





SKOKIE VALLEY SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON

DISTRICT 20

Membership Newsletter - Volume 25 Issue 2

Running Lights

February 2025



**Member Dinner Meeting
February 16, 4:00 PM**





A MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMANDER

We made it past the holidays, and we have a few busy months in front of us. Before I get into upcoming events, there is something that I need to say to all the members of Skokie Valley Sail & Power Squadron. Try to guess the theme of this Commander's message.

I have always said that we are more than just a group of boaters. We are family that has been sharing our experiences, working together to make things happen, helping each other on the water and just as importantly off the water. We have come together to teach classes, welcome new members, aid the District with boat shows, hosted District conferences, and so much more.

I just want to say Thank You Skokie Valley for all you have done and all that you do. Thank you to members who have stepped up to aid with the past and upcoming events, thank you for planning / managing General Meetings, and thank you for making Skokie Valley the organization that it is.

Our first General Meeting this year was at Gusto Italiano Restaurant in Glenview. It was a terrific meal and well attended. Thanks to Ron and Joanne for coordinating everything.

Our next General Meeting will be at Mi Mexico in Buffalo Grove on 16 February at 4:00pm. It is a new venue for us and I'm looking forward to another great meal. Thank you to Rich Davidson for putting this together. February's General Meeting is our election dinner, for all the members that have volunteered to serve as department heads, committee members and other squadron roles. Another Big Thanks.

February is the National Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida. Karen and I look forward to bringing news about the status of iMIS, insurance, Marketing/Facebook progress, and the general welfare of our organization.

The D20 Spring Conference Committee has a meeting planned next month on the 8th of March (details in this edition of the Running Lights). The committee has accomplished a lot and we are still working on final details to make this an exciting event. All the information regarding registration, Friday night activity, guest speaker Ron Luttrell (Maritime Historian), lunch and dinner selections was printed in the District Trident. Join us for Friday night activities, Saturday's meeting, and the evening District Change of Watch.

Take a minute to look over the agenda and send in your registration form for the event (included here in Running Lights). Hotel room reservations can be made online at the [Holiday Inn website](#) (Group Code: USP). Or call 847-488-9000 and say you are part of "United States Power Squadron District 20" to receive the discounted room rate.

I hope you have guessed the theme of this Commander's message by now. Thank you Skokie Valley; you are the best!

—Cdr. Frank D'Amico, AP




**America's Boating Club North Shore
2024-2025 Bridge**

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	Lt Gail Sidman, AP	847-726-7309

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Mark Your Calendar



February 2025

4-9	Tue-Sun	America's Boating Club Annual Meeting	Orlando, Florida - page 8
15	Sat	Publication Deadline—Running Lights	Karen D'Amico (224-238-7372)
16	Sun	Member Dinner Meeting,	Mi Mexico, Buffalo Grove - page 7

March 2025

5	Wed	Executive Board/Bridge Meeting, 1900	Zoom meeting - below
8	Sat	Conference Planning Meeting, 1200	D'Amico House, Hoffman Estates
15	Sat	Publication Deadline—Running Lights	Karen D'Amico (224-238-7372)
16	Sun	Marriott Theatre Show	Marriott, Lincolnshire - page 8
29	Sat	March Member Meeting, 4:30 PM	Holiday Inn, SVPS Hospitality Suite
28-29	Fri-Sat	D20 Conference & Change of Watch	Holiday Inn, Elgin - page 4

D20 Spring Conference Planning

Want to help with the D20 Spring Conference? Come to the next planning meeting. Saturday March 8, 2025. Lunch will be served at high noon. D'Amico home: 1240 Bison Lane, Hoffman Estates



Conference Shirts, \$35 each

We are ordering denim shirts for the Wild West themed conference, with the America's Boating Club logo. If you are interested in ordering a shirt, send your size and a check payable to Frank D'Amico at the address above.

See the size charts below.

Deadline to order: February 28, 2025



Features

- Double-needle stitching throughout
- Spread collar
- Wood-tone buttons
- Garment washed for extra softness
- Subtle shade variances are a natural part of the washing process

Fabric

- 6.5 oz., 100% cotton denim

UltraClub Men's Cypress Denim with Pocket

Product Specifications

	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL	6XL
BODY WIDTH	21.5	23.5	25.5	27.5	29.5	31.5	33.5	35.5	37.5
FULL BODY LENGTH	31.5	32	32.5	33	33.25	34.25	35.25	36.25	37.25
NECK CIRCUMFERENCE	15.5	16.25	17	17.75	18.5	19.25	20	20.75	21.5
SLEEVE LENGTH	33.5	34.5	35.5	36.5	37.5	38.5	39.5	40.5	40.5

Size Chart

	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL	6XL
CHEST	35-38	39-41	42-45	46-49	50-52	53-56	57-60	61-64	65-68

UltraClub Ladies' Cypress Denim

Product Specifications

	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
BODY LENGTH	29	29.5	30	30.5	31	31.5
BODY WIDTH	21.25	22.25	23.75	25.25	26.75	28.25
NECK CIRCUMFERENCE	14.5	15.5	16.5	17.5	18.5	19.5
SLEEVE LENGTH	31.5	32.25	33.25	34	34.75	35.5

Size Chart

	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
CHEST	33-35	36-38	39-42	43-45	46-49	50-53

Team North Shore

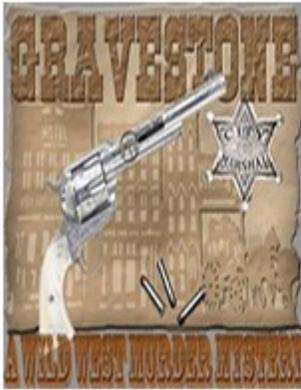
Executive Committee Meeting: **March 5 at 7:00 pm Central**

Zoom Meeting ID: **868 7111 5662**, Passcode: **485679**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86871115662?pwd=Kf8CPv4F2vg7Kf17AqutbO2Vjm8Ns6.1>

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**WILD WEST
MURDER
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"WILD" GOOD
TIME!



**DISTRICT 20 Spring
CONFERENCE**

28 - 29 March 2025

**HOLIDAY INN & SUITES
CHICAGO NORTHWEST - ELGIN**

**495 Airport Road Elgin, Illinois
60123**

Room Rates: King Standard \$115 per night, Double Queen Standard \$125 per night, Junior King Suite \$129 per Night, and King Executive Suite \$135 per night. Room block is limited.

Make reservations by 13 March: use this link: [United States Power Squadron District 20](#) **Group Code: USP** or call 847-488-9000 and reference "United States Power Squadron District 20" to receive the discounted rate.

Rank	Name	Grade	Squadron	Email	Telephone
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Lunch: Price \$32.00 per person. All lunches include Bennigan's potato soup, coffee and soda station.

- #1 _____ Very Berry Salad
- #2 _____ Turkey O'Toole
- #3 _____ Grilled Chicken Ceasar Wrap

Dinner: Includes Cream of chicken & wild rice soup, rolls, seasonal vegetables, potatoes, and NY cheesecake. Coffee and soft drinks.

- #1 _____ \$50.00 Chicken Marsala
- #2 _____ \$55.00 Grilled Salmon
- #3 _____ \$58.00 Grilled Ribeye

No. Attending	Total
_____ x \$32.00 Lunch	\$ _____
_____ Dinner Cost	\$ _____
TOTAL \$ _____	

Make checks payable to: Skokie Valley Power Squadron

Registration and check should be sent by **Wednesday, March 12, 2025** to:

Frank D'Amico
1240 Bison Lane
Hoffman Estates, IL 60192

Schedule of Events

Friday 28 March

- 1500 — 1800 Registration (Conference Center)
- 1830 — 2100 Cocktails/Cash Bar
- 1900 — 2100 Wild West Murder Mystery
- 2100 — 2300 Hospitality Suites

Saturday 29 March

- 0700 — 1100 Friendship
- 0800 — 1100 Registration (Conference Center)
- 0900 — 0950 Educational Officer Meeting
- 1000 — 1040 CC Message & National Meeting Highlights
- 1050 — 1150 Guest Speaker, Ron Luttrell, Maritime Historian
- 1200 — 1300 Lunch and Raffle Prizes
- 1315 — 1330 Verification of Delegates
- 1330 — 1530 Spring Conference
- 1700 — 1800 Cocktail Hour/Cash Bar
- 1800 — 2030 Banquet and Change of Watch
- 2030 — 2230 Hospitality Suites

Dress Code:

- Friday night Western attire or casual
- Saturday: Uniform G (short sleeve shirt, no tie or Suitable business casual attire
- Banquet USPS dress uniform or suitable attire



SVPS 2025 Event & Cruising Schedule



When	Event	Location	Host
February 2-9	America's Boating Club Annual Meeting	Rosen Plaza, Orlando FL	National Meeting
Sunday February 16th	Dinner Meeting	Mi Mexico, Buffalo Grove	Rich Davidson
Sunday March 16th	Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat	Marriott Lincolnshire Theatre	Dave & Sue Anthony
Friday-Sunday March 28-30	District 20 Spring Conference & Change of Watch	Holiday Inn, Elgin	District 20/Skokie Valley
Sunday April 6th	SVPS Change of Watch	TBD	Frank D'Amico
Sunday May 18th	Dinner Meeting	Foxtail on the Lake, Des Plaines	Ron Zingler
Saturday May 31st	Lake Michigan Fishing Derby & North Point Sundowner	North Point Marina	Dave & Sue Anthony
July 2-6	Summerfest Milwaukee Cruise	McKinley Harbor, Milwaukee WI 414-273-5224	Ron Zingler
TBD	Lake Michigan Summer Cruise	TBD	
July 19-20	Milwaukee Air and Water	McKinley Harbor	Info Only
August 23	D20 Cruise & Rendezvous	TBA	District 20
September 2-7	America's Boating Club Fall Governing Board Meeting	Grand Rapids, MI	National Meeting
September 21st	Dinner Meeting	Reflections	Ron Zingler
Sunday October 19th	Lake Geneva Boat Cruise Tour—Sunday Brunch	Lake Geneva, WI	Frank D'Amico
October 25-26	District 20 Fall Conference	TBD	District 20
Sunday November 9th	Anniversary Dinner	Dover Straits	Ron Zingler
Sunday December 7th	Commanders Holiday Party	Hoffman Estates	Frank D'Amico

Special thanks to all the members who helped out at the Chicago Boat Show this year!

Deb Adam, Karen & Frank D'Amico, Rich Davidson, Ron Dziagwa, Dan & Chris Luczak, Tony Palazzo, and Nancy Sibrava-Koenen



January Dinner Meeting at Gusto Italiano

Sue & Dave Anthony



Lenore & LeRoy Stevens



Rich Davidson



Don & Gail Sidman



Larry & Christine March



Chuck Burger



Jim & Mary Soyka



Ray & Deb Adam



Joanne Zingler, Rich Barta, Natalie Witty



Joe Paldo, Ron Dziagwa, Chuck Burger



Jim Soyka, Joanne Zingler, Mary Soyka



Christine March, Joe Paldo



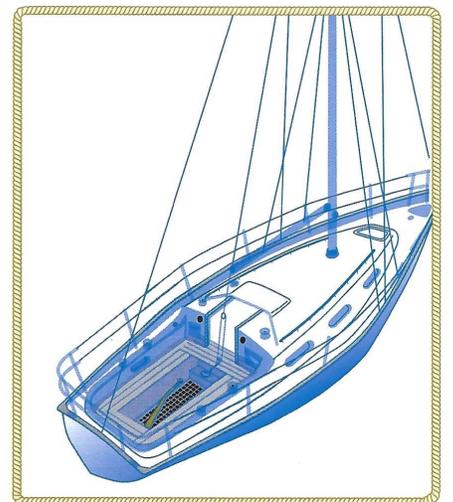
Christine March, Gail Sidman



Ron Zingler, Deb Adam, Christine March



CAPTAIN AHAB'S QUIZ



A safety harness is only as good as its attachment point. Life lines, sheets, stanchions and pulpits are examples of **good or poor** attachment points?

(see answer on back page)

Tom Clark, AP, Contributing Editor
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Member Dinner Meeting February 16, 4:00 PM

Mi Mexico
220 Milwaukee Ave
Buffalo Grove, IL



**We will order from the menu
with separate checks**

<http://www.mimexicobuffalogrove.com/>



**RSVP by February 9th
to Rich Davidson
(847) 220-5571
rich@davidsondata.com**



Skokie Valley Sail & Power Squadron Slate of Officers & Committees 2025 - 2026

Executive Committee

Commander	Frank D'Amico, AP
Executive Officer	Tony Palazzo, AP
Asst. Exec Officer	Dan Luczak, S
Education Officer	Chuck Burger, SN
Asst. Education Officer	Stuart Zwang, SN-CN
Administrative Officer	Ron Zingler, AP-IN
Secretary	Karen D'Amico, AP
Treasurer	Sue Anthony, P
Immediate Past Cdr	Tony Palazzo, AP
Elected Member	David Anthony, P
Elected Member	Gail Sidman, S
Elected Member	Ray Adam, S

Rules Committee

Dennis McNamara, JN
Natalie Witty, JN
Ron Dziagwa

Audit Committee

Keith Parker, P (Chair)
Gail Sidman, S
Richard Davidson, SN-ACN

Nominating Committee

Gary Vinzant, JN (Chair)
Richard Davidson, SN-ACN
Stuart Zwang, SN-CN

**Respectively Submitted
by Nominating Committee:**

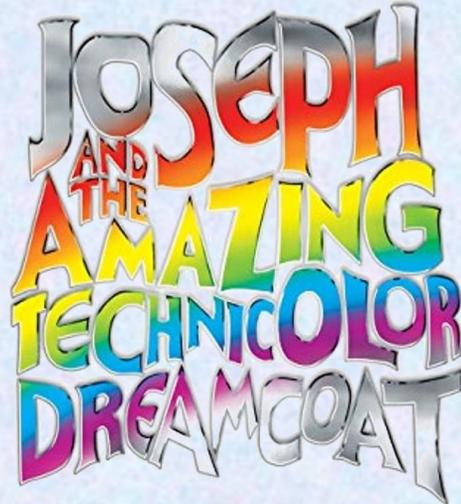
Gary Vinzant, JN (Chair)
Richard Davidson, SN-ACN
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**Vote at our February 16th
Dinner Meeting**



Marriott Lincolnshire
 Ten Marriott Drive
 Lincolnshire, IL 60069

SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 11:30 AM



Tickets are \$52 per person
Reservations needed by January 17th

Initial blocks of tickets were purchased
 (tickets subject to availability)

Contact Sue Anthony at 224-402-3107

The play starts at 1:00 pm on Sunday

We will meet 11:30-12:00 at Wrights Brew & Bistro
 inside the Marriott Hotel before the play
 to pick up tickets and have cocktails

We are planning a dinner after the play
 (see details in next issue)



America's Boating Club
Annual Meeting 2025
 Rosen Plaza Orlando
 Feb 2-9, 2025

Tuesday: Outta Control Magic Comedy Dinner
 Wednesday: Gatorland & Welcome Dinner
 Thursday: Keynote breakfast (Sylvette Figueroa),
 Milk District Food Tour, & iMIS orientation
 Friday: Titanic Exhibition & Hospitality Suites
 Saturday: Annual Meeting & 70s COW Party
 Check out the latest [newsletter](#) online

February Anniversaries

Barbara O'Connell	1980	20 yrs
Dixie Widner	1983	43 yrs

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

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Captain Ahab answer:

Poor (use something that is through-bolted and wont bend)



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