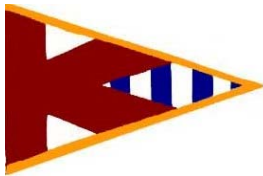


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The April 2008 Bridge Officer's Briefing

Harold L. Hladky, JN, Commander

As I look at 12 inches of snow that fell on the first day of Spring, I am thinking about the upcoming summer and the events we are working on for this our 60th year as a Power Squadron.

Along with sponsoring the District conference the last of October, we are looking at several squadron events. Activities we are considering include a Commander's Picnic in South Haven, open to the public, with demonstrations of proper fire extinguisher usage and other boat safety topics. We are looking at having a vessel safety inspection at the same time.

In May, we will have a panel discussion on cruising the North Channel presented by KSPS members who have been there.

Other summer activities that should be put on your calendar are the Predicted Log contest. Even if you do not participate as a contestant, there is a need for officials (you have to be able to read a watch) or go along to help spot marker buoys or even just for the joy of being on a boat.

The first of August brings the Coast Guard Festival, help us show our appreciation of this fine organization by attending or marching with other D/9 squadrons in the parade. We are planning another Dingy Poker Run, probably in August.

Check our web site often for current information and activities added or updated throughout the boating and non-boating seasons. <http://www.ksp-usps.org>

As always we are looking for members to help support these activities by helping to organize them and/or participate. It's your organization! If there is some project you would like to see us involved with, contact any bridge officer.

Cdr Harold L. Hladky, JN



**Harold Hladky, JN
The 2008 KSPS Commander**

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KSPS Service Opportunity



Captains are needed to pilot pontoon boats during the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra League's Annual Tour of Homes. The KSOL needs 24 captains to ferry visitors between Gull Lake Marine and Gull Lake island, on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 16, 17 and 18 May 2008. If we can get enough captains, shifts will only be 2-3 hours. Pontoon boats to be donated by Gull Lake Marine.

Interested in helping? Contact **Lt Wally Corder, S** (269) 321-0751, or Heather Ingram (269) 321-0799.

April 2008 General Meeting

Just in time for the 2008 boating season, **Trevor McDermott** from West Marine in Grand Rapids will show us the latest in Marine Electronics for your summertime cruising adventures and voyages. It should be fun and informative!



12 February 2008; 1830 to 2100
Gigi's Causal Dining, Kalamazoo MI
RSVP: Lt/C Bob Sheppard, P, (269) 323-0231 or sheppard-r@sbcglobal.net

SEO's Update

Lt/C Joe Mills, JN

Cruise Planning coordinated by **P/C Karen Strand, AP** started 27 March, with 10 students. Sail and Advanced Piloting classes were completed in March. Boat Smart in Battle Creek wrapped up 6 March with 13 people completing the course. A second Battle Creek session followed by Chart Smart will start in late April.

1st/Lt Wally Corder, S will coordinate the Kalamazoo Boat Smart class which begins Monday 14 April from 7 to 9 pm at Milwood Middle School. **P/C Lois Whitmore, SN** will coordinate the DNR Public Boating Course which will also begin Monday 14 April at Milwood, but being geared toward younger persons, will run from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

Starting in the Fall of 2008, all squadrons will be offering one public boating course called The American Boating Course. It will have two modules or sections. The first module is 8 hours and covers the material in our current Boat Smart course. The second part is 4 hours and covers charts and piloting. The first section is also designed to be taken on a self study basis. The new course will replace or consolidate Boat Smart, the Squadron Boating Course, the ABC Course and Chart Smart. Our class chairs for Boat Smart are aware of the changes and are gearing up for them by next fall. We will continue to teach Boat Smart until we run out of student manuals.

We want to offer Weather next fall. We need some one who is interested in helping **P/C Alan Buskirk, SN** teach the class and take over as class chair thereafter. This person can take the Weather class at the same time.

KSPS, D-9 & USPS Activities and Meetings

4-6 April 2008 District 9 Conference Troy Marriott, Troy Michigan	8 April 2008, 1830-2100 KSPS General Meeting Gigi's Causal Dining, Kalamazoo, MI	13 May 2008, 1830-2100 KSPS General Meeting Cruising the North Channel
17-23 May 2008 National Safe Boating Week National Safe Boating Council	10 June 2008, 1830-2100 Executive Committee Meeting Location to be determined	1-3 August 2008 Coast Guard Festival and Parade Grand Haven, Michigan

Public Courses, Advanced Grade Courses & Electives

Course	Start Date	Contact Person	Telephone	e-mail address
Boat Smart: Kalamazoo	14 April 2008	Wally Corder	269-321-0751	wccorder@hotmail.com
Boat Smart: Battle Creek	17 April 2008	Nils Strand	269-964-6600	nils.strand@gsa.gov
DNR Course: Kalamazoo	14 April 2008	Lois Whitmore	269-345-4521	lhw@core.com
Seamanship	TBD	Robyn Levene	269-372-1782	rbynlevene@aol.com
Piloting	TBD	Bill Ditty	269-323-3143	cgdiver@jouno.com
Advanced Piloting	14 January 2008	Jerry Hendrickson	269-353-7243	jlh10acrewoods@charter.net
Junior Navigation	TBD	Robert Landeros	269-501-2757	robert.landeros@sbcglobal.net
Navigation	Spring 2008	Robert Landeros	269-501-2757	robert.landeros@sbcglobal.net
Cruise Planning	27 March 2008	Karen Strand	269-964-6600	karenstrand@sbcglobal.net
Engine Maintenance	TBD	Dan Livingston	269-781-2328	autodan@yahoo.com
Instructor Development	TBD	Lois Whitmore	269-345-4521	lhw@core.com
Marine Electronics	Spring 2008	Harold Hladky	269-969-0815	hhladky@aol.com
Sail (Advanced)	10 January 2008	George Tyler	269-671-4560	gtn8kjd@tds.net
Weather	Fall 2008	Allen Buskirk	269-375-2586	andiamo91@cs.com

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USPS and D/9 Wants your Opinion

The National Planning Committee would like to offer every member the opportunity to provide input to the organization by participating in a short, online survey.

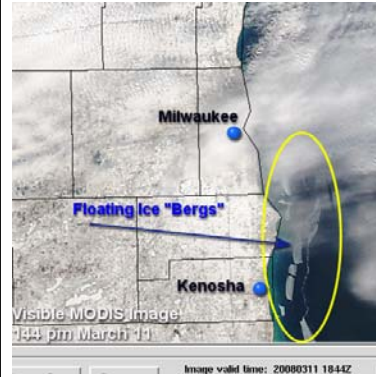
Attendees at the national convention in Norfolk were given the opportunity to fill out a survey similar to the one we are now offering online. While over 10% of the Governing Board meeting attendees filled out the survey, we are interested in a broader perspective that can be obtained through your participation.

The brief, three-part survey is designed to tell us who is responding (demographics), establish current statistics in a few key areas (benchmarks) and give you the opportunity to provide direction for the organization to consider in a few key areas (feedback items).

The survey should only take a few moments for you to complete, so please, tell us what you think! Go to the link below to take the survey now. Your feedback will be used to frame discussion at future meetings of the National Planning Committee and the District 9 Bridge.

USPS® Planning Committee Survey
www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=tozUmx10Vy6ebPmUI15Jbw_3d_3d

Iceberg on Lake Michigan?



The biggest appears to be about four miles long and a mile or more wide. Well, they're not really icebergs. Weather officials say that, unlike icebergs, the ice masses formed on the surface of the water so they don't go down very deep. But they could be trouble if a pleasure boat runs into them.

The relatively warmer temperatures and sunshine in the last part of March caused areas of ice that had been affixed to the western shore of Lake Michigan off the Racine and Kenosha areas to break away from the shore. The blustery west winds on Tuesday have carried these floating ice "bergs" several miles away from shore.

April Safety Corner - Overloading

Lt Roger Todd, S
 Squadron Safety Officer

Never overload your boat with passengers and cargo beyond its safe carrying capacity. Too many people and/or gear will cause the boat to become unstable. The increased weight of the boat will affect starting, turning, stopping and docking operations. Exceeding recommended boat weight and balance could result in a serious accident, injury or death.

Always balance the load so that the boat maintains proper trim. Here are some things to remember when loading your boat:

- Distribute the load evenly fore and aft and from side to side.
- Keep the load low.
- Keep passengers seated. Do not stand up in a small boat!
- Fasten gear to prevent shifting.
- Do not exceed the "U.S. Coast Guard Maximum Capacities" information label (commonly called the Capacity Plate).



Boat builders must comply with Federal law by putting a Capacity Plate in sight of the helm (steering area) on motorized boats less than 20 feet in length. This plate displays three important items: the



maximum weight of persons on board in pounds, the maximum carrying weight of the vessel in pounds and the maximum horsepower recommended for the boat. When determining weight on board, assume any water storage device weighs nine pounds per gallon of capacity.

The maximum number of persons must never be exceeded even if the total weight of the persons and gear is less than the maximum weight capacity. The following formula is for boats that don't have a manufacturer's weight capacity plate: $(\text{Length} \times \text{Width}) \div 15$

For example, if the boat is 12-foot long with a 4-foot beam, then the number of persons is, $(12 \times 4) \div 15 = 48 \div 15 = 3.2$ persons. The formula assumes an average weight of 150 pounds per person (adult and child); therefore, weight of the passengers exceed 480 pounds ($3.2 \times 150 = 480$).

The formula is applicable only to mono-hull boats less than 20ft in length. A mono-hull is a boat, which makes a single "footprint" in the water when loaded to its rated capacity. Catamarans, trimarans, or a pontoon boats are not mono-hull boats.

Dredging \$\$ for Great Lakes Harbors & Michigan Waterways

U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow announced that the annual spending bill for the federal government includes important recognition of the Great Lakes to Michigan, the nation's economy, and our environment. This bill will allocate over \$46 million dollars for harbor maintenance and dredging projects in Michigan. It also includes language urging the Army Corps of Engineers to recognize the importance of Great Lakes harbors and Michigan waterways. This legislation is a big victory for Michigan and the Great Lakes, which are facing water levels that have reached historic lows, jeopardizing shipping and recreational boating in our state.

Sand and silt will be dredged out of the harbors in Muskegon, Holland and Grand Haven. Last year, the build-up grounded four ships near Mus-



kegon. In Holland, two weeks of dredging could begin as early the end of March. Work should get underway in Muskegon sometime around the second week of April and it will continue for another six to eight weeks.

The following harbors and waterways will receive funding in this bill: Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal; Arcadia Harbor; Au Sable; Bay Port Harbor Bolles Harbor; Caseville Harbor; Channels in Lake St. Clair; Charlevoix Harbor; Clinton River; Crooked River Lock Upgrades; Detroit River; Frankfort Harbor; Grand Haven Harbor; Grand Marais Harbor; Grays Reef Passage; Holland Harbor; Inland Route (Alanson); Keweenaw Waterway; Leland Harbor; Lexington Harbor; Little Lake Harbor; Ludington Harbor; Manistee Harbor; Marquette Harbor; Menominee Harbor; Monroe Harbor; Muskegon Harbor; New Buffalo Harbor; Ontonagon Harbor; Pentwater Harbor; Petoskey Harbor; Port Sanilac Harbor; Portage Harbor; Presque Isle Harbor; Project Condition Surveys; Rouge River; Saginaw River; Saugatuck Harbor; Sebawaing River; South Haven Harbor; St. Clair River; St. Joseph Harbor; St. Mary's River; Surveillance of Northern Boundary Waters.

Birthdays!

1 April

Ronald J. Voelker

3 April

Glenn E. Hahn, N

11 April

P/C Allen V. Buskirk, SN

14 April

Donald J. Paulson, S

15 April

Patricia Sue Smith, S



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**2008 D/9 FALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM
Friday 31 OCTOBER – Sunday 2 NOVEMBER 2008**

KSPS 60th Diamond Jubilee



Registration requests received after 10 October will be accepted on a space available basis.

Uniform of the Day: Friday evening hospitality rooms – Casual or Vintage Costumes
Seminars & Business Lunch: Uniform F (or USPS Blazer or Appropriate Attire)
Dinner: Vintage Costumes of the 1940's, 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's, 00's or Dressy Casual

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First Time Conference Attendee? ___ Yes Want email notification of special seminars? ___ Yes
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MEALS Friday night hospitality rooms offer Hors d'oeuvres and other food (enough to satisfy).
 Breakfast on your own - Starbuck's (opens 7 am) J.W. Barleycorn's (opens 6:30 am).

Lunch Saturday 1 Nov Soup De'jour, Turkey wrap with potato salad, beverage and dessert
 # attending social lunch* _____ # attending business lunch _____ # Vegetarian lunch _____
 * social lunch activity ~ create jewelry and keepsakes via The Bead Shop

Dinner Saturday 1 Nov
Choice: Roasted Ruby Trout # _____ Roasted Garlic Marinated Sirloin # _____
Special Dietary Requests # _____ **Vegetarian Dinner #** _____

**** Add a surcharge of \$5.00 for any meal reservations made *after 10 October 2008*.

	Post marked by 10 Oct	<i>after 10 Oct</i>
Total # of lunches _____	@ \$25.00 = _____	@ \$30.00 = _____
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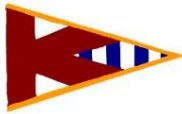
<p><u>Meals only – Mail check and this form to:</u></p> <p>KSPS or Kalamazoo Sail & Power Squadron Lyn Bleyer 6553 N 37th St Richland, MI 49083 (269) 731-5601</p>	<p><u>Hotel Reservations/Room Rates:</u></p> <p>Mention D/9 conference to get special rate of \$99 per double occupancy per night. *** <i>Must book room by 10 October.</i> *** Call McCamly Plaza to reserve your room 50 Capital Ave, SW Battle Creek MI 49017 (269) 963-7050 (888) 622-2659</p>
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Social Luncheon Activity – Create jewelry or keepsakes

Instruction and materials by the Bead Shop – most items \$5 to \$10

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