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# Running Lights

## June 2021

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**A MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMANDER**

Finally! The Pandemic is on a positive trend. Maybe the mask wearing will be over soon.

We were able to have our first Dinner Meeting. Our May 16<sup>th</sup> dinner meeting at Palm Court in Palatine was a great success. We had a very good turnout, 24 people attended. It was great to see our members back together enjoying a face to face event. Door prizes were given out and everyone who attended received a gift from our Ships Store.

Past Commander Davidson distributed awards from our recent Change of Watch. Sue Anthony and Gail Sidman both received the Commander's award. Stu Zwang received the Boner Award that he will proudly display I am sure. Thank you Rich for your efforts and for two consecutive years as our commander.

A special thanks goes out to all our members who, year after year generously give their time to our squadron. Without this dedication we would not be able to offer these fun events. Thank you all.

Our next get together is on June 5<sup>th</sup>. The Sundowner at North Point Marina. It starts off with a fishing trip charter. Dave Anthony organized the charter of two boats and they are at full capacity. Six members in each Charter. This is always a fun event and we hope they will catch the limit for the day. After the fishing charter the Squadron will have a free pizza dinner for all members at Q dock and a bon fire in the evening. See running lights for more information. We hope to see you all at the Sundowner.

Ron Zingler is anxious to schedule more events for the coming boating season. Again keep an eye out in the Running Lights for our future schedule. Hope to see you all soon!

—Cdr. Tony Palazzo, AP



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# Mark Your Calendar



## June 2021

2	Wed	Executive Board/Bridge Meeting, 1900	Zoom Meeting, Contact Tony Palazzo
5	Sat	North Point Fishing Derby & Sundowner	Dave & Sue Anthony (below + page 6)
15	Tues	Publication Deadline—Running Lights	Karen D'Amico (224-238-7372)

## 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)

North Point Sundowner  
 June 5th, 2021 @ 6:00 PM  
*After the Charter Fishing Derby*



*Bring your own beverages  
 and a chair for the bonfire*

We will gather in the outdoor BBQ area by Q dock at 6:00 PM and order pizza and salad for dinner for everyone present. Afterwards our fire master and new commander will light the bonfire! Planning to attend? Contact [dave-sue-anthony@comcast.net](mailto:dave-sue-anthony@comcast.net)

# MEMBER MEETING SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2021

Many Thanks to Richard Calfa for taking pictures at our member dinner!



Rich Barta



Nancy Buellesbach



Bridget Doerner & Kay Widdis



Joanne & Ron Zingler



Richard Calfa & Gary Vinzant



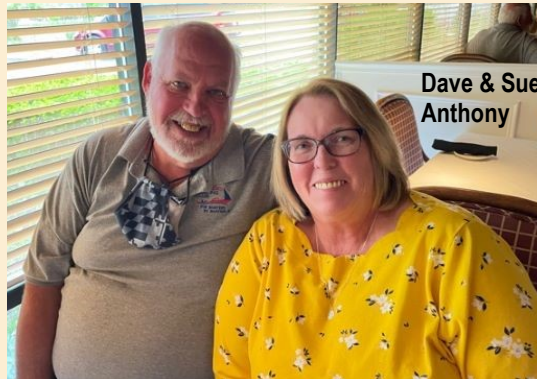
Tony & Sue Palazzo



Gail Sidman, Rich Davidson & Bonni Breen



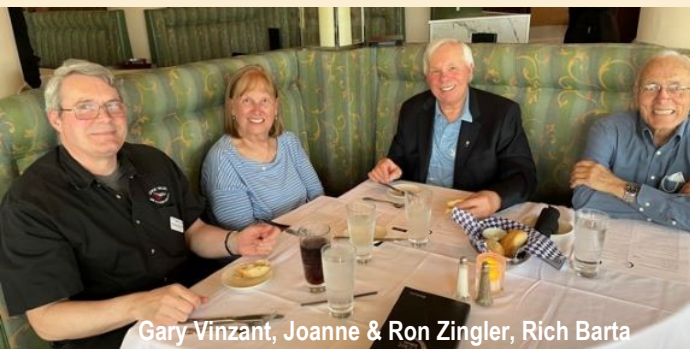
Bonni Breen



Dave & Sue Anthony



Gail & Don Sidman



Gary Vinzant, Joanne & Ron Zingler, Rich Barta



Jim & Mary Soyka, Frank & Karen D'Amico

## LAKE SUPERIOR FACTS

~Submitted by Stuart Zwang

1. Lake Superior is, by surface area, the largest lake in the world.
2. It covers 82,000 square kilometers or 31,700 square miles.
3. Lake Superior contains ten percent of all the fresh water on the planet Earth.
4. It contains as much water as all the other Great Lakes combined, plus three extra Lake Erie's!! There is enough water in Lake Superior to cover all of North and South America with water one foot deep.
5. The average depth is 147 meters or 483 feet. The deepest point in the lake is 405 meters or 1,333 feet.
6. It very rarely freezes over completely, and then usually just for a few hours. Complete freezing occurred in 1962, 1979, 2003 and 2009.
7. The maximum wave ever recorded on Lake Superior was 9.45 meters or 31 feet high.
8. The average underwater visibility of Lake Superior is about 8 meters or 27 feet, making it the cleanest and clearest of the Great Lakes. Underwater visibility in some spots reaches 30 meters.
9. If you stretched the shoreline of Lake Superior out to a straight line, it would be long enough to reach from Duluth to the Bahamas.
10. There have been about 350 shipwrecks recorded in Lake Superior
11. There are 78 different species of fish that call the big lake home



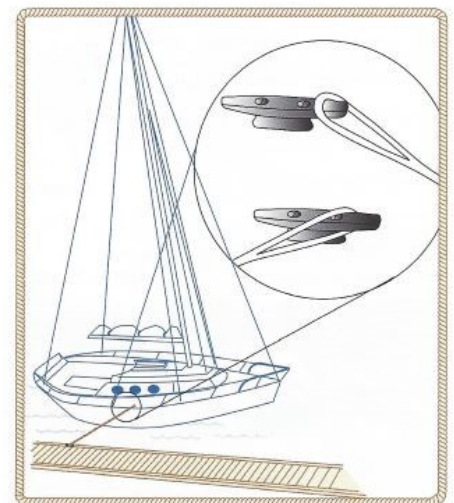
### OUR GREAT LAKES, OUR GREATEST RESOURCE

List continued from above...



12. Lake Superior was formed during the last glacial retreat, making it one of the earth's youngest major features at only about 10,000 years old.
13. A Jesuit priest in 1668 named it Lac Tracy, but that name was never officially adopted.
14. Some of the world's oldest rocks, formed about 2.7 billion years ago, can be found on the Ontario shore of Lake Superior.
15. Over 300 streams and rivers empty into Lake Superior with the largest source being the Nipigon River.
16. There is a small outflow from the lake at St. Mary's River (Sault Ste Marie) into Lake Huron, but it takes almost two centuries for the water in Lake Superior to be completely replaced.
17. In the summer, the sun sets more than 35 minutes later on the western shore of Lake Superior than at its south-eastern edge.

### CAPTAIN AHAB'S QUIZ



Spring line departures are made easier using the cleat quick-release technique (shown above) which will hold well under \_\_\_\_\_, yet will release easily after the maneuver.

(see answer on back page)

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



When	Event	Location	Host
June 5th Saturday Noon	Lake Michigan Fishing	North Point Marina	Dave Anthony
June 5th Saturday 6 PM	Sundowner	North Point Marina	Tony Palazzo, Dave & Sue Anthony
Dates TBD	Summer Cruise/Casino Run	Burnham Harbor, Hammond Michigan City	Ron Zingler
Aug 29-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

## Charter Fishing Derby—June 5th *the boats depart from North Point at noon*

**Gear up and get out on Lake Michigan  
for a charter fishing excursion.**

Contact [dave-sue-anthony@comcast.net](mailto:dave-sue-anthony@comcast.net) for information.

Actual cost depends on the number of fishermen (or fisher ladies). Each boat holds 6 people. The individual cost could be about \$130 per person, depending on the number of boats and people.

**We have two boats going!**

# Change of Watch Awards...



Our member meeting in May was our first in person meeting in over a year. Immediate past commander Rich Davidson distributed awards from our recent Change of Watch. From left to right, Rich and Commander Tony Palazzo exchange flags. Sue Anthony and Gail Sidman won Commander's Awards. Rich Davidson received the National Award for the website. Not shown, Karen and Frank D'Amico received the Distinctive Communicator Award for the Running Lights.



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## June Anniversaries

Dave Anthony	2009	12 yrs
Rich Barta	2005	16 yrs
Dolores Ratajczak	2004	17 yrs
Jean Sanford	1997	23 yrs
Harris & Barb Seltzer	1992	30 yrs
Bridget Doerner	1990	32 yrs
Caryl Lemke	1990	32 yrs
Rebecca Mulroy	1988	34 yrs
Natalie Witt	1988	34 yrs
Joe Paldo	1987	35 yrs

Congratulations on reaching another milestone with the squadron. We appreciate your support!  
**Cdr Tony Palazzo, AP**

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Captain Ahab answer:  
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