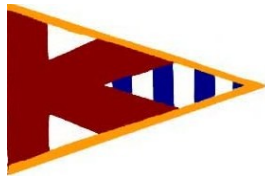


# The Pilot

## Kalamazoo Sail & Power Squadron

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*Gary W. Bleyer*

### Commander's Message

Depending on when you receive and read this Pilot, I hope you are looking forward to or enjoyed Thanksgiving with family and/or friends.

We had four students take ABC and pass the exam in November. Typically, we have higher enrollment in spring classes, especially for youngsters. There will be ABC classes in both Battle Creek and Kalamazoo in March or April. Check out the other available classes on page two.

I hope to see many of you at the KSPS Holiday party on Friday 3 December at the Beacon Club.

Change of Watch will be occurring on Tuesday 11 January. Details are coming soon including the Nominating Committee's slate of candidates.

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#### Merit Marks Awarded for 2010

One merit mark is earned per year for service to the squadron or district. Each squadron submits a list of candidates for merit marks to the area monitor indicating the type of volunteer service, such as serving on the bridge or an active committee, working on an event, inspecting boats or teaching a class. If you did not earn a merit mark, but would like to, please resolve to get more involved this coming year. USPS has final say and approved all but three of the KSPS members submitted for review.

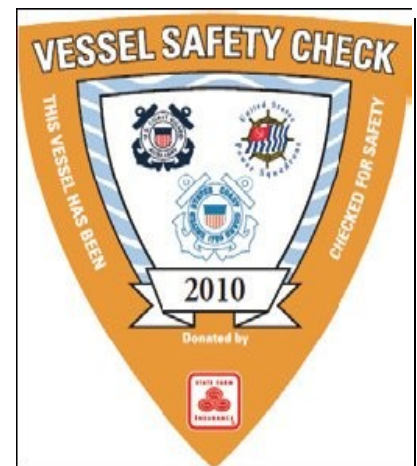
The following persons were awarded a merit mark for 2010: Gary & Lyn Bleyer, Bob Boyce, Phyllis Buskirk, Wally Corder, Tique Crespo, George Gerpheide, Ron Gustafson, Chris & Diane Hansen, Gail & Harold Hladky, Robert Landeros, Dan & Sue Livingston, Janice & Scott Pauley, Dan Seng, Maris & Bill Soule, Karen & Nils Strand, George Tyler, and Lois Whitmore.

#### Vessel Safety Checks for the 2010 Boating Season

Total VSCs performed = 42  
Total passing VSCs = 40  
Total VSCs rechecked and passing = 1  
Bob Boyce performed the most VSCs at 15

Thanks to Vessel Examiners Bob Boyce, Nils Strand, Harold Hladky, Bill Soule and Dan Livingston who volunteered their time to make boating safer!

Submitted by  
Executive Officer Dan Livingston



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

<b>Fri 3 Dec 2010 Time: 1830 - 2100</b> <b>KSPS Holiday Party</b> Beacon Club - RSVP Lyn (269) 731-5601 Cash bar - bring Toys for Tots gift	<b>Tue 14 Dec 2010 Time: 1830 - 2100</b> <b>KSPS Executive Committee Meeting</b> Location: Lux Café SW Capital Ave, Battle Creek, MI	<b>Tue 11 Jan 2011 Time: 1830 - 2100</b> <b>KSPS Change of Watch—New Officers</b> Location: TBD
<b>Tue 8 Feb 2011 Time: 1830 - 2100</b> <b>KSPS General Meeting</b> Sports Forum - The Mills present: Cruising the Midi Canal in South France	<b>Tue 8 Mar 2011 Time: 1830 - 2100</b> <b>KSPS Executive Committee Meeting</b> Location: Lux Café SW Capital Ave, Battle Creek, MI	<b>Tue 8 Apr 11 2011 Time: 1830 - 2100</b> <b>KSPS General Meeting</b> Sports Forum - presentation: TBD

### Learn More About Boating

ABC America's Boating Course and **Boating Safety for Youth** will be offered again in Battle Creek and Kalamazoo late winter.

**Piloting** - Looking for someone to co-coordinate Piloting with George Gerpheide. If interested, contact George G. or Wally. We will offer it either after Cruise Planning ends, or next fall.

**Cruise Planning** will be offered by Karen Strand Monday evenings beginning March 7, just after EM ends.

**Engine Maintenance** Wednesday evenings **12 Jan - 23 Feb** (6:30 - 8:30 pm) taught by Dan Livingston at the Calhoun Area Technical Center Rm 545, which enables hands on with actual engine parts and tools. Map: [www.calhounisd.org](http://www.calhounisd.org) Textbook \$51

**Navigating Rivers, Locks and Lakes** is a new 4 hour seminar. Price about \$16. Call Wally if interested.

Contact coordinators listed below if you are interested in any of these excellent courses.

Next Meeting - Tues. 14 Dec

**Kalamazoo Sail & Power Squadron**  
 Social time 6:30 pm, Meeting at 7  
 Lux Café Capital Ave south of I-94  
 Battle Creek, MI



It isn't the size of the gift that matters,  
 but the size of the heart that gives it.

### Dec. Birthdays

05 J. Scott Levene  
 07 Verle Wita  
 08 Rise' Landeros  
 12 Dave Tuls  
 27 Glen Douglass  
 27 Sid Durham  
 27 Jerry Johnson

### Jan. Birthdays

08 Richard Rakow  
 18 Jim Riordan  
 19 Aaron Wright  
 30 Beverly Love

Virtues are learned at a mother's knee,  
 vices are learned at some other joint. - Author unknown

## Public Courses, Advanced Grade Courses & Electives— Call contact for exact dates

Course	Date	Contact Person	Telephone	e-mail address
America's Boating Course: Battle Creek	Feb - Mar	Nils Strand	269-964-6690	nils.strand@gsa.gov
ABC Battle Creek offered again	Apr - May	Nils Strand	269-964-6690	nils.strand@gsa.gov
America's Boating Course: Kalamazoo	Oct 4 - Nov 1	Wally Corder	269-321-0751	wccorder@hotmail.com
DNR Course (age 12—16): Kalamazoo	Oct 4 - Nov 1	Lois Whitmore	269-345-4521	lwh@core.com
Intro. To Charting: Battle Creek	May	Nils Strand	269-964-6690	nils.strand@gsa.gov
Seamanship SE (Mon 7—9 pm)	Fall 2011	Karen Strand	269-964-6690	karenstrand@sbcglobal.net
Piloting	TBD	George G and ?	269-375-4024	
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 CP (Mon 6:30-8:30)	7 Mar 2011	Karen Strand	269-964-6690	karenstrand@sbcglobal.net
Engine Maintenance (Wed 6:30-8:30)	12 Jan 2011	Dan Livingston	269-781-2328	autodan@yahoo.com
Instructor Development	Winter 2011	Lois Whitmore	269-345-4521	lwh@core.com
Marine Electronics	TBD	Harold Hladky	269-969-0815	harold.hladky@wmich.edu
Operations Training (with CP or SE)	TBD	Phyllis Buskirk	269-375-2586	andiamo91@cs.com
Sail & Advanced Sail	TBD Spr 2011	George Tyler, Jr.	269-671-4560	gtn8kjd@tds.net
Weather	TBD	H. Hladky & G. Tyler	269-375-2586	Harold H. or George Tyler

## Crossing the Atlantic Ocean; Sailing the Baltic and Aegean Seas

Our speaker for the November meeting was Robert Weir, author, consultant, coach and sailor. He shared his sailing adventures from last spring and summer 2010, putting together a beautiful PowerPoint show of his experiences aboard the five-masted tall ship Royal Clipper, the three-masted sail training vessel Kaliakra, and ferry-cargo ship, the Translubeca. Our group loved the mix of descriptions of ship details and tales of fellow passengers and crew. Robert is a delightful, animated speaker whose enthusiasm energizes his audience.



Foresail from bow of Royal Clipper

The Royal Clipper sports five masts that carry 42 sails and 56,000 square feet of cloth. At 439 feet long, with a beam of 54 feet, it is the largest full-rigged tall ship on the seas. For more details visit [Royal Clipper](http://RoyalClipper.com) or [RobertMWeir.com](http://RobertMWeir.com)

Photo right shows Robert Weir at helm of the Royal Clipper.



The 227 passenger cruise ship, Royal Clipper under full sail  
Photo by Denise.

On his cross Atlantic trip, Robert left Barbados 10 April, arriving eleven days later in the Azores. He disembarked 26 April 2010, at Malaga, Spain.



A sea-level view through dining room portholes.



The Royal Clipper is a cruise ship with a three-tier atrium including a piano bar and lounge on the top deck, companion way with murals on deck two, and a full-service dining room on the lower deck at sea level. Only six of 106 cabins are inside.

Other websites  
[AtSeaSailTraining.com](http://AtSeaSailTraining.com)  
[SailTraining.org](http://SailTraining.org)  
[FinnLines.com](http://FinnLines.com)

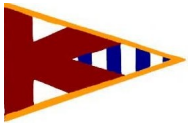


The 3-masted sail training vessel Kaliakra

Robert Weir also shared photos and adventures from his time aboard the three-masted sail training vessel Kaliakra. Volos, a recreational port on the Aegean Sea, was the starting point for the Historic Seas Tall Ships Regatta.



Other ships racing with the Kaliakra on the Aegean



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### The 2010 KSPS Bridge Officers

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<b>Administrative Officer</b>	vacant		
<b>Treasurer</b>	P/C Nils Strand, AP	269-964-6690 (home)	nils.strand@gsa.gov
<b>Secretary</b>	Lt/C Lyndell Bleyer, S	269-731-5601 (home)	bleyer@wmich.edu

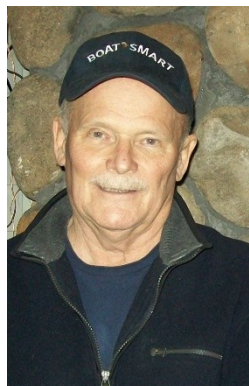
### Other News

Honored



Phyllis Buskirk

At the November KSPS meeting, 1st/Lt Phyllis A. R. Buskirk, P was honored with an award for outstanding service to the squadron as Chaplain, Historian, Instructor for Operations Training and other classes and so much more. Phyllis who has been a KSPS member since 1998, has 12 merit marks. She has taken all the elective courses, plus Seamanship and Piloting.



Tom Rau  
[www.boatsmart.net](http://www.boatsmart.net)

Sad news, Tom Rau, USCG Senior Chief retired, passed away 3 November. He is author of "Boat Smart Chronicles" and maintained a web site that contained many of the articles he has written over the past 25 years about Coast Guard rescues and boating safety.

Those wanting to remember Tom are asked to consider a gift in his memory to the Chief Petty Officers Association or the Salvation Army. Make check payable to Grand Haven Chapter of CPOA, 15268 Canary Dr. Grand Haven MI 49417.