



Hoosier Sail and Power Squadron

A Squadron of District 24 of The United States Power Squadrons

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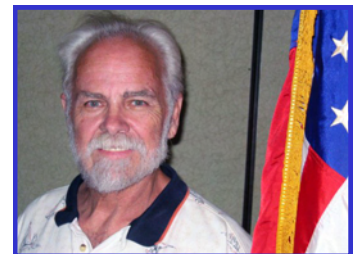
A new design and format of the Cornfield Sailor was introduced with the 1994 Spring issue, courtesy of "Skip" Lange, AP, Chief Executive Officer of Pictorial, Inc. Skip assigned this project to Chuck Jarrell, Executive Art Director, who personally developed the new look.

In keeping with the unique name of our publication, a cornfield with a sailboat that moved across each page in increments was designed. I recently came across the first issue with the new design and thought it would be interesting to adapt it to our digital publishing program. Please let me know what you think of it.

Commander's Message

There are several Squadron functions coming up in the next several months that should be brought to your attention. The first is the Mariner's Steak Fry which will occur on Thursday, 9 October, 2008 at the Indianapolis Sailing Club, starting at 1800. Contact Russ Wahlers at 765 747 5946 for reservations.

Next Hoosier will be hosting the D24 Fall Council & Conference at Clifty Falls State Park, Madison, IN, 14-16 November, 2008. The theme is "A Fall Retreat". We would like for as many Hoosier Squadron members to attend as possible. We need to show our presence and we need volunteers to assist with hosting



duties. This promises to be a **fun** weekend so please join us.

Our Holiday Party has been scheduled for Friday, 5 December, 2008, at Rick's Boatyard Café. Join in the Holiday Festivities with your fellow boaters.

Founders Day is, 2 February, 2009, at The Snooty Fox Restaurant. A very interesting speaker has been engaged. Mark your calendars now.

Bridge Officers

Paul Shepherd, AP, Commander
Lewis R. Miller, Executive Officer
George Herrington, N, Education Officer
Russell Wahlers, P, Assistant Education Officer
Ray Weigand, JN, Administration Officer
Kathleen Miller, Secretary
Catherine Hess, Treasurer

Nominating Committee Seeks Input

The Nominating Committee is beginning its task of evaluating members for squadron offices. P/D/Lt/C Lou Chenette, N is the chair and has asked that anyone wishing to serve or that has knowledge of someone who would qualify, to please contact him.

Automatic Identification System

AIS is a system used by ships and vessel traffic services principally for identification and locating vessels. AIS provides a means for ships to electronically exchange ship data including: identification, position, course, and speed, with other nearby ships and VTS stations. This information can be displayed on a screen or an ECDIS display. AIS is intended to assist the vessel's watchstanding officers and allow maritime authorities to track and monitor vessel movements. It works by inte-

grating a standardized VHF transceiver system with an electronic navigation system, such as a LORAN-C or GPS receiver, and other navigational sensors on board ship, rate of turn indicator, etc.

The International Maritime Organization's (IMO) International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) requires AIS to be fitted aboard international voyaging ships with gross tonnage (GT) of 300 or more tons, and all passenger ships.



Financial Committee Report

Mark Winzenread

The squadron has generated a modest amount of cash that, with the approval of the National Committee on Rules, and an amendment to the by-laws of both the District and the Squadron, would allow those funds to be invested in potentially better yielding yet relatively secure money markets and mutual funds. As of now those funds, approximately \$6,000, are invested in individual stocks which are not approved investments under the current by-laws. That said, the Squadron will need to cash out those two stocks. Without an amendment the funds could otherwise only be invested in a government backed security which generally provides below-market returns. In order to take advantage of what (over the long-term) are generally higher yielding investments, the Treasurer would like to recommend to the Squadron and the District that the following two changes be made to the HSPS by-laws;

Squadron By-laws-Section 6.7.6;

It is the recommendation of the Treasurer that designate depositories, which may include

those insured by an agency of the U.S. Government or an appropriate money market fund or mutual fund, in which working funds of the Squadron shall be kept, should be an approved investment of Squadron funds as recommended by the Treasurer.

District By-laws-Section 2.7.4. Deposit working funds of the District in financial institutions insured by an agency of the U.S. Government or in an appropriate money market or mutual fund and supervised investments, shall be recommended by the Treasurer and Finance Committee and approved by the District Council.

It is recommended that the Squadron adopt these two amendments and that the Treasurer follow through with liquidating the individual stocks and invest the longer-term funding needs of HSPS in a quality, well managed money market or mutual fund.

Please share any concerns you might have with a member of the Bridge or Cathy Hess, the Squadron Treasurer.

Leon Slikkers—A Lifetime of Boatbuilding

Ray Weigand



At age 18, Leon Slikkers left his family farm to work in Chris-Craft Corporation's Holland, MI, plant. When he was 24, he was promoted to assistant foreman of the joiner department. When they engineered a new boat, he was instrumental in the changes--carrying out and building the mock-ups and cutting the patterns. Slikkers continued his successful career at Chris-Craft and thought little of changing jobs until labor strikes occurred at the plant.

Education Report

Lt. Cdr. George Herrington, N, Squadron Education Officer, reports that the following members have achieved the listed grades, ranks & pats on the back so far in 2008:

Leo Spaans – S, P & AP
John Craig – P & AP
Lewis Miller – P & AP
Rick Robinson – P & AP
Mark Winzenread – P & AP
Paul Shepherd - JN

Ed Spengeman - JN
Lee Whiten - CP
Fred Plantz - CP
Bill McDonald - CP
Nick Teliha - CP
Fred Plantz - Educ. Proficiency
George Herrington - Senior Member

These members have been working hard to increase their boating skills and deserve our recognition and applause.

In the early 1950s, Leon began building 14 foot runabouts in his garage. In 1954 he registered the Slickcraft name and the following year opened his own boat shop at the age of 27. His dual cockpit runabouts were made out of mahogany plywood decks and molded plywood hulls. During the 1955 model year, he began experimenting with a new material, fiberglass. Within three years, the company put the fiberglass boats into production and by 1963 had stopped building with wood.

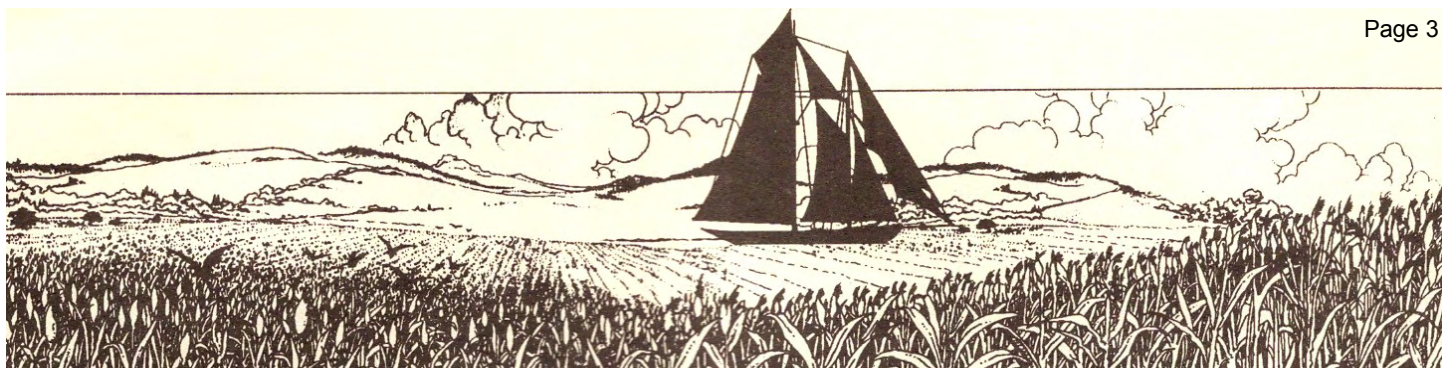
In 1962, his company introduced three models with the new technology of the in-board/outboard motor. Production of SlickCraft boats began in Ontario, Canada, in 1964 and Helsinki, Finland, in 1969. By 1968, SlickCraft boats were so well respected that the Century Boat Company, located in Manistee, MI, contracted with Slikkers to build their first fiberglass boats.

The SlickCraft name became synonymous with quality and affordability, and attracted the attention of conglomerates interested in acquiring small

boat building companies. The Slikkers family decided to sell the company to the AMF (American Machine and Foundry) Corporation in September 1969.

February 1974, Leon started building sailboats, S2 Yachts, Inc. Within 10 years, S2 was one of the top five sailboat manufacturers in the United States known for building quality cruising vessels and racing boats. As the new S2 Yachts continued to roll sailboats out the door.

In 1976, Slikkers decided to enter the powerboat manufacturing industry for the second time and created the Tiara Division of S2 Yachts. In 1984, Leon became CEO of S2 Yachts, son David Slikkers became president of S2 Yachts and son Robert Slikkers became president of Tiara Yachts. A third son, Tom, would eventually become president of the Pursuit division and a daughter, Susan, would serve the company in sales marketing and customer relations. The administrative helm of Pursuit was taken over by 75 year old Leon.



Tips For Winterizing Your Boat



Squadron Burgees May Be Special Ordered

Time is now approaching to prepare your boat for the winter. We will offer some suggestions to help make winterizing as quick and painless as possible.

Have a good checklist to follow. Printed lists are available at Boat Stores. Use one of these to create your own customized list specific to your boat.

Now is the time to repair dings in the propeller. Anything that is broken, worn out or needs updating is better handled in the fall than the busiest time in the spring.

A thorough cleaning inside and

out will let you discover anything that needs attention. All electronics should be removed to a safe, dry and warm location. Cushions, sails, PDF's, fire extinguishers, and curtains should also be stored ashore. Clean out the refrigerator and leave it and all lockers and drawers open. Mildew control bags are recommended.

A dehumidifier raises the interior air temperature, prevents condensation, and keeps air circulating. Winterize the plumbing and engine cooling system with nontoxic, virgin propylene antifreeze (not recycled).

Indoor storage is costly, stor-

ing outside, under cover, risks rain, snow or animal damage, but is more affordable. Shrink-wrapping is a way to prevent weather and animal damage. A do-it-yourself shrink-wrapping system is available

Correctly supporting the hull is crucial to prevent distortion, cracked bulkheads, engine misalignment, or broken stringers. Storing in water, in moderate climates, is safer in some respects. Water retains heat better than air, so sudden freezes are less of a problem. Submersible electric motors that circulate water help prevent your boat from freezing solid in its slip.

Cathy Hess has been in contact with Prestige Flags to inquire about ordering a new supply of burgees. They offer 2 different sizes (12 X 18 or 16 X 24). The company requires a minimum order of 6 burgees for each size. Before any orders are placed, she wants to know if there are any squadron members who are currently interested in purchasing a burgee. You can phone her at 317-261-9136 or send her an e-mail message at amcahess@aol.com.

District 24 Summer Rendezvous Photos by Lou Chenette





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Calendar of HSPS Events

Excomm Meeting Location:

MCL Cafeteria
Township Line Road
2370 West 86th St

Dinner 1800
Program 1830
Meeting 1900

Excomm Meeting Dates:

06 Oct. 2008
03 Nov. 2008
01 Dec. 2008

05 Jan. 2009
02 Feb. 2009
02 Mar. 2009

District 24 Fall Council & Conference 2008

**Hosted by Hoosier Sail
& Power Squadron**

14-16 November 2008

Clifty Inn - Clifty Falls State
Park
Madison, Indiana



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