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Running Lights

July 2022

An Annual Tradition
Sundowner at North Point Beach
(more pictures inside)



United States Power Squadrons is America's Boating Club®



A MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMANDER

June 11th was our Sundowner Cruise at North Point Marina in Winthrop Harbor. We had about 25 attendees. If you weren't there, you missed a great event.

To start the day, fisherman Dave Anthony set up 2 charter boats. The weather was excellent for fishing. There were 12 people signed up and they caught 17 fish. It was a very successful day on the lake. After the fishing charter, there was an awards presentation by Stu Zwang, He was aboard one of the fishing charters. Prizes included cigars, captain's hats, t-shirts and even a torch for the fire starter yours truly.

After all that, Susan Anthony, Deb Adam, and Susan Palazzo set up dinner at Q dock Pavilion. Compliments of the Americas Boating Club North Shore. Thank you to everyone who helped with the preparations. It was great to talk with all our members and see what they have been up to the past few months. After dinner we all went over to fire pit number 4 for the bonfire. The fire burned until 10:00 pm. It was a lot of fun.

The next cruising event on the agenda is the Southern Lake Michigan Cruise. On July 8th we shove off and head to South Haven Municipal Marina. It has been a long wait and we are all excited and hopeful for good weather. We have ten boats going on the trip. This is a record. We also have three sail boats attending the cruise. The sail boaters may leave on Thursday in order to be there early when the power boats arrive. South Haven is a great stop for us as we have been there before. Good restaurants and lots of shopping. It also has a great beach on the lakefront and a long pier going out to Lake Michigan.

On Monday morning our group splits up. Three boats are going to St. Joe and then on to Hammond Marina. The other seven boats are going to Saugatuck, Holland, Grand Haven, Port Washington, Milwaukee, and Racine, depending on slip availability. The trip should take nine days to complete.

There are more activities planned so be sure to check the Running Lights newsletter for details.

—Cdr. Tony Palazzo, AP




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Mark Your Calendar



July 2022

6	Wed	Executive Board/Bridge Meeting, 1900	Zoom meeting, see page 7
8-17	Fri-Sun	Summer Cruise Event	Southern Lake Michigan, see page 6
15	Fri	Publication Deadline—Running Lights	Karen D’Amico (224-238-7372)
23-24	Sat-Sun	Milwaukee Air & Water Show	McKinley Harbor, Milwaukee WI

August 2022

3	Wed	Executive Board/Bridge Meeting, 1900	Zoom meeting
15	Mon	Publication Deadline—Running Lights	Karen D’Amico (224-238-7372)
19-20	Fri-Sat	District 20 Cruise & Rendezvous	Riverside Conference Center, Rockford, IL
20-21	Sat-Sun	Chicago Air & Water Show	Burnham Harbor, Chicago

Charter Fishing Derby

Crew of the Storm Force



Stuart Zwang



Joe Paldo

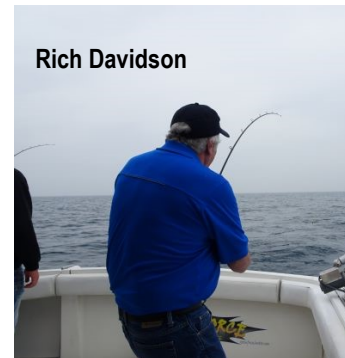
Joe Ratajczak



Joe's friend Bill



Lori Ratajczak



Rich Davidson



Stuart Zwang

Pictures by Lori Ratajczak

North Point Sundowner



Sue Palazzo, Christine March & Stuart Zwang



Rich Davidson, Larry March & Tony Palazzo



Thanks to our hosts
Sue & Dave Anthony!



Frank & Karen D'Amico



Lori & Joe Ratajczak



Rich Barta



Deb Adam



John, Dan & Steve from 'M' dock



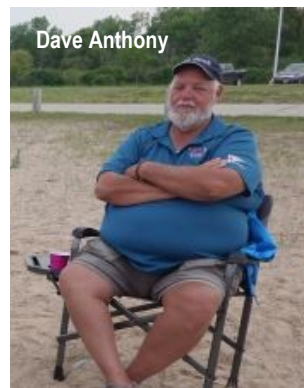
Bowser, Hunter & Frank D'Amico



Deb & Ray Adam



Rich Davidson



Dave Anthony



Larry March



Tony "Fire Master" Palazzo



Stuart Zwang, Steve & Dan from 'M' dock



Sue Palazzo, Christine & Larry March, Sue Anthony, Tony Palazzo



SVPS 2022 Event & Cruising Schedule



When	Event	Location	Host
July 8-17 Fri-Sun	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 19-20 Fri-Sat	D20 Cruise & Rendezvous	Riverside Conference Center & Suites, Rockford	Rockford Power Squadron
August 20-21 Sat-Sun	Chicago Air & Water Show, Thunderbirds	Burnham 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



Last month, our old friend Gloria Walkowiak passed away. Gloria & her husband Jim were long time, active members and she had 13 merit marks. Gloria made many contributions to our monthly Running Lights newsletter while Jim was the Editor (my predecessor). We were sad to hear of her passing. May she be at peace..

July Anniversaries

Bonnie Breen	2018	4 yrs
Michael & Stephanie Palazzo	2008	14 yrs
Dorothy Hughes	2005	16 yrs
Bud Lemke	1984	39 yrs

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

Cdr Tony Palazzo, AP

CAPTAIN AHAB'S QUIZ



LINE HANDLING LANGUAGE

1. SLACK: feed line out.
2. TAKE UP: take slack out.
3. EASE: momentarily ease a line under strain (stopped boat).
4. HOLD: take enough turns to stop the boats.
5. CHECK: "hold" it intermittently to slow the boat.
6. SURGE: pay out line (moving boat).
7. MAKE FAST: secure the line.
8. ALL FAST: secure all lines.
9. DOUBLE UP: put on a second line.
10. SINGLE UP: take in extra lines.
11. STAND BY: be ready to tend it.
12. LET GO: cast off the line.

Which of the above line handling terms do not correspond with the given definition?

(see answer on back page)

Tom Clark, AP, Contributing Editor
Courtesy of Perchant Publishing

Americas Boating Club Cruise to Southern Lake Michigan July 8^H thru July 17^H

Beat the winter blues and start planning for warm summer weather. This July we will embark on our long awaited southern Lake Michigan cruise. All are welcome by boat or car! Marinas fill up fast, so in March we need to make reservations and send deposits. Call Tony Palazzo AP at 630-347-6586 to join.

Our first port of call is **South Haven Municipal Marina, Michigan**. Slip reservations can be made by calling 269-637-3171.

http://www.southhaven.com/parks_and_recreation/marinas.php

The charming harbor town of South Haven has long been a favorite spot for vacationers. Packed with wonderful restaurants and pubs, great shopping, museums, 2 vineyards, and unique art galleries, it is no surprise that South Haven has been a popular year round vacation destination for over 140 years. There is a lot to enjoy around the area for some good old fashioned fun. Summers at the beach are great. This is a frequent stop for our group and a personal favorite for me.



Our next stop is **West Basin Marina, St. Joseph Michigan**. Slip reservations can be made by calling 269-983-5432. <https://sicity.com/live-here/marina>

West Basin Marina is located on the north side of St. Joseph River. Getting to the town of St. Joe on the south side of the river will require using their free shuttle service. This is a new stop for us, but lots to do in the area, like wineries, restaurants and shopping. Along the lake, at the mouth of the St. Joseph River, sandy Silver Beach features a restored 1910 carousel and a pavilion. Near Tiscornia Park and its dune-backed beach, the 2 North Pier lighthouses date from the early 1900s. The Curious Kids' Museum offers hands-on exhibits, including a play veterinarian clinic, apple orchard and farm.

Next stop, **Hammond Horseshoe Casino and Marina, Indiana**. For information on slip rentals or any other questions about the marina, call 219-659-7678.

<https://hammondportauthority.com/hammond-marina/>

The newly remodeled Hammond Marina is just steps away from the Horseshoe Casino. There are over 900 slips of various sizes that can accommodate many types of vessels. After enjoying a day out on beautiful Lake Michigan, enjoy a night of gaming excitement at the Horseshoe Casino. Designated the first "Clean Marina" in the state of Indiana, Hammond Marina strives to be at the forefront of environmental conscientiousness. It features recycling bins throughout the marina, as well as a top-notch drainage system and boat wash-down station that keeps dirty water from flowing into the lake. Beyond the cleanliness of the marina, they offer attractive Indiana fuel prices at lower rates. Add into the mix the marina's extended hours and location, and it makes the perfect stop for boaters. It's located in the Hammond Harbor Basin of Lake Michigan, just 12 nautical miles from downtown Chicago.



Intended itinerary below based on weather and time permitting!

Date Leave	Port Leave	Port Arrive	Date Arrive	Miles
7/8/2022	Kenosha	South Haven	7/8/2022	85
7/11/2022	South Haven	St. Joe	7/11/2022	25
7/14/2022	St. Joe	Hammond	7/14/2022	60
7/17/2022	Hammond	Home Port	7/17/2022	65
			<u>Total Miles</u>	<u>235</u>

Everyone is welcome to attend our cruise by boat or driving. All of our ports can be followed by car. 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. Call Tony Palazzo AP at 630-347-6586 to join.

Team North Shore

July Executive Committee Meeting: Wednesday July 6th at 7:00 pm Central

Zoom Meeting ID: 868 1184 8950, Passcode: 039527

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86811848950?pwd=cVY2YXF1dGpNS05mZGVVVVGJ0ckxOdz09>

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Boat Operator Certification (BOC) School 28-31 July 2022—Sturgeon Bay, WI

The BOC Program certifies members of America's Boating Club at all levels of recreational boating proficiency. Each level of certifications requires achievement of prior Levels. During this BOC event you can earn all levels: IN, CN, ACN & ON, plus Certification

Visit BOC Page: [Boat Operator Certification \(usps.org\)](https://www.usps.org/boat-operator-certification)



Interested in Participating?

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Captain Ahab answer:

#3 (ease) should be #6 (surge) and vice versa



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