





SKOKIE VALLEY SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON

DISTRICT 20

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Running Lights

October 2019

October Dinner Meeting
Saturday, October 19th



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMANDER

September turned out to be a busy month for us. We have a new member, Bob Leighton, of Lake in the Hills. He has a 36' sailboat, wants to cruise the Great Lakes with it, and is an engineer by trade. We need sailors who can help teach the Sail course and enlighten us with their long cruises. Many thanks to Tony Palazzo for encouraging his Southport neighbor to join our organization.

I got to see many sailboats in harbors in Greece. During my one week tour there with Bonni, we visited islands like Poros and Hydra, saw ruins from the ancient and classical periods, visited many museums, attended lectures, and ate great Mediterranean food. Of course that included the Parthenon and an amphitheater with perfect acoustics built ten centuries B.C.E.

That trip unfortunately collided with the Governing Board and our September dinner meeting. Pat Antoni reports that the Governing Board in Louisville, KY will be the last one, ever. Only 261 of some 25 thousand members showed up. Too much money was lost on this one and the prior one to continue having it. It may be the most consequential, however. A restructuring plan was passed and will go to the membership for ratification. As a result, the ranks and titles will disappear. No more Commanders, Executive or Administrative officers, just a president, secretary-treasurer, and an education coordinator. The letters after your name that show your education grade will be history, also. The objective is to dump the paramilitary features of America's Boating Club and make it fit the needs of the younger generations we seem unable to recruit. More virtual online classes, electronic communication, and casual dress will be the new order of the day. Say what you will, the old Operations Training Manual is just not working any longer.

Tony Palazzo reported that the dinner meeting at the Club Casa Café was a big hit. The food got rave reviews, and the restaurant did not penalize us for having fewer than our guaranteed minimum attendees. Christine March had the new clothing from the Ship's Store with the ABC logotypes, and it was a good place to go with your fellow boaters.


We have our last ABC class scheduled for September 28 at Bay Marine. This time there are more than a few online sign-ups and interested parties that contacted the marina and me for details.

The Fall District 20 Conference will take place October 25-26 at the Elgin Holiday Inn. We will host the Spring conference March 20-21 at the same venue. Both are well planned and shorter than in the past, so I hope we can attract more attendees.

The new roster is back from the printer and ready to mail. The picture on the cover is my boat, Bonni Jo, escorting the Tall Ships in the waters off Kenosha Harbor. The Coast Guard is alongside keeping an eye on my movements. I am honored.

It is time to haul out our boats and lay them up for the winter. One of the great reasons to belong to America's Boating Club is how well we keep the enthusiasm up through the winter with some great programs.

—Cdr. Rich Davidson, SN

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2019-2020 Bridge**

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Mark Your Calendar



October 2019

2	Wed	Executive Board/Bridge Meeting, 1900	Yen Yen Restaurant, Buffalo Grove
9	Wed	Skokie Valley Breakfast Club, 0900-1000	Market Square, Wheeling
15	Tues	Publication Deadline—Running Lights	Karen D'Amico (224-238-7372)
19	Sat	Member Dinner Meeting	Port Edwards, Algonquin (page 8)
23	Wed	Skokie Valley Breakfast Club, 0900-1000	Market Square, Wheeling
25-26	Wed	D20 Fall Conference	Holiday Inn, Elgin (page 11)

November 2019

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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



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



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

Sept Dinner Meeting—Club Casa Café

Tony Palazzo, our acting
Commander for the meeting



Mary Soyka, Karen D'Amico & Ron Zingler



Joanne Zingler & Mary Soyka



Rich Barta, Tony & Sue Palazzo



Carol Fey



Kay Widdis & Judy Sommerfeld



Pat & Al Antoni



Judy & Hugh Sommerfeld



Ron Zingler & Jim Soyka



Nancy & Ray Buellesbach



Gary & Lorraine Vinzant





YOUR WEATHER REPORT

By Mike Hennessy, AP, Instructor-Weather course



History of a Hurricane

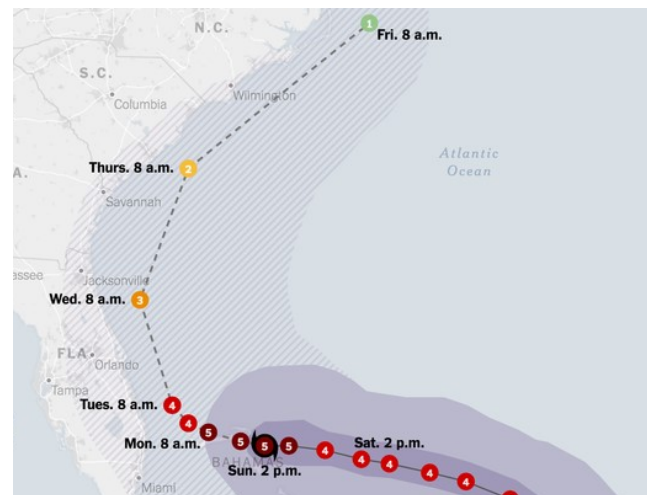
As I am writing this article, Dorian is just off the Southeast Coast of the USA. I have been watching this storm since it was a tropical storm in the Atlantic Ocean. It moved Northwest across the Caribbean and became a category 1 Hurricane headed for Puerto Rico. It missed most of Puerto Rico and hit St. Thomas before heading for the USA mainland.

As it moved into warmer water, it got stronger and hit the Northern Bahamas as a Category 5 storm and then stopped over Grand Bahama and destroyed most of the buildings on the island. In addition to the strong winds of 185 mph with gusts of 220 mph, it rained continuously for 36 hours before moving more northerly as a category 2 and then category 3 about 100 miles off the coast of Florida and other southeastern states.

This movement off shore of the southern states caused large coastal flooding and severe rain, but the severely strong winds stayed off shore.

As this storm continues, it appears to be getting closer to the mainland and will probably clip the outer banks of North Carolina before heading more Northeast and out to sea into cooler water where it will slowly diminish into just another Atlantic storm.

Even though most of the USA mainland will only see flooding and minor property damage from this storm, it has caused many residents to evacuate their homes and businesses. Since it happened over the Labor Day weekend, many vacations and holidays were cut short or cancelled completely. The personal damage may be minor, the economic damage is major and cannot be recovered. Those who live in the Southeast will forever remember Dorian.



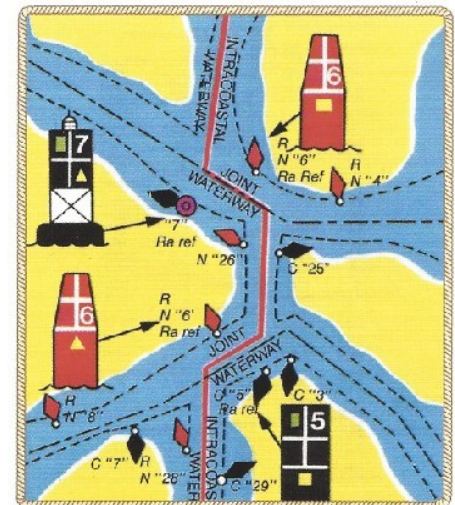
OUR GREAT LAKES, OUR GREATEST RESOURCE

Twelve ways to conserve water:

1. Limit your shower to 5 minutes and save 3,785 liters a month
2. Turn the water off while you shampoo to save 550 liters a week
3. Turn off the water while brushing your teeth and save up to 15 liters a minute
4. Soak pots and pans instead of running water while scraping them clean
5. Don't use running water to defrost food
6. Use one glass for drinking water each day to reduce the number of times you run the dishwasher
7. Run your dishwasher only when it's full and save up to 3,785 liters a month
8. Collect rain water for watering your garden
9. Plant in the spring or fall when water requirements are lower
10. Water your lawn in several short sessions to allow the water to be absorbed better
11. Upgrade appliances and toilets to be more water-efficient
12. Collect running water while waiting for it to get hot, and use it to water the plants



CAPTAIN AHAB'S QUIZ



You are entering an East Coast port and see a buoy with a yellow triangle painted on it, indicating...

(see answer on back page)

Tom Clark, AP, Contributing Editor
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SVPS 2019 Event & Cruising Schedule

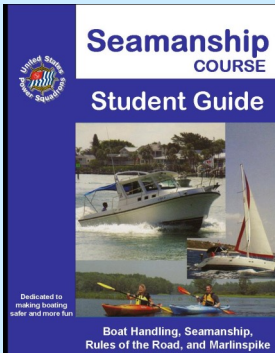


When	Event	Location	Host
October 19th	Dinner Meeting	Port Edwards, Algonquin	Ron Zingler
October 25-26th	D20 Fall Conference	Holiday Inn, Elgin IL	Rich Davidson
November 16th	Anniversary Dinner	Dover Straits, Mundelein	Ron Zingler
December 15th	Commander's Holiday Party	Lake Forest, IL	Rich Davidson

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



Education and Membership Drive

In an effort to recruit new members, the bridge has approved our offering a free class to any student who will enroll as a member of Skokie Valley.

We are starting the program with the ABC class scheduled for Saturday 28 September. And, we are also extending it to all new members you can recruit. Our plan is to offer the Boat Handling Course starting Thursday 17 October. This will be a 2-hour class held for 7 weeks at Lake Zurich Library: 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

The Boat Handling Course is a new and improved version of the old Seamanship Course. Much of the redundancy of the ABC3 course has been removed and it is set up as 6 individual seminars. The students can pick and choose which of the 6 seminars they want to take and if they pass the final exam, they will receive the grade of Seamanship (S).

A review will be presented on the 6th week and the final exam will be held on the 7th week. It may be shorter if the students decide to just test out on any of the seminars.

The cost of this course is \$75 to members and \$125 to non members. The course material will be presented as an e-book. There will be an additional charge of \$15 should the student prefer a printed manual. The cost of membership is \$99 for a single person and \$148.50 for a family.

Talk with your dock mates, family & friends to see if they would like to participate in the program.

P/D/C Pat Antoni, SN
Educational Officer

Seminars:

- Rules of the Road
- Docking
- Boating with Confidence
- Anchoring
- Emergencies on Board
- Knots and Line Handling



October Dinner Meeting Saturday, October 19th

Port Edwards Seafood Restaurant
20 W Algonquin Road
Algonquin, IL 60102

We will close out our boating season at Port Edward Seafood Restaurant in Algonquin. For 55 years they have been offering a unique dining experience with a nautical flair. It is a beautiful setting on the Fox River to enjoy dinner with our boating friends.



Menu \$35 per person: choice of Broiled Atlantic Salmon, Pretzel Crusted Walleye Pike, Porterhouse Pork Chop, or London Broil

Includes: salad or cup of clam chowder, choice of mini desert key lime pie or hot fudge sundae, soft drinks, and coffee or tea



Cash Bar at 5:00 pm
Dinner at 6:00 pm

Kindly respond by October 12th
Ron Zingler @ 847-634-3806
or zingleron@comcast.net

About 17 members came out for an impromptu dinner at Palm Court in September when Dick & Dorothy Hughes came to town.



Dorothy & Dick Hughes



Gail & Don Sidman

Bridget Doerner & Kay Widdis



Judy & Hugh Sommerfeld

George & Bridget Doerner



Ray & Nancy Buellesbach with Dick Hughes

Al & Pat Antoni



Al & Pat Antoni, Dick Hughes & Ray Buellesbach

Bud & Caryl Lemke





This 13 day land and sea cruise begins on land August 19th in Fairbanks, Alaska with a tour of Denali. On August 24th the Norwegian Jewel will take you from Seward, Alaska arriving August 31st 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.

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

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



District 20 Fall Conference & Education Awards

25-26 October 2019
Holiday Inn Chicago Northwest-Elgin
495 Airport Rd Elgin, IL 60123

Schedule of Events

Friday 25 October

1500-1800 Registration/Hotel Lobby
1830-1930 Trivia Game / Cash Bar
1930-2230 Hospitality Suites

Saturday 26 October

0700-1000 Friendship Room
0830-0915 Education Meeting
0900-1100 Registration
0915-1030 Keynote Speaker
Tom Mullaly USCG Auxiliary
1045-1130 Seminar "The
Connected Boat"-Larsen Marine
1130-1300 Luncheon / Raffle
1315-1330 Verification of
1315-1600 Spring Conference

Make Checks Payable to District 20:

Registration and check should be **sent by 18 October**
Lt Ellen Ludtke
11419 Zarnstorff Rd
Richmond, IL 60071
emludtke@gmail.com / 815 245 0888

Lunch Menu:

Loaded Cobb Salad: Mixed Greens, marinated chicken, bacon, blue & colby cheese, avocado, tomatoes, eggs & cucumber. Choice of Dressing	\$25
Irish Dip Sandwich: Roast Beef with carmelized onions on a toasted garlic roll. Served w/ Au Jus and sour cream horseradish.	\$25
Cajun Chicken Sandwich: Blackened grilled chicken breast, bacon, swiss cheese on a pretzel roll. Served w/smoky honey Dijon.	\$25
Classic Reuben: Sliced corn beef, sauerkraut, swiss cheese on Rye w/1000 Island Dressing	\$25

** Lunch includes soft drinks, chef's choice for dessert, tax and gratuity.
Sandwiches are served with homestyle French Fries w/Sea Salt

October Anniversaries

Sheila Caldwell	2016	3 yrs
Catherine Westphal	2007	12 yrs
Marilyn Calfa	2003	16 yrs
Robert Loss	2002	17 yrs
Steve Chmela	1972	29 yrs
Carol Cleave	1982	39 yrs
Brendan O'Brien	1980	40 yrs

Congratulations on reaching another milestone
with the squadron. We appreciate your support!
Cdr Rich Davidson, SN

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Captain Ahab answer:

...you are in the vicinity of the
intracoastal waterway



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