



DISTRICT 20

Membership Newsletter - Volume 19 Issue 11

# Running Lights

## November 2019

**Brrrrr! Do you know where your boat is?**



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**A MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMANDER**

**T**his is a transformative month for me. My boat was hauled out last week, then the District 20 Fall Conference happened last weekend, and our regular dinner meetings are happening every month. The Governing Board in Louisville, KY was the last one that will ever happen, we are about to teach the new Boat Handling class that replaces the Seamanship one, plans are being made for the Spring Conference next March hosted by SVPS, and I will be hosting my first Commander's Open House in December. Never a dull moment in our organization. The object is to get more of our members to savor the excitement and show up at events in the calendar.

I got to host the hospitality suite that SVPS had at the Fall Conference. I appreciate how much detail and how many decorations and food and beverage items go into a successful party like that. Dave and Sue Anthony are tending to the health issues of their only child, now 34 years old, and our squadron pitched in to cover the splendid work they have done with hospitality in the past. It was not the same without Dave and Sue in attendance, but what we did honored their efforts and provided a good experience for all who visited our party.


The business of the conference was very routine. Our budget for the Spring Conference was approved, two really good presentations by the Coast Guard Auxiliary and Larsen Marine took place, and Terry Phillips, DEO, updated us on the future of our education programs. The Larsen presentation was a broad spectrum of marine electronics product issues, so there I was, in the front, with questions and comments galore. The USCG Auxiliary lecture reminded me of my Civil Air Patrol work in the USAF Auxiliary. They do on the water what CAP does on land and in the air. The best news was that business at the conference went so smoothly, we wrapped up an hour early. I hope to do as well when we host it.

Our October dinner meeting at Port Edwards Restaurant in Algonquin, IL was a lovely setting on the Fox River with a great menu and some special moments. We introduced two new members, Robbie and Joyce Leighton, and I presented a Life Member pin to Jim Soyka, who will receive his 25<sup>th</sup> Merit Mark this year. Since Jim is the Chair of the Merit Marks, I did not worry about his achieving the latest one!

Pat Antoni is all set to introduce our first Boat Handling class in November, so our education program is making progress beyond just offering ABC classes. Ron Zingler will host a Cruise Planning meeting to decide where we can take our boats next summer. For those who like cruising on the big liners, we are planning a two-week trip to Alaska with a land and sea portion next summer.

One takeaway from district conferences, as well as the national ones, is how many squadrons disbanded and districts merged. We are dealing with legacy issues like all other fraternal organizations, but the good part is how our organization is changing to meet the needs of next generations just for our survival and potential for renewed growth. I remain eternally optimistic about our future.

—Cdr. Rich Davidson, SN

**Skokie Valley Sail & Power Squadron  
2019-2020 Bridge**

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# Mark Your Calendar



## November 2019

6	Wed	Executive Board/Bridge Meeting, 1900	Yen Yen Restaurant, Buffalo Grove
6	Wed	Skokie Valley Breakfast Club, 0900-1000	Market Square, Wheeling
14	Thurs	2020 Cruise Planning Meeting, 1900	Ela Public Library, Lake Zurich (page 7)
15	Fri	Publication Deadline—Running Lights	Karen D'Amico (224-238-7372)
16	Sat	Member Dinner Meeting	Dover Straits, Mundelein (page 4)
20	Wed	Skokie Valley Breakfast Club, 0900-1000	Market Square Wheeling

## December 2019

4	Wed	Skokie Valley Breakfast Club, 0900-1000	Market Square, Wheeling
15	Sun	Commander's Holiday Party	Lake Forest, IL (page 9)
15	Sun	Executive Board/Bridge Meeting, 0300	Commander's Home, Lake Forest
15	Sun	Publication Deadline—Running Lights	Karen D'Amico (224-238-7372)
18	Wed	Skokie Valley Breakfast Club, 0900-1000	Market Square, Wheeling



## New Apparel available to order from the Ships Store

Order your shirt or jacket today with our new America's Boating Club North Shore branding.

The polo shirts are light gray with embroidered America's Boating Club logo on the chest, plus our burgee and new North Shore brand on the sleeve. Each shirt is \$20.

There are two styles of water resistant rain jackets. Shown here, the gray jacket in a men's size for \$65. The yellow jacket is a woman's size for \$55. Both are available in either men's or woman's sizes. The prices shown here includes embroidering with the America's Boating Club logo.

Either the logo or the burgee can be placed on other products, like hats, mugs, etc.

Contact Christine March at 815-307-2743 if you are interested in placing an order.



# November Anniversary Dinner

## Saturday 16 November at 6 PM

### Dover Straits, Mundelein



Come join us to celebrate our Anniversary dinner meeting at Dover Straits in Mundelein. Whether you choose surf or turf, the food is excellent and the company even better.

**Dover Straits**

**890 E. US Highway 45**

**Mundelein, IL 60060**

**[www.doverstraits.com](http://www.doverstraits.com)**



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

**Includes soup, salad, potato and vegetables, rolls, butter, dessert, soft drinks, coffee, tea and iced tea**

**Cost \$25 per person—Place your order at the dinner**

**RSVP to Ron by Nov 10th to attend**

**Ron Zingler @ 847.634.3806 [zingleron@comcast.net](mailto:zingleron@comcast.net)**



# D20 Fall Conference

Bonni Breen & Rich Davidson



Don Sidman & Al Antoni



Karen D'Amico & Gail Sidman



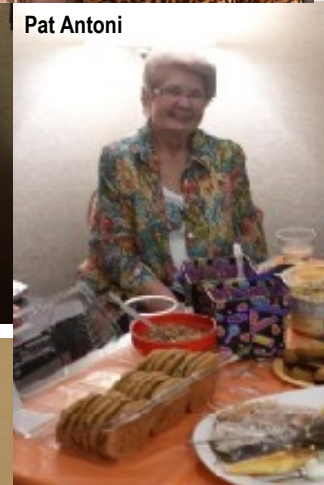
Marilyn & Richard Calfa



Lorraine & Gary Vinzant



Pat Antoni



Don & Gail Sidman



D/C Mary Merrell & Pat Antoni







# YOUR WEATHER REPORT

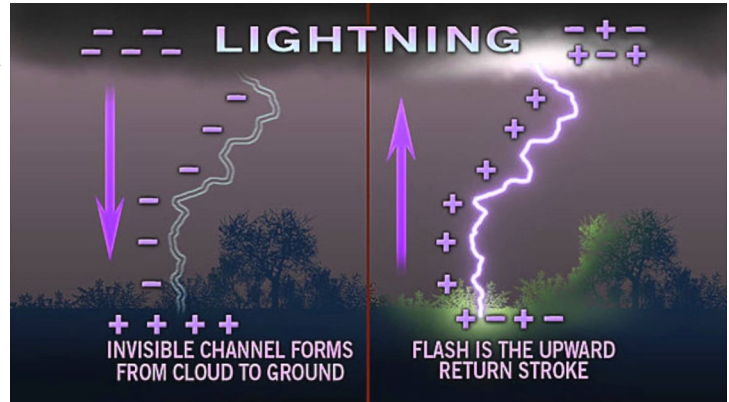
By *Mike Hennessy, AP, Instructor-Weather course*



## Cloud-to-Ground Lightning

Lightning is an electrical discharge caused by imbalances between storm clouds and the ground, or within the clouds themselves. Most lightning occurs within the clouds. Sheet lightning describes a distant bolt that lights up an entire cloud base. Other visible bolts may appear as bead, ribbon, or rocket lightning.

Cloud-to-ground lightning is also common, striking the earth somewhere every single second. During a storm, colliding particles of rain, ice, or snow inside the clouds increase the imbalance between storm clouds and the ground, and often negatively charge the lower reaches of storm clouds. Objects on the ground become positively charged—creating an imbalance that nature seeks to remedy by passing current between the two charges.



A lightning bolt starts when an invisible step-like channel of negative charges races downward from the storm cloud toward the earth at about 200,000 mph. Each segment of the step is about 150 feet long. When the lower most step comes within 150 feet of a positively charged object, it is met by a climbing surge of positive electricity, which can rise up through a building, tree or even a person. When the two connect, an electrical current flows as negative charges fly down the channel towards earth and a visible flash of light streaks upward at around 200,000 mph, transferring electricity as lightning in the process.

Lightning is extremely hot—each bolt can contain up to one billion volts of electricity. A flash can heat the air around it to temperatures five times hotter than the sun’s surface. This heat causes surrounding air to rapidly expand and vibrate, which creates the thunder we hear a short time after seeing a lightning flash.

### OUR GREAT LAKES, OUR GREATEST RESOURCE

The Coast Guard Axillary is very active in the Great Lakes region. Did you know, 1/3 of the registered boaters are in the Great Lakes area? Also 1/2 of the recorded deaths occur in this same area, so we all have our work cut out for us in terms of boating safety.



Really it’s no wonder the statistics are so high. The Great Lakes combined posses 95% of the country’s surface fresh water supply. The area includes 158 counties and 13 major urban areas, which equates to 27.3 million Americans in the region. There are more than 9,000 miles of shoreline, which is longer than the US East and Gulf coasts combined.

All these people and traffic put a lot of stress on the area. Years of degradation from toxic contamination, destruction of coastal wetlands, pollution and invasive species have left the ecosystem at a typing point. Today, NOAA for example is tracking 26 areas of concern (AOCs) in the Great Lakes Basin suffering extreme environmental degradation. These are areas where non-native and invasive flora and fauna have damaged the health of the ecosystem. Most notable in our area are the Grand Calumet River, Waukegan Harbor, Milwaukee Estuary, and Sheboygan River.

### CAPTAIN AHAB’S QUIZ



AUGUST			
Morning	Boston	Afternoon	
HIGH 4:11	<b>SUNDAY</b>	HIGH 4:34	
Height 9.6	<b>14</b>	Hs cht 10.6	
LOW 10:18		LOW 11:00	
Height 0.2		Hs cht -0.1	
Sunrise 4:50	FIRST QUARTER	Sunset 6:47	
HIGH 5:13	<b>MONDAY</b>	HIGH 5:36	
Height 9.4		Hs cht 10.7	
LOW 11:17		LOW ---	
Height 0.6	<b>15</b>	Hs cht 0.5	
Sunrise 4:51		Sunset 6:46	
HIGH 5:16	<b>TUESDAY</b>	HIGH 5:39	
Height 9.2		Hs cht 10.7	
LOW 12:04	<b>16</b>	Hs cht 12:19	
Height 0.0		Hs cht 0.7	
Sunrise 4:52		Sunset 6:44	
HIGH 7:24	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	HIGH 7:43	
Height 9.3		Hs cht 10.7	
LOW 1:06	<b>17</b>	LOW 1:22	
Height 0.0		Hs cht 0.7	
Sunrise 4:53		Sunset 6:43	
HIGH 8:26	<b>THURSDAY</b>	HIGH 8:43	
Height 9.4		Hs cht 10.8	
LOW 2:06	<b>18</b>	LOW 2:23	
Height -0.1		Hs cht 0.5	
Sunrise 4:54		Sunset 6:41	
HIGH 9:23	<b>FRIDAY</b>	HIGH 9:38	
Height 9.7		Hs cht 10.9	
LOW 3:06	<b>19</b>	LOW 3:19	
Height -0.3		Hs cht 0.3	
Sunrise 4:56		Sunset 6:40	

Tide tables are sometimes shown in standard time. To correct for daylight saving time, remember: spring \_\_\_\_\_ (add 1 hour) and fall \_\_\_\_\_ (subtract 1 hour) (see answer on back page)

Tom Clark, AP, Contributing Editor  
Courtesy of Perchant Publishing



## SVPS 2019 Event & Cruising Schedule



When	Event	Location	Host
November 16th	Anniversary Dinner	Dover Straits, Mundelein	Ron Zingler
December 15th	Commander's Holiday Party	Lake Forest, IL	Rich Davidson

## 2020 Cruise Planning Meeting November 14, 7:00 PM

**Ela Public Library  
275 Mohawk Trail  
Lake Zurich, IL 60047**

**Help plan our cruises and activities for next year.  
The meeting will be held in a conference room at the  
Ela Public Library in Lake Zurich. Can't make the meeting?  
Contact Ron Zingler with your ideas! 847.634.3806**

Welcome to our new members Robbie Leighton, and his girlfriend Joyce! They are dock mates with Tony & Sue Palazzo.



Congratulations to Jim Soyka who just became a life member in USPS after earning 25 merit marks for 25 years of service!





# October Dinner at Port Edwards Seafood Restaurant



Al Antoni, Frank D'Amico & Jim Soyka



Tony Palazzo, Bonnie Breen, Ron Zingler, Robbie Leighton & Joyce



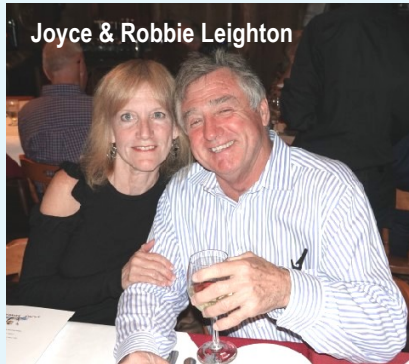
Pat Antoni & Mary Soyka



Rich Barta, Gail & Don Sidman



Christine March & Marilyn Calfa



Joyce & Robbie Leighton



Rich Davidson & Bonni Breen



Richard Calfa & Larry March




Tony & Sue Palazzo



Karen & Frank D'Amico





**The Commander's  
Open House Holiday Party  
December 15, 2019  
2:00 PM—6:00 PM**

**You are cordially  
invited to the home of  
Bonni & Rich Davidson  
1900 Millburn Road  
Lake Forest, IL 60045**

*Featuring holiday songs by  
pianist Robyn Vitson*

**Food and drinks will be  
provided. Please bring  
an appetizer or dessert  
to share.**





# Cruise Alaska August 2020

## 13-Day Denali Talkeetna Explorer—Southbound

This 13 day land and sea cruise begins on land August 19<sup>th</sup> in Fairbanks, Alaska with a tour of Denali. On August 24<sup>th</sup> the Norwegian Jewel will take you from Seward, Alaska arriving August 31<sup>st</sup> in Vancouver BC. You can do the land and cruise or just the cruise.

Norwegian Cruise Line has been offering specials that include free unlimited beverage package, free specialty dining, \$50 per cabin shore excursion rebate, wifi and friends and family sail free. They are also offering reduced air fare (ex from O'Hare at \$199 roundtrip). Previous Norwegian cruisers have been offered a 20% discount on the cruise portion.

A 13 day cruise cost example for a mini-suite on deck 11 included the 5 free offers, 20% cruise savings and \$199 air from O'Hare for 13 days at \$9500 for two people. This also includes all taxes, trip insurance and gratuity.

The following is a link to the NCL cruise itinerary or go to NCL.com.

[https://www.ncl.com/cruises/13-day-denali-talkeetna-explorer---southbound-cruisetour-SBJTALKEENTAJEWEL7SWDICYJNUSGYKTNVAN/Dates/\).remove\(\);\\$](https://www.ncl.com/cruises/13-day-denali-talkeetna-explorer---southbound-cruisetour-SBJTALKEENTAJEWEL7SWDICYJNUSGYKTNVAN/Dates/).remove();$)

If you are interested, the booking contact is Sharla Manglass at MEI Travel.

[SharlaM@mei-travel.com](mailto:SharlaM@mei-travel.com) or 706.742.5358

Let her know that you are with Ron Zingler's group and she can group us together.

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Ron Zingler 847.634.3806







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<https://danboater.org/>

## NEW MEMBER BENEFIT

Announced at the Governing Board Meeting.

Member benefits include:

- 24/7 Emergency Medical Hotline
- Medical Information & Travel Assistance Line
- Global medical referrals & prescription assistance
- Search & Rescue Expense Coverage
- Medical and travel safety guides
- Worldwide Medical Evacuation Coverage—up to \$150,000 in emergency medical evacuation expenses.
  - If you suffer a medical emergency requiring hospitalization they will pay up to \$25,000 for transportation to the hospital of your choice within your home country.
  - They will arrange for and pay one-way economy airfare to return your traveling companion to their original departure point.
  - If you are traveling with children, they will arrange to have them returned to their place of residence.
  - They will arrange to have your vehicle properly returned to your home or if it was a rental, to the rental agency.
  - If you require prescription medication (or eyeglasses) that are not available in your location, they will consult with your prescribing physician, locate a replacement or refill and arrange for shipment.
- And More ...

USPS just signed a Memo of Understanding with the **DAN BOATER** organization to provide our members with a host of valuable safety resources designed to help you when you travel—whether it's by boat, plane, car or rail. You will be automatically enrolled in the program free of charge.

When it's renewal time for your USPS membership you can opt out of the program or pay a small annual fee. I believe \$25 per year, but am not sure about the fee.

Watch your mail for notification from USPS. This is an exciting new benefit just because you are a member of our worthwhile organization. Now you can travel without worrying about any unexpected medical emergencies.

P/D/C Pat Antoni, SN

## November Anniversaries

Ron & Joanne Zingler	2006	13 yrs
Suzanne Benson	2005	14 yrs
Gary Tobias	2005	14 yrs
Gary Vinzant	2002	17 yrs
Pat & Al Antoni	1999	20 yrs
Gary Raphael	1997	22 yrs
John Cahill	1996	23 yrs

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

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Be sure to visit our websites:

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[www.skokievalleypowersquadron.org](http://www.skokievalleypowersquadron.org)

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Captain Ahab answer:  
spring ahead, fall back



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