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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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June

5th (Sat)—Vessel Safety Checks - McKinley Marina

8th (Tue)—Executive Committee Meeting
7 p.m., South Shore Yacht Club
2300 E. Nock St., Milwaukee, WI

12th (Sat)—Vessel Safety Checks at
South Shore Yacht Club
2300 E. Nock St., Milwaukee, WI

15th (Tue)—Squadron Camaraderie & Cookout;
U.S. Weather Service presentation, 6 p.m.
South Shore Yacht Club
2300 E. Nock St., Milwaukee, WI

July

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

20th (Tue)—Squadron Camaraderie
6 p.m., South Shore Yacht Club
2300 E. Nock St., Milwaukee, WI

23rd-25th—District 10 Rendezvous, Bayfield, WI

August

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

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

BOATING SAFETY

Running Aground



If you have ever run aground, you know it is an experience you will never be able to quite explain. Even the most careful boater can experience a sudden, unscheduled stop, compliments of an unseen underwater obstruction.

Running aground is a dramatic situation which requires you to keep a clear head. There may be times when immediate action may free your boat with little or no damage. However, your first concern is always the condition of your passengers and crew. Check for injuries and determine if they are serious enough to require immediate attention.

After ensuring there are no serious injuries, check the damage to your boat. Keels, rudders and/or drive shafts may be torn away, the hull may have a gaping hole. If you cannot make temporary repairs, call for help.

If your boat is not seriously damaged or sinking, take soundings around the boat to find which way the deep water lies. Determine if wind and current are carrying your boat harder aground, and set an anchor toward deep water.

Decrease the draft of your boat. Move weight and crew to the bow, which may break the bottom suction, or shift the weight of the crew rapidly from side to side. If you are not hard aground, try backing down with your engine. Before starting your engine, check the raw water strainers to ensure they are not clogged with sand or gravel.

If you have a sailboat you can set a hedge anchor off the deep water beam, attach the main halyard to its rode, and use the halyard winch to try to heel the boat over. You might also set an anchor astern, make a bridle and connect the anchor rode to both sheet winches, then try to crank your way off.

In the event you cannot get your vessel off the bottom until help comes or high tide sets in, protect the hull as best as you can. Pad it with any kind of cushioning material. Set boat hooks, whisker poles, or anything else against the sheer as braces.

Keep these procedures in mind for the coming boating season. With the low water levels of recent years, you never know when you might need them.

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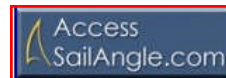
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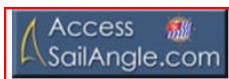
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Check it out!

VESSEL SAFETY CHECK

The MSPS has been asked to partner with the Coast Guard Aux this year in doing vessel safety checks.

Interested examiners should get in touch with Fran Paul VE chair.

The schedule of joint VEs are as follows:

- ♦ June 5th McKinley Marina
- ♦ June 12th South Shore Yacht Club





APOSTLE ISLANDS ADVENTURE D/10 SUMMER RENDEZVOUS – BAYFIELD JULY 23 – 25, 2010

Chart your vacation course to Bayfield in July! The Duluth Sail and Power Squadron is hosting the D/10 summer rendezvous the weekend of July 23rd–25th in the picturesque town of Bayfield. Check the D/10 website for more information

<http://www.usps-d10.org/conference.asp>

Lodging reservations for the rendezvous are to be made through the Bayfield Chamber website at www.Bayfield.org

USPS – DISTRICT 10 SUMMER RENDEZVOUS REGISTRATION FORM

July 23-25th

Hosted By: Duluth Sail and Power Squadron

Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____

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Squadron _____

E-Mail _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Is this your first time attending a District Rendezvous? If yes, Please check here _____

All of your Rendezvous meals are included in one low price:

Adults \$30.00 x _____ = \$ _____ Children \$24.00 x _____ = \$ _____

Children under 5 free

- **Friday Night Apple Brat Dinner** Includes potato salad, chips, and beverage
- **Saturday Morning Continental Breakfast**
- **Saturday Evening** **how many**

Shrimp Boil Feast with Kiebasa and corn on the cob _____ **or**
Chicken Dinner Alternate (adult) with potato salad _____ **or**
Chicken Dinner (children's) _____

- **Sunday Morning Omelet Breakfast**

If you choose not to purchase the Rendezvous meals, there is a \$15 per Person fee to cover the cost of the weekend's activities. \$15.00 x _____ = \$ _____

Cruise on the Tall Ship Schooner Roseway

This is an incredible value. The Schooner Roseway normally charges over \$50.00 for a trip like this in other towns, but we were able to secure this once in a lifetime bargain for Squadron members and their guests.

Adults \$27.00 x _____ = \$ _____
Children \$15.00 x _____ = \$ _____

Please make check payable to: Duluth Sail and Power Squadron. Send check and registration form to P/C Mary Brisky, 7104 Milford St. Duluth, MN 55807 by July 9, 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.

JUNE MEETING—JUNE 15TH

SOUTH SHORE YACHT CLUB TENT

Dinner 6:00 PM (optional)
Cost \$15.00



Amy Seeley from the National Weather Service will talk about:

- ♦ New National Weather Service weather products available to boaters
- ♦ Storms on the lakes and over land
- ♦ Lake Michigan Forecasts.

Amy is a forecaster in the Weather Service Chicago Office. The office issues the Open Waters forecasts for Lake Michigan, the Nearshore forecast for Illinois and Indiana, as well as Special Marine Warnings for the lake. Amy is also very active in Maritime Organizations. She is a member of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, The United States Power Squadrons, and the International Shipmasters Association.

RSVP by June 10th to Mel Fabiszak @ 262.966.2743
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