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A MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMANDER

June is here and the “official” start of Summer has begun. Boats are being ready for day trips, weekend trips, and even year-long trips. It’s time to put into practice all the ideas USPS stands for. Help fellow boaters whenever possible, teach and share your boating knowledge and experience, and most importantly Be Safe.

As a recap of May, I want to thank Ron and Joanne Zingler for an excellent May General Meeting venue. Demitri’s Greek Restaurant was the perfect location for Jim Soyka’s knot tying refresher (with Chuck Burger’s assistance), and for a group picture with our life jackets for Safe Boating Week. Thank you, Ron Dziagwa, for suggesting that idea.

Also in May, our Educational Officer Chuck Burger completed the America’s Boating Course with two graduates, Casey and Leslie Pratt. They have also become our newest members. I look forward to having them join us at upcoming General Meeting and possibly other get togethers during the summer. Let’s make them feel part of the family.

Speaking of summer events, unfortunately the annual Fishing Derby and Sundowner had to be canceled due to weather and lake conditions that day. Sue and Dave Anthony informed us that morning that the fishing boats were not going out and they were able to reach the fishing individuals. Karen sent an email to all squadron members of the cancellations, while we made a few calls to expected attendees.

We rescheduled the Sundowner portion of the event for next Saturday 07 June. We’ll be gathering at the BBQ area by Q dock at 5:00pm for pizza and salad. Remember to bring a chair and beverage of your choice. Our Fire Master Tony Palazzo will afterwards start his famous bonfire to be enjoyed into the night. **Please RSVP to Sue Anthony (dave-sue-anthony@comcast.net) if you plan to attend.**

In June and July, some members will be cruising to several events. There are 3 weekends of Milwaukee Summerfest with various entertainers each weekend. Karen and I will be driving up on the final weekend in July and hopefully meet up with some of our boating members who are cruising to Milwaukee that weekend. Dan & Chris Luczak have an exciting Lake Michigan Summer Cruise planned with several ports they will be visiting. Reach out to Dan if you are interested in meeting up with them at any ports. See page 4 of this Running Lights for details about both these cruises. Then the Palazzos will be cruising to Milwaukee Air & Water Show in July. See page 8 and contact Tony if you want to meet up in Milwaukee.

Remember to try getting the word out if you are planning a trip that others may be able to participate in. I hope to see you this summer in person at some of the events and online during our Executive Meetings.



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—Cdr. Frank D’Amico, AP





Mark Your Calendar



June 2025

4	Wed	Executive Board/Bridge Meeting, 1900	Zoom meeting - page 6
7	Sat	North Point Sundowner	North Point Marina - page 8
15	Sun	Publication Deadline—Running Lights	Karen D’Amico (224-238-7372)
19-28	Thurs-Sat	Milwaukee Summerfest	www.summerfest.com/lineup/

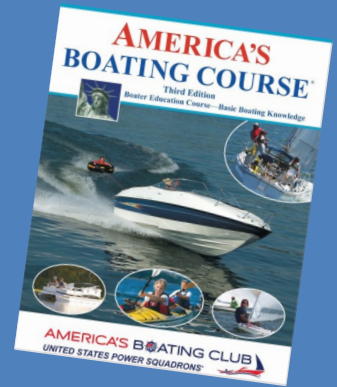
July 2025

3-6	Thurs-Sun	Milwaukee Summerfest Cruise	Milwaukee WI - page 4
6-17	Sun-Thurs	Lake Michigan Extended Summer Cruise	Various ports - page 4
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15	Thurs	Publication Deadline—Running Lights	Karen D’Amico (224-238-7372)
19-20	Sat-Sun	Milwaukee Air & Water Show	www.mkeairwatershow.com - page 8



Congratulations and welcome to our newest members, Casey and Leslie Pratt, who just passed the America’s Boating Class.

— SEO Chuck Burger



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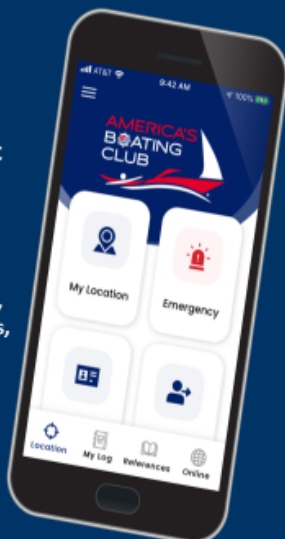
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Cruise to Milwaukee Summerfest July 3-6, 2025 By Boat or By Car!

By Boat: Slips must be reserved with McKinley Marina (414-273-5224) and they will put you on a list. You will be notified 3 weeks prior to your reservation about your slip.



- July 3rd: Cruise to Milwaukee - 8:00am departure Kenosha
- July 4th: Day@ Summerfest - band Chicago playing 9:30pm at BMO Theatre
- July 5th: Day@ Summerfest
- July 6th: Return to home port

By Car: www.summerfest.com/getting-here/

Consider staying at the Plaza Hotel, conveniently located between the festival and McKinley Marina (1007 N Cass St, Milwaukee, WI 53202)

General Admission Tickets: \$30 available online or at box office

Summerfest Hours: Noon to midnight

www.summerfest.com/ticket-info/

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Contact Ron Zingler if you are attending
 847-946-2516 or zingleron@comcast.net



Lake Michigan Summer Cruise

Extend your Milwaukee Summerfest trip 2 more weeks starting from McKinley Harbor and traveling around the Lake...

Arrival	Depart	Trip	Port	Nights	Miles
7/3-Thurs	7/6-Sun	NorthPoint to McKinley	McKinley	3	41
7/6-Sun	7/7-Mon	McKinley to Manitowic	Manitowic Marina	1	75
7/7-Mon	7/9-Wed	Manitowic to Frankfort (Cross)	Jacobson Marina	2	78
7/9-Wed	7/11-Fri	Frankfort to Mainistee	Mainistee Muncipal	2	27
7/11-Fri	7/13-Sun	Mainistee to Ludington	Harbor View	2	25
7/13-Sun	7/15-Tues	Ludington to Grand Haven	Grand Haven Muncipal	2	65
7/15-Tues	7/17-Thurs	Grand Haven to Saugatuck	Singapore	2	30
7/17-Thurs	7/17-Thurs	Saugatuck to NorthPoint			80

Contact Dan Luczak to join the cruise at any port! 708-795-0367



Ron Zingler, Tony Palazzo, Ron Dziagwa



Susan Palazzo, Sue Anthony



Chuck Burger, Jim Soyka



Joanne Zingler, Mary Soyka



Dave Anthony, Rich Barta, Dan Luczak



Frank & Karen D'Amico



Don & Gail Sidman, Rich Davidson



LeRoy & Lenore Stevens

May Member Dinner Meeting



Rich Davidson, Gail & Don Sidman



Nancy Sibrava-Koener, Chuck Burger



Mary & Jim Soyka, Ron Zingler



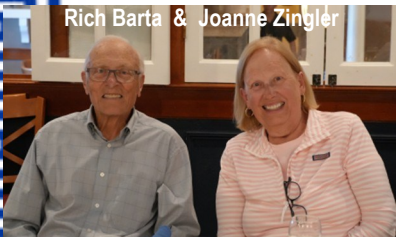
Susan & Tony Palazzo



LeRoy & Lenore Stevens



Ron Dziagwa, Sue & Dave Anthony, Dan Luczak



Rich Barta & Joanne Zingler



Karen & Frank D'Amico

Thank you Jim Soyka and Chuck Burger for the refresher session and practice tying important knots!



Jim Soyka demonstrating throwing a line



Jim Soyka demonstrating knots



SVPS 2025 Event & Cruising Schedule



When	Event	Location	Host
June 7	North Point Sundowner	North Point Marina	Sue Anthony
July 3-6	Summerfest Milwaukee Cruise	McKinley Harbor, Milwaukee WI 414-273-5224	Ron Zingler
July 19-20	Milwaukee Air & Water Show	McKinley Harbor	Tony Palazzo
August 23	D20 Cruise & Rendezvous	Heritage Harbor, Ottawa, IL	District 20
September 2-7	America's Boating Club Fall Governing Board Meeting	Grand Rapids, MI	National Meeting
September 21	Dinner Meeting	Reflections	Ron Zingler
Sunday October 19	Lake Geneva Boat Cruise Tour— Sunday Brunch	Lake Geneva, WI	Frank D'Amico
Saturday October 25	District 20 Fall Conference	TBD	District 20
Sunday November 9	Anniversary Dinner	Dover Straits	Ron Zingler
Sunday December 7	Commanders Holiday Party	Hoffman Estates	Frank D'Amico

Team North Shore

Executive Committee Meeting: June 4 at 7:00 pm Central
Zoom Meeting ID: 868 7111 5662, Passcode: 485679
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86871115662?pwd=Kf8CPv4F2vg7Kf17AqutbO2Vjm8Ns6.1>
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May & June Anniversaries

Bill Kolton	2024	1 yr
Sue Anthony	2011	14 yrs
Stuart Zwang	2000	25 yrs
Rich Davidson	1998	27 yrs
William Bellinger	1988	37 yrs
Frank Zimmerman	1979	46 yrs
T. Cepuritis	1967	58 yrs

David Anthony	2009	16 yrs
Richard Barta	2005	20 yrs
Dolores Ratajczak	2004	21 yrs
Bridget Doerner	1990	35 yrs
Rebecca Mulroy	1988	37 yrs
Natalie Witty	1988	37 yrs
Joseph Paldo	1987	38 yrs
John Rucci	1986	39 yrs

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

CAPTAIN AHAB'S QUIZ

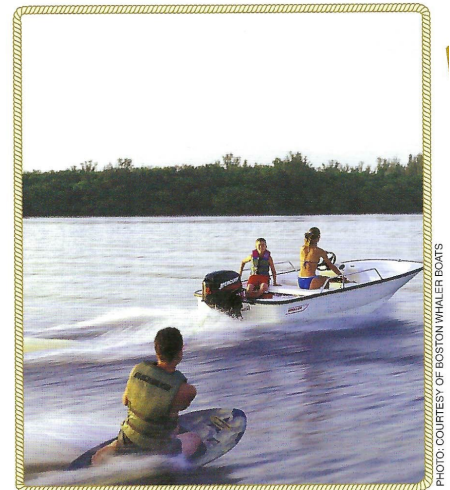


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For safe waterskiing, it is recommended to have a _____ foot wide, unobstructed "ski corridor" at least _____ to _____ feet long for the skier.

(see answer on back page)

Tom Clark, AP, Contributing Editor
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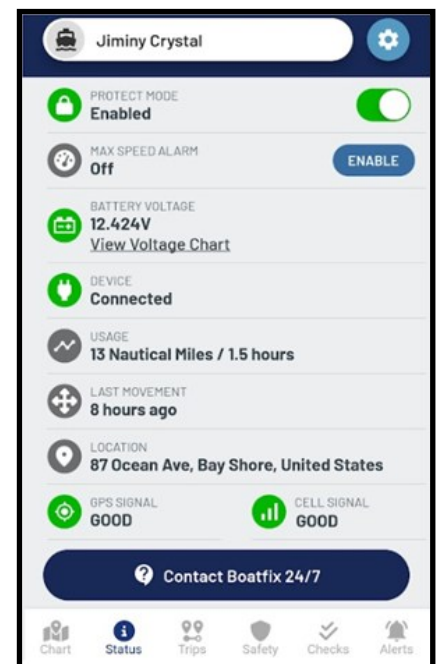
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North Point Sundowner
Rescheduled to
Saturday June 7



*Bring your own beverages
 and a chair for the bonfire!*



Meet at the outdoor BBQ area by Q dock at 5:00 PM. We will order pizza and salad for everyone present. Bring your own beverages.

Later our Fire Master Tony Palazzo will light the bonfire!

RSVP to Sue if you plan to attend
dave-sue-anthony@comcast.net


Milwaukee Air & Water Show
McKinley Park & Bradford Beach
July 19-20, 2025

10 AM: Water Show
12 PM: National Anthem + Parachute Team
3 PM: US Navy Blue Angels Flight Demonstration



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