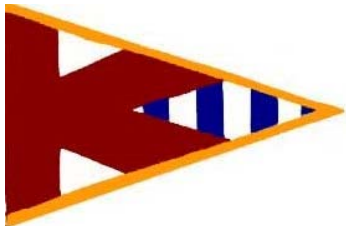


The Pilot

*Kalamazoo Sail & Power Squadron
a unit of the United States Power Squadrons®*



The Commander's Welcome!

Stf/C Robert Landeros, SN



**Stf/C Robert Landeros, SN
The 54th Commander of the
Kalamazoo Sail & Power Squadron**

I would like to be one of the first members of the Kalamazoo Sail & Power Squadron to congratulate you for successfully completing *Boat Smart*. By completing this basic safety boating course, you've demonstrated to the boating community your desire to make the waterways safe and more enjoyable for all of us.

Because of your demonstrated commitment to boating safety, I would like to extend an invitation

to join the Kalamazoo Sail & Power Squadron. A membership in the Kalamazoo Sail & Power Squadron will provide you many boating related opportunities, the first and generally foremost of which is more education. Our primary purpose is boating education and I hope you will take advantage of the many classes we offer. Many of these educational opportunities are outlined in this special issue of *The Pilot* or you can find up-to-date information at www.ksps-usps.org.

In addition to education, the Kalamazoo Sail and Power Squadron holds regularly scheduled dinner meetings; usually the second Tuesday of the month in January, February, April, May, September, and November. These meetings feature a program of general interest to boating enthusiasts like you.

The squadron also organizes several rendezvous for the members at sites accessible by

boat or car. Much of my own boating education has come from the squadron's experienced boaters at these gatherings and other squadron activities.

As a member, you will receive the bi-monthly USPS publication *The Ensign* and our monthly Squadron publication, *The Pilot*. Our affiliation with Boat U.S. offers you a discounted membership. We regularly work with local marine equipment providers and other local boating groups as a resource for information and equipment.

I hope you will join us so you can enjoy as much as I do the many opportunities Kalamazoo Sail and Power Squadron provides. If you have any questions regarding your membership, don't hesitate to call me, any other officers listed on the second page of this special issue of *The Pilot*, or our website, www.ksps-usps.org.

Welcome aboard,

Commander Bob, SN

Special Inserts:

- Application for membership to the United States Power Squadron® and the Kalamazoo Sail & Power Squadron

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What is the Kalamazoo Sail & Power Squadron?



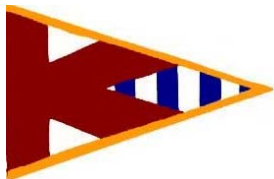
Kalamazoo Sail & Power Squadron members on a squadron event in the North Channel

The Kalamazoo Sail & Power Squadron (KSPS) is a unit of United States Power Squadrons® (USPS), a nationwide non-profit organization of boating enthusiasts, both power and sail, dedicated to promoting boating safety and education. The USPS is comprised of 33 districts: unions of different local squadrons in a general area of coverage. KSPS belongs to District 9 along with 24 other local squadrons, each one dedicated to providing boating education to the Lower Peninsula of Michigan and northern Indiana.

KSPS members live in Kalamazoo, Calhoun, Van Buren, Barry and Allegan counties, and boat regularly on the lakes in southwest Michigan, Lake Michigan and beyond.

Fly the KSPS Burgee!

A burgee is a triangular flag used as an identification flag on vessels under command by a member of a yacht club or a squadron. As a member of the Kalamazoo Sail & Power Squadron, you will be able to fly your squadron's unique burgee from your vessel's masthead.



Designed in 1948, the year USPS® chartered the Kalamazoo Power Squadron, the burgee was updated in 1998 with a gold border to signify the Squadron's 50 years of service to the Battle Creek/Kalamazoo area.

It was in 2002 the Kalamazoo Power Squadron official changed its name to the Kalamazoo Sail & Power Squadron to acknowledge the many sail-boaters belonging to our squadron.

What's This Rank Thing All About?

Rank is the United States Power Squadrons® way of recognizing volunteer leaders' commitment to USPS® and its squadrons. The squadron's elected bridge officers, other than the Commander (Cdr), hold the rank of Lieutenant Commander (Lt/C).



Commander's Ensign



**Lieutenant
Commander's Ensign**

The elected assistant officers and committee members have the rank of First Lieutenant (1/Lt). Appointed officers have the rank of Lieutenant (Lt).

When a member holds two ranks, the senior rank is used. For example, our current Commander uses the rank of Staff Commander (Stf/C), which is national position.

KSPS, D-9 & USPS Activities and Meetings

10 April 2007; 1830-2100 KSPS General Meeting The Hunt Club, Battle Creek, Michigan	8 May 2007; 1830-2100 KSPS General Meeting Blackhawk Bar & Grill, Richland, Michigan	19-25 May 2007 National Safe Boating Week
12 June 2007; 1830-2100 KSPS Executive Meeting TBD	15-17 June 2007 Westside Predicted Log Contest Yacht Basin Marine, Holland, Michigan	4 August 2007 United States Coast Guard Parade Grand Haven, Michigan
14 August 2007; 1830-2100 KSPS Executive Meeting TBD	4-9 September 2007 USPS Fall Governing Board Norfolk, Virginia	11 September 2007; 1830-2100 KSPS General Meeting TBD

Public Courses, Advanced Grade Courses & Electives

Course	Start Date	Contact Person	Telephone	e-mail address
Boat Smart: Battle Creek	1 February 07	Nils Strand	269-964-6600	nils.strand@gsa.gov
Boat Smart: Kalamazoo	8 March 2007	Wally Corder	269-321-0751	wccorder@hotmail.com
Boat Smart: Battle Creek	12 April 2007	Nils Strand	269-964-6600	nils.strand@gsa.gov
Chart Smart	10 May 2007	Nils Strand	269-964-6600	nils.strand@gsa.gov
Seamanship	16 April 2007	Robyn Levene	269-372-1782	rbynlevene@aol.com
Piloting	Fall 2007	George Gerpheide	269-375-4024	gsgerph@yahoo.com
Advanced Piloting	Spring 2008	Jerry Hendrickson	269-353-7243	jlh10acrewoods@sbcglobal.net
Junior Navigation	Fall 2008	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	8 March 2007	John Penniman	269-345-0275	education@kspusps.org
Instructor Development	14 February 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
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Treasurer	P/C Nils Strand AP	269-964-6690 (home)	nils.strand@gsa.gov
Secretary	Lt/C Lyndell Bleyer S	269-731-5601 (home)	lyn.bleyer@wich.edu

Boat Smart Was Just the Beginning

By successfully completing *Boat Smart* you're now ready to *really* learn something about boating! The United States Power Squadrons® offers its members some of today's best and most innovative boating courses. These courses are divided into two main categories: Advanced Grade Courses and Elective Courses.

Advanced Grade Courses

The Advanced Grades are a series of in-depth navigational courses for members, and completion of the highest level course determines a member's "grade". Letter grades may appear in USPS printed materials while insignia appear on a member's uniform. Descriptions of these courses, as well as the letter grades and insignia, are:

Seamanship (S) builds on the basics, and students learn practical marlinespike, navigation rules, hull design/performance, skipper responsibilities, boat care, boating under normal and abnormal conditions, what to do in various emergencies and weather conditions, nautical customs and common courtesy on the water.



Piloting (P) focuses on boating/sailing in coastal and inland conditions. The course emphasizes use of GPS for determining position and introduces digital charting along with traditional charting, compass and dead reckoning skills.

The insignia for Seamanship and Piloting is the same, a single bar; however, when a member completes both courses, the insignia has two bars.



Advanced Piloting (AP) continues to build on the base developed in Piloting, and includes practical use of additional electronic navigation systems and other advanced techniques for finding position. The AP insignia is a star between bars.



Junior Navigation (JN) introduces offshore (open coast) navigation. It is designed as a practical, how-to course. Subject matter includes basic concepts of celestial navigation; how to use the mariner's sextant; techniques of accurate time determination; use of the Nautical Almanac; how to reduce sights to establish lines of position; and the use of special charts, plotting sheets and other navigational data for offshore positioning and passage planning. The JN insignia is two stars with a single bar.



Navigation (N) helps develop an understanding of celestial theory. It introduces additional sight reduction techniques and develops greater skill and precision in sight taking, positioning, the orderly methods of carrying on the day's work of a navigator at sea, and emergency offshore navigation using minimal data and/or equipment on a disabled vessel or lifeboat. The N insignia is three stars with two bars.



Elective Courses

Members are able to take following courses designed to make boating safer and more fun:

Cruise Planning preparation and planning, boat and equipment, anchors and anchoring, security, chartering, cruising outside the United States, crew and provisioning, voyage management, communications, navigation, weather, and emergencies.

Engine Maintenance provides information about marine propulsion systems, engine principles, engine components, controls, instruments and alarms, marine engine maintenance, steering systems, cooling and exhaust systems, lubrication, fuel and air induction systems, ignition systems, electrical and starting systems, power trains, and troubleshooting.

Marine Electronics covers boat electrical systems, marine radio communications, and marine electronics for navigation.

Sail covers basic elements of sailing and sail trim, tuning a rig, steering and helmsmanship, spinnaker handling, heavy weather sailing, survival in storm conditions, safety procedures, racing and race management, and complete navigation rules for sailing vessels.

Weather covers basic weather knowledge for safer and more enjoyable, students learn to make weather predictions based upon observations of the sky, upon barometer and wind information, as well as weather data provided by maps, satellite images, and radio, and TV broadcasts.

Instructor Development offers practical instruction in preparing for teaching assignments, preparing for meeting presentations, effective teaching techniques, conducting efficient meetings, and selecting and using audiovisual aids. So you'll be able to share your knowledge with members and boaters in the public boating courses.

Recognition Levels

USPS awards grades to its members to indicate how far they have progressed in the continuing education program. Since one of the USPS objectives is boating safety through education, USPS encourages every member to strive to achieve the Educational Proficiency level, with the ultimate goal being that of the Educational Achievement Award.

Anyone completing a grade level of at least Advanced Piloting (AP) and three Elective Courses receives the Educational Proficiency Award.

Shown is an AP insignia with the Educational Proficiency bar below it



Anyone completing all five Advanced Grade courses and all six Elective Courses receives the Educational Achievement Award. This award is also known as the Senior Navigator award.

Shown here is the Educational Achievement Award insignia that you might see on a member's uniform.



By Joining, There is a Lot Waiting for You and Your Family !

As a member of the Kalamazoo Sail & Power Squadron, you have the benefits available to all members of the United States Power Squadrons®... benefits that save you money and provide you incredible value for your investment to promote safe boating!

You can save on your boat insurance! You can get up a 20% discount based on the courses you've successfully completed and another 3% for a Vessel Safety Check.

Enjoy Special Organizational Discounts on valuable services:

- Boat U.S. Membership
- Infocus LCD Projectors
- *The Ensign*, USPS Magazine and *The Pilot*, KSPS Newsletter
- TechSoup Stock/Microsoft Software
- Dell Computer (10%)
- C-Map Chart Cartridges
- WestMarine
- McGraw Hill On-line Bookstore
- John Hancock (LTC) Insurance

- Rosepoint Navigation Software
- Maptech® Software and Charts
- Nobeltec® Software, Charts, Tides & Currents (25%)
- *Soundings* Magazine
- Tax deduction on dues and some travel expenses
- Hamilton Marine

Members Helping Members

The USPS® Port Captains Program provides members with travel tips & local information when traveling in unfamiliar areas.

Opportunities for FUN

Participate in on-the-water activities, Cruises & Rendezvous with special friends. Enjoy social events, potluck dinners, picnics, parties and interesting meetings with special guest speakers on topics of interest to boaters ...

Support Safer Family Boating

The Vessel Safety Check Program certifies your watercraft as meeting all current U.S. Coast Guard regulations for boating safety.

Public Service

Cooperative Charting is a major public service of KSPS and USPS. Under it, KSPS members supply information to the Marine Chart division of NOS leading to the production "of accurate and up-to-date nautical and aeronautical charts" and related publications, and the preservation of geodetic control stations in the National Geodetic Reference System.

Offering Basic Boating Courses to the public is our primary civic effort toward making the waterways safer. As a member, you'll have the opportunity to offer your experience and knowledge in these courses and it is also a fabulous way to maintain your knowledge and proficiency during the non-boating season.

There are even more benefits and opportunities for you and your family. Please, visit, www.kspss-usps.org, your squadron's website for additional details, or call any of the officers listed on the second page of *The Pilot*.



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