





SKOKIE VALLEY SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON

DISTRICT 20

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Running Lights

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More pictures
from the Fishing
Derby inside!

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMANDER

It's the first day of summer and we have had cool, hot, calm and stormy weather so far. On the 5th of June we had our Sundowner Cruise at North Point Marina. Dave Anthony's fishing charter was a success. Two boats and 11 members caught 23 fish: 2 Rainbow Trout, 2 Lake Trout, and 8 Coho Salmon on our boat, and 4 Lake Trout and 7 Coho Salmon on Dave's boat. Although it was extremely hot on land, it was a beautiful day out on the water. The fish kept biting the entire 5 hours. It was good to see Joe and Dolores Ratajczak at this event.

After the fishing trip we settled in at Q dock and had a complimentary dinner of Roma's pizza, salad and of course Marilyn Calfa's baked goods. Marilyn has been creating her magic in the kitchen for a long time for us and I can tell you, I sure appreciate her efforts. Sue Anthony planned and set up the dinner for us all. Thank You Sue.

The day finished off with a bonfire at the North Point Marina Fire Pit, and the event ended at 10:30 PM. Ron Zingler and Stuart Zwang took pictures of the fishing. Karen D'Amico and Richard Calfa were the photographers for the evening. Another successful SVPS Americas Boating Club North Shore event. It was a lot of fun and great to see everyone in person. Please see Running Lights for future events so you don't miss out.

We have a couple of District events that District AO Rich Davidson is organizing with other D20 Squadrons. If anyone can volunteer to help the other squadrons with the events, it would be appreciated. There is a Cruise and Rendezvous in August, and a Fall Conference in October. Please contact Rich if you can assist.

Keep in mind we are hosting the Spring Conference in March 2022. Shortly we will be putting together a committee for the conference. Anyone who plans to participate can join our Zoom Meetings on the first Wednesday every month, just contact any board member and we will get you on the Zoom Meeting list. We need volunteers.

As more people get vaccinated, we are seeing a substantial decrease in cases of Covid 19. As we reflect what has happened the past 16 months, it is sad that so many people died from Covid 19. Our thanks go out to all the first responders who risked their lives to save as many patients as possible, and essential workers that kept the economy moving during this tragedy.

—Cdr. Tony Palazzo, AP

On the Cover: Crew from one of the charter fishing boats: Chris Brand (friend of Ron's daughter), Ron Zingler, Tony Palazzo, Rich Davidson and his stepson Doug Breen.



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Mark Your Calendar



July 2021

7	Wed	Executive Board/Bridge Meeting, 1900	Zoom Meeting, Contact Tony Palazzo
15	Thurs	Publication Deadline—Running Lights	Karen D'Amico (224-238-7372)

August 2021

4	Wed	Executive Board/Bridge Meeting, 1900	Zoom Meeting, Contact Tony Palazzo
15	Sun	Publication Deadline—Running Lights	Karen D'Amico (224-238-7372)
31	Tues-Sat	USPS Fall Governing Board Meeting	Raleigh, NC (page 6)

On the 2nd charter boat, John & Ray are dock mates with Dave Anthony. Joe & Lori Ratajczak, Dave Anthony & Stu Zwang

North Point Fishing Derby



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Doug Breen



Dave Anthony



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Tony Palazzo, with their charter captain



Joe Ratajczak



Doubles!
Lori Ratajczak & Dave Anthony

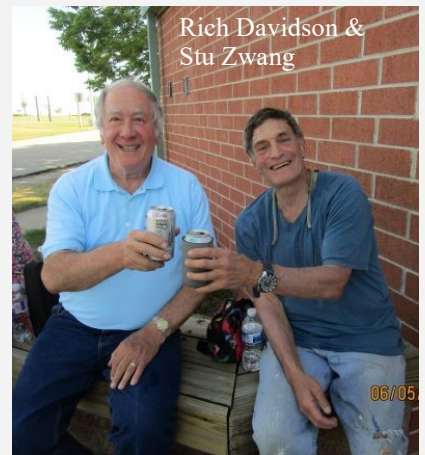
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Chris Brand

North Point Sundowner

After the boats returned from the fishing derby, everyone gathered over by Q dock. Stu Zwang presented a variety of prizes to the fisher men and ladies for their participation. Afterwards, Sue Anthony ordered pizzas and salad for everyone and Marilyn brought her famous snacks for dessert.



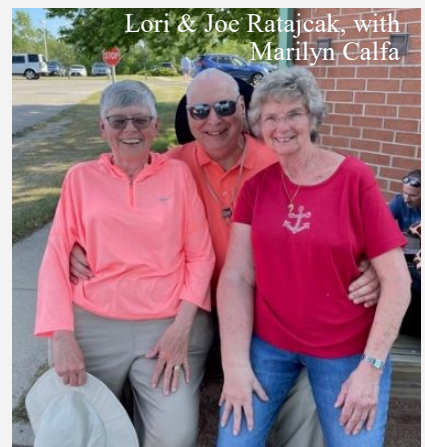
Rich Davidson & Stu Zwang



Thanks to our hosts
Dave & Sue Anthony



Joanne & Ron Zingler



Lori & Joe Ratajczak, with Marilyn Calfa



Bonni Breen & Rich Davidson



Larry & Christine March, Marilyn & Richard Calfa



Don Sidman with Bailey



Rich Barta & Ron Zingler



Joe Paldo

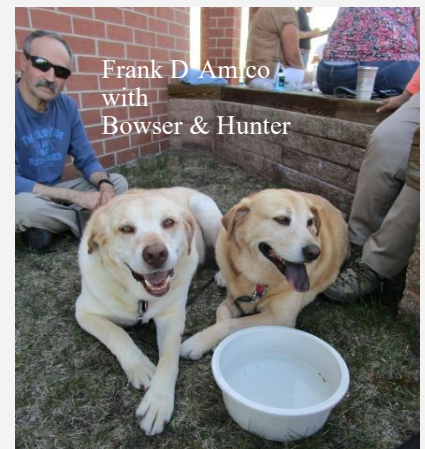


Joe brought his convertible

Tony Palazzo



Sue Palazzo, Marilyn Calfa, Joanne Zingler, Christine March & Gail Sidman



Frank D Amico with Bowser & Hunter

North Point Bonfire

After dinner, we made our way over to the beach. Our Commander and fire master, Tony Palazzo, brought a huge pile of firewood and built us a blazing fire!

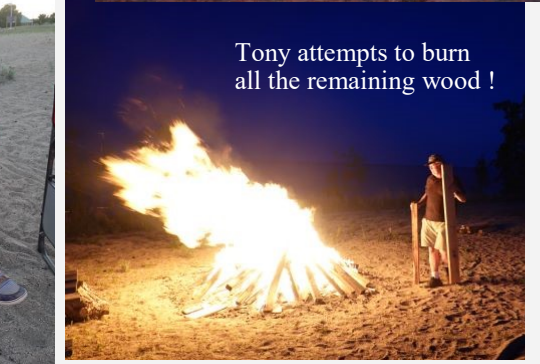
Here we are enjoying the fire from a safe distance! Frank & Karen D'Amico, Sue Anthony, Rich Davidson, Joanne & Ron Zingler.



Tony Palazzo builds the fire



Ron Zingler gets in on the action



Tony attempts to burn all the remaining wood !



Sue Anthony, Joanne Zingler, Rich Davidson, Dave Anthony...



Plus several dock mates joined us for dinner & the bonfire



Sue Palazzo

Operation Dry Water (ODW) is a year round campaign to bring awareness and enforcement about the dangers of boating under the influence. The mission is to reduce the number of alcohol and drug related accidents and fatalities.

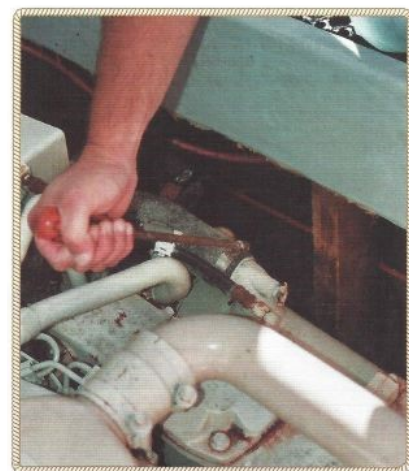


One of their tactics is to bring a stronger and more visible deterrent to alcohol use on the water. The IL Dept of National Resource is warning boaters that conservation police will be on high alert this 4th of July weekend.

This is part of a national coordinated effort to have heightened law enforcement July 2—July 4. Impaired boaters this weekend can expect penalties. In Illinois, operating under the influence is a Class A misdemeanor for the first offense. It is punishable by a maximum of one year in jail and/or up to \$2,500 in fines.

Of course it is always prudent to have a designated skipper on board, for your safety, your crew and those around you!

CAPTAIN AHAB'S QUIZ



A hose clamp is supposed to be tightened by using 35 in-lbs of torque. That's about as much torque as you can apply with a screwdriver without: overtightening, breaking the screw, or grunting?

(see answer on back page)

Tom Clark, AP, Contributing Editor
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SVPS 2021 Event & Cruising Schedule



When	Event	Location	Host
Dates TBD	Summer Cruise/Casino Run	Burnham Harbor, Hammond, Michigan City	Ron Zingler
Aug 31-Sept 5	Fall Governing Board Meeting	Raleigh, NC	USPS
September 12th Sunday	Dinner Meeting	TBA	Ron Zingler
September 26th Sunday	Sundowner	Hob Nob, Kenosha WI	Ron Zingler
October 16th Saturday	Dinner Meeting	Dover Straits, Mundelein	Ron Zingler
November 13th Saturday	Anniversary Dinner	Gusto, Glenview	Ron Zingler
December 12th Sunday	Commanders Holiday Open House Party	TBA	Tony Palazzo

USPS Returns home to Raleigh North Carolina for the next Governing Board Meeting

Tue 8/31
Motor Coach
Tour of Historic
Downtown
Raleigh

Tue 8/31
Raleigh
Beer Trail

Wed 9/1
Eco Tour or
Kayaking on
Jordan Lake

9/1 or 9/2
Tour of USPS
Headquarters

Wed 9/1
USPS Friends
Dinner &
Trivia Night

Thurs 9/2
NC History
& Science
Museums



2021 Fall Governing Board

August 29 - September 5, 2021

Raleigh, North Carolina

For details & reservations
<https://www.usps.org/memb-home>
Click on National Meetings

Thurs 9/2 Keynote Breakfast

Kevin Duffus, researcher, author and documentary filmmaker, has published 4 books and produced 4 award winning documentary films on North Carolina maritime history. Presentation on War Zone: WWII off North Carolina's Outer Banks.



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July Anniversaries

Bonni Breen	2018	3 yrs
Michael Palazzo	2008	13 yrs
Stephanie Palazzo	2008	13 yrs
Dorothy Hughes	2005	15 yrs
Bud Lemke	1984	38 yrs

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

Cdr Tony Palazzo, AP

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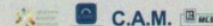
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Captain Ahab answer:
without grunting



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