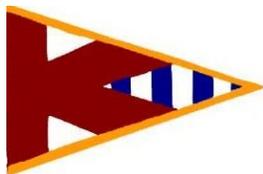


The Pilot



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The summer is flying by. We had a successful Boats and Brats event on 29 June in South Haven. The next day seven of those who volunteered at Boats and Brats were on the road to Oden where we joined Wally to start our Northern Michigan Inland Waterway adventure.

Wally and the Soules had taken the masts off their Mac-Gregors. The rest of us rented a houseboat. Our flotilla of three ships left Crooked Lake on Monday July 1 for the trip to Cheboygan on Lake Huron and back. We navigated three rivers, three lakes and two locks.

The weather was great, sunny and no bugs, but it was cool enough to prefer long pants and a jacket. Wind out of the NE was blowing at 15 to 20 knots as we crossed Burt Lake. The sailboats, under motor, bounced like broncos, with occasional waves breaking over the bows. The houseboat seemed to ride from the crest of one wave to the next, catching a trough once in a while sent water washing over the front deck. We headed for the leeward shore and found the wind had lessened by the time we traversed 10 mile long, Mullett Lake.



*KSPS Commander
Lyndell R. Bleyer*

Membership Status	
56	Paying members
5	Life members
5	New members
16	Trial members
82	Total

Come to the August meeting on the 13th at Gull Lake View Golf Club to see a slide show about the Northern Michigan Inland Waterway adventure.

Karen and Mike serve up Brats at Boat & Brats on 29 June



Also join us on 3 August in Grand Haven to march with District 9 in the United States Coast Guard Festival Parade.



Then on 10 August, we will be in South Haven for a KSPS get-together at "The Landings". We'll have great food and friendship, capping off the afternoon with boat rides provided by members who have their boats in South Haven.

Calendar: KSPS Activities, Events and Meetings (mark your personal calendar)

<p>Friday 2 August - District 9 Picnic Great Lakes Marina in Muskegon All food provided by D9 / BYOB RSVP: Jay.stevensj@sbsps.org</p> 	<p>Saturday 10 August - 11 am - 3pm KSPS Get-Together in South Haven Picnic 11 am - 3 pm, then boat rides For rides RSVP Jim (269) 375-8441</p>	<p>Tuesday - 10 September: 6:30 - 9 pm KSPS Mtg at Gull Lake View Golf Course 7417 North 38th St (at M-89) Cruising Alaska's Inside Passage</p>
<p>Saturday 3 August - March with District 9 & the United States Power Squadrons in US Coast Guard Parade - 10 am - 2pm Then enjoy rest of day in Grand Haven</p>	<p>Tuesday - 13 August Time: 6:30 - 9 pm KSPS Mtg at Gull Lake View Golf Course 7417 North 38th St M-89 at N 38th St (4 miles E of Richland) Slides from Northern Waterway Trip</p>	<p>District 9 Fall Conference 11-12 October - Clinton Township Celebrating Then and Now Birmingham's 50th Anniversary watch for flyer</p>

Spotlight on Education

Tell your friends, neighbors, relatives and slip mates

America's Boating Course Begins Monday **October 7**, with class for 5 weeks. Time 6-8 pm. Milwood Magnet School To register - Call Wally (269) 365-3398

Instructor Recertification Thursday **12 Sept.** 7-9 pm at Wally's. Recertification is a 4 hour course required by volunteers who teach public courses.

Weather Class - 9 weeks beginning Thursday **10 Oct** 7-9 pm Location to be determined (near I-94)

Contact Wally Corder (269)365-3398 We need to order course materials at least 2 weeks before class.

While doing a VSC, got to see a demonstration of a Flir 360° thermal imaging night vision system on a new boat. It can detect objects in the water and assess other threats.

Next Meeting - Tues. 13 Aug

Kalamazoo Sail & Power Squadron

Tues **13 Aug** Social time 6:30 pm, Dinner at 7

Gull Lake View Golf Course
We will show slides from the July Northern Michigan Waterway Trip.



July Birthdays

- 6 George Tyler Jr.
- 7 Chris Hansen
- 9 E-J Ohler
- 19 Phyllis Buskirk
- 23 Bob McNally
- 25 Denny Segar
- 27 Kyle Brown
- 29 Pamela Wright



August Birthdays

- 1 Mary Purchase
- 4 Ross Griffith
- 6 Bill Ditty
- 6 Micheal LaBerteaux
- 8 John Anderson
- 10 Wally Corder
- 13 Lois Whitmore
- 14 Linda Seng
- 24 Susan Livingston

KSPS Special Event

KSPS Get-Together at the Soule's in South Haven. Watch for flyer with details. Maris and Bill Soule have once again invited us to a picnic at their Gazebo (10 Aug). There will be a variety of sandwich meats and cheeses.

This has been a great event in the past. This year Jim Johnston has made it even better by getting many of our members who keep their boats in South Haven to offer rides, around 3 pm, as the picnic ends. If you no longer have a boat, are new to boating, have never been out on Lake Michigan or just want to have fun with fellow boaters be sure to join us. Let's hope for NO rain and calm seas.

RSVP Maris for the picnic portion at SouleM@aol.com or (269) 377-2291
For the boating portion—RSVP Jim at jimwj@hotmail.com or (269) 375-8441



News From USPS

New National Weather Service Data Display

The National Weather Service has developed a new Web data display. This new display is easier to use and makes available an enormous amount of data for users. This display can serve as an excellent training tool for instructors of our Weather course or a source of marine weather for the cruiser. The site is experimental and the NWS is soliciting comments. It is intended to go active in the fall. To access, use this link: <http://preview.weather.gov/edd/>. — **Charles Wells**

Member Benefits

USPS members can save on rooms at nearly 7,000 participating hotels worldwide, whether looking for an upscale hotel, an all-inclusive resort or something more cost-effective. Wyndham Hotels are offering USPS members 20 percent off the best available rate at participating locations every time you travel. Visit the **Member Benefits website** for further details and to see the other benefits we offer! — **Barbara Erickson**

Don't Become a Boating Fire Victim



DES MOINES, Wash. - Two people suffered severe burns and eight boats were damaged overnight when a fire spread through a marina at Des Moines about 15 miles south of Seattle.

In addition to boats damaged by smoke and fire, some watercraft floated loose

in the marina after their mooring lines burned.

This is just one incident, that we were made aware of because C. William Diller's daughter has her boat at this marina. Luckily, her boat was spared.

Don't become a fire victim. Everytime, before starting your engine, always check your bilge for fumes and leaks, then run the blower for a minimum four minutes before starting you engine.

Remember to follow proper fueling procedures:

Have all passengers leave the vessel and the fuel dock area. Extinguish all open flames, turn off all electronics. On boats with cabins: close all the windows, doors and hatches before fueling (gas vapors are heavier than air and will settle low in your boat's bilge). Wipe up any spills of gas, diesel or oil and dispose of the rags on land in a safe place. Fuel docks usually have a can for that.

Always keep the gas nozzle in contact with the filler opening to prevent static sparks. To prevent costly contamination, be sure your gas, water and pump out ports are clearly marked.

After fueling: Open doors, windows, and hatches. Sniff the bilge, look for fuel or oil leaks, then run the blower for 4 minutes before starting engine. Only then, allow passengers to re-board.

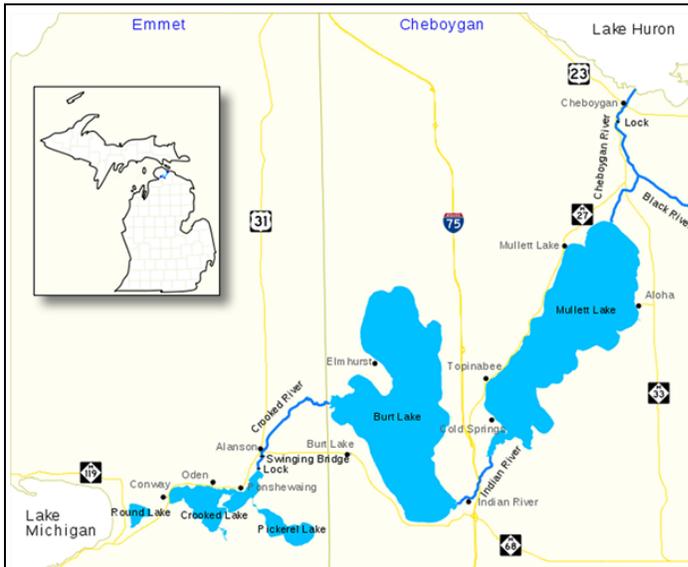
Check you fire extinguishers. Dial should be in the green zone. Locate them near engine, galley and helm. Keep curtains or other materials away from the stove.

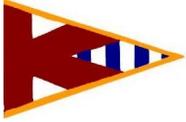
Check all fuel lines for integrity and/or loose clamps on a regular basis. Any fuel lines exposed to sunlight should be replaced every two years. Check all electrical wires for loose wires or chaffing. Inspect shore power cords for blackened or pitted connections that indicate increased resistance, a source of heat and ignition.

Install smoke and CO detectors. Did you know that wet charcoal may spontaneously ignite?



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2013 KSPS Bridge Officers

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Vessel Safety Checks

Vessel Examiner	Total VSCs Performed	Passed
Lyn Bleyer	10	10
Gary Bleyer	12	12
Lance Conrad	11	11
Harold Hladky	5	3
E-J Ohler	6	6
Bill Soule	3	3
Nils Strand	7	7
Totals	54	52

We had two successful Vessel Safety Check days, one at Gull Lake near Richland, the other at many locations in South Haven, as part of Boats and Brats.

The table at left shows the number of Vessel Safety Checks completed and entered into the USPS data base. What does not show, is that in addition to the six VSCs shown for E-J Ohler and the three shown for Bill Soule, they each did an additional 5 supervised Vessel Safety Checks to qualify to be a Vessel Examiner.

VEs if you have any completed VSC forms, please get them to Nils so that we get full credit for completed VSCs.

We only have a few decals left, so if you have not had your boat checked yet, please contact the Vessel Examiner closest to where you keep your boat.