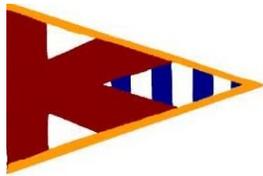


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KSPS is having its annual holiday party at Martells in Parkview Hills on Friday 6 December.

The event begins with hor d'oeuvres and drinks at 6:30 and dinner at 7.

Select from: Lemon Chicken, Prime Rib, Braised Salmon or Three Cheese Ravioli (vegetarian). Including tax and tip, the cost is about \$31 per person.



It is also our optional Toys for Tots drive. Bring an unwrapped gift or a check made out to Toys for Tots.

If you have not already RSVP'd to Jim Johnston, please give him a call at (269) 375-8441 or email him at jimwj@hotmail.com.

The holidays are here. While it is a joyous time for most, for a few, who have lost a loved one or live far from family, the holidays can be lonely.

Be sure to check on friends or neighbors who might be perked up by a phone call or better yet a place at your table.



KSPS Commander
Lyndell R. Bleyer

Change of Watch

Tuesday 14 January 2014, we have our squadron's Change of Watch. Come celebrate as Jim Johnston becomes our new commander. It begins at 6:30 with drinks and social time, sitting for dinner at 7 pm. Since our COW is after the holidays, the **Beacon Club** is allowing us to order off the menu at a cost lower than the usual four preset entrees. Meals will range from a smaller bistro plate \$12 and up (if you are now trying to watch your weight) to the usual more than you should eat at one sitting - with Seafood starting at \$21 and Meat Lovers starting at \$18. Those attending the COW should RSVP to Karen Strand. However, you do not need to select your meal in advance. Just let Karen know you are coming so there will be a place set for you. (269) 964-6690 or karenstrand@sbcglobal.net



Calendar: KSPS Activities, Events and Meetings

(mark your personal calendar or post on fridge or mirror)

At General meetings speaker / presentation follows dinner. Executive Committee: - business meeting after dinner. Order off the menu (range \$8 - \$26). Prices higher at conference, COW, and holiday party. RSVP required at these last three. Be sure to check this month's location. RSVP if indicated. RSVP not needed at Brewsters, Gull Lake View or Moonraker. Questions: call Lyn (269) 731-5601 or Jim 375-8441

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**28 Nov - Happy Thanksgiving**  
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Friday 6 Dec - Annual Holiday Party 6:30

Martell's in Parkview Hills
 3501 Greenleaf Blvd
 Oakland Drive Exit, north of I-94
 right or east on Whites/Parkview
 Turn into Parkview Hills

Optional: Bring a gift or check for Toys for Tots

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 Tuesday - 10 December 6:30 - 9 pm  
 Executive Committee - Everyone Welcome  
 Moonraker West  
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Tuesday - January 14 2014
Change of Watch 6:30 pm
 Beacon Club - 5830 Portage Rd
 about 2 miles south of I-94
 about a mile south of airport

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 February 11: - Ross Richardson  
 The Wrecks of Sleeping Bear Point  
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 Coming soon - Late Winter / Early Spring 2014  
 America's Boating Course  
 offered in both Kalamazoo and Battle Creek  
 and  
 Seamanship - offered in Battle Creek

## Spotlight on Education

Tell your friends, neighbors, relatives and slip mates

Contact Wally Corder (269) 365-3398 We need to order course materials at least 2 weeks before class. For more detailed course content description visit our website at <http://www.ksp-s-usps.org>

**Weather Class** - 9 weeks began Thursday **10 Oct**  
 Time 7-9 pm **Contact: George Tyler Jr. (269) 671-4560**

**Seamanship** (the first advanced grade class after ABC)  
 Offered beginning Feb or March 2014. 9 weeks.  
**Contact: Karen (269) 964-6690**

**America's Boating Course 2014**  
 Take it as a refresher or encourage relatives, friends, and slipmates to take it.

**ABC - Winter 2014** (5 weeks)  
 Offered in Battle Creek at Lakeview Middle School.  
**Contact: Nils or Karen (269) 964-6690**

**ABC - Spring 2014** (5 weeks)  
 Offered in Kalamazoo **Contact: Wally (269) 365-3398**  
 Time 6-8 pm. Milwood Magnet School

**Boating Safety for Youth** - Spring 2014 - (5 weeks)  
**Contact: Harold (269) 274-1995** Offered at the same time & location as adult ABC class in Kalamazoo, but in a separate classroom.

**Any fool can carry on, but a wise man knows how to shorten sail in time.**  
 Joseph Conrad

## Birthdays

### December Birthdays

- 5 Mindy Segar
- 7 Verle Wiita
- 8 Rise' Landeros
- 8 Gary Lett
- 12 David Tuls
- 27 Glen Douglass
- 27 Sid Durham
- 27 Jerry Johnson
- 31 Dave Regula



### January Birthdays

- 1 Gary Morton
- 8 Richard Rakow
- 12 Rita Bush
- 19 Aaron Wright
- 23 Julie Hakken
- 27 Larry Trent
- 29 Robert Bush
- 30 Beverly Love

## Tips for Winterizing your Boat

Always review and follow the advice in your boat's Owner's Manual

### Marina Winterization Service:

If you hire a marina to service your boat for you, this is what they should include. Regardless of who does them, these steps need to be taken.

- Prevent freezing - Drain water from holding tanks
- Run potable environmentally-friendly antifreeze through the raw water system (do not discharge into lake)
- Check and replace lubricant as needed  
Engine oil, steering, gear boxes, etc.
- Warm the engine, then change the oil and replace filter (every 100 hours of engine run time)
- Check boots and seals for cracks
- Replace sacrificial anticorrosion zincs as needed (when > 50% consumed)
- Top off the gas (less corrosion when tanks are full)

Check and repair or replace the following:

- Impellers
- Stuffing box and through hull fittings
- Electrical wiring for wear, loose connections
- Propeller for fishing line and damage

Don't know what an impeller or stuffing box is, then take Engine Maintenance. These storage tips are right out of the USPS Engine Maintenance course.



Damaged Impeller



Winter Storage that the marina generally does NOT do includes:

- Washing and drying sails, lines, PFD's
- Placing cushions so that they have maximum air circulation or bring them home.
- A dirty hull can easily add up to 30% of fuel cost!
- Place DampRid in storage areas that tend to get musty or run a dehumidifier.
- Gerry rig a way to keep cupboards and doors propped open for air circulation. Remove food.
- Pump out all sewage and grey water holding tanks
- Drain water storage tanks
- Based on your owner's manual – add recommended potable antifreeze to water lines and toilet
- Remove battery and store at home, so you can charge monthly during winter

### Battery Storage by Steve D'Antonio

Contrary to popular belief, while batteries may not work very well when they're very cold, they store exceptionally well in cold temperatures because their "metabolism" slows down.

There is, however, one important caveat to the rule of cold storage for batteries: They must be fully or nearly fully charged when left in this state. Discharged batteries, cold or warm, will suffer from sulphation, a process in which lead sulphate, which forms naturally during battery discharging, hardens into crystalline form. Once this occurs, the crystals resist reintegration during the charging process, which reduces battery efficiency.

**Charge Monthly:** More important from the point of view of cold-storage, however, is that even a partially discharged battery will freeze at temperatures as high as 20 F. If a battery is allowed to freeze, it may be damaged internally or, worse, the case may crack. A fully charged battery's freezing point, on the other hand, is somewhere around minus 95 F. Additionally, flooded batteries experience a self-discharge of approximately 1 percent per day at room temperature, which means they should be recharged at least monthly.



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

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## 2013 KSPS Bridge Officers

(please note new email for treasurer, put Attn Nils in subject line)

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## 9th District Coast Guard reminds boaters, hunters, fishermen of safety during fall season

It's that time of the year again, and the Coast Guard wishes to remind those who choose to recreate outdoors to keep safety their number one priority. Every year, hunters and anglers find themselves in danger and in need of assistance on the water. To have a safer, more enjoyable hunting or fishing excursion and to minimize risk, follow these simple, lifesaving, tips:

- Wear your life jacket. Once you are in the water, it is much more difficult to put it on.
- Don't overload your boat. See capacity plate and review the manufacturer's recommendations. Count weight of hunting or fishing gear and four-legged companions.
- Check the weather forecast and watch for changes. Seek immediate shelter if you encounter stormy conditions.

- Minimize your movement around the vessel. Not only can movement frighten what you're trying to hunt, it can potentially capsize your vessel. Capsizing, sinking or falling overboard from small boats account for 70% of all boating fatalities.
- Never boat under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Tell a trusted person where you are going and when you will return. Update your **Float plan** if things change. [www.floatplancentral.org/download/USCGFloatPlan.pdf](http://www.floatplancentral.org/download/USCGFloatPlan.pdf)
- In an emergency, stay with your vessel. It will be easier for rescuers to locate you. Don't attempt to "swim for it."
- Carry a marine radio. Cell phones are great, but water, unreliable signal and battery life could disable your phone.