

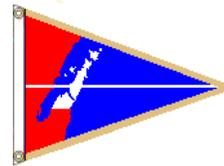


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## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Commander's Message April 2020

WOW! It seems like an eternity since I last wrote this column. This is partly due to the fact that we decided to combine the March/April issue, but mostly due to the chaos around us. I was talking to our oldest son, Rob, a few days ago. His comment was "It feels like a continuous September 12th." This country is very resilient and I'm sure we will prevail. However, this silent enemy could be our most significant challenge yet.

The Seamanship course is now considered a Legacy course, replaced by Boat Handling 2019. BH-2019 consists of 6 elements to be taught as seminars. We are currently preparing a detailed description of the course that we will post on our Web and Facebook pages. Look for it.

**Boat Handling**  
Course and Seminar Series

United States Power Squadrons® Boat Handling Curriculum

<b>Rules Of the Road</b> A Practical Approach	<b>Confidence in Docking And Undocking</b> Slow-Speed Maneuvering	<b>Boating with Confidence</b> Handling Your Boat Under Way
<b>Anchoring With Assurance</b> Don't Get Carried Away	<b>Emergencies On Board</b> Preparation for Handling Common Problems	<b>Knots and Line Handling</b> The Knots You Need to Know

**AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB**  
For Boaters, By Boaters™

- Let's first reverse to February 7th at the Sturgeon Bay Yacht Club. If you missed our "Casual Night"; you missed a great time. I had the pleasure of time with new members, Sue and Mike Bruno, at my table. How fun! Here's what Gary King had to say in a note to me: "Sandy and I would like to thank you and the Bridge for coming up with the idea of a social get together in the middle of winter; totally informal, non-structured, casual, get together. We believe this is the future style for America's Boating Club." I hope it is our future as well. Wherever we end up after this pandemic, I assure you we will have more of these. Social times.
- In my February column I informed you that I would be stepping down. Well not quite yet. We really need to work on a succession plan. To that end, we have repositioned some of our Bridge members. Lou Pasquesi will be our Executive Officer. John Hermann is our new Secretary. Cynthia remains Treasurer and Steve Rank remains SEO. I will assist Steve. But we need to identify my replacement as Assistant Educational Officer. We need to develop more instructors for our Boater's Safety Course as well as member courses. I will attempt to offload some of the Commander responsibilities. I want to thank your Bridge for being flexible and encourage our members to talk to us about stepping up. Our Administrative Officer position has been open for several years. This could be a great entrée. We'll show you how our members can step up in ways that work for them.

**NATIONAL:** Our first female Chief Commander, Mary Paige Abbott, sent the following messages:

- Vessel Safety Examiners: The USCGAux has recommended that examiners suspend performing Vessel Safety Checks until further notice. We support that recommendation.
- Office Closing: Our headquarters building in Raleigh will be closed the remainder of this week.... In a subsequent communication from HQ, they are closed at least through April 17.
- About Membership: Membership is job #1. "If what you are doing does not positively impact membership, it goes to the bottom of the list". Sound familiar? It's been the theme of at least two of our Changes of Watch.

# COMMANDER'S MESSAGE (cont.)

**DISTRICT 10:** D-10 held its Spring Conference and Change of Watch in Minneapolis, 13-15 March. Door County came away with the Pelican Award. The Pelican is awarded to the Squadron that has the most significant Vessel Safety Check program. Door County has 6 active Vessel Examiners, who performed 253 VSCs. Lou Pasquesi, alone, did 135. This is the 6th year Lou has achieved "Century Club" status. VSCs are a vital community (civic) initiative.

**MIDWEST BOC SCHOOL:** Throughout the entire America's Boating Club organization there are cancellations or postponements due to COVID-19. Tentatively scheduled for 30 July-3 August is the Mid-West BOC School, to be held on Door County waters. All 4 levels: Inland Navigator, Coastal Navigator, Advanced Coastal Navigator and Offshore Navigator will be trained. Professionally conducted, these are valuable certifications; e.g., when renting vessels for cruising in distant waters.

**PLANNING AHEAD:** In response to the global pandemic, state and local leaders have encouraged us to stay at home, avoid contact with others, and keep social distance. At Door County Sail and Power Squadron, we value the safety of our members and leaders at the highest level, and we understand the dangers that this virus poses.

Therefore, you will see many of our activities "delayed until further notice" in this Scuttlebutt. Until we can safely resume our activities, please follow published recommendations, and stay safe. We look forward to seeing you all again and resuming our fraternal, civic, and educational activities when conditions permit.

Thank you for all you do and stay well my friends.

Your Commander (Still)

Bob

# PARTY BEFORE THE STORM

This was the group gathered at the Sturgeon Bay Yacht Club on Friday, February 7 blissfully unaware that only weeks later events like this could not happen. We all anticipate the return to normal in our lives. In the meantime, stay well.



Craig Weis with Dave and Jean Baumann

Casual Night at the Yacht Club  
Friday 7 February



Terry and uylie Keating



Cynthia Weis with Sandy and Gary King



Bob Denoto, Sue and Mike Bruno, Steve Rank



Julie Keating with Judy and Chuck Holtz

# CRUISE PLANNING FOR 2020

15th February 2020 Cruise Planning Meeting

Attending: Sandy King (who coordinated the meeting), John & Mary Welch, Dave & Jean Baumann, Craig & Cynthia Weis, Julie & (Chair) Terry Keating



Charts for planning are laid out and ready to use

We have scheduled several cruises for the 2020 boating season, weather permitting. By concentrating on shorter trips within the Bay of Green Bay, we encourage boaters with all boat types at all travel speeds to join in. Tell us now of any conflicts you see regarding other cruising sponsored at these marinas. We intend to adjust the cruise dates to include your participation. With fewer members owning boats, we hope that land yachts will join boaters at the various ports-o-call.

For cruise participation and to communicate your own last minute arrangements, we will use smartphone text messages. If you want to invite others to join your own spontaneous outing, simply tell us where and when.

Cynthia Weis should first be texted at (920) 559-3011 or emailed at [cynthiaweis0@gmail.com](mailto:cynthiaweis0@gmail.com). She will then forward all cruise info to the rest of us via text, email and Facebook. You can always text or call Terry Keating (920-889-9059) and other cruise leads.

**UPDATE:** The following cruises will be held as scheduled, although more may involve anchoring off shore in order to avoid contact and maintain social distancing. Call Terry Keating for information at 920-743-4201.

## Scheduled cruise dates:

May 22nd (or May 23rd) to May 25th -- Shakedown cruise to Menominee Marina

June 13th - 14th — Cruise to Oconto or Menominee

July 3rd - 12th Cruise upper Bay of Green Bay (options - prefer 2 nights at each marina stop)

- Washington Island (Jackson Harbor or anchor in Detroit Harbor)
- Fayette MI State Park (reserve early - July 5-6)
- Maybe Anchoring at South River Bay – near Fayette
- Maybe Gladstone
- Escanaba
- Maybe Cedar River
- Menominee

August 1st — Wave Point Marina for poolside fun

August 14th - 16th— Menominee Rendezvous (Friday night dinner at Berg's Landing, Saturday Car Show in the park area, afternoon yard games next to Boater's Lounge followed by the Pot Luck dinner. Fun!

September 4th - 7th — Cruise to Washington Island

September 19th — Cruise to Wave Point Marina or Menominee

Remember that cruisers are responsible for making their own marina and/or motel reservations. For State of Michigan harbor marinas, you will be directed to use the MI DNR web site <https://www.midnrreservations.com/>

(be sure to select the tab 'Harbor'). The exception is for making same-day harbor reservations, where you can VHF radio (Ch 9 or 16) or call a marina around 0900. Some marina operators hold back 20% of slips for same-day usage.



Julie Keating, Mary Welch and Jean Baumann are ready to get to work



Cannot think of a more scenic place to plan for cruising

# EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

## LAKES MICHIGAN-HURON WATER LEVELS

### SIX MONTH FORECAST

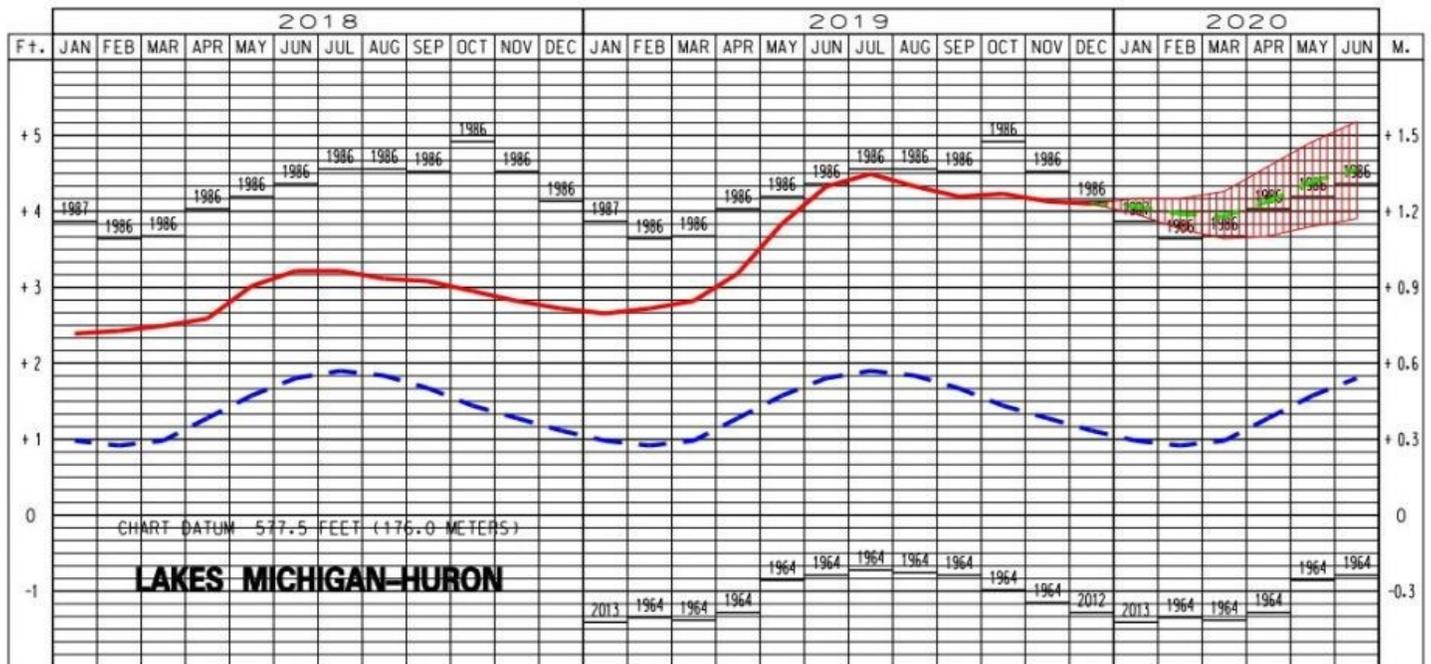
Guess what. Once again our captains have little to worry about shallow water, except perhaps, partially submerged land forms such as the Sister Islands. Those of us living on shorelines are surely concerned with submerged land forms, namely, our waterfronts. Let's look at the forecast for waters surrounding Door County. First, the latest forecast advice will be summarized. Then I'd like to describe the way these forecasts are developed by the Army Core of Engineers (USACE) and NOAA.

Here's the deal for 2020:

- March actual level (estimated)    4.0 ft. above chart datum 577 ft.
- March actual level (estimated)    3.2 ft. above 1918-2019 levels.
- July forecast level                    4.8 ft. above chart datum 577 ft.
- July forecast level                    3.10 ft. above 1918-2019 levels.
- ACE forecast statement: 2 – 4 inches above highest previous monthly level in March.

Prepare for peak levels similar to or above those of 2019.

**LAKES MICHIGAN-HURON WATER LEVELS – JANUARY 2020**



### MEASURING AND TRACKING ACTUAL WATER LEVELS

Great lakes water levels are recorded at 53 monitoring locations in the US and 33 in Canada.

Monitoring network stations in lakes Michigan and Huron are: Milwaukee, Ludington and Harbor Beach, with additional gauges on these lakes. In 1992 the Coordinating Committee on Great Lakes Hydrolic and Hydrologic Data approved a set of gauges for each lake that water professionals believe give the most accurate reflection of the lake's overall level when averaged. These average levels are used by the ACE and Environment Canada in their forecast bulletins.

### FORECASTING WATER LEVELS

The Advanced Hydrologic Prediction System (AHPS) is a physically-based model that combines historical meteorological data with a series of mathematical models and climate forecasts from NOAA's Climate Prediction Center to simulate the variables of precipitation, runoff and evaporation. The net supply of water in each basin is accounted for via virtual routing through the lakes and their connecting channels, leading to predicted monthly levels

Source: USACE. Monthly Bulletin of Great Lakes Water Levels

# FROM YOUR EDUCATION OFFICER

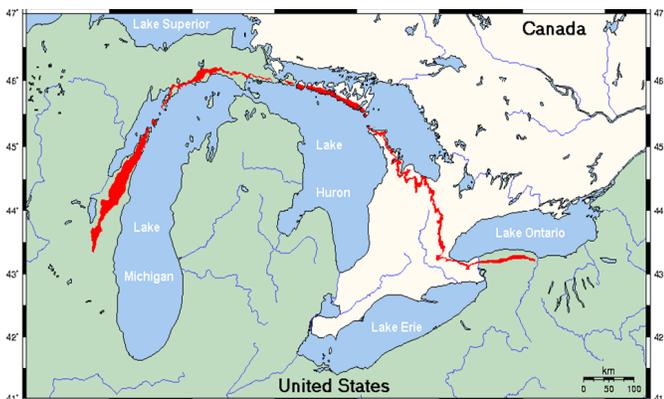
Ahoy Everyone,

I recently attended a lecture at the Maritime Museum on the topic of our Niagara escarpment which gives us a unique place in the world. The lecturer discussed the stone industry that was based on the Niagara dolomite limestone that makes up the rim of an ancient silurian sea that went from the Door peninsula to Niagara Falls. This ancient sea existed very near the equator 450 million years ago. It was a shallow warm salt water sea. Consequently there are many ancient marine fossils in the limestone such as trilobites and chain coral. The western edge of the sea is the western bluffs of Door County. These bluffs slope down to sea level at Cave Point and then under the lake and slopping up under the state of Michigan. Drummond Island and the southern coast of the North Channel are the dolomite while the northern coast of the North Channel is granite and part of the Canadian Shield. The



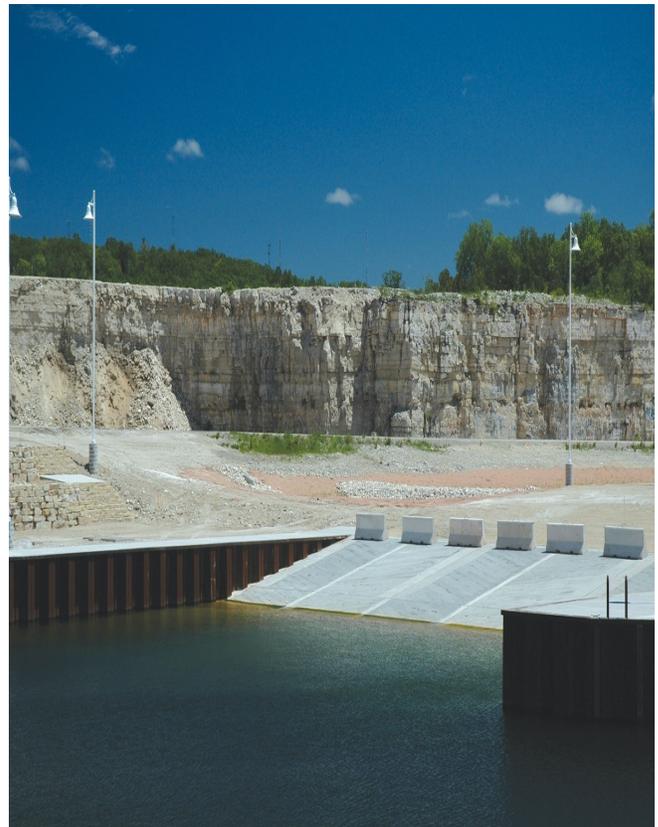
Bruce Peninsula, Ontario Canada

Bruce peninsula in Lake Huron is also part of the escarpment. From there the escarpment runs to New York and Niagara Falls. The glaciers that carved out the Great Lakes had a hard time scapping down the hard dolomite stone and therefore left it as outcroppings and islands and bedrock in the massive area of the ancient sea.



One unique characteristic of the dolomite escarpment is that the rocks are placed together with cracks and fissures running through them, creating a mosaic like structure that allows surface water to run on a fast track to the water table below. That means that pollution also has little chance to be filtered over a long period of time before it reaches the water table. When I was a boy I remember people living below the bluffs with cherry trees, complaining that the water ran red during cherry picking season when the vats where the cherries were washed were dumped on the ground. This is why we need to be particularly mindful of polluted wells anywhere that has little top soil over the dolomite base.

A wonderful example of the dolomite limestone is the Leathem Smith Quarry at George Pinney County Park boat launch. Many of the stones that had been used in construction and rip rap in Chicago and elsewhere came from there. Some developers wanted to put a RV park in the quarry. The county board denied approval for this plan in part, I suspect, because of pollution risks. Today, with high water raising its ugly head the stones may again be called on as beach armor to stop erosion. This would be a good use of the stone in line with its historical usage.



Fair Winds, Steve



# AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB DOOR COUNTY SQUADRON

## 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

7	Apr	Sail Course begins (postponed)
18	Apr	Vessel Safety Examiner Season Prep Meeting (postponed)
15	May	Fitting Out Social and COW (cancelled)
22/23	May	Shakedown Cruise to Menominee
26	May	Executive Committee Meeting
4	Jun	Vessel Safety Checks – every Saturday (on hold)
TBD	June	ABC course (on hold)
13/14	June	Cruise to Oconto/Menominee
3-12	July	Cruise to upper bay of Green Bay
19	July	Cookout Social (on hold)
21	July	Executive Committee Meeting
30	July—3 August	Mid-west BOC School (on hold)
1	Aug	Cruise to Wave Pointe Marine
14-16	Aug	Squadron Annual Rendezvous – Menominee, MI
4-7	Sep	Cruise to Washington Island
TBD	Sep	Weather Course begins (on hold)
19	Sep	Cruise to Wave Pointe Marina or Menominee
22	Sep	Executive Committee Meeting
TBD	Oct	District 10 Fall Conference
17	Nov	Executive Committee Meeting
4	Dec	Holiday Party - Friday (on hold)

Editor's Note: Please continue to keep events on your calendar that are marked "on hold." Please keep in mind that cruises may be modified as necessary. It is my hope and prayer that when the virus crisis is passed, we

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 6th Dolores Hermann
- 11th John Leupold
- 16th Greg Campbell
- 17th Carol Hankwitz
- 17th Patsy Stierna
- 17th Craig Weis
- 22nd Austin Hermann
- 22nd Cathy Mahaffey
- 26th David Quirsfeld
- 28th Sue Bruno
- 29th Linda Pope



### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- April 4 Tom Voegele
- April 13 Susan Mitchell
- April 20 Steve Rank
- April 23 Jean Baumann
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Submit articles and pictures for the May Scuttlebutt by

April 30, 2020.

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