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Running Lights

November 2024

November Anniversary Meeting
Sunday 10 November
2 PM Cocktails; 3 PM Dinner



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*Celebrating our
63rd Anniversary*





A MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMANDER

Fall has arrived and now we are turning to activities off the water. Skokie Valley has some fun events planned.

First, I want to do a quick recap of October activities. Our Education department held our Fall public boating course with three students attending and taking the exam (all passing). From the class, we are excited to welcome two new members to Skokie Valley: LeRoy and Lenore Stevens.

Mid-month our Lake Geneva Brunch Cruise was attended by 7 couples. The weather was great, food was plentiful, and the fall colors were everywhere. We enjoyed the company and the tour of the homes around the lake (still haven't picked one out yet).

Last weekend, we attended the D20 Fall Educational Conference at the Marriott Pere Marquette hotel in Peoria, IL. Hospitality rooms hosted by Skokie Valley and Waukegan were open on Friday night. Sue Anthony secured a really nice suite for all of us to visit, catch up with old friends, and make some new ones.

Saturday morning, D/C Jesse Bowen gave a recap of the Governing Board, including the new iMIS system (current status), Marine SEO's work on optimizing Facebook pages, changes to the National Insurance coverage, and other items. In the afternoon, the Conference meeting was held with each department or committee giving reports. Skokie Valley accepted the responsibility of hosting the D20 Spring Conference & Change of Watch. Sue Anthony and Karen D'Amico were approved as Conference Treasurer and Conference Chair, respectively.

Saturday evening, several of us enjoyed a Halloween Murder Mystery party at a local restaurant. We talked to possible suspects, listened in on conversations, and tried to figure out who was going to be killed and by whom. This time the butler did not do it (there was no butler). Sue Anthony was the ace detective who figured it all out, correctly identified the murderer, and won the event!

In November, we have some important events. We will be celebrating our 63rd anniversary this month. Our Anniversary dinner will be at Dover Straits in Mundelein on November 10 at 2pm for cocktails. I hope to see everyone there, including our graduating students and new members.

Ron & Joanne Zingler are hosting a cruise planning meeting on Wednesday, November 13th at their home. We will be planning our cruises, dinners and other activities for next year.

Lastly, please add the Commander's Open House to your calendar on Sunday December 8th. We really hope to see you there.

—Cdr. Frank D'Amico, AP



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Mark Your Calendar



November 2024

6	Wed	Executive Board/Bridge Meeting, 1900	Zoom meeting - page 9
10	Sun	Member Dinner Meeting	Dover Straits, Mundelein - below
13	Wed	Cruise Planning Meeting	Ron Zingler (847-634-3806) - page 5
15	Fri	Publication Deadline—Running Lights	Karen D'Amico (224-238-7372)

December 2024

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Our Anniversary dinner meeting will take us to the shores of Dover Straits in Mundelein. Better known for their fresh fish, they also serve a variety of American fare.

We will order from the extensive menu
cash bar and separate checks



RSVP to Ron Zingler
by November 1st
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Lake Geneva Fall Colors Brunch Cruise



We had a beautiful day in October for the Lake Geneva cruise. We met at the Riviera Docks before boarding the Grand Belle of Geneva. The weather was perfect, the brunch was delicious, and we enjoyed the narrated tour of the lake while we ate.



Tony Palazzo, Ray Adam, Dan Luczak, Dave Anthony, Frank D'Amico, Ron Zingler, Don Sidman

Susan Palazzo, Gail Sidman, Joanne Zingler, Karen D'Amico, Chris Luczak, Deb Adam, Sue Anthony



Dave Anthony, Ray Adam, Dan Luczak, Sue Anthony, Chris Luczak, Deb Adam



Don & Gail Sidman, Joanne & Ron Zingler



Rich Davidson, Frank D'Amico, Tony & Susan Palazzo, Karen D'Amico, Bonni Breen





SVPS 2024 Event & Cruising Schedule



When	Event	Location	Host
Sunday November 10th	Anniversary Dinner	Dover Straits, Mundelein	Ron Zingler
Sunday December 8th	Commanders Holiday Party	Hoffman Estates	Frank D'Amico

2025 Cruise Season Planning Meeting Wednesday November 13 at 7 PM

All are welcome to attend! Bring your ideas
to plan fun events for next year!

Hosted by Ron & Joanne Zingler
1307 Green Knolls Drive, Buffalo Grove, 60089

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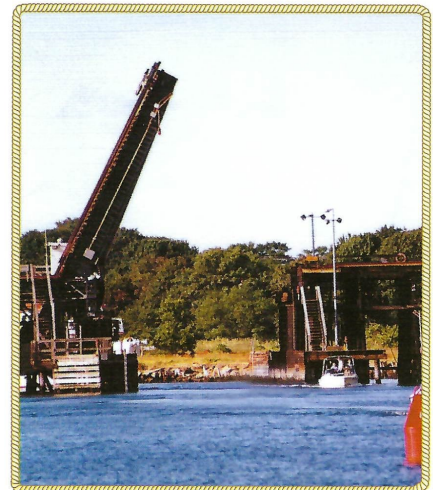
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Approaching an obscured bend, a vessel should indicate its presence by sounding one prolonged blast ____ to ____ seconds in length.

(see answer on back page)

Tom Clark, AP, Contributing Editor
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You are cordially invited to celebrate the holiday season
at the home of Frank and Karen D'Amico

Sunday 8 December 2024
Commander's Open House
1 PM ~ 5 PM

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

1240 Bison Lane
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Ron Zingler, Frank D'Amico, Dave Anthony



Frank & Karen D'Amico



Chuck Burger



Joanne Zingler, Rich Davidson

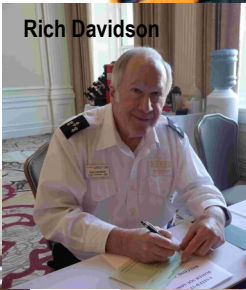


Deb Adam, Sue Anthony

DISTRICT 20 FALL CONFERENCE & EDUCATIONAL AWARDS LUNCHEON



Joanne Zingler



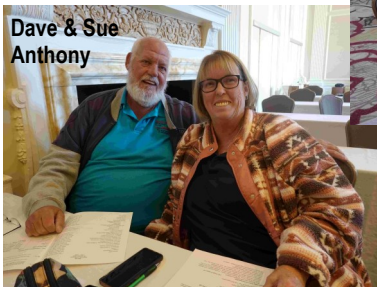
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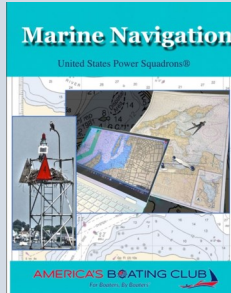
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Students Wanted! Piloting: Marine Navigation Course

We have 2 students interested in taking the member course on Piloting, now called Marine Navigation. We would like to have at least 2 more students to make the course engaging and interactive. If you are interested, please contact Chuck Burger at (847) 322-0828 or email chucknav1@aol.com.

Marine Navigation is the first course in the sequence of USPS courses on navigation, covering the basics of coastal and inland navigation. It focuses on navigation on recreational boats and embraces GPS as a primary navigation tool while covering enough of traditional techniques so the student will be able to find his/her way even if their GPS fails. The course includes in-class exercises, developing the student's skills through hands-on practice and learning. Nine classes of two hours each normally are scheduled for presentation of this course. Students have seven days to complete the open book exam.



Course topics include:

- Charts and their interpretation
- Navigation aids pointing to safe water
- Plotting courses and determining direction and distance
- The mariner's compass and converting between True and Magnetic
- Use of GPS – typical GPS displays and information they provide, setting up waypoints and routes, staying on a GPS route.
- Pre-planning safe courses and entering them into the GPS
- Monitoring progress and determining position by both GPS and traditional techniques such as bearings and dead reckoning
- The "Seaman's Eye" – simple skills for checking that one is on course.

November Anniversaries

Ray & Deb Adam	2021	3 yrs
Ron & Joanne Zingler	2006	18 yrs
Gary Vinzant	2002	23 yrs
Gary Raphael	1997	28 yrs

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

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Executive Committee Meeting: Nov 6 at 7:00 pm Central

Zoom Meeting ID: 875 8578 5751, Passcode: 949310

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