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Running Lights

March 2023



DISTRICT 20

2023 Spring Conference
and
Change of Watch

24-25 March, 2023
Holiday Inn Chicago Northwest-
495 Airport Rd., Elgin, IL 60123

Celebrating the 50th anniversary of "American Graffiti"



Guest Speaker: Phil Aleo, author and photographer
Saturday morning, this Chicago native and author of seventeen
historical/photographic books will give a presentation about
Chicago and its first 100 years of existence. Forgotten stories
of some of the most intriguing landmarks, buildings and people.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMANDER

On February 4th a group of us met at Winterfest in Lake Geneva Wisconsin to see the Snow Sculptures. We all met at Starbucks for coffee at 9:00 am, then took a tour of the downtown area to see all the artists creating their masterpieces. It is truly amazing what they were able to create out of snow. The snow sculptures were very detailed, as you can see in the pictures on page 9. The weather was cold but manageable. There was shelters set up for us to warm up. We were able to vote for our favorite artist.

Lunch was served at Popeye's right on the lake front. The food was very good and we stayed a while to warm up before visiting the shops and ice sculpture in front of the downtown stores.

By about 3:00 pm the area was starting to get very crowded, so Sue and I decided to take a shuttle bus ride to our car. When we arrived at Home Depot to pick up our car, the line for the shuttle bus going back to downtown Lake Geneva was 2 blocks long, about 8 people wide. It was also very congested and took a while to exit the area. The event was well attended. We had a great time. Thank you P/C Frank D'Amico for planning the event.

It was great to see everyone at Palm Court Restaurant on February 18th. The food was very good and we had a fun afternoon. About 20 members joined us. The meeting was short. D/C Richard Davidson updated us on the District 20 Conference at the Holiday Inn in Elgin Illinois. Make sure you reserve your hotel room and food reservations. Dave and Sue Anthony will host the hospitality suite. Thank you P/C Ron Zingler for another great dinner meeting.

Our Change of Watch is coming up in April and will be at Dover Straits. The new bridge is excited to take over the 2023 season. We have a great Itinerary planned for the 2023 year. We encourage all members to attend these events.

As we get closer and closer to our launch dates, another winter will be in our rearview mirrors. Now the task of getting our boats ready is approaching soon.

Please check out our Running Lights Newsletter for more detailed information on the upcoming schedule. Try to attend the Change of Watch and support the new Commander and the incoming Bridge. See you all at the Conference.

—Cdr. Tony Palazzo, AP




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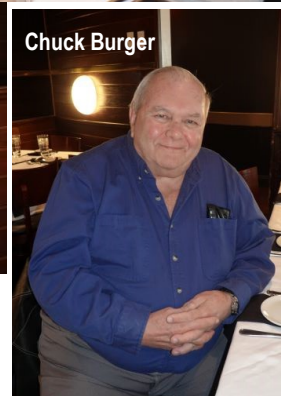
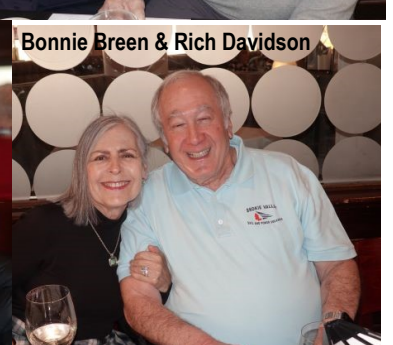
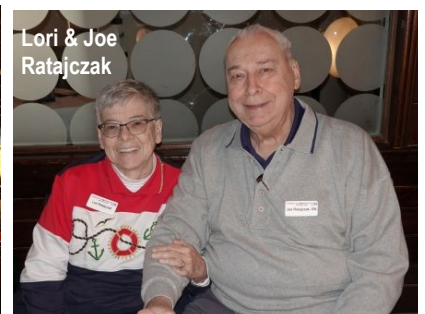
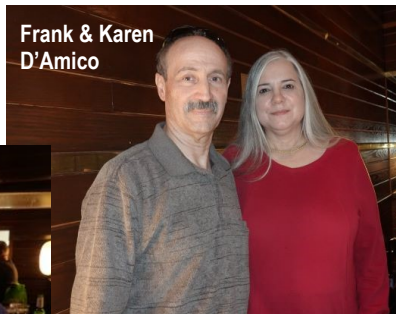
March 2023

1	Wed	Executive Board/Bridge Meeting, 1900	Zoom meeting (below)
2-5	Thurs-Sun	Illinois Boat Show	Lake County Fairgrounds (page 6)
15	Wed	Publication Deadline—Running Lights	Karen D’Amico (224-238-7372)
24-25	Fri-Sat	D20 Spring Conference	Holiday Inn Elgin (page 5)

April 2023

5	Wed	Executive Board/Bridge Meeting, 1900	Zoom meeting (below)
15	Sat	Publication Deadline—Running Lights	Karen D’Amico (224-238-7372)
16	Sun	Change of Watch Dinner Meeting	Dover Straits, Mundelein (page 4)
22	Sat	ABC Public Boating Course	Lake Villa Metra Station (page 4)

MEMBER MEETING AT PALM COURT



Team North Shore

March Executive Committee Meeting: Wed Mar 1st at 7:00 pm Central

Zoom Meeting ID: 886 8635 3567, Passcode: 494049

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88686353567?pwd=Wng0dHhhWWVXY0R6QytVUU8rUTE3dz09>

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America's Boating Club North Shore Change of Watch Sunday 16 April 1-5 PM



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www.doverstraits.com

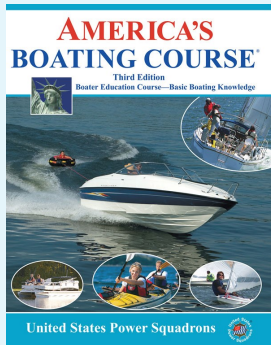
Join us for the 2023 Change of Watch
as we celebrate the events of
the past year and swear in the new
Bridge Officers for the coming year



We will order from the menu, separate checks



RSVP to Ron Zingler
by April 9
zingleron@comcast.net
or 847-634-3806



**We are offering America's Boating Course \$50 pp
Saturday April 22nd at Villa Lake Train Station, 9 AM-5 PM**

The most comprehensive, single source, in-person boating course. Taking the boating class reduces risk of accidents and injuries, saves money on boat insurance, and qualifies for a state boat license or operator certificate.

If you know someone interested, contact Jim Soyka jmsoyka2@gmail.com



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2023 Spring Conference and Change of Watch

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

Room Rates: Standard King \$104/night, Standard Double Queen \$109/night; Junior Suites (King/Queen) \$119/night, Executive Suites \$129/night. Room block is limited. **Make reservations by 3 March at (847) 488-9000.** Be sure to mention America's Boating Club Block to receive discounted rates.

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

Luncheon Choices : Price \$25 per person

- _____ Very Berry Salad—Fresh Fruit on Kale blend
- _____ Monte Cristo Sandwich w/French Fries
- _____ Kilkenny's Country Chicken Wrap w/French Fries

Dinner Choices: Price \$50 per person

- _____ Chicken Marsala with Wine Sauce
- _____ Salmon Teriyaki
- _____ Grilled Ribeye Steak

(Dinners include salad rolls, Chef's choice of starch & vegetable, coffee/decaf, tea or soft drink)

<u>Meals</u>	<u>Total \$</u>
Luncheon: _____ x \$25 = \$ _____	
Dinner: _____ x \$50 = \$ _____	
TOTAL _____	\$ _____

Make checks payable to:

WSPS

Registration and check should be sent by 15 March to:

P/Lt/C Ellen Ludtke, AP
11419 Zarnstorff Rd.
Richmond, IL 60071



Schedule of Events

Friday 24 March:

1500-1800	Registration
1900-2000	Cocktail Hour—Cash Bar
1930-2030	50's/60's Trivia Contest with prizes
2030-2230	Hospitality Suites open

Saturday 25 March:

0800-0900	Coffee/Tea & Snack to wake up in the Friendship Room
0900-0945	Updates from annual meeting by P/D/C Mike Ludtke, SN-ACN
1000-1130	Chicago: The First Hundred Years presented by Phil Aleo, Historian
1200-1300	Lunch
1315-1330	Verification of Delegates
1330-1600	Spring Conference Meeting
1700-1800	Cocktail Hour—Cash Bar
1800-2000	Banquet, Change of Watch, Raffle
2000-2200	Music & Dancing by "The Kennedy/Taylor Experience"

Dress Code:

Friday night: 50's/60's costume or Casual
Saturday: Uniform G (short sleeved shirt no tie) or business casual
Banquet: USPS Dress Uniform or suitable attire



SVPS 2023 Event & Cruising Schedule



When	Event	Location	Host
March 24-25 Friday-Saturday	District 20 Spring Conference & Change of Watch	Holiday Inn, Elgin	District 20
April 16th Sunday	SVPS Change of Watch	Dover Straits, Mundelein	Tony Palazzo & Frank D'Amico
April 22nd Saturday	America's Boating Course (open to public)	Lake Villa Metra Station 126 Railroad Ave, Lake Villa	Jim Soyka
May 20th Saturday	Dinner Meeting	Illinois Beach, Zion	Ron Zingler
June 10th Saturday	Lake Michigan Fishing	North Point Marina	Dave Anthony
June 10th Saturday	Sundowner	North Point Marina	Tony Palazzo, Dave and Sue Anthony
June 22-24 June 29-July 1 July 6-8	Summerfest	Milwaukee, WI	
July 18-24	Lake Michigan Summer Cruise	Port Washington + Milwaukee Air & Water Show	Ron Zingler and Tony Palazzo
July 22-23	Milwaukee Air and Water	McKinley Harbor	
August 19 or 20th	Sundowner	Shanty or Stage Stop	Ron Zingler
August	D20 Cruise & Rendezvous	TBA	District 20
Aug 28-Sept 4	ABClub Governing Board	Kansas City	National Meeting
September 16th Saturday	Dinner Meeting	Reflections, Lake Villa	Ron Zingler and Joe Paldo
October 14th Saturday	Lake Geneva Boat Cruise Tour	Lake Geneva, WI	Frank D'Amico
October	District 20 Fall Conference	TBA	TBA
November 4th Saturday	Anniversary Dinner	TBA	Ron Zingler
December 10th Sunday	Commanders Holiday Party	Hoffman Estates	Commander

Illinois Boat Show at Lake County Fairgrounds, March 2-5

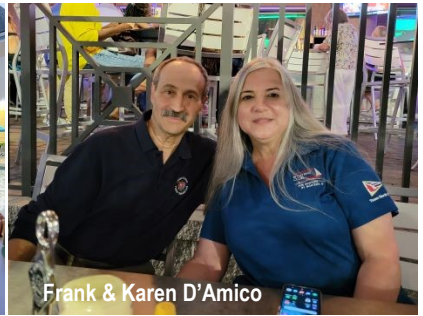
Mike Ludtke is organizing the booth and seeking volunteers to host the display table, promote our boating classes and increase awareness of America's Boating Club. Volunteer shifts are for 2 hour blocks, mornings and afternoons. Contact Mike if you can help 815-575-0809.



Rich Davidson



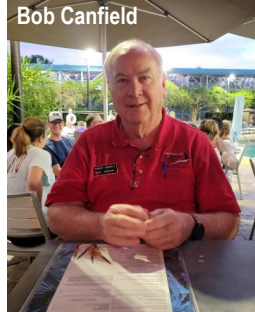
Cindy Geske & Pat Antoni



Frank & Karen D'Amico



Natalie Witt



Bob Canfield



Mike Ludtke & Joan Eichorst

Our District Commander Rich Davidson hosted the District 20 members who attended the Annual Meeting at the pool bar Friday evening.

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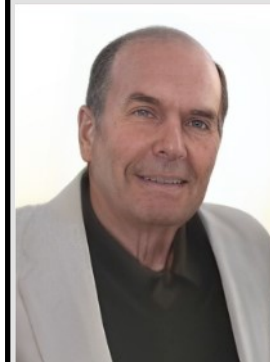
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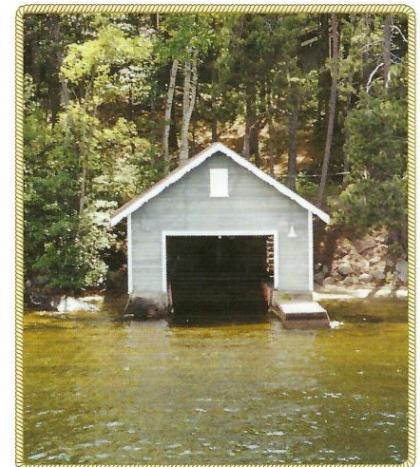


**Leonard Bell Koenen
1931-2023**

Our deepest condolences to our member Nancy Sibrava-Koenen who lost her husband in February. She and Leonard were married for 11 years.



**CAPTAIN
AHAB'S QUIZ**



On many lakes, a temporary (few minutes to several hours) rise or fall of water may occur and is referred to as a "_____". This is typically caused by sudden changes in barometric pressure or strong winds.

(see answer on back page)

Tom Clark, AP, Contributing Editor
Courtesy of Perchant Publishing

March Anniversaries

Steven Sandler	2022	1 yr
Joe & Sue Lokaj	2006	17 yrs
Kathy Parker	1997	26 yrs
Richard Elesh	1969	55 yrs

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

The “Treasure Coast” Boat Show by Stuart Zwang

This year we spent the month of January visiting our small condominium in South East Florida. There was a Boat Show in Stuart Florida on what they call the ‘Treasure Coast.’ The reason they call it that is because all of the scuba divers. **TREASURE** hunters dive for sunken treasure from a 300 year old Spanish fleet and other ships that wrecked over the years. Mel Fisher discovered his famous Atocha bounty off of this area. You can go to Key West or Sebastian FL to visit his museums. They charge admission so that by visiting this attraction you will also subsidize his company’s future dives.

Besides, I always wanted to get a tee shirt with **STUART Florida** emblazoned on it. So we went to Stuart Florida. The event was like any other boat show. There was a plethora of boats, big, small, smaller, bigger, cheap and super expensive. I like going there to see what is new, what I cannot afford, what I don’t want, and seeing if I can resist ‘two foot itis’.

My favorite part of boat shows is the vendor area. You can purchase clothes, footwear, radios, custom hats, binoculars, oars, sun-glasses, PFDs, boat fenders, and every other useless or expensive trivia for your boat. My kids tell me that I have no control and I buy way too much of this junk. This year I was able to control myself. Perhaps that can be attributed to my dear and attentive wife who kept pulling me away from these booths.

The boats were of course spectacular. I did focus on one particular boat that was an absolute knock out. Would you believe that this manufacturer had a fellow who looked suspiciously like Captain Morgan help us aboard? The good captain had of course a peg leg, and an eye patch. He had long, unkempt hair that was held in place with some kind of a rag. There was a parrot on his left shoulder. Further down on his left shoulder there was a huge deposit of very aromatic bird fertilizer. He led us onto a 90’ beat up looking sail boat that had a certain type of black flag with an image of parts of a skeleton. This boat had a number of dents, holes and scorch marks on its wooden sides, The old sails was similarly worn and attractive.

There were crew members who each had partially consumed bottles of Captain Morgan’s finest distilled product. Not only did they offer us some, but there were wonderful round brown cylinders that were emitting a blue smoke. We were told that they were custom rolled in Havana Cuba for our taking. Also a number of scantily clad young ladies in swimsuits.

There was only one option package. For me, this package was indispensable. It included installation of the following:

- An armored Kevlar hull to defeat any type of machine gun or RPG ordinance
- An electronics package that would jam and defeat any Navalized Sonar, radar and all forms of electronic communication
- Five camouflaged 20 MM machine guns with 100,000 rounds of ammunition
- Five anti-tank rocket launchers with three spare rockets per launcher included
- Hidden compartments able to hide 10,000 kilos of cocaine, illegal military ordinance or similar type product
- Five small intelligence gathering remote controlled drones
- Three hidden high speed engines designed to and capable of outrunning any marine unit including jet skis and helicopters. There was enough fuel for a 2,000 mile trek



This option package was guaranteed to defeat Somali pirates, Coast Guard and Navy Homeland Security stops or probes. It was also guaranteed to allow any narcotics or contraband materials to be delivered within 2 miles of any National Boundary without any intrusion by the authorities. I thought that for a mere \$2,000,000 this package was both very attractive and quite fairly priced.

Well, we can all have fun and dream. Like everything else in our society, everything has become homogenized. The salesmen all had khaki trousers and polo shirts with the name of their manufacturer emblazoned on the left area in front of their pectoral muscle. The sales ladies were a bit more mature. They had pants suits and sensible heels. Their blazers were tasteful and had their manufacturer’s logo. They offered shopping bags with all of the specifications and advertising minutia for their boats. These brochures did have the pretty pictures of boats on plane with attractive couples holding high end champagne glasses.

You got it. I am guilty of dreaming. The truth of the matter is that there were the usual beautiful fiberglass boats with the attendant sleeping areas, heads, kitchens and fishing stations. Each was more attractive and laid out better than the next. Each manufacturer offered a better deal than the boat next to it, with more and newer equipment, and better financing options. And if you don’t believe me, ask the salespersons. So dreams are what we are really eager to see at these boat shows.

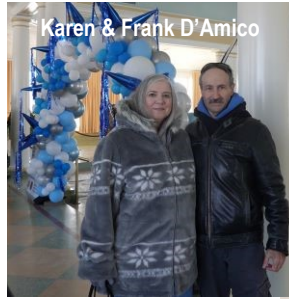
Both of us had a great time. In Stuart Florida, the only thing that my wife was not able to stop me was from purchasing a bottle of Muscle brand Vodka. Sadly, we did not even find a Stuart Florida tee shirt.

South Florida during the winter is fun, and yes, it is a substitute for missing the Chicago weather. But I really miss all my good boating buddies and hang outs in Chicago. I am looking forward to seeing you soon. Peace.

WINTERFEST LAKE GENEVA



Dave & Sue Anthony, Deb & Ray Adam



Karen & Frank D'Amico



Deb & Ray Adam, Gail Sidman, Sue Palazzo, Karen D'Amico, Tony Palazzo, Sue & Dave Anthony



Frank D'Amico, Gail & Don Sidman



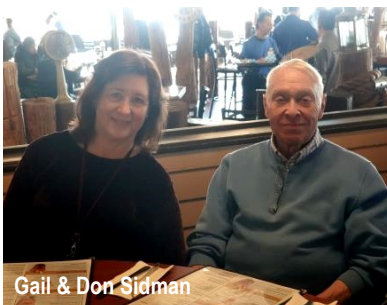
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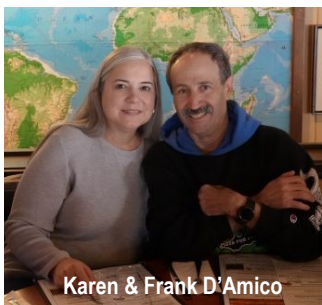
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