

TONKANAUTS



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At The Helm

Cdr Dan Saniti, P



Water in Lake Minnetonka or not I think we all had as much enjoyment as we could with the water we actually had. Good thing my sailboat doesn't have a 7ft keel.

Our island is closed for the season and everything is put away. Thank you to the team of members who did all of the hard work to get everything put into winter storage.

I had the opportunity to attend the National America's Boating Club (USPS) Fall Conference which was held in Raleigh, NC. I learned so much and met a lot of very energetic members. Some highlights of items I learned are below.

- Time spent with the Info Center on the National website. This is the main place to get member information. There is a lot of data there and several ways to search for what you need.
- Membership auto renewal is in the works!
- Membership Benefits keep expanding.
 - ◇ BoatFix monitoring service
 - ◇ McGriff insurance for your boat and your rate goes DOWN with advance grades so take your education classes!
 - ◇ Lightstream will be a new boat loan option up to \$100K and can be used for items to repair your boat and not just the boat itself. Say you want to replace all of the electronics...
 - ◇ OfficeMax still offers large discounts to our members
 - ◇ New home and auto insurance coming soon
 - ◇ Pet insurance to be offered. For those of you with pets you're going to want to look into this after its officially launched.
 - ◇ Home warranty option

Stay tuned for the announcement about this year's Change of Watch (COW). We look to honor the past with the tradition of COW while adding some evening fun for everyone.

Merit Mark submissions should have been submitted by the time of this publication. Hopefully you were able to submit all of the hours you did volunteering this year!!!



A big THANK YOU to ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS who made each and every event a complete success. I can't name you all here. Without you none of this would be possible.

Hoping to see those of you that don't go south for the winter again very soon!



Executive Officer

Lt/C Paul Lemmerman, P

Hello, fellow squadron members!



Fall is here in full swing. It started out nice and warm, then we hit the cold. I have been helping Jason Rice at Blue Lagoon Marina pull boats from the lake. It started out with 80 degree weather. Now it's October 18th and it's 20 degrees in the morning. Making it very cold going across the lake at 20-40 mph. I'm wearing my snowmobile gear to stay warm.

Saturday, October 15th, was the final, final at the island. Arlan Opstedal, Dan Goldman, Eric Schmidt, and myself put away the last 2 docks.



Removed the bumpers from the rear dock and we installed the tube TV in the Schimdt's Boston Whaler!!!! Only 17' Whaler that is known on Minnetonka with a Big Screen Tube TV. We watched TV and drove around for a while. Just kidding, Eric was the lucky one to finally get that heavy pig off the island.

Stay Warm and have an awesome fall.

I hope we get rain and snow to bring the lake level up.



Administrative Officer

So What Exactly Does the Administrative Officer Do?



That's a great question and one that I asked myself when I realized I had become this year's Admin Officer!

In short, the Administrative Officer is responsible for membership – which is a much broader category than I thought until having looked back on this past boating season.

“Membership” includes finding and adding new members to sustain our squadron. Fortunately, I had Ian Villamil as our Membership Chairperson who has brought in 59 new members at the time of writing this and was still working to add more members. That brings our total current membership to 353 members which is one of the largest in the country. We started the year with around 350 members and through natural attrition (people moved, they are no longer boating, etc) we plan on having to replace 10-15% of our membership each year. The bigger we are, the more financially sustainable we are as a group, but that also means that the Membership Chairperson holds a critical position and will have a goal of adding 40-60 new members each year. Without going into detail, that job is easily worth 5 merit marks! Sorry Ian, you still only get 1!

“Membership” also includes onboarding and welcoming all of those new members. In addition to the focus we have tried to place on introducing new members at all events, we also created the position of the “Welcome Aboard Officer” which Jim Russel volunteered to launch. Jim was a new member last year and we thought his enthusiasm for the Minnetonka Squadron would be perfect to communicate how the Squadron works to this year's new members and how those new members can get involved.

But perhaps most importantly to our general membership is that “Membership” includes making sure that you enjoy being a member of our Squadron – i.e planning fraternal events that allow us to share in each other's company, share our passion for boating, and enjoy some great food, music and dancing. (OK, the last three might be my biased favorites.)

The people to thank for all of the help with the events is a long list. Please be sure to read all of the names and thank them personally the next time you see them.

First, a very special shout out to Karen Christenson, our beloved KC – she has years of service making these events run like clockwork and making the Admin Officer's job even remotely possible!

Next is the fantastic crew that KC organizes for many of the events:

Heather Banks - Mark/Rachel Beutz - Maud/Brian Dugan (and Maud's sister!) - Rob Gaddes - Dan Goldman - David Hartman
Jamie/Jeff Hoffman - Brenda Huh - Keith/Karen Kask - Robin/Ian Pinegar - Dan Saniti - Diane Schwalbe - Diana/Russ Straate
Frannie Villamil - Rob Wright

While I can't thank all you enough, I also realize that I have missed people who helped with events like the Fitting Out Party, Chile Cookoff and others. I am sorry I missed your name, but am very grateful for your help!

So here are the questions - and we really want your feedback!

- **Did you enjoy the events we had this year?**
- **Do we continue with the traditional events such as, the Fitting Out Party, Italian Night, Shrimpfest, Movies and Burgers, Labor Day Weekend (Member Appreciation) Events, Chili Cookoff . . . ?**
- **Would you prefer something new and if so, what are your ideas?**
- **Do you want more events?**
- **Fewer events?**
- **More off-season events?**

We really would welcome your feedback. Please let me know your thoughts by email at Administrative@MinnetonkaPS.org or if you prefer a conversation, give me a call at 612.325.0179. Finally – we are really looking forward to seeing you at the annual Holiday Party which will be back at Lord Fletcher's this year on Friday, January 6th. Please hold the date and watch for additional details in upcoming eBeacons! Looking forward to seeing everyone soon!



Education Officer

Lt/C Mitch Anderson, AP-IN

Fellow MPS members,

The education season is upon us and we have recently kicked-off our fall **Boat Handling** course. This course is being delivered online (via Zoom). If you are interested in attending, registration is still open at <https://www.minnetonkaps.org/current-boating-safety-classes>. Please remember it is required that you complete at least one Advanced Grade course in your first two years of membership to be eligible for Island privileges. Boat Handling is the first Advanced Grade (Seamanship) and is followed by Marine Navigation (Piloting) and Advanced Marine Navigation (Advanced Piloting). These courses are a really fun way to improve your boating/navigation skills and enhance your time spent on the water.

I'd also like to take a minute to congratulate two members – **Russ Straate and Pat Laughlin** – who recently received an Education Proficiency Award. Well done!

What's Ahead for Education?

This winter we will be offering at least one elective course and a handful of seminars. We created a survey for all members at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KSZJB7F> to gauge interest in these offerings. Please respond so we can tailor our courses and seminars to your interests.

The **Boat Operator Certification** (BOC) program offers an excellent roadmap for sharpening your skills on the many diverse aspects of boat ownership and operation. The first step in the BOC program is the Inland Navigator (IN) certification. Achieving IN requires completion of three core USPS courses: Boat Handling (Seamanship), Engine Maintenance, and Marine Electrical Systems. In addition, there are required seminars (offered online) and skills that must be demonstrated.

Sign up for BOC by purchasing the IN, CN or ACN Passport on the Minnetonka PS web site (Education page).

Upcoming Courses

Boat Handling: Oct 18 - Dec 6, 2022. Delivered online via Zoom. Sign up at <https://www.minnetonkaps.org/current-boating-safety-classes>

I hope you will take the opportunity to participate in our education program and continue to build your skills and boating knowledge. Remember all of our courses are also open to non-members and they are a great way to introduce new boaters and prospective members to the Minnetonka Squadron.

Hope to see you in class!



Connections:

Education Information Link: <https://www.minnetonkaps.org/current-boating-safety-classes>

Email address: education@minnetonkaps.org

Secretary

Lt/C Pat Laughlin, N-IN

The Nominations Committee has done a great job of putting together a proposed slate of Bridge Officers, Members at Large and elective committee members for the upcoming 2022/23 Squadron year. See the Nominating Committee Report on the next page. Per the Squadron bylaws, other candidates may be nominated, "by petition in writing signed by at least five active members in good standing and filed with the secretary no later than 15 December each year."



Mark your calendars now to attend the Minnetonka Squadron Annual Meeting. At this meeting we will hold elections and have a General Membership Meeting. It's a great opportunity to connect with other members in the middle of the winter! Please plan on attending, (we need a quorum for the elections).

MINNETONKA SQUADRON NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING:

January 12, 2023 at 7:00 pm
Minneapolis Sheraton West Hotel
12201 Ridgedale Drive
Minnetonka, MN 55305



Nominating Committee Report

Per section 6.9 of the Minnetonka Bylaws, the Nominating Committee is submitting this report of our recommended candidates for the 2023-2024 watch year.

Bridge	2022-2023 Proposed
Commander	Lt/C Paul Lemmerman, S
Executive Officer	Lt/C Kevin Cooper, AP
Administrative Officer	1 st Lt Ian Villamil, P
Education Officer	Lt/C Mitch Anderson, AP-IN
Secretary	Robin Pinegar
Treasurer	Lt/C Charles Essig, S

Assistant Bridge Officers	2022-2023 Proposed
Assistant Administrative Officer	Lt Jason Zattler, P
Assistant Education Officer	P/Lt/C Russ Straate, AP
Assistant Secretary	1 st Lt Jason Rice, S
Assistant Treasurer	1 st Lt Shawn Wischmeier, P

Executive Committee	2022-2023 Proposed
Member at Large	Lt. Pat Sutter, S
Member at Large	Bill Weimer, P
Member at Large	Lt Angela Stoy, S
Member at Large	Paul Vassar, S
Member at Large	Lt John Huh, S
Member at Large	Rich Schwalbe, S

Endowment Committee

Tim Levens, AP-IN 2023
1st Lt Shawn Wischmeier, P 2023
Josh Karlgaard, S 2024
Lt Tom Witchger, S 2024

Nominations Committee (* = nominated from floor)

P/C Andrew Lalim, AP 2023
P/Lt/C Eric Schmidt, S 2023
P/C Kevin Shutes, AP-IN 2024
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Rules Committee:

Pat Sutter, S 2023
P/R/C Mike Skelley, JN-IN 2023
Paul Peterson, S 2024
Ian Pinegar, AP 2024

Audit Committee:

Donald Wilkinson, S 2023
Arthur Stickley, S 2024

Planning Committee (nominated by incoming Commander):

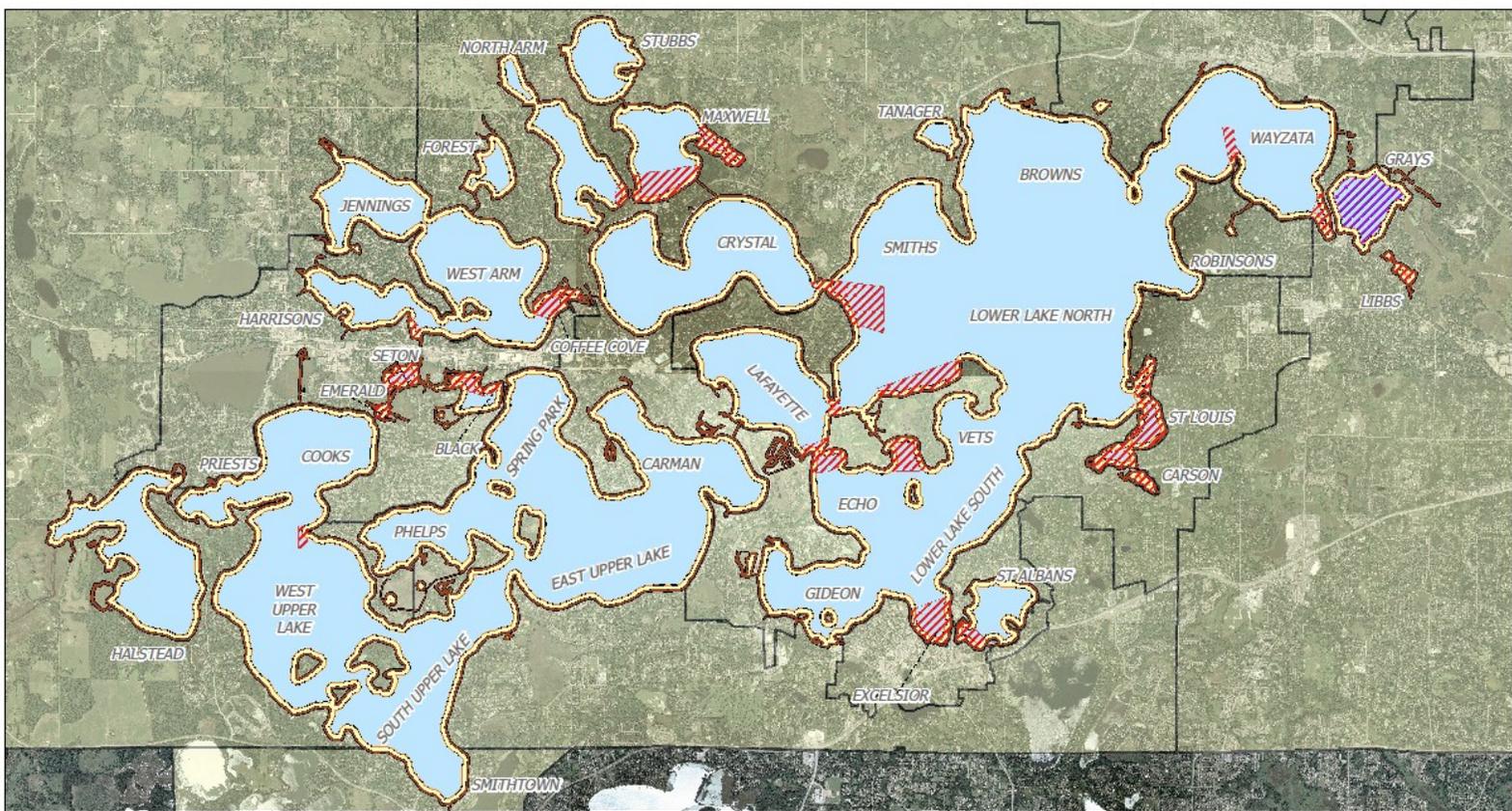
Year represents beginning of last year to serve.

* These positions are nominated from the floor, but the Nominating Committee recommends Lt/C Dan Saniti, P, and Pat Laughlin, N-IN for this committee.



In August 2022 the LMCD changed its rule regarding watercraft speeds near the shoreline. This new rule places a 5 mph speed limit on all boats within 300 feet of shorelines. This is an increase from the current 150-foot distance. The 300-foot rule related to repetitive passes for personal watercraft is now incorporated into the new rule for all watercraft. The rule will go into effect starting on January 1, 2023. The current 150-foot distance from docks, anchored boats, swimmers, or scuba diver's warning flags will not change. This rule will help reduce shoreline erosion and improve safety for small crafts.

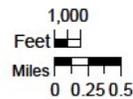
You can follow this link https://lmcd.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Lake_Minnetonka_New-100ft-Dock_150ft-Dock_300ft-Shore_PDF.pdf to view a copy of the map below showing the new 300 foot guidelines. Note that the bay just to the south of Streater Cove will be no wake out to both points.



NEW BUFFER DISTANCE ON LAKE MINNETONKA
 Buffer Distance in effect January 1, 2023 - 300 ft Shore, 150 ft Structure/People

5 mph slow/no wake: 300 ft from shoreline;
150 ft from bathing area or swimmer, scuba diver's
warning flag, anchored raft/watercraft, dock; QWA

Disclaimer: This map is based on estimates and intended for illustrative purposes only.



	Lake Minnetonka Open Water
	Estimated Dock Length 100 ft Buffer
	150 ft Buffer From Docks
	300 ft Buffer From Shore
	Quiet Water / Slow Area (QWA)
	Weekend & Holiday Quiet / Slow Area

Proposed Boat Operator Permit Legislation

The proposed boat operator permit legislation did not get passed. Despite bi-partisan support, "internal party politics" kept the bill getting to a vote. The bill will be reintroduced next year and should have a much better chance of passing. This legislation has the support from industry groups, marinas and lake associations.

Member Receives National Award



For the second consecutive year, Power Squadron Member and marina owner Gabriel Jabbour has been recognized for his dedication to the environment and community by the North American Lake Management Society (NALMS) with a national award for “Leadership and Service Volunteer”.

The nomination cited his collaborative approach to problem solving and his powerful voice in the boating industry, including “changing boat design to reduce the spread of AIS resulting in changes to the recommended standards for boat manufactures”.

It was also noted he “has also used his networking to facilitate meetings between various stakeholder groups including private business, large corporations, resource managers and researchers from academia and government agencies”.

Gabriel will received his award at the November 16th NALMS conference in Minneapolis.



North American Lake Management Society

Attention New Members!

We would like to welcome you to our squadron and feature you in our squadron newsletter. Please forward a high-resolution photo of you and your family to the [Editor](#); be sure to include everyone’s name!

If you like, we would love to learn a little bit about you, why you joined Americas Boating Club—Minnetonka and what you love about boating. See you in the next issue!

Looking for an opportunity to earn time and effort towards your Merit Mark requirements?

Did you know submitting an article for publication in the TonkaNAUTS counts towards your Merit Mark requirements?

We are always looking for informative and fun articles to publish. You can write about a boating themed trip or event you attended or maybe you have a boating experience you would like to share?

Please forward your submission to the [Editor](#) as a MSWord document attachment or in the body of an email.

Photos are also welcome and should be hi-resolution.



Minnetonka Power Squadron hosted a Geodetic Marker Expedition on October 22nd. The group met at the Hennepin County Library in Excelsior and then set out to recover and document a total of six geodetic survey markers within a five-mile radius. The expedition was led by myself, the cooperative charting chair and participants included Barry and Kim Blievernicht, Jennine Fine and Bud Broekema. The reports were filed with National and the entire group made the annual standings in positions 199 – 205!

National USPS maintains an annual record of individual, squadron and district participation and has established criteria to achieve "Honor Roll" status based on the size of the squadron and district. Minnetonka Power Squadron needs 7 registered observers (we have 4) and 154 credits (we have 80 YTD), so we have not achieved Honor Roll status yet. D10 needs 9 participating squadrons (we have 2: Minnetonka and Green Bay) and 852 credits (we have 264), so D10 has not achieved Honor Roll yet this year also. Green Bay has achieved Honor Roll status again this year with 7 registered observers (they needed 2 based on membership) and 184 credits (they need 91). REMEMBER – you can recover and report on geodetic markers anywhere in the U.S., so even snowbirds can extent the season!



Chili Cook Off and Vikings Game Day Photos!



You are invited so "Save the Date"
2023 District 10 Spring Conference and Change of Watch
April 28th - 30th
Metropolis Resort - Eau Claire, WI

Don't miss this event !!! Stay tuned for additional information



Action City

Indoor Go-Karts



Bumper Cars



Laser Tag



Mini Bowling



Open Jump Court



Ninja Warrior Courses



Chaos Water Park

Hurricane Run Water Slide



Twister Water Slide



Airbag Stunt Jump



Dodgeball Trampolines



Slam Dunk Basketball



Tsunami Lazy River



Indoor Aquatic Playground



Outdoor Go-Karts



Fun for the Whole Family!

Outdoor Zip-Line



Outdoor Mini-Golf



Metropolis Resort
5150 Fairview Avenue
Eau Claire, WI 54701

Bulletin Board



Northern Lights Sailing Club

- * A Twin Cities MN based cruising club
- * Monthly social and educational meetings
- * Local and worldwide sailing opportunities
- * No experience? No boat? No problem!

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Secretary: Lt/C Pat Laughlin, N
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Treas: Lt/C Charles Essig, S
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Assistant Bridge Officers

Assistant Admin: 1st/Lt Ian Villamil, P
 Assistant Education: 1st/Lt Scott Trombley, P
 Assistant Secretary: 1st/Lt Jason Rice, S
 Assistant Treasurer: 1st/Lt Shawn Wischmeier, P
 Flag Lieutenant: Suzanne Saniti

Executive Committee

Member at Large: 1st/Lt Dean Weiser, S
 Member at Large: 1st/Lt Paul Morales, S
 Member at Large: Lt Pat Sutter, S
 Member at Large: Lt Jason Zattler, P
 Member at Large: Lt Angela Story, P
 Member at Large: Lt John Huh, S
 Past Commander:* P/C Kevin Shutes, AP-IN
 Law Officer:* P/R/C Greg Korstad, N-IN
 (*Non-Voting Member)

Endowment Committee

Lt Don Duncan, JN	2022
Lt Tim Levens, AP-IN	2023
1st/Lt Shawn Wischmeier, P	2023
Lt Josh Karlgaard, S	2024
Lt Tom Witchger, S	2024

Nautical Humor By Steve Camp

Did you hear about the zombies that could swim?
 They say they came from the Dead Sea.

Did you hear about the sailor who failed his boating exam?
 Word is he got C-sick.

What do you call a boat that's fully automated?
 A row-bot.

Why did no one like to sit with the lady at the back of the boat?
 She was very stern.

What did the choking life vest say to the rescue ring after he performed the Heimlich?
 "You're a real life saver!"

What did one row boat say to the other after their candlelit dinner?
 "You are incredibly row-mantic!"

Nominations Committee

D/Lt/C Tracy Gustafson, AP-IN	2022
Lt Diana Straate, S	2022
P/C Andy Lalim, AP	2023
P/Lt/C Eric Schmidt, S	2023

Rules Committee

Lt Paul Vassar	2022
Lt Marcus Krumpholz, S	2022
Lt Pat Sutter, S	2023
P/R/C Mike Skelley, JN-IN	2023
Lt Ian Pinegar, AP	2024
Lt Paul Peterson, S	2024

Audit Committee

Lt Laurie O'Melia, S	2022
Lt Donald Wilkenson, S	2023
Arthur Stickley, S	2024