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Running Lights

March 2019



D20 gang in Orlando at
the USPS Annual Meeting

Photo by Cindy Geske!

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMANDER

try to appreciate the unexpected. Sometimes life can feel too “Groundhog Day” (the Bill Murray movie) or “deja vu all over again” (Yogi Berra), so the unexpected takes the brain out of autopilot. While on our February island vacation, we seemed to pack about a week into less than 4 days, because there was so much new to see and to do.

One unexpected experience was this. While relaxing, I started reading Dava Sobel’s *Longitude*, about solving the longitude problem that challenged mariners for centuries. In the first chapter she reminisces about going up 5th Avenue with her father, on the way to Rockefeller Center, and seeing the statue of Atlas holding up an orb with the imaginary lines used for navigation. Well, I said to myself, we’re staying a few blocks from there. Let’s take a little detour while walking to our planned destination tomorrow. Sure enough, there was art deco Atlas, larger than life and holding up an open frame globe that included the equator and the prime meridian.

Manhattan has been about 20 degrees warmer than Chicago. No beaches on the island, but plenty of boat traffic and docks all around it as you fly in. River along the FDR. LaGuardia at the East River and Flushing Bay. All in all not bad for a vacation to an island that I didn’t expect to go to, and much much better than an unexpected trip to Rikers Island, which is across from the airport!

Having now been to two Broadway Shows in Times Square, I am all the more appreciative of what a great job the actors did with Million Dollar Quartet at the Marriott Theatre, for the show that we saw just before meeting at Half Day Brewery this past month. Sue and Dave Anthony do a great job of picking events and venues. With a small adjustment, they arranged for us to have our own room at Half Day, and we had no problems running a meeting. The 2019-2020 slate of officers and committees was voted in, unanimously.

Up next are a new event, a Snowman Burning in Waukegan, and this year’s District Spring Conference in Elgin. We’re at the start of pre-season boating classes and seminars. Larsen Marine seminars are underway, and our education department is scheduling ABC courses. Even if we ended up with 6 more weeks of winter, Spring is just about here!

—Cdr. Joe Lokaj, JN




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Mark Your Calendar



March 2019

6	Wed	Executive Board/Bridge Meeting, 1900	Yen Yen Restaurant, Buffalo Grove
13	Wed	Skokie Valley Breakfast Club, 0900-1000	Market Square, Wheeling
15	Fri	Publication Deadline—Running Lights	Karen D'Amico (630-483-9741)
16	Sat	Snowman Burning	Ron Zingler (page 9)
22	Fri	Member General Meeting	Holiday Inn, Elgin (page 11)
22-23	Fri-Sat	District 20 Spring Conference & COW	Holiday Inn, Elgin (page 10)
27	Wed	Skokie Valley Breakfast Club, 0900-1000	Market Square Wheeling

April 2019

3	Wed	Executive Board/Bridge Meeting, 1900	Yen Yen Restaurant, Buffalo Grove
6	Sat	America's Boating Course	Larsen Marine, Waukegan (page 7)
10	Wed	Skokie Valley Breakfast Club, 0900-1000	Market Square, Wheeling
13	Sat	Member Meeting and Change of Watch, 1230	Wildfire, Lincolnshire (page 4)
15	Mon	Publication Deadline—Running Lights	Karen D'Amico (630-483-9741)
24	Wed	Skokie Valley Breakfast Club, 0900-1000	Market Square, Wheeling

OUR NEW NAME TAGS ARE HERE!!!

United States Power Squadrons is rebranding itself as America's Boating Club® to attract new members and take us into the future. Skokie Valley is doing the same.

We still believe in safety, boater education, and of course great camaraderie, but our organization name is not well known or understood. Our new branding helps the boating public more easily understand who we are and what we do. USPS has not changed its name. We invested time and money to promote and generate awareness that USPS is America's Boating Club®.

Skokie Valley Sail & Power Squadron has adopted the new branding to leverage the national campaign. And now we have new name tags that reflect our brand as America's Boating Club® of the North Shore.

All existing Skokie Valley members can order a new customized name tag with our brand.

Your Bridge has authorized and purchased new blanks for name tags, such as the one shown here. Although the real cost of a completed name tag is \$30, the bridge has decided to subsidize the cost to you for your first name tag. Thus the cost of your first name tag (with a magnetic clasp) is \$15. Additional name tags are \$30.



In order to get yours, please e-mail Stuart Zwang (Mr. Ships Store) at rzwang11@comcast.net. The above picture is just an example. You can choose to include your name, grade, and/or position. Please email Stuart the exact details, i.e. spelling, title, etc. that you want printed on your name tag.

WILDFIRE[®]

STEAKS, CHOPS & SEAFOOD

235 Parkway Drive in Lincolnshire

Skokie Valley Change of Watch Saturday 13 April 2019

**Join us for the installation of the Skokie Valley
2019 Bridge and to thank the 2018 Bridge Officers
for their service**

1230 Cocktails (cash bar)

1300 Family Style Dinner – \$45

1430 Change of Watch Ceremony

**Family Style Dinner: prime rib, split-roasted herb
chicken, cedar planked salmon, redskin mashed
potatoes and balsamic-roasted vegetables**

**Includes: appetizer/salad, coffee, tea, soda
and dessert**

Please make reservations by 6 April

**Sign up on SailAngle or contact Rich Davidson
via phone 847-295-8845 or Rich@DavidsonData.com**

February Play & Dinner Meeting at Marriott Lincolnshire and Half Day Brewery

Thanks to our hosts, Dave & Sue Anthony



Frank's sister Lena, with neighbors Gail & Don Sidman & Frank



Commander Joe Lokaj



Lorraine & Gary Vinzant



Al & Pat Antoni



Bonni Breen & Rich Davidson



Rich Barta



Marilyn & Richard Calfa



Ron & Joanne Zingler



Joe & Lori Rataiczak



Jim Soyka



Sue & Joe Lokaj



Karen & Frank D'Amico, & sister Lena



Don & Gail Sidman





YOUR WEATHER REPORT

By Mike Hennessy, AP, Instructor-Weather course



The Bermuda Triangle

We have all heard of the Bermuda Triangle, which lies basically between Bermuda, Miami and Puer-to Rico. It is known for the many boats, ships and airplanes that have disappeared in the triangle usually with no distress calls or survivors. Thus, the mystery that people keep attempting to explain.

Some people believe that under certain conditions, magnetic north goes haywire causing pilots to become lost and loose their bearings and eventually crashing into to ocean. But why are there no mayday calls? Others believe there is a shelf on the ocean floor that contains significant amounts of methane. Methane is periodically released and if a ship is caught in such a release, it will produce frothy water that will no longer provide the buoyancy to support a ship, thus causing rapid sinking without warning.

Violent weather has been known to appear rapidly in the triangle causing ships and planes to incur billions of dollars' worth of damage. A powerful downdraft of cold air has been known to occur in the triangle causing wind to change from 20 mph to 90 mph in seconds, resulting in a giant squall line of water and wind. We know this because there have been survivors who could tell the story, but no one can explain what caused the sudden down draft of wind.

The gulf stream is a fast-moving river in the ocean that will carry any craft far from the point it encountered a disturbance, causing wreckage to end up on the ocean floor far from one would expect to find it.

There are many other theories about the triangle, but the triangle is also one of the most heavily traveled sections on the globe. Is it possible that all the traffic creates the greater possible chance of accident? I know from personal experience, while on a cruise ship from Ft. Lauderdale to the Baha-mas, our ship incurred severely rough water on a sunny calm day. No damage was done, but could it be that this part of the globe will always be a mystery.

OUR GREAT LAKES, OUR GREATEST RESOURCE

In December, the US Army Corps of Engi-neers selected 10 projects across the country for the beneficial use of dredged material. Projects were selected that would have a high likelihood of delivering environmental, eco-nomic, and social benefits.



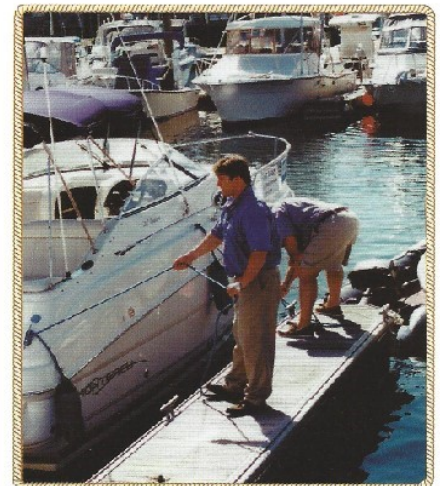
One of those projects, and the only one on the Great Lakes, is the Public Beach Protection Pilot in four Illinois Coastal Communi-ties: Evanston, Glencoe, Lake Bluff and North Chicago.

It was made possible by the Illinois Sand Management Working Group. The Group is dedicated to protecting Illinois shoreline on the northern Lake Michigan coast. Through their efforts and partnerships, they do extensive monitoring of coastal areas using drones, research vessels and remote sensing devices. All this data helps them understand the drivers of coastal change, and more importantly the types of initiatives to improve the beaches.

For more information about their efforts and results, go to www.dnr.illinois.gov/cmp/Pages/sandmanagement.aspx

They are looking for volunteers for their community shoreline monitoring program to better understand seasonal trends in beach erosion (loss of sand) and accretion (sand gain).

CAPTAIN AHAB'S QUIZ



On your annual vacation cruise, you spend a night in a marina along the way. Assuming no special cir-cumstances, what would be considered a reasonable tip?

(see answer on back page)

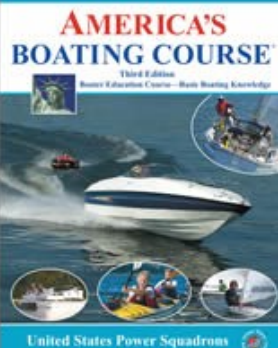
Tom Clark, AP, Contributing Editor
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SVPS 2019 Event & Cruising Schedule



When	Event	Location	Host
March 22th-23rd	District 20 Spring Conference	Holiday Inn, Elgin	District 20
April 6th	America's Boating Course	Larsen Marine, Waukegan	Rich Davidson
April 13th	SVPS Change of Watch	Wildfire, Lincolnshire	Rich Davidson
May 4th	Rowing Regatta	Crystal Lake	Gary Vinzant
May 18th	Cocktail Hour	Gotta Love It, Southport Marina	Ron Zingler
May 18th	Dinner Meeting Casa Capri	Kenosha	Ron Zingler
June 8th	Sundowner	Northpoint	Dave and Sue Anthony
June 20th-23rd	Windy City LakeShake (Country Music Festival)	Burnham Harbor	Ron Zingler
June 26-30th	Summerfest	Milwaukee	Ron Zingler
July 6th	America's Boating Course	Sequoit Harbor, Antioch	Rich Davidson
July 18th	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	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

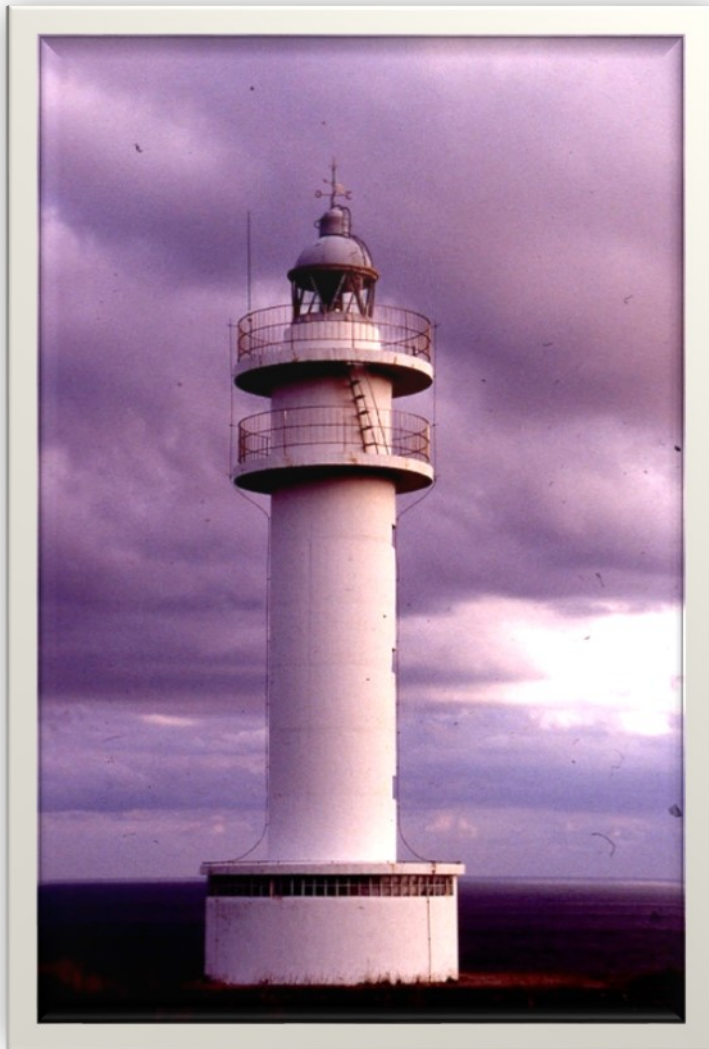


Skokie Valley will offer America's Boating Course Saturday April 6th at Larsen Marine

Students will learn about channel markers, docking, knot tying, rules of the road, and essential safety procedures. Also radio usage, nomenclature, vessel safety checks, anchoring, and other subjects. The course has a \$50 fee to cover the cost of the book and processing of the final exam. Passing the test provides 12-18 year old students with a certificate to legally operate a wave runner in Illinois. For everyone else, it provides a certificate to lower insurance costs, boat safely, know the rules of the road, dock with confidence, protect their family and maintain their investment.

Contact Rich Davidson if you want to assist with the class on Saturday April 6th.

Cabo Tourinana Lighthouse *Muxia, Galicia Spain*



Tourinana Lighthouse
Located next to the Atlantic Ocean at
the headland in Galicia, Spain
43° 2' 0" N, 9° 18' 0" W

Submitted by:
Bridget Doerner, N

Photo by:
George Doerner, SN

Tourinana Lighthouse is located further west than Fisterra Lighthouse *Running Lights* (December 2018). This prominent part of the coast is a little less than 1 mile long. It is perfect spot for a lighthouse to guide the vessels during their voyage, as these waters are **really** dangerous.

In this area there were several wrecks by the end of the 10th century, so a lighthouse was built in 1898. It was placed 164 feet above sea level and it was 26 feet tall. Its light reached 10 miles out to sea with a fixed white light produced by a lamp of paraffin. The lighthouse keeper's house was right next door to the lighthouse.

In 1918, this lamp was replaced with a lamp that was fueled by the vapor of petrol and could reach out to sea 20 miles.

One famous wreck at this location was the German Vessel *Madelein Reigh*. In 1935, it crashed into a fishing vessel that ended up breaking in two. Fortunately the crew members were rescued. Then in 1957 the *Madelein Reigh* wrecked in the same place. Since that German Submarine destroyed a lot of the allies during the First World War, there may have been some cheering.

During one month of each year the Equinox of the spring from Mar 22nd until April 25th sets in Tourinan. It is a phenomenon that has to be explained by the scientists.

BAY MARINE

**BURNING
SNOWMAN**

FESTIVAL
Sat. March 16th

COME ONE, COME ALL - CYC@BayMarine.net

Mark your calendar March 16, 2019

Skokie Valley will have a table at the event to promote our ABC course and America's Boating Club of the North Shore.

So what is the Burning Snowman Festival?

Every April, locals take to the streets of Zurich Switzerland and set a snowman on fire to find out if they will have a hot summer.

The tradition is called Sechseläuten. The name means "the bells at six" and dates back to the 16th century, which was the traditional way to celebrate their spring festival.

Nowadays in Zurich, it is customary to ask the Böögg to forecast the weather for the coming summer. The word Böögg is related to the English word "bogeyman". In Zurich, the Böögg resembles a snowman and symbolizes the winter. The burning of the Böögg serves to drive out the winter and herald the coming Spring.

During the Sechseläuten ceremony in central Zurich, the pyre with the Böögg on top is set alight at precisely 6 pm. It is said that the faster the fire reaches the snowman's head, the finer the summer will be.

Bay Marine would like to bring the Sechseläuten tradition to Waukegan Harbor and share it with you! Join us by setting the Böögg ablaze on March 16, 2019 6 PM. The purpose is to push "Old Man Winter" out to sea and usher in "Fair Winds and Following Seas" for an early yachting season upon us!!



22-24 March 2019

**Holiday Inn Chicago Northwest-Elgin
495 Airport Rd., Elgin IL 60123**

Room Rates: King Standard \$99 per night, Double Queen Standard \$99 per night. . Jr.King or Queen Suite, \$99 per night. Room block is limited. **Make reservations by 8 March at (847) 488-9000.** Be sure to mention United States Power Squadrons/District 20 to get the special rates. Larger suites are available, but are not blocked out and are on a first come/first serve basis, reserve ASAP

Rank	Name	Grade	Squadron	Email	Telephone
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LUNCH: Club Sub: Price \$20 per person

Smoked Turkey, Ham, Bacon, Aged Cheddar and Swiss Cheese, Lettuce & Tomato served on a Hoagie Bun with Potato Chips. Coffee, tea, iced tea & water

DINNER:

Pasta Primavera: Price \$34 per person

Penne pasta with seasoned vegetables, sautéed in olive oil topped with basil marinara & Parmesan cheese

Chicken Piccata: Price \$34 per person

Lightly dredged chicken breast sautéed in butter & served with lemon caper butter sauce, potatoes and vegetable du jour

London Broil: Price \$37 per person

Grilled and sliced marinated flank steak with Bourdelaise sauce, potatoes and vegetable du jour

All dinner meals include soup, salad, rolls, and dessert coffee, iced or hot tea

<u>No. Attending</u>		<u>Total</u>
_____	x \$20 Lunch =	\$ _____
_____	x \$34 Pasta =	\$ _____
_____	x \$34 Chicken =	\$ _____
_____	x \$37 Beef =	\$ _____
	TOTAL	\$ _____

Make checks payable to:

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Registration and check **should be sent by 15 March** to:

Lt/C Ellen Ludtke, AP
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Check if first time attending a District Conference

Schedule of Events

Friday 22 March:

1500-1800 Registration
1900-2230 Hospitality Suites

Saturday 23 March:

0700-1000 Friendship Room
0800-0900 Education Meeting
0900-1100 Registration
0900-1100 **Seminar:** Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald presented by Rochelle Pennington
1100-1130 **Seminar:** Get Ready for the Tall Ships presented by P/D/C Mike Ludtke, SN
1130-1200 **Seminar:** Update from the National Meeting presented by D/Lt/C Mary Merrell, SN
1200-1300 Luncheon
1300-1330 Verification of Delegates
1330-1530 Spring Conference Meeting
1800-1900 Banquet cocktail hour—Conference Lobby
1900-2130 Banquet and Change of Watch
2130 Hospitality Suites

Sunday 24 March:

0900-1130 **Seminar:** Vessel Safety Check presented by P/D/C Mike Ludtke, SN

Check if you plan to attend the VSC seminar

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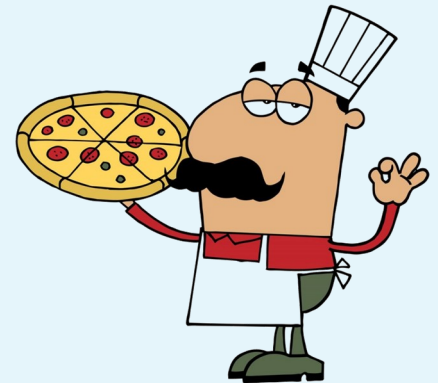
Friday night: Casual
Saturday: Uniform G (short sleeved shirt, no tie) or suitable business casual attire
Banquet USPS dress uniform or suitable attire



District 20 Spring Conference Friday 22 March—Saturday 23 March

Holiday Inn Chicago Northwest-Elgin
495 Airport Rd, Elgin (North of I-90 on Route 31)

Skokie Valley members Dave & Sue Anthony will host a hospitality suite on Friday night. Our monthly member meeting will be Friday at 6:00 PM. We will order pizzas, but please bring a dish to share for the hospitality suite.



Don't miss the presentation of the
"Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald on
Saturday morning at 0900



March Anniversaries

Joe & Sue Lokaj	2006	13 yrs
Kathy Parker	1997	22 yrs
Joel Meyer	1972	48 yrs
Richard Elesh	1969	51 yrs
Louis Cosentine	1967	53 yrs

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

Cdr Joe Lokaj, JN

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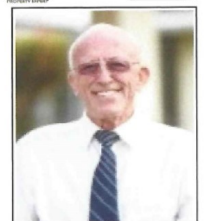


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