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#### A MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMANDER

ne truism that I learned from over 20 years of boat ownership is that the season begins in June, not April. In college, my academic year ended in April, I started a summer job in May, and it was chilly during the early part of that month. When my kids were scouts and paraded on Memorial Day in Deerfield, sometimes it was warm, sometime it was raining, sometimes it was just cold.

So here we have arrived at the real season start. The monthly dinner meetings are on hold until September, the activities we have in the calendar include a fishing trip, cruises to places in Wisconsin and Michigan, Sundowner, Summerfest, Tall Ships, Cruise & Rendezvous, and weekends on our boats while wearing tee shirts and Bermuda shorts. As the boat Ron and JoAnne Zingler own is named, "Gotta Love It." Indeed.

Our last dinner meeting at Ashling On The Lough Irish Pub had an enthusiastic turnout, and we had a quiet room for a change. Doing the business part of the meeting was easy with enough time and the right officers of The Bridge on hand. The audio for the PowerPoint presentation of "Emily," a rescue robot that can be remotely sent to save boaters and swimmers in trouble, did not work right, but the video clips told the story adequately. Many thanks to Ron Zingler for doing this presentation. Many thanks also to Gail Sidman for her very thorough write up on Emily in the last issue of Running Lights. Of course, many thanks to Karen D'Amico for making Emily the cover story of the May issue.

I have now done one Executive Committee meeting, one Member Dinner meeting, and one Change of Watch. I am learning to do it better with each event. I have to remember to introduce the guests and past commanders at the next member meeting, but practice will help.

Meanwhile, there is interaction with our squadron and Waukegan Sail and Power Squadron. Their commander, Jesse Bowen, and I had an informal meeting and decided that we should publish some of the events each of us does and invite members of both squadrons to participate in those happenings. Waukegan has about 100 members, and we have 90, including those who are part of our merger with Evanston. These two squadrons are the most active and have the greatest participation in District 20. They also cover the same geographic territory. It makes sense to find synergies with each other.

Finally, subject to approval of the Executive Committees of Waukegan and Skokie Valley, the Fall and Spring conferences may have to be hosted by these remaining two most viable squadrons. Waukegan is already hosting the Cruise & Rendezvous in August. The future of our entire program may well rest on how much these two squadrons can work in harmony together.





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### **Mark Your Calendar**



#### June 2019

5	Wed	Executive Board/Bridge Meeting, 1900	Yen Yen Restaurant, Buffalo Grove
5	Wed	Skokie Valley Breakfast Club, 0900-1000	Market Square, Wheeling
8	Sat	North Point Fishing Trip & Sundowner	North Point Marina (pg 8 & pg 9)
15	Sat	Publication Deadline—Running Lights	Karen D'Amico (224-238-7372)
19	Wed	Skokie Valley Breakfast Club, 0900-1000	Market Square, Wheeling
0-23	Thurs-Sun	Windy City Lake Shake	Burnham Harbor
6-30	Wed-Sun	Summerfest	Milwaukee
29	Sat	America's Boating Course	Sequoit Harbor (Rich Davidson)

#### **July 2019**

3	Wed	Executive Board/Bridge Meeting, 1900	Yen Yen Restaurant, Buffalo Grove
3	Wed	Skokie Valley Breakfast Club, 0900-1000	Market Square, Wheeling
11	Thurs	COSI (Children's Oncology Services) Boat Day	Southport Marina
13	Sat	Flareshoot	Bay Marine
15	Mon	Publication Deadline—Running Lights	Karen D'Amico (224-238-7372)
17	Wed	Skokie Valley Breakfast Club, 0900-1000	Market Square, Wheeling
19-27	Fri-Sat	Summer Cruise to Sturgeon Bay	Starts in Kenosha (see below)
22-10	Mon-Sat	Cruise to Pure Michigan	Ron Zingler
31	Wed	Skokie Valley Breakfast Club, 0900-1000	Market Square Wheeling

### <u>Americas Boating Club Cruise to Sturgeon Bay July 19<sup>TH</sup></u>

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.

# SVPS May Dinner Meeting By Ron Zingler

We had 15 members out to the boat for cocktails and appetizers. I had enough life jackets on board to do our life jacket Wear It program. Gary also was able to do a couple vessel safety checks.

We walked over to Ashling on the Lough for our dinner meeting where we had Irish Root Soup and Chicken Shannon. As part of our boat safety week I also showed a movie on the safe handling and disposal of 9 volt batteries. If not disposed of properly, they can start a fire because of the exposed terminals. I also tried to show a movie on Emily the remote controlled rescue robot featured in last month's issue.

Rich Davidson, Larry March, Al Antoni, Rich Barta





It was all entertaining, getting together with friends for a relaxing day and sharing stories.

Pat Antoni, Dave & Sue Anthony, Bonni Breen



Joanne Zingler





Pat Antoni with Cdr. Rich Davidson leading the meeting



#### YOUR WEATHER REPORT

By Mike Hennessy, AP, Instructor-Weather course



#### **Hurricane Season Begins**

Hurricane season begins June 1, and ends December 1. Although these dates are not based on any scientific findings, they are based on what typically happens. The most serious storms in the Atlantic Ocean are generally in mid-August to mid-October; Storms in the Indian Ocean form between April and December.

Hurricanes begin as tropical disturbances in warm waters of at least 80 degrees. These low-pressure systems are fed by energy from the warm waters. When the winds of these depressions exceed 38 mph, it becomes a tropical storm and is given a name. If the wind speeds reach 74 mph, it will be classified as a hurricane.

Hurricanes are enormous heat engines that deliver energy on a staggering scale. They draw heat from warm, moist ocean air and release it through condensation of water vapor in thunderstorms. Hurricanes spin around a low–pressure center known as the eye, which can be 20-40 miles wide. Sinking air makes this area notoriously calm, but the eye is surrounded by a circular "eye wall" that contains the storm's strongest winds and rain.

Hurricanes bring destruction ashore in many different ways. When a hurricane makes landfall, it often produces a devastating storm surge (ocean water pushed ashore by wind) that can reach 20

feet and move several miles inland. A hurricanes' high winds are destructive and may spawn tornadoes. Torrential rains cause further damage via flooding and landslides, which may occur many miles inland. Storm surges and flooding account for ¾ of deaths caused by Atlantic Hurricanes.

The best defense against a hurricane is an accurate forecast that gives people time to evacuate and get out of the way.



#### OUR GREAT LAKES, OUR GREATEST RESOURCE

All five of our Great Lakes are now at record high water levels. The water level of Lake Michigan and Huron is up 9" in the past month, up 13" in the last year and is now 32" above the average level in May. The lake is currently 1" higher than the previous record set in May of 1986, and with the record rainfall in the month of May 2019, the water level is expected to rise several more inches in the next month.

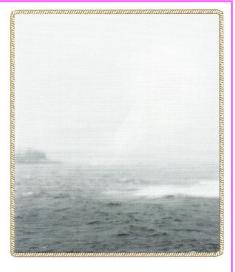
Be cautious out on the water because this also means there is potential for a lot of debris in the water. Objects like logs may now be just below the water line and difficult to see.

It's also important to note the much cooler weather we have been experiencing this spring means the water in the Great Lakes, and even some of the deeper inland lakes, are much colder than the average temperature in May. Currently the water temperature in South Lake Michigan is just 41° F.

The combination of high water levels and strong waves, can wash very cold water up over the piers and break walls. So use caution when out on the piers.

#### CAPTAIN AHAB'S QUIZ





In fog, it is good practice to \_\_\_\_\_ your engine(s) at regular intervals and listen for fog signals.

(see answer on back page)

Tom Clark, AP, Contributing Editor Courtesy of Perchant Publishing



## SVPS 2019 Event & Cruising Schedule



When	Event	Location	Host
June 8th	Fishing Trip & Sundowner	North Point Marina	Dave and Sue Anthony
Suite Still	Windy City LakeShake	THE THE SHIP SHIP	, archiorry
June 20th-23rd	(Country Music Festival)	Burnham Harbor	Ron Zingler
June 26-30th	Summerfest	Milwaukee	Ron Zingler
June 29th	America's Boating Course	Sequoit Harbor, Antioch	Rich Davidson
July 13th 1600	Flareshoot	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 TBD	Hob Nob Outing	Racine	
September 14th	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.

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. The list of volunteers was due May 24th, so please contact Mike Ludtke (mludtke@hotmail.com) right away if you still want to volunteer.

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. Saturday evening will be a Sundowner party at the harbor. The full schedule and sign-up sheets are in the latest Trident.





North Point Marina 701 Northpoint Dr. Winthrop Harbor, IL 60096

Come out and join us for the North Point Sundowner.

Bring beverages and a dish to share with fellow SVPS members.

We will be providing pizza.

Dinner will take place on the first floor meeting room located at the North Point Marina harbor office Around 7 pm, we will head out to the beach for a bonfire



If arriving by boat, contact the marina in advance for a slip assignment @ 847-746-2845

Please RSVP on SailAngle or to Dave or Sue Anthony @ 224-402-3107 dave-sue-anthony@comcast.net

# It's Back...SVPS Lake Michigan Fishing Trip Saturday June 8th @ 5:30 AM North Point Marina, Winthrop Harbor

Join us on Lake Michigan to catch the big one. We will leave North Point with as many boats as we need to accommodate all fisherman/fisherwomen. Family and friends are most welcome.





Fishing begins at 0530 (North side of harbor)
North Point Marina, 701 North Point Drive, Winthrop Harbor, IL

Price depends on how many people join. Estimated at \$100 to \$125/person plus 1 day license from charter captain (approximately \$7). Commitment required. If you are registered, payment is required for no show.

Winners Pool for "Largest Fish", "Most Fish" and the best fishing story

North Point Sundowner begins at 1600 to 1900 with bon fire to follow

Kindly respond by May 10th, 2019 to reserve the boats Dave Anthony @847-343-4852 <u>dave-sue-anthony@comcast.net</u>



#### **Crystal Lake Rowing Regatta, by Stuart Zwang**

With apologies to our weather guru, Mr. Hennessey, my take on the weather is that if you don't like it, wait ten minutes—it (usually) gets worse. On the other hand, the weather this spring has been so bad; it could not really get much worse. But on 5 May 2019, Gary Vinzant and yours truly finally saw a decent spring day. We had a sunny and relatively warm day, at least until it cooled down at about noon. That was the day that we agreed to help the Greater Crystal Lake Rowing Club run their (almost) annual junior rowing regatta. 'Almost' annual because it was cancelled last year. So at 0700, Gary and I met at the Crystal Lake launch ramp.

Gary did a Vessel Safety Check on my boat. It was his first of the year. While I am thinking of it, PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE have your boat checked as soon as possible. The Coast Guard and county water patrols have absolutely no sense of humor when it comes to boats that do not have a VSC.

As in prior years, Gary was a chase boat, and I was on the finish line. Being on the finish line means that you anchor and wait while the referees (there were four of them) sit around waiting for the rowers to come near the finish line.







This was different than the other races that Gary and I worked in. The old race officials did not organize this event; a totally new set of officials ran this race. The new folks are hoping to learn from this and make improvements for next year. The organizer, Eric Maheo, said that they might run the race in the other direction next year. This puts fans at the start of the races so they can cheer and encourage their teams.

To compare and contrast, in previous years, there were a minimum of fifteen races. This year there were seven. In previous years, the Crystal Lake Rowing Club was a well-organized machine. This year was a bit more 'relaxed.' For example the referees on my boat did not have any binoculars to view the exact finish line. Good thing I had two on my boat and they 'borrowed' mine. The referees on my boat did not have their iPad at 100% charge prior to boarding. I had a charger on my boat, and they 'borrowed' this one too. In prior years, all races started on time. This year the races started 45 minutes late and had a 40 minute delay between races. The race marshals at the start line could not get the boats to efficiently line up. Frankly I appreciated this because it allowed us to make several trips to the race central on shore, and do the 'coffee thing.' You know the 'coffee thing' – eliminate the old coffee and get a fresh cup. The donuts were also very good.

Boating and being on the water, in fine weather is good. Working with others trying to help them enjoy boating and keeping them safe is good. Representing Skokie Valley Power Squadron to the public is good. So in summary, we had a very good day.

#### **Improving the North Shore Channel**

Between 1907 and 1910, the North Shore Channel was excavated to flush wastes from Evanston and Wilmette, and to improve flow of the Chicago River. Workers dug the channel through marshy land and piled the clay soil along the river banks. This soil along the channel mostly gave rise to non-native vegetation, including invasive plants, turf grass and weedy trees.

As the city expanded around the channel, the banks have become habitat for local wildlife like turtles, beavers, fish, birds and insects. However, it doesn't live up to its full potential because of the history of disturbance.

So in 2017, the IL Dept. of Natural Resources partnered with the Chicago Park District to transform Park 538, also known as Thillens Park, to its native state. Thillens Park runs along the North Shore Channel between Wallen and Touhy Ave.

They started the project by removing all the invasive species in fall 2017. Then during spring and summer of 2018, contractors drill-seeded a native prairie seed mix of short grasses and tall forbs across the 8.4 acres of the project. They also planted almost 31,000 native prairie plugs and 24 native shrubs, including black chokecherry, prairie willow, bladdernut, and elderberry. This vibrant mix of native plants provides great habitat for birds, butterflies and other native pollinators.

After the project ended, the Audubon Great Lakes organization has been monitoring the variety of birds in the park—a total of 49 bird species were recorded in the area. Additionally, the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum is monitoring butterfly diversity, noting eight regionally-abundant species in the park. It is expected the abundance of butterfly and bird species will continue to increase as the native plants become established. Visit Thillens Park to see this thriving prairie ecosystem on the banks of the North Shore Channel.



P/C Leonard Franks, former member and Past Commander of the Evanston North Shore Squadron passed away May 1, 2019. Our deepest sympathy to his wife Karen, also of the Evanston Squadron, and all of his family and friends.

#### June Anniversaries

Dave Anthony	2011	9 yrs
Richard Barta	2005	14 yrs
Dolores Ratajczak	2004	16 yrs
Jean Sanford	1997	22 yrs
Barbara & Harris Seltzer	1992	28 yrs
Bridget Doerner	1990	31 yrs
Caryl Lemke	1990	31 yrs
Rebecca Mulroy	1988	33 yrs
Natalie Witty	1988	33 yrs
Joe Paldo	1987	34 yrs

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

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