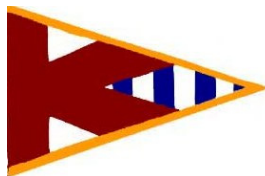
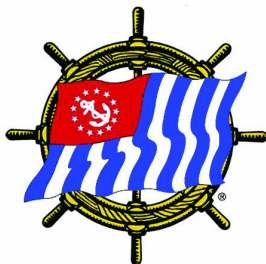


The Pilot

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USPS / SailAngle Project Off to a Good Start

USPS is encouraging members to sign up for free at SailAngle.com. Working with USPS, SailAngle set up special "Private Groups" for every Squadron, District, and National committee. This provides a very effective communication platform for USPS. In addition, our members receive free access to all the other features on SailAngle.com.

This new website is not meant to replace www.usps.org, or any local squadron website. However, the features on the website are numerous and beneficial, and the special features in Groups are very powerful tools. For example, there are two types of Group Messages:

1. With just a click of the mouse, a group member can send a notice, message or invitation to everyone in that group; or
2. A member can send a Group Forum Message where all responses are posted in the Group Forum for all members to see (handy for discussing issues between meetings).

It's important that you sign up as USPS intends to begin using these features to communicate with the membership. If you are concerned about security of your information, SailAngle.com has taken extraordinary steps to maintain confidentiality of your private information and they contract with a well-known security contractor to continually monitor security. Additionally, SailAngle.com agreed to the same terms of service that USPS provides to our members, namely that email addresses are never shared with, or sold to any third parties. So far the feedback has been very positive.

USPS plans to offer on-line courses through SailAngle.com and other public websites. Access to America's Boating Course and Seamanship are now available through SailAngle.com with more to come.

USPS expects our exposure on SailAngle.com will help us increase our awareness in the general community, increase membership, increase revenue, and generally help us achieve our mission of community service and safe boating education.

If you haven't signed up yet, please do so by clicking on the "Access SailAngle.com" button on the <http://www.usps.org/> home page. Have your certificate number handy from your membership card. Follow the steps and the website will automatically place you in the proper District and Squadron and any Departments and Committees in which you are currently a member. If you should have a problem, there is slideshow to take you through the process.

Interesting Facts

Canada has more lakes than the rest of the world combined. Canada is an Iroquois Indian word meaning Village or Settlement.

Michigan boasts more than 11,000 inland lakes. You can access 2,700 inland lake maps at http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-30301_31431_32340--,00.html



KSPS, D-9 & USPS Activities, Events and Meetings

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| Tuesday 8 Sept Time: 1830 - 2100 KSPS General Meeting Sports Forum, 803 Mosel, Kalamazoo MI | 8-13 Sept www.usps.org USPS Governing Board Kansas City, MO | Tues 13 Oct. 2009 Time: 1830 - 2100 KSPS Executive Committee Meeting Location to be determined |
| 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 Location and topic to be determined | Sat 19 December Time: 1900 (7pm) KSPS Holiday Party Beacon Club, Portage MI |

Gearing up for Fall Classes

Courses for the public and several member only courses will be offered this fall. Sign up for a class now. These elective courses will be offered only if at least six persons sign up for a course. Please contact coordinators directly. Building on the basics taught in the public boating course, **Seamanship** is the recommended first course for new members, both power boaters and sailors.



Dan Livingston
Engine Maint.

Dan Livingston will be teaching **Engine Maintenance**. EM provides information about marine propulsion systems, basic engine principles, controls, instruments and alarms, marine engine maintenance, and steering.

Sailing: terminology, standing & running rigging, boat, true, and apparent wind, leaving and returning to dock, sailing upwind and

downwind, and basic sailing rules, will be taught by George Tyler, Jr.



Karen Strand
Seamanship



George Tyler, Jr.
Sailing

AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE (ABC) ABC is designed for new and experienced boaters (sail, power, and PWC). It is taught by knowledgeable volunteer members of the Kalamazoo Sail and Power Squadron, a division of the United States Power Squadrons. Subjects: boat terms and types, knots, boat handling, regulations, navigational aids and rules, marine radio, PWC use, adverse conditions, trailering, and exam. A book fee of \$35 will be collected. For registration information call Wally Corder Mondays 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Oct. 12 - Nov. 9 (5 Sessions) Milwood M.S. Room #601.

BOATING SAFETY FOR YOUTH (DNR)

The Boating Safety class is required of all persons ages 12 through 16 who wish to operate a boat of 6 hp or more on Michigan

water. Participants must pass the 8-hour class with a score of 70% or higher.

Fee: \$5 Mondays 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Oct. 12 - Nov. 9 (5 Sessions) Room 906. Instructor: Lois Whitmore Successful completion of either course will provide certification for PWC operation.

Both ABC and DNR Boating Safety for Youth are at Milwood Middle School 2916 Konkle St, Kalamazoo, MI.



Wally Corder, ABC



Lois Whitmore, DNR

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) | 19 Oct-16 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 |

Recreational Boating Statistics



Incidences reported to US Coast Guard & other authorities in 2007:

685 fatalities — 3,673 injuries — 5,191 accidents

- 90 % of drowning victims were not wearing life jackets.
- Alcohol was the leading contributing factor in approximately one-fifth of all boating fatalities.
- Only 14 percent of all boating fatalities occurred on boats where the operator had received boating safety instruction.
- Overall, operator inattention, carelessness/reckless operation, excessive speed and passenger/skier behavior are the leading contributing factors of all reported accidents.

What can you do to stay safe

Wear a life jacket

Never boat under the influence

Take a boating safety course
See bottom of page 2 for courses.



Get a free Vessel Safety Check (VSC)
For VSC call or email (emails addresses on page 2 and 4):
South Haven –Nils Strand 269-964-6690 (home)
Saugatuck/Douglass — Bob Boyce 269 979-1199 (home)
Kalamazoo or Calhoun County —
Harold Hladky 269-969-0815 (home)
or
Dan Livingston 269-781-2328 (home)

Mark your calendar for two important dates



The KSPS Holiday Party will start 7 pm Saturday, 19 December at the Beacon Club in Portage. Bring an unwrapped toy, book or game to donate to Toys for Tots.

KSPS Change of Watch Tuesday evening 12 January.

Details later on both; but mark your calendar now

Out of Season

Quote from a book Bows Amidships by Bill Beavis

Two brothers, one a horseman and the other a yachtsman, were arguing. The horseman said:

'I have a horse which costs me less than a car, that I ride twice a week and which, when I'm not riding, manures my garden and trims my lawn.
You have a boat which costs more than a house and demands more to maintain than an opera star.
And you only use it one month in twelve!'

To which the yachtsman replied,
'Not so! I use her right through the year!'

'How's that?' Asked the horseman.

'I dream of her.'
(submitted by Phyllis Buskirk)



Next Meeting - Tues. 8 Sept

Kalamazoo Sail & Power Squadron
General Meeting
Social 6:30 pm, mtg at 7
Sports Forum
Presentation by
Barry County Sheriff—Marine Division



Birthdays

OCTOBER

SEPTEMBER
Sep 11
Richard J. Hebert
W. Joseph Mills
Sep 21
Nils K. Strand
Sep 23
George D. Gerpheide
Sep 26
Becky E. Ditty
Sep 26
Diane R. Hansen
Sep 27
Karen S. Strand
Sep 30
Carole G. Snyder

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

If ignorance is bliss,
why aren't more people
happy



The 2009 KSPS Bridge Officers

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|-------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
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| 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) | robertodd@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 |

Boner Award Reinstated on an Annual Basis

The Boner Award trophy was created by P/C W. Kaye Locklin. The Red Green Socks Award was created in the 1970's by P/C Al Whitmore and P/C Ype Verdries. Both honor the KSPS member who makes a boating or USPS related blunder, hopefully with no serious effects, other than to pride. It is awarded at the end of the year. Members may nominate themselves or others based on a boating or squadron related incident. A brief summary will be emailed out of the incidents and members would vote for the most deserving.

Bill Soule offered Phyllis Buskirk as the first nominee. She was going to the D/9 conference in South Bend and asked for names of others attending alone who might like to share a room. Some of the names were dual-gender names like Pat, Lynn. Well, the first person she contacted said, they would love to split the cost of a room, but thought his wife might object. He told everyone at the conference during hospitality night, and she earned quite a reputation.



Future Newsletters

Save KSPS Money

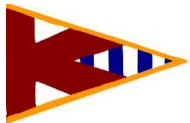
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Submit an Article

Please submit Pilot articles by the 2nd Tuesday of the month for consideration in next issue.

Spot an error

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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Boating is fun... We'll show you how!

Check out the KSPS website,
many changes were made.

<http://www.ksp-s-usps.org>