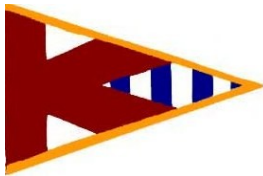


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October means it's time for the Fall District 9 Conference. Friday night, squadron's have hospitality rooms offering a cornucopia of food and drink. We wander from room to room visiting friends and making new ones.

Saturday morning, they are offering a great range of presentations from Great Lakes Lighthouses, Lake Titicaca and the Steel, Steam and Straw Boats of Peru, Boating in Canada - a Border Patrol Seminar, the Weather Seminar by a NOAA rep., and Re-certification Training for Instructors.

You can still get in on the fun and educational opportunities. There is no fee to attend, conference costs are covered through a combination of meals and hotel rooms, but there is not a requirement to buy these. Visit www.d9-usps.org for details.

Also check out the locally offered classes on page 2 including training on using a Sextant, Weather and America's Boating Course.



*KSPS Commander
Lyndell R. Bleyer*



Merit Marks are Due

October is Merit Mark submission time. Please send your name, a brief description of when & what you did for the squadron to Nils Strand, 215 Dogwood Trl. Battle Creek MI 49017 or email with subject line **Attn: Nils to karenstrand@sbcglobal.net**

Deadline: 8 Oct

Examples: Helped parents & kids with proper fit of PFDs at Portage Family Fish Fair 25 May - 4 hours.

Taught chapter 3 of ABC 18 April 2 hrs
Attended D9 business mtg as voting delegate 12 Oct — 4 hours.

Proctored exam and helped with knot tying skills — Boating Safety for Youth Feb 18 and Mar 18 - 4 hours

Served on the Executive Cmt - 11 mtgs every month except July. 22 hours.

Helped with Ship's Store at Boats and Brats. 29 June — 4 hrs.

Performed 10 VSCs — 12 hours

Newest Member Sworn In



Sydonie White (left) was sworn in at the KSPS September meeting. Her husband Jim was sworn in last spring. Visitors at the meeting included two foreign exchange students who are living with Ruth Anne and George Tyler and are attending Delton High School. Gus is from Brazil, Dennis is from China.

Other highlights of the meeting were the presentation on Alaska's inside passage and celebration of George Gerpheide's 90th.

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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**Thursday - 29 September**

**Sextant Training**

7-9pm Meet at North End Deli on M-43 across from Prairieville Twp Park & Gull Lake boat launch

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Tuesday - 8 October 2013

KSPS Executive Committee - Everyone Welcome

Brewsters in Portage 6:30 - 9 pm

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**America's Boating Course**

Begins Monday 7 October, with class for 5 weeks.

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Weather Class 9 weeks begins Thursday 10 Oct

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**District 9 Fall Conference**

Friday nite & Saturday 11-12 Oct.  
 Host: Birmingham celebrates 50th Anniversary  
 Theme: Then and Now 1963 - 2013  
 Where: ConCorde Inn, Clinton Twp

Preregister for meals & hotel at  
<http://d9-usps.org/> (need USPS certificate #)

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Tuesday - 12 November 2013
 KSPS General Meeting & Presentation
Bob Ellis - Retrieval and Restoration
 The Story of Historic World War II
 Douglas SBD Dauntless Bomber
 Moonraker West - Battle Creek 6:30 pm

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**Friday 6 Dec - Annual Holiday Party**

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Tuesday - 10 December 6:30 - 9 pm
Executive Committee - Everyone Welcome
 Moonraker West

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.kspusps.org>

Sextant Training 101 Thursday 29 Sept. 7-9 pm at NEDS - M-43. Learn how to use Sextant for navigation.

America's Boating Course Fall 2013

Take it as a refresher or encourage relatives, friends, and slipmates to take it. Begins **Monday October 7**, with class for 5 weeks. Time 6-8 pm. Milwood Magnet School To register - Call Wally (269) 365-3398

Weather Class - 9 weeks beginning Thursday 10 Oct

Time 7-9 pm
 Location: VFW 1920 E Kilgore Service Rd (near I-94, Brewsters and Airport)
 Contact: George Tyler Jr. (269) 671-4560, or Harold (269) 274-1995

Seamanship (the first advanced grade class after ABC)

Offered beginning Feb or March 2014. 9 weeks.
 Contact: Karen (269) 964-6690

ABC - Winter 2014 (5 weeks)

Offered in Battle Creek Contact: Nils (269) 964-6690

ABC - Spring 2014 (5 weeks)

Offered in Kalamazoo Contact: Wally (269) 365-3398

Boating Safety for Youth - (5 weeks) Spring 2014

Contact: Harold (269) 274-1995 in Kalamazoo

Birthdays

October Birthdays

- 1 Bob Sheppard
- 4 Dan Livingston
- 6 Laurel Henkel
- 8 Gail Morton
- 8 Richard Haaken
- 9 Winifred Meinert
- 11 Greeta Douglass
- 21 Ivan Wilson
- 25 Tom Henkel
- 28 Doug Mathewson
- 30 Craig Norrod
- 31 Harold Hladky



November Birthdays

- 4 Sylvia Ernst
- 15 Jerry Hendrickson
- 16 Eutiquio Crespo
- 16 Stanley Wolk
- 22 Linda McTague
- 25 Amanda Hill
- 27 Walter Lund

WHY IS THE STARBOARD LIGHT GREEN?

Hopefully, every boater knows that the port side running light is red and that the starboard side light is green. The standard of having the red light on the left and the green on the right comes in handy after dark when boaters can determine the movements of other vessels based on the visibility of these lights.

In addition, the green light also indicates which boat should yield the “right of way” to the other. Anyone that has ever participated in a sailboat regatta is familiar with the resounding calls of “Starboard” as the skippers declare that they have the “right of way” due to being on a starboard tack.

To understand how these terms evolved, one must delve deeply into the boating days of yore. Viking vessels were steered by a paddle or board inserted in the water called a “styra.” Most folks being right-handed, the steering board was always located on the right side of the ship and the term “styra” evolved into today’s English term “starboard.”

Because the steering was located on the right side of the vessel, captains tied the left side to a dock to avoid damaging the steering mechanisms. Thus, the left side became known, in English, as the port side, because beyond the dock was a port town.

Now, about those lights ... the practice of assigning vessel priority in crossing situations grew from the fact that vessels often had items in the ship’s center that blocked the helmsman’s view. Because the boat’s steering was controlled from the right side, he could see vessels on the right; therefore vessels on that side were given a green light - both figuratively and actually. Those vessels could safely pass in front of the steering person’s vessel.

Conversely, the left side was assigned a red light - again, both figuratively and actually. This evolved from an understanding that helmsman’s view of the left side from his right side station, were often blocked from his view by deck hands, cargo, and sails. So, these “out of sight vessels” gave way. Much of maritime traditions about the right of way are the same today, with the addition of colored lighting to assist in identification.

These little tidbits of information can help us remember the red and green lighting conventions and which vessel is “stand on” and which is “give way” between approaching boats.

To learn more about those important “Rules of the Road”, seek information from members of the United States Power Squadrons® who tell us: “Boating is fun... We’ll show you how”. Go to their website at www.USPS.org for courses and seminars in your area.

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WEATHER PREPAREDNESS

Each year, many people are killed or seriously injured by tornadoes, floods, blizzards and other types of severe weather, despite advance warning. In 2012, there were more than 450 weather-related fatalities and nearly 2,600 injuries.

Do you have a weather radio? Are you signed up for weather alerts either by email or phone? Do you know the signs that severe weather is approaching?

Do you have the right supplies on hand to shelter-in-place (at home, work, vehicle or boat) for several days until roads are open and power is restored?

NOAA’s Weather-Ready Nation is about building community resilience in the face of increasing vulnerability to extreme weather and water events. Record-breaking snowfall, cold temperatures, extended drought, high heat, severe flooding, violent tornadoes, and massive hurricanes have all combined to reach the greatest number of multi-billion dollar weather disasters in this nation’s history.

The devastating impacts of extreme events can be reduced through improved readiness, which is why the Weather-Ready Nation initiative is so important. NOAA’s National Weather Service is transforming its operations to help America respond. In the end, emergency managers, first responders, local government, businesses and the public will be empowered to make fast, smart decisions to save lives and livelihoods.

Have an emergency plan in place, and know what to do before severe weather strikes.

Practice the plan with your family and post it in your home where visitors can see it.

Identify an appropriate shelter in your home, neighborhood and community ahead of time. Share this with your family and neighbors.

www.ready.gov/severe-weather

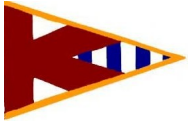
Visit www.NOAA.gov for weather facts and forecasts.

Air Zoo

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Visit the Air Zoo website at <http://www.airzoo.org>

Or call Tamra Stafford, 269 - 350-2815



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D9 Fall Conference 11-13 October

It's time to register for the D9 Fall Conference. This year's host, Birmingham is celebrating their 50th Anniversary with the theme - Then and Now (1963 - 2013).

Friday night's Hospitality rooms run from 6 to 10 pm. That night's free cuisine ranges from tacos to ice cream sundaes.

Saturday morning features seminars. You'll need to register in advance if you want to partake in the Saturday luncheon or dinner. Go to the D9 website for the fall registration form, otherwise check your email.

Meal deadline 25 Sept. / rooms by 7 Oct.

Deluxe continental breakfast for those staying at ConCorde Inn on Sat & Sunday mornings is free. Room Reservation (586) 493-7300 Code 1012D

23 Sept. we celebrated George's 90th

