouse can only be accessed by boat. SVPS can get to it on their next trip to the North Channel.

Submitted by: Bridget Doerner Photo by: George Doerner



### July Anniversaries

Bonni Breen	2018	1 yr
Michael & Stephanie Palazzo	2008	11 yrs
Dorothy Hughes Bud Lemke	2005 1984	14 yrs 37 yrs

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

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Captain Ahab answer:

Run a zigzag course either quartering or running with the waves.



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