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DECK WATCH

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A Unit of District 10, United States Power Squadrons (USPS) ~ America's Boating Club ~

USPS Mission is to promote recreational boating safety through education and civic activities while providing fellowship and fun for our members.

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August

10th (Tue)—Executive Committee Meeting
7:00 p.m., South Shore Yacht Club
2300 E. Nock St., Milwaukee, WI

17th (Tue)—Squadron Members' Meeting
6 p.m., South Shore Yacht Club Tent
boating on Lake Michigan

September

1st-5th—USPS Governing Board Meeting
Hyatt Regency Bellevue Bellevue, WA

14th (Tue)—Executive Committee Meeting
7 p.m., South Shore Yacht Club
2300 E. Nock St., Milwaukee

18th (Sat)—Field Trip North Point Lighthouse
2:00 pm

21st (Tue)—Squadron Members' Meeting
6 p.m., Alioto's Restaurant, University Seminar

October

12th (Tue)—Executive Committee Meeting
7 p.m., South Shore Yacht Club
2300 E. Nock St., Milwaukee, WI

19th (Tue)—Squadron Members' Meeting
6 p.m., Milwaukee Community Sailing Center tour

JULY MEMBERS MEETING

The rain fell, the lightning flashed, and the thunder cracked before the July members meeting. Then the storm subsided and the sun returned just as Amy Seeley, the Weather Goddess, from the National Weather Service Forecast Office in Chicago took the stage to a tent full of hardy MSPS members and guests.



Amy's interactive, and enthusiastic delivery style and superb multimedia graphics and video clips kept the audience riveted. She explained the new weather service products available to the maritime community, and discussed the difficulties in forecasting weather on the Great Lakes. Video and stills of severe weather, and safety measures to be used in the event you are unfortunate to be caught out in such a storm were also presented.

To see all the NWS products for the Great Lakes visit <http://www.weather.gov/greatlakes>.

See you in class.
Mike Wiedel
SEO MSPS

FIELD TRIP

Where: North Point Lighthouse—2650 N. Wahl Avenue within Lake Park

Date: Saturday Sept 18th

Time: 2:00 pm

Cost: \$5.00 admission fee

Parking: Lake Park Bistro, one block north of the Lighthouse. From the parking lot, visitors can access the Lighthouse by following the walks from the southeast corner of the lot.

This a historic, maritime "treasure." We will tour the lighthouse. The tours enable visitors to climb to the top of the 74-foot tower for spectacular views of the lakefront, park and city.

<http://www.northpointlighthouse.org/visit.html>



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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Members of the Milwaukee Sail and Power Squadron continue to take part in community activities. On June 12th we participated in Lake



Shore State Park's Gathering Waters Festival. Carl Pluckhan, Ted

Smyczek, and Mike Wiedel promoted the importance of wearing Life Jackets and did VSCs on the docks.



On July 4th, the paddle wheeler Silver Belle made its way through two parades (Greenfield and Hales Corners) with an electronic sign on the back of the paddle wheel boat spelling out: Milwaukee Sail and Power Squadron "We Make Boating Fun Let Us Show You How", as our own Ken Shea navigated aboard the tow vehicle.



Kim

Commander Kim Rutkowski

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RESCUE DEVICE GOES THE DISTANCE

Thrown like a Frisbee, the 12" **ResQ Disc** spins to unreel 100 feet of buoyant, 500lb. test line wrapped around the rim.

It is preferred to other flotation devices because it can be thrown an average of 80 to 100 feet.

It is a valuable addition to your water safety and rescue equipment.

Price \$60 a piece. **USPS and USCGA members can purchase a case of 12 for \$390. \$30. a piece plus \$2.50 S&H per piece.**



If you are interested in purchasing a **ResQ Disc** please contact: Mike Wiedel mwiedel@earthlink.net

2010 GOVERNING BOARD

August 30, 2010 - September 05, 2010

Bellevue/Seattle, WA



Immediately following the GB meeting, starting on Sunday Sept 5 leaving from Seattle you will have an opportunity to cruise **Alaska's Inside Passage** for 7 days on Princess Cruises.

For more information click on: <http://www.usps.org/national/natmeetings/Bellvue%20GB/bellvue%20%20gb%202010.htm> then click on Seattle cruise.

BOATING SAFETY

Boater Fatigue



This summer promises a safe and enjoyable boating season. The skipper is well prepared, he or she knows the boat and knows how it is safely operated.

Unfortunately we often overlook a danger we unthinkingly create. We socialize and have fun on board with snacks and alcoholic beverages.

We do not realize that "Boater Fatigue" is an unforeseen condition. The combination of the glare of the sun, wind, and physical activity dehydrates the body. Noise, bouncing on the water, and vibration adds to fatigue. When dehydrated, the body absorbs alcohol more quickly into its system to triple the effect of the alcohol, and the process of fatigue speeds. Even mildly dehydrated people will absorb alcohol more quickly into their system. They will have a higher blood alcohol content than non-dehydrated people.

Not only the skipper will be affected, but boater fatigue affects the passengers too. Passengers think they are safe but fatalities and injuries can occur when intoxicated boaters fall overboard. Should the skipper be unable to operate the boat, a passenger may be forced to take over the helm.

Rear Admiral James D. Hull of the U.S. Coast Guard said: "Combining these environmental factors (Causes of Boater Fatigue) with merely one alcoholic beverage - a blood alcohol content of .03 (5%) - can impair a boater's judgment" .

Have fun, but know your limits. Have a glass of wine, a small amount of beer, but remember, although a little is fine, be aware of the danger of too much. Remember, keep alert!

Enjoy your days on the water!

Gisela Murray, SN



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Please note: If your address, phone number, or email address changes or you get a new boat, be sure to contact Ted Smyczek at (262) 786-2599.

SEPTEMBER MEETING



When: Tuesday 21st

Location: Alioto's

Time: 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Program: USPS University Seminar (TBD)
presented by Mike Wiedel

Please RSVP by September 15th Mel
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AUGUST MEETING

Let's go Boating!!!!
Again!! On
August 17th
enjoy an
evening on the
lake with your
fellow members.



The evening will start at 6:00pm with a catered dinner at South Shore Yacht Club Tent. Then at 6:30pm we will board member's boats for a lake cruise.

Cost \$20.00 includes dinner, beverages on board the boats (wine and beer), and boat fuel.

RSVP by August 10th to Mel Fabiszak
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