



DISTRICT 20

Membership Newsletter - Volume 21 Issue 3

# Running Lights

## March 2021



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**A MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMANDER**

We knew that 2021 would be the recovery from the Anus Horribilus that preceded it. So far, things are looking up. The COVID-19 vaccines number three, and we senior citizens should be able to get it before spring is over.

America's Boating Club is doing things to help this year be a good one. I attended many of the workshops and meetings of the National Conference. All of it was online, all of it free, no travel or hotel costs to discourage you from attending, and all of it was recorded and available to view later. Granted, this kind of event is geared towards committee members and Bridge Offices, but the education, marketing, online tools, upgraded web site, virtual learning, mobile apps, and so on were for all of us to use.

The District 20 Change of Watch is this month, and our COW is the following month. Both are member meetings that let you connect with people across our district and within our squadron. I encourage everyone to spend the hour or two and do just that. Again, no costs, no travel, come as you are.


By the time this issue comes out, we will have had two Happy Hour meetings. The one on February 28 featured Dick Hughes' narration and excellent pictures of his Great Loop cruise. Dick has done this multiple times, traveled to the North Channel, and is probably the member we have with the most time on the water. He started out in the US Coast Guard and never stopped boating. When you see his Florida home with the boat parked right outside, you can appreciate what living the boating dream can be like.

The last meeting of the Executive Committee was spent largely with discussions of the many activities we can hope to do this year. A Lake Michigan fishing outing, Sundowner, Summer Cruise, Dinner Meetings, Anniversary Dinner, Commander's Open House, and other events in restaurants, at event sites, and in marinas, like we used to do prior to last year, are all in the calendar. It is time to reconnect, time to invite friends to be our guests, and time for new members.

We are back. The coming year will be a return to normal life. Boating will be something to share again. Meetings will soon be done live. Just so you know, we will be hosting the Spring 2022 District 20 Conference at the Holiday Inn in Elgin, March 25-26. That weekend is well before Passover and Easter, so mark your calendar for then. We will need volunteers, as we have in the past.

Hope everyone is doing well. It is time to get vaccinated, come out of your safe spaces, and rejoin life with your friends in the Skokie Valley Power Squadron.

—Cdr. Rich Davidson, SN

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2019-2020 Bridge**

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# Mark Your Calendar



## March 2021

3	Wed	Executive Board/Bridge Meeting, 1930	Zoom Meeting, Contact Rich Davidson
13	Sat	District 20 Conference/Change of Watch	District 20 (page 4)
15	Mon	Publication Deadline—Running Lights	Karen D'Amico (224-238-7372)
21	Sun	Member Meeting & Election Night, 5 PM	Rich Davidson (see below)

## April 2021

7	Wed	Executive Board/Bridge Meeting, 1930	Zoom Meeting, Contact Rich Davidson
15	Thurs	Publication Deadline—Running Lights	Karen D'Amico (224-238-7372)
24	Sun	SVPS Change of Watch, 5 PM	Rich Davidson and Tony Palazzo

**Sunday  
March 21st  
@ 5:00 PM CT**



**zoom**

**March  
Member Meeting  
and Election  
Night**



No registration necessary, just join us.  
Questions? Ron Zingler #847.634.3806  
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*Cheers!*





**D/20 Virtual  
Spring  
Conference and  
Change of Watch  
Saturday  
March 13, 2021**

**We miss you and hope to see you through Zoom!!**  
**All meeting times are Central Time**

**AGENDA:**

0930-1000	Virtual coffee time	D/C Terry Phillips, P District Commander
1000-1100	Latest news from National Educational Department	D/Lt/C Scott Harmon, AP Educational Officer
1100-1130	Update from National Annual Meeting	D/C Terry Phillips, P District Commander
1130-1300	BREAK FOR LUNCH	Virtual lunch—bring your lunch and chat with other members
1300-1330	Verification of Delegates	Credentials Committee
1330-1600	Spring Conference Meeting and Change of Watch	D/C Terry Phillips, P District Commander

**Join Zoom Meeting (Audio and Video)**

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# Skokie Valley Sail & Power Squadron 2021 - 2022 Slate of Officers & Committees

## Executive Committee

Commander	Tony Palazzo, AP
Executive Officer	Frank D'Amico, AP
Education Officer	Richard Davidson, SN
Asst. Education Officer	Jim Soyka, SN-CN
Administrative Officer	Ron Zingler, AP-IN
Secretary	TBA
Treasurer	Sue Anthony, P
Immediate Past Cdr	Richard Davidson, SN
Elected Member	David Anthony, P
Elected Member	Sue Palazzo, P
Elected Member	Gail Sidman, JN

## Rules Committee

Pat Antoni, SN (Chair)  
William Bellinger, SN  
Natalie Witty, JN

## Audit Committee

Keith Parker, P (Chair)  
Gail Sidman, JN  
Hugh Sommerfeld, P

## Nominating Committee

Gary Vinzant, JN (Chair)  
Joe Lokaj, JN  
Richard Davidson, SN  
Karen D'Amico, AP  
Stuart Zwang, SN-IN  
TBA

### *Respectively Submitted by Nominating Committee:*

*Frank D'Amico, AP (Chair)  
Don Sidman, JN  
Gary Vinzant, JN  
Joe Lokaj, JN  
Karen D'Amico, AP  
Stuart Zwang, SN-IN*

### *OUR GREAT LAKES, OUR GREATEST RESOURCE*

Our bitter, snowy winter is finally starting to warm up causing the ice and snow piled up on our lawn to melt this weekend.

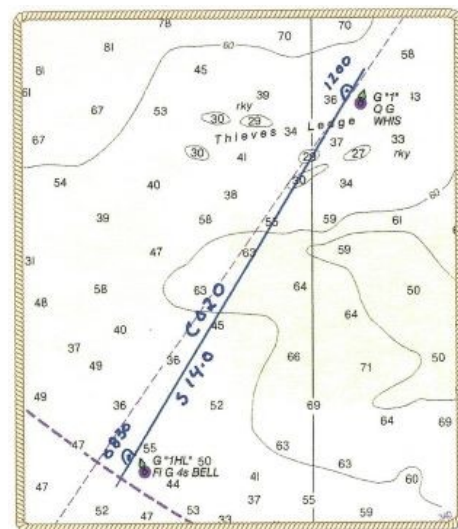


I recently saw a video about some of the fascinating ice formations that cover the shorelines of Lake Michigan. Larry Mowry of ABC7 News talks about the unique ice structures, like "pancake ice", big "ice balls" the size of boulders and even "ice volcanoes" as high as 25 feet. One of the more destructive phenomena is the "ice shove"; as ice starts to break up, the winds and waves slowly push ice onshore, which looks like white lava slowly advancing towards a house. The ice forms massive piles destroying property along the shoreline.

I encourage you to watch the video report to see pictures of these ice formations. Also at this link is an interview with a scientist at the NOAA Great Lakes Environmental Research Lab discussing the ice cover on the Great Lakes this winter.

[Lake Michigan frozen: See mesmerizing ice formations on Great Lakes - ABC7 Chicago](#)

### CAPTAIN AHAB'S QUIZ



How far would you travel in 3 hours and 30 minutes cruising at 14 knots?

(see answer on back page)

Tom Clark, AP, Contributing Editor  
Courtesy of Perchant Publishing



# SVPS 2021 Event & Cruising Schedule



When	Event	Location	Host
March 13th Saturday	COW District 20	Virtual	District 20
March 21st Sunday	Member Meeting Election Night	Zoom meeting	Rich Davidson
April 24th	SVPS Change of Watch	Zoom meeting	Rich Davidson; Tony Palazzo
May 16th Sunday	Lunch Meeting	Palm Court, Palatine	Ron Zingler
June 5th Saturday	Lake Michigan Fishing	North Point Marina	Dave Anthony
June 5th Saturday	Sundowner	North Point Marina	Tony Palazzo, Dave & Sue Anthony
Dates TBD	Summer Cruise/Casino Run	Burnham Harbor, Hammond Michigan City	Ron Zingler
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

**Gear up and get out on Lake Michigan for a charter fishing excursion. Dave Anthony is taking reservations now.**

Contact [dave-sue-anthony@comcast.net](mailto:dave-sue-anthony@comcast.net) if you are interested.

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

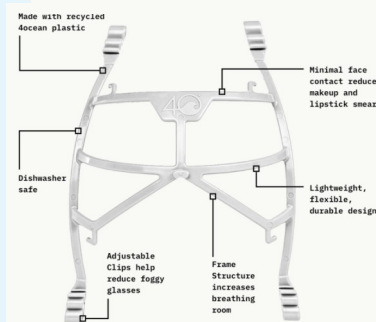


A few years ago, I introduced you to an organization called 4ocean, which is dedicated to removing plastic and other trash from the oceans around the world. They are not a non-profit. They raise all their funds through sale of their products. They started with a plastic bead bracelet, made from recycled materials pulled from the ocean.

Each purchase funds the removal of one pound of plastic. Since their inception in 2017, 4ocean has recovered over 13,218,551 lbs of plastic. Their impact is updated on their website regularly.

They track and document every pound collected. After photographing and logging, the plastic is sorted by type, color and condition before being sent to their recycling partners for flaking, washing and pelletizing. The pellets are used to manufacture their products. If the plastic is too deteriorated or contaminated to recycle, they work with other partners to find the most sustainable method of disposal.

Today 4ocean sells various sustainable products, from bags to drinkware. One of their newest products is a Mask Support Frame that fits inside a standard sized mask and improves your wearing experience. Of course, if you are trying not to accumulate more things in your life, but you still want to join the fight against plastic, you can just buy a pound of plastic. No shipping needed. \$10 funds one pound; choose as many pounds as you want. Your purchase funds their cleanup operations around the world.



Visit their website to learn more  
<https://www.4ocean.com>

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## March Anniversaries

Sue & Joe Lokaj	2006	15 yrs
Kathy Parker	1997	24 yrs
Richard Elesh	1969	53 yrs
Louis Cosentine	1967	55 yrs

Congratulations on reaching another milestone with the squadron. We appreciate your support!  
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**District 20:** [www.uspsd20Boating.org](http://www.uspsd20Boating.org)

**USPS:** [www.AmericasBoatingClub.org](http://www.AmericasBoatingClub.org)



Captain Ahab answer:

$$60D=ST$$
$$D = \frac{14 \times 210}{210} = 49 \text{ Miles}$$



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