



Membership Newsletter - Volume 23 Issue 9

Running Lights

September 2023

America's Boating Club North Shore September Member Meeting Sunday September 17th 1 PM

Member meetings are starting up again in September. Don't miss this favorite destination on Deep Lake. With a special invitation to Joe Paldo's lodge on Crooked Lake.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMANDER

For some September begins the end of summer activities. There are still a few more weeks before the scheduling of haul outs begin. There is still time to get one more trip or a few more weekends at the boat. For Skokie Valley, September is the beginning of our monthly general membership meetings again. Also the Governing Board meeting that Karen and I will be attending this week.

We had a fun event in August, the Sundowner at the Shanty in Wadsworth. The food was excellent there. Richard and Marilyn Calfa came and it was so great to see them well again. See the pictures in this edition. Also, in this month's issue is a recap of the summer cruise across Lake Michigan that Dave Anthony organized.

We also received some sad news this month. One of our dearest members P/C Caryl Lemke passed away. She was a member who gave so much to Skokie Valley over the years. She started as a women's auxiliary member (before women were allowed to be members) and became an active member in 1990. She was our squadron commander in 1998. For many years she was our Membership Committee Chair and had new member meet & greets at her home. She was also very active with "Support our Troops". She was always great to be around, and she will be greatly missed.

The Fall Governing Board Meeting will be on 27 August through 3 September in Kansas City, Mo. Karen and I will be there and will report on it in the next issue of the Running Lights. There are always activities planned in addition to various seminars, committee meetings and sessions. I highly recommend that if there is ever an opportunity to attend the Annual Meeting or Governing Board Meeting, do so.

Our next squadron event in September is our general membership dinner meeting. This one will be at Reflections in Lake Villa on September 17th. See information in this issue and RSVP to Ron Zingler. October will bring our Lake Geneva lunch cruise and the D20 Fall Conference.

—Cdr. Frank D'Amico, AP




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Mark Your Calendar



September 2023

6	Wed	Executive Board/Bridge Meeting, 1900	Zoom meeting (page 5)
15	Fri	Publication Deadline—Running Lights	Karen D'Amico (224-238-7372)
17	Sun	September Member Meeting	Reflections, Lake Villa (page 8)

October 2023

4	Wed	Executive Board/Bridge Meeting, 1900	Zoom meeting (page 5)
14	Sat	Lake Geneva Fall Colors Cruise	Lake Geneva, WI (below)
15	Sun	Publication Deadline—Running Lights	Karen D'Amico (224-238-7372)
27-28	Fri-Sat	D20 Fall Conference	Elgin Holiday Inn



Luncheon Cruise on Lake Geneva Saturday October 14th Departs at 11:30 am

Enjoy the scenic colors of fall as we cruise around the entire Lake Geneva aboard the Grand Belle of Geneva. The 2.5 hour tour includes a narrated history of the lake, catered lunch, full cash bar, and snack bar.

On the Grand Belle of Geneva the staff will serve a plated lunch of Roasted Chicken with mango salsa, herbed rice and vegetable medley. Includes fresh fruit, bakery role with butter, and apple crumb pie. A vegetarian option is also available with advanced notice. Beverages available from the cash bar on board.

Cost is \$61 per person or \$59 for seniors 65+. To make reservations, go to the website and purchase a ticket for the luncheon cruise. Availability is shown on the site.

<https://www.cruiselakegeneva.com/public-tours/luncheon/>

We will meet at the Riviera Docks in downtown Lake Geneva 10:45-11:00 am.

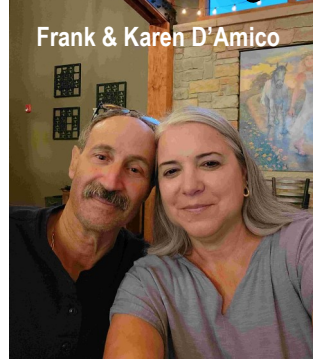
Riviera Docks: 812 Wrigley Drive, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin

Boarding begins at 11:15 am. Paid parking is available via metered kiosks throughout the downtown area and there are two free lots. Click here for information.

<https://www.cruiselakegeneva.com/parking-directions/>

RSVP to Frank & Karen D'Amico, 224-238-7372 or kdamico@ameritech.net

North Shore Sundowner at the Shanty



Frank & Karen D'Amico



Happy Birthday to one of our past members, Jim Walkowiak! Ron and Joanne Zingler attended Jim's 90th birthday party June 30th. Although Jim sold his boat last year, he still sometimes visits the harbor in Racine aboard his daughter's boat.



Tony & Sue Palazzo



Marilyn Calfa & Christine March

Richard Calfa & Larry March



Rich Barta, Rich Davidson, Chuck Burger



Joe & Lori Ratajczak

Can You Help?

We are seeking a Membership chairperson to assist with onboarding new members and driving awareness about member benefits.

Contact Ron Zingler if you're interested

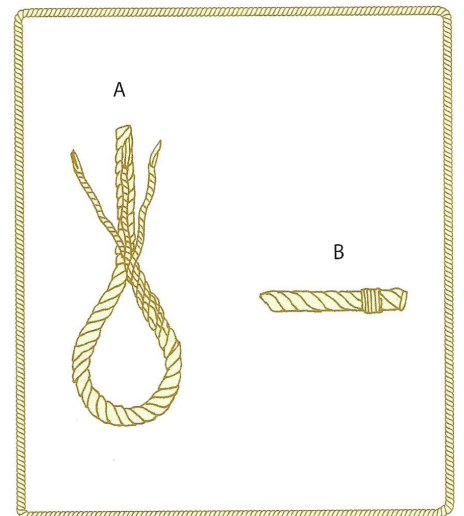
September Anniversaries

Lynn Lorelie	1974	10 yrs
Joe Ratajczak	1968	29 yrs
Kay Widdis	1993	32 yrs
Dennis McNamara	1975	49 yrs
Paul Mulroy	1975	50 yrs

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

Cdr Frank D'Amico, AP

CAPTAIN AHAB'S QUIZ



A) When making an eye splice on the end of a line, how many tucks are recommended? B) the "lay" of the line refers to the _____ of the twist in the strands.

(see answer on back page)

Tom Clark, AP, Contributing Editor
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SVPS 2023 Event & Cruising Schedule



When	Event	Location	Host
September 17th Sunday	Dinner Meeting	Reflections, Lake Villa	Ron Zingler and Joe Paldo
October 14th Saturday	Lake Geneva Boat Cruise Tour	Lake Geneva, WI	Frank and Karen D'Amico
October 28th	District 20 Fall Conference	Holiday Inn Elgin	District 20
November 4th Saturday	Anniversary Dinner	TBA	Ron Zingler
December 10th Sunday	Commanders Holiday Party	Hoffman Estates	Commander Frank D'Amico

The boating community uses many acronyms that someone new to boating may not understand. The acronym ATONS references aids to navigation. In 2020 America's Boating Channel produced "[Introducing ATONS](#)," a video showing how buoys, day beacons, and other marks provide aids to navigation. This short video offers a wonderful introduction to ATONS. In it, viewers also learn about categories such as lateral and regulatory ATONS, as well as special purpose and danger marks.



In 2022, another ATONS video was released. Entitled "[Digital Charts and Virtual ATONS](#)," it covers the effort underway to replace paper nautical charts with electronic navigation charts. This video introduces viewers to three types of new virtual aids to navigation. Also featured are tips for using these enhancements and how they will make recreational boating safer.

If you or someone you know needs a refresher before getting out on the water, there is an invaluable library of videos produced by America's Boating Channel. The videos referenced here, and others, are available to USPS members to view and download for free at bit.ly/USPSABC. There is an index to help you find the topic you need, which is very convenient for instructors who want to use these videos in the classroom without the need for an internet connection.

Visit America's Boating Channel on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/@AmericasBoatingChannel> to find these and nearly 100 other safe boating videos, which are an excellent tool to help recruit participants to our educational program and to membership. Invite your friends and neighbors to watch, like and subscribe to America's Boating Channel to introduce them to what our organization has to offer. In addition to YouTube, these professionally produced high-definition safe boating and boater education videos are available via the America's Boating Channel on-demand app on Roku or FireTV. [America's Boating Channel™](#) is produced by the United States Power Squadrons® (USPS) under a grant from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund administered by the U.S. Coast Guard.

Team North Shore

Executive Committee Meeting: Wed Sept 6th 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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Magnificent 7 2023 Trip by Dave Anthony

I thought it would be very difficult to better the trip from last year, so I was a little concerned.

It started out on July 7th with 3 sailboats leaving North Point Marina at 3:00 am followed by the 4 power boats at 6:00 am, as scheduled. The first 3 boats arrived in Grand Haven in 3 hours and 5 minutes at 92 miles. We fueled up and were tied up in our slips by 11:00 am Michigan time. We had ice cream for lunch while waiting for others. All boats were in by 3pm.

While in this port we took a pedal boat ride where 10 people at a time pedaled the paddlewheel to move the pontoon boat, went to a farmers' market, and played Bocce ball. The 15 of us had dinner at Porto Bella which still has great Italian food. We watched the musical fountain each night, with the first night having a theme of Christmas in July. Eight of us went to the harbor entrance on bikes and walked to watch the sunset.

Boats pictured left to right: Rhapsody in Blue, Seventh Lady, At Last, Relax Inn, Reel Paradise, It's All Good and Pumpkin Ears

After 3 nights in Grand Haven, then off to Whitehall and Montague to Keenan Marina, 30 miles. More great food and bars, the largest weathervane, swimming pool with a clubhouse, and lots of biking. The clubhouse came in handy as we had 1 afternoon and evening of rain. Capped off with diner at Mylan's Waterfront Grill.



Left: Ray's Favorite ice cream shop in Whitehall

Three nights then 35 miles to Pentwater. Here we shared 70' slips at Snug Harbor right at the edge of town. Great facilities and location. Shopping and ice cream was abundant. Ordered pizza on the dock, John and Ray walked 2 blocks to pick it up.



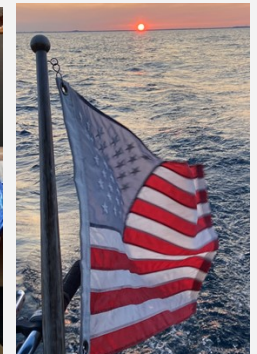
Left: Replenishing supplies in Pentwater

Two nights then off 13 miles to Ludington. Another pool and clubhouse stop. Breweries with great food, the Badger docked just south of us, the 140' Coast Guard cutter, Katmai Bay docked 1 night right across the channel from us, biking and shopping. Great steak and seafood at Timbers Prime for the group meal. Rhapsody in Blue left on Sunday to return to Northpoint and had a pretty rough ride across the 120 miles.

One of the Badger's last trips before it broke for the season



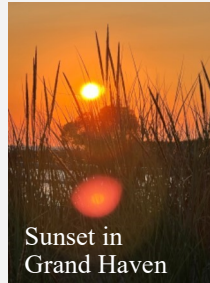
Dinner at Timbers Prime in Ludington



Sunrise on the At Last leaving Ludington



Pedal boat ride in Grand Haven



Sunset in Grand Haven



7 boats in Grand Haven



Sailboats leaving Whitehall



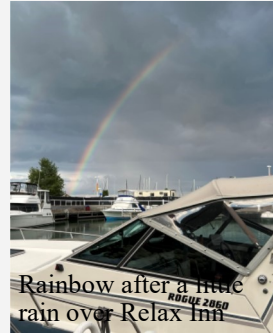
Perfect shot of sunset at Pentwater fuel dock

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All 8 boats in Port Washington, once Ron and Jim joined in

Three nights then across the lake again to Port Washington, 82 miles, it was a bit rough but only slowed the powerboats down to about 25-27 mph. Here is where Ron, Joanne and Jim and Dennis Soyka joined our flotilla. A group dinner at The Steerage, a sleeper restaurant in a basement. Twisted Willow was the choice for another group dinner, they never disappoint. Fork and Tap, The Schooner and Dockside Deli were also favorite spots. Some walked up the steps to the church while others checked out the fishing catches from the charters, nice size King Salmon. Duluth Trading and Bernie's Meats were favorite shopping spots.



Rainbow after a heavy rain over Relax Inn



Dinner at The Steerage

Three nights in Port Washington then off to Milwaukee on Friday morning, a quick 25-mile cruise. Got in early enough to see the practice day for the Air Show. Rhapsody in Blue rejoined the flotilla. Group dinner at Dorsia's, Italian food that you order by the flight, so you can try up to 5 pasta dishes to split, really delicious. Dan and Deb Armin, former Mdock members, joined us since they dock in Milwaukee now. Saturday was the Air Show and snacking on the dock. A couple of passing showers but nothing major. Then John and Parker, Dave and Sandra put together nachos, taquitos and pierogi dinner, Yum.



Sunday morning 5 boats headed back to Northpoint which left Relax Inn and Pumpkin Ears to watch the Sunday show. This show had a few more planes and an extra-long finish by the Blue Angels.

Three nights and then time to return to Northpoint, 41 miles on the smoothest water that Lake Michigan has to offer. Wind Point had an absolute mirror water surface, this is a rarity. 1 hour 35 minutes and I was back at my slip awaiting the final sailboat to return about 12:45.

This trip went exactly as planned, every move was on time, every port was as expected. I have spoiled my dock mates on what cruising can be at its best. I set up all the cruising ports and I had a dinner director that set up the group dinners, thank you Linda. I traveled 320 miles, 12.5 hours of cruising. Sailboats took a little longer to travel, about 45 hours but they did not use 286 gallons of fuel they were close to 45 gallons, while other powerboats used more fuel.



In memory of Caryl Lemke...

Caryl officially joined as an active member in 1990 and she was our 2nd female commander in 1998. She and Bud were married 65 years! They were always together. They worked hard to teach, recruit and welcome new members. Its not hard to imagine how Caryl earned 31 merit marks over the years.

Not surprising, their boat was named Always II. They kept it at North Point, with the runabout and the floating hot tub next to it. We sure had a lot of fun. One of my favorite events that Bud & Caryl hosted was the pig roast on the beach at North Point.

We shared a lot of great memories. I'm sure each one of you would say how kind and thoughtful Caryl was to everyone. She will be greatly missed by so many friends.

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Enjoy great Polish home cooking at Reflections in Lake Villa. Sunday afternoon cocktails on the deck and a meeting with a beautiful views of Deep Lake.

After dinner, Joe Paldo has invited everyone to his lodge on Crooked Lake, just 3 blocks from the restaurant.

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Cocktails: 1:00 PM

Dinner: 2:00 PM order from the menu with separate checks

After Party: Joe Paldo's Lodge (3 blocks away)



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Captain Ahab answer:

- A) a minimum of 5 tucks
- B) direction of the twist



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