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# America's Boating Club



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## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

(Due to the hit-and-miss distribution of the November Springlines, I am repeating the following article)

Hello Folks

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving! Now it's time for the boats to go into their storage for the winter; so, check that checklist to make sure you didn't forget anything.

At the last Dinner meeting we had a motion made to purchase a trailer for *Illumination*. This motion came from a long talk on the future of the tug boat the storage for her. Terry Johnson donated the first \$1000.00 toward the trailer purchase. Dean Jones said anyone making a donation that he would match it, up to a total of \$500.00. If you do the math and count the \$900.00 from Trivia night last year, and a \$500.00 donation from Natalie Witty,PDC, from a District Fund, at the end of just these donations we will end up with \$3400.00. Trailer Masters said that they would sell us one at his cost. Greg Kelso thought that the cost was around \$3500.00.

Moving on don't forget our Christmas party at the Motor Boat Club on the 3rd. The weather has been a bit windy for a couple of days, but when we are seeing 50/60 degrees temps in the last week of November, I'll take it. The Christmas shopping will be in full swing now, so watch out for the crazy shoppers that don't pay attention.

We are having our Cruise Planning Meeting at Greg & Lisa Kelso's on February 19th starting around 12:30 ish. If you have a cruise that you want to do, come on out. The meeting sets our summer events so if you have anything in mind don't be shy, come on out!

I would like to take a minute to say Thank you to all the members and their families for all their help in making another great year for Land of Lincoln Power Squadrons success in 2011.

Also, I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year!!

Cdr Daryl Peek, AP

## ESCAPING A SINKING CAR

The latest information from Aviation Space & Environmental Medicine changing what we have been taught about getting out of a sinking vehicle.

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Title: My car is sinking: automobile submersion, lessons in vehicle escape. Source Aviation Space & Environmental Medicine. 81(8):779-84, 2010 Aug. Abstract INTRODUCTION: In North America approximately 400 individuals per year die in submersed vehicles, accounting for 5-11% of all drownings. About half of people surveyed would let the vehicle fill with water before attempting exit. METHODS: We used a crane and two passenger vehicles of the same make, model, and year--one with passenger compartment intact (I) and one with holes (H) in the floor (area approximately 2200 cm 2)--to conduct occupied and unoccupied submersions. RESULTS: Three phases of submersion were identified: 1) FLOATING, vehicles floated for 15 s (H) to 63 s (I) before the water reached the bottom of the side windows; 2) SINKING, the subsequent period until the vehicle is completely under water, but before it fills completely; and 3) SUBMERGED, the vehicle was full of water and several feet below the surface. Total time to submersion was 150 s for I but only 37 s for H. Opening the door to exit Vehicle I decreased submersion time from 150 to 30 s. Even the most difficult exit strategy attempted (three men and a child manikin through one window) was quickly performed from Vehicle I (only 51 s). During one exit attempt, initiated during the sinking phase, it was impossible to open the doors or windows until the vehicle was completely full of water. CONCLUSIONS: A vehicle is most easily exited during the initial Floating Phase. We suggest the following escape procedure: SEATBELT(s) unfastened; WINDOWS open; CHILDREN released from restraints and brought close to an adult; and OUT, children should exit first. This link leads to available full-text or the complete reference.

<http://ovidsp.ovid.com/ovidweb.cgi?T=JS&CSC=Y&MODE=ovid&PAGE=fulltext&NEWS=n&D=medl&AUTOALERT=57102594%7c1>  
Bob Miller  
"



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

<b>Dan Dees</b>	<b>12/01</b>
<b>Pam Mathon</b>	<b>12/07</b>
<b>Robert Lloyd</b>	<b>12/24</b>
<b>Diane Keller</b>	<b>12/26</b>
<b>Dee Hoover</b>	<b>12/29</b>



**Former member Chot Rodgers experiences another heart attack following participating in a swim race, his favorite hobby. He is recovering. Address: Goodsmarton Way, Crossville, TN 38558 931/787-6157**

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## EXECUTIVE OFFICER

### **Chicago Boat, RV and Oudoors Show**

McCormick Place, January 12-16 2012

[www.chicagoboatshow.com](http://www.chicagoboatshow.com)

W 1400-2100; Th-F 1100-2100; Sat 1000-2100;  
Sun 1000-1700

### **Strictly Sail Chicago**

Navy Pier, January 26-29 , 2012

[www.strictlysailchicago.com](http://www.strictlysailchicago.com)

Th-F 1100-2000; Sat 1000-1900; Sun 1000-1700

### **“NEW” Rosemont Sportfishing, Travel & Outdoors Show**

Rosemont Convention Center, January 25 – 29, 2012

[www.rosemontoutdoorsshow.com](http://www.rosemontoutdoorsshow.com)

Wed- Fri 1400-2100; Sat 1000-1900; Sun 1000-1700

District 20 will have a booth at three Chicago boat shows this winter: **January 12-16 at McCormick Place, January 26-29 at Rosemont Convention Center, and January 26-29 at Navy Pier.** Volunteers interested in your organization, **as well as receiving free admission to the shows,** are needed to staff our booth in 2-hr shifts (or more if desired). We will be distributing our winter/spring public boating course schedule and giving out information on USPS membership, our vessel safety check program and other educational opportunities at the shows. According to the Strictly Sail website, Navy Pier is giving a discount on parking for the show.

To sign up, contact your local squadron Boat Show Chairman or District 20 Boat Show Co-Chair D/Lt Gloria Omohundro (847-816-7243 or [pogo345@comcast.net](mailto:pogo345@comcast.net)). **To ensure your choice of date and time, sign up early.** Instructions for the booth will be available to all volunteers.

**Sign up Deadlines: McCormick Place, 1/5/12 Navy Pier, 1/20/12, Rosemont, 1/20/12.**

## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Rick and I took one for the team and tried out the new restaurant in town "Parrots Down." It is a Caribbean-themed place with appropriate decor, drinks, food and music. The Jimmy Buffet fans will be happy! I booked it for the 12/30 AA and hope we can get a good crowd. Parrots Down was featured in last Sunday's SJR. It is located on the east side of the Soccer World complex off Veterans Parkway at West Lawrence.

For those unable to find something they like on the menu (it's large and diverse), you can order from the owner's other new restaurant, on the west side of the complex, Moranos, a carryout pizza/pasta/panini establishment, and they will bring it over.

Kathy Wright, AO

### **REMINDER**

Please bring your old and tired silk ties to the Christmas party. This is an opportunity to clear out the tie rack of the ties you don't like, don't wear and don't want to look at. Stained or not they will be appreciated.

If you missed the last meeting, the purpose is to recycle ties into a quilt to be raffled. Hopefully it will be completed by the April trivia party.

PC Gail

**REMINDER**  
**THE LAND OF LINCOLN POWER SQUADRON'S**  
**CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
**SPRINGFIELD MOTOR BOAT CLUB**



**Saturday, December 3, 2011**

**1800 Cash Bar**  
**1825 Hors d'oeuvres**  
**1845 Tossed Salad Bar**  
**1900 Buffet**

**Buffet Entrees:** **Baked white fish**  
**Fried chicken**  
**Roast pork in gravy**  
**Mashed potatoes and chicken gravy**  
**Glazed carrots; green beans almandine**  
**Salad bar**  
**Rolls**  
**Coffee/Tea**  
**Dessert**

**COST: \$23.00 per person, includes tax and gratuity. Cash (exact amount please) or check made out to LLPS. "No shows" are responsible for their reservation charges because we must guarantee a number and pay for any meals "short" of our guarantee.**

**RESERVATIONS: RSVP to Kay Caruso at 629-8667 or at [jake72@casscomm.com](mailto:jake72@casscomm.com) to **make reservations by noon on Wednesday, Nov. 30th**. Please let me know as soon as possible whether or not you plan to attend. I hope to see you on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**DONATIONS TO CENTRAL ILLINOIS FOOD BANK: In lieu of a gift exchange once again, it was decided at our Oct. meeting that we bring monetary donations to our Christmas party to give to the Food Bank. Then we don't have to sort and load and unload the canned goods, and the Food Bank can buy so much more with our cash donations. If LLPS could give at least \$65, that would buy \$520 worth of food.**

**DIRECTIONS: From Stevenson Drive, go south at West Lake Drive (TaiPan/Mobil/CVS/Walgreen's corner). Go one mile and left turn. Follow West Lake Drive around a curve to a posted sign for Springfield Motor Boat Club. Turn left and follow Caravan Lane to the end of road.**



**PEACE, HOPE AND FAITH...**

**Rick and Kathy Wright**



**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**

**Art & Nancy Leefers**



Happy holidays to our friends in the Land  
of Lincoln Power Squadron!

**Greg, Lisa  
Emma & Molly**



**MAY THE BLESSINGS OF THE  
HOLIDAYS BE WITH YOU  
THROUGH THE YEAR!**

**Jack, Mavis, Amanda, & Jacob  
Shook**



Wishing you a wonderful holiday  
season.

**Rich & Ruth**



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**and HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**Terry & Karen Johnson**



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!  
To All

**Jerry & Cindy Naughton**



**MERRY CHRISTMAS  
& HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Jim and Kay Caruso



Yo-ho-ho-ho, Maties,  
Have a Wond-arrrrh-ful Christmas!

Greg, Barb, Alan & Brad Lovekamp



Wishing you a wonderful Christmas  
Season....

John Kelly & Patti



You better watch out...  
Ho! Ho!

Dean and jessie



Wishing you a wonderful holiday  
season

Daryl-n-Tracie Peek



Blessings of peace and happiness...

**Scott & Kristin Harmon**



**MERRY CHRISTMAS  
HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**Norm & Gail**

**Wishing you a  
joyous holiday**



**Dave and Lynn**

### NOTES OF INTEREST FROM D-20 FALL CONFERENCE

The D/20 Fall Conference Commanders' Meeting included a review of USPS Fall Governing Board topics, which covered the following:

- \* \$2.00 increase in National dues.
- \* USPS obtained a grant from USCG for a boat, trailer & tow vehicle to promote the on the water training. It should be in the D/20 area in spring 2012.
- \* USPS memorandum of understanding with USCG Aux to work together on VSC and other programs.

#### Regarding National selling educational material directly to the public and USCGAux:

- \* National seems more interested in selling material than supporting the squadrons.
- \* USPS now competing with USCG Aux for members with our own material.
- \* Readers could be turned off by USPS if they find the material difficult to understand without the classroom support.
- \* Releasing the information takes away opportunities for squadrons to gain members.
- \* Some don't object to selling material.
- \* All the information is available online for free, although not organized as well as USPS materials.
- \* Books are coming obsolete - will they sell that many?
- \* National should package the material with information to promote the local squadrons and classes.
- \* The way people learn is changing, USPS needs to change too.
- \* Readers will still want to gain the credentials offered by USPS certification. How will National address this?

#### Trident & newsletters

- \* Some squadrons are mailing a paper newsletter to 100% of their members.
- \* Most are doing a combination of email and paper and phasing out printed newsletters. district to the members.
- \* A link in the email to an online copy is preferred to attaching the large document.
- \* Not everyone has embraced Sail Angle yet.
- \* New members are not added to Sail Angle in a timely manner (call SA admin to add new member immediately) \* The D/20 Planning Comm. recommended two more Tridents be published.
- Articles are needed from squadrons.

#### ABC Free Membership & Membership in General

- \* Getting these members involved is difficult. Many do not respond to invites.
- \* Schedule an event (dinner, seminar, Seamanship class) immediately following the ABC class to get them \* Use mentors to involve new members in the squadron. \* seminars can be used as recruiting tool.

- \* Membership getting older. Maybe National could develop a program to attract younger members.
- \* Facebook, twitter and other internet resources are good ways to market USPS.

#### District Attendance

- \* Skokie Valley planned a membership meeting on Friday that brought out 25-30 people.
- \* In general, people are busy and it's difficult to get people to come to the district events.

#### National Marketing Partnerships

- \* Some members are upset about the direct mail marketing agreement with Affinity Marketing Group..
  - \* No one likes junk mail.
  - \* There is concern about using the USPS logo on their mailings.
  - \* Benefits offered may not be any better than what members can find online or on their. Member benefits should offer real discounts.
  - \* Require mailings to include information on how to opt-out of future mailings.
  - \* There was some interest in district writing a position statement, recommending National not engage in direct mail marketing..
- (Decatur *On Deck*, November 2011)



**2010-11 PORTS OF CALL**

**2011**

**December**

- 1 Bridge Meeting, Laurel Methodist Church, 1800
- 3 LOL Christmas Party, Springfield Motor Boat Club
- 25 **MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL**
- 30 Attitude Adjustment, Parrot Down, Veteran's Parkway & Lawrence

**January**

- 1 **HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!**
- 5 Bridge Meeting, Laurel Methodist Church, 1800
- 12 Dinner Meeting, TBA
- 25-29 USPS Annual Meeting, Jacksonville, FL
- 27 Attitude Adjustment, TBA

**February**

- 2 Bridge Meeting, Laurel Methodist Church, 1800
- 9 LOL Annual Meeting – Election of new bridge, TBA
- 19 **HAPPY BIRTHDAY USPS**
- 19 Cruise Planning Meeting, 5508 Griffitts, Spauling, IL; 1400

**March**

- 1 Bridge Meeting, Laurel Methodist Church, 1800
- TBA **CHANGE OF WATCH**
- TBA **SPRINGFIELD BOAT SHOW, Orr Bldg, IL State Fair Grounds**

RSVP is necessary for all dinner meetings and helpful for the AAs.  
RSVP to Kay Caruso 217/629-8667 [or jake72\\_casscomm.com](mailto:jake72_casscomm.com)  
THANK YOU!

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