





SKOKIE VALLEY SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON

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August 2024

**Summer Cruise & Sundowner
Racine Wisconsin - August 17, 2024**



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— MARINA —

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMANDER

July was a month of few Squadron and District activities, but there was plenty to do as a boater. July 4th was the last weekend of the Milwaukee Summerfest, which some of our members attended. Then came the D20 Cruise and Rendezvous, followed by the Milwaukee Air and Water Show.

The D20 Cruise and Rendezvous was hosted by DAO Bryan Hunt in Kenosha, WI. Karen and I stayed in Kenosha for that weekend and enjoyed the many activities near Southport Marina. Several Skokie Valley members also attended and helped with the event. Ron and Joanne Zingler and Tony and Sue Palazzo offered their hospitality with boat rides and cocktails at the dock for all D20 members.

Friday night, we met at the pop-up Beirgarden at Harbor Park. It was a nice walk from our hotel (The Stella Hotel) but there was plenty of parking nearby. The event was free to enter and the food and beverage trucks had a variety of items for sale. We met up with other District members, for some good food and drink, and listened to a live entertainment duo singing and playing great songs. We enjoyed the event very much. Afterwards, Stf/C Bob Canfield, Karen and myself when to the rooftop bar at The Stella for a last drink of the night and rooftop view.

Saturday we had breakfast at The Olive Tree restaurant, which Bryan recommended. Afterwards, we walked over to the Kenosha Light Station to meet up with about 16 other District members. The guide was very informative and had many stories to tell. Our guide educated us on the Fresnel Lens and the size (order) used in various other lighthouses. Ron Zingler climbed the 72 steps to the top of the lighthouse to take some pictures (see them later in this edition). Thanks Ron.

The lunch at Kenosha Tap House gave everyone an opportunity to sample various beers on tap (with a fob to pour your own) and each ordered their choice of lunch items. After lunch we had our D20 Council Meeting. Since D/C Jesse Bowen was not present, I was responsible for conducting the meeting. It was a very short meeting (as is my preference). We did recap Squadron activities, discussed necessary business, and a decision was made to try to organize a District committee to help with planning for the District Conferences and C&R.

After the meeting, some members went on a boat ride courtesy of Ron and Joanne Zingler, and some met on Tony and Sue Palazzo's boat for cocktails. Thanks to all for your hospitality and support of the event. That evening we walked over to The Boat House for dinner and then across the street to the Comedy Club at the Wyndham Hotel for the evening entertainment. The warmup comedian was good, but the main comedian was very funny. Afterwards had to visit the rooftop bar again for a night-cap. It was a fun and excellent day.

Now on to August. Our friends Christine and Larry March are hosting a Racine Sundowner on Saturday 17 August. This will be a cruising event for those on Lake Michigan or a drive to event for those who wish to attend by car. Those cruising will begin on Friday August 16th, and travel to Reefpoint Marina. Dinner on Friday will be at the Corner House On The Lake Restaurant. On Saturday the 17th at 1:00pm, Larry & Christine March will host at the Gaslight Point Marina Slip 18 on the Root River. For those driving, there is a parking garage at 4 Gaslight Circle. Dinner will be at the Chartroom Restaurant in Racine. The itinerary with further details are listed in this addition. Contact Ron for more information. It sounds like it will be a great time. Unfortunately Karen and I won't be able to attend (family wedding). Will they never learn, summer is for boating.

Have a safe and fun August.

—Cdr. Frank D'Amico, AP



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Mark Your Calendar



August 2024

7	Wed	Executive Board/Bridge Meeting, 1900	Zoom meeting (page 8)
15	Thurs	Publication Deadline—Running Lights	Karen D'Amico (224-238-7372)
17	Sat	Racine Sundowner	Racine, WI (page 4)

September 2024

4	Wed	Executive Board/Bridge Meeting, 1900	Zoom meeting (page 8)
15	Sun	Publication Deadline—Running Lights	Karen D'Amico (224-238-7372)
22	Sun	Member Dinner Meeting	Maggiano's, Vernon Hills (below)
24-29	Tue-Sun	USPS Fall Governing Board Conference	Pittsburgh, PA (page 5)

MEMBER DINNER MEETING SEPTEMBER 22, 2024 4 PM

MAGGIANO'S LITTLE ITALY Hawthorn Center Mall

307 Hawthorn Center
Vernon Hills, IL 60061

*Located on the south side of the mall,
next to Macy's*

This classic Italian restaurant has a variety of old world favorites, including their Take-Home-Classic pastas to enjoy later. When Maggiano's began in 1991, the dishes were simple, authentic recipes from Italian grandmothers, moms and aunts whose idea of a recipe was a pinch of this and a pinch of that. The rest is history.

Cash bar + order from the menu. Each person is responsible for their own check.

Kindly RSVP by September 15th to reserve a seat. Ron Zingler 847.634.3806 or zingleron@comcast.net



Summer Cruise & Sundowner Racine Wisconsin - August 17, 2024



Come for the fun by boat or by car and meet up in Racine, WI.

Our cruise begins Friday August 16th, we will arrive by boat with transient slip arrangements at Reefpoint Marina. Then Saturday August 17th Larry & Cristine March will host the Sundowner at their slip on the Root River.



Cruising Details...

Date	Day	Leave	Arrive	Harbor	Miles
Aug 16 th	Friday	Kenosha	Racine	Reefpoint Marina 262.633.7171	12
Aug 18 th	Sunday	Racine	Kenosha	Southport	12

Friday: Dinner 6:00pm Corner House On The Lake Restaurant
207 Gaslight Circle, Racine WI 262-637-1295

Saturday: 1:00pm Larry & Christine March invite you to Gaslight Point Marina Slip 18 on the Root River. Parking Garage is at 4 Gaslight Circle. Follow the sidewalk next to Corner House Restaurant north to the Root River.

5:30pm Dinner at the Chartroom Restaurant
209 Dodge Street, Racine, WI 262-977-7123

Sunday: Return to Home Port

Contact the marina or use online application Dochwa for slip reservations at Reefpoint Marina. Contact Ron Zingler for additional information and to register: 847.946.2516 or at zingleron@comcast.net

In Loving Memory Dorothy Hughes



We were very sad to hear about the sudden passing of Dorothy Hughes this month. She had a stroke in June and she was doing well initially, but started declining rapidly after a couple weeks. Her three sons were with her at the hospital when she died on July 13. We learned a memorial service for Dorothy will be held in Cape Coral on August 23rd.

Dick & Dorothy were long time members and loved boating. Dorothy supported so many of our activities, including organizing and hosting meetings in their home and advanced grade classes at their offices in Prospect Heights.

Dick & Dorothy regularly fished together out of North Point Marina and hosted our annual fishing derby on their boat. They did the Great Loop several times, in both directions, as they moved their boat from Chicago to Florida and back for the season. After moving down to Cape Coral permanently, they hosted the Southern Winter Cruise for our members and often hosted gatherings when anyone visited. They never passed up an opportunity to attend a member breakfast or dinner event when they were in town. While we miss them greatly, we take comfort that they are together again.



Fall Governing Board
September 24 - 29, 2024
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

For more details, visit the National Meeting website

usps.org/php/reservations_new/meetings.php?mtg_id=49

Organized activities include:

Tue 9/24: Pittsburgh Pirates vs Milwaukee Brewers Game

Wed 9/25: Pittsburgh Zoo & Aquarium

Wed 9/25: USPS Welcome Friends Dinner at the hotel

Thurs 9/26: Keynote speaker breakfast

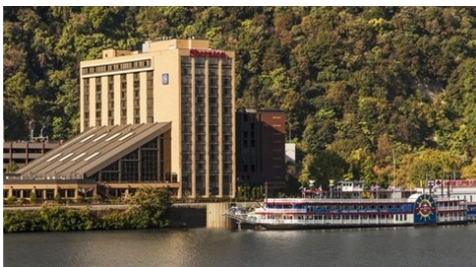
Thurs 9/26: Carnegie Museums of Art & Natural History

Thurs 9/26: Comedy Show & Dinner featuring David Kaye

Fri 9/27: Carnegie Science Center

Sat 9/28: Bilge Swabber's Ball Dinner Dance

Sheraton Pittsburgh Riverfront Hotel at Station Square



The hotel is located in Station Square, a redeveloped 52 acre complex of riverfront restaurants, entertainment, and marina. Bressemer Court features a Waltzing Waters Liquid Fireworks show. Gateway Clipper Fleet riverboats offers a variety of sightseeing and dinner cruises. Two historic funicular inclines offer panoramic views of Pittsburgh and the surrounding river area from the top of Mount Washington. Monongahela Incline at Station Square was one of the first to carry passengers in the US. A short walk away, the Duquesne Incline has a museum and viewing area of the funicular machinery in the upper station house. At the top, Point of View Park offers a scenic overlook, fountain, and walking trails.





SVPS 2024 Event & Cruising Schedule



When	Event	Location	Host
Saturday August 17th	Summer Cruise & Sundowner	Racine, WI	Larry & Christine March
September 22	Dinner Meeting	Maggiano's Little Italy	Ron Zingler
September 24-29	America's Boating Club Fall Governing Board Meeting	Pittsburgh, PA	National Meeting
Sunday October 20th	Lake Geneva Boat Cruise Tour—Sunday Brunch	Lake Geneva, WI	Frank D'Amico
TBD	District 20 Fall Conference	TBD	District 20
Sunday November 10th	Anniversary Dinner	TBA	Ron Zingler
Sunday December 8th	Commanders Holiday Party	Hoffman Estates	Frank D'Amico

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

August Anniversaries

William Goldstein	1978	48 yrs
Chuck Burger	1977	49 yrs

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

Cdr Frank D'Amico, AP

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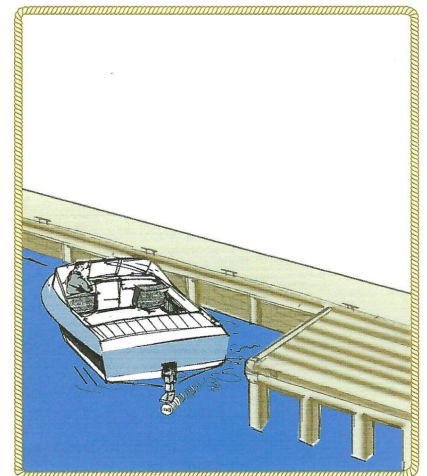
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CAPTAIN AHAB'S QUIZ



While some I/O's may steer a little sluggishly at _____ speeds, they are great for _____ your way out of a tight slip as the hull will follow the prop.

(see answer on back page)

Tom Clark, AP, Contributing Editor
Courtesy of Perchant Publishing

D20 Cruise & Rendezvous July 19-20 Kenosha, WI

Friday night we enjoyed live entertainment and an amazing dinner from the Food Trucks at the pop-up Beirgarden in Harbor Park. The beer and cider on tap paired perfectly with the huge Bavarian style pretzels from Milwaukee Pretzel Co. The band was really good and it was a beautiful evening to listen to music by the waterfront.



Karen & Frank D'Amico



Ron Zingler & Frank D'Amico

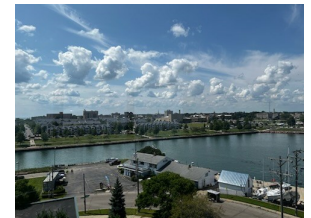


Mike Ludtke, Terry & Dave Phillips, Coleen & Fred Schuster, Rich Davidson



Ron & Joanne Zingler, Angie Hunt, and Ron Dziagwa

Saturday morning we all met at the Kenosha Lighthouse for a tour. Our guide shown here with Ron Zingler has a long history caring for the lighthouses and he was very knowledgeable. Ron Zingler climbed the 72 steps to the top of the tower to get some nice pictures of the Fresnel Lens and surrounding area.



Thanks to Ron Zingler for the pictures!

Joanne & Ron Zingler

Saturday afternoon, after lunch and the D20 Council meeting, Ron and Joanne Zingler took several members out for a boat ride. Also Tony and Sue Palazzo hosted a cocktail party on their boat before dinner.



Ron Dziagwa & Rich Davidson



Sue Palazzo, Ron Dziagwa, Rich Davidson, Coleen Hall, & Tony Palazzo



Bob Canfield, Fred Schuster, Karen & Frank D'Amico

America's Boating Channel™ Tips for Towed Sports Safety

The summer is in full swing, which makes the topic of our safety message today even more urgent – *Towed Sports Safety*. As our waterways become crowded during this time of year, it is vital to identify and implement important measures for safely water skiing, wake boarding, knee boarding, wake surfing, and tubing.



Videos like this one underscore the need for safety considerations when participating in towed sports. Did you know that according to the Coast Guard, towed water sports account for over 400 boating incidents per year. And let's not forget your life jacket when you're out having fun on the water. In addition to a properly fitted life jacket, get one designed for the type of towed sport you are enjoying.



These measures are presented in the "[Towed Sports Safety](https://www.youtube.com/@AmericasBoatingChannel)" video where viewers learn about proper equipment selection and preparing to tow a person. For instance, tube ropes should be around 60 feet long and heavier than water ski and wake board ropes that should be about 75 feet long. Also, ski ropes should have more give than wake board ropes. Additionally, the video features tips for operating underway.

Follow the video link above or visit <https://www.youtube.com/@AmericasBoatingChannel> to find this and 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.

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Team North Shore

Executive Committee Meeting: Aug 7 at 7:00 pm Central

Zoom Meeting ID: 875 8578 5751, Passcode: 949310

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87585785751?pwd=6CPnl7nwsK6PHoBnfQd8zhJOQAso4g.1>

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Ship's Store—submitted by Stuart Zwang

Some people have asked, do we still have a Ship's Store? Of course. We mostly stock squadron burgees and name tags.

For apparel, we have Christine March. Christine runs a business, Kanizzle, that provides all kinds of promotional wear. She has designed jackets, polo shirts, mugs, and hats. Her prices are absolutely great and she can get any kind of apparel in any color to allow you to customize your order. That means, no more inventory in my garage!

When I was first asked to run the Ship's Store, I said yes since we are a volunteer organization. When I was bestowed with this wonderful honor, I was given three large bins with all kinds of misfit stuff and left over sizes. We had tee shirts with the SVPS logo, and all kinds of course training manuals. We had black, pink and grey shirts from each time our squadron hosted a D20 Conference. We had a few baseball hats that Richard Calfa designed with a beige body, a blue visor, our SVPS burgee, and the tagline "Safe Boating with Friends". A number of these are still in use today.

Of course, I was going to put my mark on this endeavor. I ordered a slew of polo shirts with our logo screen printed on the left breast. I like screen printing because embroidered logos in that area scratch my chest. Then I decided we should have hoodies. I had a bunch of orange hoodies made (I figured if one of us fell in the water, it would be easier to be seen and rescued). The orange color did not go over so well. I order the same in navy hoodies that were much more popular.

By now I had five boxes of Ship's Store stuff in our garage. My wife somehow noted that this was taking up a bit of space. That was the problem with ordering stuff and hoping we could sell it. Then we also changed our brand to America's Boating Club of the North Shore. So two years ago, we had our great garage sale where we got rid of 95% of the stuff. This was a win-win. My wife got more space in the garage, we got our logo clothing on to members, and our members got a great bargain.

Christine March is a great resource for us. Aside from all the Squadron merchandise, I also ordered a bunch of sweatshirts and polo shirts for my company. They are absolutely great; I use them daily.

So dear boater, if you see any type of shirt, coat, cap, etc. that you like, you can absolutely get it from the Ship's Store. Just tell us what you want, and you will be absolutely amazed.



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