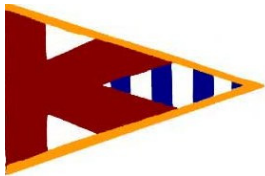
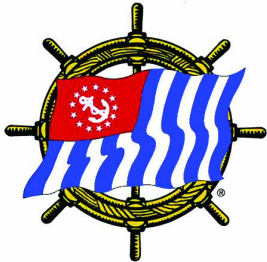


The Pilot

Kalamazoo Sail & Power Squadron

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Nominating Committee Seeking Those Willing to Serve

Our whole organization is run by volunteers. Some are able to devote many hours to KSPS concerns, while others help out with a task now and then or help with a special event. Still others keep the squadron going by taking classes, teaching classes or just by paying their annual dues. When you are contacted by a KSPS member, please volunteer for a level of effort that suits you. Getting involved with a committee, class or as an officer is a great way to meet other people who are also interested in promoting safe boating. Operations Training and a manual provide the background volunteers need to serve on committees or as officers.

What does the Bridge do?

The bridge is composed of the Commander (Cdr), the Executive Officer (XO), the Administrative Officer (AO), the Squadron Educational Officer (SEO), Treasurer and Secretary. While these last two officers have duties similar to positions of the same name in any organization, the others might need defining. No uniform necessary, just a willingness to serve.

The **Commander** is responsible for the operation of the squadron in keeping with our bylaws and the standard operating procedures of the district and national United States Power Squadrons. In addition to running the General and Executive Committee meetings, the Commander is often a voting member of several committees or has an Ex-officio (nonvoting) position on other committees. He or she oversees the responsibilities of the squadron to fulfill United States Power Squadrons USPS and District 9 expectations. Committees that fall under the Cdr's oversight include Executive, Auditing, Nominating, Rules, Protocol, Planning, and Merit Marks. See the roster for who is on these committees.

The **Executive Officer** has a number of committees that he or she oversees, and fills in when the commander is out-of-town or otherwise unavailable. The XO oversees Boat Show, Cooperative Charting, Legislative, Public Relations, Radio, Safety and Vessel Safety Check Committees. The **Administrative Officer** arranges meeting places and speakers. He or she also oversees several committees including: Hospitality Room at D/9 Conference, Predicted Log and Boating Activities, Meetings and Programs, Membership Involvement, Leadership Development and Port Captains. The **Squadron Educational Officer** (SEO) is responsible for managing courses offered by the squadron. He or she is assisted by an Assistant SEO. (cont. pg 2)

District 9 Fall Conference

Will be held **23-25 October 2009** in Sterling Heights
Host: Mt Clemens To register click on link below.
<http://d9-usps.org/app/2009FallConfRegForm.pdf>

Get your conference meals at lower cost by mailing registration before 26 Sept.

Hotel Deadline: Oct 9.

Ensure \$89 room rate by registering under USPS.
Duane Carlson, 5224 Howe St, Utica, MI 48317-3064

Best Western Sterling Inn
39411 Van Dyke Ave, Sterling Heights,
MI 48312 Tel: 800-953-1400

Indoor Water Park



Upcoming Calendar: KSPS, D-9 & USPS Activities, Events and Meetings

Tues 13 Oct. 2009 Time: 1830 - 2100 KSPS Executive Committee Meeting McGinnis Landing, Kalamazoo	23-25 October 2009 D9 Fall Conference Sterling Heights Host: Mt Clemens http:// d9-usps.org/app/2009FallConfRegForm.pdf	Tues 10 Nov. 2009 Time: 1830 - 2100 KSPS General Meeting Sports Forum: Topic: Gull Lake—A Michigan Jewel
Tue 8 Dec 2009 KSPS Executive Committee Meeting Nominating Committee Report	Sat 19 December Time: 1900 (7pm) KSPS Holiday Party Beacon Club, Portage MI	Tues 12 Jan. 2010 Time: 1830 - 2100 KSPS Change of Watch Water Front Restaurant, Battle Creek

Take a Course and Maybe Win a Prize!

The USPS Education department will reward 19 members, nationwide, for taking advanced courses. So if you have put off taking that next class, be sure to take a course this year and you could win a prize.

A competition in each of several course categories is being offered and prizes will be awarded via a drawing of all students that successfully complete the course by passing the final exam. The contest began July 1, 2009 and ends June 30, 2010. The winner's names will be drawn at the 2010 Governing Board held in Seattle from August 30th through September 4th, 2010.

Seamanship: win a HANDHELD VHF RADIO (3)

Piloting: win a HANDHELD GPS (3)

Advanced Piloting: win a SET OF NAVIGATIONAL SOFTWARE (3)

Junior Navigation: win a CHARTPLOTTER (1)

Weather: win a BAROMETER (3)

Marine Electrical Systems: win a MULTIMETER (3)

Engine Maintenance: win a MULTIMETER (3)

This fall, KSPS is offering two courses that qualify for prizes: Seamanship and Engine Maintenance. Sailing will be offered this fall or next spring, if at least 6 members sign up. Cruise Planning will be offered late winter/early spring. Details below. Call or email contact person to sign up for courses.

Next Meeting - Tues. 13 Oct

Kalamazoo Sail & Power Squadron
Executive Committee Meeting
Social 6:30 pm, mtg at 7
McGinnis Landing

5031 W Main St , Kalamazoo, MI 49009
In strip mall at Drake & W Main



(**Nominating Committee Continued from pg 1**) Our squadron has a volunteer coordinator for each course, with three coordinators for the courses open to the public – America's Boating Course, Introduction to Piloting and the Department of Natural Resources Boating Safety Course. The remaining courses are available only to members and each of these also has a coordinator. The **Executive Committee** consists of the Bridge plus six elected executive committee officers. They gather for both general and executive committee meeting (11 times a year) to discuss squadron concerns, such as brainstorm fundraising ideas and membership issues, as well as review recommendations from committees. While some positions often serve only one year in a position before moving onto a new office, others like the SEO and some committees are three year terms.

Public Courses, Advanced Grade Courses & Electives

Course	Start Date	Contact Person	Telephone	e-mail address
America's Boating Course: Battle Creek	Winter 2010	Nils Strand	269-964-6690	nils.strand@gsa.gov
America's Boating Course: Kalamazoo	12 Oct-9 Nov 2009	Wally Corder	269-321-0751	wccorder@hotmail.com
DNR Course (age 12–16): Kalamazoo	12 Oct-9 Nov 2009	Lois Whitmore	269-345-4521	lwh@core.com
Intro. To Charting: Battle Creek	Spring 2010	Nils Strand	269-964-6690	nils.strand@gsa.gov
Seamanship (Mon 7–9 pm)	3 - 30 Nov	Karen Strand	269- 964-6690	karenstrand@sbcglobal.net
Piloting	TBD: Fall 2009	Bill Ditty	269-323-3143	cgdiver@juno.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	TBD	Robert Landeros	269-501-2757	robert.landeros@sbcglobal.net
Cruise Planning	March 2010	Karen Strand	269-964-6690	karenstrand@sbcglobal.net
Engine Maintenance (Wed 6:30-8:30)	7 Oct - 18 Nov	Dan Livingston	269-781-2328	autodan@yahoo.com
Instructor Development	TBD	Lois Whitmore	269-345-4521	lwh@core.com
Marine Electronics	2010	Harold Hladky	269-969-0815	harold.hladky@wmich.edu
Operations Training	TBD	Phyllis Buskirk	269-375-2586	andiamo91@cs.com
Sail & Advanced Sail	Fall 2009	George Tyler, Jr.	269-671-4560	gtn8kjd@tds.net
Weather	2011	H. Hladky & G. Tyler	269-375-2586	Harold or George

Join SailAngle.com

SailAngle provides a quick and easy way for squadrons to keep members informed of upcoming events and courses. Go to www.USPS.org and click on the SailAngle link to sign up today. There are only a few questions to answer, and many are optional (such as gender and birthday). No personal information is shared without your permission. You will need your USPS certificate number to login. This number is located on your membership card. Enter the zipcode for your homeport and a map will let you drag a balloon to mark the approximate GPS coordinates of your home or boat. Which ever zip you use is tied to the weather displayed. So if you want South Haven or Muskegon weather use that zipcode. Remember this zipcode, as it is your password the next time you login. Below is the top half of a typical page from the SailAngle website.

Learn to say Hello and Thank you in another language.

Here are a few to get you started:

Spanish: Hola (silent H Óla) or Que Pasa (K Pasa) = what's up
Gracias = Thank you.

Chinese: Nǐ hǎo (knee how) = Hello
Zhi shi (Shea Shey) = Thank you.

In Memoriam and Condolences

Frances Love, former KSP member died in July in Punta Gorda, Florida. Her husband John Love was KSP commander in 1980.

This year several members lost loved ones. Here are a few.

Gail Hladky's mother died in 31 August. She lived in NY and had been very ill.

Don DeLong's mother died 31 Aug. after a battle with cancer.

Diane Hansen lost her brother-in-law, Frank in a small plane crash in northwest Iowa in July. He lived in Cambridge, WI and was married to Diane's sister, Cheryl.

Nils Strand and Bill Soule both lost an uncle; one in New England, one in Scandinavia.

Birthdays

OCTOBER

Oct 01
Robert D. Sheppard
Oct 03
Robyn D. M. Levene
Oct 04
Daniel L. Livingston
Oct 06
Laurel L. Henkel
Oct 08
Gail Morton
Oct 09
Winifred B. Meinert
Oct 11
Greeta G. Douglass
Karin Y. Lund
Oct 25
E. Thomas Henkel
Oct 29
Douglas J. Mathewson
Oct 30
Craig O. Norrod
Oct 31
Harold L. Hladky

NOVEMBER

Nov 10
Roger D. Todd
Nov 15
Jerry Hendrickson
Nov 16
Tique Crespo
Stanley M. Wolk
Nov 27
Walter G. Lund



The 2009 KSPS Bridge Officers

Commander	Lt/C William Soule, P	269-544-0518 (home)	souleb@aol.com
Executive Officer	Lt/C Daniel L. Livingston, S	269-781-2328 (home)	autodan@yahoo.com
Educational Officer	Lt/C Wally Corder, S	269-321-0751 (home)	wccorder@hotmail.com
Administrative Officer	Lt/C Roger Todd, P	269-945-5211 (home)	rogertodd@core.com
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

Seeking Nominations for Boner or Red/Green Award

The Red Green Socks Award was created in the 1970's by P/C Al Whitmore and P/C Ype Verdries for nautical rules mistakes. The Boner Award trophy was created by P/C W. Kaye Locklin. While both honor the KSPS member who makes a boating or USPS related blunder, hopefully with no serious effects other than to pride; the Red/Green is reserved for nautical rules mistakes. Members may nominate themselves or others based on a boating or squadron related incident. At the end of the year, members will vote for the most deserving.

Past examples: Sailing with a novice, as we were coming into dock, I yelled, "make it fast" - novice dropped the line, rather than tying off.

One member forgot to insert lock pin in his trailer hitch. Down the road, it came lose and caused \$3000 damage to tow vehicle. Another, wearing his summer whites, suddenly lost his pants as he was coming into dock at Eldean's in Macatawa.



Future Newsletters

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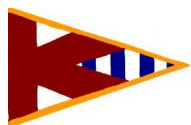
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or have information that needs updating? Please send corrections to Lyn Bleyer at **Bleyer@wmich.edu** or mail to the return address below fold.



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