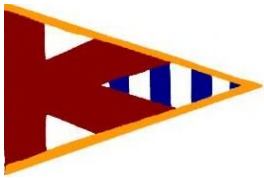


The Pilot

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Commander's Message

Best wishes for a Very Happy, Healthy and Safe New Year. It's time for resolutions. We want everyone to be safe. Two things you can do are 1) sign up and take a class or seminar and 2) encourage a friend, relative, neighbor or slip-mate to take a class. We have two ABC-3 classes coming up soon. The Kalamazoo ABC and Youth Boating classes start April 11, the Battle Creek ABC starts Mar 24. Engine Maintenance begins January 12, Cruise Planning starts March 7. Introduction to Charting will be in May. Wally Corder will offer the seminar Boating on Rivers, Lakes, and Locks, if four or more persons contact him at wccorder@hotmail.com or 269-321-0751.

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Change of Watch will be occurring on **Tuesday 11 January (6:30–9pm)** at the Gull Lake View Golf Resort, 7417 N 38th St, 6 miles east of Richland. RSVP Lyn 731-5601 by Jan 4 with your choice of main dish—Grilled Chicken, Whitefish or 8 oz Steak, for you and your guest. The cost is \$22 per person and includes gratuity, tax, salad, potato, bread, dessert, coffee, tea or soft drink. There will be a cash bar and social time beginning at 6:30, dinner at 7, and elections and Change of Watch following dinner.

It is important to RSVP, as they are opening just for us and will order fish, meat and other items based on our RSVPs. There is a map on the website with directions from east or west. If you have not come to a meeting in a while, this would be an excellent opportunity to reconnect. Nonmembers are welcome at both Jan and Feb meetings.

Tue 8 Feb 2011 Time: 1830 - 2100
KSPS General Meeting - Sports Forum
 KSPS members Joe and Linda Mills will share their recent boat trip along the Midi Canal.

The Canal du Midi is a 150 mile long canal in Southern France. It was built to serve as a shortcut between the Atlantic and the Mediterranean. In the 17th century, it took a full month at sea to sail from the Atlantic coast in France, past Spain to Sète France on the Mediterranean Sea. The canal also helped to avoid the Barbary pirates.

Completed in May 1681, the canal has 91 locks which serve to ascend and descend a total of 620 feet. It has 328 structures, including bridges, dams and world's first canal tunnel. Maximum boat length: 98 feet, maximum beam 18 feet.



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

Tue 11 Jan 2011 Time: 1830 - 2100 KSPS Change of Watch—New Officers 7417 N 38th St, 6 miles east of Richland \$22 /cash bar RSVP Lyn 731-5601	Thursday - Sun 27-30 January Strictly Sail Boat Show www.strictlysailchicago.com Chicago/Navy Pier	31 January - 5 February USPS Annual Meeting - Disney's Coronado Springs Resort, Disney World, Orlando, FL
Tue 8 Feb 2011 Time: 1830 - 2100 KSPS General Meeting Sports Forum - The Mills present: Cruising the Midi Canal in South France	Tue 8 Mar 2011 Time: 1830 - 2100 KSPS Executive Committee Meeting Location to be announced Battle Creek, MI	Tue 8 Apr 11 2011 Time: 1830 - 2100 KSPS General Meeting Sports Forum - presentation: TBD

Learn More About Boating

ABC America's Boating Course will be offered at Lakeview Middle School B-14 in Battle Creek. **ABC** and **Boating Safety for Youth** at Milwood Middle School in Kalamazoo (see below)

Piloting - Looking for someone to co-coordinate Piloting with George Gerpheide. If interested, contact George G. or Wally. We will offer it either after Cruise Planning ends, or next fall.

Cruise Planning will be offered by Karen Strand Monday evenings beginning March 7, just after EM ends.

Engine Maintenance Wednesday evenings **12 Jan - 23 Feb** (6:30 - 8:30 pm) taught by Dan Livingston at the Calhoun Area Technical Center Rm 545, which enables hands on with actual engine parts and tools. Map: www.calhounisd.org Textbook \$51 Due to construction, park in west lot, enter thru west entrance.

Boating on Rivers, Locks and Lakes is a new 4 hour seminar. Price about \$16. Call Wally if interested.

Contact coordinators listed below if you are interested in any of these excellent courses.



Next Meeting - Tues. 11 Jan
Change of Watch
Kalamazoo Sail & Power Squadron
 Social time 6:30 pm, Meeting at 7

A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year, and out the other.

Jan. Birthdays

08 Richard Rakow
 18 Jim Riordan
 19 Aaron Wright
 30 Beverly Love

Feb. Birthdays

07 Raymond Shoemaker
 10 Sharon Mathewson
 11 Jerry Love
 11 Jim Johnston
 13 Linda Mills
 23 Janet Boyce



People may doubt what you say, but they will always believe what you do. - Author unknown

Basic Courses, Advanced Grade Courses & Electives— Call contact for exact dates

Course	Date	Contact Person	Telephone	e-mail address
America's Boating Course: Battle Creek	Mar 24 - Apr 28	Nils Strand	269-964-6690	nils.strand@gsa.gov
America's Boating Course: Kalamazoo	Apr 11 - May 9	Wally Corder	269-321-0751	wccorder@hotmail.com
DNR Course (age 12—16): Kalamazoo	Apr 11 - May 9	Lois Whitmore	269-345-4521	lwh@core.com
Intro. To Charting: Battle Creek	May 5 - 19	Nils Strand	269-964-6690	nils.strand@gsa.gov
Seamanship SE (Mon 7—9 pm)	Fall	Karen Strand	269-964-6690	karenstrand@sbcglobal.net
Piloting	Fall 2011	George G and ?	269-375-4024	
Advanced Piloting	TBD	Jerry Hendrickson	269-353-7243	jlh10acrewoods@charter.net
Junior Navigation	TBD	Robert Landeros	269-501-2757	robert.landeros@sbcglobal.net
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Cruise Planning CP (Mon 6:30-8:30)	7 Mar 2011	Karen Strand	269-964-6690	karenstrand@sbcglobal.net
Engine Maintenance (Wed 6:30-8:30)	12 Jan 2011	Dan Livingston	269-781-2328	autodan@yahoo.com
Instructor Development	Winter 2011	Lois Whitmore	269-345-4521	lwh@core.com
Marine Electronics	TBD	Harold Hladky	269-969-0815	harold.hladky@wmich.edu
Operations Training (with CP or SE)	7 Mar 2011	Phyllis Buskirk	269-375-2586	andiamo91@cs.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

2011 Nominating Committee Slate

The KSPS Nominating Committee presents the following slate of candidates for elected positions for 2011. Note that we are still seeking a member for the Executive Officer position. Call Harold or Lyn ASAP if you are willing to serve as Executive Officer.

The election will be at the Change of Watch on Tuesday 11 January. See pages one and two for details.

Commander: Cdr Gary Bleyer, S

Executive Officer:

Educational Officer: Lt/C Wally Corder, S

Administrative Officer: Lt/C Ron Gustafson, S

Secretary: Lt/C Lyndell R. Bleyer, S

Treasurer: Lt/C Nils K. Strand, AP

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (6)

1/Lt George Gerpheide, AP

1/Lt Chris Hansen, P

P/C Harold L Hladky, JN

P/Lt/C Dan Livingston, S

1/Lt Maris Soule, P

P/C Karen Strand, AP

Alternate: Chaplain George Tyler Jr., JN

ASSISTANT SEO

Diane R. Hansen, JN

Elected positions on Committees and term (in years)

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Judy A. Dorais, S (2009-2011)

Susan L. Livingston, P (2009-2011)

* Gail Hladky, JN (2011-2013) * = new term

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

P/C Harold L. Hladky, JN (2009-2011)

P/C William L. Soule, P (2010-2012)

* TBD (2011-2013)

RULES COMMITTEE

Phyllis A. R. Buskirk, P (2009-2011)

George L. Tyler Jr., JN (2009-2011)

George D. Gerpheide, AP (2010-2012)

Winter Boat Shows (email version - click on dark blue links)

27-30 January **Strictly Sail Boat Show** - Chicago/Navy Pier

2-12 February **Detroit Boat Show** - Cobo Center, Detroit

16-20 February **Grand Rapids Boat Show** - Devos Place

Some Boaters Need to Wake Up

Tom Rau, a leading authority on boating mishaps, is a retired 27-year Coast Guard veteran, boating safety columnist, and author of *Boat Smart Chronicles, Lake Michigan Devours Its Wounded*. His book, along with recent rescue stories, can be viewed at: www.boatsmart.net. The following is an article from his website. Sadly, Tom Rau passed away November 3, 2010.

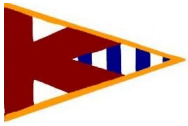


Manistee, Michigan, September 21, 2009. When a friend emailed me about being nearly dumped overboard while fishing on the Manistee River, I took note. In his spirited email he described how a large boat had passed within yards of his 14-foot boat, trailing a huge wake. The operator waved at John and his fishing buddy, as it flew by them. "Had we not headed into its large wake at the proper angle, we would have capsized," said John, who went on to say: "The boater must be the same type that dumps his ash tray onto the parking lot."

Thoughtless, yes, and a boating safety issue close to my heart: I share John's concerns and disdain for thoughtless boaters and their destructive wakes. Shortly after John sent me the email, I was walking along the Manistee River Walk picking up spent cigarettes. A small boat heading up river, caught my eye, it was pushing a large wake towards boats docked in the City Marina. I hollered out for him to slow down; the boat operator's response was less than pleasant. To that I responded: "Hey, butt-head, you are approaching a gas dock with a boat taking on fuel." He slowed down.

According to Coast Guard Statistics, the leading cause of recreational boating fatalities are falls overboard, flooding, swamping, and capsizing. Since most boating fatalities occur on nice days, I suspect boat wakes could be a leading culprit, which is just one more reason to wear a life jacket, even in good weather.

Tips: keep people off the bow where they are more likely to be tossed into the air. Sound off if you see an approaching wake, especially if people are below decks. Stay low and to the center in a small boat and avoid standing.



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

Other News

New Insurance Discounts for Boat Operator Certification

The USPS Boat Insurance Program and Travelers Insurance are excited to announce additional discounts exclusively for USPS members who complete these levels of the Boat Operator Certification (BOC) Program

- Inland Navigator – 2.5%
- Coastal Navigator – 2.5%
- Advanced Coastal Navigator – 5%
- Offshore Navigator – 5%

These discounts are in addition to the 23% credit available for completion of USPS Safety Courses and an annual Vessel Safety Check, bringing the total available credit to 38%.

The BOC program certifies USPS members in recreational boating proficiency at a level that meets or exceeds the requirements of UN Resolution 40, International Certificate for the Operation of Pleasure Craft. Travelers and the USPS Boat Insurance are happy to recognize and reward the exceptional knowledge and experience of USPS members that obtain these certifications.

For additional information on the USPS Boat Insurance Program, and to advise of BOC course completion, please visit www.uspsboatinsurance.com or call 1-800-763-USPS (8777).