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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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February

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

★ **16th (Tue)**—Squadron Members' Meeting
6 p.m., Taco Tuesday and Movie night at
South Shore Yacht club, 2300 E. Nock St.,
Milwaukee, WI.

March

7th (Sun)—Change of Watch, 11:00 a.m.
South Shore Yacht Club
2300 E. Nock St., Milwaukee, WI

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

19 - 21—District 10 Spring Conference,
The Sheraton Hotels & Resorts: Madison,
706 John Nolan Drive, Madison, WI

April

13th (Tue)—Executive Committee Meeting,
7 p.m., South Shore Yacht Club,
2300 E. Nock St., Milwaukee, WI.

14th (Wed)—America's Boating Course begins,
Menomonee Falls High School,
Room No. to be announced,
W142 N8101 Merimac Dr.
(use north parking lot), Menomonee Falls, WI

20th (Tue)—Squadron Members' Meeting, 6:00
p.m., Location to be announced

**For more information on these events,
please contact Ted Smyczek at 262-786-2599**



Indicates Changes Made

www.milwaukeepowersquadron.org

FEBRUARY MEETING

Experience a riveting and inspiring true-life movie adventure aboard the high-tech sloop **MORNING LIGHT**. Fifteen rookie sailors ages 18-23 have one goal in mind -- to be part of Roy Disney's Morning Light crew, racing in the most revered sailing competition on Earth, the Transpac Yacht Race.

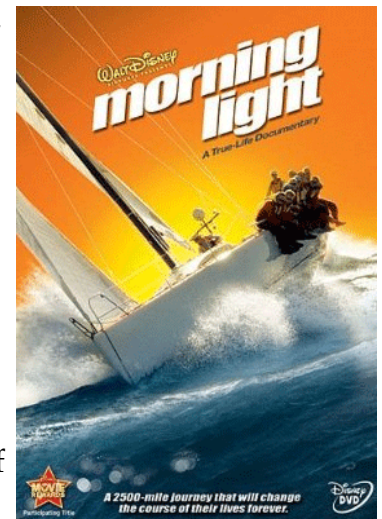
From start to finish, it's a rollercoaster ride of emotions and physical challenges, beginning with six months of intense training. Only eleven will survive to race in the grueling 2,225-mile Transpac race from Los Angeles, CA to Honolulu, HI.

Matching wits and skills against experienced pros and the unforgiving, unpredictable Pacific Ocean, these young men and women develop a powerful bond and prove how dedication, teamwork and an unyielding spirit can overcome the greatest of odds.

**Come and watch the adventure unfold:
Tuesday February 16, 2010
6:30 - 8:00 P.M.
South Shore Yacht Club**

Before the movie a make your own taco bar with soft or hard shell tacos or taco bowls with beef or chicken will be available for purchase prices range from \$2.00 - \$5.00. Beer and drink specials available. Food service starting @ 5:30 PM.

Movie Night



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BOATING SAFETY

Sailing in Heavy Seas



"Don't go too close to the water!" we often were told as children. Now that we are adults, the warning has not changed much. As sailors we are told: "Don't sail too far from the coast!" But who can resist the call of the seeming limitless open water?

Before deciding to leave the coastal area pay attention to the weather forecast! If you plan a longer sail have an experienced crew on board. Even if you intend to go only a few miles offshore make sure to have enough electronic equipment on board, a hand held radio and/or a cell phone, detailed charts and safety equipment, including a safety harness. Don't forget foul weather gear and suitable clothing, even in summer the air on the water can be chilly.

Don't forget to file a float plan!

Although the weather forecast predicted fair weather, it can change in a span of a few minutes from calm winds and blue skies to gray and dangerous. Power boats are generally faster than sailboats and might be able to reach shelter. If you have to ride out the storm, make sure everyone is wearing their life jacket.

A sailboat can ride out a rough sea by heaving to. With it's keel the boat is more stable in heavy seas than the power boat. Sheet the jib to the wind and lash the wheel to windward or the tiller to the boat's leeward side.

In rough water the power boat is safer when moving through the water. If anchored the boat may be prevented from rising with the waves. In a sudden burst of wind, how does your boat react?

Without a deep keel a power boat at anchor in heavy seas can easily get swamped. Wind may blow over the low structure of the boat. A high freeboard, a deckhouse and, or flybridge can cause some concern.

Stay away from breaking crests. When the wave is coming towards you try to keep the bow up, when down, a bow can be buried when meeting the next wave. When seas are at the beam, turn into the wave. Turning away from the wave may cause the boat to breach, to suddenly turn sideways to the wave.

A following sea can be dangerous. If you have a cutout at the transom of your boat, a wave from behind, maybe even a small wave, can come over the transom and swamp the boat. More water will come over the low transom. Rain und spray will add to the water in the boat. Water in the boat causes the freeboard to be lower, making the boat less stable. Check the scuppers, debris may prevent the water to drain. Keep the boat moving.

A final reminder: Every boat acts different. Practice maneuvers and learn how your boat handles in various situations.

Gisela Murray, SN



USPS® District 10
2010 Change of Watch
The Sheraton Inn & Conference Center
Madison, Wisconsin
March 19-21, 2010
Hosted by the Madison Sail & Power Squadron



Conference Registration Form

Hotel Reservations:
The Sheraton Hotels & Resorts: Madison
706 John Nolan Drive Madison, WI 53713
Toll Free 1-866-716-8103
<http://sheratonmadison.com>
Group Rate: \$125.00/night single or double
Rates are in effect until 2/14/2010



Name 1 _____
Name 2 _____
Address _____
City & Zip _____
Squadron or Affiliation _____
Telephone _____
Email: _____

Celebrate 50 years of the Madison Sail and Power Squadron Friday night with the sounds of the Rat Pack. Madison's own, Joe Scalissi, will be belting out the tunes that made Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr. and Dean Martin Legends.

50 years later, we're still swinging, just like Frank, Sammy, Dean & Joe



<http://www.joescalissi.com>

Conference Menu Selections meals include hot or iced tea, milk, freshly brewed Starbucks® Coffee, dinner rolls, and dessert <i>Kids menu items available by advance request</i>		Number	Amount Due
Friday MSPS 50th Dinner Show Choices:			
1. Roasted Raspberry Pork Loin: \$35 served with yellow gold mashed potato, baby vegetables, field green salad, and a caramelized onion-raspberry sauce	1. ____		
2. Saffron Halibut: \$35 pan seared halibut, rice pilaf, baby vegetables, saffron cream sauce, and field green salad	2. ____		
3. Chef's Vegetarian Selection: \$35	3. ____		
Saturday Conference Lunch:			
1. Roast Beef Sandwich: \$20 on onion ciabatta roll, lettuce, tomato, onion, provolone, horseradish cream sauce side	1. ____		
2. Chicken Cobb Salad: \$20 mixed greens with marinated roasted chicken, assorted toppings, and parmesan dressing on the side	2. ____		
3. Chef's Vegetarian Selection: \$20	3. ____		
Saturday D10 COW Dinner Choices:			
1. Pistachio Apricot Chicken: \$35 Grilled chicken breast with a pistachio-apricot demi glaze, roasted baby red potatoes, baby vegetables, and Caesar Salad	1. ____		
2. Filet of Sirloin Au Poivre: \$35 Top Sirloin, Dijon mustard and black peppercorns, roasted baby red potatoes, asparagus, green peppercorn sauce.	2. ____		
3. Chef's Vegetarian Selection: \$35	3. ____		
Total Amount Enclosed →			

Make Checks Payable to: **MSPS**

Send Registrations to:

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For More Conference Information go to
<http://usps-d10.org/>

Registration Forms are due March 5, 2010



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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.

CHANGE OF WATCH

March 7th

Milwaukee Sail and Power Squadron
cordially invites you to attend The 71st Annual Change of Watch

Join us for the installation of new officers for the 2010-2011 watch year

A sit down breakfast will be held

Sunday March 7, 2010

at South Shore Yacht Club

From 11:00—13:00

\$15.00 per person

Menu Choices:

Eggs Benedict

Belgian Waffle

One egg, one pancake with 2 pcs of bacon or sausage

Please RSVP with **menu choice** by March 1, 2010

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