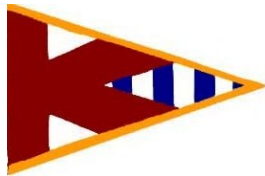


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Commander's Message

We have 17 students enrolled in our Battle Creek ABC or America's Boating Course. Think about coming to a "meet and greet" on the last night of class, Thursday 16 May from 7 to 9. If you would like to help grade tests, call Karen (964-6690).

Our Kalamazoo ABC class starts Monday 6 May and will run for 4 consecutive nights that week. We are hoping for a good turnout. Tell all boaters. Call Wally (365-3398) if you can help grade tests on Thursday 9 May from 6 to 8:30 pm at Lord of Life Lutheran in Portage or come for a "meet and greet". We could use volunteers to help make and/or bring refreshments.

Another sure sign that people in SWMI think spring is just around the corner is we received two requests for Vessel Safety Checks. These were both in the Battle Creek area. The US Coast Guard system uses zip code to match a boat owner with a Vessel Examiner. We have 5 KSPS and 1 USCG-Auxiliary Vessel Examiners that pop-up for Battle Creek. So we don't overwhelm the boater, we will coordinate by having the VE closest in miles respond first. If they cannot do a VSC right away, that VE should let the next closest VE know immediately.



*KSPS Commander
Lyndell R. Bleyer*



USPS and Amateur Radio both celebrate 100th Anniversary

The theme for 2013 is Amateur Radio: Entering Its Second Century of Disaster Communications. The theme commemorates the first known use of Amateur Radio in a disaster situation: Herbert V. Akerberg -- a 15-year-old from Hilltop, Ohio -- is believed to be the first person to use Amateur Radio to call for help during a disaster. In late March 1913, the Scioto River in downtown Columbus, Ohio flooded its banks, killing more than 100 people. Akerberg used his home radio transmitter to send SOS calls via Morse code for nearly 72 hours. In 1914 both USPS and the first radio clubs were established. Learn to become an amateur radio operator - see page 4.

Presentation for May

Our speaker is Captain Bob McAlear. We will be meeting at Brewsters - 5315 Portage Rd (1st left at first light south of I-94). Social time 6:30 pm, Dinner at 7

Come learn about the passenger ships that have called Saugatuck home for many decades. Captain McAlear will share some of the history of famous ships from this area. Since this newsletter goes to those near and far, Saugatuck and Douglas are small adjacent resort towns in West Michigan on the shore of Lake Michigan, and at the mouth of the Kalamazoo River and Lake Kalamazoo.

The Queen of Saugatuck was built about three miles east of Saugatuck. She was replaced by the Saugatuck Star II in 2002. The SS Keewatin came in 1966. Details about the ships appear on page 3.

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

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	Saturday 8 June 10 am - 2pm Vessel Safety Checks - VSCs at Gull Lake Have your boat inspected for FREE. Takes about 20 minutes.	Saturday 29 June Time: 10am - 2 pm Boats & Brats—Vessel Safety Checks Have your boat inspected at Black River Yacht Club or the public launch ramp.
Sat. - May 18 Kick off Safe Boating Week Portage Family Fish Fair - Ramona Park 8600 S. Sprinkle Rd (south 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)	Mon - Tue July 1-2 Come explore the Northern Michigan Inland Waterway from Petosky to Cheboygan and back. Contact Jim (269) 375-8441

Spotlight on Education

Tell your friends, neighbors, relatives and slip mates

ABC America's Boating Course - Portage/Kalamazoo
 Next ABC class in Kalamazoo runs 4 nights-in-a-row **May 6 - 9**
 at Lord of Life Lutheran Church. Class is 6-8 pm. Contact Wally.
ABC in Battle Creek at Lakeview Middle School 300 S 28th St
Thurs. April 11 - May 16 (no class May 2) 7-9 pm Contact Nils.

Seminars are short 2 to 3 hour overviews of boating topics like
 weather, GPS, Anchoring, etc. Detailed descriptions of seminars
 at www.ksp-usps.org under education. if interested in a class
 or seminar, Contact Wally Corder 269-365-3398

TELL YOUR FRIENDS: The next seminar we will 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). 269-365-3398

Next Meeting - Tues. 14 May

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If April Showers Bring May Flowers,
 What do Mayflowers bring?

Ans: Pilgrims

May Birthdays

- 4 Kent Choate
- 12 Judy Dorais
- 14 Ron McPhee
- 16 John Goes
- 23 Dieter Valk
- 26 Gary Bleyer
- 26 John Penniman



June Birthdays

- 12 Mike Galbreath
- 16 Bruce Dorais
- 18 Holly Krymis
- 19 Maris Soule
- 20 Susan Norrod
- 24 James Henning
- 25 Diana Goes
- 26 Jane Chappell

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	Apr 11-May 16 2013	Nils Strand	269-964-6690	karenstrand@sbcglobal.net
America's Boating Course: Kalamazoo	May 6-9 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

The Stars of Saugatuck

May's presentation continued . . . From their website . . .

The Queen of Saugatuck was 57 feet long, 14 feet in beam, and held 82 passengers, plus a crew of two. She had a single paddlewheel in the stern, but after being in service several years, the wheels were split to allow additional maneuverability of the vessel. In 1992, the vessel's name was changed to Star of Saugatuck to incorporate the use of the family name. The Star was used until June of 2000, when Star of Saugatuck II went into service. In May of 2002 the original Queen of Saugatuck or Star I, was sold and trucked to Waco, Texas, and has been renamed Spirit of the Rivers. Unfortunately the new owner sank her in 2008 and she is not operational at this time.

The Star II is a U.S. Coast Guard certified and annually inspected paddle-wheel boat. It will open for the season May 4th, 2013. Learn more at: <http://saugatuckboatcruises.com/aboard.htm>

The Star of Saugatuck II is an authentic sternwheeler paddleboat. On board, you'll generally travel up the Kalamazoo River while viewing the picturesque town of Saugatuck and surrounding areas. Weather permitting, it does venture out into Lake Michigan. The Star of Saugatuck boat trips usually last 70 to 90 minutes.



Memorial Day 2002 - Star of Saugatuck II is on the right.
Star of Saugatuck I is to the left - has been sold and is in Waco, TX

2013 RATES:	Credit	Cash or Check
Adults (Age 13 and Up)	\$19.00	\$18.00
Children (6 through 12)	\$ 8.50	\$ 8.00
Children (3 through 5)	\$ 5.50	\$ 5.00

The Keewatin - <http://sskeewatin.com>

Photo credit Bill Bird / CBC.ca



The SS Keewatin is a century old Canadian Pacific Great Lakes steam ship. The ship has a long history from when she was built in 1907 with over 60 years in Ontario. The Keewatin carried 288 passengers with a crew of 86. She was 350 feet long with a 3200 hp coal boiler. Top speed 14 knots. She provided transportation from Port McNicoll Ontario on Georgian Bay to Fort William and Port Arthur (which became Thunder Bay). The journey took 2 & a half days across Lake Huron and Lake Superior with a half day stop in Sault Saint Marie.



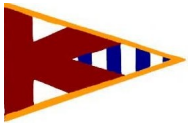
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Built in Scotland, the SS Keewatin is an Edwardian passenger liner that began her service in the Canadian Pacific Railway Great Lakes Steamship fleet in 1907.

Keewatin was retired on 28 November 1965 at Port McNicoll. In 1967, she was purchased and towed via tug by R J Peterson of Douglas MI. There she was established as a Maritime Museum and was lovingly cared for by the Petersons for 45 years. The ship was built 5 years before the RMS Titanic.

In 2012, the Friends of Keewatin had the opportunity to purchase Keewatin and return her to Ontario. Keewatin will have her official opening in Port McNicoll on **Saturday 11 May 2013**, (season ends mid Oct.).

To tour the upper deck and engine room, **group** rates are a donation of \$12 per person by making a single payment to "Friends of Keewatin". All prices include tax. Individual admittance is \$15 for the upper deck and \$7 for the engine room. Youth 10 to 16 - \$7.50 for upper deck and \$4 engine room. Children under 10 free with paid adults.



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2013 KSPS Bridge Officers


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Woodstock Revisited



For those of you who were not able to come to the District 9 Conference in April, we will be recreating Woodstock at our June KSPS meeting.

So check your closets, Goodwill and thrift stores for bell bottoms, tie-dye and other 60s/70s clothing. 

We will bring some of the decorations and music we had in our conference hospitality room. Tuesday - 11 June Time: 6:30 - 9 Gull Lake View Golf Club located at 7417 N 38th St at M89.

Ham - Amateur Radio Training

When all else fails . . . Amateur Radio.

Sat. May 4 / 10am-4pm Ham in a Day:

Earn a Technician, General or Extra radio license.

Morse Code is NOT required.

There is a day long class, including lunch for \$35 or just come at 3:45 pm for the exam and pay \$15. www.arrl.org/

Details at Southern Michigan Amateur Radio Society. Link to advance registration form at: www.w8df.com/



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