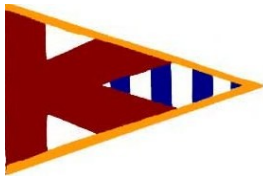


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Commander's Corner



Gary W. Bleyer

Mark your calendars! I know it seems quite early to be thinking about our Holiday party, but had to make a reservation. In order to get together before the Toys for Tots collection deadline, we are scheduling our **KSPS Holiday Party** at the Beacon Club on Friday the third of December 2010 Time: 1830 - 2100 (6:30 to 9-ish) . As in the past, there will be a cash bar. Bring an unwrapped Toys for Tots gift. We will contact everyone with meal choices about two weeks before the event. But please mark your calendar now.

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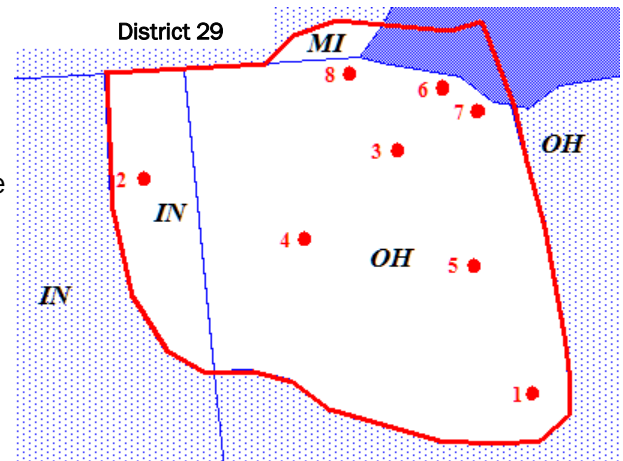
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Another event to mark on your calendar is the **Fall Conference**. This will be a joint event between our District 9 and Northwest Ohio's District 29. The conference will be held in the Toledo, Perrysburg, Maumee Ohio area near the southeast corner of Michigan. The event will kick off Friday evening 22 October with a Famous Pairs theme. Squadrons set up hospitality rooms decorated in the theme or era and offer a variety of food and beverages. Saturday morning is filled with educational seminars, followed by a luncheon and district business meeting. There is a dinner and entertainment in the evening. A handful stay over for meetings and a conference debriefing on Sunday morning. Details and registration later, please mark your calendars now.



Demoted to Second Mate - by Bill Soule

Wednesday, July 21, 2010

George and Ruth Ann Tyler came over to South Haven and went sailing out on Lake Michigan, on the Merlin. Early on, I made the mistake of turning over the helm to George and I couldn't get near it again till we docked back in the slip.

I was demoted from Captain to second mate -- I think his first mate had a hand in the mutiny. In spite of the fact we had very little wind, George still managed to hit speeds of 5 knots on occasion. We had a great time. I learned a lot about low-wind sailing, and, all in all, I hope they come again sometime soon.

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

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|--|---|---|
| Tue 14 Sept 2010 Time: 1830 - 2100 KSPS General Meeting Sports Forum | Sat 18 Sept 2010 0900—1300 D9 Council / Business Meeting Ike's, 38550 Van Dyke, Sterling Heights | Tue 12 Oct 2010 Time: 1830 - 2100 KSPS Executive Committee Meeting Location: TBD |
| 22-24 Oct Fall Conference Perrysburg, Maumee, Toledo Ohio D9 & D29 Joint Conf - Famous Pairs | Tue 9 Nov 2010 Time: 1830 - 2100 KSPS General Meeting Sports Forum - The Mills present: Cruising the Midi Canal in So. France | Fri 3 Dec 2010 Time: 1830 - 2100 KSPS Holiday Party Beacon Club - RSVP Lyn w/ meal choice Cash bar - bring Toys for Tots gift |

Fall Classes

America's Boating Course and the DNR Boating Safety Course for Youth will be offered at Milwood School Mondays from 4 Oct through 1 Nov. Contact Wally if you would like to teach one evening. Lessons are in PowerPoint. He provides you with a CD and lesson outline, all you need to add is your boating stories.

Elective courses are offered if at least 5 persons are interested. **Cruise Planning** will be offered by Karen Strand at her home with a light buffet. Always a hit. She wants your feedback on which night is best for you - Tue, Wed, or Thursdays.

Engine Maintenance will be offered by Dan Livingston at the Calhoun Area Technical Center, which enables hands on with actual engine parts and tools. Dan is planning on Wednesday evenings in January (6:30 - 8:30 pm).

Weather or Marine Electronics will be offered if there is enough interest this fall. **Sailing** will be offered late winter, early spring.

Learn More About Boating Increase your knowledge or take a class as a refresher. Is there a class you want to take? Contact the class coordinator listed below and let them know. We hold classes when there are 5 or more persons interested in a course. Help change some "TBD" To Be Determined into dates. Coordinators: please send dates to Lyn for next Pilot.

Next Meeting - Tues. 14 Sept

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Social 6:30 pm, meeting at 7
Sports Forum, 803 Mosel Ave
(between Douglas & Westnedge)



Take a class: Experience gives the test first
and the lesson afterward.

Sept. Birthdays

11 Joe Mills
21 Nils Strand
23 George Gerpheide
26 Becky Ditty
26 Diane Hansen
27 Karen Strand
30 Carole Snyder

Oct. Birthdays

01 Robert Sheppard
03 Robyn Levene
04 Dan Livingston
06 Laurel Henkel
08 Gail Morton
09 Winifred Meinert
11 Greeta Douglass
25 Tom Henkel
29 Doug Mathewson
30 Craig Norrod

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 | " | " |
| 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 (Mon 7—9 pm) | Fall 2011 | Karen Strand | 269- 964-6690 | karenstrand@sbcglobal.net |
| Piloting | Fall 2010 | 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 | Oct 2010 | Karen Strand | 269-964-6690 | karenstrand@sbcglobal.net |
| Engine Maintenance (Wed 6:30-8:30) | 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 | TBD | Phyllis Buskirk | 269-375-2586 | andiamo91@cs.com |
| Sail & Advanced Sail | TBD | George Tyler, Jr. | 269-671-4560 | gtn8kjd@tds.net |
| Weather | TBD | H. Hladky & G. Tyler | 269-375-2586 | Harold H. or George Tyler |

Water Festival

On Saturday August 14, KSPS had a booth at the first annual Water Festival at Arcadia Creek in downtown Kalamazoo. The event's theme was protecting our water, so we pulled together material on preventing the transfer of aquatic pests and how to be a "green" boater. We also advertised our October boating course.

Michigan waters are threatened by non-native, invasive, aquatic plants and animals such as zebra mussels.

These species and others are harmful to recreational boating and can cause extensive economic and natural resource damage.



**STOP AQUATIC
HITCHHIKERS!**

Prevent the transport of nuisance species.
Clean all recreational equipment.

Boaters should learn to identify non-native species that they may encounter and take precautions to prevent the spread of these species.

Before leaving the boat ramp or access area:

- Remove all visible aquatic plants and animals from your boat, motor, trailer, and accessory equipment (propeller, anchors, line, chain, ladders, PFDs, skis, tow ropes, tubes, etc.)
- Dispose of live bait and aquatic animals in the trash. Do not release live bait into the water.
- Drain live wells and all water from boats before leaving the access area.
- Power wash boats and trailers whenever possible, or dry all equipment thoroughly, before leaving the access area.

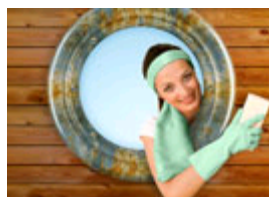
Allow boats to dry for at least 10 days before launching into a different body of water.



Zebra Mussel

Boating green

Earth-friendly maintenance & repair



Sanding, cleaning, painting and degreasing boats can pose major threats to our waters. Dust and paint particles can block life-giving sunlight, and toxic substances from cleaners and anti-

fouling compounds can sicken or kill marine life. You can help protect the marine environment by following repair and maintenance tips from Ocean Conservancy.

Washing & cleaning your boat

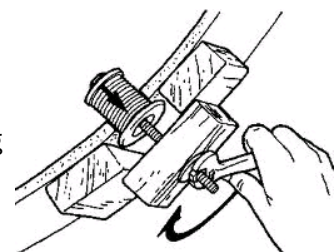
- Use non-hazardous materials; if it's hazardous to you, it's hazardous to the environment.
- Rinse your boat with fresh water after each use.
- Look for catch basins or other collection systems at the posted wash areas of your marina. These systems stop paint resins, chips and other hazardous products from entering the aquatic environment. If your marina does not have one of these systems, encourage the owner to get one.
- Look for "phosphate-free" "biodegradable" on labels.
- Keep open cleaning-product containers away from the open deck where spills can flow into the water easily. Use a cleaning rag to absorb any spills, and dispose of the rag safely. Don't hose spills from the deck into the water.

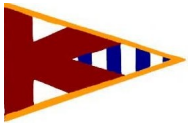
Sanding & scraping your boat

- Sand and scrape away from the water, preferably in a dedicated work area.
- Use a vacuum sander that collects and stores paint particles to keep them out of the water. Lay tarps to catch loose particles when scraping or sanding, and sweep or vacuum frequently.

Maintaining boat operations

- Regularly inspect through-hull fittings, such as the depth finder transponder and cooling water intakes, for leakage. A sinking vessel not only poses a great safety risk to passengers but also introduce a substantial amount of fuel, oil and chemicals into the water.
- Tune the engine regularly. It will operate more cleanly, increase fuel efficiency and last longer.
- Steam clean the engine in a dedicated service area instead of using harmful engine cleaners.





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In memory of KSPS officers who crossed the last horizon this summer



P/C John B Love, JN
 Age 90

P/C John J. Love, JN passed away on August 5, 2010. John joined KPS in 1973. He was a dedicated proctor for the Public Boating Course for many years. While a member of the Kalamazoo and Peace River (Florida) Squadrons, he earned 31 Merit Marks. He was married to his high school sweetheart, Frances "Fran" Love, for 66 years. Fran passed away last year on 7/23/09.

KSPS Administrative Officer Roger Dwight Todd, age 67, died Wednesday July 21, 2010 in Hastings. Roger retired from the U.S. Army and U.S. Postal Service. He enjoyed NASCAR, shark fishing in Florida, traveling, playing blackjack, singing, cooking, growing flowers, and spending time with his grandchildren and first mate, Mary Golnek.



Administrative Officer
 Roger D. Todd