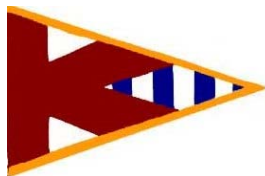


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The Fall 2008 Commander's Briefing

Harold L. Hladky, JN, Commander

Hope you had a great summer! We had plenty of great boating weather in September and October. By now most of you have your boats in storage, some are make plans to head south for the winter and others are getting ready for the long winter ahead.

On Saturday 2 August, along with representatives from other D/9 squadrons, eight KSPS squadron and family members participated in this year's Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival parade. The entire day, parade, \$5 picnic in Mulligan's Hollow, U.S. and Canadian Coast Guard cutter tours, entertainment and fireworks were fantastic. Be sure to mark the first Saturday in August on your calendar for 2009 as a must do.

This fall we hosted the Fall District 9 Conference in Battle Creek at McCamly Plaza Hotel (31 Oct - 2 Nov). It was a success! Over 218 people attended the 3 day conference, with 150 partaking in the luncheon and 112 staying for the evening banquet. The view of the sunset from the 16th floor, as we listened to the dulcimer group before dinner, was spectacular. Dinner was followed by dancing and music. Hats off to conference coordinator Karen Strand and a wonderful group of volunteers who did all the behind the scenes work.

The D9 Spring conference will be hosted by South Bend Friday 13 March - Sunday 15 March, 2009. Let's show our support.

Advanced and elective classes will be offered this winter and next spring based on demand for them. So please contact the coordinator listed in the education section and let them know if you are interested in taking a class or helping teach.

The KSPS Holiday Party will be 6:30 pm Saturday, 13 December at the Beacon Club. Come join us for an evening with your boating friends. Bring a toy, game or book to donate to Toys for Tots.

The KSPS Annual Meeting and Change of watch will be 6:30 pm Tuesday 13 January at the Waterfront in Battle Creek.



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

Cdr Harold L. Hladky, JN

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In Remembrance

Sadly, we lost another member. P/C Harry Harvey SN, was a 50+ Life Member, and one of the first Kalamazoo members to earn a full certificate. He was one of the five founding members of the Battle Creek Yacht Club in 1946. He passed away October 27, 2008 at age 97.

**P/C Harry Harvey SN,
1911-2008**

SEO's Corner

Lt/C W. Joseph Mills, JN

Congratulations - Lt/C Diane Hansen, AP received the Educational Proficiency Award for having taken and passed Advanced Piloting and at least three elective courses.

Three KSPS members took the course and passed the exam to obtain their Technician License in Amateur Radio. They are Gary Bleyer, Sharon and Doug Mathewson. Their call signs are: Gary - KD8JBT, Sharon - KD8JBU, Doug - KD8JBV. They are still looking for equipment.

KSPS received three trophies from District 9 for the D/9 squadron with the highest percentage of members achieving the following during the 2007-2008 educational year. The R/C Glenn H. Howell, SN, Elective Course Award for D/9 squadron with the highest percent of members passing Elective Courses. The R/C/ James E. Ryan, SN, Advanced Grades Award for the highest percent of Advanced Grades earned. The P/R/C George Richardson, SN, Educational Performance Award for highest percentage passing all types of courses.



**Lt/C Diane Hansen AP
Educational Proficiency**

2009 D/9 Spring Conference 13-15 March

The South Bend Sail and Power Squadron, invites you to the D9 2009 Spring Conference, "Celebrate the Voyage." We have many voyages to celebrate: the voyage each one of you made from your home squadron to visit us; the voyage through this area 375 years ago by French explorer LaSalle on his way down the Mississippi River; and more especially, our voyage of 50 years in this great organization.

When you think of South Bend, you probably think of the University of Notre Dame. On Saturday afternoon March 14th, we will have a walking tour of the campus. Directly across from the Marriott is the College Football Hall of Fame. For over 100 years South Bend was home to Studebaker. Founded before the Civil War, the Studebaker brothers built wagons and carriages; later they built automobiles. The Studebaker National Museum has the largest collection of Studebakers in the county, including the Studebaker carriage that President Lincoln took to Ford's Theater the night he was assassinated.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2009 Spring Conference.

KSPS, D-9 & USPS Activities and Meetings

13 December 2008, 1830-2100 KSPS Holiday Party & Toys for Tots Beacon Club Kalamazoo	13 January 2009 1830-2200 KSPS Annual Meeting & Change of Watch Waterfront—Battle Creek, MI - 269-731-5601	10 February 2009 KSPS General Meeting Sports Forum, Kalamazoo
10 March 2009 1830-2100 KSPS General Meeting Sports Forum, Kalamazoo	13-15 March 2009 D/9 Spring Conference South Bend, Indiana	1-2 August 2009 Coast Guard Festival and Parade Grand Haven, Michigan

Public Courses, Advanced Grade Courses & Electives

Course	Start Date	Contact Person	Telephone	e-mail address
America's Boating Course: Kalamazoo	3 March 09	Wally Corder	269-321-0751	wccorder@hotmail.com
America's Boating Course: Battle Creek	TBD	Nils Strand	269-964-6600	nils.strand@gsa.gov
DNR Course: Kalamazoo	3 March 09	Lois Whitmore	269-345-4521	lhw@core.com
Seamanship	Fall 2008	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	TBD	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	Fall 2008	Harold Hladky	269-969-0815	hhladky@aol.com
Sail & Advanced Sail	Fall 2009	George Tyler	269-671-4560	gtn8kj@tds.net
Weather	Spring 2009	TBD	269-375-2586	andiamo91@cs.com

The 2008 KSPS Bridge Officers

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Educational Officer	Lt/C W. Joseph Mills, JN	269-375-4414 (home)	millsatty@tds.net
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

Pirates - by Captain Fatty Goodlander



Captain Fatty Goodlander has been sending National Public Radio's Weekend Edition Sunday stories from his travels on board his boat, The Wild Card – a 38-foot cutter. Gary and his wife Carolyn are currently sailing near India, where a kind stranger helped them repair their ham radio. Visit fattygoodlander.com for more on their adventures.

When I asked permission to use this story, Capt Fatty said yes and added, "I'm on my 48th year of living aboard and have taken many USPS and USCG Aux courses. Keep up the good work!"

Pirates! That's right, pirates! Oh, how they fascinate us... those dashing sea rovers of yore... Jack Sparrow & crew... what a life! The sad reality is: pirates are just thugs-on-water. They are sea-going cowards who prey on the defenseless. There is nothing romantic about pirates they are the lowest of low-life. And, sadly, there are more pirates today... than ever before in the history of mankind.

We've had two close-encounters. The oddest was off Borneo, in Islamic Indonesia. This area has been famous for its pirates for over a thousand years. But we weren't worried. It was a perfectly calm day and we were motoring along... just about to pass a drifting fishing boat which was deploying its net... when it sped up and veered across the bow of our modest 38 foot sloop.

At first I thought the captain was a fool who had not seen us.... until I saw his floating rip-rap. He had deployed, not a fishing net, but a semi-floating polypropylene device to entangle our prop... to intentionally stop our engine! Then we'd be at his mercy.

Pirates! He was a pirate, pure and simple. He was only 50 meters away... and his evil rip-rap was now actually touching our boat! I gave Wild Card full throttle, and veered sharply away to starboard. He curved with us, keeping the entangling semi-floating lines pressed against our hull.

I dreaded hearing our engine stop. He'd reel us in like a fish. I'd heard they start out by demanding payment for their "damaged" fishing gear... and then watched where you hid the money... and if you had a woman or two aboard... well, then they'd make their decision... to release you... or... continue to take everything you had to offer... and your life too.

I had plenty of time to study them. 14 men... toothless, dressed in rags... 14 men lined the rail, watching us eagerly... hoping to hear our engine suddenly grind to halt. Luckily, our vessel could both turn tighter and go slightly faster... our tenth of a knot of extra boat speed eventually carried us out of danger.

KSPS 60th Anniversary Shirts

A special shirt to commemorate our 60th anniversary. In the center of the graphic is Lat 42° 17' N, Lo 85° 35' W. Shirts \$10 Caps with KSPS logo \$15. Order from Karen Strand. 269-964-6690



June Safety Corner

Lt Roger Todd, S
Squadron Safety Officer

Sudden immersion in cold water can induce rapid, uncontrolled breathing, cardiac arrest, and other physical body conditions, which can result in drowning.

Survival tips:

- * Always wear a PFD.
- * Button up your clothing.
- * Cover your head if possible and enter the water slowly.
- * Keep your head out of the water if at all possible.
- * Assume the HELP position—Heat Escape Lessening Posture



Immersion in water speeds the loss of body heat and can lead to hypothermia. Hypothermia is the abnormal lowering of internal body temperature. If your boat capsizes it will likely float on or just below the surface.

Outboard powered vessels built after 1978 are designed to support you even if full of water or capsized. To reduce the effects of hypothermia get in or on the boat. Try to get as much of your body out of the water as possible. If you can't get in the boat a PFD will enable you to keep your head out of the water. This is very important because about 50% of body heat loss is from the head.

It may be possible to revive a drowning victim who has been under water for considerable time and shows no signs of life. Numerous documented cases exist where victims have been resuscitated with no apparent harmful effects after long immersions, especially in cold water. Start CPR immediately and get the victim to a hospital as quickly as possible. Latest word is that the beat of the Bee Gee's song, Staying Alive, matches the CPR compression rhythm.

Birthdays

November Birthdays

- 10 Nov
Roger D. Todd, S
- 15 Nov
Jerry Lynn Hendrickson, JN
- 16 Nov
Eutiquio Crespo, AP
- Stanley M. Wolk, S
- 25 Nov
Amanda R. Hill
- 27 Nov
Walter G. Lund. P

December Birthdays

- Dec 03
Brandon Eshuis
- Dec 05
J. Scott Levene P
- Dec 07
Verle H. Wiita JN
- Dec 08
Rise' L. Landeros S
- Dec 12
David W. Tuls AP
- Dec 26
Laura A. Eshuis
- Dec 27
Glen H. Douglass AP
- Jerry J. Johnson

Worry is the misuse of imagination

Slate of Candidates for 2009 Bridge & Elected Positions

Commander: William L. Soule, P
 Executive Officer: Wally Corder, S
 Educational Officer: Roger D. Todd, S
 Administrative Officer: Lyndell R. Bleyer, S
 Secretary: Nils K. Strand, AP
 Treasurer: Gary W. Bleyer, S
 Executive Committee: Judy A. Dorais, S
 Chris J. Hansen, P
 Maris A. Soule, P
 George L. Tyler Jr., JN
 Lois M. Whitmore, SN
 Assistant SEO: Diane R. Hansen, JN

*Denotes members whose terms are continuing and are not on the ballot.

Nominating Committee:
 Robyn D. M. Levene, AP (2007-2009)*
 Robert Landeros, SN (2008-2010)
 Harold L. Hladky, JN (2009-2011)

Rules Committee:
 Lois M. Whitmore, SN (2007-2009)*
 Phyllis A. R. Buskirk, P (2009-2011)
 George L. Tyler Jr., JN (2009-2011)
 Auditing Committee:
 Diane R. Hansen, JN (2008-2010)
 Judy A. Dorais, S (2009-2011)
 Susan L. Livingston (2009-2011)

In accordance with Article 11, Section 11.1 of the Bylaws of the Kalamazoo Sail and Power Squadron, five active members in good standing may nominate a candidate by written petition, which they must file with the secretary at least 15 days before election (30 Dec 08).

Annual Meeting and Change of Watch Ceremony

Kalamazoo Sail & Power Squadron
 6:30 Tuesday evening 13 January 2008
 The Waterfront 315 W Columbia, Battle Creek MI
 RSVP by 8-Jan-09 to Lyn (269) 731-5601

More Birthdays!

October Birthdays

01 Oct
Robert D. Sheppard, P
03 Oct
Robyn D. M. Levene, AP
04 Oct
Daniel L. Livingston, S
06 Oct
Laurel Lynn Henkel
08 Oct
Gail Morton
09 Oct
Winifred B. Meinert, P
11 Oct
Greta G. Douglass, P
Karin Y. Lund
16 Oct
Rebecca Myria Mandoka
25 Oct
Erich Thomas Henkel
29 Oct
Douglas J. Mathewson, SN
30 Oct
Craig O. Norrod, S
31 Oct
Harold L. Hladky, JN



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Hope to have it back up in January.

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