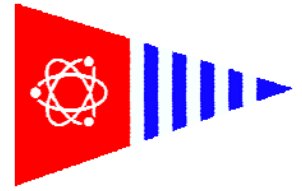




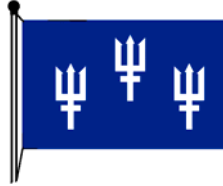
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## Commander's Message



I hope everyone had a wonderful and safe holiday. **Happy New Year to All!** It's hard to believe that a year has passed since I became Commander. Where did the time go? It's an experience that I will never forget. I always wondered what

was involved being Commander and now I understand the challenges and responsibilities involved.

We are still seeing changes at National to assist Squadrons gain membership, a push to get the information about member benefits to all members, an increase in dues, offering our courses online or through the mail to students to "joining forces" with the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. Some of these are a help but there are those that each one of us have our concerns.

The Boat Show season is upon us again in Chicago. District 20 will have a booth at both the **Chicago Boat, RV and Outdoors Show** at McCormick Place 12-16 January, and **Strictly Sail** 26-29 January at Navy Pier. Volunteers are still needed to help staff the booth. Please contact District 20 Boat Show Co-Chair D/Lt Gloria Omohundro at 847-816-7243 or [pogo345@comcast.net](mailto:pogo345@comcast.net) to volunteer your time. See the article on page 2 of this *Pilot* for more information.

There are many events scheduled for 2012 at the Squadron and District levels. Please refer to the *Pilot* or the DuPage website (<http://www.uspsdupage.org/>) for more information.

The Nominating Committee, spearheaded by P/D/C Harwood Moore, SN, did a fantastic job of getting the 2012 Bridge and committees together. Thank you to those who have volunteered your time to keeping DuPage Sail and Power Squadron going for 2012.

We have a busy year ahead of us as DuPage is hosting the **Fall 2012 District 20 Conference**. There is much planning and preparation required and the support and assistance of membership is needed as many hands make lighter work for everyone. Please contact anyone on the Bridge to offer your time and talent to make this a successful conference.

I would like to extend a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to everyone who supported and guided me this past year and also to all our Squadron members that participated in various capacities and attended meetings/events at both the Squadron and District levels. Please continue to support this wonderful organization and your incoming 2012 Bridge.

Cdr Ann-Marie Havel, P

## ANNUAL MEETING

Join us on Saturday, 28 January 2012, for our Annual Meeting, to be held at the DuPage Inn, 2410 Ogden Avenue, Downers Grove. We will meet for lunch at noon (order off the menu); our meeting will start at 1:30. At this meeting, we will elect your 2012 Bridge and Executive Committee. Please see the Nominating Committee Report in this issue for the names of those who have volunteered to serve on the 2012 Executive Committee. **SEE THE ENCLOSED FLYER FOR MORE DETAILS.**





**EDUCATIONAL  
NEWS**

Scheduling for the 2012 **America's Boating Courses** has begun. We will be at the **Lemont Park District** on Mondays, beginning 5 March, and testing on 2 April. This is always a popular class. Join us for grading homework and testing, and talking to people about our organization.

We also plan to return to the **Wheaton Fire Department**. We'll keep you posted on our schedule.

If you have suggestions for any other venues for our ABC course, please contact your Bridge. If we can get enough help instructing and mentoring, we will hold more classes.

A few years ago, USPS introduced two-hour **seminars** for members and the public. Here is a list of the current topics. If you are interested in taking one or two or more, please contact your Education Officer and we will put it on the schedule. The seminars are very informative and because they are only two hours, you do not have to commit to several weeks of classes.

Advanced Powerboat Handling	Marine RADAR
Anchoring	Mariner's Compass
Basic Coastal Navigation	Mastering the Rules of the Road
Basic Weather and Forecasting	Paddle Smart
Boating Handling Under Power	Partner in Command
Boating on Rivers, Locks And Lakes	Practical On the Water Training
Emergencies on Board	Sail Trim and Rig Tuning
Fuel and Boating	Tides and Currents
How to Use a Chart	Trailer Your Boat
Hurricanes and Boats	Using GPS
Knots, Bends and Hitches	Using VHF & VHF/DSC
	Marine Radio

BUT, if you would like to commit to several weeks of classes, and there is a USPS course you are interested in taking, we will hold the class. There is a list of the USPS courses in this newsletter; please look it over and let us know if anything is of interest. Please contact us and let us know what you would like to take.

**Fox Valley Sail and Power Squadron** will be starting a **Weather** course Wednesday, 25 January with testing on 28 March. Chuck Burger will be teaching this class. The Weather course is for all boaters; the casual day sailor as well as the offshore boater. The cost is \$100.00 for members and \$190.00 for non-members. If you're interested please send an email to: [sqldataman@hotmail.com](mailto:sqldataman@hotmail.com).

**BOAT SHOWS ARE COMING**

**Chicago Boat, RV and Outdoors Show**

McCormick Place, January 12-16, 2012

**Strictly Sail Chicago**

Navy Pier, January 26, 2012

District 20 will have a booth at both Chicago boat shows this winter: **January 12-16 at McCormick Place, and January 26-29 at Navy Pier**. Volunteers interested in promoting our organization, **as well as receiving free admission to the shows**, are needed to staff our booth in 2-hour shifts (or more if desired). We will be distributing our winter/spring public boating course schedule and giving out information on USPS membership, our vessel safety check program and other educational opportunities at the shows. According to the Strictly Sail website, Navy Pier is giving a discount on parking for the show.

To sign up, contact your local squadron Boat Show Chairman or District 20 Boat Show Co-Chair D/Lt Gloria Omohundro (847-816-7243 or [pogo345@comcast.net](mailto:pogo345@comcast.net)). **To ensure your choice of date and time, sign up early.** Instructions for manning the booth will be available to all volunteers.

**January 2012 Anniversaries**

P/R/C Robert C. Mupo, SN	1979
Robert A. Yelm, P	1987

***Pilot Staff***

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**January 2012 Birthdays**

Gerald Sims, S	5
George J. Baisz, P	6
P/C Martin E. Grannan, P	17
P/Lt/C Pamela L. Dillard, AP	25
Verna Homewood	29

**COMMANDER'S PARTY**



Our Holiday Season began on a beautiful December day at the home of our Commander. Old friends and new friends gathered for

catching up on family news, future plans, sharing boating stories...both old and new, and wishing good cheer to all. (Above photo: Cdr Ann Havel and P/C Traceann Mueller from Fox Valley.)



Cdr Ann Havel, P/C Wayne Mueller (Fox Valley) and Fred Julianno.



P/C Phil Fitzpatrick and Lana Mack



P/D/C Howie Moore and Lt/C Dave Donkers



Frances Julianno and Sandy Mueller (Fox Valley)

P/C Spence Mack with the Commander's Bell...oh the good ole days!



COMMUNICATION BREAKDOWN

Going offshore? Take an EPIRB!



A rocky shoreline like this one almost cost two boaters their boat and their lives. Photo courtesy U.S. Coast Guard.

Communications equipment is your lifeline on the water, and the more backup you have, the better.

Last fall, Coast Guard Station San Diego took a call at 1830 from a person reporting two friends adrift in a 19-footer five miles offshore.

After losing power, the boaters couldn't use their VHF marine radio to summon help. They used their cell phone, their only backup, to call their friend, but the signal kept breaking up. It was cold. The boaters had no anchor and no propulsion, and their boat was drifting toward the rocks off North Coronado Island. Then the phone went dead.

With darkness coming on, the Coast Guard dispatched an MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter to search for the vessel near their last reported position. At the same time, a 41-foot rescue boat raced to the scene. In the last rays of daylight, the Jayhawk crew spotted the vessel 50 feet from the rocks. They hoisted the man and woman from the boat and remained on the scene, guiding the rescue boat that took the vessel in tow.

Cell phones are wonderful tools, but their signals are sporadic offshore, making them poor backup for a hardwired VHF marine radio. Even on the rivers where you can see both shores, there are a lot of "dead signal" spots; a cell phone should not be your emergency back-up. An Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB) or battery-powered marine radio is a much better choice for getting help quickly.



2011 MERIT MARK RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the following DuPage members who received Merit Marks this year. Your hard work and dedication is appreciated and duly noted.

- List of names: Kim S. Bauer, Mary-Jane Burdick, Anita M. Donkers, David A. Donkers, Corinne A. Fitzpatrick, Philip B. Fitzpatrick, Ann-Marie Havel, Charles W. Havel, Patricia M. Havel, Lana Mack, Spencer C. Mack Jr., Harwood B. Moore, Carol J. Mupo, Robert C. Mupo, Donald P. Smith, Cleon J. Statton, Michael J. Weresch

We wish you the happiest and healthiest of New Years



Ready Reference

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## DuPage Sail & Power Squadron Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

**DATE:** Saturday, 28 January 2012  
**WHERE:** DuPage Inn  
2410 Ogden Avenue  
Downers Grove, Illinois  
**TIME:** **Lunch:** 1200  
**Meeting:** following lunch ( $\approx$  1330)  
**PROGRAM:** Election of your 2012 Officers  
**MENU:** Order from Menu  
**COST:**  $\pm$  \$10.00/person

**RSVP by Monday, 23 January, 2012** P/C Anita Donkers, AP  
8 East Rickard Drive  
Oswego, Illinois 60543  
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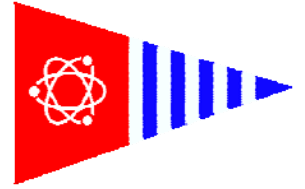
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_



# DuPage Sail and Power Squadron



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## REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 2012

In accordance with Article 11 Section 11.1 of the Bylaws of the DuPage Power Squadron, the Nominating Committee hereby recommends the election of the following slate for 2012. These members have expressed the ability and willingness to serve.

Commander:	Lt/C David A. Donkers, SN
Executive Officer:	Vacant
Administrative Officer:	Cdr Ann-Marie Havel, P
Educational Officer*:	P/C Philip Fitzpatrick, AP
Secretary:	P/C Anita M. Donkers, AP
Treasurer:	P/C Anita M. Donkers, AP
Asst Secretary:	Vacant
Asst Treasurer:	Vacant
Asst Educational Officer:	Vacant

\*The Educational and Assistant Educational Officers have been approved by the District 20 Educational Officer.

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### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

#### General Members

Duane Moore, JN	P/C Spencer Mack Jr, AP
Open	Open

#### Nominating Committee

Chairman:	P/R/C Robert Mupo, SN
2 Years:	P/D/C Harwood Moore, SN
3 years:	Open

#### Rules Committee

Chairman:	P/D/C Harwood Moore, SN
2 years:	Lt/C David Donkers, SN
3 years:	

#### Audit Committee

Chairman:	Open
2 years:	Open
3 years:	Open

Respectfully Submitted:

P/D/C Harwood Moore, SN



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## USPS District 20

presents a Squadron Development Workshop

## Preparing for the Challenge

A hands-on forum to share ideas, discuss the challenges we face, consider the future of USPS, and stay up to date on the latest developments

**Saturday, 18 February 2012**

**1000 hours (10 A.M.) – 1600 hours (4 P.M.)+**

Time	Workshop
1000-1100	Welcome/Town Hall Meeting
1100-1230	Keynote Speaker, Nicholas D. Hayes
1230-1345	All you can eat, Buffet Lunch
1345-1445	Department Workshops:
	Commanders
	Educational Department
	Executive Department
	Administrative Department
	Secretary Department
	Treasurers
1445-1500	Break
1500-1600	Committee Workshops:
	Boat Operator Certification Update
	Instructor Recertification
	Roberts Rules
	Save Our Squadron
	Networking via the Internet
1600-??	D/20 Hospitality hosted by D/C D'Amico



All you can eat

## Luncheon Buffet

The Willows Restaurant offers a warm and inviting decor accented by a cozy fireplace and a calm and relaxing ambience. Don't miss out! Make your reservations today!

Squadron: \_\_\_\_\_

Rank	Name	Grade
1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Lunches: \_\_\_\_\_

X \$18.00

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please reserve by: Saturday, 4 February 2012**

*Please make checks payable to District 20. Checks for Lunch Reservations should be sent to:*

Caren Canfield  
5763 La Cresta Drive  
Rockford, IL 61114  
(815) 633-0848

[cdb.canfield@gmail.com](mailto:cdb.canfield@gmail.com)

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make your Reservation by 4 February 2012 in the US Power Squadron Room Block or ask for group code U9S

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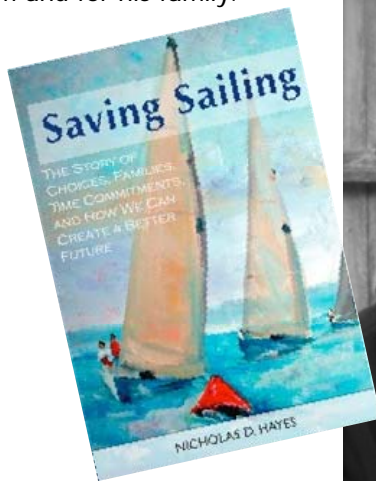
## 'EXTRA Part II'

### About the Keynote Speaker

## Nicholas Hayes

#### Author

Nick loves to sail in his free time and shares it prolifically. But he's also concerned about the decline of sailing and other 'Life Pastimes', as he calls them. His book, *Save Sailing*, combines facts from thorough research and is honest about the realities of changing American lifestyles, family dynamics and culture. It reminds us of the pure joy and larger consequences of sailing (and other Life Pastimes) in our lives and for the people around us. While not everyone will embrace Nick's bold conclusions, he'll provide you with the intent of helping to make boating as irresistible for others as it is for him and for his family.



#### Husband, Father and Sailor

Nick lives in Shorewood, Wisconsin with his wife Angela and their daughters Kate (15) and Elizabeth (12), all decorated sailors. The Hayes family campaign their B-32 sailboat Syrena out of the South Shore Yacht Club and sail together for fun as often as they can.

#### Advocate

Nick serves on the Board of Directors of the Milwaukee Community Sailing Center, chairing its Program Committee and teaching courses in crew development and advanced sail-trim. (Part of the proceeds from this book will go to help fund MSCS family sailing programs.) He is also active on the Youth Sailing Committee of the South Shore Yacht Club. He spent 4 years as a director and was the Fleet Captain of the Milwaukee Yacht Club.

Nick has studied sailing, sailors and sailing clubs for years, interviewing over 1,200 sailors worldwide since 2003 in preparation to write this book. He presented his research at the Sail America conference in 2008, was a keynote speaker at the 2008 International Sailing Summit (the ad-hoc development group of the International Sailing Federation), keynoted the industry breakfast at the 2009 Annapolis sail show, delivered the first keynote address at US Sailing's 2010 NSPS (National Sail Programming Symposium), and he has talked with more than 6000 sailors on an extensive book tour since October 2009.

#### Researcher/Consultant/Writer

Nick is a partner at the consulting firm FiveTwelve Group where he helps businesses learn about markets, customers and value. Before that, Nick had a successful career as a business executive in technology. He has written for IndustryWeek, Biztimes, Control Magazine, and Manufacturing Week, The Journal of the American Marketing Association, Sailing Magazine, Sailing Anarchy, Sailing Scuttlebutt, Spinsheet Magazine and he blogs on business, media and politics on business and personal websites.

**Seamanship** - Building on the basics of recreational boating presented in the public boating courses, Seamanship adds a foundation for continuing boater education. The course contents facilitate knowledge development for increased safe operation of recreational boats.

**Piloting Course** - is the first in the sequence of USPS courses on navigation, covering the basics of coastal & inland navigation, focusing on navigation on recreational boats today & embraces GPS as a primary navigation tool. The course covers enough of the traditional techniques so the student will be able to find his/her way if their GPS fails. Topics include: Charts; navigation aids; plotting courses & determining direction & distance; the mariner's compass; use of GPS; pre-planning safe courses; monitoring progress & determining position.

**Advanced Piloting** - continues to build coastal & inland navigation skill, allowing the student to take on more challenging conditions – unfamiliar waters, limited visibility, & extended cruises. GPS is a primary navigation tool while adding radar, chartplotters, & other electronic navigation tools. Topics include: advanced positioning techniques; radar; depth sounders; autopilots; chartplotters; laptop computer software; hazard avoidance techniques using electronics (e.g., “keep out” zones in GPS); collision avoidance using radar & GPS; working with tides.

**Junior Navigation** - is the first in a two-part program of study in offshore navigation. It is designed as a practical "how to" course. Subject matter includes: Precise time determination; use of the Nautical Almanac; taking sextant sights of the sun; reducing sights to establish lines of position; special charts & plotting sheets for offshore navigation; offshore navigational routines for recreational craft

**Navigation** - is the second part of the study of offshore navigation, further developing the understanding of celestial navigation theory. Navigation deals with learning celestial positioning using other bodies, in addition to positioning using the sun. This course also deals with electronic software tools that can be used to plan & execute an offshore voyage.

**Cruise Planning** - Designed for members who plan to cruise for just a day or for a year--in either a sail or powerboat--this course covers the following: Cruise preparation & planning; boat & equipment; anchors & anchoring; security; chartering; cruising outside the U.S.; crew & provisioning; voyage management; communications; navigation; weather; & emergencies.

**Engine Maintenance** - The Engine Maintenance stresses the diagnosis of modern systems, while also teaching the basics of engine layout & operation. Gasoline inboards, outboards, & diesel engines are taught in a way that reinforces the common aspects of how engines work. Modern engines offer high reliability & good performance through the use of computerized systems for fuel delivery & engine timing. Most of these systems can no longer be serviced by weekend mechanics. The EM course covers those repairs that do-it-yourselfers can still perform, teaches how to diagnose problems that might be beyond your ability to fix, & how to share information with your mechanic so the right repairs get performed. It also covers basic mechanical systems such as drive systems (propellers), steering systems, & engine controls.

**Instructor Development** - The Instructor Development course is not designed to enhance boating skills. Its emphasis is on enhancing instructor skills. The course has been designed to demonstrate interactive teaching methods focused on adult learning. Students are required to prepare lesson plans & give four presentations to their peers utilizing a variety of teaching aids & presentation skills.

**Marine Electronics** - consists of three modules: ME 101-Boat Electrical Systems, ME 102-Marine Radio Communications, & ME 103-Marine Electronics for Navigation. ME 101 provides information about properties of electricity, electrical power requirements & wiring practices, direct current power, alternating current power, galvanic & stray-current corrosion, lightning protection, & electrical interference. ME 102 delves into radio waves & transmitters, receivers & transceivers, antennas & transmission lines, FCC Rules & Regulations, FCC Frequency Plan, marine radiotelephone operating procedures, & other communication services (EPIRB, DSC, GMDSS, satellites, amateur radio). ME 103 presents information on depth sounders, RADAR, LORAN-C, GPS Navigation, Electronic Charting, & Computer-Assisted Navigation.

**Sail** - is a complete sail course beginning with basic boat designs, rigging & sail processes for the non-sailor. The course proceeds into the physical aspects of sailing, sail applications, marlinespike, helmsmanship, & handling of more difficult sailing conditions, navigation rules, & an introduction to heavy weather sailing.

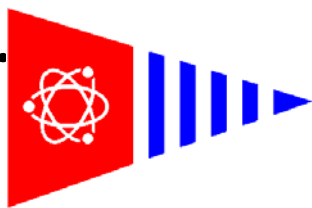
**Weather** - course is a general weather course benefiting those sitting in their living rooms, as much as those standing behind the helm. The mid-latitudes are a weather war zone where enormous air masses battle one another along fronts, & powerful storm systems travel across the continent, lakes & oceans. Mid-latitude weather includes the blizzards of winter, the tornadoes of spring & summer, & the hurricanes of fall. Seasonal weather cycles produce temperature ranges from hot & humid, to freezing. For boaters, however, there are dangers even in the relatively benign conditions of everyday weather. Wind, rain, fog, & waves present special challenges to them.

## Upcoming Events

12-16 Jan	<b>CHICAGO BOAT, RV AND OUTDOORS SHOW</b> , McCormick Place, Chicago
22-29 Jan	<b>USPS ANNUAL MEETING</b> , Jacksonville, Florida
24 Jan	<b>EXECUTIVE MEETING</b> , DuPage Inn, Downers Grove
26-29 Jan	<b>STRICTLY SAIL CHICAGO</b> , Navy Pier, Chicago
28 Jan	<b>ANNUAL MEETING</b> , DuPage Inn, Downers Grove (see flyer)
4 Feb	<b>CHANGE OF WATCH</b> , Glendale Heights Golf Course, Glendale Heights, IL
18 Feb	<b>DISTRICT OPERATIONS TRAINING</b> , Crowne Plaza, Northbrook (see flyer)
21 Feb	<b>EXECUTIVE MEETING</b> , DuPage Inn, Downers Grove
24 Feb	<b>GENERAL MEETING</b> , TBD
5 Mar	<b>ABC COURSE</b> , Lemont Park District (3/5, 12, 19, 26, 4/2)
23-25 Mar	<b>D/20 SPRING CONFERENCE</b> , Hyatt Deerfield
27 Mar	<b>EXECUTIVE MEETING</b> , DuPage Inn, Downers Grove
30 Mar	<b>GENERAL MEETING</b> , TBD



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