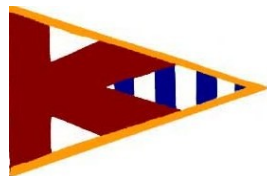


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Commander's Message

We had a great presentation for our February meeting. Ross Richardson gave us a history of ship wrecks, steam powered vessels and boating on the Great Lakes in the 1800s. Did you know - a steam ship like the Westmoreland burned a cord of wood per hour?

At our March Executive Committee meeting at Brewsters we will look at goals for 2013 and beyond.

So think about what you would like to see our squadron do and come voice your opinion. One member would like to see us have a silent auction to both raise funds for KSPS and to enable members to recycle their gently-used boating-related gear and possessions. A Chain-of-Lakes trailerable rendezvous, and ship's bulletin board.



*KSPS Commander
Lyndell R. Bleyer*

We have three members who are going to study and take the exam to become Vessel Examiners. They are: John Anderson, Mike Galbreath and E.J. Ohler.

With 10 VEs KSPS will be better prepared to meet the demand for extra Vessel Safety Checks resulting from the new 2012 law that prevents peace officers from boarding your boat if you have the current year VSC decal.

The exception to boarding is if they spot an obvious violation, such as operating under the influence, speeding, wake in a no wake zone, children on deck without a PFD, etc.

Our winter ABC class in Kalamazoo has four students, with possibly two more enrolling next week. Our Boating class for Youth has seven.

Weather and Amateur Radio Training

Sat. March 16 / 8am-noon Crossroads Hamfest Marshall Activity Center, MI

Sat. March 30th / 10 am SKYWARN training class – become a weather observer. Lakeview Middle School auditorium, 300 S. 28th St and W Columbia BC.

Sat. May 4 / 10am-4pm Ham in a Day: Technician or General License.

Details for all 3 events at Southern Michigan Amateur Radio Society. (advance register)

<http://www.w8df.com/>



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

Friday & Saturday April 5-6 D9 Conference: Pontiac / Auburn Hills, MI Age of Aquarius—Peace, Love and Boating Contest for best Tie Die outfit.	Tuesday - 9 April Time: 6:30 - 9 Jim Spurr: 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
Sat. - May 18 Kick off Safe Boating Week Portage Family Fish Fair - Ramona Park 8600 S. Sprinkle Rd (so of Zylman) 9 am to 1 pm Come help with activity and booth	Tuesday - 11 June Time: 6:30 - 9 Executive Committee Gull Lake View Golf Course 7417 North 38th St M-89 at N 38th St (4 miles e of Richland)	Saturday— 29 June Time: 10am - 4 pm Boats & Brats—Vessel Safety Checks Have your boat inspected, have a brat Black River Yacht Club and at the public launch ramp.

Spotlight on Education

ABC America's Boating Course

Next ABC class in Kalamazoo runs 5 Mondays beginning on **February 18 - March 18** at Milwood Magnet School on Konkel. ABC in Battle Creek at Lakeview Middle School 300 S 28th St **Thurs. April 11 - May 16** (no class May 2) 7 to 9 pm

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

The next seminar we would like to offer is Partner in Command. This class is great for spouses, children and friends of boaters, as well as those who want to train their passengers/crew on what to do if the skipper becomes disabled. Seminar is about 2.5 to 3 hours (depending on discussion & questions). Contact Wally Corder 269-365-3398 wccorder@hotmail.com

Next Meeting - Tues. March 12

Kalamazoo Sail & Power Squadron

Social time 6:30 pm, Dinner at 7

Executive Committee
 Brewsters - 5315 Portage Rd,
 left at first light south of I-94



How much deeper would the ocean be if sponges didn't grow in it?

March Birthdays

- 02 Bob Landeros
- 03 Lyn Bleyer
- 07 Beth Walter
- 13 Bob Boyce
- 17 Pat Demarais
- 22 Don Delong
- 25 Kim Brown
- 26 Bill Soule

April Birthdays

- 01 Ron Voelker
- 03 Dan Seng & Glenn Hahn
- 04 Kathy Rose
- 09 James White



If your birthday is missing, send month and day for your birthday to Lyn

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

Course	When	Contact Person	Telephone	e-mail address
America's Boating Course: Battle Creek	April 11-May 6 2013	Nils Strand	269-964-6690	karenstrand@sbcglobal.net
America's Boating Course: Kalamazoo	Feb 18-Mar 18 2013	Wally Corder	269-365-3398	wccorder@hotmail.com
DNR Course (age 12 - 16): Kalamazoo	Feb 18-Mar 18 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 (South Bend S&PS)	Jan 31 / 10 weeks	Harry Bailiff/J.Stevens	574-293-8888	bailh42@msn.com
Cruise Planning CP (Mon 6-8:30)	Mar 2015	Karen Strand	269-964-6690	karenstrand@sbcglobal.net
Engine Maintenance (Wed 6-8 pm)	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

Roster Updates

If you were not at the last two meetings, that means you did not get your 2013 print version of the KSPS Roster. We have added a new member since the printing in January, so it's already out of date. Here are some updates for those of you who have your copy.

Changes in email address (usually only the part after @)

Angie & John Anderson <painters4@comcast.net>

George Gerpheide <gsgerph@gmail.com>

Previously Nils used his work email, now that he is retired, send email to Nils and/or Karen at

" Nils and Karen" <karenstrand@sbcglobal.net>

Changes in phone numbers:

While his number is correct in this publication, in the roster his old land line is listed, please change

Wally Corder to (269) 365-3398

Also: those who have retired, no longer have a business number. This includes Don DeLong, Harold Hladky, and Nils Strand, Pauleys have moved to St. Augustine FL.

New Members not in roster:

Received the membership application too late to include in the printed roster. Here is the contact info for our newest member.

Jim White

1727 Sandy Cove Dr.

Kalamazoo, MI 49048

Phone: (269) 345-5136

Cell: (269) 808-5024

white1727@charter.net



Pictured left is new member E-J Ohler who was sworn in at the February meeting.

The photo doesn't do him justice.

Say hello when you see him.

Engine Maintenance for Boaters Class

EM Class covers maintenance and trouble shooting for both gas and diesel. It covers marine propulsion systems (inboard, outboard, I/O, jet drives), basic engine principles and components, controls, instruments, alarms, routine engine maintenance, and steering systems. There is a chapter on winter storage and spring servicing that includes a 25-step checklist. There is a separate chapter on emergency repairs afloat and a great glossary.

Where and When:

Calhoun Area Career Center, 475 E Roosevelt, Battle Creek Weds. from 6 to 8 pm **March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 10, 17, Final exam Monday April 22.**

Cost: KSPS Members: \$35, non-members \$45.

To register call Dan (269) 781-2328 or autodan@yahoo.com Details: www.ksps-usps.org



Come to Woodstock



Did you miss the original Woodstock in August 1969? Travel back, as we turn our Hospitality room into that hippy haven on Friday night April 5. In 1969, 400,000 people lived elbow to elbow for three days in the most crowded, rain-drenched community, with sparse comforts and there wasn't so much as a fist fight. D9 Conference: **Peace, Love & Boats.**



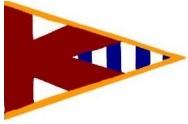
Shipboard Instrument makes Great Toy

Richard James was trying to develop a means for suspending sensitive shipboard instruments aboard naval vessels, in rough seas. He was working with tension springs, when he accidentally

dropped one. After seeing how the spring kept moving after it hit the ground, an idea for a toy was born.

With a \$500 loan, Richard James developed a coil winding machine and started the James Spring & Wire Company to mass-produce the Slinky. The name for the toy was coined by his wife, Betty James. The Slinky was demonstrated at Gimbel's Department Store in Philadelphia during the 1945 Christmas season and then at the 1946 American Toy Fair. It became a huge success, with over 300 million Slinkys sold.





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2013 KSPS Bridge Officers

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

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Administrative Officer	Lt/C Jim Johnston, P	269-375-8441 (home)	jimwj@hotmail.com
Treasurer	P/C Nils Strand, AP	269-964-6690 (home)	karenstrand@sbcglobal.net
Secretary	P/C Karen Strand, AP	269-964-6690 (home)	karenstrand@sbcglobal.net

Anchors Away

New law bans docking boats at road's end overnight.
 By Kathy Barks Hoffman, Assoc. Press, Lansing - 22 Mar 2012
 Boaters no longer will be able to tie up overnight at spots where public roads end on lakes and other waterways. Lt. Gov. Brian Calley signed a measure that makes it a misdemeanor to place boat hoists or anchoring systems or install a dock or wharf at road ends. Similar penalties apply to boaters who moor or dock their boats at road ends between midnight and sunrise.
 Only single-season docks authorized by local government officials and approved by the Department of Environmental Quality will be allowed. Violators face a fine of up to \$500 per day.

Deadlines for Ice Shanty Removal

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources says structures on Lake St. Clair must go by sunset Feb 24. Other deadlines include midnight on March 1 for the southern Lower Peninsula, and midnight of March 15 for the northern Lower Peninsula and waters along the Michigan-Wisconsin boundary. For the remainder of the Upper Peninsula, it's midnight on March 31. After the mandatory removal dates, ice shanties may still be used but must be removed daily. Owners whose shanties fall through the ice could get up to 30 days in jail and be fined up to \$500. If a government agency has to retrieve a shanty, the owner could be required to three times the cost.