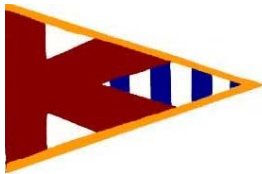


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Commander's October 2006 Message

Cdr Robyn D.M. Levene AP



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Who says that Kalamazoo Sail and Power Squadron is all education and no play? Well, they're wrong! Saturday, 16 September was just that; all fun. Our joint meeting with the South Bend Sail & Power Squadron (SBSPS) was a huge success. There was eating, drinking, making merry, and

even some bidding on "hidden dock box treasures" that were auctioned. In fact the kibitzing back and forth was as entertaining as the auction itself. I was even "egged-on" to bid, and to keep bidding on a multi-color, pastel dockline that I might use one day.

The evening started with introductions of Cdr Bruce Hummel, AP of SBSPS, his squadron members, and KSPS members. Then all those in attendance thanked Lt/Cdr Jerry Hendrickson for spearheading the entire event. I have to tell you, that Jerry worked very hard to create a successful and well-executed evening: Jerry, you're fantastic!

Sloppy Joes were the entrée for dinner; personally made by Lt/Cdr Jerry Hendrickson and P/C Karen Strand. They were awesome. The fringes of dinner

were the best. Of course, how can they not be, with Jerry and Karen heading the organization of the meal. After dinner and dessert, Jerry changed hats and became the official auctioneer. I think Jerry found a second profession. What a dynamic job, he got everyone involved and encouraged kibitzing to keep the bidding going.... Let's see, the best kibitzer was Mmmmm..... I think it was a tie between Stf/C Robert Landeros and P/C Jane Chappel. Oh.... Let's not forget Roger Todd.... Roger is one of our newest members.... Roger really got into bidding, and I think he walked away with a bigger hole in his wallet than anyone. In fact, he said that it was one of the best social gatherings he's attended in a long time!

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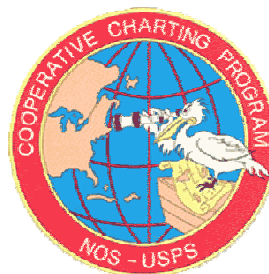
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A Scavenger Hunt is Planned!

Co-operative Charting (Co-op Charting) is a scavenger hunt to find geodetic marks. Each year USPS contributes an estimated value of service to the U.S. Government of \$15 to \$20 million through these organized scavenger hunts.



P/C Harold Hladky AP, Co-op Charting Chairman, announced that on 21

October and 11 November, squadron members would have the opportunity to perform a major public service to the National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the US Department of Commerce. On 21 October, squadron members will look for Geodetic markers between Battle Creek and Kalamazoo. The search will begin with a 0900 breakfast meeting at Arlene's Truck Stop, I-94 exit 92 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

SEO Update

Lt/C Joe Mills, JN

Offering public boating safety courses is a traditional civic service of the USPS. For over half-a-century, the KSPS has offered courses to anyone who wished to attend. To date thousands of residents of Southwest Michigan have taken boating courses.

This month, Lt Wally Corder, S continues our tradition by offering *Boat Smart!* *Boat Smart* will cover topics useful to the angler in an out-board and to the skipper of a large cruiser or sailboat. The class starts on 5 October and will

be held at Milwood Middle School, 2916 Konkle Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49001 from 1900 to 2100.

This month, Stf/C Robert Landeros, SN will also offer the updated Junior Navigation course. I'm delighted to report that 10 KSPS members have signed up for the course and that course may also include members from the South Bend Sail & Power Squadron. The course starts on Monday, 23 October 2006, and it will be held at I.H.S. Distributing, 1800 Douglas Avenue, Kalamazoo, Michigan. If you're interested and you haven't contacted Bob, you should ASAP!



KSPS, D-9 & USPS Activities and Meetings

10 Oct 06; 1830-2100 KSPS Executive Meeting McGinnis Landing, Kalamazoo	21 Oct 06; 0900 Co-operative Charting Arlene's Truck Stop, I-94 exit 92 Battle Creek	27-29 Oct 06 D/9 Fall Conference The Westin Southfield Detroit
11 Nov 06; 0900 Co-operative Charting TBD	14 Nov 06; 1830-2100 KSPS Executive Meeting McGinnis Landing, Kalamazoo	9 Dec 06; 1830-2100 KSPS General Meeting The Beacon Club, Kalamazoo
12 Dec 06; 1830-2100 KSPS Executive Meeting	13 Jan 07; 1830-2300 KSPS Change of Watch and Inaugural Ball	13 Feb 04; 1830-2100 KSPS General Meeting

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

2006 KSPS Bridge Officers

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Administrative Officer	Lt/C Jerry Hendrickson AP	269-353-7243 (home)	jlh10acrewoods@sbcglobal.net
Treasurer	Lt/C Nils Strand AP	269-964-6690 (home)	nils.strand@gsa.gov
Secretary	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.

Our 29 August cruise presented us with wonderful conditions, extremely flat water and sunny. So, we decided it was a good time for Trish to get a 101 course on bow and stern thrusters and bringing the boat to a full stop while keeping it from moving with the waves or current. We found a lobster buoy (not hard to locate in Maine) and Jim had me back up to it, go to one side of the buoy and stop when it was a beam to the boat. With this exercise, I got a feel for the throttle and thrusters. Does this qualify Trish to dock Great Expectation? Well, Trish doesn't think so. As she said, "Driving the boat, while out at sea, is not all that difficult when the auto pilot is engaged. Basically, we are pushing a button which moves the boat 10 degrees one way or the other to avoid hitting lobster buoys."

Anyway, upon our approach to Castine harbor, there were lovely homes along the shore and we passed the Maine Maritime Academy, which is located just inside the entrance to the harbor.

Now the cruise guide says this is a "quaint town" (aren't they all?) but looking at the marina we were approaching, maybe quaint, was not the word that came to mind. When I hailed the dock master, she hailed right back "hold on, I'm tying up a 100 foot boat. Be right back to ya. Just look for the blue sweatshirt when you get here". We said, "ok", then Jim and I looked at each other and said "this might be interesting." So we took our time approaching the docks. Then we saw the girl in a blue



sweatshirt waving us down and we proceeded ahead. She helped tie us down. This place is called Eaton's Boatyard and has been around for 160 years. The office is built on pilings and water raises and lowers beneath it with the tide. The wood floor of the boat yard has boards with big knots in them and things hang-

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I'm certain everybody went home with some great memories!

Your Commander,

Robyn D. M. Levene, AP

PS: Last Spring a freelance writer for *Boston Whaler* magazine interviewed me. The article was based on child-safety afloat. It appeared in their summer issue. USPS is featured with D/9 and KSPS mentioned. Check out our web site for a copy of the article.



Lt/C Jerry Hendrickson, AP, Executive Officer and Auctioneer *Extraordinaire*: Keeping the excitement and bidding going!

Birthdays!

3 October

Cdr Robyn D.M. Levene, AP

4 October

Daniel L. Livingston

9 October

Winifred B. Meinert, P

11 October

Greeta G. Douglass

14 October

Daniel A. Bonfiglio, S

28 October

P/C Douglas J. Mathewson, SN

30 October

Craig O. Norrod, S

Lt Richard Dale Snyder, P

In Remembrance

Lt. Richard D. Snyder, P died peacefully at his home in Kalamazoo on Tuesday, September 26, 2006. A member of the Kalamazoo Sail & Power Squadron since March 30, 1998, he accumulated six merit marks. Most recently, Dick served on the Nominating Committee and his influence will live on in the squadron's future leaders. Surviving are his wife, Carole, his children, and cherished grandchildren. The family will host a celebration of Dick's life for family and friends at James W. Miller Audito-

rium, on the campus of Western Michigan University on Saturday, 21 October at 14:00.

Edna Boyce passed from our lives on Wednesday, 27 September 2006. Edna was married to P/C Bob Boyce, AP for the last 20 twenty years. Her funeral is scheduled for Monday, October 2, 11:00 at the Redemption Lutheran Church on West Michigan Avenue in Battle Creek, MI. Visitation will take place Sunday 1 October at 13:00-15:00 and 17:00-19:00.

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ing on the weathered walls that look like they belonged to boats from days gone by. I'm not talking of a nostalgic manor, like when you walk into a restaurant with old stuff on the walls. It was everywhere, ceiling, floor, walls and every nook and cranny. I must say, if first impressions really tell the whole story, this place fooled us. Both Jim and Trish agree that this was one of the best stops so far.

The town was very small and quaint, with a lot of history going back to the French and Indian wars of the early 1700's and the time of the revolution, 1776 etc. According to Trish, "The town consists of a small grocery, two restaurants, post office, church, book store, art gallery, one gift shop and two Bed & Breakfast's that also serve dinner; oh, and let's not forget the boatyard."

The Eaton's Boatyard has been around and in the same family for 160 years. Susan (girl in blue sweatshirt) is the fourth generation of Eaton to run the docks and according to



Great Expectation Deckhand, Riley
(Photograph by Trish Smith)

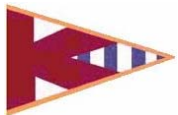
Trish, "...this girl hustles and is extremely helpful." When we had a generator problem and she put us in touch with a guy that took care of it. We also had another problem that wasn't solved so easily. "When Jim went to open a salon window, and the window shattered into a million pieces (safety glass)." They didn't have anyone to help with that

problem. Rain was predicted for the next few days, so we made due with cardboard and good old duct tape.

The other interesting thing about Castine was the Academy. The young cadets are up at 7:00 am with their superior officer running around Castine, shouting "Good Morning Castine!" You can hear those poor kids being yelled at all day long. One time when Trish was walking Riley, they came right past us yelling and screaming and scared the dog near to death.

According to Jim and Trish, their stay at Castine was extremely nice, "free WIFI internet at the library, no tourists, and not much traffic, except at the post office because they don't deliver mail, so you have to pick it up... and the view (once the 100-foot boat departed) was fantastic."

Editor's comment: The next stop is Belfast Maine... Let's see how the cardboard and duct tape worked.



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