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## SKOKIE VALLEY SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON

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# Running Lights

## December 2025

You're Invited...  
Commander's Open House  
Sunday 7 December 2025  
1 PM ~ 5 PM



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**A MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMANDER**

The holidays are here, and with them our first really big snow-fall (you all how much I like the cold and snow). I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving Day and a productive (if you were brave enough to venture out ) Black Friday before the snow hit.

Many thanks to Jim Soyka for the work he has done collecting merit mark recommendations and submitting them. We had 22 members approved for merit marks. Thanks to everyone for all you do for Skokie Valley. It's our members and the time you put into this that make us a great squadron.

In November, we enjoyed our anniversary meeting and a great dinner at Dover Straits. Thanks to Ron and Joanne Zingler for organizing the dinner, and for the memorable slide show of pictures from our events over the past few years. After the dinner and a short meeting, we had the occasion to swear in Lorri Zwang officially as our newest member.

Also in November, Ron and Joanne Zingler hosted a cruise planning meeting at their home to come up with an activities calendar for 2026. We have some great cruises planned and also some ideas for new restaurants to try out for our dinner meetings in 2026. The first draft of the calendar will be published in the January issue of the Running Lights.

In December, you are all invited to the Commander's Open House holiday event on Sunday, December 7th. We will be serving food from 1-5 PM and you can come anytime during the afternoon. Of course, we will have the Bears/Packers game on in the afternoon.

We have already started planning for the Chicago Boat Show in January. Mike Ludtke from Waukegan is organizing volunteers to help with the D20 booth. Karen and I will be printing flyers to hand out about classes and membership. Dan Luczak has ideas for some interesting video content to grab attention. There is a lot to do. Most important is talking to visitors during the Show. Please volunteer your time if possible.

As the various holidays start to come up, let's not forget the past year and again take a minute to reflect on the many events and gatherings of the past year. Remember what we have accomplished, what we have lost—including acquaintances, friends and especially family—and what we are striving for.

Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa or Boxing Day, whichever holiday you are preparing for, let's spend time being closer together enjoying those we are with, and maybe reaching out to those we have not talked to recently. Sometimes we get wrapped up in all that goes on during the holidays that we forget that this time is for family, friends, coworkers, and even strangers that we help without knowing them..

I hope to see you at our Commander's Open House event. Wishing you and your family a happy and safe holiday season! From my family...Frank, Karen and our dogs Kaiya and Willow.



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—Cdr. Frank D'Amico, AP





# Mark Your Calendar



## December 2025

3	Wed	Executive Board/Bridge Meeting, 1900	Zoom meeting - page 6
7	Sun	Commander's Holiday Open House	Hoffman Estates - page 5
15	Sat	Publication Deadline—Running Lights	Karen D'Amico (224-238-7372)

## January 2026

5	Wed	Executive Board/Bridge Meeting, 1900	Zoom meeting - page 6
15	Thurs	Publication Deadline—Running Lights	Karen D'Amico (224-238-7372)
18	Sun	Member Dinner Meeting	Buffalo Grove—below
25	Sun	Waukegan Squadron Change of Watch	Dover Straits, Mundelein
28-1	Wed-Sun	Chicago Boat Show	Donald E Stephens Conv Center, Rosemont

## January Dinner Meeting Sunday January 18th

**Sal & 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  
with this home-style Italian cooking

Cocktails: 3:00 PM

Dinner: 4:00 PM

Order from the Menu

<https://salandtonysitalian.com/>

RSVP to Ron Zingler

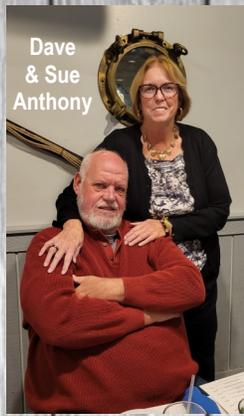
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# Happy Anniversary Skokie Valley!



Dave & Sue Anthony



Susan & Tony Palazzo, Lenore Stevens



Stuart Zwang, Jim Soyka



Lorri Zwang is sworn in as a new member at our Anniversary Meeting



Ron Dziagwa



Rich Barta



Karen & Frank D'Amico



Tony & Susan Palazzo



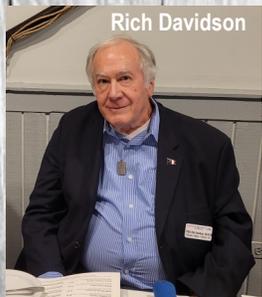
Mike & Ellen Ludtke



Don & Gail Sidman



Natalie Witt



Rich Davidson



Ron Zingler & LeRoy Stevens



Chuck Burger



Lenore & LeRoy Stevens



Ron & Joanne Zingler



Stuart & Lorri Zwang



Dave Anthony & Dan Luczak



# SVPS 2025 Event & Cruising Schedule



When	Event	Location	Host
Sunday December 7	Commanders Holiday Party	Hoffman Estates	Frank D'Amico

## Commander's Open House Sunday 7 December 2025 1 PM ~ 5 PM

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

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

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



**Team North Shore** Executive Committee Meeting: **December 3 at 7:00 pm Central**  
 Zoom Meeting ID: **868 7111 5662**, Passcode: **485679**  
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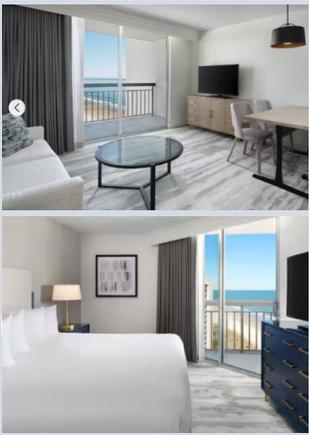
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 Tell Your Story

**America's Boating Club Annual Meeting**  
**Embassy Suites by Hilton Myrtle Beach**  
**Oceanfront Resort at Kingston Plantation**  
 Feb 10 - Feb 15, 2026 - \$209 Per Night  
 9800 Queensway Blvd, Myrtle Beach, SC, US

All rooms are suites with a separate bedroom from living/kitchen area.  
 Includes Daily: Free Parking, Free Breakfast, and Free Cocktail Party. *Karen*

[NMC Current Hotel Information Myrtle Beach SC](#)

Cdr D'Amico will be hosting a hospitality suite Friday Feb 13th; all members are welcome!

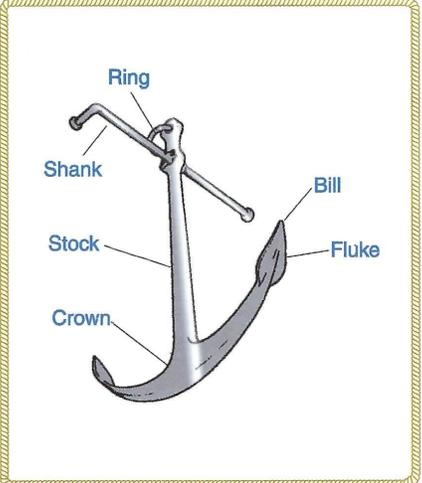


**December Anniversaries**

Lorri Zwang	2024	1 yr
Ron Dziagwa	2022	3 yrs
Marita Ocampo	2005	20 yrs
Birute Apke	2001	24 yrs
James Soyka	1992	33 yrs
Keith & Kyle Parker	1991	34 yrs
James Koolish	1991	34 yrs
Karen D'Amico	1991	34 yrs
Ed Colaprete	1988	37 yrs
Bruce & Denyse Goodman	1986	39 yrs

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

**CAPTAIN AHAB'S QUIZ**

In the above, which two descriptors have been transposed?

(see answer on back page)

Tom Clark, AP, Contributing Editor  
 Courtesy of Perchant Publishing

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Captain Ahab answer:

“Shank” has been transposed with  
“Stock” and vice versa.

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