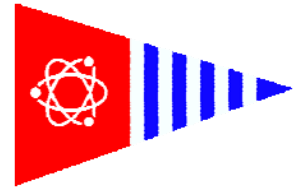




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Commander's Message

With Labor Day marking the “end” of the summer, we still have more time to enjoy the weather before the boating season is done. I can't believe the summer is almost over with. Seems like it just started. The D/20 Cruise & Rendezvous held in Clinton, IA was wonderful. The combined efforts of D/20 and D/30 in hosting this event were well done. For those who were unable to attend, Amy Seeley with NOAA gave an interesting and enlightening weather presentation. The food, sites, tours and points of interest on the area were enjoyed by all.

Please mark your calendar for the upcoming River Cruise to be held on 24 September at Hidden Cove Marina, Seneca, IL. Bring your boat, family and friends for this event. Trailered boats can be launched at the Marina and if you don't have a boat, you can join fellow members on theirs! We will take a cruise on the Illinois River, enjoy lunch and then have a cookout back at the Marina. Bring a dish to pass and relax, swap stories or ideas. We usually have this in October as the Colors Cruise, but thought that having this earlier this year we would have better weather. Please see the flyer in this edition of the *Pilot* for further information. If you haven't had a VSC done on your boat, this would be a great time to get this done! Please contact Lt/C Dave Donkers, SN at d.donkers@comcast.net or 630-554-1904 to make arrangements.

On a personal note, I do urge all boaters to make sure that their vessels are checked by a professional at the beginning and end of the boating season in addition to making check lists of things that need to be done or may need attention to make sure everyone

is safe while on the water. Also, please do your own check prior to going out on the water. I recently experienced the loss of a former co-worker and his wife due to a terrible boating accident in July on Lake Havasu in Arizona. They were avid boaters and enjoyed being on the water. The cause of the accident still hasn't been determined. There are speculations that a mechanical problem occurred. We do know that alcohol was **not** a factor as they were not drinkers. So PLEASE inspect your boat carefully or have a qualified mechanic inspect your boat to prevent a potential tragedy. This year has seen so many boating accidents that could have been prevented, from alcohol consumption, unfamiliarity of an area, being a novice boater and even mechanical issues.



The next Executive Meeting will be held at The DuPage Inn, Downers Grove, on 20 September at 1900. The General Meeting will be held during our River Cruise on the 24th. Please mark your calendar to attend the D/20 Fall Conference to be held

21-23 October at the Holiday Inn, Elgin; the Conference will be hosted by Chain-O-Lakes Sail & Power Squadron. Rates are very reasonable and if you aren't able to stay overnight, please be sure to attend on Saturday for the Conference and seminars. DuPage will have a hospitality suite; we are still working out final details for our explorer, food, etc. See the flyer in this issue for registration information.

Due to timing and availability, progress on coordinating a river clean-up is at a stand-still. I will continue to work on this project and keep you posted.

Enjoy the remainder of the boating season and please BE SAFE. Your commitment to safe boating is #1. Hope to see you at the meetings and Fall Conference.

Cdr Ann-Marie Havel, P

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR LAKE GENEVA ANTIQUE AND CLASSIC BOAT SHOW

From Gloria Omohundro , our District 20 Boat Show Chair...

Hello Everyone,

We have an exciting opportunity to reach out to more fellow boaters this year at the Lake Geneva Antique and Classic Boat Show, at The Abbey in Lake Geneva. The show is expected to host over 100 Antique and Classic boats with an expected attendance of over 10,000. The show has graciously given USPS D20 a free space for the entire show.

The Boat Show Committee would like to extend an invitation to all District 20 squadron members to not only attend the show but volunteer a little of your time to staff the USPS D20 booth. We realize this does not give a lot of advance notice but we are hoping we can pull together as a group and fill 12 time slots. We currently have only the first two shifts for Saturday filled.

The show dates and hours are as follows: Friday through Sunday September 23-25

Hours: Daily 9:00am to 4:00pm

Shifts will be:

- 9am -10:30am
10:30am – 12:30pm
12:30pm- 2:30pm
2:30pm – 4:00pm

Some of the events during the show consist of a boat parade on Saturday and a boat auction on Sunday. Lake Geneva is a beautiful area this time of the year and what a lovely way to spend a day.

If you are interested and available to help, please give me a call.

Thanks for all your support.

Gloria Omohundro
District 20 Boat Show Co-Chairman
(847) 816-7243



ANY RECIPE IDEAS?

Maybe we can have a District-wide cooking contest ?!

On Tuesday, September 13, 2011, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources released the following:

CHICAGO, IL- The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) will expand its popular 'Target Hunger Now!' program by making protein rich Asian carp available to Illinois families. The Department will demonstrate recipes at a dinner event featuring famed Louisiana Chef Philippe Parola. 'Target Hunger Now!' is a humanitarian effort which provides food banks and other organizations throughout the state with donated venison and now Asian carp.

Members of the media are invited to arrive at 3:30 CT for a taste test and to see how Chef Philippe Parola prepares the fish.

What: 'Target Hunger Now!' Asian Carp Dinner

When: Thursday, Sept. 22, 2011 from 4-6 p.m. CT (media tasting at 3:30 p.m. CT)

Where: Christ the King Jesuit College Prep HS
5088 West Jackson Blvd. Chicago

Who: Illinois Department of Natural Resources
Feeding Illinois
Chef Philippe Parola, Baton Rouge, LA
State Rep La Shawn K. Ford (8th District)

For more information on "Target Hunger Now", please check out the following IDNR link:

http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/Pages/TargetHungerNow.aspx

And, yes, Asian Carp have their own website! You can get more information than you will ever need or want at: http://www.silverfincraze.com/index.html

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FROM THE EDITOR

What did you do during the summer? Did you take a once-in-a-lifetime vacation? Maybe you rented a cottage and spent quality time with your grandkids, sharing their excitement as they caught their first fish? Please share your adventures with the Squadron. A short paragraph or a page will do. Also, if you have any ideas for articles, let me know.

How did you honor the memory of 9/11? Personally, I did not have a lot of desire to visit New York City before, but now I can't wait until the 9/11 museum opens so I can visit.



Now hear this...
CONGRATULATIONS
to the following folks for
another milestone!

August 2011 Anniversaries

Charles W. Havel	1967
Donald P. Smith	1967
Verna Homewood	1993
David A. Donkers	1997
Anita M. Donkers	1997

September 2011 Anniversaries

Duane B. Moore	1987
Robert A. Sherry	1988
Kathleen Evers	1990
Dawn Evers	1990
David Evers	1990
Richard J. Evers	1990

August 2011 Birthdays

Frederick E. Juliano	3
David Evers	4
Arnold L. May	18
Spencer C. Mack Jr.	25
Wayne H. Hanson	31

September 2011 Birthdays

Jackie De Luca	3
R. Kent TeVault	8
Joyce Irene Bousquet	10
Richard J. Evers	10
John C. Blomgren	18
Michael A. Repp	27
Lois B. Casey	28
George John Vandon Jr.	30

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**D/20 and D/30
2011 Cruise and Rendezvous
Fulton, Illinois and Clinton, Iowa
15-16 July 2011**

Districts 20 and 30 combined forces this summer to host a fun-filled weekend for both Districts. Friday evening started with a celebration of friends and food, and a wine-tasting from Wide River Winery. Saturday morning brought meetings and an always informative and entertaining presentation on weather by Amy Seeley, Squadron member and NOAA employee / goodwill ambassador. After lunch we took a tour of Lock & Dam No. 13, as well as visited and enjoyed several local sites, including the windmill in Fulton, and Wide River Winery, north of Clinton.



Amy Seeley's NOAA Weather Presentation



Lock & Dam No. 13 Tour





DuPage Sail & Power Squadron

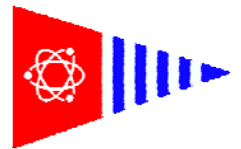
September 2011 General Meeting / Fall Colors Cruise

WHEN: Saturday, September 24, 2011

WHERE: Hidden Cove Marina, Seneca, Illinois, on the Illinois River

Join us for our last scheduled 2011 boating trip. We'll cruise the Illinois River and take in the colors of the season. We'll have a leisurely day of boating followed by barbecued burgers and hotdogs with all the fixings, and our general meeting.

Here's our planned **schedule**. It is, of course, subject to change:
1000-1100 Launch Boats (ramp at the marina) RM 252.2 (\$20 ramp fee)
1100-1300 Cruise the Illinois River
1300-1400 Take boats out of water and start preparing dinner
1400-? Dinner and more Relaxation



General Meeting immediately after dinner (approximately 1500)

You don't need to have a boat to participate. There are usually open seats, but to make sure we can accommodate everyone, please RSVP to Dave Donkers (630/554-1904, donkers@aps.anl.gov) by Wednesday, 21 Sept, and let us know if you are coming and whether or not you are bringing your boat. If you are bringing a boat, please let us know if you can take guests (and how many).

DIRECTIONS:

From I-55 South, take Exit 250 to I-80 West, or take your favorite route to I-80.
Take Seneca exit 105 and turn left onto Seneca Road.
Follow Route 6 southwest 4.5 miles to Route 170 (Main St.) on the north side of Seneca.
Turn left onto Route 170.
Go 1.7 miles South through Seneca and cross the Illinois River.
IMMEDIATELY after the bridge, turn left and then another left to go under the new bridge; Hidden Cove is 1/4 mile.

If you need additional directions Saturday morning, call Dave (630/309-9041) or Anita (630/294-3161) on their cell phones.

\$5 will get you hamburgers, hotdogs, all the fixings and drinks; we ask everyone to bring a side dish to pass. (We'll collect the money at the Cruise.)

RSVP BY WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2011 TO:

Dave and Anita Donkers – 630/554-1904; donkers@aps.anl.gov or a-donkers@comcast.net
8 East Rickard Drive, Oswego, IL 60543

Name _____

Bringing your boat: Yes ___ No ___

Number of people attending _____

If yes, how many open seats do you have? _____

Join us for a relaxing day on the water, good fun, and great company.

D/20 TRIDENT

‘EXTRA Part II’

DISTRICT TWENTY FALL CONFERENCE

Hosted by the
Chain-OLakes Sail & Power Squadron
21 - 23 October 2011

**District 20
Fall Conference
Schedule of Events**

FRIDAY 21 OCTOBER

1500-2000 Registration
1830-2000 Squadron Commander's Meeting
2000-???? Mariner Hunt
Hospitality Rooms

SATURDAY 22 OCTOBER

Schedule*

0730-1100 Friendship Room
0800-1200 Registration
0800-0900 Officer Meetings
(XO, SEO, AO)
0900-1100 Teaching Aids Exhibits
0915-1015 Seminar
1015-1030 Break
1030-1130 Seminar
1130-1145 Verification of Delegates
1145-1300 Luncheon
1300-1330 Verification of Delegates
1330-1600 Council & Conference Meeting
1800-1900 Cocktail Reception
1900-2200 Education Awards Banquet
2200-???? Hospitality Rooms

*Schedule is subject to change

LUNCH & DINNER RESERVATIONS

Rank	Name	Grade	Squadron
1	_____	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____
Address _____			
City _____		State _____	Zip _____
Phone Number: _____		E-mail: _____	

Meals	Number	Total Cost
Luncheon:		
Rustic Ham and Swiss Panini; served on a pretzel roll with an Italian pasta salad and chef's choice of dessert	\$17.00	_____
Dinner:		
Seared Chicken Breast	\$31.00	_____
Baked Tilapia	\$31.00	_____
London Broil	\$36.00	_____
Dinner includes chef's choice of starch and seasonal vegetable, dessert, rolls and butter, coffee & tea		
Total		_____

PLEASE RESERVE BY 21 SEPTEMBER 2011

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO
DISTRICT 20 FALL CONFERENCE**

SEND RESERVATIONS TO:

**Bill and Sue Bellinger
6350 Parks Edge Drive
Loves Park, IL 61111-3434
815-633-0426**



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District 20 Fall Conference
21 - 23 October 2011

Hosted by
Chain-O-Lakes Sail & Power Squadron

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

Room Rate: \$79.00 per night + tax

Executive Suites \$99.00 per night + tax

Whirlpool Suites: \$189.00 per night + tax

Call 1-847-488-9000 for reservations

BEFORE 21 September 2011 to get the D/20 conference rate

Payment:

Circle One: Visa MC Discover Amex

Name on Card: _____

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____

Reservations are subject to cancellation unless guaranteed with a credit card or one nights deposit. To qualify for the District 20 room rate, reservations must be received by the hotel before 21 September

Upcoming Events

5 Sept	LABOR DAY
20 Sept	Executive Meeting , DuPage Inn, Downers Grove, IL
23-25 Sept	Lake Geneva Antique and Classic Boat Show, The Abbey in Lake Geneva
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
15 Nov	Executive Meeting , DuPage Inn, Downers Grove, IL
18 Nov	General Meeting , TBD
24 Nov	THANKSGIVING



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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

