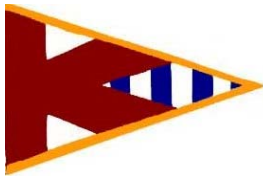


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The Summer 2007 Bridge Officer's Briefing

P/C Nils Strand, AP



**P/C Nils Strand, AP
the 2007 KSPS Treasurer**

June 1 marked the start of the 2007-2008 dues year; to the many Kalamazoo Sail and Power Squadron members who have renewed their membership, a personal thank you for your continued support of our squadron and the United States Power Squadrons. If you have not renewed as yet, I hope you will renew and continue your membership. We need your support so both KSPS and USPS can

together continue the education and other programs needed to ensure safe recreational boating. USPS has added a secure area on their website to enable online dues renewal.

<http://www.usps.org/dues/>

You probably noticed when you were completing your renewal that not all your membership dues go to KSPS. Approximately 43% of your dues payment goes to Kalamazoo, the remainder going to National, District 9 and the USPS Education Fund. Monies from renewals make up about 65% of our operating income, the remainder coming from new memberships, interest income, miscellaneous income and the 50-50 drawings. With declining membership over the past several years, the monies from renewals and new memberships has fallen off. Our operating expenses have also declined, but not to the same degree.



To forestall a dues increase and maintain stable funding in two of the three sides of the USPS triangle - education and civic service - the Budget Committee has tended to reduce or leave flat the budget for activities associated with the fraternal side of the triangle. Activities such as the District Conference Hospitality Room and Commander's Ball have not been budgeted to cover the steadily rising costs of these events.

The squadron has been able to continue to host a District Confer-

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Special inserts:

- Grand Haven United States Coast Guard Festival
- 2007 KSPS 1st Annual Dinghy Poker Run Flier and Entry Form

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USPS Boating Guide to America

If you have visited the USPS website, www.usps.org, you've probably noticed a link to *Boating Guide to America* (BGA). BGA is an opportunity for KSPS members to share their knowledge of our boating destinations and locations with all USPS members.

Boating Guide to America



BGA is written collaboratively by thousands of USPS members! It uses a special type of website, called a "wiki", that makes collaboration easy. You may already be familiar with "Wikipedia", a hugely popular collaborative encyclopedia. Boating Guide to America is like a "boating destinations" version of Wikipedia.

USPS encourages us to be bold! Find something that can be improved, either in content, grammar or formatting, and fix it. Or add an article about our favorite boating destinations. Currently, there are no entries for South Haven, Saugatuck or Holland... Let's be the first!

First Annual KSPS Dinghy Poker Run Fund Raiser: Promoting Safe Boating!



The KSPS will host a dinghy poker run in South Haven on the Black River, Saturday 25 August. The object is to have fun while raising money to promote safe boating through education. Tell your friends and slip-mates: the more the merrier!

The basic idea of a poker run is to collect playing cards, sealed in an envelope, from each of the five stops during the run. Cards are opened by the judges, with the three best hands and the worst hand winning prizes. Remember this is a run, not a race; speeding will lead to dis-quali-fication. Entry fee is \$35/player. The event wraps up with a picnic. Check our website www.ksps.usps.org for additional information and the entry form.

The event cannot be successful without many volunteers. If you would like to help, please call P/C Robyn Levene, AP at 269-372-1782 or email her at rbynlevene@aol.com.

KSPS, D-9 & USPS Activities and Meetings

4 August 2007 United States Coast Guard Parade Grand Haven, Michigan	14 August 2007; 1830-2100 KSPS Executive Meeting The Sport Forum, Kalamazoo, Michigan	17-18 August 2007 D/9 West Coast Rendezvous Traverse City, Michigan
25 August 2007; 1830-2100 KSPS 1st Annual Dinghy Poker Run South Haven, Michigan	4-9 September 2007 USPS Fall Governing Board Norfolk, Virginia	11 September 2007; 1830-2100 KSPS General Meeting Program & location to be determined
September/October 2007 D/9 Fall Council Date & location to be determined	9 October 2007; 1830-2100 KSPS Executive Meeting Location to be determined	26-28 October 2007 D/9 Fall Conference Doubletree Hotel, Bay City, Michigan

Public Courses, Advanced Grade Courses & Electives

Course	Start Date	Contact Person	Telephone	e-mail address
Boat Smart: Kalamazoo	TBD	Wally Corder	269-321-0751	wccorder@hotmail.com
Boat Smart: Battle Creek	TBD	Nils Strand	269-964-6600	nils.strand@gsa.gov
Chart Smart	TBD	Nils Strand	269-964-6600	nils.strand@gsa.gov
Seamanship	TBD	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	TBD	Dan Livingston	269-781-2328	autodan@yahoo.com
Instructor Development	TBD	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	Spring 2008	Allen Buskirk	269-375-2586	andiamo91@cs.com

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Secretary	Lt/C Lyndell Bleyer S	269-731-5601 (home)	lyn.bleyer@wmich.edu

The 2007 Westside Predicted Log Contest



1st/Lt Scott Levene, P (center), the 2007 Westside Predicted Log Winner being congratulated by Stf/C Robert Landeros, SN, KSPS Commander (left) and 1st/Lt Jerry Hendrickson, JN, KSPS Predicted Log Chairman (right)

On 16 June, the KSPS hosted the 2007 D/9 Westside Predicted Log Contest. This year, KSPS's **1st/Lt Scott Levene, P** took the top honors by piloting "White Star" on a three-leg 14.1-nautical-mile course on Lake Michigan with only a 2.4561% error between his predicted and actual time to cover the course. Second and third place went to members of the Grand Rapids Squadron: Paul Goetcheus piloting "Option" and Dakota Hewlett piloting "Summertime."

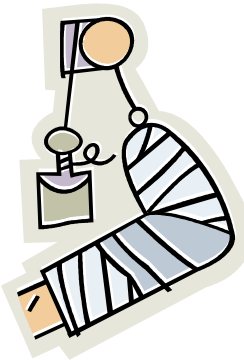
The success of this event would not have been possible without the organizational skills of **1st/Lt Jerry Hendrickson, JN**.

Congratulations: Passing Seamanship & OT!

Our SEO, Lt/C Joe Mills, JN is happy to report that eight member have successfully completed Seamanship, the first of a series of courses designed to make them better boaters. They are: **Ronald McPhee, Walter Lund, Dennis Van Allsburg, Robert Sheppard, William Ditty, Becky Ditty, Patricia Smith, and David Parker.**

Special thanks must go to **P/C Robyn Levene, AP** for chairing the Seamanship course and to all the KSPS members that shared their boating and seamanship knowledge. Additionally, **1st/Lt Phyllis Buskirk, P** deserves special thanks for offering Operations Training to the Seamanship class so the eight KSPS members could also learn more about USPS.

In Recovery



1st/Lt George Tyler, JN, one of our long time members, had a goal for this summer. He was determined to enter the Senior Olympics. His event would be bicycle riding. With this in mind, George pulled his bike out of storage, dusted it off and rejuvenated it. He then put his helmet on and took a casual cruise down the street. Unfortunately, his casual cruise turned into a tragic cruise.

George had just biked up a hill. At the top he paused for a moment to adjust his toe clip and

realized he was rolling forward down the hill. George immediately, applied his hand brake and The next thing George recalls is his neighbor bending over him.....

George was taken to the hospital. He suffers from a cracked hip bone, and broken shoulder with multiple scrapes and bruises. After being in a rehab facility for a couple of weeks, George is home now with a staff of care-takers. His recovery will take several weeks. However, George is determined to get on his bike again before summer ends. Get well soon George! Go for your dreams!

Summertime Birthdays!

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|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <i>June 1</i> | <i>7 July</i> |
| Richard Thompson, P | 1/Lt Chris Jay Hansen, P |
| <i>6 June</i> | <i>19 July</i> |
| Richard F. Walter, JN | Lt Phyllis A. R. Buskirk, P |
| <i>15 June</i> | <i>29 July</i> |
| Brian J. Magnuson, S | Pamela J. Wright |
| <i>16 June</i> | |
| Bruce J. Dorais, S | |
| <i>19 June</i> | |
| Maris A. Soule, P | |
| <i>24 June</i> | |
| James C. Henning, SN | |
| <i>25 June</i> | <i>6 August</i> |
| Diana W. Goes | William T. Ditty |
| <i>26 June</i> | <i>10 August</i> |
| P/C Jane Chappell, S | Wally Corder, S |
| <i>30 June</i> | <i>13 August</i> |
| Susan Y. Norrod, S | P/C Lois M. Whitmore, SN |
| | <i>15 August</i> |
| | David E. Habecker, S |
| | <i>24 August</i> |
| | Susan L. Livingston, S |
| | <i>29 August</i> |
| | Glenn F. Lussier |



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ence Hospitality Room at the same budget amount for the past several years by sharing the room and associated costs with two other squadrons and also through the generous donations of food and beverages supplied by our members. The Commander's Ball continues as the squadron's yearly gala fraternal event, but without the amount of funding that was provided by the squadron in past years. A large portion of the Commander's Ball expenses not covered by the meal price is now being assumed by the commanders directly. Because of the generous donations from the commanders, the KSPS Commander's Ball remains a memorable event.

Although the education side of the USPS triangle has not been as financially affected by our declining income as the fraternal side, the KSPS general operating budget cannot support the purchasing of modern educational tools such as laptops and projectors needed for classroom PowerPoint presentations. The PowerPoint equipment owned by the squadron was purchased with monies from the Acheson Foundation, from member donations, from the estate of former member Donald Warren and memorial donations for former member Maynard Mar-

tin. Our general operating budget cannot fully or even partially fund the sending of our Education Officer or instructors to district or national boating education seminars. To attend these seminars our members must fully fund all expenses out of their own pockets.

Though our squadron is making a substantial effort to increase our membership and reduce the number of non-renewals, we need to look seriously at other means to continue the nearly sixty year KSPS tradition of safe boating based on the USPS triangle of education, civic service and fraternity. KSPS must follow the lead of National and establish its own endowment fund. This fund would be developed and grown over future years from charitable gifts from its members and supporters and only the interest would be used for KSPS programs. Charitable gifts would not only be through outright giving, but also from creative gifts, a gift normally given through a legal instrument or contract.

National has named the endowment fund *The Century Fund* in recognition of USPS' centenary in eight years. We should seriously consider the establishment of a *Diamond Fund* in recognition of KSPS' sixtieth year in 2008.

P/C Nils Strand, AP



The Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival takes pride in honoring the men and women of the United States Coast Guard and is thrilled to host an exciting array of fun filled family activities and events.

Be part of the celebration by marching in the Meijer/Festival Grand Parade. Meet at the Central High School at 10:00 on Saturday, 4 August. The dress code for the parade is uniform D or E and for members without uniforms may wear Khaki trousers/shorts with a team shirt. The Festival concludes with a spectacular fireworks display.

You're also invited to tour a Coast Guard cutter, enjoy live music at the Waterfront Stage, discover the thrills of an exciting midway carnival, and view the amazing feats in a water ski show.

The Coast Guard Festival is a very special event, filled with exhilarating activities for the whole family. We look forward to seeing you there.



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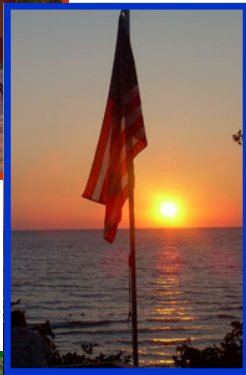
We're on the web

<http://www.ksps-usps.org>



Grand Haven COAST GUARD FESTIVAL

3-5 August 2007 Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival
Join members of USPS District 9 for a weekend of fellowship and fun—make sure your squadron is represented!!!



Need a hotel for the weekend?

Blocks of rooms are available under the name "USPS District 9" at the following locations – **but they will only be held until 3 July** so make your reservations now!

Country Inn Holland - \$99/night call (616) 396-6677
Fairfield Inn Holland - \$129.95/night call (616) 786-9700

Friday Night Festivities

Join members from throughout District 9 for a picnic at P/D/C Gert and D/Lt Frank Baldwin's lovely house on Lake Michigan. Festivities start at 1800. BYO Beverage. The location is 10333 Lakeshore Dr, West Olive, Michigan 49460.

Saturday is Parade Day!

The Meijer / Festival Grand Parade will be held on Saturday, August 4 for the enjoyment of the entire family. It's one of the largest land parades in Michigan, and will be televised on the ABC affiliate **WOTV 4**. If you love a parade, you won't want to miss this one! Parade steps off at 11:45 a.m. We line up at Central High School at 10:00 am.

- District bridge and commanders—Uniform D or E
- Members and commanders without uniform D or E: Khaki pants/shorts with team shirt

Immediately following the Grand Parade, invited Coast Guard guests, local invitees, and friends and families of the Coast Guard head to Mulligan's Hollow for an old-fashioned picnic. Foods & beverages, along with a great deal of fun, and of course the "birthday cake" all make for a very special celebration. The event is the town's way of saying "thank you" to the Coast Guard. The Birthday Picnic is sponsored by Meijer.

For more information on the Coast Guard Festival, visit:

<http://www.ghcgfest.org/>

For information call D/Lt/C Denise Brooks at 810.385.4951 (home) or email d2brooks@comcast.net

During an average day, the U.S. Coast Guard will:

- Conduct 109 Search and Rescue Cases
- Save 10 lives
- Assist 192 people in distress
- Protect \$2,791,841 in property
- Launch 396 small boat missions
- Launch 164 aircraft missions, logging 324 hours
- Board 144 vessels

Seize 169 pounds of marijuana and 306 pounds of cocaine worth \$9,589,000

- Interdict and rescue 14 illegal migrants
- Board 100 large vessels for port safety checks
- Respond to 20 oil or hazardous chemical spills totaling 2,800 gallons
- Service 135 aids to navigation

South Haven Dinghy Poker Run

Saturday 25 August 2007

Approximately 9:30am to 2:30pm

Sponsored by Kalamazoo Sail and Power Squadron

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Serving Allegan, Barry, Calhoun, Kalamazoo and Van Buren Counties

MAXIMUM BOAT/DINGHY LENGTH 15'

Sorry, no jet skis or personal watercraft



For Entry form and detailed rules go to: <http://www.kspss-usps.org/>

Entry Fees:

\$35 entry fee if received before 15 August

\$40 entry fee if received between 16-22 August



POKER RUN PRIZES

1st Place: \$100 cash plus 2 tickets to the 2007 Labor Day weekend football game at the University of Michigan vs. Appalachian State in Ann Arbor, Saturday 1 Sept. at noon.

2nd Place: \$75 cash

3rd Place: \$50 cash

Last Place: \$10 cash - Dinghy with the worst hand will win \$10.

Brief Rules: more detailed rules given out day of event at mandatory 10 am briefing.

1. Speed is not part of the event. Winner will be determined by best 5 card hand, randomly received.
2. Participants must adhere to speed limits, especially in congested areas and no wake zones.
3. All passengers on participating poker-run dinghies must wear personal floatation devices.
4. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages during the Poker Run.
5. Written instructions/charts handed out by organizers with appropriate speed and safety notations.
6. Event start up will be divided into groups based on speed, with slowest dinghies departing first.
7. No departures before assigned start time.
8. Rafting may be necessary at final destination, please have 2 dock lines (1 fore and 1 aft)
9. Maps and GPS coordinates for the card pick-up locations will be provided at the 10 am briefing.
10. Each dinghy shall carry a cell phone, VHF radio or other device for communication.

Committee will monitor VHF channel _____ for emergencies or assistance. Cell # _____

Failure to obey speed limits, event rules and/or proper boating etiquette will result in disqualification.

KSPS recommends a minimum of two crew, one to operate dinghy, one to read map, navigate, retrieve cards and help keep your dinghy from colliding with docks or other boats. Unless your dinghy is an inflatable, please have bumpers handy for tight quarters and rafting.

Event will be run rain or shine, with the exception of severe weather, like lightning or tornado watch.

Storm date: If there is lightning or tornado on 25 August, the event will be rescheduled for 26 August.

Trailing your dinghy? Put in at the public ramp. We're trying to get the usual \$7 fee waived for event.

South Haven Dinghy Poker Run Entry Form
Saturday 25 August 2007 *
Registration from 8:30 to 10, Mandatory Briefing 10 am
Event runs until 2:30 pm
Sponsored by Kalamazoo Sail and Power Squadron
Serving Allegan, Barry, Calhoun, Kalamazoo and Van Buren Counties

Step 1: Fill out entry form either paper version or download Microsoft Word version from
<http://www.kspss-usps.org/>

Step 2: Mail with payment to **South Haven Poker Run, 5093 Swallow St, Kalamazoo MI 49009**
Allow sufficient time for entry to be received by deadline (by 15 Aug = \$35, 16-22 Aug = \$40).

In consideration of the KSPS' South Haven Poker Run accepting this application, the undersigned for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns hereby release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Kalamazoo Sail & Power Squadron, South Haven Poker Run sponsors, organizers, committee members and each of their respective representatives from any claim, demands, damages, actions or causes of action arising out of or in consequence of any loss, injury, or damage to my person or property incurred from any cause whatsoever, in consequence of attendance or participation in the KSPS' South Haven Poker Run event, notwithstanding that any such loss of injury or damage may have arisen by reason of the negligence of the KSPS' South Haven Poker Run, its sponsors, organizers and committee members harmless and does hereby indemnify them from any and all liability for personal injury or property damage to third parties which may occur in any manner arising out of my attendance or participation in said Poker Run.

The undersigned further acknowledges that the KSPS' South Haven Poker Run is not a race and that speed in no way determines the outcome of the event and hereby agrees to abide to all the rules, directives, and conditions of the Poker Run, as set forth by the organizers, either verbally or in writing, before or during the South Haven Poker Run. The undersigned further agrees that the boat named in the application form is in safe operating condition and complies with and meets and is equipped with the prescribed equipment of the small vessel regulations for the State of Michigan and US Coast Guard.

KSPS South Haven Poker Run Entry Form

15' Maximum Boat/Dinghy Length For Entry; sorry no jet skis or PWC

Please print legibly

Card Player's Name			
Address			
City, State, Zip Code			
Telephone		Cell or other phone	
Date of birth	Card Player must be at least 18 years of age.		
	I agree to the terms and conditions of the poker run. (sign below)		
Signature			

Card Player's Name: **					
Crew member names					
Type of Boat (inflatable, john, etc.)					
Boat Length		Maximum length is 15 feet			
Maximum Boat Speed				Horse Power	
Boat Registration number					
✓ Check if Member of the power &/or sail squadrons listed to the right	KSPS Kalamazoo	GRPS Grand Rapids	SBPS South Bend	Coast Guard Aux.	Other
Email Address for Entry Confirmation/Verification:					

Entry Fee for Each Player **	
Fee mailed or delivered and received by 15 August	\$35
Fee mailed or delivered and received between 16-22 August	\$40
PICNIC Brats, potato salad, chips, pop, etc. at final destination 12:30 – 2:30 pm Winners announced at picnic after 2:30 pm. So we can order & prepare sufficient quantities of food, please indicate number of persons attending picnic. # adults _____ at \$5 per adult, # of children _____ at \$3 per child under 10. Calculate dollar amount, write in box to the right, and add to total on next line.	
Total entry fee and picnic. You will receive wrist band for each paid picnic attendee.	
Make check payable to: Kalamazoo Sail & Power Squadron Send along with completed entry form to: South Haven Poker Run 5093 Swallow St Kalamazoo MI 49009	
Poker run will start & end at River Ridge condominiums. Registration opens at 8:30 , Player/Dinghy captains rules meeting at 10 am . Poker run staggered starts about 10:20am. Expect first dinghy to complete course by 12:30 , last by 2:20 pm	

- * Event held rain or shine. In case of severe weather (lightning, hail, tornado warning) event will be held on Sunday 26 August, with registration from 8:30 to 10 and mandatory briefing at 10 am.
- ** Non-card-playing crew members do NOT have to pay an entry fee. There may be more than one active card player per dinghy (players sharing a dinghy). Each person wanting to collect and play a poker hand must complete a separate entry form, and pay a separate entry fee. Please indicate name of person with whom you are sharing dinghy on entry form. Each card player must be at least 18 years old.

Trailer your dinghy? Put in at the public ramp. We're trying to get the usual \$7 fee waived for event.

Visit <http://www.ksp-usps.org/> for more information about the Kalamazoo Sail & Power Squadron, as well as boating classes and other benefits of membership. Entry Form for South Haven 2007 Poker Run.doc