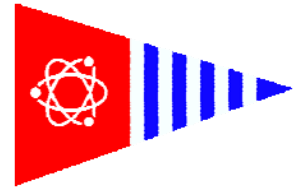




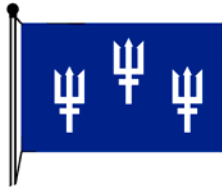
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District 20

March 2010



Commander's Message

The days are getting longer; the grass is peeking through the snow; temperatures are on the rise; boat shows are over; public classes are starting; spring is around the corner.

Our public boating class season started on Monday, 1 March, at the Lemont Park District. The class this year is double the size of the last couple of years. A good omen for the season to come. If you have some extra time, please stop by and help out with grading homework and talking to students. Test night will be Monday, 29 March. We welcome your help. See the Education Department article for the rest of the schedule.

While we are talking about education, the subject of our February General Meeting was changes / additions to the members courses. Our Education Officer and Assistant Education Officer, Dave Donkers and Chip Culshaw, lead the discussion. We came away with four classes and one seminar on the spring schedule. Not bad for one evening's discussion. We will be holding Seamanship, Weather, Cruise Planning and Instructor Development courses, as well as Partner in Command seminar (formerly the "Skipper Saver" course). More information about days, etc. can be found in the SEO's article.

I am still wading through information I received regarding the National Annual Meeting, but one of the things voted on was offering our members courses to the public. It is up to each Squadron for pricing, but a couple of suggestions is to either add in the price of a one-year membership, or price the course high enough

that it will be cheaper to join and take the course at the members price. Some interesting things to think about.

On Saturday evening, 6 March, we will be attending the Fox Valley Change of Watch / 40th Anniversary Celebration for both Fox Valley and DuPage. I am looking forward to the evening. Fox Valley and DuPage celebrated their 20th Anniversaries together and I understand it was quite a party!

While on the subject of Fox Valley, we will be co-hosting a hospitality room with them at the District 20 Spring Conference. Our room theme is Elvis Presley's movie, "Blue Hawaii". Come join us for a 1950s party Friday night and Saturday for the conference meetings. The schedule can be found in the "Trident Extra" attachment in this issue.

Vessel Safety Check time is fast approaching. Please remember that your boat does not have to be in the water to have it checked. You need the required equipment aboard, and power to turn on the lights. The schedule is listed in this issue. Or call DuPage's VSC chair, Dave Donkers (d.donkers@comcast.net; 630/554-1904).

On 20 February, Charlie Masi, Dave and I attended District Operations Training in Peoria. Each of us attended our officer meeting; after lunch we attended *continued on next page*

In Memoriam

We are saddened to learn of the passing of former DuPage member, Jerome (Jerry) Kowalski. Jerry joined DuPage in 1994. He moved up the ranks to our Administrative Officer before he and Cheryl retired to Phoenix in 2003, and transferred to the Phoenix Sail & Power Squadron. Jerry was a 16-year USPS member with 12 merit marks. Our thoughts and prayers are with Cheryl and family.

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seminars of our choice. I attended the SailAngle presentation and was very impressed with the capabilities of this tool. We have been promoting SailAngle over the last few months as our Squadron communication link. I hope soon all DuPage members will be signed up. I currently belong to Fox Valley and Kankakee's "groups". I received an invitation to Kankakee's general meeting. Easy way to stay in touch with your Squadron and the other Squadrons in the District.

Count your blessings by
smiles, not tears.
Count your age by friends,
not years

Have a blessed and happy
St. Patrick's Day.

Cdr Anita Donkers, AP
Commander



Executive Officer

March is finally here and hopefully the cold weather will be behind us soon. It will be time to start planning on getting the boats out of winter storage and enjoying the boating season. Our Squadron is eagerly making plans to offer some courses and seminars. We are hoping that there may be one or more that may be of interest to you. Please see the information in this Pilot and future ones.

The boating classes are set with the class in Lemont, starting 1 March, Yorkville starting 24 March and Seneca starting 22 May. Vessel Safety checks will be done at various locations or you can contact one of our Vessel Safety Examiners. More information can be found in the *Pilot*. This is great time to have your boat checked by one of our many Examiners to make sure your boat is safe and you are prepared for the boating season.

The D/20 Spring Conference will be held at The Hyatt Deerfield 19-21 March. DuPage and Fox Valley Squadrons will be joining together for a "Blue Ha-

waii" theme Conference Room on Friday and Saturday nights. Seminars, meetings, luncheon, dinner and fun. Come out and join us. It is a great opportunity to meet fellow members.

As always, your participation in the activities of your squadron is what will help us to grow, be strong and vital. Without the membership, we wouldn't be here. If you have any suggestions, ideas, comments, please contact any of your Bridge members, or attend any of the monthly meetings, which all members are invited and encouraged to attend.

Lt/C Ann-Marie Havel, P
Executive Officer

Vessel Safety Check Schedule

It's time to get your boat ready for summer. What better way to start than to have your vessel checked by one of our Vessel Safety Examiners ? Here is the current schedule. But if these dates and places do not meet your schedule or boat location, contact Lt/C David Donkers, SN (d.donkers@comcast.net; 630/554-1904) to set up your VSC.

- Sunday, 2 May Springbrook Marina, Seneca
(joining Chicago Squadron)
- Saturday, 16 May Starved Rock Marina and
Starved Rock Yacht Club
- Saturday, 30 May Hidden Cove Marin, Seneca

For you are interested in becoming a Vessel Safety Examiner, plans are being finalized for a training class on Saturday, April 24. If interested, place contact Dave Donkers.

March 2010 Birthdays

- 4 Andrea Sikorski
- 5 Brian J. Tickle
- 9 P/D/C Harwood B. Moore, SN
- 10 P/C Philip B. Fitzpatrick, AP
- 17 Craig Martin, S
- 18 Nolan Ryan, S
- 20 Frances C. Juliano, AP
- 23 P/C Donald M. Anderson, AP
- 26 Greg Hayden, AP

**EDUCATIONAL
NEWS**



Our public boating courses started on Monday, 1 March, at the Lemont Park District. Here is our current public boating class schedule. If you have a couple of hours on one of the class nights to help with talking to students about membership and helping grade homework, we would appreciate your coming out and joining us.

Mondays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Lemont Park District Centennial Community Center 16028 127 th Street, Lemont
Wednesday March 24, 31 April 7, 14, 21	Yorkville Park District 201 West Hydraulic Street Yorkville
Saturdays May 22, 29 June 5	Seneca Fire Department 121 Armour Street Seneca

Also, we will be holding three members classes this spring. We have set the day of the week, but not start date. If you are interested in any of these classes, please contact me. We need at least three weeks notice to receive material from National.

Tuesdays	Weather (approx. 10 weeks)
Thursdays	Cruise Planning
Saturdays	Seamanship

Also on the schedule is the seminar "**Partner in Command**". We are planning a Saturday in April.

Lt/C David Donkers, SN
DuPage Education Officer

HAPPY
ST. PATRICK'S
DAY



March 2010 Anniversaries

- 1972 George H. Koop, S
- 1989 Robert W. Harazin, P
- 1990 P/C Frank S. Carlton, AP
- 1991 George John Vandon Jr., AP
- 1991 Michael J. Weresch, P
- 1994 Joseph P. Giammanco, AP
- 1994 Linda M. Giammanco
- 1995 P/C Jeremiah P. Casey, AP
- 1996 P/C Lawrence E. Grumboski, AP
- 1996 Susan D. Grumboski, S
- 1996 Joseph M. Jaras Jr., P
- 1998 Jackie De Luca
- 1998 Philip S. De Luca
- 2000 Craig Martin, S
- 2000 Clemens H. Martin Jr., P
- 2000 Christopher E. McCarthy
- 2000 Edward J. McCarthy
- 2000 Nolan Ryan, S
- 2001 Richard H. Dane
- 2001 Lt Dennis James Synal, S

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FRIENDS ON A SUNNY BEACH

Ray Paul visiting Joyce Bousquet and her daughter, Dori, at Joyce's home in Marco Island, Florida. Joyce is just a short walk from this beautiful beach.

GENERAL MEETING FEBRUARY 26, 2010



Lt/C David Donkers, SN and Lt Chip Culshaw, S led a discussion on changes in our members courses, seminars currently offered, and new policies at National. During the evening, four classes and one seminar were added to our 2010 calendar.

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Friday Night Entertainment

Dave "Elvis" Thomas — *Memories of the King*
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Dave Thomas is a resident of Frankfort, Illinois. He has been performing his "Memories of the King" show for 15 years. The show covers all eras of Elvis' music and thrills audiences of all ages. Dance, sing or just sit back and enjoy the memories.

Vince "Mr. Smooth" Difiore sings songs of the legends (including Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin) and songs that will lighten up your heart. He encourages sing-a-longs with audience participation.

Hospitality Rooms

Love Me Tender. Jailhouse Rock.

King Creole. Blue Hawaii. Fun in Acapulco.

Viva Las Vegas. What do these have in common? They're all titles of movies starring Elvis Presley — the theme for this year's hospitality rooms. So slick back your hair, roll up your sleeves, pick up that guitar and get ready to "Rock Around the Dock". Hospitality Rooms are \$199 (limited rooms available). Call the hotel reservation department at 847/945-3400 by 19 February to reserve your room. Contact Bud Lemke (bud@lemkescrew.com or 847/577-9522) to claim your movie.

Skokie Valley Sail and Power Squadron invites you to join us Friday for an evening of singing, music and meeting with friends. Walk with us on a special boat dock and enter into the 1950s and 1960s; dress for the occasion and get ready to go back in time. Elvis and Frank Sinatra will be arriving around 1930 and will perform for 3 hours to help you "ROCK AROUND THE DOCK".

After the hospitality rooms are opened at 2230, join Skokie Valley Squadron in our hospitality room for a "black cow" — maybe Elvis and part of the "rat pack" will show up.

Saturday morning attend a seminar on Marine Electronics and Thermal Imaging Technology followed by EXPO. Council and Conference meetings are in the afternoon. Saturday evening will start with the cocktail hour, including music by one of our own SVPS members. The Change of Watch banquet will begin with the presentation of the flags by U.S. Military personnel who will also join us for dinner.

Conveniently located just east of 294 on Lake Cook Road, the Hyatt Deerfield is easily accessible from the tollway or the Edens Expressway, and is close to restaurants, shopping, O'Hare Airport and the Botanic Gardens.

Skokie Valley members hope that you will all attend and that everyone will enjoy themselves. See you in March!

Saturday Seminar: Marine Electronics and Thermal Imaging

John Barry, Technical Marine Support and Tom Milanette, FLIR Systems

In 1986, John Barry bought a 1956 Roamer 35 (a steel-hulled Chris-Craft) and moved aboard. He fell in love with boating and has been in the marine business ever since. His company, Technical Marine Support, provides marine electronics sales and installation, including wiring, software, design and fabrication. Private instruction on marine electronics operation and boat handling is also available. Technical Marine can be found at www.technicalmarine.com or by calling 847/746-0100.

John will be providing an overview of the variety of marine electronics currently available as well as what's on the horizon. Come learn what's new in marine electronics!

In addition, Tom Milanette from FLIR Systems, Inc. will cover an overview of thermal technology and the safety benefits of using thermal technology for boating, including safe navigation at night, collision avoidance, man-overboard detection, situational awareness, security & surveillance, and even daytime navigation. He will also explain how thermal technology differs from other night vision technologies and demonstrate some thermal imaging products.



USPS District 20 Spring Conference

**19–21 March 2010
Hyatt Deerfield**

**Hosted by Skokie Valley
Sail & Power Squadron**

District 20 Spring Conference Schedule of Events

Friday 19 March

1500–2000 Registration
1830–2030 Squadron Commander's Meeting
1930–2230 Party & Entertainment
Dave "Elvis" Thomas — Memories of the King and Vince "Mr. Smooth" Difiore — Songs of the Legends
2230–???? Hospitality Rooms

Please do not open Hospitality Rooms before 2230

Saturday 20 March

0800–1145 Registration
0800–0900 Education Dept. Meeting
0730–1130 Friendship Room
0900–1015 Seminar
John Barry, Technical Marine Support, Inc. and Tom Milanette, FLIR Systems, Inc. Come learn what's new in marine electronics and thermal imaging.

1030–1145 EXPO
1115–1145 Verification of Delegates
1145–1300 Lunch
1300–1330 Verification of Delegates
1330–1430 Council Meeting
1430–1600 Spring Conference
1800–1900 Cocktail Reception
1900–2230 Dinner/Change of Watch
2230–???? Hospitality Rooms

**Schedule is subject to change*

Dress Code:

Friday Night:

USPS Casual or 50's or 60's

Saturday (Day):

Uniform F — White long sleeve shirt, black pants & tie

Saturday (Night):

Uniform A with Bow Tie or Appropriate Attire

LUNCH & DINNER RESERVATIONS

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2 _____			
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Meals	Number	Total Cost
Luncheon (\$16.00):		
Roast Beef on a Kaiser roll	_____	_____
Turkey Croissant Club Sandwich	_____	_____
Ham Sandwich	_____	_____
<i>Lunches include chips, soda and cookies</i>		
Dinner (\$38.00):		
Boneless Braised Short Ribs	_____	_____
Herb crusted Chicken Breast	_____	_____
Seared Salmon	_____	_____
Total	_____	_____

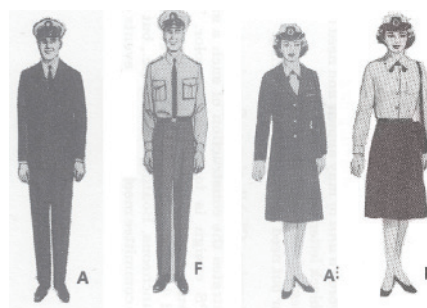
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Upcoming Events

01 Mar	ABC Class, Lemont Park District, Lemont (also 8/15/22 and 29)
19-21 Mar	D/20 Spring Conference, Deerfield Hilton
23 Mar	Executive Meeting, DuPage Inn, Downers Grove
24 Mar	Yorkville Park District, Yorkville (also 31, Apr 7, 14 and 21)
26 Mar	General Meeting, TBD
04 Apr	Easter
20 Apr	Executive Meeting, DuPage Inn, Downers Grove
23 Apr	General Meeting
22-28 May	Safe Boating Week
22 May	ABC Class, Seneca Fire Department, Seneca (also 29 and June 5)

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