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Running Lights

June 2022

An Annual Tradition
Sundowner at North Point Beach
Saturday June 11, 2022



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMANDER

On May 21st we had our Dinner Meeting at Reflections in Lake Villa. We had a great turn out. 25 Members attended. We ordered off the menu of true authentic Polish cuisine. The Staff at Reflections were outstanding and we had a great time. Steve and Sandra Sandler attended. They are new members and it was nice to meet them both.

After dinner we were invited to Joe and John Paldo's Lake House for desert and drinks. I would like to thank Joe and John for their hospitality as we all had a fantastic time looking out at the lake and seeing the great antique cars. This is truly a beautiful, well maintained property with a dock and deck overlooking Crooked Lake.

Team North Shore is on auto pilot now as we are scheduling one event after another. June 11th is our Sundowner. Dave Anthony has 2 full charter boats scheduled to leave North Point Charter Docks at 11:00 am. With a little luck they should have a good outing as the charters are reporting on good catches so far this year. The boats should be back by 4:00 pm just in time for our pizza dinner arranged by Sue Anthony. Pizza and fixings will be served near Q dock at North Point Marina. After dinner we will meet on the south beach for a scheduled bonfire. This Sundowner is an annual event and a lot of fun so I hope to see you all there.

July 8th thru July 17th we have our Southern Lake Michigan Cruise. We plan to leave on Friday July 8th and cross the lake to South Haven. On Monday our group will separate. Some going to Saugatuck Michigan, then to Grand Haven before returning to home port. The others will cruise to Saint Joe and then to Hammond, then returning to home port. I am looking forward to taking the trip. See Running Lights for more information on the scheduled events.



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—Cdr. Tony Palazzo, AP





Mark Your Calendar



June 2022

1	Wed	Executive Board/Bridge Meeting, 1900	Zoom meeting, see page 8
11	Sat	Fishing Derby and North Point Sundowner	North Point Marina (below and page 6)
15	Wed	Publication Deadline—Running Lights	Karen D'Amico (224-238-7372)
23-25	Thurs-Sat	Milwaukee Summerfest 2022	Milwaukee, WI

July 2022

6	Wed	Executive Board/Bridge Meeting, 1900	Zoom Meeting,
8-17	Fri-Sun	Summer Cruise Event	Southern Lake Michigan, see page 10
15	Fri	Publication Deadline—Running Lights	Karen D'Amico (224-238-7372)
23-24	Sat-Sun	Milwaukee Air & Water Show	McKinley Harbor, Milwaukee WI

North Point Sundowner June 11, 2022 @ 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 Commander / Fire Master will light the bonfire! Contact dave-sue-anthony@comcast.net if you are planning to attend

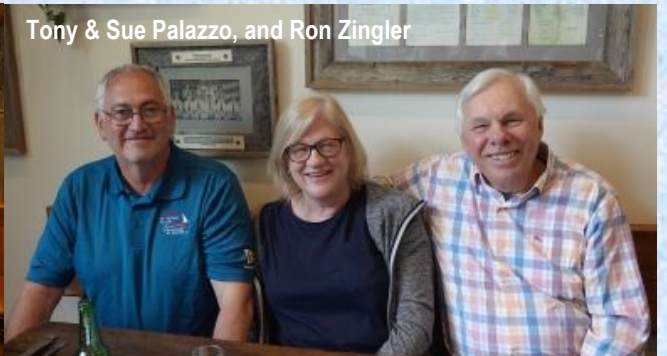
May Member Meeting at Reflections



John & Joe Paldo



Gary Vinzant



Tony & Sue Palazzo, and Ron Zingler



Larry & Christine March



Sue & Dave Anthony



Rich Davidson & Bonni Breen



Joanne & Ron Zingler



Jim & Mary Soyka



Sandra & Steve Sandler



Don & Gail Sidman



Karen & Frank D'Amico



Lori & Joe Ratajczak

Charter Fishing Derby—June 11th

the boats depart from North Point at 11 AM

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

Contact dave-sue-anthony@comcast.net for information.

We have two boats reserved and each boat holds 6 people.
The estimated cost is expected to be about \$130 per person,
depending on the number of fishermen (or fisher ladies).

Can You Help?

We are seeking a Membership chairperson to assist with onboarding new members and driving awareness about member benefits.

Contact Ron Zingler if you're interested
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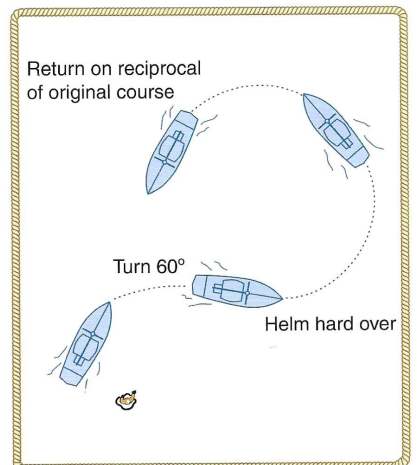
June Anniversaries

Dave Anthony	2009	13 yrs
Rich Barta	2005	17 yrs
Dolores Ratajczak	2004	18 yrs
Barbara & Harris Seltzer	1992	31 yrs
Bridget Doerner	1990	33 yrs
Caryl Lemke	1990	33 yrs
Rebecca Mulroy	1988	35 yrs
Natalie Witty	1988	35 yrs
Joe Paldo	1987	36 yrs

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

Cdr Tony Palazzo, AP

CAPTAIN AHAB'S QUIZ



Williamson Turn: put your helm hard over until reaching the original course 025° plus 60° (i.e. 085°), then put the helm hard over (opposite direction) until reaching the _____ of the original course or _____ $^\circ$.
(see answer on back page)

Tom Clark, AP, Contributing Editor
Courtesy of Perchant Publishing



SVPS 2022 Event & Cruising Schedule



When	Event	Location	Host
June 11 Saturday	Lake Michigan Fishing Derby	North Point Marina	Dave Anthony
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June 23-25 Thurs-Sat	Summerfest	Milwaukee, WI	Ron Zingler
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



Welcome to our newest members!

Pictured here are **Steve and Sandra Sandler**, who attended our May dinner meeting.

We would also like to welcome members from the Chicago Power Squadron who are transferring to our club. We will see them at future events

- ◆ **Dennis McNamara**
- ◆ **John and Elise Rucci**
- ◆ **Nancy and Len Sibrava-Koenen**

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



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://usps.org)



Interested in Participating?

Contact John Raby: mn.safety@gmail.com ph (952)-470-6266

Lodging: On Hold—Under America's Boating Club—BOC
Best Western-920.743.7231--10 Rooms--\$135+(28th), \$180+(29th & 30th) by 6/28
All Lodging in Door County : <https://www.doorcounty.com/stay/find-lodging/>

Team North Shore

June Executive Committee Meeting: Wednesday June 1st at 7:00 pm Central

Zoom Meeting ID: 865 6858 9566, Passcode: 341437

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86568589566?pwd=MEJ0OWVwUHlVOVFRbXdzcyjUVkJoUT09>

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A Shaky Shakedown Cruise by Stuart Zwang

Oh boy oh bouy – It was time to collect my boat from winter storage. I paid our winter storage ransom, collected my 23' trailer boat and brought it back home. I dutifully cleaned it up, polished it, and put in all the safety equipment. Next, I tested the blower. It did not do anything. Both batteries were as dead as a door nail. This was not a surprise. I simply snaked an extension cord across my lawn and hooked the batteries (two in parallel) to my trickle charger. After two days, my amprobe said that the batteries were charged.

I called the ever faithful Gary Vinzant to do a Vessel Safety Check on the boat. He was great, and came over. Three minutes into the check, despite our drought, it started to rain. We finished in the rain. I put the decal in my car for the next day.

O.K. The next day we took our boat to Larson Marine in Waukegan Harbor, where we have in/out service for the season. The VSC decal went on, I double checked the plug, and we launched. No problem launching, except of course when I banged one of my fingers trying to operate the winch. We, that is myself and my long suffering wife, got the boat off the trailer, and tied it to the pier. I had to tighten the loose antenna bracket, but no big deal.

Off we went. There were blue skies, no waves and an air temperature of 85 degrees. What could be better? After five minutes we had almost reached the mouth and lights of Waukegan harbor when we realized there was a rather loud, obnoxious and unknown chorus of whining in the engine. Alternate #1 was to ignore it and pray. Alternate #2 was to decide that discretion is the better part of valor, and take it in so the Larson Marine mechanic could go over the engine. Being a coward, and not wanting to tempt the fates—or have the mechanic tell me to pay me a small fee now or a large fee later—we opted for #2.

I started to back in to the in/out dock. I told my wife to throw the line on the port side to the attendant. I reminded her that port was her side of the boat. She threw the line that was on the starboard side. The line would not have done what we need to do, but that did not matter as it fell into the water. By now, the engine was in neutral, and we were drifting very close to the bow of the boat on the adjacent pier. In this situation, I am very cautious. Remember that speed kills, not only chemically, but when you are docking. So I simply asked her to give me our infamous boat hook. She extended it and gave it to me. I pushed the boat hook onto the bow of the adjacent boat. There was one problem; she didn't twist and lock the boat hook. It collapsed as I pushed. My feet did keep me on our boat. I used whatever length was left, along with my hands, to keep our hull off of the hull of the adjacent boat. It was close, but it worked. No harm no foul. We were then able to get all the lines to the dock attendant.

My next stop was their ships store. I completed a work order to check the engine and we went home. Of course the hope was that it would be nothing. Also remembering the 'Red Right Returning' adage, I also purchased more line. Now we have red line on the right hand side (you might remember starboard) and black line on the left (port as I recall.) The reason that I used black is because the second letter of black is L. I have now relatively successfully used this with my wife.

I called Larson Marine the next Tuesday. The first thing that we found out was that it would take about two and a half weeks for their mechanic to even get to the boat – and this included the fact that as an in/out customer, we would get 'expedited service.' After two weeks, I received a call from their service department. They were quite complementary regarding our decision to return to the dock. They said that it was not safe to operate the boat.

The mechanic explained that the sound was a result of a defective high pressure fuel pump. It would need a new pump. So, three weeks after our shakedown cruise and \$1,800 dollars later, we were almost back on the water. Since we had the fuel injectors repaired, of course we needed to fill up the fuel tank. Two more Benjamin Franklins flew out of my wallet. The Larson mechanic also checked those dead as a doornail batteries. He advised us that we needed two new ones, and the funeral would only cost \$150 each. The marina happily reminded me that I had over 600 credits from their loyalty program. Did you know that the 600 credits from their loyalty program resulted in a whopping \$5.00 credit or less than .3% of the total bill? Talk about a great loyalty program.

So we should all remember to be prepared, and the first time out is always an exciting, tenuous and sometimes an expensive exercise. We are now back on the water albeit with a lighter wallet, and enjoying ourselves.



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>

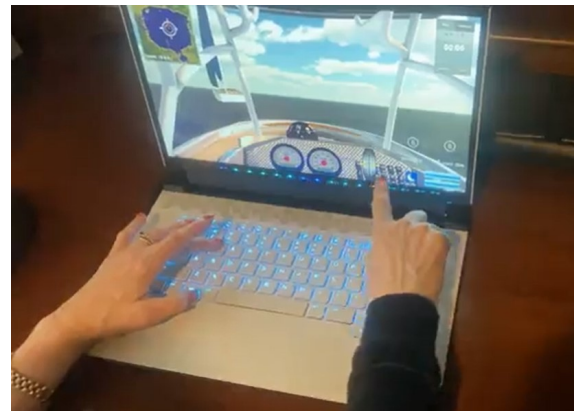
Everyone is welcome to attend our cruise by boat or driving. All of our ports can be followed by car. Also we can make decisions on itinerary as a group when we are traveling. Bring your own ideas and we can discuss as a group. Call Tony Palazzo AP at 630-347-6586 to join.



America's Boating Club has developed a Windows laptop version of the Boating Skills Virtual Trainer, which features the same 14 exercises as the original standalone units. Instead of having a wheel and throttle, the laptop BSVT is keyboard-driven. (See control layout below.)

About the laptop BSVT

- Runs on Windows 10 or higher (potential for future macOS version)
- Can be shown on a monitor, TV or projector screen for classroom use
- Can be used over Zoom with students accessing the instructor's screen to practice exercises
- Can be licensed and downloaded for use on one machine



Click the photo above to watch the video

Keyboard Controls:

1 : Camera Straight 2 : Gunwale Left 3 : Gunwale Right 4 : Overhead Camera

W/S : Throttle Up/Down

A/D : Turn Left/Right

X : Toggle Chart

H : Horn

L : Lights

↑ ↓ : Trim Up/Down

← → : Look Left/Right

Press [F] key to toggle on/off

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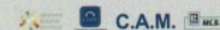
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