

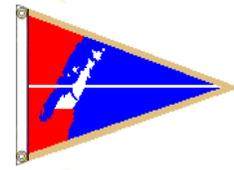


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As planned, Carefree splashed in on 1 July. I was able to join the North Lake Michigan Cruise to Jackson Harbor, Washington Island for the July 4th weekend. Below is a picture that Gary King took of Carefree with the full moon rising in the background. The July full moon was called the Buck moon. I don't know when we started naming full moons, but the August full moon (3 Aug) is the Sturgeon moon.



Wow: Synchronicity! The harbor master at Jackson Harbor is Pamala Jean Young. Pam is also the innkeeper of the Jackson Harbor Inn. If you haven't met Pam, you need to; a truly unique Island person; the Angel of the Island! Lark, Liberty Blue and Southern Cross proceeded to Fayette, Escanaba, Cedar River and Menominee. Carefree linked back up in Menominee. Terry and his cruise team are doing a wonderful job keeping us on the waters. I feel fortunate to be a part of it.

## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

### MARITIME MUSEUM SPECIAL EVENT

Thursday, 2 July, the day before leaving on the cruise, the Door County Maritime Museum celebrated a pivotal event. The Maritime Tower project held the "Topping Off" ceremony. The Beacon Room was lifted into place, atop the 10 story Tower (118'). The Board Members and select guests signed the beams prior to the lift. Following is a drone video of the lift. It's a bit long but really reflects the beauty of our waterfront.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LUjsjKurlGw&feature=youtu.be> : (The Video opens faster if Chrome is open).

### EVENT CANCELLATIONS

C/C Mary Paige Abbott recently sent an announcement that the Fall Governing Board meeting to be held in Raleigh, NC, 9-13 Sept. has been cancelled.

D/C Kevin Wehrmann announced that the district rendezvous, to be hosted by the Duluth Squadron on Labor Day weekend, has also been cancelled due to Covid-19.

Finally, our Door County Squadron has cancelled the traditional rendezvous in conjunction with the August Menominee cruise. Due to the virus many of our favorite places and activities will not be available. See page 3 for more information on the cruise.

### DI0 TASK FORCE

The District 10 Task Force Team that I have been active with for over a year, has drilled down to 4 opportunities:

Education-Develop a list of Master Instructors to ensure quality course instruction that can be shared among squadrons in a virtual classroom.

Member Benefits-Develop a Member Benefits hand-out for distribution to all district members and create a PowerPoint presentation for use at squadron meetings.

Subject Matter Experts (SMEs)- Create a listing of squadrons and individuals who have successfully developed and/or implemented programs or processes. Included are: new member orientation and involvement, marketing, partnering and website development and implementation.

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## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

Marine Partnerships- inform marine-affiliated entities, such as marinas, boat vendors, yacht clubs, marine mechanics and other service organizations about America's Boating Club and engage their participation and involvement in our local efforts.

In support of the above, D-10 has submitted an application to the Educational Fund in the amount of \$93,000. If granted, these funds will be available to all squadrons in the district. Needs could include EZ-Up canopies with ABC branding, banners, flags, signage, digital ads, brochure printing, tradeshow support & website development.

My friend, Kevin Shutes (Minnetonka), heads up Marketing and Website Development for D-10. In the Ed Fund application, Kevin has cited Door County's website as a model. Kevin states "The websites for Hiawatha Valley, Marinette - Menominee, Oshkosh, Milwaukee, Central WI, and D10 will be built in a way that reflects the Door County website." Way to go, Door County webmaster Austin!

Once again District 10 and Door County are demonstrating leadership that we all can be proud of. As my favorite BUM (business unit manager), Pete Karas would say: "If you're not the lead dog in the team, the view never changes"

In closing: Some of you are aware of this, others not. My sweet Karen was admitted to the Pete and Jelaine Horton Skilled Nursing Center at DCMC late May. Karen was diagnosed with dementia in 2015. Her Alzheimer progressed to a point where she could no longer navigate our home. It was not safe for her here. With this pandemic, the SNF unit is in "lock down". That may be relaxed soon to allow visits (social distancing), outside in their courtyard. For now, we Facetime 3X a week. She is happy there and they love having her. Keep her in your thoughts.

Carefree and I are off to Oconto on Saturday, 1 August. Terry was able to salvage what was supposed to be Wave Pointe. Until next month, stay safe, hopefully, in calm waters and fair winds.

Your Commander

Bob

## VESSEL SAFETY CHECK REPORT

On Monday 27 Jul20, Jeff Feuerstein, Commander of the Sturgeon Bay Coast Guard Auxiliary, notified me that two documents regarding the reconstitution of VSC operations were received. If you visit [www.usps.org](http://www.usps.org) and go to the VSC home page, you will see that District 10 has received these documents and has approved the resumption of VSCs, effective 1 Aug20.

The first document, Awareness and Guidance, outlines the safe return of the workforce/volunteers to operations in the face of COVID -19, insuring that VSEs could make informed decisions on how and when to reconstitute. It also includes a needs vs. risk assessment; i.e., proper PPE, the health history of the VSE volunteer, health history of family members, the health of an individual boater the VSE volunteer interacts with and the overall risk vs. gain that the specific activity would present.

All personnel will be educated as to information on transmission, prevention, symptoms and emergency warning signs, people at higher risk for severe illness, exposure risk and preventing infection. All personnel will follow protocols regarding PPE outfitting and decontamination procedures. PPE required for operations will include surgical masks, Nitril Gloves, goggles, and mask or optional N95 respirator. While interacting with the public, in addition to wearing

PPE, all personnel will maintain a safe distance of six feet from the public and use disinfective hand wash to decontaminate after a VSC.

An Auxiliary COVID-19 High Risk Assessment Form has to be completed by the VSE and submitted to the Order Issuing Authority at the local Coast Guard station for approval. This form is not required for USPS Personnel; however, the Door County Power Squadron will be conducting a GoToMeeting session in the near future to discuss the risks to our VEs and to train members in the proper procedures, practices and preventative measures to insure safe operations during VSC examinations. Over age 65 members are at higher risk with exposure to COVID-19 and will be given the option of not performing VSCs in 2020. The national office has informed us that they will automatically issue a five (5) VSC credit to all members who choose not to conduct VSCs due a higher health risk. This will, in effect, continue their certification into 2021.

If you have any questions please contact LT/C Lou Pasquesi – XO – VSC Chair 920-854-2214

## 2020 Shake Down Cruise

**May 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>**

Due to COVID19 the Menominee Marina was not open for the scheduled cruise.

The destination was changed to Sawyer Harbor. Gary and Sandy caught the 13:30 Michigan Street Bridge opening and anchored on the West Side of Big Island in Sawyer Harbor. The trip was uneventful and covered a distance of 4.8 NM.

The weather co-operated with temperatures around 80 degrees and the wind was mostly Southerly. In lee of Big Island anchoring was perfect with good holding in the soft bottom.

Each day included a dingy ride to explore different parts of the Harbor and then a stop at the Pottawatomie launch ramp for a hike.

Departure was Memorial Day afternoon for the return trip to Sturgeon Bay.

We both agreed the destination doesn't have to be far to have an enjoyable time. The last time we anchored here was probably 25 years ago.

Gary and Sandy King



Southern Cross anchored west side of Big Island



Pottawatomie Park launching ramp dock

## UPCOMING CRUISE TO MENOMINEE MINUS THE RENDEZVOUS

**August 14th -16th**

Due to COVID 19 the Menominee Marina boaters lounge is closed. The bathrooms and showers are available.

For anyone who would like to join Gary and Sandy King, they will be departing Friday 14 August at the 1100 Michigan Street Bridge opening. Call the Marina to make reservations (906-863-8498).

Due to social distancing there will not be a Potluck on Saturday evening as was done in the past. The Annual Car Show has been cancelled.

Marina picnic tables and grilles can be used for everyone who brings something to cook. Charcoal will be provided.

We will have a Bocce Ball Tournament (bring gloves to handle the Bocce Balls). We would love to have you join us.

Gary and Sandy King

# SUMMER CRUISE TO NORTHERN GREEN BAY

**Cruisers:** Gary and Sandy King on Southern Cross  
Terry and Julie Keating on Lark  
Bob DeNoto on Carefree  
Stephan Mayheu on Liberty Blue

**Ports of Call:** Jackson Harbor, Fayette, Escanaba, Cedar River and Menominee

## Friday, July 3rd – 7:00am Bridge Departure to Washington Island



## Jackson Harbor— July 3rd to 5th

Weather was sunny, warm and calm seas. Steve Mayheu was anchoring in Nicolet Bay by Peninsula Park where he joined Kings, Keatings and Bob DeNoto traveling to Jackson Harbor Marina (north side of Washington Island).

Jackson Harbor marina has a unique reservation system where the boater's name is written on the wall plate of the slip. Our boats were able to get slips in line along the wall.



BOB DENOTO, STEVE MAYHEU, TERRY KEATING, JULIE KEATING AND SANDY KING

We held a Captains/Admirals Meeting July 4th and saw the boat house at Rock Island. Seems strange to see no one there. Normally there would be hundreds of people. Bob departed July 5th and returned to Sturgeon Bay.



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## SUMMER CRUISE (CONTINUED)

### Fayette State Park – July 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>



We enjoyed an evening cookout at Fayette. With Fayette's new docks, larger boats are now making this a stop.

### Escanaba July 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>



### Cedar River – July 10<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>



In Escanaba we stayed at the Municipal Marina where we enjoyed another Captains/Admirals meeting. The beautiful Cedar River State Harbor Marina never has much use. There were approximately 100 open slips when we stayed here.

### Menominee Marina – July 11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>

Bob DeNoto cruised over to Menominee on July 11 to meet us. We returned to home port on July 12.

Sandy and Gary King

# FROM YOUR EDUCATION OFFICER

Ahoy Everyone,

As I write this we are still in the middle of the pandemic, but we have found ways to socially distance and still do what we love; namely, spending time on the water with friends and family. Craig Weis and I were doing just that the other day when we learned a valuable lesson in seamanship.

Craig had invited me to go for a sail on his boat, Comfort and Joy. We were under a brisk wind. We were close to home in the outer bay of Sturgeon Bay near a very crowded Sunset Beach (doesn't it seem there is always an audience when some-



thing embarrassing happens?) Then it happened! Craig was at the helm and we had just tacked away from the beach when a loud bang followed by a louder "Oh ——" erupted from the boat and the captain respectively. It became quickly apparent that the inner shroud on the port side had somehow broken off of the turnbuckle.

Craig was remarkably calm during the next few minutes. He asked me to take the helm while he went forward to investigate the problem. Remember, I said it was a brisk wind. That didn't bother Craig. He calmly went back to the cockpit to recover a spare pin for the turnbuckle that had broken and then furled the jib and lowered the main. He asked me to come forward to lean on the mast while he tried to re-pin it. As I leaned on the mast, the shroud would not come far enough to be pinned because of the strong wind coming from the wrong direction. We decided to return to the lagoon which is sheltered from the wind to repair the shroud. That's when we noticed that the cushion I had been sitting on was gone. It must have blown over the side without our knowledge. It was blue and was camouflaged perfectly by the matching color of the water.

We motored back to the lagoon and were in no danger of losing the mast because it is held by two shrouds on each side and we had only lost one on the port side. Now I would have figured that Craig would simply motor back to his dock and proceed to fix the shroud from there. Wrong! Craig decided to motor to the back end of the lagoon and nose the boat into the swamp created by the high water on my vacant lots. We nosed in and tied the bow to a tree limb. At this point a neighbor lady I don't know well and who didn't recognize me began to complain we couldn't put our boat there. As if anybody in his right mind would tie up a boat in a swamp with no way to get off. After explaining the problem and that we would be gone soon, she went away. Craig then proceeded to fix the shroud with a tug on the mast from the winch and we were off again.

The point of the story is to have both hardware and ingenuity available to fix problems that may arise on the water. Craig demonstrated that staying calm is the best tool to have when addressing a problem. By the way,



the cushion was never recovered and is probably near Escanaba by now.

## CLASS NOTES

As of now schools have different plans for opening. I am not comfortable holding in-person classes with the cases continuing to rise in Wisconsin. I will not schedule classes until this changes. Stay tuned for more information.

Fair Winds,

Steve

# AN AQUASCENE RIDE AROUND MAGNETIC ISLAND

by Patsy Stierna

I was ready to get on a small boat again. I'd been avoiding them since my husband Bob died. I was back in Townsville, Australia where Bob and I had chartered a sailboat in 1999. I'm staying on an island just off the coast of Townsville called Magnetic Island. Travel just opened up in Australia two weeks ago after the Covid shut down. No one except residents was allowed to travel to Magnetic Island until two weeks ago.

I called the tour desk and asked which charter boats were working. They recommended Aquascene Charters. They said I could catch the boat at the marina next to the ferry terminal.

I got up early Saturday morning and packed my beach bag with a swimsuit, towel, sun screen and snacks. I boarded the Sunbus that runs every day back and forth across the island. Almost the entire island is a national park, and this bus is one of the park's features. I got to the terminal early and Adam wasn't ready for me to board. I talked to the people on a sailboat moored next door and they invited me on board. It was a nice Benetoe (French) yacht. We talked sailing while I waited for Adam to ready the Aquascene. On the picture, it is the little flat boat next to the sailboat.



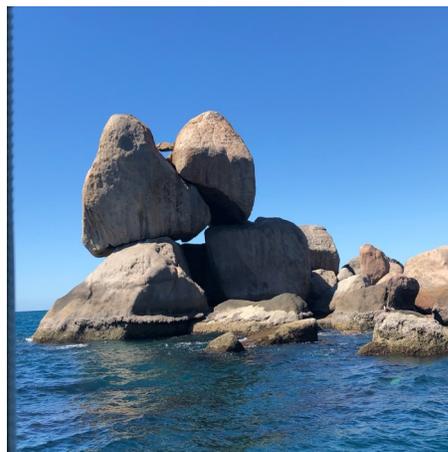
Finally the boat was ready and I got on board, along with nine other passengers. There were actually just five family groups, and people did social distancing even though there are only two active cases in all of Queensland. Captain Adam gave us a safety talk and then asked us what we wanted to do for the day. We could sightsee, snorkel, do catch-and-release fishing, and hopefully see a whale. I was interested in sightseeing and seeing a whale or at least a sea turtle. No one wanted to go fishing, so we would have more time for sightseeing and snorkeling. We had to be back at the dock by 3:00 pm so some people could catch the ferry back to Townsville.



As we pulled out of Nelly Bay, Captain Adam pointed out a ship that had been sunk on purpose to make the harbor; only the guys that sunk it were drunk on rum and sunk it in the wrong place. The water was so clear, you could see the rusting boat below.



The coastline of Magnetic Island was beautiful and unusual. When Captain Cook first saw it, his compass was not working right. He blamed the problems on the strange rocks that appeared to teeter on the coast. These rocks look like they could only be held in place by magnetical forces, hence he called the island magnetical island, but the "al" was later dropped. These granite rocks look like they are going to fall down, but they are actually very stable and have stayed in place for all man time.



Our first stop was to go snorkeling. I put on a wet suit and planned to go in, but the water was just too cold. I remembered from my trip in 1999 that the ocean water here in winter was the same as swimming in Lake Superior, except of course it is salty and there are reefs.

## AN AQUASCENE RIDE AROUND MAGNETIC ISLAND (CONTINUED)

Captain Adam approached me with a strange question. He asked, "Are you brave?"

I just stared at him, not comprehending the question. I didn't feel particularly brave especially when faced with cold water.

"I just want you to feed a bird." he said.

"Okay," I answered, wondering why I should be brave to feed a bird. I'm comfortable with most animals.

He handed me a fish, and said, "Just hold it out there, while I film you."

I did as I was told. Holding the cold slimy fish out over the water upright, while I faced the camera. My back was to the water, so I didn't see what was coming. It was straight out of Jurassic Park, only much smaller, thank goodness. I was very surprised to be so brave. To see the video click

<https://visionsfromtwocontinents.blog/2020/07/19/boat-ride-magnetic-island/>

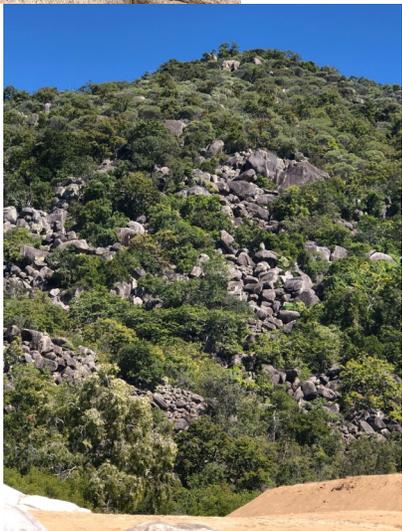
Next stop was a warm beach for brunch. Adam asked, "Do you want to eat on the boat or on the beach?" We decided to have



lunch on the beach. He said the sand was sharp so I carried my sandals through the water, but I didn't need them. The warm rough sand felt wonderful on my feet. I headed

to a nice warm rock to warm up.

The rocks on the hills around the beach looked like they should be tumbling into the ocean. I ran around snapping pictures everywhere.



As we lifted anchor I had to record the solar winch he had on the back of the boat. It was wonderful. I would have loved to have something like that on our sailboat. I asked Captain Adam about it, he said, "Yes it is wonderful, I've had it for four years and haven't had any trouble with it." It was powered by solar cells on the roof of the boat. (Go to [visionsfromtwocontinents.blog](https://visionsfromtwocontinents.blog) to see video of winch)



We still hadn't seen a turtle or a whale. Suddenly some of the passengers said, "Look over there." In the distance dolphins were playing. We slowed down and drifted closer. Adam said, "These aren't the friendly dolphins, they are shy Indo Pacific Dolphins. They may have been shy, but they played near us. We counted five splashing in the water.



He said we had one more place to snorkels in what he called Bombie coral. There are coral that grow up out of the ocean like a mushroom. They grow very slowly, only 1.5 meters every 100 years!!!. It was too cold for me to go in,

in fact just three people did.

We hurried back to Nelly Bay and arrived just as the Ferry Boat was loading. It was an absolutely marvelous ride.

Patsy Stierna



# CRUISE SCHEDULE FOR 2020

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 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).

Cruises will be held as scheduled, although more may involve anchoring off shore in order to avoid contact and maintain social distancing.

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.

## Scheduled cruise dates

August 1st — Cruise to Oconto

August 14th - 16th— Cruise to Menominee (no rendezvous included due to the virus) All events are cancelled. The boater's lounge (with the exception of bathrooms and showers) is closed. See page

September 4th - 7th — Cruise to Washington Island

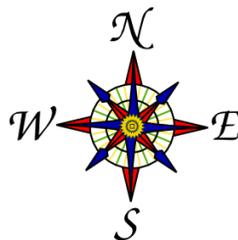
September 19th — Cruise to Wave Point Marina or Menominee

## Other events

TBD	Sep	Weather Course begins (on hold)
	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 will once again gather in friendship on and off the water.

## Power Squadron Cruises: The New Normal



We understand that many cruisers will boat alone this summer since your boat offers social distancing when on the water. *Less use of marinas is better.* As a result, cruises will be limited unless we hear from you in advance of your interest. Some cruises can and will be modified to adjust for your concerns or as rules and conditions change. There will be more emphasis on anchoring out and/or staying close to home. Thankfully, we can still do all of these things safely on our boats. The COVID-19 pandemic requires that we be respectful of those around us. So, communicate with your marina staff, check on the regulations affecting your locality. Be careful to maintain social distancing practices. Then, cast off those lines because boating is still the hands-down best way to enjoy living on planet Earth.

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**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

**7th Mike Wember**  
**19th Lou Pasquesi**  
**25th Chuck Stone**

