





SKOKIE VALLEY SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON

DISTRICT 20

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Running Lights

June 2024

Beach Sundowner & Bonfire
at North Point Marina
Saturday June 8



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMANDER

We just had our last General Member Meeting before the summer at Nolan’s Restaurant at Illinois Beach Resort. We had a great time at the bar talking, drinking, and snacking as we waited for our dining area to be assembled. The view out toward the lake was a reminder why we belong to the organization, and it was very nice to share it with so many friends. Thanks Ron and Joanne Zingler for arranging this dinner.

Two of our new members from the Boat Handling Class attended and during breaks in our dinner they were sworn in, joined by all the other members. Welcome again Chris and Dan Luczak.

I am pleased to announce all 8 of our America’s Boating Class students pass their exam. I talked with many of the students that attended, and all seemed very pleased with the class and its content. We talked about the excitement of being new boaters, sailing, canoeing, and other things that their newly earned certificates would help them with. I exchanged contact information with some and hope to keep in touch. One of the students, Bill Kolton has decided to join Skokie Valley and I look forward to him becoming actively engaged in our activities and future events.

Our member meetings won’t resume until September (with details still in the works). June is when we start looking at plans for the summer. Whether it is a trip across the lake with our boats, a short cruise to a nearby port to attend a festival, see a concert, or watch an air and water show; we’ll still have opportunities to get together.

The next event is our North Point fishing derby, followed by the Sundowner and a magnificent bonfire on the beach. After the fishing boats return with their bounties, we’ll meet at Q Dock for pizza and salad and then we’ll wandered over to the beach area to watch our Fire Master Tony Palazzo light the bonfire. It was a great time last year and I’m looking forward to a repeat.

I hope everyone enjoyed their Memorial Day weekend and hope your plans for the beginning of the summer are full of good times, adventure, and family. Remember to be safe while on the water and off.

—Cdr. Frank D’Amico, AP



America’s Boating Club North Shore 2023-2024 Bridge

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Mark Your Calendar



June 2024

5	Wed	Executive Board/Bridge Meeting, 1900	Zoom meeting (page 3)
8	Sat	Charter Fishing Derby & Sundowner	North Point Marina
15	Sat	Publication Deadline—Running Lights	Karen D’Amico (224-238-7372)
20-22	Thurs-Sat	Milwaukee Summerfest	https://www.summerfest.com/lineup/

July 2024

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4-6	Thurs-Sat	Milwaukee Summerfest	https://www.summerfest.com/lineup/
15	Mon	Publication Deadline—Running Lights	Karen D’Amico (224-238-7372)
27-28	Sat-Sun	Milwaukee Air & Water Show	https://mkeairwatershow.com

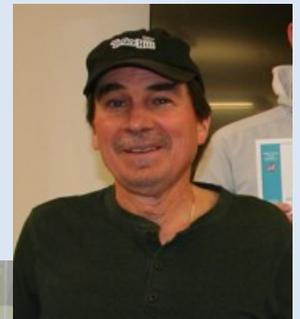


Ron Dziagwa on May 17, 2024: Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day



Welcome to our newest members!

Right: Bill Kolton graduated from our public boating class in May.



Below: Dan & Chris Luczak took the Boat Handling course in April.



June Anniversaries

Dave Anthony	2009	15 yrs
Rich Barta	2005	19 yrs
Dolores Ratajczak	2004	20 yrs
Bridget Doerner	1990	35 yrs
Rebecca Mulroy	1988	37 yrs
Natalie Witty	1988	37 yrs
Joe 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

Team North Shore

Executive Committee Meeting: June 5 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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North Point Sundowner Saturday June 8 *After the Fishing Derby*



Gather in the outdoor BBQ area by Q dock at 5:00 PM. We will order pizza and salad for everyone present.

Later our Fire Master Tony Palazzo will light the bonfire!

Contact Dave or Sue with questions dave-sue-anthony@comcast.net



Bring your own beverages and a chair for the bonfire

Congratulations to all the students from our **America's Boating Course** class held at the Mt Prospect Police Dept. Everyone passed thanks to our SEO Chuck Burger and everyone involved: Dennis McNamara, Jim Soyka, Rich Davidson and Frank D'Amico!

Back Row: Mike Pilsner, Daniel Delgado, Richard Rubin, Shirley Johnson, SEO Chuck Burger
Front Row: CDR Frank D'Amico, Bill Kolton, Jacob Chudy, Demi Smith, Claudia Herrera





SVPS 2024 Event & Cruising Schedule



When	Event	Location	Host
Saturday June 8th	Lake Michigan Fishing Derby & North Point Sundowner	North Point Marina	Dave & Sue Anthony
June 20-22, 27-29 & July 4-6	Summerfest Milwaukee Cruise	Milwaukee, WI	Ron Zingler
TBD	Lake Michigan Summer Cruise	TBD	
July 27-28	Milwaukee Air and Water	McKinley Harbor	
TBD	D20 Cruise & Rendezvous	TBA	District 20
Saturday August 17th	Sundowner	Racine, WI	Larry & Christine March
September 21 or 22	Dinner Meeting	TBD	Ron Zingler
September 22-30	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

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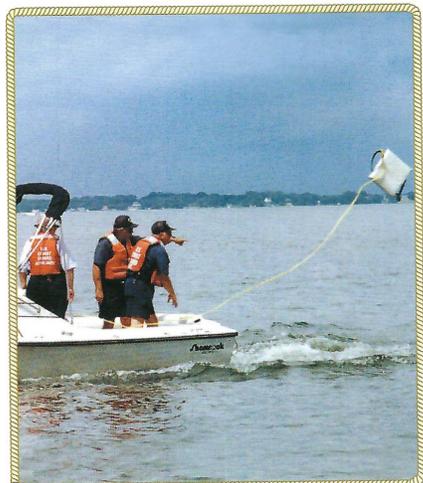


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In a crew-overboard situation, in what order would you do the following: A) **never lose sight of the victim**; B) **toss a PFD**; C) **radio in a Mayday**; or D) **execute a Williamson turn**.

(see answer on back page)

Tom Clark, AP, Contributing Editor
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PREPARE FOR COLD WATER BOATING



BEFORE YOU LEAVE THE DOCK

- Dress for the water temperature, not the air temperature
- Bring an extra set of clothes in case you get wet
- File a float plan with the details of your trip with someone you trust
- Make sure everyone is wearing a life jacket



DON'T PANIC IF YOU FALL INTO COLD WATER

- An unexpected fall into cold water causes an involuntary gasp reflex – quickly regain control of your breathing
- Keep afloat with the help of your life jacket, keep your head above water, and stay with the boat if possible
- Get into the HELP position (Heat Escape Lessening Posture) by crossing your arms across your chest and pull your knees up to your chest, as if hugging yourself
- If you are with other people, you can lessen heat escape if you huddle together



FACTS

- It takes less than 1/2 cup of water in your lungs to drown
- Even experienced swimmers can experience shock within one minute in the frigid water and may lose muscle control within 10 minutes



Memorial Day marks the unofficial start of summer and the target date for most boaters to be in the water. Long past the typical launch dates for us on Lake Michigan, where the marinas open in April and we try to squeeze in every allowable month on the water until they close in October.

Considering the beautiful, warm weather we are having, you might not be thinking about cold water boating. However, as we move into June, the water temperature today in Lake Michigan near Chicago is 59.5°F. According to SeaTemperature.Info, the coldest temp today is 50.4°F at Whitefish Dunes. That is dangerously cold and poses greater risk of hypothermia if you fall into the water.

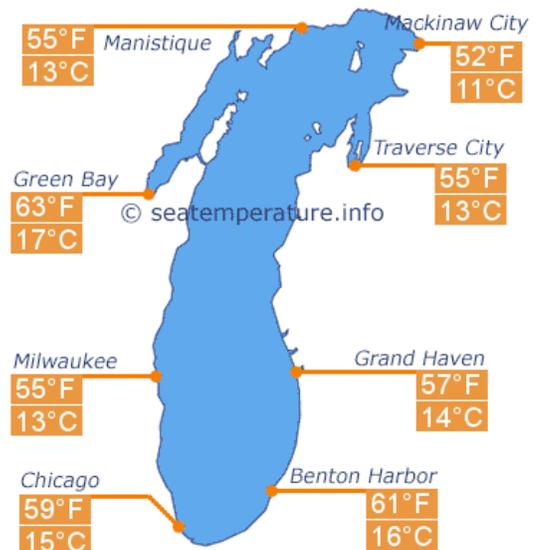
With this in mind, it is a good time to brush up on the key safety tips show here before you go out on the water. And remember to use the America's Boating Club mobile app for a quick and easy way to file a float plan.

If you are traveling the Great Lakes this summer, be sure to check the water temperatures. Anything below 69.8°F may be too cold for extended swimming.

The website SeaTemperature.Info (click on the map below) has water temperatures all over the world and specifically includes the Great Lakes. You can check the temperature for any port city.

Water temperature map of Lake Michigan today

The map shows Lake Michigan temperature water in some coastal cities in real time



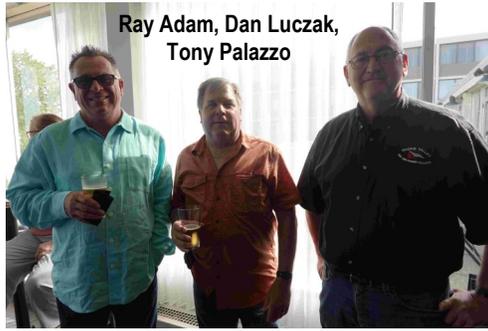
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Ray Adam, Dan Luczak, Tony Palazzo

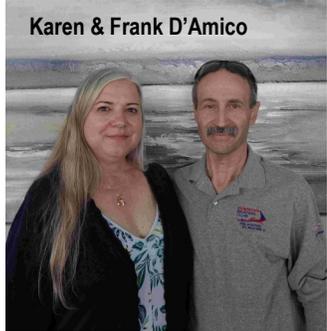


Lorri Zwang, Joanne Zingler, Deb Adam



May Member Meeting

Karen & Frank D'Amico



Rich Davidson & Bonni Breen



Rich Davidson & Stuart Zwang

Sue & Dave Anthony



Cdr D'Amico swearing in

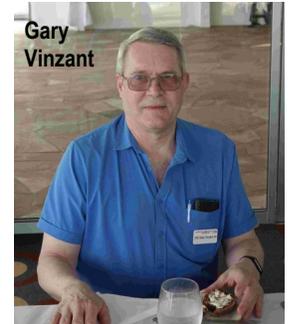


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