



Membership Newsletter - Volume 22 Issue 3

# Running Lights

## March 2022

### D20 Spring Conference



#### GILLIGAN'S ISLAND Castaway Party

Join us Friday Night March 25th  
at the Holiday Inn in Elgin  
Party starts at 7:30 PM  
hospitality suites at 9:00 PM



#### CONFERENCE & CHANGE OF WATCH

Stay Saturday for the seminars, guest speaker and conference meeting  
Celebrate our incoming District Commander Richard Davidson at the Change of Watch



**A MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMANDER**

I just shoveled my driveway this morning for the last time. I hope. The weather looks like it's warming up for the next 10 days.

The National Annual Meeting in Florida is going on now. Our squadron is being represented by P/C Frank D'Amico and P/D/C Karen D'Amico, D/Lt/C Richard Davidson, P/D/C Pat Antoni and P/D/C Natalie Witty. Thank you all for representing our squadron at the meeting.

We will be discussing final plans for the District 20 Conference during Wednesday's Executive meeting on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will try to change the date of the March 10<sup>th</sup> Conference planning meeting, as it conflicts with the District 20 Council meeting also on March 10<sup>th</sup>. We will discuss this at the Executive Committee meeting on Wednesday. Contact me if you want to attend that meeting. We should be in good shape as all the plans are coming together nicely. Thank you Joanne (Conference Chair).

Our 2022 Change of Watch will be held at Dover Straits in Mundelein Illinois on April 23. The vote was cast for the new Slate of Officers at our February dinner meeting at Di Piero's in Lake Zurich. It was a unanimous vote. So the incoming Bridge members can stop their rigorous campaigning now that the election is over. They will be sworn in at the Change of Watch on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

It sounds early but I will be sending out an email to all the interested members regarding our Southern Lake Michigan Cruise. We have tentative reservations that will require everyone to confirm them after March 1<sup>st</sup>. The first reservations will be at South Haven Municipal Marina. More information will be in the email. If anyone wants to be on the email, please contact me and I will add you to the list.

As mask mandates come to an end on March 1<sup>st</sup> and we slowly recover from the pandemic, it looks good for us to have a more normal year. We are planning our events accordingly.

On a more sober subject, Russia has invaded Ukraine. The consequences of this are unfolding as I write this. The outlook looks bleak for the Ukrainian people. Our thoughts and prayers go out to them as we hope there is a diplomatic solution. The casualties are growing and we can all pray it comes to an end as soon as possible.

—Cdr. Tony Palazzo, AP




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# Mark Your Calendar



## March 2022

2	Wed	Executive Board/Bridge Meeting, 1900	Zoom Meeting, Contact Tony Palazzo
TBD	Thurs	Conference Planning Meeting (date to be rescheduled)	Zoom Meeting (see page 8)
15	Tue	Publication Deadline—Running Lights	Karen D’Amico (224-238-7372)
25-26	Fri-Sat	D20 Spring Conference	D20 & Skokie Valley (page 8-9)

## April 2022

6	Wed	Executive Board/Bridge Meeting, 1900	Zoom meeting, Contact Tony Palazzo
15	Fri	Publication Deadline—Running Lights	Karen D’Amico (224-238-7372)
23	Sat	ABClub North Shore Change of Watch	Dover Straits, Mundelein (page 5)

Five members from our club attended the Annual Meeting in Ponte Vedra FL. At the meeting of the Governing Board on Saturday, the National Board of Directors embraced our new branding for America’s Boating Club, foregoing the usual formal Uniform F attire for more casual blue shirts with our ABClub logo from the Ship’s Store. What a pleasant surprise!



**Annual Meeting**  
February 19-27, 2022  
Ponte Vedra, Florida



National Board of Directors at the meeting of the Governing Board on Saturday

Twelve members of District 20 attended the Annual Meeting. On Friday night, the District 20 Commander, Terry Phillips, invited us all to dinner at Alice & Pete’s Pub. It was a beautiful night to eat outside and catch up with friends. Read more about our tour adventures from the trip on page 11.



D20 Commander Terry Phillips & her husband Dave



Rich Davidson



Cindy Geske & Pat Antoni



Frank & Karen D’Amico



Natalie Witty



Frank & Karen D’Amico

# February Dinner Meeting at Di Piero's Ristorante

Thank you to our hosts Christine & Larry March for organizing the dinner and taking reservations. It was nice to try a new place. The food was excellent and the company even better.



Christine March  
& Sue Anthony



Larry March &  
Dave Anthony



Karen & Frank  
D'Amico



Don & Gail  
Sidman



Rich Barta



Tony & Sue  
Palazzo

## Charter Fishing Derby—June 11th *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.

Sign up now! 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).

# Change of Watch Saturday 23 April 12-4 PM



Dover Straits  
890 E. US Highway 45  
Mundelein, IL 60060  
[www.doverstraits.com](http://www.doverstraits.com)

Join us for the 2022 Change of Watch as we celebrate the activities of the past year and swear in the new Bridge Officers for the coming year



**Cost \$32 per person—select your entrée at dinner**

Entrees: Choice of New York Strip Steak, Atlantic Salmon Filet, Breast of Chicken Marsala, or Jumbo Shrimp and Pasta.

All Entrees Include: soup, salad with choice of dressing, rolls, butter, dessert, soft drinks, coffee, tea and iced tea



**RSVP to Tony Palazzo  
by April 16  
[ontimeedm@gmail.com](mailto:ontimeedm@gmail.com)  
630-347-6586**

# Check Your Fire Extinguishers

The US Coast Guard has issued new federal regulations that become effective April 20, 2022. Any fire extinguisher older than 12 years is no longer considered "good and serviceable". Check the manufacturing date on the fire extinguisher and replace any that are expired with a new one.



**Boating  
Safety**

Below is a link to an article published by BoatTest.com with information about the new regulations. The article also provides a lot of details and common questions about the requirements for carrying a fire extinguisher on your boat and how to maintain it.

[New USCG Fire Extinguisher Requirements Coming in April | BoatTEST](#)

~Submitted by Ron Zingler

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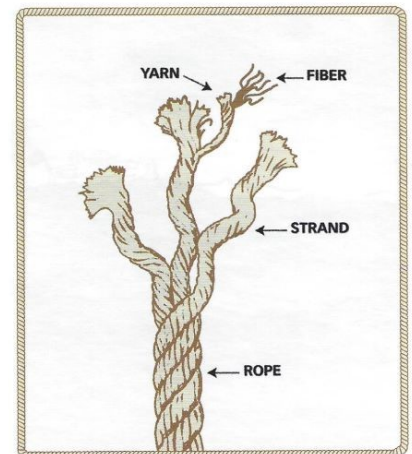
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## March Anniversaries

Tony & Sue Palazzo	2001	19 yrs
Sowah Anyetei	2001	21 yrs
Don & Gail Sidman	2001	21 yrs
Hugh & Judy Sommerfeld	1996	26 yrs
Dick Hughes	1990	32 yrs
Frank D'Amico	1990	30 yrs
Robert Frankenbush	1973	50 yrs

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

### CAPTAIN AHAB'S QUIZ



Rope is made up of twisted elements (fibers, yarns & strands). Are these elements twisted together in the **same** or **opposite** direction to give the rope strength and keep it from stretching out of shape?

(see answer on back page)

Tom Clark, AP, Contributing Editor  
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# SVPS 2022 Event & Cruising Schedule



When	Event	Location	Host
March 25-26 Friday-Saturday	D20 Spring Conference	Holiday Inn, Elgin, IL	SVPS & District 20
April 23 Saturday, Noon	SVPS Change of Watch	Dover Straits, Mundelein	Tony Palazzo
May 21 Saturday	Member meeting	Reflections, Lake Villa, IL	Ron Zingler & Joe Paldo
June 11 Saturday	Lake Michigan Fishing Derby	North Point Marina	Dave Anthony
June 11 Saturday	Sundowner & Bon Fire	North Point Marina	Tony Palazzo, Dave & Sue Anthony
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 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

## March Executive Committee Meeting for Wednesday March 2nd at 1900 (7:00pm)

### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86704346249?pwd=Q3NCWHFBdU1aaXRQL2gzMXYxL3hkUT09>

Meeting ID: 867 0434 6249

Passcode: 116424

Dial by your location : +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

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# D20 Spring Conference

## GILLIGAN'S ISLAND

### Castaway Party

March 25-26 2022



Holiday Inn, Elgin IL  
495 Airport Road  
847-488-9000

Friday 7:30 pm trivia games & piano sing-a-long with complimentary appetizers, cash bar & "Gilligan Special" signature drink. Located in the Crystal Room & bar near hotel lobby.

Saturday 10:00 am guest speaker Phil Aleo on the history of the Fox Valley Region & importance of the Fox River



Saturday lunch catered from Bennigan's 12:00 pm

Spring Conference meeting Saturday 1:30-4:00 pm

Saturday 5:30 pm cocktails, 6:30 pm change of watch dinner followed by dancing with Chicagoland entertainer Jack Miuccio

Volunteers Welcome! Our final conference planning meeting has to be rescheduled because there is a D20 Council meeting the same night. The meeting will be held on Zoom. Contact Joanne Zingler or Frank D'Amico to receive the invitation.







**COME PARTY WITH FRIENDS  
AT GILLIGAN'S ISLAND  
D/20 Spring Conference**

**25-26 March 2022**

**Holiday Inn Chicago Northwest-Elgin  
495 Airport Rd., Elgin IL 60123  
Phone: (847) 488-9000**

**Room Rates:** Standard \$94/night. Jr. King or Queen Suite \$119/night.; Deluxe Queen \$119/night; Executive \$129/night.  
**Make reservations by 11 March at local hotel (847) 488-9000.**  
Be sure to mention **GROUP CODE: ABC** or Power Squadron America's Boating Club to get the special rates.

Rank	Name	Grade	Squadron	Email	Telephone
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

**LUNCH:** Price \$25 per person

- Option 1\_\_\_\_: Country Chicken Salad with garden greens
  - Option 2\_\_\_\_: Turkey and Swiss Cheese on Pretzel Bun with French Fries
  - Option 3\_\_\_\_: Monte Crisco sandwich with French Fries
- All lunches come with Potato Soup, coffee, iced or hot tea*

**DINNER:** Price \$48.00 per person

- Option 1\_\_\_\_: Chicken Picatta served with lemon tomato caper butter sauce
  - Option 2\_\_\_\_: Salmon Teriyaki
  - Option 3\_\_\_\_: London Broil—grilled and sliced marinated Tri-Tip beef with Bordelaise sauce
- All dinner meals come with Garden Salad, rolls, and dessert.  
Served with Chef's choice of starch & vegetable;  
coffee, iced or hot tea & soft drinks*

<u>No. Attending</u>		<u>Total</u>
_____	x \$25 Lunch =	\$ _____
_____	x \$48 Dinner =	\$ _____
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

\*\*\*For special meal requests:  
Contact P/D/C Mary Merrell, SN at 847-899-8293

**Make checks payable to:  
SVPS**

Registration and check **should be sent by 18 March** to:  
P/Lt/C Jim Soyka, SN  
1757 E. Carib Ln, Mount Prospect, IL 60056  
eMail: soyka@earthlink.net; Cell: 847-452-2164

Check if first time attending a District Conference

**Schedule of Events**

**Friday 25 March:**

- 1500-1800 Registration
- 1930-2100 **Trivia, Costume Party and Sing-Along**
- 2100 Hospitality Suites Open

**PARTY!  
PARTY!**



**Saturday 26 March:**

- 0700-1000 Friendship Room
- 0830-0915 **Education Meeting**—Update by D/Lt/C Scott Harmon, AP
- 0900-1100 Registration
- 0915-1000 **Seminar:** On the Water Training and Education by P/D/C Mike Ludtke, SN
- 1000-1200 **Presentation:** The Fox River: It's Influence on the History of the Fox Valley Region presented by Phil Aleo
- 1200-1300 Luncheon
- 1300-1330 Verification of Delegates
- 1330-1600 Spring Conference Meeting
- 1730-1830 Banquet cocktail hour—Conference Lobby
- 1830-2030 Banquet, **Change of Watch** and Raffle
- 2030-2230 **Music and Dancing** by Jack Miuccio
- 2230 Hospitality Suites open

**Dress Code:**

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

## *Americas Boating Club Cruise to Southern Lake Michigan July 8<sup>H</sup> thru July 17<sup>H</sup>*

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](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!**

<b>Date Leave</b>	<b>Port Leave</b>	<b>Port Arrive</b>	<b>Date Arrive</b>	<b>Miles</b>
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
			<b><u>Total Miles</u></b>	<b><u>235</u></b>

**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.**

At the Annual Meeting in Ponte Vedra FL, the National Meetings Committee organized several optional tours in nearby St. Augustine, the oldest city in the United States. The Spanish founded the settlement in 1565, 42 years before the English colonized Jamestown and 55 years before the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock. The city has a fascinating history and much of the original colonial city has been preserved, even restored after its 400th anniversary in 1965.



Frank and I, Pat Antoni and her daughter Cindy Geske enjoyed several of these tours. Tuesday evening we went on a Haunted Pub Crawl. As you might imagine, a city that is 457 years old has a lot of stories to tell. We started at the Dog Rose Brewing Co in the historic colonial city. Our tour guide lived nearby and had lots of stories to share from his neighbors.

Our next stop on the tour was the Plaza building, built by Henry Flagler in 1888. In the late 1800s, Henry Flagler (former partner of John Rockefeller at Standard Oil Co) transformed St. Augustine into a vacation mecca for the rich and famous. Mr. Flagler didn't have much regard for history though. He built on top of the original colonial church and just removed the cemetery headstones to build The Surprise Store, the largest department store on the Florida east coast. This resulted in many unhappy souls that were buried there.



We stopped at the site of a murder on Treasury Street; a famously 6' narrow street used to transport gold from the port to the Spanish Treasury. Then on to Stogies Jazz Bar located inside a house from the 1880s. It was owned by a reputable seamstress who was murdered in her home. A few years later during a heated poker game on the 2nd floor, the house burned in a historic fire. The four men are rumored to haunt the 2nd floor of the house, which we visited. No ghostly encounters for the group, but we did enjoy the live music and the fire pit outside in the beautiful weather.

Our last stop was the White Lion, across the street from Castillo de San Marcos (the oldest fort in the US). It was a private home in the 1800s, but transformed after the owner was killed by rum runners. They have two identified personalities. One believed to be a child who fell to his death when the house was used as a brothel. The other is a more aggressive bootlegger shot during a raid; he is known for pushing people on the stairs and locking employees in rooms.

I really enjoyed this tour. The guide was excellent. As we walked, we learned about the historic buildings and other sites in St Augustine. Many buildings had plaques explaining their origin. This was a great way to experience the city.

On Wednesday, the four of us went on a Tour of Inhibitions. We started with a tasting tour of the Whetstone Chocolate Factory. This was pretty entertaining. We got to see how their chocolate was made and tasted different types of chocolate along the way. Of course the tour ended in the store, so we all could stock up on our favorite blend of chocolate.

Next, we made a stop at One Twenty Three Burger House, where we had a nice lunch. Afterwards we visited the St Augustine Distillery. That was a self-guided tour, with stops throughout to taste their vodka, gin, rum and bourbon with their signature mixers. You could fill your own bottle of bourbon or buy an entire barrel. Our final stop was the San Sebastian Winery. On this tour, we had three tastings as you walked through the winery—three pours of their drier wines, three pours of sweet wines, and finished with two pours of their dessert wines. Fortunately these were all walking tours, with a bus ride back to the hotel!



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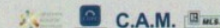
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Skokie Valley Sail and Power Squadron

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Captain Ahab answer:  
Opposite direction



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