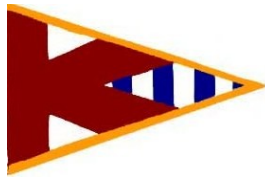


The Pilot

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Commander's Message

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the 46 million people dealing with the aftermath of Hurricane Irene. Lyn and I have over 30 relatives including her Mom and four brothers and their families on Long Island and just two hours north of NYC on the Hudson River. We have friends in New Jersey; nephews and their families in coastal Virginia; plus many cousins on Long Island and a few in Eastern Pennsylvania. 4.5 million are without power. Emergency responders performed over 70 swift water rescues in NC. Most of the 46 deaths were due to swift water, downed power lines or trees.

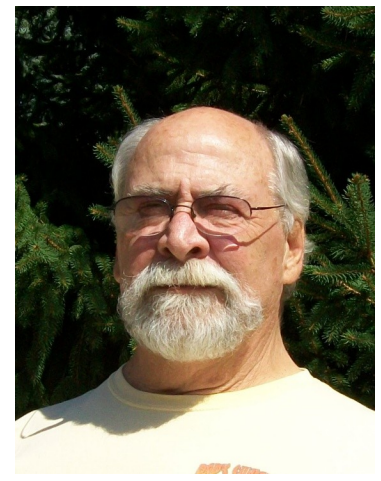
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New Member Sworn in at August Meeting

Sid Durham was our very first USPS cyber member recruit. He signed up for ABC3 online and KSPS was contacted by USPS. We proctored his exam last June. Due to a conflicting meeting on the second Tuesday of every month and being a snowbird, Sid has been unable to attend KSPS meetings since he joined a year ago. He was able to come to the 2nd half of August's meeting. We took that opportunity to acknowledge him as a KSPS member. He was also able to meet a couple who winter in Florida and, like Sid, are also associate members of the Venice S&PS.



Sid Durham

Date: Tuesday 13 September
 6:30 Social time
 7:00 Dinner – order off the menu (dinner optional)
 Short business meeting and speaker follow dinner (appr. 8pm)

Where: Gull Lake View Golf Club
 7417 North 38th St, Augusta MI
 5 miles NW of Village of Augusta
 5 miles east of Richland
 just south of Gull Lake and M-89

Crossing the Atlantic

Come hear the adventure of a lifetime, as Warren Fritz shares Crossing the Atlantic with Captain John Kretschmer, author of "Cape Horn to Starboard", "At the Mercy of the Sea", and "The Best Used Boat Notebook".

Warren will talk about John's boat, the crew, their planning, course taken, weather, destinations, equipment, food, and what it's like to be afloat for 28 days with five other people, four of them strangers. The hours were long, the food and company were great.

Calendar: KSPS Activities, Events and Meetings

General Mtg - Crossing the Atlantic Tue 13 September - Time: 6:30 - 9:00 Gull Lake View Golf Club 7417 N 38th St, 5 miles E of Richland	Metro Beach Boat Show – Lake St. Clair Thurs-Fri. 22-23 Sept. Noon to 8pm Saturday 24 Sept. 11 am to 8 pm Sunday 25 Sept. 11 am to 6 pm	Executive Committee Mtg Tue 11 October - Time: 6:30 - 9:00 Gull Lake View Golf Club 7417 N 38th St, 5 miles E of Richland
D9 Fall Conference Fri and Sat 28 - 29 October 2011 Shanty Creek Ski & Golf Resort	General Mtg - Invasive Species Tue 8 November - Time: 6:30 - 9:00 Gull Lake View Golf Club 7417 N 38th St, 5 miles E of Richland	KSPS Holiday Party & Toys for Tots Fri 2 December Martels (formerly Black Swan) Parkview Hills

Learn More About Boating

Piloting - will be co-coordinated by George Gerpheide and Diane Hansen mid to late fall. Prereq: Seamanship

Engine Maintenance for Boaters Jan/Feb 2011. Contact Dan.

Seamanship will be offered winter of 2012. Contact Karen.

Operations Training — is great for new members and those wanting to serve on committees. It explains what the United States Power Squadrons is, what District 9 is and what local squadrons do. Offered the 1st 15 minutes of Seamanship or Cruise Planning or as a separate course.

ABC America's Boating Course The Kalamazoo ABC Boating classes are Mondays Oct 3—31 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Milwood Magnet School. The Battle Creek ABC and Boating for Youth in Kalamazoo will be offered late winter (March).

Introduction to Charting is offered after ABC in Battle Creek.

Seminars: Want to learn about GPS or VFH Marine radios? Check out the seminars available on www.ksps-usps.org

Course Descriptions are at www.ksps-usps.org

Next Meeting - Tues. 13 Sept
Kalamazoo Sail & Power Squadron
Crossing the Atlantic with
Warren Fritz

Social time 6:30 pm, Meeting at 7
 Gull Lake View Golf Club 7417 N 38th



Missing Birthdays: Marti and Warren Fritz, Linda McTague, John & Darlene Stange, John Roseboom, Larry Trent, Linda Tuls, Earl Paschke, Bob & Debbie Beck
Send Lyn just your name, month & day of birth (not year)

Sept. Birthdays

05 Gail Hladky
 11 Dick Hebert
 11 Joe Mills
 21 Nils Strand
 23 George Gerpheide
 26 Becky Ditty
 26 Diane Hansen
 27 Karen Strand



Oct. Birthdays

03 Robyn Levene
 04 Dan Livingston
 06 Laurel Henkel
 08 Gail Morton
 09 Winnie Meinert
 11 Greeta Douglass
 25 Tom Henkel
 28 Doug Mathewson
 30 Craig Norrod
 31 Harold Hladky

Basic Courses, Advanced Grade Courses & Electives— Call contact for updates & to register

Course	Date	Contact Person	Telephone	e-mail address
America's Boating Course: Battle Creek	Mar - Apr 2012	Nils Strand	269-964-6690	nils.strand@gsa.gov
America's Boating Course: Kalamazoo	Oct 3-31 2012	Wally Corder	269-365-3398 (c)	wccorder@hotmail.com
DNR Course (age 12–16): Kalamazoo	Apr - May 2012	Register via Com. Ed	269-337-0446	Lois 345-4521
Intro. To Charting: Battle Creek	May 2012	Nils Strand	269-964-6690	nils.strand@gsa.gov
Seamanship (Mon 7-9 pm/buffet 6pm)	Winter 2012	Karen Strand	269-964-6690	karenstrand@sbcglobal.net
Piloting (Thursdays 7-9 pm)	Fall 2011	George G & Diane H	269-375-4024	gunkholer1889@yahoo.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 CP (Mon 6-8:30)	Mar 2013	Karen Strand	269-964-6690	karenstrand@sbcglobal.net
Engine Maintenance (Wed 6:30-8:30)	Winter 2012	Dan Livingston	269-781-2328	autodan@yahoo.com
Instructor Development	Spring 2012	Lois Whitmore	269-345-4521	dogwood17@charter.net
Marine Electronics	TBD	Harold Hladky	269-274-1995	harold.hladky@wmich.edu
Operations Training (with CP or SE)	Mar 2012	Nils Strand	269-964-6690	nils.strand@gsa.gov
Sail & Advanced Sail	TBD Spring	George Tyler, Jr.	269-671-4560	gtn8kjd@tds.net
Weather	TBD Fall	H. Hladky & G. Tyler	269-375-2586	Harold H. or George Tyler, Jr

Outreach - Getting the Word Out

Earlier this summer, KSPS was asked to speak at the Battle Creek Steelheaders Association meeting. We gave a little background on USPS and local squadrons emphasizing boating safety and education.

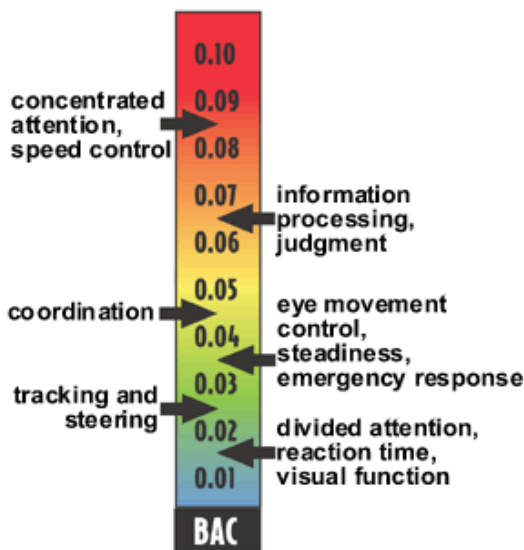
We talked about fishermen's heightened risk, as the greatest number of swamping and capsizing events occur in boats under 21 feet. Plus fishing in early spring and late fall, when water temperatures are colder, puts fishermen at greater risk for hypothermia. The rule of thumb is **a 50 year old has a 50/50 chance of surviving for 50 minutes in 50 degree water.**

We also talked about the effect of wind, water and motion on alcohol tolerance. Then we showed the segment on *Fishing* from the USPS DVD **Small Boat-ing Skills**, that video reinforced the message about the importance of

wearing PFDs, hypothermia and alcohol. In the video, the Coast Guard did an experiment with boaters having them maneuver a dinghy through a course before and after consuming just a few ounces of alcohol. The results are dramatic and really make it difficult to deny the risk of mixing alcohol with boating. Wait until you're back at the dock to have that drink.

We also talked about the **Vessel Safety Check** program and had a one-page handout of the safety equipment every boater should have on board. We brought lots of USPS produced pamphlets on boating safety and listed off all the elective and advanced classes.

We must have **done something right** because the Battle Creek group talked about us at their statewide convention and they were asked to get local squadron contacts so that other Steelheader groups throughout the state could have a squadron come speak at one of their meetings. So other squadrons, be forewarned you may be contacted by your local Steelheaders Association. If you want the 4 page speaking outline we used, just email Bleyer@wmich.edu and request the outline.



Mixed Bag

Membership as of 27 August 2011

Membership Status	Count
USPS Dues Past Due	1
LIFE Members (25 merit marks)	6
NEW Members (2011)	6
Members with dues paid	69
Total KSPS Members	82

Members Lost

Non-renewal (2011)	4
Non-renewal (2009-10)	8

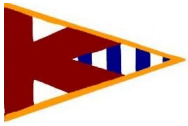
U.S. Power Squadrons and Coast Guard Auxiliary to Boost Boating Safety Efforts

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The U.S. Power Squadrons (USPS) and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will increase their coordinated safety efforts among America's recreational boating community under a new agreement that broadens cooperative efforts in vessel examinations, public affairs and education. The agreement was signed 27 August 2011 at the Auxiliary's national conference in Charlotte.

Recreational boating is one of the most popular outdoors activities in the United States. In 2010 there were nearly 12.5 million registered boats, with many millions more that are not required to be registered. That same year, the Coast Guard recorded more than 4,600 accidents involving 672 deaths, 3,153 injuries and approximately \$35.5 million in property damage. The majority of these accidents happened on boats operated by individuals who had received no boating education.

Lake Michigan in Danger

The U.S. House has passed a bill that would cripple the Clean Water Act, the best defense that Lake Michigan has against the mining industry, developers and other polluters. Add your name to a [petition](#) telling Congress: Leave the Clean Water Act alone. Let the EPA do its job and protect our waterways. Lake Michigan is the lifeblood of our state and needs to be protected. But the House bill would take the teeth out of the Clean Water Act by stripping the EPA of its powers to hold states accountable for pollution. The result would be a race to the bottom as states compete for polluting industries' business by slashing their clean water laws, with no federal backstop to keep Lake Michigan safe from the ensuing pollution. The Clean Water Act was passed precisely because states often didn't have the funding – or the will – to give our waters the protections they need, leaving them so polluted that rivers actually caught fire. We cannot let Congress unravel decades of progress. (Article contributed by Robyn Levene)



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Administrative Officer	Lt/C Ron Gustafson, S	269-567-0452 (cell)	ronaldga@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)	bleyer@wmich.edu

New Operations Training Program

The Nominating Committee (Harold Hladky & Bill Soule) are looking for continuing and new volunteers for KSPS committees and positions. Please say yes. Operations Training provides you with a better understanding of the United States Power Squadrons at the national, district and local level. It, along with the Operations Manual provide members, committees and officers with guidance to run meetings and follow USPS protocol. The revised and updated Operations Training Program Manual is available on the Leadership Development Committee website at [Revised Operations Training Manual](#). The new manual is presented in four different modules: The Organization, Squadron Committee Work, Squadron Bridge Officers and Navigating the USPS website. All modules must be covered to qualify for an OTP certificate of completion.

Member Benefits Mailings from USPS

Some members still have questions about how to **opt out** of USPS member benefit mailings. Please include this information in your squadron newsletters:

- Opt-out instructions
1. Go to usps.org.
 2. Go the *Member Stuff* box and click *Benefit Announcement Options*.
 3. The *Manage Your Member Benefits Announcement Options* page comes up.
 4. Reset Your Member Benefits Announcement Option to *No*.
 5. Click *Update*.

That's all it takes. — **Tom Kemp**