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The River Skipper

Newsletter of the
St. Paul Sail and Power Squadron



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From the Commander's Desk:

The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails.
William Arthur Ward

I hope and pray that all of you have made it through 2020 and are safe and healthy. We are starting a new year (2021) with the opportunity and expectation of having a great year personally, professionally, and within the Squadron.

As you read this newsletter, we will have elected a new slate of officers with a new budget.

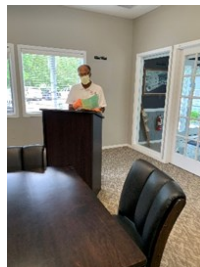
Starting the 2020/2021 watch year, I will still be a member of the Bridge as Past Commander. We will continue to work to bring new members on board and retain our current members.

With the help of our new website, we plan to engage current members and attract new members by offering classes and seminars (virtually at first) promoting boating safety.

The new website should make it easier to sign up, register, and pay for these classes. With the D10 District's help, we will have access to classes put on by our other squadrons or in cooperation with instructors from those squadrons.

The district Task Team is in the process of rolling out programs to answer your requests (per the district survey) for help with gaining new members (Marine

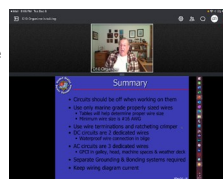
Liaison Program), with teaching classes (Subject Mater Experts, SME and Instructor lists), and with retaining member with an updated Benefits list with actual cost saving examples. Launching and maintaining these programs will take work but if we all pitch in a few hours of our time we will be successful.



Dale Perry administering the Weather Class final exam. The room looks empty due to the appropriate and safe social distancing that allowed us to come together for the final exam

As we close out the 2020 watch year, we can be proud of the accomplishments that we were able to achieve even with the pandemic. We participated in the D10 Virtual ABC3 class, had 7 members complete the Weather class, one member completed AP, and we are currently hosting Marine Electrical Systems class with instructors from class with instructors from our squadron and from Green Bay squadron along with 18 students from St. Paul and other squadrons.

Al Harmon
Leading the Marine Electrical Systems Class with his expansive knowledge and entertaining us with his great wit.



Commander Ed Manor

We had a picnic to show our appreciation to our members and boating friends. We had 31 people attend even with the pandemic. We social distanced and wore masks when appropriate. Fun was had by all. (see pictures page 13).

You should have received an email from National listing the seminars and workshops presented at the Virtual National Fall Governing Board meeting. They are available to all members via the usps.org website. Viewing these and other boating classes / videos would be something to watch as your boat sits on the "hard" this winter.

It has been a pleasure serving as your Commander these past 3 years. I have learned a lot about America's Boating Club / USPS and have met many very interesting people. Many, if not all, are very passionate about boating and boating safety.

Ed Manor



SLATE OF OFFICERS ELECTED 2021 – 2022

Officers:

Commander	Kris Harmon
Executive Officer	John Gagich
Educational Officer	Dave West
Assistant Education Officer	Dale Perry
Administrative Officer	Gail Bernabucci
Assistant Admin Officer	Karen Manor
Secretary	Jan Botnen
Assistant Secretary	Open
Treasurer	Dale Perry
Assistant Treasurer	Open
Members-at-Large	Don Arneson
	Paul Bernabucci
	Jim/Peggy Senesac

Committee Members: (3 year terms):

Rules Committee:

Ron Reimann (2022)	2022*
Lisa Peterson-Nelson	2023*
Open	2024

Audit Committee:

Open	2022
Greg Holmen	2023
Open	2024

Nominating Committee:

Mary Holmen	2022*
Nancy Gagich	2023
Ed Manor	2024

Budget & Finance Committee: (Appointed by Exec. Committee)

Dale Anderson	2022*
Al Harmon	2023*
Ed Manor	2024*

***The swearing in of new officers will be during the VIRTUAL annual change of watch Saturday, February 27th. Mark your calendars and join us!*

Prior Year Officers:

Commander
Ed Manor
651-436-1495

Executive Officer
Kris Harmon
651-260-0097

Educational Officer
David West
651-429-3840

Assistant Admin Officer
Karen Manor
651-492-1515

Secretary
Sue Tipler
763-783-1887

Treasurer
Dale Perry
651-437-8867

Past Commander
Nancy Gagich
612-483-3785

Members at Large:
Don Arneson
John Gagich
Al Harmon

River Skipper Editors:
Jan Botnen
Gail Bernabucci



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**Squadron
Business**



St. Paul Sail Power Squadron - 2021-2022 Budget
Approved at 01/09/21 Annual Meeting

	2019-2020		2020-2021		2021-2022 Approved by Bridge	Change from 2020-2021 Budget
	Budget	YTD Actual	Budget	YTD Actual 05-07-21		
MEMBERSHIP BASIS		74	74	68	62	-12
INCOME						
Squadron Dues						
4000 - New Member Dues	100.00	340.00	100.00		100.00	0.00
4005 - Associate Member Dues	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00
4100 - H/MR Renewal Dues	2,000.00	1,422.00	1,400.00	1,456.88	1,400.00	0.00
Total Squadron Dues	2,100.00	1,762.00	1,500.00	1,456.88	1,500.00	0.00
Other Income						
4400 - Interest Income	3.00	2.00	3.00	1.23	3.00	0.00
4500 - Donations Received	800.00	800.00	250.00	278.53	250.00	0.00
4550 - Fundraiser Income	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	-100.00
4600 - Ship Store Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.80	0.00	0.00
4700 - Education Class/Book Sales	1,200.00	348.00	800.00	948.35	700.00	100.00
4800 - Meetings & Programs Revenue	100.00	490.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4976 - Reserve Fund Gain on Investment	2,000.00	2,350.00	2,000.00	1,501.42	0.00	-3,000.00
2026 - From Annular M/M Sailing Act	75.00	0.00	6,000.00	0.00	0.00	-6,000.00
1725 - From Reserve Fund Interest Sugg. Act	3,288.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Other Income	7,237.00	3,750.00	8,953.00	2,901.13	950.00	-6,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	9,337.00	5,512.00	10,453.00	4,357.92	2,450.00	-8,000.00
EXPENSE						
6000 - Commander						
6200 - Awards	200.00	200.00	216.00		300.00	84.00
Total Commander's Department	200.00	200.00	216.00	0.00	300.00	84.00
6500 - Executive Officer						
6530 - Public Relations	800.00		350.00		900.00	180.00
6530 - Advertising	0.00		900.00	282.50	900.00	0.00
6550 - Change of Watch	800.00	900.00	900.00		300.00	-200.00
Total Executive Department	1,600.00	900.00	1,350.00	282.50	1,300.00	-60.00
6700 - Educational Officer						
6720 - Class Books/Materials	1,200.00	1,142.00	900.00	701.21	800.00	-100.00
6730 - Miscellaneous Supplies	50.00	50.00	50.00	20.00	20.00	-30.00
6740 - National Education Fund	77.00	73.00	77.00	73.00	65.00	-12.00
6750 - Instructor Materials	450.00	450.00	450.00		200.00	-200.00
Total Education Department	1,777.00	1,215.00	1,427.00	774.21	1,085.00	-642.00
6800 - Administrative Officer						
6820 - Meetings and Programs	1,000.00	1,087.00	1,000.00		900.00	-800.00
6850 - New Member Booklets	100.00		100.00		100.00	0.00
6855 - New Member Development	200.00	236.00	200.00		300.00	100.00
6860 - Postage	50.00		50.00		50.00	0.00
6870 - Cards and Flowers	300.00		200.00		100.00	-100.00
6880 - Supplies	100.00	19.00	100.00		25.00	-75.00
6885 - Class tuition reimbursement	0.00		900.00	32.50	900.00	-400.00
6890 - Member Appreciation	0.00		1,000.00	484.84	750.00	-250.00
Total Administrative Department	1,750.00	1,352.00	3,550.00	517.14	2,325.00	-1,225.00
6900 - Secretary						
6920 - Router Printing	50.00		50.00		50.00	0.00
6930 - Newsletter Printing	50.00		50.00		150.00	100.00
6940 - Newsletter Postage	50.00		50.00		50.00	0.00
6945 - Newsletter Production	0.00		900.00		0.00	-900.00
6949 - Website Hosting	290.00		290.00	290.00	885.00	595.00
6945 - Website Management	0.00		900.00		900.00	0.00
6947 - Website Upgrade	0.00		0.00	1,800.00	0.00	0.00
6950 - Supplies	100.00		100.00		25.00	-75.00
Total Secretary's Department	540.00	0.00	1,740.00	2,090.00	1,750.00	30.00
7000 - Treasurer						
7020 - Postage	50.00	1.00	50.00	23.80	25.00	-25.00
7050 - Supplies	25.00		25.00	56.32	30.00	5.00
7055 - Computer & Software Replacement	800.00	800.00	0.00	65.99	50.00	50.00
7060 - Bank Service Charges	70.00	72.00	70.00	5.00	40.00	-30.00
7060 - Other	250.00		0.00	30.00	85.00	85.00
Total Treasurer's Department	945.00	673.00	145.00	209.11	235.00	80.00
68900 - Reconciliation Discrepancies	0.00		0.00	177.88	0.00	0.00
7100 - Travel & Lodging Reimbursement Pool	3,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	414.48	2,000.00	0.00
7908 - PayPal Transaction Fees	25.00		25.00	0.00	18.00	-9.00
2106 - Fall Conference			0.00	425.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	9,337.00	3,540.00	10,453.00	4,983.71	9,020.00	-1,433.00
NET ORDINARY INCOME	0.00	1,583.00	0.00	-625.79	-5,567.00	-6,867.00



“When the going gets tough, the tough gets going”.

American proverb attributed to both John F. Kennedy’s father, Joe Kennedy, and American football coach great, Knute Rockne

Popularized to:

“It ain’t over now, ‘cause when the goin’ gets touch, the tough get goin’.

Who’s with me? Let’s go!”

Popularized by John Belushi playing the role of Bluto in the iconic American film Animal House



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"If I have seen
further, it is
by standing on the
shoulders of giants."

– Isaac Newton

USPS Virtual Annual Meeting

Mark your calendar! Join friends and fellow members for
the 2021 Virtual Annual Meeting, Feb. 15-26.

5 steps to making the most of the 2021 VAM

1. Go to the [National Meetings page](#) to find everything you need.'
2. Explore the agenda, and note your meeting choices.
3. Clear your calendar for your must-attend sessions.
4. Check out the [step-by-step connection guide](#).
5. Keep an eye on your inbox and the [National Meetings page](#) for more information.



5 things to do while waiting for the 2021 VAM

1. Check the agenda on the [National Meetings page](#).
2. Vote in [The Ensign's photo contest](#).
3. Download the step-by-step [attendee connection instructions](#).
4. Pick a favorite cocktail and nosh for the virtual cocktail party!
5. Relax. You've got time to iron a shirt to wear over your comfy sweats or yoga pants.



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"Teamwork is the
ability to work
together toward a
common vision.

The ability to direct
individual
accomplishment
toward
organizational
objectives.

It is the fuel that
allows common
people to attain
uncommon results.

-Andrew Carnegie



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District 10 Updates

Happy New Year from District 10!

And here is a "gift" for all Squadrons –

The Task Force tools you read about in the most recent issue of the *D10 Communicator* are now posted on the D10 website and ready for your use.

As you plan for a successful 2021, please take advantage of these Educational, Civic and Membership resources to help your squadron get farther faster – and to tackle activities and objectives that previously seemed out of reach.

You'll find the tools and Task Force background information on the "Members Only" page of the D10 website.

For details about the Task Force & its objectives and more explanation of each of the tools go to pages 11-14 of the December 2020 issue of the *D10 Communicator*.

Spring Conference District 10—Mark your calendars

- Council Meeting, Tuesday, April 20th at 7pm
- Education Department Workshop, Wednesday, April 21st at 7pm
- Administrative Department Workshop, Wednesday, April 21st at 7pm
- Commander's Workshop, Thursday, April 22nd at 7pm
- Executive Department Workshop, Thursday April 22nd at 7pm
- Conference Meeting, Saturday April 24th at 10am
- Brunch with the Bridge Sunday, April 25th at 10:30am

*****The General Membership Meeting will be held Online via Go-To Meeting on the morning of Saturday April 25th at 10am.**

This online version of the meeting will give everyone in District 10 a chance to attend. This meeting is open to ALL members of District 10. Please mark your calendars.

We may offer a couple online seminars as well. Stay tuned.***



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**From our
former
Commander
Ed Manor:**

It is my pleasure to announce that we have two new Life Members in our squadron. They are:

P/C Rachael Harvey



and

Lt/C David West



Both are active in the squadron and have earned 25 Merit Marks.

Life Members are not required to pay member dues but most still donate to the squadron and/or national organization.

Valuable Services Performed

- ◆ Member Merits
- ◆ Member Recognition
- ◆ Random Acts of Kindness



Thanks to Commander Ed Manor for suggesting a new page for our news letter: Valuable services performed. This page is reserved for member recognitions of any type: Accomplishments, member merits earned, recognition of excellence in our squadron, random acts of kindness, promotions, honors....just for example. Submit a person you would like to recognize: College Graduation, Work Promotions, Random Acts of Kindness, Community Service Honors. Please submit names of those

The editors of the River Skipper would like to recognize and thank Ed Manor for his leadership as Commander to the SPSPS. He led with the style for which he is known: "Steady Eddy", which also just happens to be the name of Ed and Karen's boat! Thanks so much Ed!!

The editors would also like to thank all officers that served in 2020 and for those that will be serving in 2021. What a team!

SSPS Members Earning Merit Marks (2020)

- | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Dale R. Anderson | Dean Higgins |
| Nancy J. Anderson | Gregory M. Holmen |
| Don Arneson | Rosemary F. Holmen |
| George N. Battis | Edward L. Manor |
| Gail A. Bernabucci | Karen J. Manor |
| Janet M. Botnen | David J. Moberg |
| Jeffrey R. Davis | Dale C. Perry |
| John N. Gagich | Vivian E. Perry |
| Nancy Gagich | Michael R. Tipler |
| Alford Earl Harmon | Susan Judie Tipler |
| Kristine L. Harmon | David A. West |
| Rachael D. Harvey | |

***** Congratulations to all - See your name in lights next year by earning a 2021 Merit Mark**

AND THE WINNER OF THE BENT PROP AWARD IS:

An SPSPS tradition that inspires us to be good & safe boaters is the annual selection of the BENT PROP AWARD winner.

After the recent annual meeting several tales were shared illustrating incidents from the past that some of our members had endured. Tales of navigating too close to shore, rafting with a boat whose anchor likes to drag, and having the exciting experience of both engines quitting just when close-quarter maneuvering was needed paled next to the winner's story:

It seems that when our award winner's generator was needed it chose to overheat. He decided to inspect the cooling water impellor. (Editor's Note: First clue: the recipient of this year's award is male, although our dear women are equally capable and qualified for the award).

Alas, it required replacing.

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“The future belongs to those who see the possibilities before they become obvious.”

- John Sculley



**From the
Exec
Officer
Kris Harmon**



Happy New Year! At least, we hope for a happier 2021 than 2020.

The social distancing required to stay safe during the 2020 boating season made it extremely difficult for our squadron to carry out the mission of America’s Boating Club – to improve boating safety through education.

First, our ability to connect with the boating community was curtailed, if not completely cut off. It was difficult to socialize on the docks, and therefore talk with boaters about what we do.

Then, our opportunities to conduct Vessel Safety Checks were postponed to late summer – and so, too, the opportunity to talk with boaters about what we do. We could not conduct in-person boating safety classes, and again it curtailed our ability to talk with boaters about what we do.

The CIVIC side of the USPS triangle was – in reality – shut down.

And so we look forward to making up for lost time in 2021.

The advent of the COVID vaccine should help dock life approximate the normal of years past. We expect the US Coast Guard to sanction VCSs from the get-go. NASBLA has approved our ABC3 course for on-line instruction and examination.

The Marine Partnerships program will give us structure to reach out to boat sellers, yacht clubs and marine vendors. Our updated website will better inform the public about who we are and what we do – and perhaps entice them to learn more by becoming part of our organization.

I AM SO READY? ARE YOU?

Be well; stay safe.

Kris Harmon

(Bent prop award—cont. from previous page)

Our award winner carried the spare parts and was soon ready. The repair was completed. The generator was restarted. Uh Oh. Still running too hot. Upon inspection it was determined the new impellor had failed.

A second new impellor was installed, paying close attention to procedure and the placement of the parts. The pump was closed up carefully and the repair reviewed to make sure it was done correctly. All was as it should be. The generator was restarted and in a few minutes it was apparent the overheating condition was still present. What now? The 2nd new impellor had failed.

3 TIMES A CHARM! A 3rd new impellor was installed after close inspection of e failed part and housing. There was no reason these impellors should be failing. This was a good quality pump and our winner was no stranger to repairing mechanical devices.

Just before restarting the generator, a guest on board asked **DALE TOBIN** if he wanted the **SEACOCK** opened first! You guessed it. The generator ran fine.

Congratulations to Dale upon his joining a long list of distinguished and experienced boaters who have possessed this amazing BENT PROP AWARD travelling plaque.



SEO Dave West PROUDLY? points to his name tag on the **BENT PROP award plaque.**

Know a good story and the name of the person that owns the story that you would like to submit for a future BENT PROP award?

Contact Dave West.

Sshhhh....keep it a secret from the nominee!



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**A nod and a wink to Al
Harmon and the Marine
Electrical Systems class
members from our
squadron:**

George Battis, Gail Bernabucci,
Paul Bernabucci, John Gagich,
Ed Manor, Karen Manor and
Dale Perry.

Lunch

A sailor brings his boat up to a restaurant dock to eat lunch.

The dockhand says, "I'm sorry, sir, but I can't let you dine here today. This establishment has a necktie policy, and you are not wearing one."

"Of course I don't have a tie on," replied the sailor, "I'm on a boat!"

"Well, go down below and put one on," said the dockhand.

"I don't HAVE one!" shouted the sailor.

The dockhand, not wanting to turn away a customer, said: "Well, why don't you just find something that approximates a tie. That should be OK."

After some time, the sailor comes out with a pair of jumper cables. "This is all I could find to put around my neck," he said.

Sighing, the dockhand said: "OK, I'll let you in with those, but just don't start anything."

[https://
www.godownsize.com/33-
hilarious-boat-jokes/](https://www.godownsize.com/33-hilarious-boat-jokes/)

Education Update:

**"The Different Shape
of Our Classes"**

**Dave West
Educational Officer**



ON THE DOWNSLOPE:

The Marine Electrical Systems Class is proceeding on schedule and should be completed by the middle of February. We will continue to observe both masking and distance spacing at our exam sessions.

NEXT CLASS:

ENGINE MAINTENANCE MEMBER COST IS \$50.00.



Do you want to gain a basic knowledge of what makes the boat go? It's a lot more than adding fuel and turning the key.

Here is what the course is about:

Modern engines offer high reliability and good performance utilizing computerized systems for fuel delivery and engine timing. Most of these systems are "black boxes" that can no longer be serviced by weekend mechanics with ordinary tools.

The EM course covers those repairs that do-it-yourselfers can still perform, teaches how to diagnose problems that might be beyond your ability to fix, and how to share information with your mechanic so the right repairs get per-

formed. The new Engine Maintenance course also covers basic mechanical systems such as drive systems (propellers), steering systems, and engine controls.

The last chapter discusses solutions you might use to solve problems that could occur while afloat and away from a repair facility. Gasoline, diesel, and outboard engines are treated independently in this chapter.

We will teach this class online beginning after March 1st. There are 10 Chapter sessions and 1 or 2 review sessions planned, depending on the class needs. The exam will be at Bayport Marina Clubhouse. There was a strong response to present this class in last year's survey. Please join us!

Contact Dave West at: dwest@voyager.net or 651-429-3840 .

ON THE HORIZON:

CRUISING & CRUISE PLANNING MEMBER COST IS \$60.00.

Whether it's for an hour, day or extended, we should plan our cruises diligently. Otherwise we are simply adrift. CRUISING & CRUISE PLANNING has been updated in 2019. No matter where we are, most boaters dream of travelling on new waters with new adventures. This class will help you get there.

There are 13 chapters complete with homework and cruises which will be planned as exercises. And of course the usual exam at the end.

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Education Update:
**“The Different Shape
of Our Classes”**
Dave West
Educational Officer



The capacity to learn is
a *gift*; the ability to
learn is a *skill*; the
willingness to learn is a
choice.

Brian Herbert

“The cure for
boredom is
curiosity.

There is no cure
for
curiosity.”

- Dorothy Parker

(Cruising and Cruise planning—cont. from previous page)

From the text:

There is something very special about the thrill of cruising in new waters and the sense of accomplishment upon completing an extended cruise. To go beyond what most boaters do on a weekend overnight or even a week or so marina hopping requires boaters to leave their normal cruising areas and comfort zones. The Cruising and Cruise Planning course focuses on the planning and preparation necessary for safe enjoyable extended cruises on both inland and coastal waters.

The course is designed for members who cruise on either a sail or powerboat (owned or chartered).

Topics covered include:

- Cruise preparation and planning - General
- Boat and Equipment
- Anchors and Anchoring
- Security
- Chartering
- Cruising Outside the United States
- Crew and Provisioning
- Voyage Management
- Communications
- Navigation
- Weather
- Emergencies

The Cruising and Cruise Planning Course can be comfortably taught in eight two-hour sessions including time for review and the multiple choice closed book exam, but each instructor will determine the pace of the course.

Contact Dave West at: dwest@voyager.net or 651-429-3840.

These and other classes will be offered District 10 wide so here is an opportunity to meet other members that cruise different areas.

THINKING AHEAD TO SUMMER:

Would you like to assist an inexperienced boater I-on-I with how their new boat systems operate?

With COVID conditions hopefully easing this summer, there are many new boat owners requesting assistance in how to handle their new (or new to them) boat.

The need for experienced skippers to share is great, and the USPS JUMP START program is a great method to put the 2 parties together.

Please, if you would like to participate contact me so I can have resources ready to assist when needed. Until next time;

“Remember, IT doesn’t work unless you wear IT”.

Dave



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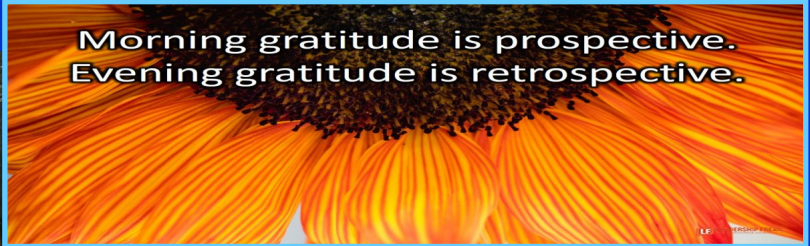
Karen Manor

"Find a group of people who challenge and inspire you, spend a lot of time with them, and it will change your life."

– Amy Poehler

**Hope & Reflections
on What the SPSPS
Means to Me**

Karen Manor



It is the time of year that I find myself counting the days until our boats are put in the water.

Even though we enter another season adapting our ways to stay safe with COVID, the passing of the winter solstice, the shortest day of the year, fuels hope just as our daily hours of daylight grow.

So as our darkest days with COVID pass and our days lengthen, so will the light at the end of the COVID tunnel shine brighter.

We had our first virtual holiday party. It was a success!!

We had 17 people pop in or stayed for awhile. We were virtually in four different states when we came together. We had a holiday fun game that Kris Harmon challenged us with. I was surprised with the number of attendees that took the challenge head on and had fun with it. I am thankful we have choices on how we can meet and so many amazing people willing to be flexible in ways to have fun.

Until we understand how our summer will be it is hard to come up with a plan for some social events for the year. Gail Bernabucci will be our administrative officer and I will follow her lead and vision. Last year picnic was a phenomenal success, especially in light of COVID. Truly it would have been a wild success absent of COVID. So next year, **back by popular demand, our picnic will be held July 17th. Mark your calendars. We had so much fun last year. It was the best ever.** And we'll likely do a raft up and a sail away. Stay tuned for what is decided depending on what we hope will be safe and what there is interest for. Speak up if you have any ideas.

I reflect on the benefits of being part of the Sail and Power Squadron. First and foremost, it is the friends we make. I hope this is the same for you. The friendships start as we get to know each other, working and playing during squadron events.

And, the education and the classes have great value to me. Please, please watch for more classes to be announced at our local squadron level and through the district through out the year. The quality of the instructors is superb!.

I also appreciate the feeling of belonging. The diversity of members gives form and definition to our Power Squadron and being a part of the wonder of that is rewarding.. I especially value the friendships and the social events where we grow together..

Finally, I think there is fun and value in the logo wear! I find pleasure in wearing the squadron logo wear during events and other times.

It may not be common knowledge that we all have access to acquiring Power Squadron logo wear. It is fairly simple. Go to the national webpage at www.usps.org and on the top banner select **Ship Store**. There are many items to choose from including items with our newest America's Boating Club logo.

I yearn for the times to be together again. Maybe we will see each other this summer in our power squadron logo wear? I sure hope so!

Have a safe winter and hope to see you this spring!

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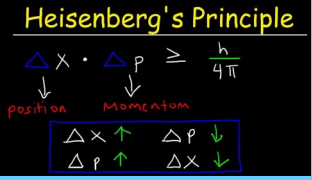
Karen

Editor's Note: Being relatively new to the SPSPS, I can only hope and pray that Karen will lead me around by the nose until she gets me broken in! I greatly look forward to a partnership with Karen that brings the strength of two leaders to further the administrative arm of our squadron!



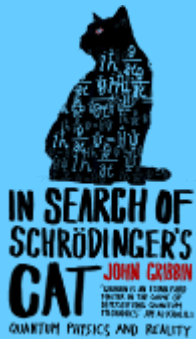
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As usual, Dale delightfully abstracts the premise behind scientific concepts to non-science matters; in this case, the principle behind the Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle to the future success of our squadron.

If you are unfamiliar with the Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle and would like to learn more, you might pick up a great read for science geeks and science geek wanna-be's:



The book is available for purchase from book stores or from Amazon. It is a classic; an oldie but a goodie in the world of pop science.

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Dale Perry St Paul Squadron Treasurer

Resolutions for an Uncertain
New Year



Throughout our group of about 70 members, many view the approach of the new fiscal year resolute to improve prospects for the St Paul Squadron. I join this resolve.

The resolutions we make must prevail over nationwide uncertainties fostered by political and civil unrest, the still expanding COVID-19 pandemic, evidence of increasing environmental decline, and threats to our economy's capacity to provide the opportunity for all of us to meet our financial needs, perhaps even visions.

It may help us sustain our efforts if we that realize uncertainty today differs little from that which has accompanied mankind – perceived or not – since humans first walked the earth. To help deal with this uncertainty, we have learned to embrace religious faith, scientific data, or both. We want to believe that faith, science, or combination of the two will deliver airtight solutions to the problems we encounter during our lives.

In 1927, the German physicist Werner Heisenberg introduced the “Uncertainty Principle”, which applies to the behavior of invisibly small matter at atomic and subatomic scale. As a retired industrial chemist whose PhD degree is over 50 years old, my take on this principle is that **we can never get enough data to prove any future projection with absolute certainty**. Doubt, error, and the risk of failure will remain for every prediction or venture. The most we can do is determine probabilities, which will never be 0 or 100% for any outcome.

It is within this context of uncertainty that we set a course to sustain the success of our Squadron, aided greatly by the surveys and analysis generated by our District 10 Task Force to define the factors that will enable our squadrons and their clients to thrive. Our executive officer and commander-elect Kris Harmon keeps us informed of the tools and tactics from the District level work.

Individually, we make decisions all the time that involve the risk of failure – whether to undergo surgery, board an airliner, enter an elevator, swallow a succulent morsel of food, cross a bridge, drive a car, sail a boat, or just cringe indoors under roofs and ceilings, heavy and high enough to generate lethal force if they collapsed on us.

So, we press ahead, striving for a reasonable probability of success for our Squadron.

Data from Charles Schwab's 2020 Modern Wealth Survey, published by Business Wire, and illustrated in the chart below, can enable us to increase that success probability. The Schwab survey, on 1,000 adults nationwide, determined that **relationships do more than health or money** in driving the happiness of its respondents.



Chart of Results from Charles Schwab 2020 Modern Wealth Survey (Ref: Business Wire, 27 Jul 2020)



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Dale Perry
St Paul Squadron Treasurer
Resolutions for an Uncertain
New Year (cont.)



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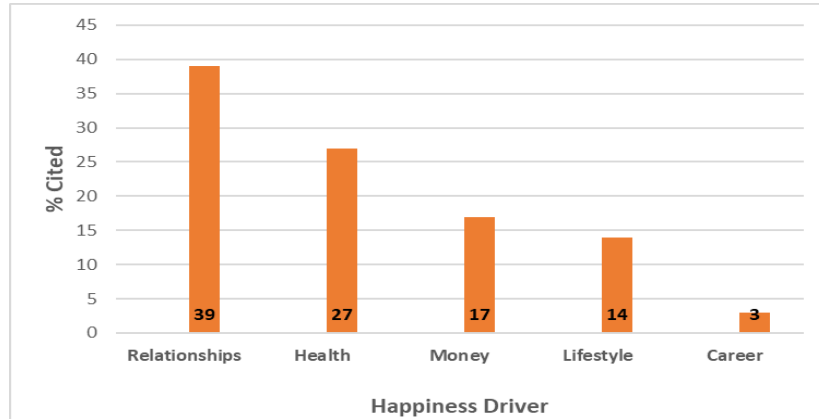


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Though "Relationships" is a relatively vague term, its ranking above the highly valued factors - health and money - highlights a focus area whose inclusion with our current safety and economic incentives might enhance the appeal of our Squadron to current and potential members.

The British organization Assert, whose mission is to help autistic adults in the cities Brighton and Hoves, aids our task of determining what the term means by defining **four types of relationships: family, friends, acquaintances, and romantic**. Further investigation of the term may or may not help our Squadron increase one's probability to experience better relationships. Such is the nature of uncertainty.

But it seems worthwhile to raise and respond to the question: how can we, individually and in concert, provide or enhance mutually beneficial relationships at a level that would attract people who can enable the St Paul Squadron to thrive and serve for generations to come?

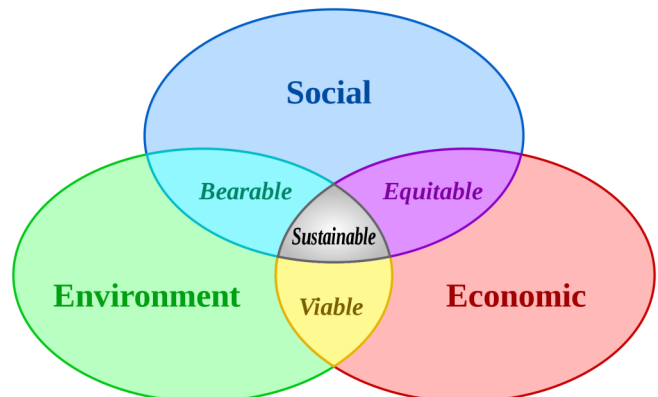
"The way a team
plays as a whole
determines its
SUCCESS.

You may have the
greatest bunch of
individual stars in
the world, but if
they don't play
together, the club
won't be worth a
dime."

- Babe Ruth

Editors' Note:

Thanks Dale for a thoughtful piece on considerations we need to contemplate in 2020I to strive toward assurance of a sustainable organization.





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Do you have publications or magazines where you always are looking forward to a certain section?

I do. Puzzles and comics in the Sunday paper, monthly horoscope in a magazine, stories from subscribers.

But it is the submissions from subscribers that I always enjoy most. I think that speaks to the success of Readers Digest.

So lets get rolling with more pages based on submissions from you.

Potential categories are:

- Boat friendly recipes
- Tips and techniques
- Useful equipment
- Recommendations for reading
- Pictures to share
- Marina etiquette
- Electronics
- Boats or items for sale
- Software and apps
- Gift Ideas
- Accessories
- Kids
- Pets
- Jokes

You get the idea.

Send your submissions to:

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Your River Skipper editors.

From Our Members and Editors



Prepping for Spring

Nothing is worse than Spring arriving and uncovering your boat and oh, oh. All of things to do come flooding back.

- ⇒ What about lifejackets? Do some need to be replaced? Is there a child or grandchild that will need an appropriate lifejacket? Remember, you need a lifejacket for every person on board. Do need some more? Children under 10 must wear a lifejacket while on board,
- ⇒ Is your horn working? Do you need some replacement parts or an air horn?
- ⇒ Are your lines too frayed to make it though another season?
- ⇒ Are your fenders ready for action?
- ⇒ How about your boat hook? Did it drop into the water and sink or float away?
- ⇒ Did your anchor go missing and needs to be replaced? Is your anchor rope in good condition? Do you have a windlass? Is it working?
- ⇒ Is your fire extinguisher functional? Many fire extinguishers have a gauge on the top. If it is in the red zone, it is time to replace or recharge. Check your fire extinguishers for cracks in the hose and dents.

Grab a pen and some paper. Walk around your boat to make sure your cover is in intact and secure. Write down every thing you need. If you are not confident in prepping your boat for spring, **request a Vessel Safety Check**. They will help you build a checklist as well as your confidence to go it alone in the future.

Spring is coming, eventually.....

(cont. from Page 1—Pictures from Member Appreciation Picnic—Hope to see you July 17th, 2021!)



Funny:

How many boaters does it take to change a lightbulb? None, because the right size bulb isn't on board, the local marine-supply store doesn't carry that brand, and the mail-order house has them on back-order.

Why does the Norwegian navy have bar codes on the side of their boats? It is so that when they finally come back into dock, they can Scandinavian!

<https://pontoonopedia.com/funny-boat-jokes/>



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**From Our Members
and Editors**



**"To lose
patience is to lose
the battle."**

— Mahatma Gandhi

Moving forward from 2020 to 2021:

We are all excited of the promise that a vaccine brings to a better New Year. We wonder:

"When can I get my first shot? How do I know what to watch for"

Local publications like the Minneapolis Star/Tribune update the public in their news. But the best source of information of COVID vaccination status and steps you can take to protect yourself is to go to:

<https://mn.gov/COVID19/vaccine/index.jsp>

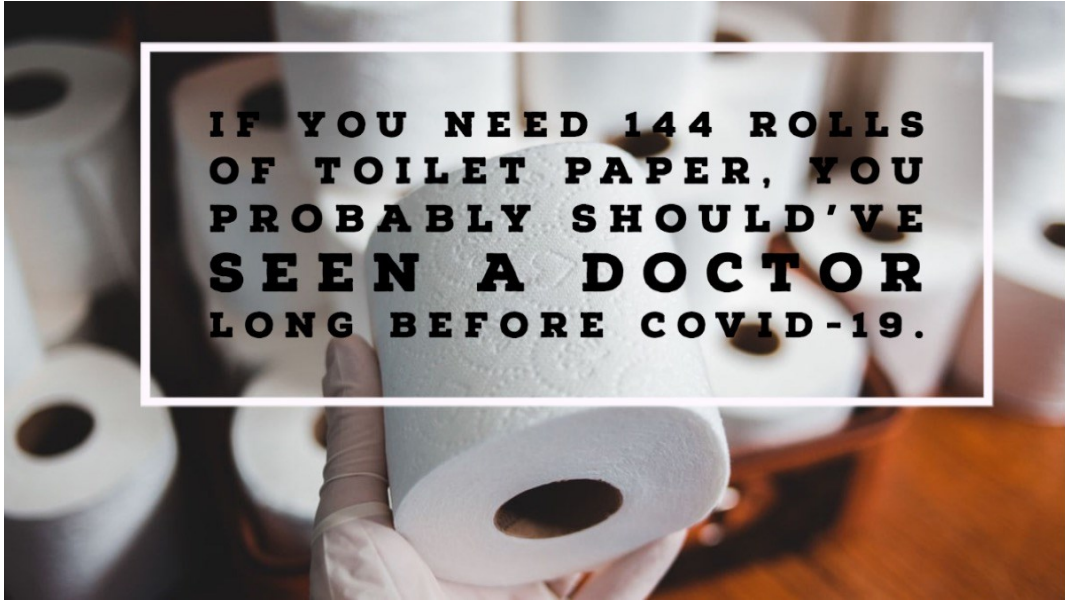
This website will update you on:

- Vaccine Data—Distribution and administration statistics for Minnesota—Updated Daily
- Distribution—The Process the State is following to get the COVID Vaccine out to the State
- Who's Getting Vaccinated— Who is currently eligible for the vaccine
- Find my Vaccine—For those currently eligible for the vaccine, how to schedule your vaccination

Good luck getting vaccinated and stay safe!

**"Don't
worry about the
world
coming to an end
today. It's
already
tomorrow in
Australia."**

**— Charles Schulz,
Illustrator**





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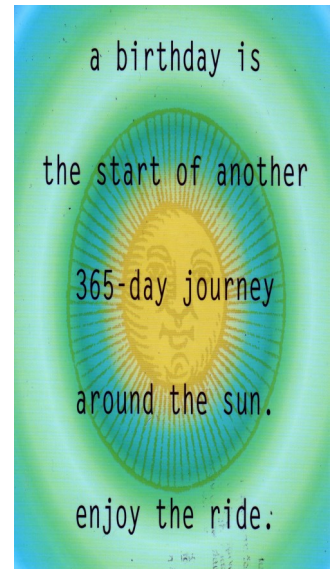
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**St. Paul Squadron
Announcements**



Happy Birthday!

I'm not counting this year! I did not use it!			
February		April	
		Peggy Senesac	2-Apr
David West	7-Feb	Zach Hofius	2-Apr
Mark Hafner	8-Feb	Dale Tobin	13-Apr
John Suchomel	10-Feb	Ed Manor	19-Apr
Jan Seger	18-Feb	Nancy Anderson	21-Apr
March		May	
Dean Higgins	6-Mar	Al Harmon	4-May
Michas Entner	8-Mar	Jack Newman	9-May
Shelly Suchomel	16-Mar	Larry Kemp	14-May
Dale Perry	17-Mar	Mary Tobin	14-May
Matt Heffron	23-Mar	Jeff Davis	15-May
Paul Bernabucci	30-Mar	Bob Losinski	21-May
		Pat Hammarback	27-May



Congratulations:

Dale and Mary Tobin are the proud grandparents of their **first grandchild!**

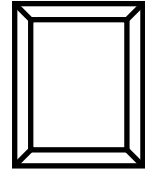
Welcome, Quinlan Rose Tobin, daughter of parents Breanna and Jake Tobin.

"You are born into your family and your family is born into you. No returns. No exchanges." - Elizabeth Berg



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Mark Your Calendars For the Virtual Change of Watch—February 27th

The annual Change of Watch will be held on Saturday, February 27th. Mark you calendars and be sure to join us.

It is a great ritual that honors the tradition of our organization. Save the date—More to come.

Marine Engine Maintenance Course

This class will be taught online beginning after March 1st. There are 10 Chapter sessions and 1 or 2 review sessions planned, depending on the class needs. The exam will be at Bayport Marina Clubhouse.

There was a strong response to present this class in last year's survey. Please join us! **Contact Dave West at:** dwest@voyager.net or 651-429-3840.