

THE PUBLICATION OF THE CHAIN-O-LAKES SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON

The Link

A UNIT OF THE UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS® DISTRICT 20

December 2010

Volume 10

Issue 2

Commander Fall/Winter Report

Even though our *on the water* boating season has changed from sunny skies and blue water to bare trees and frozen lakes, the change of seasons should not stop us from enjoying our squadron activities. The Chain-O-Lakes Sail & Power Squadron will be holding our Annual Meeting 8 January 2011 at Moretti's Ristorante & Pizzeria in Fox Lake. As you all know we will be voting for the 2011 Bridge Officers and Executive Committee. This is your squadron; I strongly encourage all members to take an active role in the operations of the squadron. The new officers need your help and support to sail through the up-coming year. **Now is the time for your voices to be heard!**

Change of Watch (the day most Commanders look forward to) will be next on our agenda, 26 February 2011 at the Crystal Lake Holiday Inn. Your 2011 Bridge will begin to plot a new year-long cruise to new horizons and adventures. We will also celebrate and reminisce on our achievements for 2010.

The biggest event for our squadron will be hosting Fall 2011 District 20 Conference. This will be the first time since 1997 that the Chain-O-Lakes Squadron has hosted any type of district event. I and the 2010 Executive Committee, believe that our squadron is strong enough and very capable of hosting a district event. I truly believe this event will bring us closer together and make our squadron stronger. One of our goals will be to show the other D20 squadrons how the Chain-O-Lakes can host

one of the best D20 Fall Conferences ever. What a great event this will be!

The theme of this Conference will be **The Age of Discovery**. We will honor and celebrate the achievements of those early courageous maritime explorers: Christopher Columbus, Prince Henry of Portugal and Ferdinand Magellan. These and other explorers set sail into uncharted waters to establish navigation techniques and routes we still use today.

I would like to sincerely encourage the COL membership to become involved and support this conference event in any manner you choose. You may contact Cindy Geske, Conference Chairperson or any other member of the Executive Committee, to offer your talents to make the conference an overwhelming success.

I would like to extend my warmest Holiday Wishes to all the members of Chain-O-Lakes Sail and Power Squadron!

Jim Geske, S
Commander

Mark Your Calendar for These Upcoming Events

*Plan to attend
one of our many
educational or
social events.*

THE LINK

December 2010, Volume Ten,
Number Two
Published by The Chain-O-Lakes
Sail and Power Squadron, a Unit
of the United States Power
Squadrons® District 20
©2010 by The Chain-O-Lakes
Sail and Power Squadron.
All rights reserved.

Commander
Jim Geske, S
810 Eaton Lane
Lake Villa, IL 60046
847-703-0885
cdr_col_usps@yahoo.com

Executive Officer
Vince Byrne, AP
4370 Rolling Hills Dr.
Lake in the Hills, IL 60156
847-669-8242
grizly5151@aol.com

Educational Officer
Ron Herbig, AP
244 Carters Grove Ct.
Grayslake, IL 60030
847-223-9594
rorqual@sbcglobal.net

Administrator Officer
Dick Kaman, P
3607 Robin Court
Spring Grove, IL 60081
815-675-2204
Key1@DevTechone.com

Secretary
Chad Braker, S
5312 Patton Drive
Wonder Lake, IL 60097
815-728-1910
cbaker@warmlyyours.com

Treasurer
Dave Howard, P
570 Meadowview Drive
Wauconda, IL 60084
847-469-8109
dhowards61@msn.com

January

- 9 Founder's Day/Annual Meeting
*Morettis Ristorante & Pizzeria,
Fox Lake, IL Shirley Wojcicki*
- 12-16 Chicago Boat & RV Show
McCormick Place, Chicago, IL

February

- 1-6 USPS Annual Meeting
Orlando, FL
- 19 District 20 Operations Training
- 21 Change of Watch
Holiday Inn, Crystal Lake, IL Jim Geske
- 27-30 Strictly Sail Boat Show
Navy Pier, Chicago

March

- 20 Dinner Meeting and Program
*Niko's Grill & Pub, Huntley,
Tom & Gloria Maguire*
- 25-27 Spring Conference
Hilton Hotel, Northbrook, IL

**Visit <http://chain-o-lakes.org/>
for all events for this year**

From the Chain-O-Lakes Sail & Power Squadron Educational Department

Knowledge helps us make good choices, keep learning!

We concluded our spring America's Boating Course in May at the Fox Waterway Agency graduating 13 students. The spring Crystal Lake Park District class was cancelled due to lack of enrollments. Thanks to both of these organizations for offering their facility for our classes. Thanks to the up-to-date Chain-O-Lakes website and the Fox Waterway Agency site we have a good communication channel for the community to find boating class information. I received many phone messages and emails asking about class schedules. We decided to offer a summer class in June at the Fox Waterway Agency where we anticipated 12 - 15 students. Even though we only had 3 participants we continued and graduated all the students who were willing to take the time and had the interest to study the material. Thank you to all the members who helped teach, proctor, grade exams, or just showed up for support; Jim Bowgren, Jim Fuerholzer, Gary Braker, Chip Byrne, Jim Geske and Pat Braker. Also thank you to Jean Schroeder at the Fox Waterway Agency for her assistance with coordinating the class schedule.

Our Marine Electronics course this spring graduated 5 members; Jim Geske, Dave Howard, Dick Kaman, Tim Levo and me. We all learned a lot about galvanic action, radio wave propagation, bonding systems and navigation electronics. Gary Braker always offers practical applications to the material he teaches. Thanks to Gary for teaching the class and Dave Delahunty for supplementing the GPS section.

We also need to congratulate some of our members for successfully completing Advanced Grade courses this year. Jim Fuerholzer, JN successfully completed his requirements for Junior Navigation! The

Cdr Jim Geske, P completed the Piloting exam after months of searching for a missing Bow Ditch chart. Don Kerr, S, Paul Wagner, S and Vince Romanelli, S all completed their Seamanship examinations with flying colors. Congratulations to our latest graduates!

Being commander means never having to say "I have free time." Cdr Jim Geske, P was also busy completing the requirements for the Instructor Development class. Lt/C Vince (Chip) Byrne, AP was also in the class to learn, or improve, his presentation skills. Chip and Jim did a great job developing lesson plans and presenting their class sessions. Congratulations to Jim and Chip as our newest Certified Instructors!

Currently we have exams ordered for Piloting and Advanced Piloting. We should soon have 7 more members with advanced rank. In Piloting were members Chad Braker, Don Kerr, Tim Levo and Vince Romanelli. The Advanced Piloting class consists of Jim Geske, Dave Howard and Dick Kaman. Good luck on completing your exams!

Our spring schedule is already full. We have 3 ABC classes scheduled, Engine Maintenance and 5 seminars. More information will be sent out after the first of the year, but keep your schedules open to offer your assistance.

Have a Safe and Merry Holiday Season and a Happy New Year!

Lt/C Ron Herbig, AP
Squadron Educational Officer

D/20 Spring Conference
March 25-27, 2011
Hosted by Waukegan Sail & Power Squadron
Featuring a Friday Night "Pub Crawl" &
Saturday Night Change of Watch

Plan to attend
the Spring
Conference
March 25 - 27



Beer Garden



JAZZ CLUB



English Pub



Hilton Chicago / Northbrook
2855 North Milwaukee Ave,
Northbrook, IL 60062
(847) 480-7500

TIKI BAR



Mexican Cantina

*Special Room Rate for Friday and
Saturday. \$105.00/night plus tax.
Reserve by 1 March for best rate.*

*For hotel reservations, call
1-800-445-8667 (1-800-HILTONS)
and mention
"USPS District 20 Conference"*

**SAVE THE DATES
25-27 MARCH, 2011
FOR THE D/20 CONFERENCE**

*For more information, contact P/C Oscar Lutz,
847-680-7461 or ojlutz@aol.com.*



sports bar



Biker Bar



Wine Bar



Old West Saloon



DISTRICT 20 SPRING CONFERENCE
 Hosted by the Waukegan Sail & Power Squadron
 25 – 27 MARCH 2011

LUNCH AND DINNER RESERVATIONS

Rank	Name	Grade
1	_____	_____
2	_____	_____
Squadron _____		
Address _____		
City _____	State _____	Zip _____
Phone Number _____		
Email Address _____		

Luncheon:	Number	
Roast Beef Sandwich w/Provolone	\$20.00 x _____	= \$ _____
Turkey Wrap w/Lettuce, Tomato & Cheese	\$20.00 x _____	= \$ _____
Lunch includes coleslaw, chips, dessert, coffee & iced tea		
Dinner		
Tilapia	\$30.00 x _____	= \$ _____
Chicken Piccata	\$37.00 x _____	= \$ _____
New York Strip Loin	\$38.00 x _____	= \$ _____
Dinner includes salad, rolls/butter, starch, vegetable, dessert, coffee & iced tea		
		Total \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if this is your first conference		

PLEASE RESERVE BY 15 MARCH
 Make Checks Payable to:
DISTRICT 20 SPRING CONFERENCE

Send reservations to:
 P/C Paul Green SN Questions on reservations:
 2552 N. Burnside Way Call Paul at 847-989-7455
 Waukegan IL 60087

The Waukegan Sail & Power Squadron is honored to be hosting the 2011 Spring Conference. While the event itself is still many months away, our squadron has been diligently working on the event: selecting the hotel, planning the Friday night activities, selecting the lunch and dinners to meet a variety of tastes.

Friday night we have a fun filled evening planned with a pub-crawl theme. Squadrons are asked to host a suite featuring a pub atmosphere; it might be a sports bar, biker bar, tropical tiki bar or anything you can dream up. The idea is to have fun. All the suites will be located in the same general area, so there will be plenty of opportunities to mingle with other squadrons as well as hang out with your our squadron.

Saturday will be the district meetings, presentations and in the evening our formal dinner, which will include the change of watch event.

On behalf of all the members of Waukegan Sail & Power Squadron, we hope you'll come and spend this weekend with us in fun and fellowship.

Cdr Mike Ludtke N
 Waukegan Sail & Power Squadron

*Direct hospitality suite questions to P/C Oscar Lutz N at 847-680-7461.
 The suites are limited, unique and reasonably priced.*



TRIDENT 'EXTRA'

UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS®

Sail and Power Boating



D/20 Operations Training



19 February 2011

Hyatt Deerfield

1750 Lake Cook Road

Deerfield, IL 60015

847-945-3400

www.deerfield.hyatt.com

Attend one of the five informative committee workshops.

- 1000 Welcome / Town Hall Meeting
- 1100 Keynote – How to protect ourselves from Identity and Computer Theft
- 1230 Lunch
- 1345 Department Workshops
- 1445 Break
- 1500 Committee Workshops
 - How to Host a Conference
 - Roberts Rules of Order
 - Instructor Recertification
 - How to Get the Most out of SailAngle.com
 - Navigating DB2000
- 1600 Hospitality Suite

Calling all squadron leaders. Join your fellow D/20 members for an exciting day of leadership development workshops. Learn new skills to revitalize your membership recruiting efforts and valuable information to improve the operations of your squadron.

Participate in a Town Hall panel discussion with all the D/20 Bridge Officers. Connect with the D/20 Officers as they host a department workshop to share important news from the USPS National Meeting and other key information about their department.

Keynote Speaker:

Leadership is action not position!



Don't miss the interactive and exciting keynote presentation, which will emphasize ways to protect you from Identity Theft and Computer Fraud.

David E. Ostertag

Credit Card Fraud and Financial Crime Expert

David has extensive law enforcement experience as a detective and investigator in the areas of financial crime, homicide and official misconduct. His experience comes from 13 years on the Round Lake Police Department, membership on the Lake County Major Crimes Task Force, investigator for the Lake County State's Attorney's Office, and Field investigations Manager for Discover Credit Card. He currently is employed by Verizon Business Services as a Global Investigations Manager and Sr. Security Consultant.

David has instructed classes at CLC, Columbia College, and Northwestern University on financial crime, bank and credit card fraud.



D/20 TRIDENT

'EXTRA Part II'

D/20 Operations Training 19 February 2011 Lunch Reservations

Rank Name Grade Squadron

1 _____

2 _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Caesar Salad, Herb and Panko Crusted Chicken over Three Cheese Rotini

Includes: Coffee, Hot Tea Selections and Ice Tea

Dessert: Homemade Cookies and Brownies

Total Lunches: _____ x \$18.00 = \$ _____

Please send reservations by 4 February 2011

Make checks payable to District 20

A block of rooms are reserved for Fri and Sat

D/20 room rate \$89

Send reservations to:

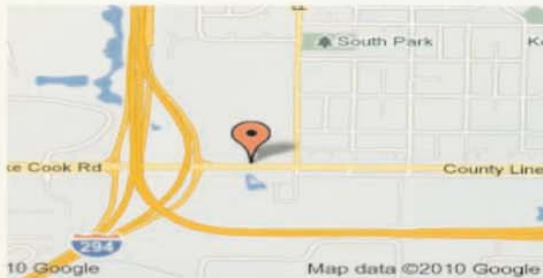
D/Lt/C Bill F. Erdmann, SN

PO BOX 141

Fox Lake, IL 60020-0141

D/Lt Linda C. Abens, AP- OT Chair

lcabens@gmail.com



www.deerfield.hyatt.com

Hyatt Deerfield

1750 Lake Cook Road

Deerfield, IL 60015 847-945-3400

ANNUAL MEETING AND FOUNDER'S DAY DINNER CELEBRATION

*Plan to attend
the Annual
Meeting
and Founder's
Day on 8
January, 2011
1900 hours*

**Please join us for the
Chain-O-Lakes Sail & Power Squadron
Annual Meeting & Founder's Day Dinner
Celebration**



**Saturday 8 January 2011 1900
Hours**

Moretti's Ristorante & Pizzeria

165 South Route 12, Fox Lake, IL 60020 **847-854-7220**

\$27.00 Buffet includes:

Broiled Salmon with Lemon Herb Sauce, Beef Tenderloin Tips with Sauteed Mushrooms, Roasted Pork Loin with Sauteed Fresh Apples Plus Homemade Mashed Potatoes, Fresh Vegetable Medleys, Fresh Baked Bread and Butter, Unlimited Pop, Coffee and Tea, Tax & Tip Included. Cash Bar Separate.

**Please attend to cast your vote for the bridge member
nominations for the upcoming year!**

Guest Speaker: P/C Patricia Baker, JN

RSVP by January 2 to Chip at 847-704-0258



**March 20, 2011
2011 Dinner Meeting and Program**

A great evening is planned for Chain-O-Lakes Sail & Power Squadron and guests from several local squadrons at **Niko's Grill & Pub** at IL Route 47 and I-90, Huntley, IL, with cocktails at 1830 and dinner at 1930. Meal choices include London broil, Chicken ala Dino, and Tilapia including salad, potato or rice, vegetable, rolls, coffee, tea and dessert – all for \$20.00 including tax and tip. A cash bar will be available.

Members who have dined at Niko's recently praised their excellent cuisine.

Our program will be offered by Past Commanders Tom & Gloria Maguire reviewing for our pleasure their Paddle Boat cruise on the Snake and Columbia rivers this past September. Gloria will speak about the Lewis and Clark Expedition to the West from St. Louis, MO to the Pacific Ocean at Astoria, WA. Tom will present scenic photos taken on the rivers as well as a film highlighting the early Columbia River days to the commercial and recreational waterway of today. Stops along the way: Devils Canyon, Sacagawea Park, Columbia Gorge Interpretive Museum, Multnomah Falls, several locks, Astoria, WA Museum and sand bar at confluence of Columbia River and Pacific Ocean.

We welcome you to bring your friends and enjoy a delicious meal and a worthy program

Meet Dick and Jill Kaman...

Dick and Jill Kaman joined the Chain-O-Lakes Power and Sail Squadron after taking the basic boating class in Fox Lake in 2009. Actually, however, Dick has been boating since his twenties. He and his dad bought a 27 foot sloop sailboat in 1974 and has been sailing this craft named Mariah ever since. Jill says it was the site of her first date with Dick whom she met while working a summer job at Motorola. They were both in a tennis league together but neither was a proficient player.

Dick grew up in Aurora and has his masters degree in electrical engineering from Marquette University in Milwaukee, WI. He currently works for Keating of Chicago, a company involved in high tech restaurant cooking equipment.

Jill, who grew up in Crystal Lake, is a graduate of Carthage College, Kenosha, with a fine arts degree, she worked for ten years in an advertising agency leaving as an art director and now has her own ad agency business designing graphics, branding, advertising and marketing. This gives her time at home to indulge in perennial gardening which she enjoys along with winter sports.

The Kaman family lives in Spring Grove and have a son, Jonathan, 25, who graduated from University of Illinois, Chicago and is in his second year of law school at Drake University in Des Moines, IA. A daughter, Caitlin, attended Winona State University in Minnesota studying Medical Technology and is finishing up an internship this year in Minneapolis. The Kaman's have been married 31 years.

Since joining the Squadron, Dick has taken Seamanship and the Sailing course offered by Waukegan Squadron. He has also taken and passed the Piloting and Weather Courses. They keep their boat in

Winthrop Harbor.

It is refreshing to see newcomers to USPS volunteer to be Administrative Officer as Dick Kaman has and Publications Editor as Jill has. I have always believed that to enjoy the Squadron you need to participate and be involved. Give them a lot of encouragement when you see them at Squadron functions.

P/C Gloria A. Maguire, SN

New members of the Chain-O-Lakes Sail and Power Squadron, Dick and Jill Kaman.

Karen Fabry
Canvas Repairs and Fabrication
For All Your Sewing Needs!

*Stretch the Life of your Boat Canvas,
 Repair It!*

Also Specializing in Upholstery
 847.587.4917 847.542.1090 cellular
 fabrykdcb@aol.com

MICHAEL GRILLO
 PRESIDENT
 mike@RoadRageDesigns.com

C: 847.833.8551 LOCATIONS IN:
 ILLINOIS - INDIANA - WISCONSIN

vehicle wraps • truck lettering • design • print • installation

HOME OFFICE:
 2449 Pierce Dr.
 Spring Grove, IL 60081

Ph: 815.675.0690
Fax: 815.675.0691

www.RoadRageDesigns.com

AMERICAN FAMILY
 INSURANCE

DONNA L. NILSSON, LUTCF

820 McHENRY AVENUE, SUITE 102
 WOODSTOCK, ILLINOIS 60098

Office: 815-206-5600
 Fax: 815-206-5582
 E-Mail: dnilsson@amfam.com
 Website: www.donnanilssonagency.com
 Access Anytime: 1-800-MYAMFAM (800-692-6326)

REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE
 AMERICAN FAMILY SECURITIES, LLC

*Securities Offered Through American Family Securities, LLC

Activities for everyone!

Chain-O-Lakes Sail and Power Squadron had a fun filled summer of events! We started off in June with the Blarney's Island boat races. Five boats rafted together, only one problem, our pizza dinner was locked in my boat; a jammed cabin door! Fortunately we were able to eventually save day and serve the pizza!

July began with a fabulous 4th of July celebration in Kenosha at South Port Marina attended by many members. The food was fantastic and fireworks were a sight to behold!

Soon thereafter we sponsored the now famous Chain-O-lakes vs. Skokie Valley Cardboard Boat Regatta. Our homemade watercrafts absorbed water very quickly and a valiant effort was given by all the captains.

In August we met with the Racine Squadron, to learn and experience the thrill of sailing. Peaceful and quiet, a sailboat she is; the only sounds you hear is the wind in the sails and ripples of the water.

September brought a chilly commanders cruise at Ericson's Marina, we all stayed warm with a huge bonfire, a great meal of chicken and ribs and the warmth of friendship with are fellow members.

October's harvest moon rose off Richardson's Farm as the squadron ventured out into the corn maze in Spring Grove, we followed our charts and navigated our way around the maze. Some of the crew abounded the trek to return to a cozy warm campfire for dinner on a stick and jumbo so'mores!

November's event brought us back to the PM&L Theatre in Antioch. Joseph and

continued on page 11



Dave Kalesz, CRPC, LUTCF
Agency Owner
Alegretti, Kalesz & Assoc. Inc

Allstate Insurance Company
5065 Shoreline Rd
Barrington, IL 60010

Phone 847.304.5000
Toll Free 888.845.6600
Fax 847.362.7579
Email davekalesz@allstate.com

24-Hour
Customer Service

www.foxlakeprop.com
PROPELLER REPAIR & SALES • SKEG & BOWTIE REPAIR • WELDING SERVICES
TRAILER ALTERATIONS

FOX LAKE PROPELLER
(847) 587-5600

17 N. Rt. 12 Suite B Fox Lake, IL 60020

Jim Milligan
Jen Milligan

FOX LAKE HARBOR

400 E. GRAND AVE.
FOX LAKE, IL 60020
(847) 587-0200
FAX (847) 587-0288


www.foxlakeharbor.com
SAME OWNERS
SINCE 1952

Boat-Motor-Trailer
packages starting at \$10,995⁰⁰

Avalon

BAYLINER TROPHY MAXUM


Chicago's Exclusive BAYLINER, MAXUM, and TROPHY DEALER



Prudential Preferred Properties

Fabry/Gardner Team, ABR
REALTORS®

1445 W Peterson Road
Libertyville, IL 60048
C Pat 847.542.1081
C Debbie 847.927.7011
pfabry@PruPref.com, dgardner@PruPref.com



Fine Homes INTERNATIONAL

PruPref.com

An independently owned and operated member of Prudential Real Estate Affiliates, Inc.



Pistakee Lake Marina
1956 - 2007

The choice of experienced boaters since 1956

847-587-2400 patrickenterprises.com

Vessel Safety Checks exceed expectations

Vessel Safety Checks

This year has been a very successful year for vessel checks. Before the year got started our goal was to do 100 checks. The month of May was set aside to get as many checks done as possible. The idea was great but the weather did not get in on our planning session. It rained two of the four weekends we planned for checks. We did have three new members certified ,Don Kerr, Tim Leo and Chip Byrne. As usual Dave Howard led the way with 27 checks and assisted on the weekends we had set aside for safe boating week. I would like to thank everyone who helped in doing vessel safety checks, without your help we could not have exceeded our goal by doing 107.

We will be doing vessel checks during safe boating week next year and incorporating seminars to go with the checks. If you

2010 events continued

the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, a superb performance. Two of our very own performed in the play, Linda and Steve Welding. The wine was flowing and a great time was had by all.

To reminisce on any of these event, visit the squadron website, www.Chain-o-lakes.org. Click on the calendar of events button and pick your favorite event.









A fun time was had by all. We are all looking forward to next year!

Jim Geske, S
Commander



would like to get involved next spring, we sure could use your help

Chip Byne, AP
Executive Officer

	Ben Watts Marina, Inc. 116 South Route 12 • Fox Lake, Illinois 60020 (847) 587-0211 • Fax (847) 587-0633
	
	Fred Bies/Jim Bowgren
	
	
	

Jill Sebenar Kaman Art Director/Graphic Designer	
JSK ADVERTISING DESIGN	
3607 Robin Court / Spring Grove, IL 60081 voice 815 / 675-2204 cell 815 / 353-0785 email Advertising@JSK-Design.com	
<i>Making Advertising a Creative Reality</i>	

FREE Market Analysis	Shirley Wojcicki Ross Gemmill Chairman's Club Office: 815.459.1855 Office: 847.918.1855 Fax: 815.459.2295	
	6500 Northwest Hwy. Crystal Lake, IL 60014 www.bairdwarner.com	
		

Join the fun! Be an active member.

Classes, boating, safety, parties, fun!



Chain-O-Lakes Sail & Power Squadron
The Link
3607 Robin Court
Spring Grove, IL 60081

**Getting Involved
Keeps the Squadron Strong**

Come Join the Fun