



DISTRICT 20

Membership Newsletter - Volume 24 Issue 5

# Running Lights

## May 2024

Member Dinner Meeting  
May 19, 2024  
Nolan's Restaurant  
at Illinois Beach Hotel



Enjoy a picturesque view of Lake Michigan

United States Power Squadrons is America's Boating Club®



**A MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMANDER**

Some members have boats in the water already and some are getting ready to launch this month. As we prepare for the official summer kick-off to boating season, remember **18-24 May is National Safe Boating Week**. Let's take some extra time to make sure our equipment is in proper working order, and our signaling devices have not expired. Also keep in mind, it's not just us that we should look at but it is our responsibility to make sure others are safe. We teach other boaters (power, sail, wave runners, paddle craft, and anyone on the water) that a great and fun day of boating is also a safe day on the water.

I want to thank all who helped me with the Change of Watch last month. We had a great turnout with some new guests. Thank you, Janice North and Kathleen Tomczyk, for coming. Also, again my apologies to Nancy Sibrava-Koenen and Gary Vinzant for missing you during my P/C introduction. Just goes to show, no matter how well you think you are prepared, it is easy to make a mistake.

I want to thank the old Bridge (also now the new Bridge) for all they have done to make my job as Commander so easy. As I have mentioned many times, it's with the help of so many that makes completing my responsibilities as Commander a pleasure.


Congratulations to R/C Pat Antoni, SN for receiving the Commanders' Award. For all that Pat has done for Skokie Valley, this is just our way of saying thank you and we know you will accomplish great things with your National Committee.

Congratulations to P/D/C Chuck Burger, SN for receiving the Joseph A. Mack Award. Chuck has gone above and beyond to teach Boat Handling, promote our upcoming America's Boating Club class, and publishing our name in the Daily Herald. Our Educational department is doing a great job setting up classes and getting our squadron name out.

Finally, congrats to P/D/C Karen D'Amico, AP and P/D/C Richard Davidson, SN-ACN for each receiving the Distinctive Communicator Awards for the Running Lights and Website respectively.

I am very pleased to announce we added two new members to our Skokie Valley family. With the help of Deb and Ray Adam and our SEO Chuck Burger, I want to welcome our recent Boat Handling graduates, Daniel Luczak, S and Christine Luczak, S. I'm looking forward to seeing you both at our upcoming events. Again, welcome to Skokie Valley PS.

This month will be our last General Meeting until September. Ron has planned a great outing at Nolan's Restaurant at the Illinois Beach Hotel in Zion. We had a great time last year and I'm looking forward to it again. I have passed the invitation to this meeting on to other squadrons in our district who were interested in attending, so we may have a few more guests for this dinner. Hope to see you there!



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—Cdr. Frank D'Amico, AP





# Mark Your Calendar



## May 2024

1	Wed	Executive Board/Bridge Meeting, 1900	Zoom meeting (page 7)
15	Wed	Publication Deadline—Running Lights	Karen D’Amico (224-238-7372)
19	Sun	May Member Meeting	Nolan’s at IL Beach Hotel (below)
20-26	Mon-Sun	National Safe Boating Week	<a href="#">Safe Boating Campaign</a>

## June 2024

5	Wed	Executive Board/Bridge Meeting, 1900	Zoom meeting (page 7)
8	Sat	Charter Fishing Derby & Sundowner	North Point Marina
15	Sat	Publication Deadline—Running Lights	Karen D’Amico (224-238-7372)
20-22	Thus-Sat	Summerfest Milwaukee Cruise	Ron Zingler



## May Member Dinner Meeting Nolan’s at Illinois Beach Resort Sunday, May 19, 2024

Cocktails 4:00 pm  
Dinner 5:00 pm



Join us for dinner Nolan’s Restaurant at Illinois Beach Hotel. A beautiful location with cocktails and dinner meeting overlooking the sandy beach of Lake Michigan. We will order from the menu with separate checks.

Kicking off National Safe Boating Week with an opportunity to practice knot tying

Kindly Respond by May 12<sup>th</sup> 2024  
Ron Zingler 847.634.3806 or [zingleron@comcast.net](mailto:zingleron@comcast.net)



Illinois Beach Resort  
100 Lake Front Drive  
Zion, IL 60099  
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<https://illinoisbeachhotel.com/dining/>

# North Point Sundowner Saturday June 8 *After the Fishing Derby*



Gather in the outdoor BBQ area by Q dock at 5:00 PM. We will order pizza and salad for everyone present.

Later our Fire Master Tony Palazzo will light the bonfire!

Contact Dave or Sue with questions [dave-sue-anthony@comcast.net](mailto:dave-sue-anthony@comcast.net)



*Bring your own beverages and a chair for the bonfire*

Skokie Valley has five metal sextants and one plastic sextant which we are offering to our members. All sextants are in good condition. However, we do not know when they were last calibrated. If you would like one of these sextants call Chuck Burger at (847) 259-0587 Home. or (847) 322-0828 Cell, to make arrangements to view them. They will be given to our members only, one per family. This offer will be available until May 31.

### CAPTAIN AHAB'S QUIZ



*"The beautiful yacht may not be the driest, most comfortable, or even the fastest; she may even be as lacking in the principal virtues as the most beautiful woman often is, but still she will always be the most desirable. Her faults will be overlooked, and it will be a pleasure to correct her shortcomings."*



"Make her \_\_\_\_\_!" ... says L. Francis Herreshoff.

(see answer on back page)

Tom Clark, AP, Contributing Editor  
Courtesy of Perchant Publishing

## May Anniversaries

Sue Anthony	2011	13 yrs
Stuart Zwang	2000	15 yrs
Richard Davidson	1998	26 yrs
Charles & Robert Schult	1991	34 yrs
Frank Zimmerman	1979	46 yrs
T Cepuritis	1967	58 yrs

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

**Cdr Frank D'Amico, AP**



# SVPS 2024 Event & Cruising Schedule



When	Event	Location	Host
Sunday May 19th	Dinner Meeting	Nolan's Restaurant Illinois Beach Hotel, Zion	Ron Zingler
Saturday June 8th	Lake Michigan Fishing Derby & North Point Sundowner	North Point Marina	Dave & Sue Anthony
June 20-22, 27-29 & July 4-6	Summerfest Milwaukee Cruise	Milwaukee, WI	Ron Zingler
TBD	Lake Michigan Summer Cruise	TBD	
July 27-28	Milwaukee Air and Water	McKinley Harbor	
TBD	D20 Cruise & Rendezvous	TBA	District 20
Saturday August 17th	Sundowner	Racine, WI	Larry & Christine March
September 21 or 22	Dinner Meeting	Dockers on Pistakee Lake	Chuck Burger/Ron Zingler
September 22-30	America's Boating Club Fall Governing Board Meeting	Pittsburgh, PA	National Meeting
Sunday October 20th	Lake Geneva Boat Cruise Tour—Sunday Brunch	Lake Geneva, WI	Frank D'Amico
TBD	District 20 Fall Conference	TBD	District 20
Sunday November 10th	Anniversary Dinner	TBA	Ron Zingler
Sunday December 8th	Commanders Holiday Party	Hoffman Estates	Frank D'Amico

## Change of Watch Awards



Left Top: Cdr Frank D'Amico is sworn in by D/C Jesse Bowen.



Left Bottom: IPC Tony Palazzo presents a gift of thanks to Frank for his service to the squadron.



Right Top: Chuck Burger receives the Joseph A. Mack award for outstanding contribution to Education.



Right Top: D/C Bowen presents prestigious "Illumination" award to Skokie Valley for outstanding contribution to District 20.



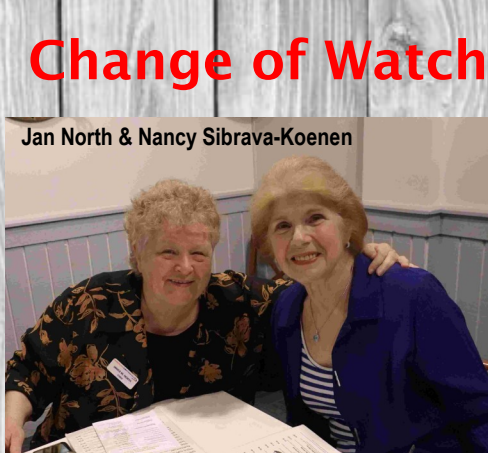
Right Bottom: Rich Davidson and Karen D'Amico receive the National Distinctive Communicator Award for the website and newsletter, respectively.



Many thanks to the Bridge!



Mary & Jim Soyka,  
Lorri & Stu Zwang

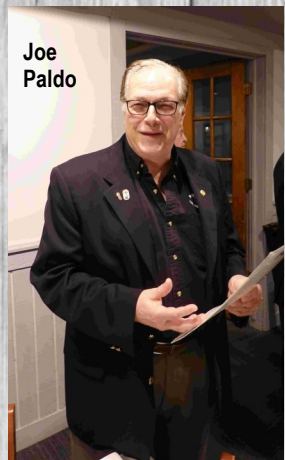


# Change of Watch

Jan North & Nancy Sibrava-Koenen



Rich Barta, Sue Palazzo, Gary Vinzant



Joe  
Paldo



Lori & Joe  
Ratajczak



Sue & Tony Palazzo



Ron Zingler &  
Chuck Burger



Ron  
Dziagwa



Sue & Dave Anthony



Natalie Witty &  
Joanne Zingler



Gary Vinzant



Bonni Breen & Richard Davidson



Kathy & Keith  
Parker



Don & Gail Sidman

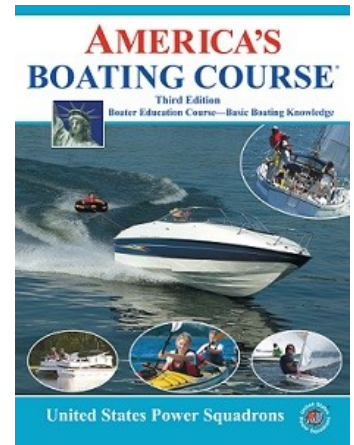


Frank & Karen D'Amico

**We are offering America's Boating Course Tuesdays and Thursdays, April 30-May 16, 6:30-8:30 PM at the Mt. Prospect Police Station**

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.

Thanks to the efforts of our Education Officer, Chuck Burger, our class was featured in the April 17th edition of the Daily Herald. It was in the Neighbor & Classified section on page 3.



**Safe Boating Class begins April 30 in Mount Prospect**

Submitted by Charles Burger

Skokie Valley Sail and Power Squadron will offer America's Boating Course beginning April 30 in Mount Prospect.

Every new boater should take this course to learn the rules and responsibilities of boating. Experienced boaters can use this course to become acquainted with changes to the federal and state boating laws.

Passing the course provides

12- to 18-year-old students with a certificate to operate a boat in Illinois without a parent or guardian aboard.

Persons born on or after Jan. 1, 1998, who wish to operate a boat in Illinois must have a valid Boating Safety Certificate accepted by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. The Skokie Valley Sail and Power Squadron's certificate meets this requirement.

The class will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursday, April 30 to May 16. Cost for the class is \$50, which includes the text and processing of the final exam.

The class will be held at the Mount Prospect Police Station, 911 E. Kensington Road, Mount Prospect.

To register, call Chuck Burger at (847) 322 0828 or email [chucknav1@aol.com](mailto:chucknav1@aol.com).

**Team North Shore**

**Executive Committee Meeting: May 1 at 7:00 pm Central**

**Zoom Meeting ID: 875 8578 5751, Passcode: 949310**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87585785751?pwd=6CPnI7nwsK6PHoBnfQd8zhJOQAso4g.1>

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**District 20:** [www.uspsd20Boating.org](http://www.uspsd20Boating.org)

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



Captain Ahab answer:  
beautiful



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