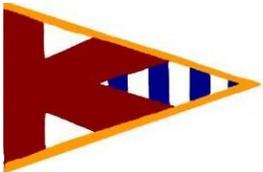


# The Pilot

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October! As I write this I am reminded that the boating season is drawing to a close.

The "summer toys" are gradually coming off the lakes, passing us on highways, and often pausing briefly in driveways as they find their way to winter storage.

One such boat was in front of us as we traveled northward on US 131

recently. The boat rode at a slightly canted angle. A closer look revealed that the lack of hold-downs allowed the boat to reposition itself as it bumped along.

As we passed, the hull connected with the right tire and a blowout promptly occurred. Tire flew all over the highway. The Laws of Physics and Poor Common Boating Sense served up another lesson. I couldn't help but think that our classes contribute to a much better outcome with far less cost and inconvenience !



Now that we successfully completed our last trailer boat outing on the Coldwater Chain of Lakes at the end of September, our "little boat" will quickly join others headed for storage. The camper beckons for some great autumn camping.

Members of KSPS will be attending the Fall D-9 Conference in Bay City, MI.

We will bring you a report: What happens in Bay City won't just stay in Bay City. This is a time of friends, fellowship, good food and updates to help local squadrons in the months ahead.



**KSPS Commander  
Jim Johnston**

### District 9's Fall Conference 17-18 Oct.

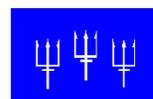
Link to [Conference Registration Form](#)

We will once again be sharing a Hospitality room with South Bend and competing for best theme. Friday night's fun will feature a variety of food, drink and camaraderie. Saturday morning begins with educational seminars and interesting presentations; among them "Stupid Boat Tricks", Public Relations, Membership, Gougeon Brothers Fiberglass Repair, America's Waterway Watch, Boating Apps, as well as SEO and Bridge Officer seminars.

Lunch is followed by a District 9 business meeting. Saturday night dinner includes dessert and entertainment at the Planetarium Digital 360 Theater.

Our **14 October meeting** is at Brewster's In Kalamazoo. Lyn and Gary Bleyer have promised to give a video report on our Friends Good Will Cruise in South Haven in July. We will also take a look at next year's planning schedule, including guest speakers for 2015. If you know of a good speaker, let us know. Come join us!

*Jim Johnston*  
**KSPS Commander**



## 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

### Last Chance KSPS Boat Outing

We are planning a small boat outing on the Chain-of-Lakes near Coldwater. Saturday - September 27.

Tues 14 October / 6:30 social time, 7 dinner

**Executive Committee Meeting - Everyone Welcome**  
 Brewsters, 5315 Portage Rd, near the Kalamazoo Airport  
 photos from Friends Goodwill cruise  
 Preview of 2015 speakers & events

### D9 Fall Conference

Friday nite through Sat 17-18 Oct

Bay City Doubletree  
 Friday night Hospitality Rooms  
**Theme: Haunted Pumpkin Patch**  
**Sat. Seminars, Lunch, Dinner, Planetarium**

### John Fraser:

Adventures in the Ice.

Navigation where North is West

Tues 11 November / 6:30 social time, 7 dinner  
 Moonraker West, 544 W Columbia Ave, Battle Creek

Friday 5 December 2014

**KSPS Holiday Dinner**, at Martell's Kalamazoo RSVP-Jim J.

Tues 9 December / 6:30 social time, 7 dinner

**Executive Committee Meeting - Everyone Welcome**  
 Moonraker West, Battle Creek

Tues 13 January / 6:30 social time, 7 dinner

**KSPS Change of Watch**  
**Election of 2015 Bridge & Officers**

Beacon Club  
 5830 Portage Rd  
 about 2 miles south of I-94  
 about a mile south of airport

## 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> Although the classroom versions of our USPS seminars are the most beneficial, USPS and BoatUS are offering

- 1) Weather for Boaters: Forecasting Winds and Storms
- 2) Partner in Command, and
- 3) Boating on Rivers, Locks and Lakes - online through the end of September for \$29.95. (normally \$49)

Go to [usps.org/edonline](http://usps.org/edonline) for details.

[www.americasboatingcourse.com/seminars.cfm](http://www.americasboatingcourse.com/seminars.cfm)

### Offered LOCALLY:

#### Knots, Bends and Hitches

a hands-on "learn how to tie knots" program geared to a wide range of audiences. Instructor: Joe Mills. Contact Joe 375-4414 (eve) or Wally Corder 269-365-3398 Date: TBD



**America's Boating Course 2014** Materials \$35, additional family sharing materials only \$5 more. Next ABC classes are planned for late winter/early spring in both Kalamazoo and Battle Creek.

**Marine Electronics** offered fall 2014 - if there are at least 5 students. ME 101: Boat Electrical Systems, ME 102: Marine Radio Communications, and ME 103: Marine Electronics for Navigation. 9 weeks each. Take one or take all 3 Marine Electronics courses. Potential location: Ross Twp Hall, just south of Gull Lake. Date: TBD  
 Contact: Gary or Lyn Bleyer 731-5601

## Birthdays

Birthday not listed? Please let Lyn know.

### October Birthdays

- 1 Bob Sheppard
- 3 Robyn Levene
- 4 Dan Livingston
- 11 Greeta Douglass
- 11 Karin Lund
- 28 Doug Mathewson
- 30 Craig Norrod
- 31 Harold Hladky



### November Birthdays

- 15 Jerry Hendrickson
- 16 Eutiquio Crespo
- 16 Stan Wolk
- 22 Linda McTague
- 27 Walter Lund

## 25 Year Milestone Members

USPS recently sent us a list of persons who are about to pass the 25 year mark, or who have already achieved that milestone. However, last year we discovered that the USPS system has a flaw, as we received the name of one spouse, but not the other, even though the join date was the same. So our apologies to anyone who did not get listed. Below are those reaching the 25 year mark at the end of 2014 or beginning of 2015, plus a few that USPS missed last year or were honored in the last two years.

**Bold** = USPS notified us this year ® = received 25 yr pin

Jane Chappell, S . . . (25 yr) . . . . Joined: 05/01/1990

Kent W. Choate, AP .(26 yr). . . . Joined: 05/10/1988

**Greeta Douglass** . . .(30 yr) . . . . Joined: 07/03/1984

Glen Douglass . . . . .(33 yr) . . . . Joined: 05/12/1981

**Diana Goes** . . . . .(28 yr) . . . . Joined: 03/11/1986

L. John Goes, S . . . . .(28 yr) . . . . Joined: 03/11/1986

**Ross T. Griffith, SN.** .(25 yr) . . . . Joined: 05/01/1989

**Beverly Love** . . . . .(25 yr) . . . . Joined: 05/01/1989

Jerry Love, P . . . . .(25 yr) . . . . Joined: 05/01/1989

Jerry Johnson . . . . .(26 yr) . . . . Joined: 04/26/1988

Douglas J. Mathewson, SN . . . . . Joined: 04/26/1988 ®

**Linda R. Mills, S.** . . . (25 yr) . . . . Joined: 12/01/1989 ®

W. Joseph Mills, JN . .(25 yr) . . . . Joined: 12/01/1989 ®

Dan Seng, AP. . . . .(25 yr) . . . . Joined: 06/12/1990

**Linda Seng, AP** . . . . .(25 yr). . . . Joined: 06/12/1990

**Lois Whitmore, SN** . . (25 yr). . . . Joined: 12/10/1990 ®



25 Merit Marks earns you a Life Membership with no annual dues. You may earn one merit mark per year. On the list above, Lois Whitmore will become our next Life Member. She joins Life Members Bob Boyce, Leon Dershem, George Gerpheide, Thomas O'Neill and George Tyler

Follow this link to download A 15 page Boater's Guide to Winterization by Seaworthy from BoatUS with tips for storing a boat for winter on land or on the water.

[www.BoatUS.com/winterizingguide](http://www.BoatUS.com/winterizingguide)

## Human Powered Water Craft

By P/C Jerry Stoll, AP [jerrydstoll@att.net](mailto:jerrydstoll@att.net)

Detroit Power Squadron - Aug/Sept newsletter.



· Embracing Paddle Sports was an interesting educational article. Records show that in 2013 U.S. boaters spent 640 million hours paddling 6.4 million canoes and kayaks; in 2012, that was 430 million hours and 4.7 million boats MORE than was reported for motor driven

personal watercraft (PWCs).

USCG boating accidents statistics are equally as revealing. Of 560 boating fatalities 169 (30%) involved non-motorized boats.

· **Canoes:** Safest at 55 Deaths, (14/100 M), 41 (85.4 %) drowned with no PFDs. 70 suffered hypothermia.

· **Kayaks:** Third Safest at 54 Deaths, (18/100 M), 45 (53%) drowned with no PFDs.

· **Stand Up Paddleboards:** 5 Deaths, Zero wearing PFDs.

· **Inflatables:** 14 Deaths, 10 (70%) drowned w/ no PFDs.

· **Rowboats:** 30 Deaths, 26 (84%) drowned with no PFDs

Did you notice the trend? Non-motorized boaters engage in a sport that involves anywhere from one to three passengers per boat, yet PFDs are almost non-existent as indicated by the reported deaths with NO PFD.

NASBLA has been Diving Deeper, for an answer to the question "How many deaths and/or injuries occurred from a canoe with ONLY a solo participant vs. how many were involved in a boat with multiple participants? One could conjecture that more people involved means that more people may be able to perform rescues/first aid, there by producing the negative correlation to fatalities found in the analysis. This would give the buddy system a logical place in the sport of canoeing and kayaking as a means of saving lives. NASBLA has now re-titled such studies as Basic Human Propelled Boating Knowledge (Paddlesports, etc) and new rules and regulations will follow.

If you are not already on the mailing list for this publication, I recommend you give it a try. This is a great way to stay up on all the rules involved in our favorite sport. The National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA ) publishes a bi-monthly Small Craft Advisory (SCA) available by request from:  
Small Craft Advisory 1648 McGrathiana Pkwy,  
Suite 360 Lexington, KY 40511

[www.nasbla.org](http://www.nasbla.org)





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**Stay for the Friends <sup>SM</sup>**



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**2014 KSPS Bridge Officers** (please note email for treasurer, put Attn Nils in subject line)

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**Merit Marks Due Soon**

**Committee Chairs, Event and Class Coordinators:** should list names, hours and events of all squadron members serving under them. List all people who taught under their supervision, including class or seminar name, hours involved (actual teaching time, plus prep). ABC carries extra weight. Please report member's time using their name and Certificate Number as it appears in the KSPS roster. For examples of merit worthy activity see: [www.usps.org/newpublic2/meritmarks/criteria.pdf](http://www.usps.org/newpublic2/meritmarks/criteria.pdf)

**Individual members** should also turn in hours served. Include classes or seminars taught, hours dealing with public at boat shows or other squadron events (i.e. Portage Family Fish Fair), hours spent planning, arranging or volunteering at events such as "Boats, Brats & VSCs", doing presentations at meetings about KSPS or boating safety at community group meetings such as Rotary, Kiwanis, Scouts, etc. Planning a group function, such as a get-together, boat outing or rendezvous (including contacts with marinas, getting charts, coordinating dates, etc.) Hours overseeing or running the Ship's Store. Putting up advertising or arranging marketing for squadron events that are public. Serving on the Executive Committee or Bridge. Remember, USPS considers Attending a meeting is a privilege, and does not considered attendance as service. You have to take an active role on a committee for it to count.

**Nils needs your Merit Report by the 2nd Tuesday of October (Oct 14)**  
 Nils Strand, 215 Dogwood Trail, Battle Creek, MI 49017-5221  
 Preferred method: email - swegian63@gmail.com