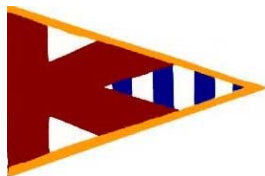


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2009 Change of Watch Commander's Message

William L. Soule, P, Commander



Thank you for the vote of confidence by electing me to serve as your commander. KSPS had a great 2008 under Cdr Hladky. Karen Strand and her volunteers put on a fantastic D/9 Fall Conference. We received lots of kudos from those who attended. We brought home some impressive trophies for educational participation by our members. I am sure that in the able hands of SEO Wally Corder, we can continue on this path.

We hosted or participated in several other events last year. The Dinghy Poker Run concluded with a great picnic at the Levene's and we used Harbor Fest to improve KSPS name recognition. We had good representation at the Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival.

I recognize the problems and challenges with declining membership. I believe long time viability depends on youth involvement. We have to go where youth spend their time and that is sports. KSPS should sponsor or co-sponsor a youth sports team like baseball, soccer or hockey. Then get the parents involved.

The slogan, Boating is Fun, is spot on. When people come and take America's Boating Course or the DNR Boating Safety for Youth course, we need to reach out to them socially and encourage them to join. Perhaps a bit more pomp and ceremony when they pass their exam. We need more members to participate in those classes, especially coming to the final class night, to meet and greet potential new members. I ask all KSPS members to volunteer to help make 2009 a great year.



William L. Soule, P.
The 2009 KSPS Commander

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In Remembrance Lucille B. Bobb – Died Saturday January 10, 2009. A memorial service will be announced and held later this year. Lucille was born March 1, 1911 in Kalamazoo. She had been a Kalamazoo area resident most of her life and was a member of both the Kalamazoo Newcomer's Club and Power Squadron. She was preceded in death by her husband and KSPS member, James D. Bobb, Jr. on May 22, 2008.

Lucy was a lot of fun. She helped with conferences and social events. She received her USPS woman's certificate in November 1977, "in the old days" when wives were not full members. From past rosters it appears that she was a member through 1991 when her name and Jim Bobb's both disappeared from the roster. In 1998, Jim Bobb rejoined with Lucy listed as his mate and not as a member.

Well Wishes Our wishes go to **Scott Levene** for a successful outcome. Scott has had some cardiac issues since the first of December (Arterial Fibrillation). He is a candidate for a procedure call a MAZE re-routing of the heart's electrical pathway. Recovery is similar to open heart surgery (6-8 weeks). The Levenes are at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. Surgery may be on 4 Feb. The hospital stay is about 6 days. Robyn says, Scott is doing fine. Check his progress at <http://www.carepages.com/carepages/SCOTTLEVENE> or call Robyn at 269-217-2831

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KSPS, D-9 & USPS Activities, Events and Meetings

10 February 2009 Time: 1830 - 2100 KSPS General Meeting Sports Forum, Kalamazoo Speaker: P/SEO Joe Mills Changes in USPS Educational Programs	10 March 2009 Time: 1800 - 2100 KSPS Executive Committee Meeting The Strands, RSVP Karen 964-6690 Bring a dish to pass or contribute \$5 Arrive as early as 6, meeting begins at 7	13-15 March 2009 D/9 Spring Conference South Bend, Indiana Fri eve. Hospitality night Sat 0800 Seminars, 1300 Business mtg
14 April 2009 Time: 1830-2100 KSPS General Meeting Location & Topic TBA	12 May 2009 Time: 1830-2100 KSPS General Meeting Location & Topic TBA	1-2 August 2009 Coast Guard Festival and Parade Grand Haven, Michigan

Education - SEO's Corner

Lt/C Wally Corder, S

January, February and March have our instructors gearing up to provide both boating safety courses open to the public and elective courses for KSPS members.

America's Boating Course is being offered twice in Battle Creek, while the last Boat Smart class and a DNR Boating Safety class for youth ages 12 to 16 are being offered in Kalamazoo. If you have friends, family, or neighbors that would benefit from these courses, please pass this page on to them or refer them to our website.

Weather begins 5 February.

Operations Training is being offered for new officers and committee members to learn about USPS and how to get things done at the local squadron level.

Check the schedule below to find the contact for each course. Call and register early so that we can order a sufficient number of textbooks. Additional course descriptions are at the back of the roster and on our website. <http://www.ksp-usps.org/Education/Courses/schedule.html>



SEO Wally Corder

2009 D/9 Spring Conference 13-15 March

The D/9 Conference is an opportunity to meet people from other squadrons and to learn more about the USPS and our District. The conference is a mixture of fun and education.

Friday night is Hospitality Night. Each squadron has a room with food or drink. You go from room to room through-out the hotel and sample the goodies. The variety is quite amazing, from Traverse City meatballs made with beef and cherries to an ice cream sundae bar. Several squadrons have mixed drinks, straight-up or soft drinks. Hint: skip supper. There is usually a theme and 50 to 60 percent of members wear costumes. This year's theme is Celebrate the Voyage - in recognition of host squadron South Bend's 50th year. So anything nautical or voyage related.

Saturday morning is filled with seminars. Many are designed to help those serving as a power squadron officer or on a committee, others are about educational courses.

Hotel Registration online at

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/sbnin-south-bend-marriott/> and use the group code USPUSPA. Must book room by 20 February. Link to conference registration form below: <http://www.ksp-usps.org/News/D9-Events.html>

Public Courses, Advanced Grade Courses & Electives

Course	Start Date	Contact Person	Telephone	e-mail address
America's Boating Course: Battle Creek	19 Feb 09	Nils Strand	269-964-6690	nils.strand@gsa.gov
America's Boating Course: Kalamazoo	2 March 09	Wally Corder	269-321-0751	wccorder@hotmail.com
DNR Course (age 12-16): Kalamazoo	2 March 09	Lois Whitmore	269-345-4521	lwh@core.com
Seamanship	Fall 2009	Robyn Levene	269-372-1782	rbynlevene@aol.com
Piloting	Fall 2009	Bill Ditty	269-323-3143	cgdiver@juno.com
Advanced Piloting	TBD	Jerry Hendrickson	269-353-7243	jlh10acrewoods@charter.net
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	March 2010	Karen Strand	269-964-6690	karenstrand@sbcglobal.net
Engine Maintenance	Fall 2009	Dan Livingston	269-781-2328	autodan@yahoo.com
Instructor Development	TBD	Lois Whitmore	269-345-4521	lwh@core.com
Marine Electronics	Fall 2008	Harold Hladky	269-969-0815	harold.hladky@wmich.edu
Operations Training	26 Jan 2009	Phyllis Buskirk	269-375-2586	andiamo91@cs.com
Sail & Advanced Sail	Fall 2009	George Tyler, Jr.	269-671-4560	gtn8kjd@tds.net
Weather	5 Feb 2009	H. Hladky & G. Tyler	269-375-2586	Harold or George

2009 Change of Watch

The KSPS Annual Meeting and Change of Watch was held at the Waterfront in Battle Creek on 13 January 2009. In spite of the cold temps and snow, the event was well attended. The food and company were great.

Among the many highlights of the evening were the election of the 2009 bridge, executive committee and several elected committee positions, as well as the 2008 Outstanding Member Award.



KSPS 60th Anniversary Shirts

A special shirt to commemorate our 60th anniversary. In the center of the graphic is Lat 42° 17' N, Lo 85° 35' W. Shirts \$10
Caps with KSPS logo \$15. Order from Karen Strand.
269-964-6690



Outstanding Member



Cdr Harold Hladky received many recommendations from members to award Outstanding Member for 2008 to Karen S. Strand for pulling together and overseeing an exceptional group of volunteers who planned and carried out the 2008 D/9 Fall Conference. 1/Lt Phyllis Buskirk presented Karen with a gift – a giant faux diamond in honor of the conference theme, our 60th anniversary, diamond jubilee.



Birthdays

January Birthdays

- Jan 1
- Gary J. Morton
- Jan 8
- Richard E. Rakow
- Jan 18
- James Riordan
- Jan 19
- Steven M. Eshuis
- Aaron J. Wright
- Jan 30
- Beverly A. Love

Missing Birthdays

Just need the month & day to include you. Send to Lyn.

- Thomas Aye
- Dennis R. Baarson
- Arthur R. Boyce
- Daniel E. Chappell
- Leon F. Dershem
- Gail Hladky
- Lawrence E. Hunt
- Earl R. Paschke
- Harriett Ross
- Donna N. Schumann
- Dan L. Seng
- Linda Seng
- Linda K. Tuls

The most widespread form of compulsory education, is experience.

The 2009 KSPS Bridge Officers

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Secretary	Lt/C Lyndell Bleyer, S	269-731-5601 (home)	lyn.bleyer@wmich.edu



Next Meeting - 10 February 2009

Kalamazoo Sail & Power Squadron
6:30 Tuesday evening
Sports Forum, Kalamazoo MI

Speaker: P/SEO W. Joseph Mills, JN
Impact of educational program changes.

RSVP by 8-Feb-09 to Lyn (269) 731-5601

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Check out the KSPS website,
many changes were made in January

<http://www.ksp-s-usps.org>