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At The Helm

Cdr. Andy Lalim, AP



As you are reading this, boats are likely on dry land and the boating season has come to an end. Looking back on 2019, I am so proud to be part of America's Boating Club, Minnetonka Squadron. We had a lot of fun, we gave back to our organization, we gave back to Lake Minnetonka and the boating community overall. Whether it be boating education, civic events, or fraternal gatherings, as members we accomplished a lot.

I personally want to thank all of you for doing what you do, extending an open hand and most importantly helping to drive our organization into the future. To be clear, our new members are our future and hopefully 2019 was a year to remember for each of you.

Some of the highlights for me include watching our newer members get more involved.

Our perimeter support for the MN Wake Surfing Championship that extends awareness and support for both Wake For Warriors and Wiggle Your Toes organizations was well organized, thank you John Huh and team. Special thanks to our inland managers Arlan and LuAnne Opstedal who worked so hard to make the island look incredible all year long.

If you want an example of commitment look no further than the crew who showed up for Island Close on Saturday October 5th. The weather was cold and it was raining; we had over 50 volunteers help us close the island for the year. Special thanks to all volunteers and especially the crew that prepared lunch after a hard day's work. Thank you to the boat captains that shuttled our members to and from the island. The weather could have been warmer and dryer for the Geodetic marker event on October 12th. Thank you Joe Leland for embracing the challenge and Sandra Broekema for hosting and providing the education element at Cub foods.



The last couple years have been strong on new member growth. Word of mouth and personal networks remain a strong recruiting channel. Reach out among your network and help us find the class of 2020!

Cheers to 2019 boating season, I am excited to be part of this group in 2020. Stay connected, come to our events off the island this winter and spring. Specifically, I would love to see all you at First Fridays, our Winter Party, and most importantly at our Change of Watch in March, details to follow. Our annual fundraiser will be held at Lord Fletchers later in the spring; please watch for correspondence to come.

Member feedback is the only way we can do better. On behalf of all the bridge, I would like to challenge all members to reach out, share what we are doing well, but most importantly where we can improve.

Enjoy the remainder of 2019!

Executive Officer

PC. Rob Gaddes, P



All, this year has been amazing! I have to admit, I was honored to be requested to come back and serve as the 2019 Executive Officer and support our Commander, Andy Lalim. I had previously served on the bridge, executive committee and finally as commander of the Minnetonka Power Squadron in 2011. I have to say, I have enjoyed all of my ventures with this squadron, meeting the vast majority of you and getting to know you. I really enjoy all of the camaraderie that we have built and so look forward to getting to know you all more.

On that note, I must say, I greatly appreciate our efforts and attendance towards the 'civic events' this year and those who organized and attended these events. The Hope Kids event is one of the most humbling and amazing events, to which I have to thank our organization and the Wayzata Legion Post for hosting. It is through these types of efforts we grow our organization's worth. Please, please realize that we are not just about the island but much more than this.

I may go on too long but I feel I really need to thank so many individuals for their efforts. Let me start with Tracy Gustafson and the Crosslake Parade. Eric Schmidt, Steve Camp and Mitch Madsen for Hope Kids. John Huh for the Wake Surf Championship. Jeff Velandar and his crew for organizing the Mound Parade. Don Duncan for introducing us to and arranging the YMCA Exploration Camp visit and the Minneapolis Aquatennial day. Dave Gilmore for his efforts on the 6th Annual Big Island and Back Paddle Board Event. Steve Johnson for the Mound Fireworks. Keith Kask and company for the island cleanup. Karen Christenson for lining up both the Feed My Starving Children and 2nd Harvest civic opportunities. If I've missed anyone or anything I apologize as I am going off of memory. To all of you that organized/hosted, please extend my thanks to all that helped you.

You all are amazing people, not only for joining this organization but also in your willingness to be involved and give back to our community. I look forward to our continued participation in squadron events.

Thanks everyone for making this such a fun and productive year.

Join Us On facebook!

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WHAT IS OUR MISSION?

We are a modern boating club that has fun together, learns together and volunteers together. We are passionate about boating and are enriched when we help others become more confident on the water. We volunteer in our communities because we want to make our local waters safe and enjoyable and because we care about the neighborhoods we live in.



HOW CAN I EASILY DESCRIBE OUR ORGANIZATION IN CONVERSATION, ON OUR WEBSITE AND IN PRINTED MATERIALS?

“America’s Boating Club is a nationwide boating organization. We learn together, boat together and help each other and other boaters on the water and on land. Our members learn boating skills, engage with boating friends and connect with the boating community.”

IS MEMBERSHIP REALLY WORTH IT?

Members have access to discounted learning opportunities, boating fun with other members and volunteer opportunities focused on boating. We’ve partnered with exclusive organizations and businesses across the country to make our members’ experience more exciting, safer and less expensive. For example, there are substantial discounts available for boat, health and travel insurance, reduced costs for marine services from companies like Sea Tow and Diver Alert Network (DAN), transactional discounts from vendors like Office Max and even savings on rental cars, education classes and hotel stays. Many members find that these savings substantially offset their annual membership fees. Financially, membership can pay for itself, but the real value in membership begins with the friendships made and the rewards that come from giving back and helping others in our boating communities.

HOW DO WE ATTRACT NEW MEMBERS AND KEEP THE ONES WE HAVE?

Our ability to deliver on our mission is entirely dependent on attracting and retaining volunteers who share our passion for boating and service. Our core membership is comprised of boaters over the age of 60 who joined primarily for the education and stayed because of the friendships made and to fulfill a sense of civic duty.

This group has carried our organization for many years and is looking to pass their knowledge and responsibilities to the next generation of boaters. Retaining these members starts with easing their burden through effective succession planning and recognizing the amazing and sustained contributions they have provided in the past and continue to provide today.

In order to attract the 15 million boaters aged 35-55 who represent the pipeline of new membership, we need to market our organization in a way that entices them to join, and work to modernize our culture. Broad and systemic surveys have been conducted by the boating industry (BoatUS, NMMA, and USPS) to better understand the needs and desires of this target market. To summarize, our target market is broken down into two groups:

Outdoor Enthusiasts

- 8.2 million boaters
- Outdoor activities
- Escape from routine
- Mid to upper class
- Married, average age is 50
- Volunteering: the environment and creating a better world
- Education creates confidence on the water

Sociable Adventurers

- 7.3 million boaters
- Adventure-seeking
- Activities with family
- Above average income
- Married, average age is 47
- About 40% have children at home
- Volunteering: create memories with family
- Education for the whole family

In order to attract these boaters to join, we have to demonstrate and market that we are an active and vibrant boating organization that supports our members. We show that there is no other place we'd rather be than on the water by focusing our efforts on the water. We are a diverse and inclusive organization with members from all walks of life and backgrounds. We welcome any power boater, sailor and paddler who is looking to learn and make a difference.

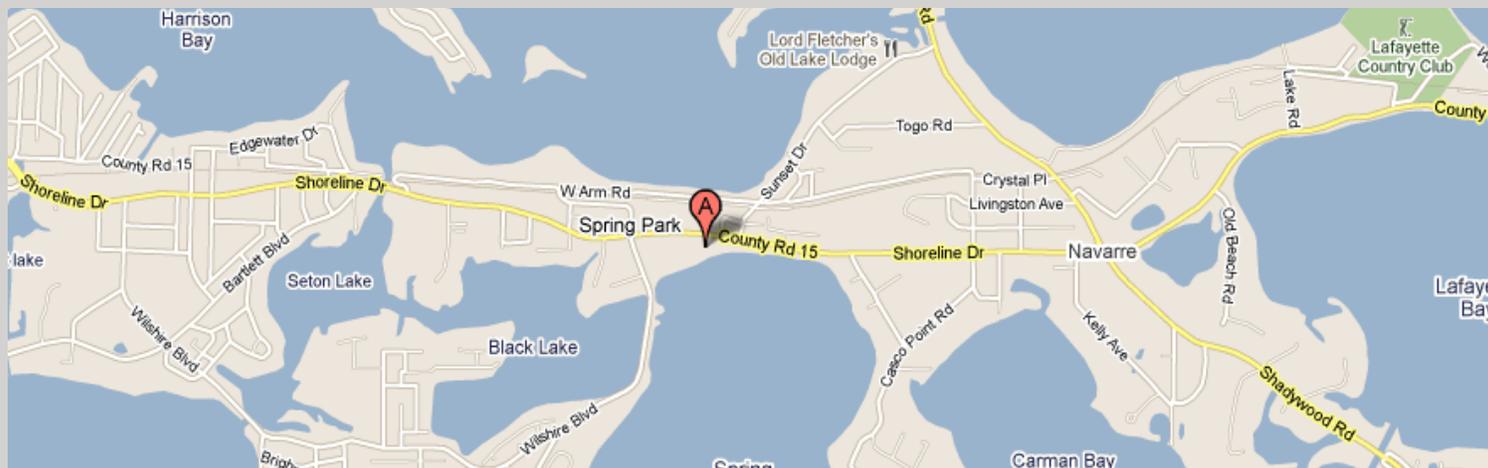
HOW DO WE DEMONSTRATE AND MARKET OUR MISSION IN A WAY THAT GETS NEW MEMBERS TO JOIN?

Every time we teach a class, conduct a Vessel Safety Check, or volunteer in our communities as a member of America's Boating Club we are demonstrating our commitment to our mission. Without our mission, we are simply a social group and this alone will not be enough to attract the next generation of boating volunteers. What sets us apart from other clubs is that we combine our love of boating with helping others. This is a powerful combination that creates lifelong friendships and a life with purpose and meaning. Our task then, is to communicate our mission and services in a way that encourages others to join us. We do this on our websites, in our brochures, and most importantly, face to face with our friends and contacts in our boating community.

Gen Membership Meeting

When: 1900hr-Thursday, November 14th, 2019

Where: The Yacht Club - Lower Level - 4165 Shoreline Drive - Spring Park



In order to conduct general business the Minnetonka Power Squadron Bylaws state, "At any regular or special meeting, 10% of the active members, as determined by the records of this squadron, shall constitute a quorum." Your attendance and participation is therefore required in order to conduct squadron business.

Three 2019 Civic Events

Donald A. Duncan, JN

There were 3 civic events this summer that I had the pleasure of chairing. I emphasize pleasure because of the capable assistance I received from many of our members.

The first was the **4th of July** red white and blue waffle breakfast. I was aided by Steve and Jane Camp, Arlen and LuAnne Opstedal, Jim and Carole Svihel and the always available, hard-working Karen Kast. Over 85 persons were served. The waffles were extra crisp this year.

The second event, started in 2018, involved the **YMCA**. A total of 9 boat trips from Wayzata to Streater Cove were provided for YMCA kids by Paul Morales, Butch Essig and myself; anywhere from 6 to 12 kids per boat. Also, on board were teachers provided by the YMCA and/or Wayzata school district. Boating was a new experience for several of the students as they learned about the history, geology and geography of Lake Minnetonka. They also enjoyed playing on the island and swimming off the beach.

The third event, involving the **Minneapolis Aquatennial**, dates back to the early years of the founding of our squadron when boat floats provided by the squadron participated in Aquatennial parades. In recent years visiting dignitaries have been given a 2-hour cruise on Lake Minnetonka in the a.m. This year on Friday, July 26 thirty dignitaries from various parts of the country and Canada were entertained in 7 boats led by Dan Goldman. At noon another group of 11 boats led by myself picked up 49 young ladies ages 18 to 24 competing for the title "Queen of the Lakes". They embarked in Wayzata, transported to our island where they received lunch and then given an additional boat ride as they returned to Wayzata by 3:00 p.m. They were accompanied by 10 members of the Aquatennial Family and 8 chaperones. Dockmasters in Wayzata were Eddie Near and Gary Fleblowitz. The Onstads, Kasks, Schwalbes and Lindblooms served the lunch. Arlan and LuAnne received an award from the Aquatennial Commodore for their many years of service to the event.



2019 Antique and Classic Boat Show

Kirk Lau, AP

44th Annual Lake Minnetonka Real Runabouts Rendezvous



September 7, 2019



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I would like to thank Mike Tschida, Kevin Woods, Jay Lund, Amy Lund, Jonathan Held, Michael Sluis, Mitch Madsen, Frank Arellono, Michael Bidney, Tom Witchger and Barry Blievernicht who volunteered at the Antique and Classic Boat Show from 9:00am to 3:00pm on Saturday September 7th. A special shout out to Barry who provided set-up and tear down.



Again, thank you for your participation in the Antique and Classic Boat Show, not only in educating boaters, but also by making our new branding "America's Boating Club, Minnetonka Squadron" extremely visible. I look forward to your continued participation for many years!!!



Barry Blievernicht
Michael Bidney
Tom Witchger
Frank Arellono

Please mark your calendars!!! Safe Boating Week volunteers are needed for Saturday May 16, 2020 and Sunday May 17, 2020 at the six boat launches around the Lake. Sign-up on the website will be available starting March 16, 2020.

Back in 1876, as Alexander Graham Bell was being granted a patent for something he called a “telephone” and Colonel George Custer at Little Big Horn was wondering, “Where in the heck did all of these Indians come from,” there were papers being signed in the tiny town of Mound, Minnesota, transferring the property on the northwest shore of Cook’s Bay from Charles Cushman to Seymour and Sumner Chapman. That was the beginning of the “Surfside.”

The Chapman House Hotel was the first building on this property in 1875, followed by its homesteading in 1881 by Arthur and Maude Chapman along with Arthur’s brothers, Seymour and Summer Chapman. This parcel of land extended from where the Mound Bay Park is today all the way to Island Park, including all of the lakeshore on the west shore of Cook’s Bay. Lakeshore was so cheap back then and the lack of people so great that the Chapmans offered free land to anyone who would build on it.

After it was homesteaded, Arthur Chapman donated the land west of the Chapman House to the town of Mound for a park on the lake for the people of Mound. Today it is Mound Bay Park.

Besides the Chapman House Hotel, there were many businesses in this area. A grist (grain) mill, a saw mill, two boat fleets, the Lakeview House, many cottages, Cooks Place Hotel, Mound City Place Hotel, Bartlett Hotel, a general store, a boat works, Broeckert and Wieland’s Meat Market, a blacksmith, a photographer and the Buena Vista Hotel.

Because of all of the activity in this area, it was named “Busy Corners.” The reason for all of the businesses congregating in this area was because all of the shipments of supplies in those days came by train to either Wayzata or Excelsior and then were transported to Cook’s Bay and Mound by water because the railroad hadn’t reached Mound yet.



Like all of the other hotels on Lake Minnetonka, the Chapman House Hotel flourished with business from the 1880s until the early 1920s when Henry Ford invented the assembly line and provided monthly financing so that everyone could afford to buy an automobile. This ended the busy hotel business on Lake Minnetonka because people could now drive themselves anywhere they wanted to go on vacation instead of having to ride the railroad tracks of James J. Hill to destinations where his trains went in the United States.

The Casino/Surfside building got its start in the early 1930s when Hattie Chapman Taylor expanded and rebuilt the boathouse from the Chapman House Hotel (which had closed) into its own place of activity, mainly for the young people of the area. It featured two bowling alleys, billiards, food and beverages on the first floor and a roller skating rink with music which took up the entire second floor. For whatever reason, she also renamed the building, “The Glenisle Casino.” The name Glenisle didn’t stick, but from that time on it was always called “The Casino.”

Patty Andrews of "The Andrews Sisters," who were a world-famous singing trio who grew up as kids in Mound, told me that when they were young, she and her sisters would set pins at the bowling alleys in the Casino until they had made thirty-five cents and then they would go upstairs and rent roller skates and skate all night until the place closed.

Just to the west of the Casino on the donated Mound Park property during the '40s and early '50s, there was a building called "The Mound Pavilion." The pavilion was only open during the summer months and sold hamburgers, French fries, chicken and soft drinks to the people in the park as well as to boaters. Some of the people who managed this building and did the cooking and selling were Al and Alma Quist, Gerry Dodds, Tom Sorenson and Bernie Winkle. As the story goes, one Sunday evening when Bernie was locking the place up, he was held up at gun point and robbed of the \$80 take from the day.



Hattie's son Cecile operated the Casino from then on until it was sold in 1946 to Arthur and Cecil Faught, who managed it until they sold it to Pat and Evelyn Guy in 1952. Guys not only ran the Casino, but they also formed "The Whiz Kids," which was a very successful water-ski show made up with talented water skiers from the Lake Minnetonka area.

In 1955 the "Casino" was sold to Hayes and Winnie Dalton. The Daltons really brought the "Casino" up-to-date. Besides running the place and remodeling it, they plumbed in water and added inside toilets as well as a cesspool for sewage. The bowling alleys had to have been removed during the Pat-Guy era because they weren't there when the Daltons bought the Casino.

When Jetty Philbrook was closing his insurance business on County Rd. 15 coming into Mound, he showed me a league championship bowling trophy that his team had won at the Casino. Besides Jetty's name, I also remember the names Bill Moe and Matt Kloss on that trophy. I don't remember or didn't see what year the trophy was from.

The history gets kind of fuzzy in this area; it was picked up again in 1963 when the Casino was owned by Robert and Joan Smestad. They are the ones who dubbed it "The Surfside," a name that stayed with it until its demise. The portion of County Road 110 that comes out of the highlands and heads downhill past Mound Bay Park is still referred to as "Surfside Hill" today.

Marv and Marlene Sinner and Marlene's brother Del owned the Surfside from 1960 until a few years later when Marv and Marlene bought it outright and operated it until 1973.

With every owner the place seemed to get busier and busier--I suppose because more and more people were building homes and moving out to the lake plus the number of boats using the lake just kept on multiplying.

During the Sinner era, the Surfside was the place to go for entertainment. Marv hired a Bemidji-born carpenter/builder, who moved to the area around 1968, named Dale Thomton. Dale sang and played a twelve-string guitar and made more music with that guitar than any four-piece band could produce.

On Friday or Saturday nights there were so many people in that place that you had no alternative but to dance because there was no place to sit down, and when you were on the dance floor you had to really watch out if Dale were singing "Proud Mary" because you might just get run over by Judy Olexa dancing with some future author.

To get more space for weekends, Marv had Don Ferrell built a huge deck across the entire lakefront side of the building and added many tables and chairs to handle the overflow crowds.

The Sinners sold the Surfside to Butch Essig (*member of our squadron*) and his partner Vern Ghostley around 1973. Butch and Vern continued with all of the good entertainment plus they added a piano bar and had more of an upscale restaurant menu and atmosphere. The partnership didn't work out, and Butch bought out Vern's share of the business in 1975.

I can't remember which administration painted the names on the doors of the men's and women's bathrooms: "Inboards" and "Outboards," but one of Butch's waitresses (Susie Cathers) told me that time after time women would come up to her and ask her which one was the women's? Sue said that she would just look at them and say, "Just think about it for a minute" and then go about her work.

Butch was the last owner of the Surfside; it was demolished in 1985 to make room for a 27-unit condominium named Chapman Place Condominiums, which still occupy this property today.

There were numerous other short-time owners or partners throughout the life of the Surfside that were not mentioned in this article.

My wife Kathy and I have lived at Chapman Place now for the past 19 years. Some nights when I can't sleep and it is really quiet, if I listen really hard, I can still hear Dale playing and singing his signature song which he always sang to a standing, cheering, clapping crowd as his last song after every performance, "Maggie May."

...Wake up, Maggie, I think I have something to say to you ...

Editors Note:

Tom Rockvam is a local author and historian who has written several books including "Growing Up on Lake Minnetonka" and "The Andrews Sisters and their life long connection to Mound, Minnesota".

Nominating Committee Report - Recommended Candidates - 2020-2021

Bridge	2020-2021 Proposed
Commander	Cdr. Andrew Lalim, AP
Executive Officer	Lt/C Brad Penrith, AP
Administrative Officer	D/Lt Dan Saniti, P
Education Officer	1 st / Lt Russ Straate, AP
Secretary	1 st /Lt Holly Raby, AP
Treasurer	1 st /Lt Charles Essig, S



Assistant Bridge Officers	2020-2021 Proposed
Assistant Administrative Officer	Lt Paul Lemmerman, S
Assistant Education Officer	Mitchell Anderson, P-IN
Assistant Secretary	Lt Pat Laughlin, AP
Assistant Treasurer	Shawn Wischmeier, S

Executive Committee	2020-2021 Proposed
Member at Large	Jim Clark, S
Member at Large	Lt Kirk Lau, AP
Member at Large	Wendy Davidson
Member at Large	Paul Morales, S
Member at Large	Tom Witchger
Member at Large	Lt Dean Weisser, S

The Nominations Committee submitted their slate of candidates to the Secretary by October 15th as required (per bylaw 6.9). The secretary in turn is required to publish this slate to our members no later than November 15th either in hardcopy or through our official squadron publication which is the TonkaNAUTS (bylaw 6.5.8 and 15.1). That slate is provided for your review as part of this issue of the TonkaNAUTS. In addition, we are required to send a notice of our annual election meeting, along with the Nominating Committee slate, no later than 30 days before the meeting either via hardcopy or the TonkaNAUTS (bylaw 9.3.1 and 15.1). That meeting has been scheduled for January 16th 2019.

Endowment Committee

Lt Don Duncan, JN 2022
 P/C Dan Goldman, P, 2021
 R/C Greg Korstad, AP-IN, 2021
 R/C Mike Skelley, JN-IN 2020
 Lt LuAnne Opstedal, S, 2020

Rules Committee:

Paul Vassar, 2022
 Marcus Krumpholz, S, 2022
 Lt Gary Feblowitz, S 2021
 Lt Donald Wilkinson, S, 2021
 Lt Dave Velandar, S, 2020
 Lt Butch Essig, S, 2020

Nominations Committee (* = nominated from floor)

D/Lt/C Kevin Wehrmann, S, 2020
 Lt Tim Levens, AP-IN, 2020
 P/C John Raby, JN-ACN, 2021
 Lt Steve Camp, S, 2021
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Audit Committee:

Laurie O'Melia, 2022
 Lt But Broekema, AP, 2021
 Pat Spence, S, 2020

Planning Committee (nominated by incoming Commander):

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Member at Large: Lt Greg Tobin, S
Member at Large: Lt Dean Weiser, S
Member at Large: Paul Morales, S
Member at Large: Lt Kirk Lau, AP
Member at Large: Pat Laughlin, AP
Past Commander:* Kevin Wehrmann, S
Law Officer:* Greg Korstad, AP
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R/C Mike Skelley, JN-IN 2020
Lt LuAnne Opstedal, S 2020
Lt Arlan Opstedal, S 2019
Lt Ross Langhans, AP 2019

Nautical Humor

Submitted by Steve Camp

Which sailors blow their noses most often? The Anchor Chiefs.

“I saw a chap with a big bushy beard earlier.”

“Was it a naval beard?”

“No, it was on his chin like everyone else”.

A sailor eating alphabet soup found the seven Cs.

A ship load of blue paint crashed into a ship load of red paint.
The crews were marooned.

Why didn't the sailors play cards?
Because the captain was standing on the deck.

Big sale on rowing paddles at my local shop. It's quite an oar deal.

I can't think of any more boat puns. Canoe?

Nominations Committee

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