



DISTRICT 20

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Running Lights

September 2022

BUCA
di BEPPO
Italian Restaurant

Member Dinner Meeting

Sunday September 18 in Wheeling

Cocktails at 4 PM - Dinner at 5 PM

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMANDER

Labor Day is almost here and this is the sign that the boating season is soon to end. The weather has been cooperating and the season was very enjoyable.

We had the opportunity to join our fellow squadron members for the District 20 Cruise & Rendezvous in Rockford Illinois on Saturday August 20th. Sue and I arrived on Saturday morning early for a nice breakfast that was served in the Riverview Inn and Suites.

The guest speaker was from the Rockford Regatta Rowing Club. She went in depth on how the rolling regatta club operated and trained people to become Olympic caliber rowing athletes. There was a 2 person (Skull) Regatta style rowing boat in the conference room. Cost \$30,000, 62 pounds in weight, 33 feet long and only 15" beam. Built for speed. The team coach also shared her training and early days of being on the Harvard Regatta team. It was very informative. The speakers were very dedicated to the rowing sport. They also passed out free Rockford Regatta shirts.

The next item on the agenda was the nautical swap meet. I picked up a couple of items. After lunch during the District 20 Council meeting Bob Canfield discussed the decisions the National Board of the Power Squadron made for our future. Earlier this week I sent a copy of the proposed bylaw changes to everyone on the Bridge. They will be voted on at the Governing Board Meeting in September. The Rockford Power Squadron put on a great Cruise and Rendezvous and we appreciate their efforts.

On September 18th we have our next member dinner meeting at Buca Di Beppo in Wheeling. Cocktails start at 4:00 pm. Hope to see you all there. Don't forget to check the Running Lights Newsletter for more information.

Enjoy the rest of the summer months.

—Cdr. Tony Palazzo, AP



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Mark Your Calendar



September 2022

7	Wed	Executive Board/Bridge Meeting, 1900	Zoom meeting, see page 5
15	Thurs	Publication Deadline—Running Lights	Karen D’Amico (224-238-7372)
14-18	Wed-Sun	USPS Governing Board Meeting	Raleigh, NC
18	Sun	September Dinner Meeting	Wheeling, IL (see below)

October 2022

5	Wed	Executive Board/Bridge Meeting, 1900	Zoom meeting, see page 5
15	Sat	Publication Deadline—Running Lights	Karen D’Amico (224-238-7372)
23	Sun	October Dinner Meeting	Sal and Tony’s, Buffalo Grove, see page 6
28-29	Fri-Sat	D20 Fall Conference	Bloomington, IL



Member Dinner Meeting Sunday September 18

Commander Tony would like to invite you to one of his favorite restaurants where they serve mouthwatering Italian dishes. The mounds of food will be served to your table with plenty to take home for another meal. Work up an appetite and come out to Buca’s for great Italian cooking.

Cocktails at 4 PM—cash bar

**Dinner at 5 PM—Order from the extensive menu
Separate checks**

**RSVP to Ron Zingler by Sept 15
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Marine Weather by SEO Jim Soyka SN-CN



Weather, water conditions, climate data and forecasts are provided by the National Weather Service (NWS) for the protection of life and property. As a boater on Lake Michigan or any other large body of water, current and future weather conditions are very important factors in making informed decisions.

Detailed marine forecasts can easily be obtained from the NWS website as follows:

- ⇒ In the address bar of your computer browser enter: forecast.weather.gov
- ⇒ The NWS map will appear. Click on the lower part of Lake Michigan.
- ⇒ Place the cursor on the area of interest and click. A daily general forecast will appear.
- ⇒ Current conditions collected from buoys can be found under "View Nearby Observations". The data is collected in 10 minute increments and is quite useful in tracking trends.
- ⇒ To get an hourly forecast of weather elements, scroll down to "Additional Forecasts and Information" and click on "Hourly Weather Graph"
 - Check the desired information boxes, such as surface wind, wave height, wave periods, sky cover, rain, fog or freezing spray.
 - Adjust the date and time for the 48-Hour Period you want to view.
 - Click the Submit button for a graphical hourly forecast of each weather element selected.

Weather forecasts are updated several times per day and sometimes have radical changes within a very short time. It is important that the mariner exercise caution when using this information because predictions may not always be accurate for the area of interest. Safe boating for all.

District 20 Cruise & Rendezvous, Rockford Riverview Inn



Rich Barta, Sue & Tony Palazzo



Rich Davidson



Stuart Zwang



Nancy Sibrava-Koenen



Karen & Frank D'Amico



Tony Palazzo



Natalie Witt



SVPS 2022 Event & Cruising Schedule



When	Event	Location	Host
Sept 14-18 Wed-Sun	USPS Governing Board National Meeting	Raleigh, NC	USPS
September 18 Sunday	Member Meeting	Bucca di Beppo, Wheeling	Ron Zingler
October 23 Sunday	Member Meeting	Sal & Tony's, Buffalo Grove	Ron Zingler
October 28-29	D20 Fall Conference	Bloomington, IL	Mid Illini Squadron
November 13 Sunday	Anniversary Dinner	Dover Straits, Mundelein	Ron Zingler
December 11 Sunday	Commander's Holiday Party	TBD	Commander

Team North Shore

September Executive Committee Meeting: Wed Sept 7th at 7:00 pm Central

Zoom Meeting ID: 868 1184 8950, Passcode: 039527

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86811848950?pwd=cVY2YXF1dGpNS05mZGVVVVGJ0ckxOdz09>

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September Anniversaries

Lorelie Lynn	1974	9 yrs
Joseph Ratajczak	1968	27 yrs
Kay Widdis	1993	30 yrs
Paul Mulroy	1975	48 yrs

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

Cdr Tony Palazzo, AP

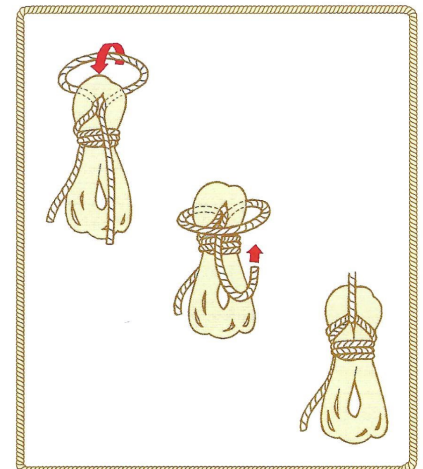


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CAPTAIN AHAB'S QUIZ



The best way to stow a line is the _____ coil.
From one end, wrap 3-4 feet around the middle of the coil working upwards. Then bring a loop from the remainder through the center, up & over, and pull tight.

(see answer on back page)

Tom Clark, AP, Contributing Editor
Courtesy of Perchant Publishing

October Dinner Meeting Sunday October 23rd

Sal and Tony's Italian Restaurant
48 Raupp Blvd in Buffalo Grove

Located on the Buffalo Grove Golf Course. The food is awesome and you will not be disappointed (if you have eaten at Mumbo's this is the same owner). Tony is looking forward to meeting you and sharing his home-style cooking.

Cocktails: 3:00 PM

Dinner: 4:00 PM

Order from the Menu

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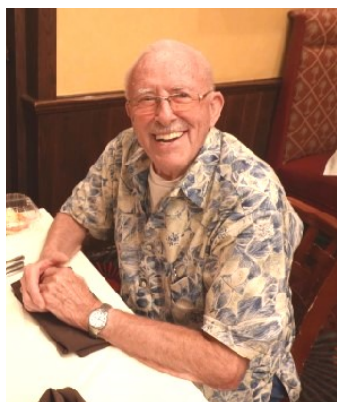


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By October 15th



A few days ago, our dear friend Dick Hughes passed away. Dick was always so generous with his time and talents. He was always willing to help a friend. When he and Dorothy had their real estate offices here in Mt Prospect, they hosted many of our meetings and classes.

Dick and Dorothy were avid boaters. Every weekend they took their boat out fishing. Dick was always one of the host boats for the annual Fishing Derby contest. They did the Great Loop multiple times, in both directions, and invited members to join them on different legs of the journey. What a great experience. Dick had so many great stories to tell and he gave a wonderful presentation about the trip at a few of our squadron dinners.



Dick and Dorothy stayed active even after they moved to Florida. They started organizing our annual Winter Cruise South events, which often had more people attend than the Winter Cruise North! They always welcomed friends into their house for a visit. They often came back home for one of our dinner meetings or an impromptu lunch that drew a crowd of old friends. I am grateful we had a chance to see Dick one last time at our Anniversary dinner last year. He will be greatly missed.

America's Boating Club Cruise to Northern Lake Michigan

By Dave Anthony

The Plan

Friday-Sunday nights in South haven, Plan 1 dinner with all 20 people, 10 boats

Monday-Wednesday nights in Saugatuck at the Ship n Shore, only place in town I could get reservations for 7 boats, 3 were heading south.

Thursday-Saturday nights in Holland for 6 boats, one boat going home after Saugatuck.

Sunday and Monday nights in Grand Haven for 3 boats, 3 heading home Sunday.

Tuesday – Thursday nights in Port Washington.

Friday head back to North Point or stop for a night in Racine.

The Cast

Power Boats

Tony and Sue Palazzo
 Ron and Joanne Zingler
 Jim and Dennis Soyka
 Ray and Deb Adam
 Dave and Sue Anthony
 Dan and Chris Luczak
 Bob and Kathy Kowalski

Offtime
 Gotta Love It
 Grand Finale
 Reel Paradise
 Relax Inn
 Seventh Lady
 Rhapsody in Blue

Sail Boats

John and Hilda Bagan
 Bob and Linda Kulavitz
 Dave and Sandra Harris

At Last
 It's All Good
 Pumpkin Ears

What Actually Happened

The sail boats wanted to be in port before the power boats just once on the trip, so I changed the reservations for them to leave Thursday morning. Wednesday night the forecast changed and if we did not leave on Thursday we probably could not go until Sunday, so Thursday morning I got reservations changed again and all but 2 boats left Thursday the other 2 could not leave until Sunday due to lake conditions. When we left North Point, I hit GO TO on my GPS and nothing happened, my GPS burned up, glad I had Navionics on my phone.

With almost perfect timing, the sailboats did arrive before the powerboats from North Point by an hour or two. When I pulled into South Haven Yacht Club to fuel up, the attendant dropped my gas cap in the river, so duct tape to the rescue of course. River dockage has its challenges, with waves and boats rocking all night, this was true for the next 2 ports also.

As for dinner with everyone, no place takes reservations, and no one wants a group that size due to staffing issues. Still, we had many great meals, including Black River Inn, Clementine's, and The Idler. There was lots of shopping, even a farmers' market. Su Casa dinner was not as good as in past years. The marina had a clubhouse at the office that we used one night to play games, have cocktails and order pizza. John walked to Venezia to pick up pizza and it was very good. Four of us had a great lunch at Maria's Italian. We inquired about a reservation and were told if we showed up Sunday at 11:30 am, they would seat us all together on the second floor.



South Haven

Traveling from South Haven to Saugatuck



Saturday the forecast changed and if we did not leave Sunday, we may not get out for a few more days, so back to changing reservations. I was able to get Singapore Yacht club to commit to Sunday night for 7 boats, but needed to work on getting us there longer, so we did not have to move. So, the north cruise left before noon on Sunday, while the south cruise had lunch at Maria's and did not get on the water for 3 more days.

When arriving in Saugatuck, Tom, the dock master, was able to pull out a miracle and we were all able to stay in our slips for 4 nights, Sunday – Wednesday. In 14 years, Tom has nev-

er been able to get 7 boats reservations at one time. The only issue to complain about is the showers at Singapore Yacht Club are only 6'1" tall and about 30" square, you need to open the door to wash your feet. Not much of an issue.

We had many great meals here also at Mermaid, Coral Gables and Deb made pork roast one night for all. We used the clubhouse, everyone brought something, and it was a wonderful evening of laughs and good cheer.

While in Saugatuck, it was my birthday, so I wanted to have a birthday dinner with all 14 people. This was more difficult than it sounds. Bob and Kathy found that The Barge would accommodate us, but it is a burger place and mostly outside. There is an upscale restaurant called Bowdey's that I wanted to get, but they needed 48 hours' notice for a group that size. I sent some people for breakfast to Pumpnickel's and Linda spoke to them and they agreed to give us the patio for a birthday dinner. This worked out great with great meals, steaks, fish, and even salads. The crew even surprised me with a Killwin's chocolate ice cream birthday cake, YUMM.



Birthday Dinner at Pumpnickel

After 4 nights in Saugatuck, we actually left somewhere on the day planned. One boat had a family emergency, so 2 sailboats headed home on Thursday leaving 5 boats for Holland. Holland had the 5 boats spread out over 3 different docks and town is 5 miles away.

We got hooked up with a retired boater that works like an Uber to drive you around. The Paisley Pig restaurant is about 1.5 miles. Food was really good so we ate there 2 nights in a row, but we also ordered pizza one night and that was not so good.



The Crew in Saugatuck



Cruising in Holland

We went for a sailboat cruise aboard the At Last; what great views and a handsome captain. Went to town for shopping and ate a wonderful lunch at The Curragh, an Irish restaurant also excellent food, ventured across the street to New Holland Brewing for a couple of beers, nice. We spent an afternoon in the clubhouse at the pool while Sue needed to do some work.

One boat left on Friday to head home and one left Sunday when the last 3 left for Grand Haven. We were really looking forward to Grand Haven as that is where we wanted to go, but were unable to get slips on the weekend, so we went to Holland.

We had a fantastic late lunch and cocktails at the Kirby House then went shopping and had ice cream. On the way back to the boats, Saw the Musical Fountain; it was a special Moody Blues Music night. What a show.



Musical Fountain

Planned on having dinner the next night at Porto Bella Italian but again the weather changed for Tuesday and we needed to leave on Monday for Port Washington. Port was a great little town but here is where the weather really warmed up. We were tied up to the wall in the fishing basin which is the closest dock to town. Calm water, floating docks and no rocking at night This side of the lake does have its advantages.

Again, with the great food suppliers, Twisted Willow, never disappoints, Schooner Pub and we found a quaint little place called The Steerage in the basement of a building, it's like an old-world wooden pub, what a surprise here. My sister-in-law came to town and took the girls to Cedarburg for a day of shopping, lunch and chocolates.

We decided to head for home on Thursday, as you can only take so much fun for one trip. I was just north of Milwaukee with dead calm water when my port engine started revving. The only reason I could come up with was the center hub on my stainless prop might be slipping. Ray and Deb were staying with me to make sure I got home.

I happen to have a spare from when I changed them previously, so I stopped, opened the tailgate and tilted the drive. I was working on pulling the prop off when one of the Blue Angel jets buzzed the boat at about 300 feet off the water. What a site, should have had a camera instead of a propeller in my hand. A few jets made a few more passes while I finished changing the hub. I babied it back on plain and was able to successfully return to North Point, I opened it up outside the marina and it worked fine. What great luck.

John and Hilda arrived a couple hours later so all returned safely to home port. Five of the boats have never traveled Lake Michigan ports before but all agree it was a phenomenal trip. Having traveled Lake Michigan quite a bit, I can say I was excited and surprised with the few issues that came up. It rained about 4 times for an hour or less or overnight. Those that travel know that this is not the norm.

Until next year when we will try and beat this trip!



Sunrise in Port Washington

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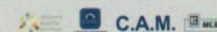
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