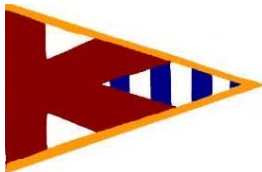


# The Pilot

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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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## Commander's November 2006 Message



**Cdr Robyn D.M. Levene AP with USPS C/C Ernest G. Marshburn, SN**

Recently, I spent the weekend with ..... P/R/C Gene Van Rhee, SN, R/C Shirley Van Rhee, JN, our National Chief Commander Ernest Marshburn, SN, as well as his bridge and operating committee. I even had the pleasure of sitting next to Chief Ernie and his wife P/C Dianne Marshburn, AP at dinner Saturday evening.

### Cdr Robyn D.M. Levene AP

I also had an opportunity to attend a seminar on marketing and public relations instructed by R/C Darrell Allison, AP, National Chair for Marketing and PR. Darrell will be our National Representative at D9's Fall Conference in Detroit. This was truly a delightful and memorable experience. Mom and I attended the Phoenix Sail and Power Squadron Tri-District conference in Phoenix, Arizona where we mingled with all these mentors, leaders, and squadron members. It was a friendly, relaxed, and casual atmosphere. All of the national officers were quite approachable and wanting to speak with members about anything regarding USPS. I felt like a life long member there. Perhaps, Mom and Dad's involvement in years past had something to do with it. Even so, there were

many members from other districts I had not met before. Being a member of USPS was all that was needed to feel a part of the group.

Joint Conferences is a goal for USPS. District 28 is a leader in this new concept. I salute them. I hope that D9 can be a leader in planning such an event for our region.

Get Well Wishes: P/C Karen Strand, AP. Karen was in a serious boating-related accident 6 October: 7 broken ribs, broken collar bone, and a number of staples to her scalp. She is now home and recuperating. Cards and wishes can be sent to Karen at her home (215 Dogwood Trail, Battle Creek MI 49017). Karen recover quickly! We miss your support and enthusiasm.

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## The ComNom Website!

The Kalamazoo Sail & Power Squadron, District 9 and USPS are all involved with a new "resume" system for USPS, which you can find at:

<http://www.usps.org/national/comnom>

Your squadron needs your help, so please take the opportunity to visit this site and enter information about you, your interest at Squadron, District, and National levels.

Boating is fun, and it is members like you who keep our organization the front-runner in education and promoting boating safety in a fun way. Officers at all levels are here to help you do what you want to do in our organization.



## SEO Update

Lt/C Joe Mills, JN

On Monday, 23 Oct, P/C Allen Buskirk, SN offered his vast navigation knowledge to 13 students attending the 2007 Junior Navigation course. The students include two commanders, our Cdr Robyn Levene, AP and Cdr Bruce Hummel, AP (South Bend). We are pleased about the size of the class; holding a successful JN Course for any Squadron is a special event.

The course is the updated JN course that place GPS as the primary offshore naviga-



tion tool with celestial navigation tools as the backup for offshore voyages. Thanks to Stf/C Robert Landeros, SN for organizing this course.

Cdr Robyn is also meeting with two new members, Daniel and Susan Livingston as they self-study Seamanship.

Kudos to Lt Wally Corder, S for all his effort in facilitating the Fall 2007 Kalamazoo Boat Smart course, and to all the instructors that helped teach sections. There are about 20 students enrolled in Boat Smart and several have express interest in becoming members. If you like to meet some of these prospective members, please come and help proctor and grade exams on Thursday, 2 Nov at 18:30, Milwood Middle School.

We hope to offer Weather, Instructor Development and possibly Engine Maintenance sometime after the first of the year.

## KSPS, D-9 & USPS Activities and Meetings

11 Nov 06; 0900 Co-operative Charting TBD	14 Nov 06; 1830-2100 KSPS Executive Meeting McGinnis Landing, Kalamazoo, Michigan	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	13 Feb 04; 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

## 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	5 October 2006	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	Spring 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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<b>Educational Officer</b>	Lt/C W. Joseph Mills JN	269-375-4414 (home)	millsatty@tds.net
<b>Administrative Officer</b>	Lt/C Jerry Hendrickson AP	269-353-7243 (home)	jlh10acrewoods@sbcglobal.net
<b>Treasurer</b>	Lt/C Nils Strand AP	269-964-6690 (home)	nils.strand@gsa.gov
<b>Secretary</b>	Lt/C Diane Hansen AP	269-345-3702 (home)	gunkholer1889@netzero.net

## The Continuing Voyage of *Great Expectations*

*Editor's comments: This is the next installment of the saga chronicling the voyage of 1/Lt Jim Riordan, AP and his first mate, Trish Smith onboard Great Expectation. Last month they cardboard and duct tape to make a repair. Let's see how their repair job worked,*

We arrived in Belfast, Maine on 1 Sept along with rain. The cardboard used to replace the broken window had gotten wet and was sagging, so we got someone to put in a piece of Plexiglas. It looked and worked better than the cardboard. Belfast had lots of activity. It's more of a tourist area, with shops and restaurants galore. We really never got to see the view from the docks because another 100-foot boat took up the whole outside of the dock. It was owned by Grant Tinker (former chairman and CEO of NBC). They were staying put, as the owner was not aboard and the captain lives in Belfast.

Camden: 5 September. What a lovely town. It is reportedly the most picturesque harbor in

Maine. Our marina was located across the harbor from town, but being a small harbor, we only had a short distance to walk to downtown, and we could see everything from the boat. Again, with having to walk Riley, we explored many beautiful areas, homes, downtown and a lovely library. One night, we went to Cappy's Crows Nest, for a drink, and met some people, which resulted in a very long, but fun evening. Since the beginning of this trip, we usually start to yawn by 8:30 and are usually in bed by 9:30. That's one effect of not having a TV onboard. This particular night, we were bound and determined to stay up beyond 9:30 and by gosh we did.

Tenants Harbor: 8 September. This was a little fishing community with what looked like summer homes scattered around the harbor tucked in among the trees. We did find a small store and a restaurant, which was part of the fish docks and a bed &



breakfast. When we arrived, we noticed a lot of people lined up at the docks and figured out later that people come from all around to get the fresh fish when the boats come in. Most of the day there was hardly anyone around and then at 5 pm or so, cars everywhere to get the fresh lobster, haddock, salmon or sea scallops.

We found a mooring ball, tied up, dropped the dingy into the water and headed for shore with Riley. Getting Riley into the dingy is a feat in



### The November Scavenger Hunt!

P/C Harold Hladky AP plans a Co-op Charting event for 11 November. The search will begin with a 0900 breakfast meeting at Arlene's Truck Stop, Battle Creek, MI.

For more information contact: Harold during the days at (269) 276-3513 or in the evenings (269) 969-0815, or [harold.hladky@wmich.edu](mailto:harold.hladky@wmich.edu)

### What's a COW?

COW stands for Change of Watch and it is the ceremonial installation of Bridge Officers and elected committee members. These volunteers will take the helm of a squadron until the next COW.

Our next KSPS COW is planned for Saturday, 13 January 2007. Instead of holding a Commander's Ball in the spring when we're getting ready for a new boating season, the 2007 COW will incorporate the Commander's Ball. *Mark your calendars!*

### Commander's Message from Page 1

Thank you Lt/C Jerry Hendrickson, P/C Allen Buskirk, SN, 1st/Lt Phyllis Buskirk, P, P/C Lois Whitmore, SN, Sft/C Robert Landeros, SN and Mary Beth Hendrickson for representing KSPS as ushers at the memorial service for Richard D. Snyder on 21 October 2006.

Thank you P/C Harold Hladky, AP for organizing and leading us in a Cooperative Charting adventure early Saturday morning 21 October 2006.

Thank you Sft/C Robert Landeros for all of your energies in organizing and implementing the new JN course. Thanks to Bob we are one of a few squadrons nationally that will be hosting the Beta Junior Navigation course. JN started on 23 October. Contact Bob if you are interested in helping students take their sights.

Reminder: It is time to submit all recommendations for MERIT MARKS. I need all committee chairs and group leaders to gather up their recommendations and submit ASAP. Everything someone has done counts. Information should include: person's name, certificate number, event, hours spent on event. Please keep in mind, the more specific the better.

Reminder: Our next Executive Meeting will be held at McGinnis Landing at West Main and Drake in Kalamazoo. 1830-1900 will be social and 1900 will be dinner and meeting. Although, this is a working meeting of your bridge and executive committee, all members are welcome to attend. See you there.

Your Commander,

*Robyn D.M. Levene, AP*

### In Recovery



P/C Karen Strand, AP was hospitalized in Muskegon last month because of injuries from

a fall from the dock at Whitehall. According to P/C Nils Strand, AP, she has seven fractured ribs, a fractured collar bone and numbers of staples and sutures in her head. Fortunately she did not require surgery and released after a few days.

### Great Expectations from Page 3

itself as the poor dog is afraid of water. We put his life vest on, which has a handle that helps us get him on and off the dingy like a bag of groceries. We got to shore, let Riley do his thing, and headed back to the boat. Within an hour, we could hardly see the boat's bow. The fog was so thick it was like something out of a Steven King book. I was waiting for something to slither up the side of the boat and crawl inside. We really needed to take the dog for another go around in the evening, but we couldn't see a thing, so poor Riley had to wait for morning. Morning came and we were still thick with fog, but couldn't wait any longer. At 6:30 am and we load up and start to head for what we thought was shore. We final found the channel buoys and realized we were going the wrong way, so we turned around inching along searching for the dingy dock.

*Editor's comment: Next month, we'll be able to find out if they found the dinghy dock and if Riley waited for shore...*

## Fun, Business and Awards at the Fall D/9 Conference



**Lt Phyllis Buskirk, P and P/C Allen Buskirk, SN dancing the night away!**

On 27-29 Oct, the Detroit Power Squadron hosted the D/9 Conference. On Friday night attendants were busy visiting Squadron Hospitality Rooms with different themes, and building camaraderie with other D/9 squadron members. On Saturday morning, P/C Karen Strand AP facilitated a meeting of squadron commanders and executive officers and offered them suggestions to help them ease into their new duties. Stf/C Robert Landeros, SN facilitated two meeting, one outlined the new JN course

and at the other meeting he discussed potential improvement to the new ID courses.

At the general meeting, the KSPS was awarded the R/C Donald C. Beran, N Advanced Grades Award, which is presented to the D/9 squadron squadron with the highest percent of its members who have earned the USPS Educational Achievement Award during the educational year.

### Birthdays!



5 November

**Vince Peckens**

10 November

**Roger D. Todd, S**

15 November

**Lt/C Jerry Hendrickson, AP**

16 November

**Eutiquio Crespo, AP**

**Stanley M. Wolk, S**



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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*

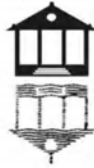
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Portage, MI 49002-1725*





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# *Kalamazoo Sail & Power Squadron*

## *2007 Change of Watch & Inaugural Ball*

*13 January 2007*

*18:30 — 23:00*

*Four Course Dinner entries:*

*Rosemary and Garlic grilled New Zealand Lamb Chop,  
Roasted Muscovy Duck breast, or Roasted Sterling Salmon*

*Cost: \$50.00 payable to KSPS*

*Cash bar*

*1830-1930 Socializing*

*1930-2030 Welcome and comments by Cdr Robyn D.M.  
Levene, AP; and Installation of the 2007 Bridge  
by D/Lt/C Jerry Stephan, AP, District 9 Executive  
Officer and Grand Traverse Bay member*

*2030-2130 Dinner*

*2130-2300 Dancing and entertainment*

*Please RSVP by 5 January 2007*

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