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**DISTRICT 20**

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**Membership Newsletter - Volume 23 Issue 11**

# Running Lights

## November 2023

**November Anniversary Meeting**  
**Sunday 5 November at 2 PM**



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



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**A MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMANDER**

October has come and gone, along with the boating season for this year. In October we tried a new event, the Lake Geneva Fall lunch cruise. Sue and Tony Palazzo, Joanne and Ron Zingler, Rich Davidson, Karen, and I meet at the Lake Geneva Rivera Docks for a 2 ½ hours lunch cruise around Lake Geneva. Even though the weather was a bit cloudy, the **Grand Belle of Geneva** was a very comfortable ride. There was seating on the upper and lower deck (we chose the lower) with plenty of room to enjoy the ride. The captain gave us detailed history and information on various homes. We saw many beautiful homes and even joked about which home I was going to purchase (how I wish). The lake was very calm, and the rain stopped while we enjoyed our lunch, drinks, conversation, and the view. After returning to the docks, we started to walk around the town, when the rain started. Karen and I decided to stay a little longer while the others departed. The rain did go away, and we enjoyed some shopping before leaving for home. We all had a good time, and took some nice pictures.

The D20 Fall Conference wrapped up the month of October. We had a fun night of Bingo on Friday. Then speakers, lunch and an unusually short meeting on Saturday completed the conference. Many thanks to Sue and Dave Anthony for hosting our hospitality suite for both Friday and Saturday. It is always nice to see friends and spend time together.

November is the beginning of the holiday season. All boats are in storage waiting for the next boating season and whatever repairs some may need while out of the water. This month is the 62nd anniversary of the Skokie Valley charter. Come celebrate at Dover Straits, which is always a great meal.

November 16<sup>th</sup> Ron and Joanne are hosting a Cruise Planning meeting to create the activity calendar for next year. Everyone is invited to share your ideas for next year's cruising season.

Then it's time to turn our attention to decorations our home needs to create the warm family feelings that the holidays bring. I always enjoy the idea of food and family for Thanksgiving Day dinner.

Please mark December 10 on your calendar and come join Karen and I for the Commander's Open House. We'll have food, drink, and even the Bears vs Lions game on. See details in this edition of the Running Lights.

Hope to see everyone at Dover Straits. Have a great and safe Thanksgiving Day.



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—Cdr. Frank D'Amico, AP





# Mark Your Calendar



## November 2023

1	Wed	Executive Board/Bridge Meeting, 1900	Zoom meeting (page 5)
5	Sun	November Member Meeting	Dover Straits, Mundelein (below)
15	Wed	Publication Deadline—Running Lights	Karen D'Amico (224-238-7372)
16	Thurs	Cruise Planning Meeting, 1900	Ron Zingler (847-634-3806)

## December 2023

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10	Sun	Commanders Open House Holiday Party	Hoffman Estates (page 6)
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# November Anniversary Meeting

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**Mundelein, IL 60060**  
**[www.doverstraits.com](http://www.doverstraits.com)**



Our Anniversary dinner meeting will take us to the shores of Dover Straits in Mundelein. Better known for their fresh fish, they also serve a variety of American fare.



We will order from the extensive menu  
 cash bar and separate checks



**RSVP to Ron Zingler**  
**by November 1st**  
**[zingleron@comcast.net](mailto:zingleron@comcast.net)**  
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## Smart TV Viewers Now Have the Choice of Apple TV, Roku, or FireTV – plus Online and Mobile Options




America's Boating Channel™, the U.S. Coast Guard funded boating safety and boater education video service of United States Power Squadrons® has launched its free-to-view smart TV offering on Apple TV.




The video-on-demand app is already available at no charge on Roku and FireTV smart TV platforms. Adding Apple TV provides a consistent viewing experience regardless of the type of connected device used, with immediate access to all the video content in its flagship service.

America's Boating Channel has more than a thousand titles covering boating and water sports themed television programs, movies, and boater educational videos. These include topics like epic boat fails, boating news, boat races, Yacht Life, cooking on board, fishing shows, boating cartoons, US Sailing, and Military films from the U.S. Coast Guard and Navy. One of the most recent additions to the lineup is Water Ways TV, which provides inspiring and educational recreational boating content from the Great Lakes, Trent-Severn Waterway, and other locations in Canada and around the world.

**BOAT FAILS** See All




**BIG SHIPS**  
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**RIDICULOUS BOAT RAMP BOAT FAILS**  
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**BOAT FAILS AND WINS**  
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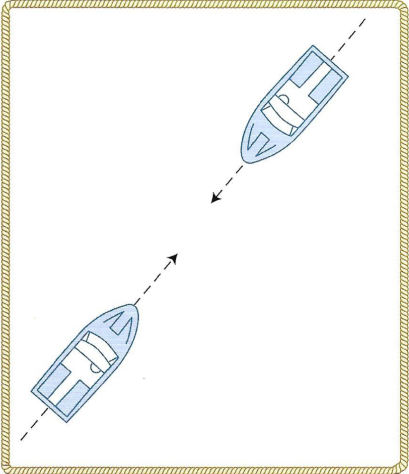



**TOP 10 MORONS ON BOATS**  
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On Apple TV, viewers can click on Store in their top toolbar, then search for Americas Boating Channel and select Get to install the app. On Roku, viewers can select Store, click on Channels, then search for Americas Boating Channel and add the channel. On FireTV, viewers can go to Apps on their FireTV Main Menu, then search for Americas Boating Channel and select Get to install the app.

You can also access the same video service online for free at [AmericasBoatingChannel.com](http://AmericasBoatingChannel.com).

**CAPTAIN AHAB'S QUIZ**





When meeting a vessel head on, typically you would pass \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, unless you make a “two whistle passing” and then you would pass \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

(see answer on back page)

Tom Clark, AP, Contributing Editor  
Courtesy of Perchant Publishing

### November Anniversaries

Ray & Deb Adam	2021	2 yrs
Ron & Joanne Zingler	2006	17 yrs
Richard Calfa	2007	18 yrs
Sandra Frankenbush	2006	19 yrs
Gary Vinzant	2002	22 yrs
Al & Pat Antoni	1999	25 yrs
Gary Raphael	1997	27 yrs

Congratulations on reaching another milestone with the squadron. We appreciate your support!  
**Cdr Frank D'Amico, AP**





# SVPS 2023 Event & Cruising Schedule



When	Event	Location	Host
November 5th Sunday	Anniversary Dinner	Dover Straits	Ron Zingler
December 10th Sunday	Commanders Holiday Party	Hoffman Estates	Commander Frank D'Amico

## Team North Shore

**Executive Committee Meeting: Wed Nov 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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### District 20 Fall Conference



Dave & Sue Anthony



Don & Gail Sidman

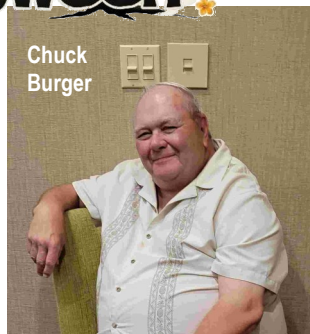


Rich Davidson, Ray & Deb Adam, Dave & Sue Anthony

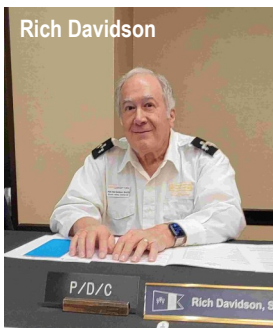


Sue & Tony Palazzo, Frank D'Amico,  
Ray Adam, Dave & Sue Anthony, Karen D'Amico

**Happy Halloween**



Chuck Burger



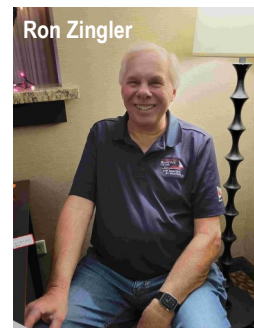
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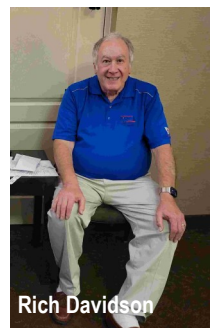
Natalie Witty & Chuck Burger



Ray Adam



Ron Zingler



Rich Davidson





*You are cordially invited to the home  
of Frank and Karen D'Amico  
to celebrate the holiday season*

**Sunday 10 December 2023  
Commander's Open House  
1 PM ~ 5 PM**

Come anytime  
Food and drinks will be served  
No need to bring anything

**1240 Bison Lane  
Hoffman Estates, IL 60192  
224-238-7372**





**2024 Cruise Season Planning Meeting**  
**Thursday November 16 at 7 PM**

*Everyone welcome!*

*Bring your ideas to help plan fun events for next year!*

Hosted by Ron & Joanne Zingler  
 1307 Green Knolls Drive, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089

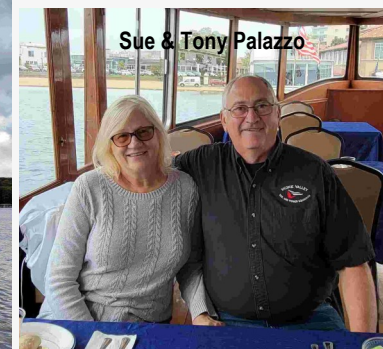
*Fall Colors Cruise on Lake Geneva*



**Grand Belle of Geneva**

- Year Launched: 1972
- Builder: Dubuque Boat and Boiler (hull)
- Year Joined Gage fleet: 1972
- Hull: Steel
- Length: 85 feet
- Beam: 20 feet
- Draft: 5 feet
- Power: Twin Caterpillar 3208
- Fuel: Diesel
- Top Speed: 13 mph

The Grand Belle of Geneva is designed after turn-of-the-century lake steamers, including brass furnishings and pine decks. The Grand Belle was lengthened 20 feet in 1984 and was rebuilt and widened by 3 feet in 2003. A new upper deck structure was also added to improve the comfort of guests dining on the second level. Maximum capacity is 160 for tours and 225 for private charters.



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Captain Ahab answer:

port to port  
starboard to starboard



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