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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Welcome to 2020! What fun our holiday gathering at the Crossroads was! Many thanks to Cynthia Weis for organizing and to Coggin Heeringa for again being our host..Twenty-six members were in attendance including new members, Sue and Mike Bruno and Sandy and Denny Pearson. Donna and Jeff Feuerstein were our guests. They joined us last year as well. Jeff recently went in as USCG Auxiliary Flotilla Commander 47-06, Sturgeon Bay-Algoma. I've wanted to enrich our partnership with the Flotilla for several years. Jeff provides us the opportunity. I'm hoping we can collaborate on "Safe Boating Week 2020" for a slam dunk.

Terry Keating presented a program on the recent summer cruise to St. Ignace, Sault Ste. Marie, St Mary's River and DeTour, with Sandy and Gary King providing wonderful add-ins. This is always a very special gathering. Thank you all who attended.

As we look forward to the New Year, let's reflect a little on 2019.



- LIR presentation in March at NWTC. 2+ hours of history, transition, cruising and mariner's weather. Thank you, Team LIR

- 253 Vessel Safety Checks.

Lou Pasquesi nails the Century Club (135) for the 6th year. Not only did we surpass last year's 222 but we found a couple of jewels in Wave Point and Strawberry Creek marinas Thank you, Steve Mayheu, for the entrée to Strawberry Creek.

- Extraordinary Face Book Page! Cynthia has our Face Book Page rocking, with many pictures, albums and videos. Don't miss: <https://www.facebook.com/DoorCountySailAndPowerSquadron/>
- Received the District 10 Five Star Squadron Award. (It doesn't get any better.)
- Shared the Prince Education Award with Minnetonka.
- Issued the new members manual. Dolores and Cynthia were pivotal to this success.

WOW: many **PROUDS** here! Thank you all.

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Minnetonka Change of Watch / D10 Spring Conference Update March 13 to 15, 2020 Minneapolis Marriott West



**960 Wayzata Blvd, St. Louis Park,
55426**

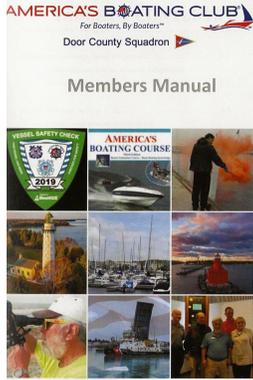
Reservations

Book at the group rate for Minnetonka Power Squadron D10 Spring Conference until Saturday, February 22, 2020 \$109 USD - 139 USD per night or the Courtyard Minneapolis West for \$89 USD - 99 USD per night

COMMANDERS MESSAGE (continued)



5-Star Squadron Award



Member Manual



Replica of Prince Henry the Navigator—the award to recognize excellence in education at the Navigator level

For 2020 Let's Think!

- Enriching Partnerships
- Safe Boating Week: 16-22 May 2020
- Ramping up Civic activities
- Promoting Key Programs, such as ESD, Boat Live 365 and Sober Skipper
- Adding more Vessel Examiners
- Offer a minimum of 3 Seminars
- Offer the "new" Boat Handling 2019 course (BH 2019 replaces the legacy Seamanship course).
- For now, Felice anno nuovo. I'm truly looking forward to 2020.

Your Commander
Bob

America's Boating Club and US Coast Guard Auxiliary Working Together to Promote A Recreational Boater Safety Mission in Door County

By Jeff Feuerstein, USCG Auxiliary Flotilla Commander 47-06

There are two well known organizations promoting boating safety and the social/fellowship aspects of boating: America's Boating Club (ABC) and the USCG Auxiliary (USCGAux). There are differences between the two organizations, but one area where the missions are identical is vessel safety checks (VSCs) performed by vessel examiners (VE).

The local ABC and USCGAux renewed a relationship back in 2018 to work together on the vessel safety check (VSC) blitzes done at local marinas and launch ramps. The ball got rolling over lunch with Lou Pasquesi and John Hermann to discuss working together.

In 2019 communication and coordination was expanded further to include a joint VSC blitz schedule, shared training materials and shared supplies.

I've gotten a chance to work with all the VEs in the ABC and to a person they are all well trained, professional and a pleasure to work with. To their credit they completed 253 VSCs this year.

In comparison, 47-06, our local flotilla, had 147 VSCs this year with an additional 27 performed in the area by USCGAux VEs out of the Green Bay flotilla.

Lou has been my main contact and there have been dozens of phone calls, material drops, re-supply missions to keep all the marinas and blitzes supplied and serviced and make it look easy.

Lou is still the 800 lb gorilla of VSCs—135 this year. He and Rex Pope pretty much take care of Sturgeon Bay and all points north. The rest of us try to take care of Sturgeon Bay and points south

Plans are already in the works for an even better 2020 season. We'll continue the shared VSC schedule and add more marinas and launches. We will be working on ensuring that the brochure displays at local businesses and displays have a primary point of contact assigned and are checked and re-stocked. I have been in contact with the active duty U. S. Coast Guard at the canal station and we are already planning a joint meeting between ABC and USCGAux VE and active USCG personnel.

Personally I want to thank the ABC for inviting my wife, Donna, and me to the holiday party at Crossroads and making us feel so welcome.

Looking forward to working together to support a productive and safe 2020 boating season. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or suggestions.

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FROM YOUR EDUCATION OFFICER

Ahoy Everyone,

I am writing this on New Year's Eve and thinking about the future of navigation as I am reading the latest issue of Practical Sailor. NOAA is seeking public comments on the ending of production of traditional paper nautical charts in 2025. The article passes along the following cautions to consider when relying on digital only navigation:

Overreliance: Relying completely on electronics can create overconfidence in fallible equipment and an erosion of traditional navigation skills that can save your bacon when the electronics fail. This of course is what we preach all the time and will keep you safe in an unpredictable and sometimes dangerous world.

Garbage in garbage out: When GPS data drops out most chart plotters continue to operate in dead reckoning mode and may not sound an alarm to warn you of this. You should always check what your plotter says against a paper chart to cross check the accuracy of your equipment.

Operator error: Whenever you put in a route always double check your route on a paper chart to avoid running aground on unexpected obstacles.

Scale errors: Small scale charts can make looming obstacles invisible. Always remember small obstacle can disappear when you zoom out. Every digital chart has a scale minimum and using it below this level is asking for trouble.

Alarm deafness: When an alarm sounds repeatedly many navigators will deactivate it. Always check your surroundings on a paper chart when an alarm sounds and never deactivate the alarm without a very good reason.

Evolving skill sets: Electronic navigation equipment conforms to sometimes different standards of navigation. This is particularly important for sailors who switch or upgrade their equipment. The skills you learned to use on a paper chart do not change from chart to chart unlike when using electronic charts.

Information overload: Most modern chart plotters contain a huge amount of data embedded in layers on the screen. This can complicate and confuse the navigator as he or she tries to both operate the electronic chart and stick to navigation while navigating.

Consider brushing up on your navigation skills and think about taking the new Seamanship course we will be offering this spring which is the first step in taking the navigation courses we offer.

CLASS NOTES

We will be rolling out the new Seamanship course in classroom and seminar format this spring. Stay tuned for more info in the next issue of the Scuttlebutt.

Fair Winds and Happy New Year,

Steve

CRUISE PLANNING MEETING

SATURDAY 15 FEBRUARY

9—11 AM

COFFEE, JUICE, SWEETS

AT THE KEATINGS

**3756 Glidden Drive
Sturgeon Bay**

Bring your good ideas for our
summer cruising schedule

Paddlecraft, sailboat, power cruisers big and small—all are welcome



Questions: Call Terry and Julie at 920-743-4201



**USPS DOOR COUNTY
SQUADRON
2020 EVENTS CALENDAR**

21	Jan	Executive Committee Meeting
7	Feb	Squadron Annual Meeting
9-15	Feb	America's Boating Club National Meeting – Ponte Vedra, FL
15	Feb	Squadron Cruise Planning Meeting
13-15	Mar	D10 Spring Conference & Change of Watch - Minneapolis
24	Mar	Executive Committee Meeting
18	Apr	Vessel Safety Examiner Season Prep Meeting
15	May	Fitting Out Social and COW - Friday
26	May	Executive Committee Meeting
4	Jun	Vessel Safety Checks – every Saturday
19	July	Cookout Social
21	July	Executive Committee Meeting
14-16	Aug	Squadron Annual Rendezvous – Menominee, MI
22	Sep	Executive Committee Meeting
TBD	Oct	District 10 Fall Conference
17	Nov	Executive Committee Meeting
4	Dec	Holiday Party - Friday



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America's Boating Channel Champions US Sailing Team

America's Boating Channel is supporting the US Sailing Team with video coverage as its members prepare for the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo, Japan. A new four-video series entitled "Becoming A Champion" is now debuting on AmericasBoatingChannel.com and across America's Boating Channel's branded social media platforms. Email: Marty Lafferty

Read more: <https://AmericasBoatingChannel.com>

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 8th Ben Coons
- 22nd Janelle Peotter
- 23rd Don Cameron
- 26th Glenn Deedon
- 29th Suzanne Brennan



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