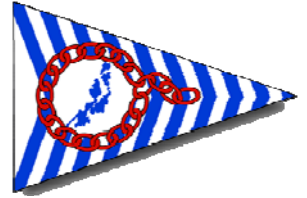




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The date, time & place were set, Spring was in the air, the view of Bangs Lake was terrific and the food and drinks were wonderful!

A special thank you to Patty & Joe Lindholm, Nancy & Ron Herbig, Dave & Colleen Delahunty (and their friends, Dan & Kim and Colleen's Uncle & Aunt), Esther Ahern, Nora & Jim Bowgren, Lance Piekos, Diana & Dave Hansen, Nicole & Mark King, Tom & Gloria McGuire, Fred & Marilyn Bies, Gerry Bernat, Frankie Perez & Dawn (and their 2 friends), Jim & Cindy Geske, Ross Gemmill, Gary & Pat Braker and newest members Paul & Jenny Wagner for helping me (Shirley Wojcicki) to make this one of the best COL Power Squadron events in a long time!!

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## Commander's Message

Spring has arrived and the boats are starting to get unwrapped for a new boating season. This is our busiest time of year with boating classes winding down, Vessel Safety Check events winding up and everybody anxious to fire up the engines or hoist the sails to get underway. Many of our members are working hard to make all these things happen.

Coordinating all these activities requires good planning from all the squadron departments so time is used efficiently. For example, the Treasurer keeps us on track with money to support our activities; the Secretary's department gets communications out through public relations efforts, *The LINK*, and meeting minutes; the Administrative department arranges the monthly events and dinners where we always have fun and good camaraderie; the Educational Department trains and organizes the instructors as well as manning the classrooms to support our core value, boating education, and the Executive department coordinates the locations for our VSC events and other activities. Thank you to all the dedicated members who enjoy supporting all of the squadron activities.

During the Friday Fish Fry in April we had a major squadron task to accomplish – filling the open bridge office. Thanks to the guidance of our Protocol Aide, P/R/C Tom Maguire, we held an emergency Bridge meeting to ensure we followed procedure. I am pleased to announce that Gary Braker, AP has been appointed the Executive Officer to fulfill the remainder of the 2008 Watch. I wish to thank Gary for volunteering to fill this important position on the Bridge. We now have even more experience at the helm to help the squadron accomplish our goals for the new year.

Cdr Ron Herbig, AP



### Quick Reference to Events: May and June

#### May

07	1930 - Bridge Meeting – Host: Jim Bowgren at Watts Marina
13-14	1800 - Boating Class Session 2/Part A Exams – Crystal Lake & Fox Lake
17	1000-1500 Vessel Safety Checks – Waterway Agency, Watts, Bald Knob, Lake County Marina
17	1730 Vessel Safety Check Dinner – Freddie's, Fox Lake - Chair: Joe Lindholm
18	1000-1500 Vessel Safety Checks – Waterway Agency, Watts, Bald Knob, Lake County Marina
25	June LINK deadline
31	1000-1500 Vessel Safety Checks – Waterway Agency

#### June

1	1000-1500 Vessel Safety Checks – Waterway Agency, Fox Lake Hills Harbor
4	1930 - Bridge Meeting – Hosts: Jim and Cindy Geske
5	1900 - Seamanship Class Begins – Instructor: Gary Braker
7	1130-1430 Vessel Safety Checks – Round Lake Beach Park
8	1100 – Sunday Brunch – Harbour Club, Antioch - Chair: Jim Geske
25	June LINK deadline

Mark Your Calendar!

Vessel Safety Check Dinner

Saturday 17 May 2008

Now that you have been a responsible boater and have taken your vessel in for a safety check, you deserve a reward. Even if you didn't get your boat checked, join us for dinner.



Famous Freddie's Roadhouse 510 S. Park – Fox Lake, IL  
(down the street from Moretti's)



Cocktails at 1730 – Dinner 1800

We will be "ordering from the menu"

Please RSVP to Joe Lindholm by 13 May

Phone: 815-363-7244

Email: [cjlindholm@ameritech.net](mailto:cjlindholm@ameritech.net)

Breakfast By The Sea



8 June 2008

Brunch 1130 to ?

The Harbour Club

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By Sea: Bluff Lake - 16 available slips 1st come 1st serve basis



Whether by land or by sea – Come One Come All  
Get a jump-start on your morning with family and good friends. Remember what we've all been taught – your first meal of the day is the most important, so why not enjoy it together!

Please RSVP by 28 May to Jim or Cindy Geske at 847-703-0884

(Email: [antongeske@juno.com](mailto:antongeske@juno.com))

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## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

### National Safe Boating Week: 17-23 May

We have the dates set for Vessel Safety Checks during National Safe Boating Week. Vessel Examiners will be performing VSCs to match or exceed last year's mark of 200 examinations.

#### 17-18 May

Fox Waterway Agency, Watts Marina, Lake County Marina, & Bald Knob Marina.

#### 31 May

Fox Waterway Agency

#### 01 June

Fox Waterway Agency, Fox Lake Hills Harbor.

#### 7 June

Round Lake Beach Park

P/Lt/C John S. Kida, AP

Vessel Safety Coordinator at large

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## EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

### First Round of Boating Classes Wrap Up Successfully

The first of two series of the Squadron Boating Course is now complete with 15 total successful completions. We had 10 in Crystal Lake and 5 in Fox Lake. Three students opted to continue and complete the navigation portion of the training and for certain one new member was signed.

The second round of classes is now underway with approximately 20 total students. Jim Bowgren and I are handling most of the classes to this point with assistance from proctors Ross Gemmill, Patricia Braker and David Howard.

The JN students are still working on the cruise and their sight folders. Hopefully we will wrap up JN in May so we all can enjoy a beautiful summer of boating.

We are having a successful year and for the membership to enjoy the benefits of a well constructed educational curriculum we will be offering other courses soon, based on where we feel the demand lies. The offerings we are looking at are Marine Electronics and Seamanship,

followed by N when the new course becomes available. We also will try to have a sail offering sometime in the near future.

Call me if you have any comments or suggestions, or would like to take any USPS course.

P/C David Delahunty, SN  
Squadron Educational Officer

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## ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

### Mark Your Calendars

We have some FUN activities planned for the year that should provide something for everyone in the squadron. Start with the **Sunday Brunch** on Bluff Lake (see page 3 for details).

In July we have the Fox Lake **Independence Day Parade**, then the **Commander's Cruise** on The Chain with a bonfire. Watch *The LINK* for more details to come soon.

We have even changed the date of our August event to join the District 20 summer cruise in Racine. The Racine Squadron has a fun-packed event planned and we didn't want to miss it.

This promises to be a fun-filled, activity-packed weekend. See a brief description of the activities in the next column, and don't forget to bring your Dinghy.

### District 20 Summer Cruise & Rendezvous Events

1-3 August 2008

**Friday: "First Friday"** in Racine, live music on the Square

**Flare shoot**, yes, the Coast Guard has been notified.

**Saturday: Farmers' Market, Wind Point Lighthouse** tour and luncheon, dinner at the **Racine Yacht Club** and dancing.

**Sunday: Dinghy tour** of the river and a **continental breakfast**, then the **"Starving Artists' Fair"**.

Lt/C Joe Lindholm, P  
Administrative Officer

**SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT**

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Lindy's Landing was happy to have us all for fish fry on Friday, April 18th. The fish was delicious, as was everything else anyone had ordered off the menu.

For those of you that left "early", several of us took it to Lakeside Inn on Main Street in Wauconda, where you could have heard a few of us karaoking into the wee hours.



Dawn and Shirley

Now we're looking forward to May's event! Hope to see you all at Freddie's! (See flyer on page 3)

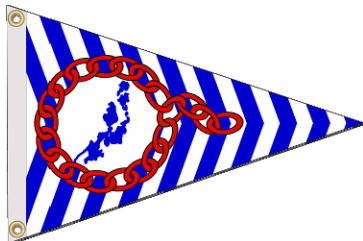
Lt/C Shirley Wojcicki



David James Fabry	08 May
Marilyn Bies	09 May
Colleen Delahunty	11 May
Frankie Perez	21 May
Howard Clafin	29 May

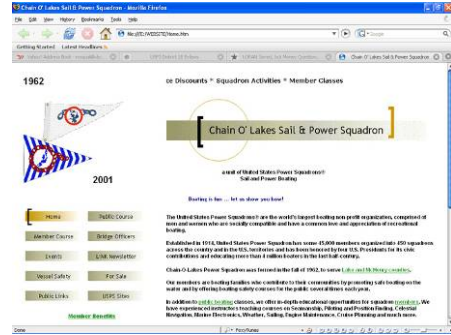
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Dye Sublimation Printed - \$28.00



Contact Ron Herbig (847-223-9594) for more information.

**The New Squadron Website**



The squadron website is going through another round of edits before it is released. The address should remain the same but the look will be completely different. Stay tuned.

Lt Cindy Geske



We offer our deepest condolences to Shirley Wojcicki on the death of her father, and to Jim and Cindy Geske on the death of Jim's father.

Please keep the Wojcicki/Havell and Geske families in your thoughts and prayers.

Don't forget to send any news that you would like to share with fellow COL members to [Link-Editor@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Link-Editor@sbcglobal.net) and I'll put it in the following month's LINK (edited, of course!).

Lt Nancy Herbig  
LINK Editor

**Roster Updates**

Please help us keep the squadron roster and USPS database up-to-date. Send in any changes of address, phone numbers, email addresses, etc. to the Roster Committee Chair or the Commander.

P/C Ross Gemmill, AP

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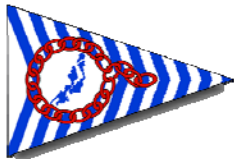
## Chain-O-Lakes Calendar

Check out the USPS News at USPS.org for recent stories and webcasts about national USPS events.

May		June		July	
07 May	Bridge/ExCom Meeting - Host: Jim Bowgren	04 June	Bridge/ExCom Meeting - Host: Jim Geske	02 July	NO Bridge/ExCom Meeting
11 May	Mother's Day	05 June	Seamanship Class Begins	04 July	Independence Day
13-14 May	Boating Class 2A Exams - Crystal Lake & Fox Lake	06 June	D20 ExCom Meeting	05 July	Parade, Fox Lake
17-18 May	Vessel Safety Checks	08 June	Brunch - Harbour Club Antioch	19 July	Commander's Cruise
17 May	VSC Dinner - Freddie's Fox Lake	14 June	Flag Day	25 July	August LINK deadline
25 May	June LINK deadline	15 June	Father's Day		
26 May	Memorial Day	21 June	<a href="#">Summer Solstice</a>		
31 May	Vessel Safety Checks	25 June	July LINK deadline		

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