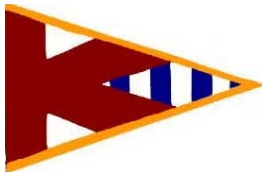


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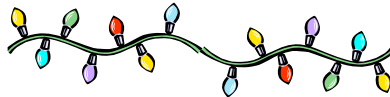
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Commander's December 2006 Message



**1/Lt J. Scott Levene, P, Laura Levene and
Cdr Robyn D.M. Levene AP**



This month's message is rather short. As this year ends, let's not forget all of those individuals who made our squadron what it is today. Let's remember our members who have passed on, and keep their families in our thoughts. This time of year will be especially difficult for them.

We have several new members. Let's show them the excitement of KSPS!

Scott, Laura, and I wish all of you a very safe, happy, fun, and memorable holiday season. We look forward to seeing you Saturday, 9 December at the Beacon Club for a special Holiday meeting. Bring a toy to donate to *Toys for Tots*.

In closing, here is a different version on a Christmas story that's my favorite... I hope you enjoy it too....

Your Commander...

Robyn D.M. Levene, AP

*Twas the Boater's Night Before Christmas and all through the boat,
The bilge pumps were hustling to keep us afloat,
The children were nestled all snug in their berths,
(We sleep here most nights to get our money's worth)*

*As Ma read Jackie Collins and I guzzled beer,
She said "You've had enough, now come to bed dear."
Then out on the dock there arose an uproar
As I reached in the Igloo to get just one more.*

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Special inserts:

- KSPS Christmas Get-together: Saturday, 9 December 2006
- KSPS Change of Watch and Inaugural Ball; Saturday, 13 January 2006

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New Members!



On behalf of the KSPS Bridge, KSPS members and all USPS members, I want to welcome aboard nine new members. Their membership makes our squadron more dynamic and vibrant.

New members include power boaters, **Scott Hunter** & his son, **Nicholas, DJ Parker**, and **Aaron & Pamela Wright**, and sail boaters **Walter & Karin Lund** and **Dennis VanAllsburgs**. Another new member we all know is **Trish Smith**: in the last few issues of *The Pilot*, she has chronicled the voyage of *Great Expectations*. Additionally, some of us might be familiar with DJ's boat, *Skamaiac*, a Bayliner once owned by Bob & Linda Menz.

We look forward to seeing you at our squadron's activities and classes! Your decision to join the Kalamazoo Sail & Power Squadron demonstrates your dedication to safe boating.

SEO Update

Lt/C Joe Mills, JN

Congratulations to our squadron for earning the *R/C Donald C. Beran, N Educational Achievement Award*. The District Educational Officer (DEO) presents this award at the D/9 Fall Conference to the district squadron with the highest percent of its members who have earned the USPS Educational Achievement Award during the educational year.

The Junior Navigation course is well underway. Many thanks to **P/C Allen V. Buskirk**,



SN and Sft/C Robert Landeros, SN for helping students take their sights.

We've scheduled Instructor Development for 10 January 2007 and... planning other exciting programs for 2007.

Ouch!

Roger Todd, P was involved in an auto accident on 17 November while traveling to Florida. His pick-up truck and trailer were totaled, along with an SUV abandoned in the middle of highway. After two days in the hospital mending two broken ribs, Roger made it to Florida. Roger's winter address is: 4962 Curlew Drive, St James City, FL 33956. His e-mail is: roger todd@core.com



Get well... We look forward to your return!

KSPS, D-9 & USPS Activities and Meetings

9 Dec 06; 1830-2100 KSPS General Meeting The Beacon Club, Kalamazoo, Michigan	12 Dec 06; 1830-2100 KSPS Executive Meeting Sports Forum, Kalamazoo, Michigan	13 Jan 07; 1830-2300 KSPS Change of Watch and Inaugural Ball Brook Lodge, Augusta, Michigan
16 Jan 1830-2100 Special KSPS Executive Meeting TBD	13 Feb 07; 1830-2100 KSPS General Meeting	20-25 Feb 07 USPS Annual Meeting Jacksonville, Florida
3 Mar 07; 0900-1200 D/9 Spring Council Mount Clemens, Michigan	13 Mar 07; 1830-2100 KSPS Executive Meeting TBD	30 Mar to 1 Apr 07 D/9 Spring Conference Lansing, Michigan

Public Courses, Advanced Grade Courses & Electives

Course	Start Date	Contact Person	Telephone	e-mail address
Boat Smart: Battle Creek	Spring 07	Nils Strand	269-964-6600	nils.strand@gsa.gov
Boat Smart: Kalamazoo	8 March 07	Wally Corder	269-321-0751	wccorder@hotmail.com
Seamanship	Independently Arranged	Robyn Levene	269-372-1782	rbynlevene@aol.com
Piloting	Fall 20807	George Gerpheide	269-375-4024	gsgerph@yahoo.com
Advanced Piloting	Spring 2008	Jerry Hendrickson	269-353-7243	jlh10acrewoods@sbcglobal.net
Junior Navigation	23 October 2006	Robert Landeros	269-501-2757	robert.landeros@sbcglobal.net
Navigation	22 October 2007	Robert Landeros	269-501-2757	robert.landeros@sbcglobal.net
Cruise Planning	Spring 2008	Karen Strand	269-964-6600	nils.strand@gsa.gov
Engine Maintenance	TBD	John Penniman	269-345-0275	
Instructor Development	10 January 2007	Lois Whitmore	269-345-4521	lwh@core.com
Marine Electronics	Spring 2008	Harold Hladky	269-969-0815	hhladky@aol.com
Sail	Fall 2007	George Tyler	269-671-4560	gtn8kjd@tds.net
Weather	January 2007	Allan Buskirk	269-375-2586	andiamo91@cs.com

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Secretary	Lt/C Diane Hansen AP	269-345-3702 (home)	gunkholer1889@netzero.net

The Voyage of *Great Expectations*

Editor's comments: This is the last installment of the saga chronicling the voyage of 1/Lt Jim Riordan, AP and his first mate, Trish Smith onboard Great Expectation. Thank you for sharing your adventure with us

East Boothbay Harbor: 10 September. It was a rather rocky ride today. We were glad to get to the Damariscotta River since it calms down once you get off the ocean and into the river's protection. We found East Boothbay Harbor, but when we hailed them on the radio, there was no response. So we tied up at the fuel dock and Jim went looking for someone. It was Sunday and they were closed. After the unpleasant experience with thick fog and mooring out for several days on the way to and while staying in Tennant's Harbor, it was nice to tie up at a dock again. East Boothbay Harbor is about 3 to 4 miles from Boothbay Harbor, which we stopped at on the way up. This, unlike the other, is a very small town

without all of the tourist related activities. The post office is in front of the marina and everyone comes to pick up their mail, and other than a restaurant, that's it.

We decided to stay a few extra days because a storm (Ernesto or one of the hurricanes that moved up the East coast) had the ocean all churned up with reports of 8 to 10 foot waves. So, we took walks, saw lovely homes along the harbor, met some people and continued to read books. I think between the two of us we've read 20 books or more.



Trish Smith and 1/Lt Jim Riordan, AP

The marina owner and staff were really great. They made a car available to use, so one day we drove to Boothbay Harbor had lunch and picked up some groceries. We plan to leave here on Friday, the 15th, spend several days Portland, ME, then head back to Portsmouth, NH where we will store the boat for the winter and then head home. We are struggling with how fast this summer has passed.

So far, we have traveled over 800 miles, which has been a good shake down cruise. The boat performed extremely well and Jim and I are still talking to one another. Next year, we will bring *Great Expectations* back to the Great Lakes together. But, that's another adventure. We are looking forward to getting home and back to a wonderful Michigan winter. See you all then.

*Jim & Trish and Riley
Great Expectations*

Another D/9 Conference?

Wait we just had one. You *betcha*, there was just a Fall D/9 Conference, but did you know that these conferences are planned 2-3 years in advance. That's right! So, it is not too soon to announce that the KSPS will host the D/9 Fall conference in 2008. The conference chair, P/C Karen Strand, AP has already reserved McCamly Plaza Hotel in Battle Creek for 31 Oct-2 Nov

2008. So mark your calendars so we can all make this conference a success.

Karen cannot do it alone. There are many committees to work on registration, hospitality rooms, meals, luncheons, dinners, entertainment, meeting rooms, ship store, vendors, etc. Please call Karen if you can help.

This is a squadron event, and WE can make KSPS shine by making this the best conference ever!

Condolences

The squadron offers its condolences to Lois Whitmore on the death of her sister, Marilyn Ludwick, and to Joe Mills on the death of his father, David Mills. Members may wish to send cards.



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*So up went my head out of the hatch.
(Though I should have thought first to undo the latch.)
I saw stars for a moment, and as quick as a blink
My wife yelled, "See, you've had too much to drink!"*

*The moon on the water lit the marina up bright
(Which was good, since the kids had lost my flashlight.)
Then what with my wondering eyes should I see,
But a fat, fuzzy old guy in a Bayliner Capri.*

*Instead of an outboard hung on the rear,
Tied to the bow were eight tiny reindeer.
More rapid than Reggie, these coursers they flew,
And on each of their hoofs was a Topsider shoe.*

*With crashing and bashing and banging and knocking,
I knew in an instant they must be docking,
"No Dasher! Hold it, Dancer! Dang you Prancer and Vixen.
Stop, Comet! Grab a line, Cupid! Get bumpers, Doneer and Blitzen!
Look out for that boat! Watch that seawall!
Now fend off, fend off, fend off all!"*



*He was dressed in a red cap ringed with fur trim
Along with a Speedo that covered just a fraction of him.
I was shocked and astonished. What could I say?
I also go boating dressed exactly that way.*

*He then grabbed a bag, a bulging huge sack,
And hoisted it up onto his back,
He also had sponges and a mop in his grip,
As he waddled his way o'er to my slip.*

*He said "My name's Nick, and my friend, I can say
Your gel coat needs buffin' and your brightwork's in disarray
Your vinyl needs cleaning, your lockers arranging,
Your holding tank pumping, and your oil a-changing,
You've put these jobs off for too long and you know it.
So here's all that you need. This time don't blow it."*

*Then as quick as he came, he was back on his boat,
His reindeer revving and eager to tote.
"Merry Christmas!" he called as they cruised through the night.
"And regarding the beer Joe, your wife she is right."*

Kalamazoo Sail & Power Squadron – Notice of Annual Meeting

Saturday, 13 January 2007

Brook Lodge, 6535 North Forty-second Avenue, Augusta, MI 29012

Slate of elected officers and committee candidates for 2007 nominated by the Nominating Committee:

Commander: Robert Landeros, SN

Executive Officer: Harold L. Hladky, AP

Educational Officer: W. Joseph Mills, JN

Administrative Officer: William L. Soule, S

Treasurer: Nils K. Strand, AP

Secretary: Lyndell R. Bleyer, S

Executive Committee:

Gary W. Bleyer, S
Phyllis A.R. Buskirk, P
Jerry Hendrickson, AP
James J. Riordan, AP
Karen S. Strand, AP
George L. Tyler, JN

Nominating Committee

Chris J. Hansen, P (2005-07)*
Karen S. Strand, AP (2006-08)*
Robyn D.M. Levene, AP (2007-09)

Rules Committee

Allen V. Buskirk, SN (2006-08)*
Ris  Landeros, S (2006-08)*
Lois M. Whitmore, SN (2007-09)

Auditing Committee

Gail Hladky, AP (2005-2007)*
Judy A. Dorais, S (2006-08)*
J. Scott Levene, P (2006-08)*

Asst Educational Officer: Diane R. Hansen, AP

* Denotes members whose terms are continuing and are not on the ballot.

In accordance with Article 11, Section 11.1 of the Bylaws of the Kalamazoo Sail and Power Squadron, five active members in good standing may nominate a candidate by written petition, which they must file with the secretary at least 15 days before the date of election.

Lt/C Diane R. Hansen, AP
Secretary

Birthdays!



3 December

Paola Pastore, P

4 December

Sherry L. Fry, P

5 December

1/Lt J. Scott Levene, P

7 December

Verle H. Wiita, AP

8 December

1/Lt Ris  L. Landeros, S

11 December

Thomas Ray Gillentine, P

12 December

Lt David W. Tuls, AP

13 December

Carol Ann Gillentine, P

27 December

Glen H. Douglass, AP

Jerry J. Johnson

Wedding Anniversary!

3 December

*Congratulations George and Ruth Ann Tyler
on your 58th Wedding Anniversary!*



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The Beacon Club

Kalamazoo Sail & Power Squadron 2006 Christmas Get-together and December General Meeting

*Saturday, 9 December 2006
18:30 – 22:00*



Toys for Tots

Dinner entries:

Prime Rib, Kalamazoo Chicken or Baked White Fish

*Cost: \$26.00 payable to KSPS
Cash bar*

Bring a toy for "Toys for Tots" pick up

Please RSVP by 4 December 2006

Lt/C Jerry Hendrickson, AP

Phone: 269-353-7243 or

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*The Beacon Club
5830 Portage Road
Portage, MI 49002-1725*





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Kalamazoo Sail & Power Squadron

2007 Change of Watch & Commander's Inaugural Ball

13 January 2007

18:30 — 23:00

1830-1930 Socializing

*1930-2030 Cdr Robyn D.M. Levene, AP
Commander's Annual Report
Discharging squadron officers
D/Lt/C Jerry Stephan, AP
Nominating Committee Report
Election of the 2007 Officers
Installation of the 2007 Bridge
Cdr-designate Robert Landeros, SN
Remarks*

2030-2130 Dinner

Entrée choices:

*Grilled New Zealand Lamb Chop,
Hand-cut Filet of Beef, or
Roasted Sterling Salmon*

2130-2300 Dancing and entertainment

\$50.00 per person

Cash bar

Uniform A with boutie or appropriate attire

Please RSVP by 5 January 2007

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