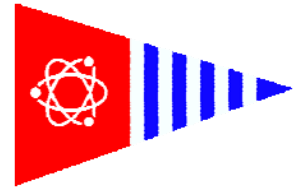




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Commander's Message

This article will cover a few months of information. It is with a saddened heart that we have lost a very important member of our squadron. P/C Corrine A. Fitzpatrick, AP passed away on 12 April 2011 after a courageous fight with cancer. She will be greatly missed and will always be an inspiration to us in keeping a positive outlook during any situation. Please keep P/C Philip B. Fitzpatrick, AP and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

In addition, my father Lt/C Charles W. Havel, Jr., AP suffered a stroke and is now home. Please keep Dad, my mother, Patricia M. Havel, P, and our family in your thoughts and prayers. Without them, I would not be your Commander.

A wonderful time was had by all that attended the D/20 Spring Conference held in March (see photo pages). The hospitality suites were “decked out” with a different theme in each one and the games were just right for each one. DuPage, Kankakee, Fox Valley and Land of Lincoln joined together in the “Four-Way Hospitality Suite”, and we had a grand variety of foods and special “touches”.

DuPage received two National Communications Committee Awards – DuPage *Pilot* –USPS 2010 Publications and the USPS 2010 Website. Additional awards which I accepted were given to the following individuals: P/R/C Robert C. Mupo, SN and Amelia C. Seeley received Certification of Appreciation for their efforts in promoting safer boating; and P/R/C Carol J. Mupo, JN received the *Life Membership* plaque and pin. I will be presenting these individuals with these

awards when we can get together. Congratulations to everyone! The meetings and seminars were full of information. There are changes coming and as they happen, I will keep you informed.

Our boating classes in Lemont, Yorkville and Wheaton were very successful. The classes were small, but the students were awesome.



The next Executive Meeting is 23 Aug at 7pm at the DuPage Inn, Downers Grove, IL. There aren't any General Meetings during May through August so please join us at the Executive Meeting to find out what is going on in your Squadron.

I am in the process of getting information on organizing a River Clean Up. As things progress, information will be sent to all members. This is a great way to get with family, friends and membership to do our part in keeping our waterways clean, help the environment and also earn your Merit Mark! If anyone has any other ideas for events, please contact me or any of the Bridge Members.

Our September General Meeting will be held at Hidden Cove Marina in Seneca. P/C Anita and Lt/C Dave Donkers will be our hosts for the annual Colors Cruise and turkey roast. We're holding the cruise a little early this year so we probably won't have as much color on the riverbank, but laughter and good friends will make up for the lack of autumn colors.

DuPage will be hosting the D/20 Fall Conference 2012, and we are already making arrangements and getting ideas for the theme. I am calling “all hands on deck” for assistance on various committees as the more people involved, the easier it will be for everyone. So, if you are contacted to help out, please say **YES**.

Boating season is upon us, so our Vessel Safety Examiners are ready to get out there and do Vessel Safety Checks on your boats. If you are interested in having a VSC done on your boat, please contact Lt/C Dave Donkers, SN at d.donkers@comcast.net or 630/554-1904 and he will be happy to assist you.

You will find a flyer in this issue from our friends in Racine inviting us to join them on Saturday, August 13, for "Sailin' RACINE". It looks like an afternoon and evening of fun.

Have a Happy and Safe summer.
Cdr Ann-Marie Havel, P



**EDUCATIONAL
NEWS**

Our Spring 2011 public classes are winding down. Out of three classes (Lemont, Yorkville and Wheaton) we had a total of 14 students. This year was quite a bit different in years past in that only one student was a minor. We are recruiting the adults for the six-month free membership; we'll keep you posted with updated information in the next newsletter.

It was nice to be back in the Wheaton area this year. We used the Wheaton Fire Department and would like to thank them for letting us use their facilities. They have a beautiful meeting room with state-of-the-art equipment. It is an ideal spot to hold our boating course.

Thank you to our instructors and mentors. Without their support, our program would not be successful. We had the pleasure of adding a new "old" instructor to our roster this year. A former DuPage member and current Door County Power Squadron member, Chuck Stone, helped us out at the Wheaton class. It was fun catching up on family and boating news with Jan and Chuck.

SAFE BOATING WEEK

The National Safe Boating Council (NSBC) designated May 22-26 as Safe Boating Week. The NSBC presently has a membership of over 330 U.S. and Ca-

nadian organizations, all with an interest in boating safety and education. The NSBC membership is diverse, with approximately 65% of the membership being nonprofit organizations and 35% being for-profit organizations.

The NSBC is the foremost coalition for the advancement and promotion of safer boating through education. Some of the ways they accomplish this is:

- Conducting a series of on-going national campaigns to promote safe boating.
- Providing opportunities to work directly with national and international leaders in boating education.
- Improving the professional development of boating safety educators.
- Distributing safe boating information.
- Developing and recognizing outstanding boating safety programs.
- Supporting research initiatives that strengthen boating education and safety awareness.

For many years, DuPage has participated in Safe Boating Week. One of our public boating classes is scheduled during this week. We also give out several pamphlets from the NSBC to our students.

RIVER CLEAN-UP

Our Commander has been in contact with an environmental company that sponsors river clean-ups. We are hoping to have an Illinois River clean-up day either this fall or next spring. This company provides the boats, equipment and professionals to work with the volunteers in the clean up. More information as to dates available, which waterway, etc., will be in upcoming newsletters. Bring family, friends, co-workers.

If you have any ideas and / or contacts for more projects such as the river clean up, please contact someone on the Bridge or Pilot staff. We will be more than happy to add your project to the calendar.

April 2011 Anniversaries

Harwood B. Moore	1985
Lana Mack	1990
Spencer C. Mach, Jr.	1990
Greg Hayden	2000
Thomas Patrick Rafferty	2000

May 2011 Anniversaries

Henry F. Thiele	1965
Patricia M. Havel	1985
Daryl L. Varney	1988
John C. Blomgren	1992
Louise A. Blomgren	1992
Timothy Frank	1993
Charles C. Culshaw	1994
Corinne A. Fitzpatrick	1998



April 2011 Birthdays

Clemens H. Martin Jr.	8
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June 2011 Anniversaries

Donald Munkvold	1969
Frederick Velguth	1971
William T. Griffin	1972
Martin E. Grannan	1986
Ronald J. Belusko	1990
Pamela L. Dillard	1991
Vincent Dillard	1991
Philip B. Fitzpatrick	1995
Lois B. Casey	1997
Joyce Irene Bousquet	2003
Michael A. Repp	2003

May 2011 Birthdays

William T. Griffin	13
Timothy Frank	14
Robert E. Svoboda	14
Henry F. Thiele	22

June 2011 Birthdays

Richard H. Dane	3
David A. Donkers	8
Donald Munkvold	8
Catherine A. May	19
Joseph M. Jaras, Jr.	30

July 2011 Anniversaries

R. Kent TeVault	1974
James G. Smith	1983
Philip G. Mitchell	1989
Susan V. Mitchell	1989
Wayne H. Hanson	2005

July 2011 Birthdays

Frederick Velguth	8
Kathleen Evers	10
Susan V. Mitchell	21
John S. Borello	22
Joseph P. Giammanco	25
Ann-Marie Havel	27
Dawn Evers	31
Elizabeth A. Sherwood	31

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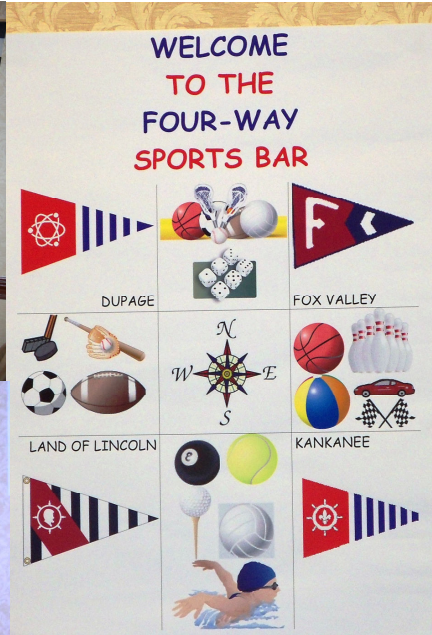
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D/20 Spring Conference – Northbrook Hilton Hotel Hosted by Waukegan Sail & Power Squadron

DuPage / Fox Valley / Kankakee / Land of Lincoln Hospitality Suite



Hospitality suite fun and games; co-hosted with Fox Valley, Kankakee and Land of Lincoln.



Left: Cdr Ann Havel, P, accepting Life Member Award for P/R/C Carol Mupo, JN; lower right: P/C Jim Rielinger, SN receiving his Life Member Award.
CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH CAROL AND JIM!



Above: DuPage Cdr Ann Havel, P receiving Excellence in Journalism Award; right: Kankakee and Fox Valley members enjoying good company after the Saturday evening dinner.



Ahoy - Please accept an invitation from the **Racine Sail & Power Squadron** for an afternoon of **sailing fun, predicted log contest for Power Boats** and frolic on Lake Michigan followed by a **Luau**



Sailin' RACINE

Saturday, August 13th, 2011

Plan for a great day on a Great Lake

1:00PM All Skippers & Crew to Meet at RYC

Racine Yacht Club, One Barker Street, Racine, WI 53402 (262) 634-8585

Please bring your favorite PFD (Life Jacket)

5:30PM – Luau at 5th Street Yacht Club

6:30PM – Entertainment—761 Marquette St., Racine, WI 53404

(262) 632-9718

The Chef would like to include everyone. We need a final ticket count by August 1st

\$15.00 Luau Dinner Tickets, must be reserved and prepaid

Make checks payable to: Bill F. Erdmann, PO box 141, Fox Lake, IL 60020

Ample crew space for anyone who wishes to sail; just let us know

Free slips available for Saturday Night. If you wish to bring your own vessel call Bill or Linda Erdmann for slip assignment

RSVP by August 1st to Bill Erdmann by email admiralbill@sbcglobal.net or call (847) 445-0021



A good time will be had by all...

Upcoming Events

23 Aug	Executive Meeting, DuPage Inn, Downers Grove, IL
5 Sept	LABOR DAY
20 Sept	Executive Meeting, DuPage Inn, Downers Grove, IL
24 Sept	General Meeting, Hidden Cove Marina, Seneca (Colors Cruise and Turkey Roast)
12-23 Oct	D/20 Fall Conference, Holiday Inn, Elgin, IL
25 Oct	Executive Meeting, DuPage Inn, Downers Grove, IL
29 Oct	General Meeting, TBD (Auction)
15 Nov	Executive Meeting, DuPage Inn, Downers Grove, IL
18 Nov	General Meeting, TBD
24 Nov	THANKSGIVING



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