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Phillip Delahunty single-handed for the first time on Lake Michigan.



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Phillip's Mother (Colleen) and Grandmother were wrecks when I jumped off the Puddle Duck after a short cruise to check out conditions on the Great Lake and he spun it around and headed out alone. They were on the balcony at the restaurant overlooking Reefpoint Marina and had been out several hours earlier with me on the boat and it had been too rough for comfort so we headed back in. We had a couple of snacks and watched the action around the marina. The lake had calmed down by 5pm so I took Phillip out on a short checkout and decided it was now OK for his first solo.



I didn't tell the women what was about to occur because they would have vetoed the idea. As he was headed down the channel his Mother told me what she thought - "not a good idea". Grandma's stomach was in a "knot" and Colleen broke out in hives.

He did a great job and set his sails in protected waters and then motored out to safe water and away he went. Unfortunately I didn't get any pictures of him sailing out with sails up but I did get one or two of him returning under power to the marina.

He had his cell phone with him and said it was one of the greatest moments of his life. I'm sure it will be a memory.

His mother cried as he brought the sailboat into the dock and docked it perfectly to the point where he could have stepped ashore and dropped a line over the cleat without any assistance at all.

Only one thing went wrong: his prize ball cap he purchased in England was lost to the Deep. Overall a successful cruise; about 1½ hours.

Semper fi,

David

Commander's Message

The USPS is all about Education, Civic Service, and Fellowship with other like-minded people. There were two events at the D20 C & R where squadron members had the opportunity to learn about some of the BEST and WORST places around Lake Michigan. Bob Kunath, AP, editor of the Waukegan Sail & Power Squadron newsletter, presented *Cruising Lake Michigan* with tips on where to sail, stop, and shop on the Big Lake. He supplied contact information for weather alerts, cheapest fuel, best harbors, repair stations, and many other useful ideas to locate the BEST on Lake Michigan.

Frances Canonizado, Outreach Coordinator of The Alliance for the Great Lakes, presented the WORST. What I mean is the worst areas of the lake where pollution levels are high, toxic effluence is being allowed, fish are in danger, and many other issues that should be a concern for all boaters on all waters. The Alliance for the Great Lakes (www.greatlakes.org) encourages environmental education programs for kids and adults, promotes the Adopt-a-Beach program, and urges governmental agencies to invest in protecting our water resources.

The USPS is encouraging all members to get involved with conservation and be an example of stewardship of our local lakes and rivers. The new *Environmental Best Practices for Boaters* brochure is available for practical tips from trash to vessel maintenance.

USPS has also partnered with the Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup with events from late August through October. [Read more...](#)

Be a concerned boater, be an involved boater, protect our waters.

Cdr Ron Herbig, AP

Quick Reference to Events: August and September

August

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| 02 August | 1930-2100 - Bridge/Com Meeting: Meet at North Point Marina on the Lindholms' boat. |
| 09 August | 1900-2100 - Instructor Development training at Dave Delahunty's home, Weather 102 follows immediately at 2000. |
| 18 August | 1200 - Lake Michigan Cruise, North Point Marina, see page 3 for details. |
| 24-26 August | Cruise & Rendezvous with the DuPage Squadron to New Buffalo, MI. Call Chip Culshaw at 630-880-1824 or Twodinghies1dog@aol.com . See page 9 for more information. |
| 25 August | [September Issue] LINK Deadline. |

September

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| 04 September | 1830 - Boat Smart Class starts; set-up help needed, Crystal Lake Park District. |
| 05 September | 1830 - Boat Smart Class starts; set-up/registration help needed, Fox Waterway Agency. |
| 05 September | 1930 - Bridge/ExCom Meeting at the Claflins' home. |
| 10 September | 1830 - Boat Smart Class starts; Round Lake Park District. |
| 15 September | 1500 - ?? Commander's Cruise at the Herbig's home, watch your mail for the invitation. |
| 19 September | 1900 - 2100 SeamanShip Class starts; at the Brakers' home. |
| 25 September | [October Issue] LINK Deadline. |
| 25 September | 1830 - Boat Smart Exam night—join us to proctor/grade exams. Crystal Lake Park District. |
| 26 September | 1830 - Boat Smart Exam night. Join us to proctor/grade exams. Fox Waterway Agency. |
| 28 September | 1900 - District 20 ExCom meeting in the Chain-O-Lakes area.
All members are welcome to attend; further details next month. |

Mark Your Calendar!

COL Cruise on Lake Michigan

Come join us on the Big Lake.

It's your turn to put your boat in Lake Michigan and try your hand at a few close-by GPS waypoints.

When: **Saturday 18 August 2007** (launch at 1200, dinner at 1630)

Where: **North Point Marina**

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Winthrop Harbor, IL 60096

Launch at the beautiful IDNR ramp at the marina for FREE. Cruise and check the waypoints, then head back to the marina for an informal dinner at the Tropics Restaurant.



Still looking for more excitement? We will have a little gathering on "D" dock following the day's activities. Bring a snack and your special beverage of choice for relaxing dockside.

If you do not have a vessel you would like to launch on the Big Lake, there is limited space on some full-time Lake Michigan boaters' vessels.

RSVP to Joe Lindholm at
815-363-7244 (home) or
630-817-7887 (cellular).



Save the date

Come to the Commander's Cruise!

15 September, 1500 hours.

Cruise on down, over or up, to Grayslake for an old fashioned back-yard picnic at the Herbig's home.

244 Carters Grove Court.

Grayslake, Illinois

Watch for your invitation in the mail – coming soon.

Fox Lake Centennial Parade



Fox Lake Centennial Fireworks



What a great spot to watch the fireworks over the lake.



The Fox Lake Centennial Celebration Fireworks display.

The Lulofs did it again, hosted a fantastic fireworks party to view the Fox Lake Centennial fireworks display from their dockside deck. There were so many COL members, as well as friends and family, that it was fun to share all the food and refreshments while relaxing. We had a great pyrotechnic display with an unobstructed view. The boat traffic seemed heavier this year with many boats concentrated just north of our viewing area. Many thanks go to Paul and Patsy Lulofs for hosting a great event.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

The dog days of summer are here which normally means things are pretty slow, but that's not the case.

For those of you who haven't heard Ann and I are relocating to Kansas City, MO. Ann has been down there since the 25 July 2007. It's only been a couple of weeks that Ann and I have been separated and I don't mind telling you I don't like it. Once our house is sold here I'm Kansas City bound so Ann and I can be together once again. In my opinion who ever said that absence makes the heart grow fonder is full of it! Until that time I still plan on carrying out my duties as your executive officer so you're not getting rid of me that easy.

Safety

We're still performing Safety Inspections. I wouldn't be surprised if we do over 190 this season.

Our safety department has been busy answering the phone for all of our members that want to attend the CPR class. So far we have a total 3 people who have expressed interest. If anybody besides David Howard, Howard Claflin or I are interested please give me a call at 815-675-0933 or email johnk@cherokeemfg.com.

Boat Show

The Fox Lake Boat Show yielded several people signing up for either the September Boat Smart class or Safety Inspections. My thanks to everyone who participated in manning our booth: Joe Lindholm, Esther Ahern, Bonnie Rother, Mark and Nicole King, Bill Struve, Dave Howard, Ron and Nancy Herbig, Pat Braker, and Jim Fuerholzer

Public Relations

Fritz Ward in our Public Relations department is busy getting the word out about the three September Boat Smart® Classes being offered. This is the time to bring your boating friends in to learn boating safety.

Keep it between the buoys,

Lt/C John S. Kida, AP
Executive Officer

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

Instructor Development and **Weather 102** will begin at my residence (6715 Colonel Holcomb Dr., Crystal Lake) on 9 August at 1900. Instructor Development will begin at 1900 followed at 2000 hours by Weather 102.

A **Seamanship** class will begin on 19 September from 1900 to 2100 hours at the home of Gary Braker. This is the newly designed class so please contact Gary (847.587.7781) early to have the materials available.

Course Descriptions:

The **Instructor Development** course is not designed to enhance boating skills. Rather, its emphasis is on enhancing instructor skills and interactive teaching methods focused on adult learning.

Weather 102 will furnish basic weather knowledge for safer and more enjoyable boating. The student will learn to make weather predictions based upon observations of the sky, upon barometer and wind information, as well as weather data provided by maps, satellite images, and radio and TV broadcasts.

Seamanship builds on the basics of recreational boating presented in the public boating courses. The course content provides the basis for completion of USCG licensing examination with emphasis placed on higher level boating skills, rules of the road, and marlinspike.

Go to the Educational Dept. at USPS.org to see a full description of each course.

Three Boat Smart classes to begin in September

Our fall Boat Smart classes will kick off Tuesday 4 September at the Crystal Lake Park District. Then on Wednesday 5 September in Fox Lake at the Waterway Management Agency and the Round Lake Class beginning 10 September at the Round Lake Park District Sports Center, 2004 Municipal Way, Round Lake Beach, IL. All classes start at 1830 and assistance will be needed with registration primarily, at the Fox Lake class on 5 September.

P/C Dave Delahunty, SEO
815-455-9551.

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

The month of July was a busy one. Despite no ExCom meeting scheduled for the month of July, many members kept busy socializing on several occasions.

Fox Lake Centennial Parade and Fireworks

John and Ann Kida's boat *Grounds for Divorce* led the COL "floats" in Fox Lake's 4th of July/ Centennial parade, with Ron and Nancy Herbig's *Rorqual* following behind. Two of Dave Howard's daughters waved to the crowds from *Grounds for Divorce*, while Nancy and Linda Claflin had easy duty, waving to the crowds from aboard the *Rorqual*. Ann, Dave, Pat Braker and Esther Ahern walked along the parade route passing out candy to the children, while Ron assigned the duty of photographer to me.

That evening, we had a great turnout as many COL members joined other friends and family members of Paul and Patsy Lulofs dockside for the Fox Lake fireworks display. The display started much later than scheduled and even faltered once or twice due to a computer glitch, but once the computers were up and running, what a spectacular display it was! Many thanks to Paul and Patsy for hosting this great evening.

Lake Michigan Cruise

Joe and Patty Lindholm will host a Lake Michigan cruise on 18 August – see page 3 for further details. And finally, Linda and I will host the September ExCom meeting on 5 September at our home. All are welcome to attend.

Stay dry,
Lt/C Howard Claflin,
Administrative Officer

Membership Committee Notice: New Members

We would like to welcome two new members again this month: Dave Hansen from Huntley and John Kyle from Long Grove.

We hope to see you at one of our next dinner gatherings and in some of our classes this fall.

We welcome you to the Chain-O-Lakes Squadron!

SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT



Happy Birthday to:

Cindy Geske	02 August
Keith Mierzwa	10 August
Kathleen Racine	10 August
Ted Antti	13 August
Nicole King	16 August
Bill Bellinger	30 August

Please send any news that you would like to share with fellow COL members to Link-Editor@sbcglobal.net and I'll put it in the following month's *LINK* (edited, of course!).

Lt Nancy Herbig
LINK Editor

From the Supply Officer's Closet

Show your pride in the COL Squadron; fly the colors with your Burgee Patches, and Burgees.

Need some? Contact **Ron Herbig (847.223.9594)** for more information.

Commanders' pictures

We have a photo album of all the Chain-O-Lakes commanders since Cdr Homer Fowles, JN, 1962. The album is current up to 1995 but has not been updated since. If anyone has pictures of the following Commanders during their Watch please contact Cdr Ron Herbig:

Jim Bowgren 1996; Sue Bellinger 1997; Dave Delahunty 1998; Lance Piekos 1999; Philip Fabry 2000 & 2001; Sue Bellinger 2002; Fred Bies 2003; Pat Braker 2004; Ross Gemmill 2005; Gerry Bernat 2006.

District 20 Cruise & Rendezvous



If you didn't attend the District 20 Cruise & Rendezvous at the Waukegan Yacht Club and Waukegan Harbor, you really missed out. The presentations were very informative, the food was excellent, the Commanders' meeting brought out some important discussions, and the Pass and Review was impressive. The Waukegan Squadron should be proud of the work they put into the event. I would like to thank Cdr Julia Sanders, P, the Waukegan Power Squadron and the Waukegan Yacht Club for their hospitality.

The pictures only show a little of the good times at the C & R. I would still like to get a picture of my wife Nancy leading the Conga Line around the Yacht Club!

Cdr Ron Herbig, AP

Special Events

DuPAGE POWER SQUADRON

New Buffalo, Michigan Cruise and Rendezvous

August 24-26, 2007

Come and enjoy the "Sunset Coast" of beautiful Lake Michigan !!

Agenda

Friday, August 24

1900 hours - Cocktails/Dinner- Hannah's Restaurant- New Buffalo

Saturday, August 25

0900- 1015 - Coffee etc. The Moorings "E" Peninsula slip # 348

1015- 1400 - Enjoy the attractions of new Buffalo/ lunch on your own

1400- 1700 - Fleet Review/ Cruise

1900- 2200 - Attitude adjustment/Cook-out- The Moorings Clubhouse

Pool will be available to swim. **Cost- \$5.00/Person- dinner**

BYO- "Liquid Refreshments"

Sunday, August 26

0900- 1015 - Coffee etc. The Moorings "E" Peninsula slip #348

1015 - Cruise Lake Michigan- depart for home ***Note: All times listed are Chicago time!!***

Hotel/ Motel Information in New Buffalo

The Harbor Grand, 888-605-5900, 111 W. Water St.

The Marina Grand, 269-469-7700, 600 W. Water St.

Best Western-Plaza, 269-469-4193, 18800 LaPorte Rd.

All-Suites Inn, 269-469-1000, 231 E. Buffalo St.

Comfort Inn & Resort, 269-469-4440, 11539 Wilson Rd.

Holiday Inn Express, 888-338-9876, LaPorte Rd. & I-94

Edgewood Motel, 269-469-3345, LaPorte Rd.

Slips/ Launch Ramp

New Buffalo Municipal Marina now takes reservations- 1-800-447-2757 or www.MichiganDNR.com

New Buffalo also has a launch ramp with ample parking for boat trailer and vehicle.

Questions/directions/ Reservations

Call Chip Culshaw @ 630-880-1824 or email at Twodinghies1dog@aol.com

Reservations must be confirmed by August 17, 2007 !!!!

National Governing Board – Norfolk, VA

The USPS National Governing Board meeting will be held in September in Norfolk Va. The Public Relations and Marketing Committee has put together a video promoting the event with information on what is happening at the Governing Board and the host city, Norfolk.

Use the link below for information from the National Bridge officers about this upcoming event, or use the following address: <http://www.usps.org/newpublic2/chiefsmsg.html>.

I encourage you all to review it.

Cdr Ron Herbig, AP

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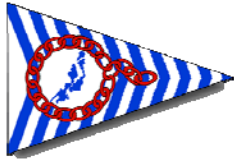
Chain-O-Lakes Calendar

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		28 Sept	District 20 ExCom meeting TBA		

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