

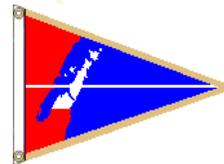


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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Sunset at the Hermann's, Sunday, July 20th was such a pleasure; great food and camaraderie. Thank you John and Dolores. Associate members, John and Nancy Reichmann were in Door County on vacation and joined us. John and Nancy are currently members of the Atlanta Squadron. We were also joined by three new members: Denny and Sandra Pearson and Dallas Greetham. The Pearsons skipper a 35' sailboat. Dallas is a transfer from the Oshkosh Squadron with an "older" 38' Chris, that he describes as a work in progress. Welcome all!

In addition to giving out member pins, I reviewed our "new" **Members Manual**: Hot off the press. A copy of the front page and Table of Contents follows:

ANNUAL RENDEZVOUS

10-12 August 2019

Menominee Michigan

You are responsible for making your dock reservations, 906-863-8498.



Land cruisers --Econo Lodge on The Bay, 906-863-4431 or Americlnn, 906-863-8699 (1.2 miles from the Marina).

Friday – Dinner on you own. Berg's Landing and Murray's will need reservations for large groups.

Saturday – The Car & Cycle show in the Marina Park. The Boater's Lounge will be open for our Potluck around 3:00 pm. If you need to use the oven, please put a sheet of aluminum foil on the bottom rack to prevent spills. Weather permitting I will have bocce ball and croquet on the lawn next to the Lounge.



Also on Saturday, the Joey Shepro Memorial Doublehander sailboat race. Last year Door County was represented by Steve Rank and Craig Weis aboard Wind Rover.

Sunday – Departure

Contact Sandy King at 746-4471.

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I'm extremely excited about the Members Manual. The intent was to make it for today's boater— friendly; less structured; more pictures. Click on the link to see the new manual

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Hands together for Dolores, who pulled it all together, to Cynthia for the cover design and to all others who made contributions. **WAY TO GO!**

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COMMANDERS MESSAGE (continued)

The Manual was one of the five elements in our MIRA (Member Involvement & Retention Award) application. I learned this past weekend, that we received an honorable mention for MIRA. Duluth was the other applicant from District 10. They came in 3rd in Nation. MIRA's tough!!

This past weekend Karen and I attended the District 10 Summer Rendezvous hosted by the Green Bay Squadron. The Rendezvous coincided with the Tall Ships being in port. We had a great time visiting with our District friends. These gatherings are becoming more fun and social and less business. This is a good thing. I encourage you to share the experience; especially when they are close. Sincere thanks go out to Onis Budde and the entire Green Bay team for a great Rendezvous.

Changes Continued: Last month I shared the Chief Commander's message on adopting the National Planning Committee's Strategic Transition Plan. This month we hear from National Executive Officer, Mary Paige Abbott. Mary Paige will be conducting her all-day workshop, Thursday 12 September, at the National Governing Board Meeting in Louisville. The workshop includes District Commanders and District Executive Officers (I used to be one of those.)

Last week Mary Paige sent out a tickler e-mail telegraphing her focus of the workshop.

1. "Is the current structure of the districts working in today's world, and, if not, how can the USPS/America's Boating Club adjust the model?"

2. "How do districts become relevant and important to America's Boating Club?"

WOW: Just when you thought you got the belt on the balloon... More to come! Hopefully in my October (after the GVB) message.



Your Executive Committee had its' regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday 30 July. One of the take-aways we came up with was: "What should be our expectations of members, not just new members but all members?" We'll be working on that list.

Until next month: Enjoy the water. August and September have provided me with some of my most memorable boating, both here and back East. Make every effort to get to our Menominee Rendezvous, 9-11 August. It's just FUN! Fair winds.

Your Commander

Bob

NEW MEMBER COOKOUT



Dallas Greetham, Dennis & Sandy Pearson are welcomed by host John Hermann

It was a pleasure to welcome new members Dallas Greetham and Dennis & Sandy Pearson; and, visiting from their home in Atlanta, associate members Nancy and John Reichmann. The day was spectacular, the bay was calm and the steaks were done to perfection.



Cynthia with Nancy and John Reichmann



Bob explains and distributes the new member manual

2019 July USPS Cruise and GLCC Rendezvous

Lark, a Formula 41 pc power express cruiser, departed June 29, Terry and Julie Keating

Southern Cross, a Mainship Pilot 34' trawler, departed July 4. Gary and Sandy King

Oh My! Marie. An Ocean Alexander 42'. Departed July 3, via Frankfort, Ben and Marie Coons and Greg and Connie Korsted

Bellatrix, a Grand Banks 36', departed July 6, Alan and Nancy Wentworth

Land Yacht, John and Mary Welch departed July 7 and visited with us for 2 days while in St Ignace.

By Julie and Terry Keating

Our 25-day cruise visited Northern Lake Michigan ports (outbound) at Washington Island, Jackson Harbor; Beaver Island, Municipal Marina; Charlevoix, Irish marina; Petoskey Marina; St. Ignace Marina (with side trip to/from Hessel); Lime Island, a MI State Park (in St. Mary River); and Sault Ste. Marie, George Kemp Marina.

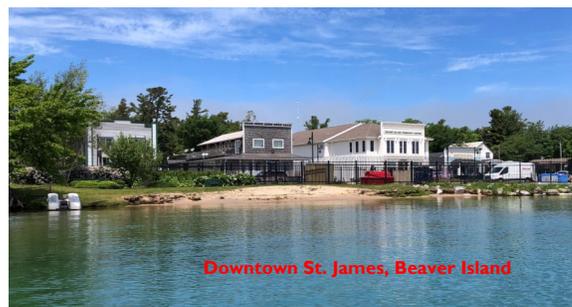
Our inbound return ports included DeTour Harbor; Mackinac City State Straits Marina; and Leland Harbor. Some boats took alternative routes having different departure and return dates. Plans were to stay at least two nights whenever we stop. Travel days weather was generally sunny with all but one day having 1' waves, with occasional fog. Storms passed over while in some ports.

Friday, June 28— Sturgeon Bay; Quarterdeck Marina. Lark fitting out. Arrived late afternoon 1630 with cart full of groceries, cases of water, clothes, and sunscreen; filled the larder. 1800 cocktails with dock mates and early to bed.

Saturday, June 29—Washington Island, Jackson Harbor, (50 miles). Made the 0700 Michigan Street Bridge opening. Sunny and warm, waters calm, light winds from west and fog free.

Cruised up the Green Bay side past Egg Harbor, Fish Creek and Horseshoe Island with a fuel stop at Sister Bay Yacht works at 0845. The starboard engine water temp gauge was flickering but a quick wire cleaning and reconnect at engine temperature sending unit fixed the problem. Cruised slowly at Ellison Bay bluffs for pictures and arrived Jackson Harbor 1100. We launched our new Highfield 290 dinghy and electric motored out toward Rock Island and around the harbor. Water was high enough that fishing boats were passing between Rock Island and Washington Island where normally rocky shoal prevents any passage. Best wildlife sightings of entire trip with ducks, gulls, egret, muskrats. Dinner on board.

Sunday, June 30. Beaver Island, three nights. (80 miles).



Downtown St. James, Beaver Island

Departed 0620 under sunny skies, 0-1' waves and temperature of 60 degrees. 0930 Island appears. We went around the north end so we could stop and explore Indian Harbor anchorage on once-populated Garden Island, just north of Beaver Island (in case the marina was full). Marina had a slip when we arrived at 1100. We ate lunch at the Shamrock Bar. The next day we met 92- year-old Dan Cole (a Beaver island founding family patriarch) at Dalwhinnie's breakfast and bakery. He had lots of local history to share. Our waitress was surprised that he did not ask us to take him 'boodling' (pickup truck bed drive-drink-around). His four sons are still on the island. Walked to the lighthouse and visited the maritime Museum. On Tuesday, we walked to Front Lake on the Donegal Bay bike path, stopped at the library book sale, and watched women world cup soccer semi-finals. Took dinghy around the harbor on clear aqua colored waters and ate on board.



Beaver Island to Charlevoix ferry, "The Emerald Isle"

Wednesday, July 3.

Petoskey, sunny, warm, light fog most of the way, 1-2' chop, 70 degrees (37 miles)

We finally were able to reserve a slip for 3 nights in Petoskey. Departed at 1000 after waiting for fog to lift. Passed Emerald Isle ferry (to/from Charlevoix) in fog and hit foggy patches most of the way. Autopilot delivered us to light on breakwater where



we s-l-o-w-l-y entered the harbor at 1200 with 200' visibility and found slip A8, near the picnic tables and shelter. Ate at historic 1890s City Park Grill, experienced beautiful 2130 sunset and watched fireworks display from boat at nearby Bay Harbor.

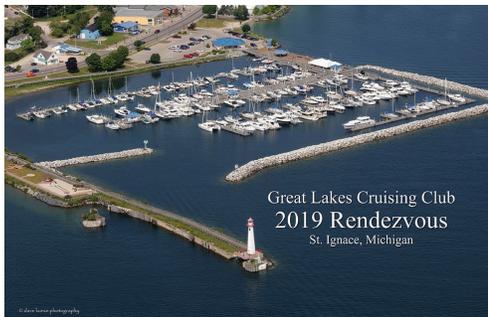
2019 July USPS Cruise and GLCC Rendezvous (continued)

Listened to the Fourth of July band playing in the Marina park and saw great fireworks from the boat. Southern Cross arrived from Charlevoix and slipped near Lark. Dockside drinks and snacks to catch up while Gary King grilled steaks. Spent Saturday hiking on bike trails, shopping and eating at Tap 30 Brew Pub. Oh My! Marie also arrived mid-afternoon from Leland and we visited them. Fueled up there for the run to St Ignace.

Sunday, July 7. St Ignace Marina for July 8-11 GLCC Rendezvous. (50 miles)

Departed 0840 after fueling and pump-out in Petoskey. Diesel fuel at \$3.20/gal. Sunny, 60 degree weather, 1-2' choppy waves, no fog. Light winds from NNE.

At 1015, we passed an abandoned lighthouse near Grey's reef (shipping lane). Passed Southern Cross who had departed 0700. Arrived at St Ignace at 1200 and occupied slip B53, near end of fuel dock. Oh My! Marie had their slip two down from us while Southern Cross had slipped closer to GLCC venue and shore (with private dinghy slip adjacent!).



The GLCC Rendezvous had scheduled registration, cocktail hours (one at Mackinac Island Yacht Club, gadget talks, first aid

seminar, bilge auction, commodore dinner (at Casino), activities on Mackinac Island (Mission Point luncheon, Bocce ball tournament, etc).



Terry Keating with Mary & John Welch, Sandy & Gary King on the boardwalk at St. Ignace

On Monday, Lark launched a round-trip side cruise from St Ignace to Hessel, taking the scenic route through the islands and eating in Hessel.



Sandy & Julie on the ferry to Mackinaw Island

Stopped at EJ Mertaugh Boatworks for ice cream and views of old wooden boats in harbor. Took the Shepler ferry to Mackinac Island and enjoyed John and Mary Welch's local knowledge while walking the upscale West Bluff neighborhood, then shopped and ate at the Iroquois hotel.

Thursday, July 12, Lark and Southern Cross to Lime Island, a Michigan State Park dock 8 miles north of Detour Village in St Mary River. (60 miles)

Our 0720 departure found us with good weather, winds NW at 5 mph and waves 0-1'. Arrived 1130 at historic Lime Island coal/oil/lime dock (from 1880s). Dock had a large, noisy tern rookery protected area. About six boats could be accommodated. Sheldon, a DNR greeter and docent, maintains the facilities and lives there with four to eleven children during the summer. Limited amenities included portable toilets, well water, solar electricity, a caretaker



Southern Cross at the dock on Lime Island

cottage and four other cabins for rent, trails to old lime kilns, abandoned schoolhouse, remnants of worker barracks, pictures of old hotel and old iron machinery.

Lime Island mined lime as early as 1796 and in the 1800's served as a coal and later fueling depot for ships transiting from Duluth to Cleveland with Lime Island being a halfway point along the St Mary River. Two 1.7 million gallon fuel tanks remain in place. Hiking trails were full of poison ivy, mosquitoes and snakes. Lots of Great Lakes tankers and barges passing the island day and night.



Southern Cross (left) in traffic on the St. Mary river

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2019 July USPS Cruise and GLCC Rendezvous (continued)

Friday, July 13. Departed up bound for Sault Ste Marie (50 miles).

Convoys up river with Southern Cross and a variety of tankers. Shared the river with the American Spirit tanker for several miles. Went up bound east of Neebish Island and then followed well marked small boat channel east of Sugar Island passing through Lake George along the US/Canadian Border. 0215 arrival at George Kemp Marina slip A7 for a three day visit. Enjoyed great food and atmosphere at Antlers Bar and Grill near marina.

Viewed operations at American Soo Locks. On Saturday, transited to Lake Superior at 1000 using the Canadian Lock. No customs required; we used boat hooks, lines and fenders during 21' lift into Lake Superior. Went upriver into Whitefish Bay (25 miles) as far as Gros Cap Reef light. Returned that afternoon to Kemp Marina. Met boating colleagues and loopers Nicki and



Kemp marina at Sault Ste Marie



American locks



Julie handling lines inside the Canadian locks upbound into Lake Superior.

Craig on Joy Girl, a 42' Nordic Tug. On Monday, we toured a 660' freighter Valley Camp which was a museum ship adjacent to Kemp Marina.

Tuesday, July 16, DeTour Village Marina (58 miles).

Departed Sault Ste Marie at 0830 with rain forecasted, NNW 10 mph winds and 0-1' waves. We had a mostly calm passage with a few showers under partly sunny skies. Down bound was assisted by current. The artificial channel cut west of Neebish Island was a 300' wide channel several miles long with the cut materials piled on both shores, making for grim scenery. Arrived at DeTour marina at 1045. Shopped at IGA for groceries. In adjacent slip, a dozen boy scouts from Wisconsin arrived on a 44' sail boat adventure cruise. They were well behaved.

Wednesday, July 17. Mackinaw City State Straits Marina (50 miles).

0850 departure for Mac City. Arrived at 1135 and waited an hour for fuel dock. Diesel fuel at \$3.03/gal. Had Lunch at The Hook, a newer restaurant in front of the Mackinac, the museum Coast Guard icebreaker retired in the 1960s. At 0530 King's hosted a surprise birthday party featuring rhubarb pie and ice cream. Toured the Coast Guard Cutter on Thursday followed by lunch at Keyhole Bar and Grill, a local hangout.

Considerable storms passed through area. Enjoyed miniature golf, beer and whitefish tenders. Saturday had high winds, storms and high waves, so departure was delayed an additional day. Walked to old Mackinac Point Light and old Fort near bridge.



Celebrating Terry's birthday

Sunday, July 21. Leland (80 miles).

0655 departure under sunny skies, wind WNW at 10 mph, waves 2', speed 22 mph. Went west through straits to abandoned light and then Grey's Reef and direct to Leland arriving at 1115. Southern Cross arrived a few hours later travelling at 11 mph or so. Enjoyed lunch on the Leland River along Fishtown dock at Rick's, walked to the beach and walked upriver.

Tuesday, July 23. Sturgeon Bay (80 miles).

Departed 0540 at dawn for crossing to Sturgeon Bay. WNW winds at 10-15 with 1-3' waves and some showers possible. Crossing was bumpy most of the way, but we had no rain and left early enough to avoid the wind shift to NNW. Southern Cross had a longer crossing but fared well.

Lark traveled around 600 miles round trip and Lark added 43 hours run time to the engines with normal cruise speeds of 20-24 mph. Southern Cross cruises at 10 knots or so. We missed



anchoring out on this trip and resolved to get back into the North Channel and beyond next year. Lots of fun and looking forward to having more boats join us in the years to come.

FROM YOUR EDUCATION OFFICER

Ahoy Everyone,

July has been an exceptionally eventful month for us. The first events were weather related. We learned first about a ring of fire that had nothing to do with volcanoes here in the great lakes. The edge of the jet stream with hot air from the south just collided with cooler air to the north directly over us. The air became so hot and humid that the heat index pushed into the upper nineties and the dew point was in the high seventies and lower eighties which was described by the local weatherman as "awful". After a week of this weather, tornadoes (rotary winds) and derecho (destructive winds blowing in a straight line) blew through the area causing major damage to trees and buildings in some areas.

We had renters at our place during this time and I needed to review tornado procedures with them just in case. Fortunately we were unscathed beyond a willow uprooting and leaning far out over our lagoon. I figured that we got lucky and was grateful for our salvation. I became highly gun shy of huge orange and gold areas on the local radar. Therefore I didn't get too excited a week later when another storm blew through because it was just over Door County and the lake shore moving relatively slowly.

Before I go on, you need to know that Lake Michigan/Huron is within ½ inch of its all-time high water mark. Imagine my surprise when Tom and Barb Vogeles just returned from a sail and had to wade through our yard that had been dry ten minutes before they arrived. The driveway was covered with at least three inches of water. It turned out that the wind had blown from the North East and produced a gust line that created a seiche that raised the lake level in Sturgeon Bay and Green Bay

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This produced unprecedented flooding. The good news is the water receded within a half hour of the start. That would be 18 inches above the all time high water mark.

The second event that happened this month was a Coast Guard rescue of a family of four on a jet ski that somehow got a tow rope sucked into the jet. Jeri and I heard the pahn pahn from the Sturgeon Bay Coast Guard on channel sixteen. We dropped our sails and proceeded to the stranded jet ski. I prepared to throw them a tow line I keep aboard for such occasions when the family thanked us and pointed to a Coast Guard boat approaching to render a tow. I said that the Coast Guard was better equipped to get the two children aboard than we were so we stood off a short distance while the Coasties got the situation well in hand. No one was in danger and the situation ended happily for

everyone. Once again I am reminded how thankful we are for the Coast Guard on our Great Lakes.



FROM YOUR EDUCATION OFFICER (continued)

The third event was the Tall Ships festival in Green Bay and then Sturgeon Bay for an overnight docking before racing from Algoma to Kenosha. Craig Weis and I went to Green Bay to tour all six ships that allowed boarding. The Monday after the festival in Green Bay the ships mustered under sail for a parade of sail into Sturgeon Bay. Jeri and I motored out past Sherwood Point light-house for an up close view of the ships under sail. Every manner of boat was out to watch the ships come in. It was a madhouse of boats crossing each other's path in a picture taking frenzy. I will share some pictures now and some video in an upcoming edition. The sight of so many tall ships at sea together is a truly awe inspiring experience.

Enjoy the rest of the summer,

Steve



CLASS NOTES

Greg Campbell passed his AP exam and is to be congratulated. Two other students will need to retake the test and will surely pass after a judicious review. We will be offering Weather this fall and I highly encourage everyone to take this extremely useful and interesting course. Alan Wentworth will be the instructor. We will be deciding whether the course will be taught remotely through Go-To-Meeting or as a classroom course depending on Alan's preference.

2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

9-11	Aug	Squadron Annual Rendezvous – Menominee, MI I
12-14	Aug	Possible cruise to Escanaba/Fayette
31	Aug	Sister Bay MarinaFest
12	Sep	USPS Gov. Bd. Meeting, Louisville
24	Sep	Executive Committee Meeting
18-20	Oct	D10 Fall Conference, Stevens Point
26	Nov	Executive Committee Meeting
6	Dec	Holiday Party

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HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAY

7th—Mike Wember

17th—Jeff Harding

19th—Lou Pasquesi

23rd—Mary Smart

25th—Chuck Stone

