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# DECK WATCH

**Official Newsletter of the Milwaukee Sail and Power Squadron**

*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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## 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  
USPS 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., Alioto's  
3071 N. Mayfair Road, Wauwatosa, WI.

## November

**5th – 7th**—2010 District 10 Fall Conference  
hosted by the Green Bay Sail and  
Power Squadron

**9th (Tue)**—Executive Committee Meeting  
7 p.m., South Shore Yacht Club  
2300 E. Nock St., Milwaukee, WI.

**16th (Tue)**—Squadron Members' Meeting  
6:00 p.m., Alioto's  
3071 N. Mayfair Road, Wauwatosa, WI.

## **Rendezvous Weekend in Bayfield**

One of the attractions touted at the Bayfield Rendezvous was a tour of the Coast Guard Buoy Tender Sundew now owned by Jeff Foster of the Duluth Power Squadron. Unfortunately my wife and I arrived too late on Friday night (due to car trouble) and missed our chance to tour the boat. On Saturday we again missed our chance to tour the Sundew because we were out on the S/V Roseway.

Saturday night at dinner we happened to be seated next to Jeff Foster's table, met Jeff and explained our predicament. We asked if another tour was planned. We were told no, but to see him after dinner. After dinner, he was nice enough to give us a tour of the boat privately. Starting at the pilot house we went through the crew's quarters, the galley (still operational), service depts. of the ship, and the engine room. Built in 1944, the boat is 180' long and 37' wide and draws 12' of water. Much more info is on their website.  
<http://www.uscg.mil/history/webcutters/Sundew1944.asp>

The engine room contained the 3 house generators that ran the boat (one at a time), also contained the main electric motor for propulsion and the 2 generators that power the main electric motor. The engine/generator control room (soundproofed) for all of this was also housed inside the engine room.

Previously to purchase by Jeff the boat had been a museum piece in Duluth, berthed dockside. Jeff was able to purchase the boat because it was not generating enough revenue to pay for its maintenance. He is planning on keeping the boat in the condition it is in and retaining the history for future generations.

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## COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

### July Meeting.....Let's Go Boating



A surprise awaited the members of the Milwaukee Sail and Power Squadron when they arrived for the meeting on July 20<sup>th</sup>.



Instead of boarding the boats of fellow members they were ushered aboard The Milwaukee Maiden II of the Brew City River Walk Boat Fleet. A last minute change of plans lead to the availability of the 49 passenger Maiden II and her Captain Bob Gates.

Coolers with wine, beer, and soft drinks were quickly loaded aboard and we departed at 6:40 for a 2 hour cruise down the Milwaukee River. The cruise was narrated by our own Mike Wiedel. Everyone enjoyed the excellent weather, the beautiful sunset, and a relaxing evening cruise.

A special thanks goes out to Russ Vecchio of River Walk Boat Rentals for loan of the boat free of charge and Captain Bob Gates for piloting the boat.

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## Kim

Commander Kim Rutkowski

## 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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## BOATING SAFETY

### Beware of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning



Do not underestimate the danger of carbon monoxide!

We are out on the open water far away from air pollution on land.

Are we sure we did not forget that poisonous gases could be produced by our gasoline engine, the generator, our cooking range, the water heater, or our air conditioning system?

Faulty equipment on board can produce deadly carbon monoxide. Unfortunately the presence of these gases is hard to detect. It is odorless, colorless, and tasteless. In high concentrations it can be fatal in a matter of minutes. In smaller concentration it causes irritated eyes, headache, nausea, weakness and dizziness. Lower concentration of carbon monoxide may not seem dangerous, but the effects of exposure are cumulative and can be just as lethal over time. Sometimes these symptoms are mistaken for seasickness.

Check your exhaust lines. Use steam hoses or other metallic material. These lines need greater flexibility than other lines. Install the piping or tubing with a continuous downward pitch of at least ½” per foot. In a sailboat the engine is usually installed close to or below the waterline. The exhaust tubing must have a riser to prevent water from running back into the engine.

Properly maintained exhaust systems and appliances which are properly vented will reduce the danger of carbon monoxide poisoning.

The practice of keeping generators running to power air conditioners and electronic equipment while moored or anchored may expose swimmers and those using the outer deck areas in the vicinity of exhaust ports to a potential lethal dose of carbon monoxide. When swimming avoid areas near exhaust vents while engines or generators are running.

Carbon monoxide may not only be produced in your boat, but may enter your cabin while moored or anchored too close to another vessel that obstructs the exhaust port, or due to prevailing wind conditions or back drafts.

Ventilation system are not designed to remove vapors in large quantities caused by breaks in fuel lines, leaking tanks, or dripping carburetors. Before starting the engine, especially on calm days, open the engine compartment to dissipate any vapor present. While running the boat keep forward facing hatches open to allow air circulation.

Beware of the danger of carbon monoxide and perform regular maintenance of your exhaust system and appliances. This will allow your boating to be fun and trouble free.

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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 21<sup>st</sup>

**Location:** Alioto's

**Time:** 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

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



Please RSVP by September 15<sup>th</sup> Mel Fabiszak @262.966.2743 or kimrutkowski@earthlink.net