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## EVANSTON NORTH-SHORE SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON

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### Commander's Column

**John P. Chalmers, Cdr**

When we went to the shed last week to clean up the boat we found the topsides and hull so sparkling clean that for a moment we accused the boatyard of co-opting our task. In fact last season the lake (that's Lake Michigan) was so clean that almost nothing accumulated to mar the beauty of our waterline; a wash and rub down was all she needed.

The Squadron year begins and ends in April and I will be stepping ashore at the Change of Watch on the 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Glen View Golf Club. During the past year we have lost a few members and welcomed others, and while the overall recruiting problem remains unresolved, our balance has not been seriously disturbed as we look forward to a new year and new opportunities.

The projected budget, on the other hand, proved to be unequal to squadron aspirations and in two instances I approved spending where no budget line existed. A second concern for the year, re-scheduling the Change of Watch, was postponed to the coming year and the attention of Commander-elect Dennis Stein this autumn.

The District Spring Conference, held at the Deerfield Hyatt during the last snow storm of the year on Friday-Saturday, 19-20 March, was attended by Evanston Squadron members Dennis Stein, Administrative Officer elect Birute J. Apke, and myself. Subjects covered at the Commanders' meeting on Friday evening included an update on SailAngle and the probability that all squadron members nation-wide will be automatically signed up. It was also emphasized that all Squadron

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Nominating:	Dennis Stein, P

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\*\*\*\*\*Change of Watch\*\*\*\*\*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

April 17<sup>th</sup> at the Glenview Golf Club  
6pm

Please join us to welcome the new bridge and say goodbye to the old one. RSVP: Please call or drop me a note if you can make it so we can get an accurate count of attendee's: Email: dstein@linngroup.com, cell:847-846-2399

officers are responsible for participation in four District events each year: the Fall and Spring Conferences, O.T. Training, and the Cruise and Rendezvous. At the Council meeting our Squadron received the mandatory USPS Educational Fund Certificate of Merit.

This year the District Summer Cruise & Rendezvous will be hosted by the Land of Lincoln Power Squadron on Lake Springfield on July 30-31.

I look forward to seeing each of you during the year ahead and at the next squadron meeting.

John P. Chalmers, AP  
Commander



And Now A Word From Your Incoming Commander:

I have high hopes for this next year and the Evanston North-Shore Sail and Power Squadron. We have a great bridge coming aboard and there is a pretty full roster so we have ensured that we should have a robust next few years. With a little luck, the enthusiasm should spread and we'll see a lot more people stepping up and making their mark on our squadron. I know we've had a rocky few years here but John Chalmers has stepped up and restored the Commander position to what it should be. His hard work and attention to detail and following rules have put us back on the straight and narrow path we need to follow and have helped our image with district with his attention to getting to every event possible and dragging many squadron members along. I know he thinks he's done and surely he will have more time for his own projects, but we'll still have him to help back us up and keep us on course.

My executive officer, Mark Wilson is an avid boater and spends a lot of time on the water. I'm looking forward not only to working with Mark this year, but also having some boating adventures with him and his family. We both took our boats as well as our commander to the cruise and rendezvous at North Point last summer and had a blast. I

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## Volunteers Needed !!!

***"Put me in Coach - I'm ready to play today."***

Evanston Power Squadron has an opportunity to host the Spring **2012** District Conference. We've been on the D/20 bench since 1999, the last conference we hosted.

In nine innings, the ballgame is to:

- Pick a conference theme (like old-time baseball ???)
- Arrange for a local hotel site.
- Advertise the conference to the other squadrons.
- Make some money on a few raffles.
- Take attendee registration
- Throw a party on Friday night.
- Coordinate meeting rooms on Saturday
- Arrange Saturday lunch and dinner
- Say "goodbye" to your visitors on Sunday

We need volunteers for the following committees:

- Friday Night Entertainment
- Saturday Lunch and Dinner Arrangements
- Saturday Lunch and Dinner Decorations
- Conference Registration
- Fund Raising
- Hotel Selection and Relations
- Conference Meeting Rooms
- Signage
- Friendship Room
- Marketing Committee
- Conference Treasurer

**Contact Commander John Chalmers at 773-761-1372 to get in on the fun. . . and your name on the batting order**

To steal a line from John Fogarty,  
***"Look at us, we can be centerfield," !!***

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look forward to setting up a cruise up to Racine this year and hope that maybe we can generate enough interest to maybe even have a joint squadron meeting up at the Schuberts house there as they are members of both squadrons and have offered their help and hospitality room on numerous occasions.

My administrative officer, Bea Apke is overqualified for the position. She has always attended every conference she could get to and has been a great ambassador for our squadron. I look forward to her stepping up the chain and keeping our squadron on the track that John Chalmers has laid out.

At Secretary we have a new member who joins us with a lot of enthusiasm; Erik Peterson. Erik has a young family and experience with both Sail and Power boats. I look forward to seeing him involved in the squadron for years to come—he's our kind of boater!

I am retaining my old buddy once again as Flag Officer. P/C Dave Rodelius, AP, who is the heart and soul of our squadron and always reminds me of the things we need to get done. He steps in to lend a hand whenever called on. His knowledge and experience are also called on by his job at the Botanic Garden and his family, so he has been kept quite busy over the years, but we will need his help in the coming months if we do decide to host the conference. In fact, my bridge has the benefit of all of our Past Commanders we have in our ranks. They are all available for advice and help and often jump in at a moments notice when they're needed most. I think we may have one of the more experienced squadrons out there as most of our members have at one time held office and know the ins and outs of USPS quite well. We do need to bring in some new members and hopefully we can find a few members to come aboard and benefit from the wealth of experience and leadership that we have.

At our last meeting, Don Sidman, JN from district and member of our sister squadron, Skokie Valley, was there to give us a pep-talk about the 2012 spring conference we are signed up to do. He noted that there is quite a bit of help out there should we require it and that he might even be able to find us a co-host squadron if we feel we can't do it on our own. He stressed the amount of work that goes into the hosting process and that it's not all boating related; but

## Environmental and Waterways Report

P/C Dennis Stein, P

Another boating group I belong to is the "Evanston Ramp Association", a group that launch's boats from Evanston. At our last meeting, we had the Illinois DNR there represented by biologist Dan Makauskas. He was there to talk about the fish stocks in Lake Michigan and also to tell us about the poisoning of the canal that took place the first week of December to try and make sure that Asian Carp do not get into the Lake. I learned a number of interesting facts during this and among them was that Asian Carp 'poop' floats. At first this seems insignificant, except for the fact that the University of Notre Dame has found Asian Carp DNA around Chicago in the river system. As Mr. Makauskas explained, some of this could be from the drift way upstream and the huge population of Asian Carp there. He said that commercial fishing is taking over a million pounds of Carp from the Peoria area and not even making a dent in the population. Seems that China is envious of our 'good luck' with the carp and are buying them up. They started selling the fish to China at around 20 cents a pound and now they are up to between 60 and 80 cents a pound.

But back to the reasons for DNA of Asian Carp in our area... He also speculated that birds that consume fish and even humans who buy fish in the store and eat them might be the reason for the DNA getting dropped back into the water by birds and also the sewage treatment centers. It becomes a lot more complicated the closer you look. But the main story was that they only found 1 Asian Carp in the tons of fish they pulled from the river. They took away 55,000 pounds of trash fish, and they even roiled the waters near the dam to make sure that the fish that had died and settled to the bottom were stirred up. They found a manikins leg and some other interesting stuff, but no more Asian carp.

I'm still very standoffish on the idea that these fish pose a problem to Lake Michigan boaters. I will keep my eye on it and suggest that you all do to, but don't lose any sleep worrying about an invasion at this point.

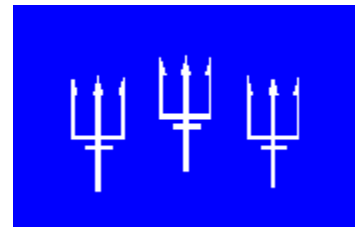
we will need help with the 'party planning' and I'm sure that we can form some committees and get people to help with such things as decorations and seating charts. He stressed that a lot of the planning involved going out with the committee and sampling the luncheons and dinners provided by the prospective venues. This is a great way to get to know and have fun with other members in the squadron. It's always a great excuse to have to go 'out to eat' to check out this or that restaurant.



P/C Dennis Stein, P

## It is time to return your Pennant

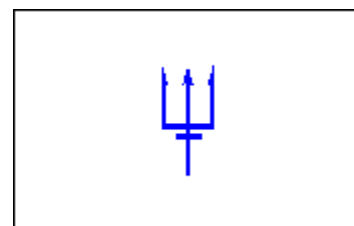
If you are a past officer and you have a flag of office issued to you by the Squadron, please return it to Flag Officer P/C David Rodelius, AP. You may conveniently bring it to him at the Change of Watch on April 17<sup>th</sup>, or give him a call at 847.864.7738 and return it to him before that date.



Commander



Lieutenant Commander



1st Lieutenant

## CHANGE OF WATCH

PLACE: GLENVIEW GOLF CLUB

DATE: SATURDAY, APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup>

TIME: 6:00PM

BOATING SAFETY WEEK

MAY 22-28

TASTE OF CHICAGO

JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup> THRU JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>

CHICAGO 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FIREWORKS

NORTHSIDE SHOW THIS YEAR AT MONTROSE  
BEACH... STILL ON JULY 3<sup>RD</sup>

EAA EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT AIRSHOW

OSHKOSH JULY 26-AUGUST 1

DISTRICT 20 CRUISE & RENDEZVOUS

LAKE SPRINGFIELD JULY 30-31

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TALL SHIPS GREAT LAKES CRUISE

CHICAGO (NAVY PIER)

AUGUST 24<sup>TH</sup> THRU 29<sup>TH</sup>

RACINE IN THE WATER BOAT SHOW

--HAVEN'T FOUND A DATE, BUT USUALLY A  
WEEK BEFORE THE MICHIGAN CITY SHOW --  
SEEN BELOW-

MICHIGAN CITY, IN THE WATER BOAT SHOW

WASHINGTON PARK, MICHIGAN CITY,  
INDIANA

AUGUST 26 - 29<sup>TH</sup>

CHICAGO AIR AND WATER SHOW

AUG 14-15 BLUE ANGLES

DISTRICT 20 FALL CONFERENCE

OAKBROOK DOUBLETREE OCT 22-24

CHICAGO BOAT AND RV SHOW

MCCORMICK PLACE

JAN 12-16 2011

STRICTLY SAIL 2011

NAVY PIER

JAN 27-30<sup>TH</sup> 2011

## Safety on the Water

Two of our members completed the CPR course held at ADM. This course was offered to our membership and we didn't get enough people to sign on and have it locally, but our past commander Gary Raphael, AP offered to have members at our squadron take the course at his workplace as they were holding it there. Gary and our Commander John Chalmers signed on. I understand that SOS technologies did a very good job and showed up with new Dummies that were very much improved over the old style dummies. --The dummies are getting smarter! Anyway, both Gary and John passed the class and would be very handy to have around should you have a cardiac event--Sailing is so stressful.



Remember, Boating Safety Week is May 22-28 this year. It would be a good idea to get in touch with Bill Randolph, AP, to see if he can do a VSC on your boat during that week at Wilmette Harbor. Email him at [Obie629@aol.com](mailto:Obie629@aol.com), or call at 847-256-0770. If you're in the neighborhood of Evanston that week, call me 847-846-2399 or email, [dstein@linngroup.com](mailto:dstein@linngroup.com) and I'll arrange to do a Vessel Safety check of your boat.

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If you haven't been to our website lately, take a peek! Remember to check back period [www.evanstonsquadron.com](http://www.evanstonsquadron.com)

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# DISTRICT 20 SUMMER CRUISE & RENDEZVOUS

30 – 31 JULY 2010

**FRIDAY - Firefighters-Postal Lake Club,**

940 W. Lake

Shore Drive, Springfield, IL

**SATURDAY- Island Bay Yacht Club**

**BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER**

**Breakfast (Complimentary) \_\_\_\_\_**

Donuts, Coffee, Tea

**Luncheon \$ 9.00**

Krabby Patties (Cheeseburgers), Brats,

Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, Fruit Salad,

Chips, Ice Tea, Lemonade

**Dinner \$25.00**

Hors d'oeuvres, Greens, Fruit,

Vegetable, & Pasta Salads, Grilled Chicken

w/Tangerine Glaze, Beef Teriyaki Kabobs,

Roasted Parmesan Cheese Wedges,

Corn on Cob, Rolls, Iced Tea, Lemonade,

Coffee, Cake

Poker Run Cruise – Lake Springfield -or- 1230-1500 -----

Lincoln Memorial Gardens Visit 1230-1500 \_\_\_\_\_

(Provide Own Transportation)

Bikini Bottom – The Real Deal (Dive Seminar) 1500-1600 \_\_\_\_\_

Cruise & Rendezvous

Schedule of Events

**Friday 30 July – Fire Fighters Club**

1700-1900 Registration

1830-??? Meet & Greet Reception

**Saturday 31 – Island Bay Yacht Club**

0900-1100 Registration

0830-1030 Breakfast

1000-1130 Executive Committee Meeting

Immediately followed by

Council Meeting

1130-1230 Lunch

1230-1500 Poker Run Cruise -or-

1230-1500 Lincoln Memorial Gardens Visit

1500-1600 Bikini Bottom – The Real Deal

1830-1930 Cocktail Reception

1930-??? Dinner/Awards/Entertainment/

Dancing

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FOR SALE BY OUR MEMBERS:

Norm Sussman has a pair of inflatable SOS suspenders he paid over \$160 each for that he will let go for \$75 each. Each is still in the original package and have never been in the water. He also has a boat hook like-new that he's asking \$25 for. Call him if you're interested and I'm sure he'll make you good deal...847-675-6096

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**DISTRICT 20 SUMMER CRUISE & RENDEZVOUS  
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**FRIDAY - Firefighters-Postal Lake Club, 940 W. Lake  
Shore Drive, Springfield, IL**

**Meet & Greet Reception** \_\_\_\_\_ **Number Attending Friday**

**SATURDAY- Island Bay Yacht Club, 76 Yacht Club Road,  
Springfield, IL**

**BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER RESERVATIONS**

**Rank Name Grade Squadron**

1 \_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Meals: Number Total Cost**

**Breakfast (Complimentary)** \_\_\_\_\_  
Donuts, Coffee, Tea

**Luncheon** \$ 9.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Total** \_\_\_\_\_

**Activities: Number Participating**

Poker Run Cruise – Lake Springfield -or- 1230-1500 \_\_\_\_\_  
Lincoln Memorial Gardens Visit 1230-1500 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Provide Own Transportation)  
Bikini Bottom – The Real Deal (Dive Seminar) 1500-1600 \_\_\_\_\_

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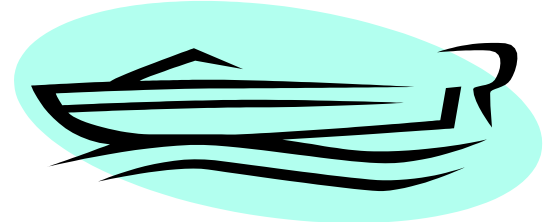
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