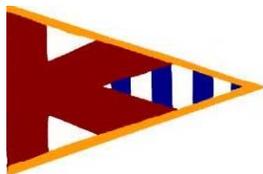


The Pilot

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The August 2008 Bridge Officer's Briefing

After many, many bonus years of boating friendship, the Last Horizon for Allen Buskirk came at 07:50 18 July 2008. A memorial service will be held at 11:00, Saturday, 23 August at the First Presbyterian Church, 321 West South St, downtown Kalamazoo (opposite Bronson Park). Parking behind the Church off Lovell Street.

P/C Allen V. Buskirk, SN had devoted many decades to promoting safe boating and sharing his knowledge by teaching and example. He was our squadron's commander in 1983.

He was our Weather instructor, coming to every course that had a weather chapter, as well as teaching the full Weather course. Weather can be an intimidating subject. However, Allen Buskirk was able to explain complex topics in a way that made them very comprehensible and memorable. He enlivened the course by sharing anecdotal weather stories. He taught weather for Cruise Planning last April and was planning on teaching the weather course this fall.

The prose below made us instantly think of Allen Buskirk and our weather lessons.

While cumulus clouds can be very picturesque, cumulus nimbus building to anvil heads signal danger and the need to bat down the hatches and head for port, which the prose author may not have known.

Ambition by Louis Jenkins

One of the good things about getting older is that no one asks anymore

"What are you going to be when you grow up?"

Or later on, "What do you do?" Questions for which I never had a good answer.

Nowadays everyone assumes I'm retired, and that I have no ambition whatsoever.

It isn't true. It is true that it's too late for me to become an Olympic champion swimmer or a lumberjack, but my ambitions are on higher things.

I want to be a cloud.

I'm taking some classes and have a really good instructor.

I don't want to be a threatening storm cloud, just one of those sunny summer clouds. Not that I won't have a dark side, of course.

I'd like to be one of those big fat cumulus clouds that pass silently overhead on a beautiful day. A day so fine, in fact, that you might not even notice me, as I sailed over your town on my way somewhere else, but you'd feel good about it.



**P/C Allen V. Buskirk, SN
11 April 1923– 18 July 2008**



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Remembering Commander Allen V. Buskirk, SN

Sft/C Robert Landeros, SN

I was first introduced to Allen in 2003 when he called to ask me when I wanted to take the Seamanship exam. I had intended to take the course, but due to a professional commitment on the night when the class would meet, I could not attend the class; nevertheless, I purchased the student manual, and planned to study it and then take the exam when I could, but I hadn't. Allen encouraged me to study the material and take the exam. If it had not been for him, I would never have discovered the knowledge and avenues for public service available to USPS members. I credit his love for boating and his ability to share his knowledge as reasons for fostering my desire to learn more about seamanship, boat handling, piloting and navigation, and igniting my excitement to become an active part of USPS.



P/C Allen V. Buskirk, SN and Bob with the Prince Henry Award, 13 January 2006.

For the last five-and-half years, I am privileged to consider Allen my mentor and role model through my self-study of Seamanship, Advance Piloting, Junior Navigation, Navigation and Cruise Planning. I also had the opportunity to witness his caring approach to education in a classroom setting when he offered the Weather course to the squadron, and lectured at numerous Basic Boating courses and a Seamanship course.

While Allen has always provided superb technical help and assistance, he has done much more. Through his example, he demonstrates the contribution that USPS members can make to their communities: civic and boating. Through his encouragement and guidance I have become a proud member of USPS. Through his coaching and example I have not only become a better boater, but I have gained awareness for servicing the boating community and USPS. Through his efforts and willingness to help and teach, he has assured that the Kalamazoo Sail & Power Squadron and the United States Power Squadrons will have knowledgeable committed USPS members, and current and future leaders.

Thank you Commander, job well done!

KSPS, D-9 & USPS Activities and Meetings

22-24 August 2008 D/9 Rendezvous Grand Traverse MI	2-7 September 2008 USPS Governing Board Detroit, Michigan	9 September 2008 KSPS General Meeting Sports Forum, Kalamazoo MI
14 October 2008 KSPS Executive Meeting TBD	31 October – 2 November 2008 D/9 Fall Conference McCamly Plaza, Battle Creek, MI	Register now for D/9 fall conference at d9-usps.org/ or www.kspusps.org/News/2008.html

Public Courses, Advanced Grade Courses & Electives

Course	Start Date	Contact Person	Telephone	e-mail address
America's Boating Course: Kalamazoo	15 September 2008	Wally Corder	269-321-0751	wccorder@hotmail.com
America's Boating Course: Battle Creek	February 2009	Nils Strand	269-964-6600	nils.strand@gsa.gov
DNR Course: Kalamazoo (ages 12-16)	15 September 2008	Lois Whitmore	269-345-4521	lhw@core.com
Seamanship	15 September 2008	Robyn Levene	269-372-1782	rbynlevene@aol.com
Piloting	TBD	Bill Ditty	269-323-3143	cgdiver@jouno.com
Advanced Piloting	TBD	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	January 2010	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	23 or 30 Sept 2008	Harold Hladky	269-969-0815	hghladky@peoplepc.com
Sail and Advanced Sail	Fall 2009	George Tyler	269-671-4560	gtn8kjd@tds.net
Weather	Fall 2008	TBD	—	—

The 2008 KSPS Bridge Officers

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Administrative Officer	Lt/C Robert D. Sheppard, P	269-323-0231 (home)	sheppard-r@sbcglobal.net
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@wmich.edu

SEO's Corner

Lt/C Joe Mills, JN

The Importance of Education

One of the major reasons for the existence of the USPS and KSPS is our responsibility to educate the public on safe boating. Many of us went on to join USPS in order to avail ourselves of the additional educational opportunities offered by KSPS. Since we've all been the beneficiaries of this splendid education, don't you think we owe something to the organization that gave us this opportunity to learn and be safe when boating?

We have a Squadron Education Officer (SEO) and his or her job should be to organize classes, assign instructors, ensure supplies are available when needed, order exams, etc. A small core of members have been coordinating or teaching classes. To keep them from burning-out, it's time for others to step forward and help. We all have been educated by this splendid organization. We are well trained and qualified to teach and share our experience. Search you conscience. Volunteer to teach one chapter or segment of a class, or serve as the coordinator for a course. We owe it to our organization and we will be stronger because of it. Call Joe, Lois, Wally, Nils or Robyn.

- ◆ Joe Mills, SEO - H 375-4414, W 383-2100
- ◆ Lois Whitmore, Kalamazoo DNR (youth class) H 345-4521
- ◆ Wally Corder, Kalamazoo Boat Smart - H 321-0751
- ◆ Nils Strand Battle Creek Boat Smart - H (269) 964-6690
- ◆ Robyn Levene, Seamanship - H 372-1782

August Safety Corner

Lt Roger Todd, S
Squadron Safety Officer

Let's Make Them Smarter and Younger!

There are over 13,619,000 registered recreational vessels in the United States, it's commonwealths and territories. States with the highest number of registered recreational vessels include Michigan (989,706), California (954,716), Florida (829,971) and Minnesota (793,107). Did you know? Michigan has more shoreline than any other state except Alaska.

Forty-three states set a minimum age requirement for operating a motor-powered vessel, an increase of four states from last year's survey. The minimum age ranges from age 10 to 18. The most common minimum age is 12 years of age (21 states). Illinois, New York and Wisconsin set the lowest age requirement at age 10, and



Clean Boating Act Signed Into Law!

In a significant victory for the recreational marine industry and the American boating and angling public, on July 29, President Bush signed into law S. 2766, the Clean Boating Act of 2008, protecting the more than 17 million recreational boats throughout the U.S. from unprecedented and unnecessary federal regulations.

"The recreational marine industry and boaters throughout the U.S. can now rest easy and go boating without a federal or state permit, heavy penalties and absurd legal jeopardy," said Scott Gudes, NMMA vice president of Government Relations. "We applaud President Bush and Congress for their bipartisan efforts to reverse the unintended and potentially devastating consequences of an overbroad federal court decision."

Introduced by Senators Bill Nelson (D-Fla.) and Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.) and Representatives Steve LaTourette (R-Ohio) and Candice Miller (R-Mich.), the Clean Boating Act permanently and fully restores a commonsense regulation that excludes recreational boaters and anglers from the Clean Water Act federal and state permitting system designed for land-based industrial facilities, like sewage treatment plants. Without legislative relief, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was set to implement new permitting regulations for boaters by October 1, 2008.

"This is welcome news for all recreational marine manufacturers across the country," said Thom Dammrich, NMMA president. "NMMA raised the alarm on this misguided court decision nearly two years ago, and we are thrilled that Congress and the President have prevented the bureaucratic nightmare that was set to become law."

"NMMA thanks all of its partners in the Boat Blue Coalition, including BoatU.S.," added Gudes. "Passage of this legislation is a testament to what is possible when our community joins forces and speaks with one voice before key decision-makers."

American Samoa sets the highest age requirement at age 18. Thirty-four states require an adult to be on board when a minor is operating a motor vessel. Thirty-two states require both a minimum age and an adult on board when a minor is operating a motor vessel. Of the 13 states that do not require a minimum operating age, 11 have no provision to require an adult to be on board when a minor is operating a vessel. In Michigan, a person who is 12 but less than 14 may operate a personal watercraft if he or she obtained a boating safety certificate.

May you always have these fortunes. . .
A warm fireside in winter,
A soft breeze when summer comes, and always,
The warm, soft smile of a friend.



President George W. Bush is joined by Rep. Steven LaTourette, R-OH, left, and Rep. Patrick Tiberi, R-OH, at the signing of The Clean Boating Act of 2008, aboard Air Force One.

Things to Do in the Belly of the Whale

by Dan Albergotti

Measure the walls. Count the ribs. Notch the long days.
Look up for blue sky
through the spout. Make
small fires
with the broken hulls of
fishing boats. Practice
smoke signals.
Call old friends, and listen
for echoes of distant
voices.



Organize your calendar. Dream of the beach. Look each way
for the dim glow of light. Work on your reports. Review
each of your life's ten million choices. Endure moments
of self-loathing. Find the evidence of those before you.
Destroy it. Try to be very quiet, and listen for the sound
of gears and moving water. Listen for the sound of your heart.
Be thankful that you are here, swallowed with all hope,
where you can rest and wait. Be nostalgic. Think of all
the things you did and could have done. Remember
treading water in the center of the still night sea, your toes
pointing again and again down, down into the black depths.

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Birthdays!

04 August

Ross T. Griffith

06 August

William T. Ditty

10 August

Wally Corder

13 August

Lois M. Whitmore

24 August

Susan L. Livingston

29 August

Glenn F. Lussier



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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 = _____
Total # of dinners _____	@ \$47.00 = _____	@ \$52.00 = _____

Check # _____ Total Amount Enclosed: _____

<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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