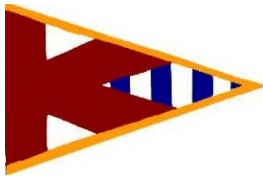


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Commander's Message

A new year. What resolutions are you making? Hopefully, some will involve re-invigorating old friendships, making new friends, keeping your brain young by taking a boating class or seminar, teaching one night or volunteering at a KSPS event. I find teaching, proctoring and attending events is a great way to make new friends and stay in sync with others.

Start out the new year right by resolving to attend the KSPS Change of Watch on Tuesday January 8th (details below). We had a great turn out for our December Holiday party. I'm hoping for an attendance-breaking record for COW. Invite a friend. There will be lots of recognition awards for those who volunteered in 2012. Come show your support for your new Bridge, Executive and other Elected Committees.

Wishing you a Happy and Healthy New Year.



*KSPS Commander
Lyndell R. Bleyer*

Change of Watch Menu

**Tuesday January 8th
social time 6:15 - 7:00**

Choose your entrée:

Fried Shrimp

Tiffany Chicken

Prime Rib or

Signature Salmon

Pay waiter.

\$23.95 + tax and tip

Optional Dessert

Snowball Sundae:
ice cream, coconut,
hot fudge \$2.25

Cash bar

Bring \$1, \$5 & \$10's

This is only one of two events where the restaurants require us to RSVP, so please email or call Karen Strand with your choice of entrée at least the Wednesday before COW (2 Jan.).

karenstrand@sbcglobal.net

H: (269) 964-6690

BEACON CLUB

5830 Portage Rd (269) 343-9000

Exit 78, southwest of I-94 & Kalamazoo Airport
just shy of 3 traffic lights south of I-94



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

Tuesday - 8 January Time: 6:15 - 9-ish Annual Meeting & Change of Watch The Beacon Club in Kalamazoo 5830 Portage Rd (southwest of airport)	Tuesday - 12 February Time: 6:30 - 9 Ross Richardson Search for Westmoreland Moonraker West (former Hunt Club) 544 W Columbia BC (east of state police)	Tuesday - 12 March Time: 6:30 - 9 Executive Committee Brewsters - 5315 Portage Rd, left at first light south of I-94
Friday & Saturday April 5-6 D9 Conference Pontiac / Auburn Hills, MI Age of Aquarius—Peace, Love and Boating Contest for best Tie Die	Tuesday - 9 April / Wind and electricity: South Haven Maritime Museum’s Fleet Moonraker West (former Hunt Club) 544 W Columbia BC (east of state police)	Tuesday - 14 May Time: 6:30 - 9 Capt. Bob McAlear: “Stars” of Saugatuck: Star of Saugatuck and the Keewatin Brewsters - 5315 Portage Rd, left at first light south of I-94

Spotlight on Education

A **New 2012 law** requires persons born after June 1996 to pass a boating education class and carry the certificate on board to operate a boat motor greater than 12 hp. This year, it’s everyone age 16, by 2020, it’s everyone 24 and younger.


To operate a PWC, persons born after 1978 must carry the boating certificate. No one under 16 may operate alone. The ABC and the DNR classes both qualify.

ABC America’s Boating Course

Next ABC class in Kalamazoo runs 5 Mondays beginning on **February 18—March 25** at Milwood Magnet School on Konkel. However, if you know someone who wants to learn now, have them go to www.usps.org where they can study online for \$39.95, then take the test proctored by KSPS. They need to call Wally a few weeks before they want to take the test, so the exam can be ordered.

Seminars are short 3 to 4 hour overviews of boating topics like weather, GPS, Anchoring, etc. Detailed descriptions of seminars at www.kspusps.org under education. Contact Wally Corder 269-365-3398 if interested in a class or seminar.

Next Meeting - Tues. Jan 8
Kalamazoo Sail & Power Squadron
 Social time 6:15 pm, Dinner at 7
 Annual Meeting & Change of Watch
 The Beacon Club in Kalamazoo
 5830 Portage Rd / Hope to see you there !



It’s January. . . Many days past 21 December... Hey, it’s not the end of the world, after all.

January Birthdays

- 19 Aaron Wright
- 30 Beverly Love
- 31 Ron Gustafson

February Birthdays

- 07 Ray Shoemaker
- 10 Sharon Mathewson
- 11 Jerry Love
- 11 Jim Johnston
- 13 Linda Mills
- 23 Janet Boyce



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	April 2013	Nils Strand	269-964-6690	karenstrand@sbcglobal.net
America’s Boating Course: Kalamazoo	Feb 18-Mar 25 2013	Wally Corder	269-365-3398	wccorder@hotmail.com
DNR Course (age 12 - 16): Kalamazoo	Feb 18-Mar 25 2013	Register via Com. Ed	269-337-0446	harold.hladky@wmich.edu
Intro. To Charting: Battle Creek	after ABC in BC	Nils Strand	269-964-6690	karenstrand@sbcglobal.net
Seamanship (Mon 7-9 pm/buffet 6pm)	8 weeks	Karen Strand	269-964-6690	karenstrand@sbcglobal.net
Piloting (Thursdays 6:30-8:30 pm)	TBD	George G & Diane H	269-375-4024	gunkholer1889@yahoo.com
Advanced Piloting	Self study 2013	How about you?	Could you mentor	or teach AP? Call Wally
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 2013	Dan Livingston	269-781-2328	autodan@yahoo.com
Instructor Development	TBD	Lois Whitmore	269-345-4521	dogwood17@charter.net
Marine Electronics	TBD	Harold Hladky	269-274-1995	harold.hladky@wmich.edu
Operations Training (4-6 hrs)	TBD	Wally Corder	269-365-3398	wccorder@hotmail.com
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

Welcome New Members

Jim and Jerilyn Johnston's son **Dan Johnston** has officially switched from cyber to KSPS member and was sworn in at Martells. I was just contacted by Kim Brown, another USPS cyber member who would like to join KSPS.

We hope to see all our new and potential members at Change of Watch in January or when we have our next speaker in February.

If you see a new face at a meeting or event, be sure to make them feel welcome. Call a member who hasn't been in a while & offer a ride.



KSPS Member Status

As of December 27, 2012 we had 74 members. Of those, 5 are Life members having earned 25 merit marks. Four are new members from ABC or USPS cyber, Fifty-four renewed by paying their dues on time, while five paid late. One person was reinstated. Two are past due, and three are pending (due now).

The members we lost this last year include: Marti & Warren Fritz, Ron & Joan Gustafson, Robyn & Scott Levene, Jerry Hendrickson, Dawn & Phil Livingston, and cyber-trial member James Rozeboom.

Status	Total
Life	5
New Member	4
Paid	54
Paid-Late	5
Reinstated	1
Past Due	2
Pending	3
Total	74

Other News of Interest

Waterways Commission Considers Registrations for Non-Motorized Watercraft [Great Lakes Echo Article]

Gary Marowske, chair of the Waterways Commission, has a new plan to combat low water levels and dredge many inland and Great Lakes harbors – require state registrations for non-motorized watercraft. Marowske said, “Currently, non-motorized boats like kayaks and canoes do not have to be registered, but in the words of Gov. Snyder, ‘You have to pay to play.’ So my goal is to start registering these watercraft to have more of an income for the commission.” (editor: why not assess by ship’s draft?)



Following tradition, ship sponsor, Barbara Levin authenticated the keel by having her signature welded into the keel.

Senator and Mrs. Levin participated in the keel-laying ceremony for the Navy's USS Detroit now under construction on Lake Superior.



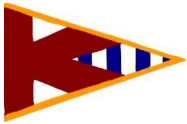
Awards and Recognition

Last May, Chris and Diane Hansen received the **Admiral Bayfield Award** from the **Great Lakes Cruising Club (GLCC)**. The award recognizes extensive cruising throughout the Great Lakes. The recipients of this award must have traveled significant miles on each of the five Great Lakes, which can include some of the adjoining waters such as the Trent Severn Canal and St. Mary's River. The traveling must be done while a member of GLCC.

During their 12 years of membership, the Hansen's logged over 13,000 nautical miles (a 5,000 minimum is required) and spent 1,115 nights on board their sailboat Gunkholer. The recipients must be the ones in charge of the vessel and the cruising cannot be for commercial purposes. The Hansen's willingly admit that this is an award given to those who have enough time to “goof-off” and be recognized for doing something they love. To date, Lake Superior remains their favorite cruising ground.

If you have boating related information to share, or know of someone who should be recognized, please email it to Lyn Bleyer at [Lyn Bleyer at \[Bleyer@wmich.edu\]\(mailto:Lyn.Bleyer@wmich.edu\)](mailto:Lyn.Bleyer@wmich.edu)





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



2013 KSPS Bridge Officers

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

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Photos from the Holiday Party

