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It Won't Be Long!



“Plotting a Course for the Future”

At The Helm

Crd Kevin Cooper, AP

Welcome to our 2024 Watch Year!

We did something a little different this year in that we installed our new Bridge early, (in January versus March) in order to get a head start on the many initiatives we have for this year.

Which is a good intro for what it means to be “Plotting a Course for the Future”. The plans for this year will include a LOT of things that may be a little different from the past boating seasons.

Don’t worry – your traditional favorites are not going away. We are still planning summer celebrations at the Island including, live bands, the Shrimp-fest, Chili Cookoff and many others.

We will also continue with off island events including First Friday Happy Hours like the amazing one that KC (Karen Christenson) and Jason Zattler organized at The Narrows Lake House on March 1st. We had the venue to ourselves and some of the best appetizers to be found anywhere in town - plus a fun celebration of Jane Camp’s birthday!

So, we still have our favorites, but what will be different this year?

Everything we do this year will be focused on Membership. How can we make the experience of being a Minnetonka Squadron Member the best it can be? How can we attract and retain new members so that they will be part of our family for years to come?

Membership satisfaction is critical, because it is our membership numbers that allow us to plan for the future. Our numbers are what drive our budget, and our budget needs to include funding events education for this year, but also saving for the future.

Our home at the island is like any other home – it requires upkeep and upkeep requires money! New roofs, new docks (someday), and the many other improvements that come with loving, caring for, and owning a home.

In November at the General Membership meeting, we had a brainstorming session with members asking what would make the experience better for both existing and new members. The ideas that came out of that meeting were fantastic, and we will share more detail at the March General Membership meeting about what ideas we will try to put in place for 2024.

A quick snapshot of some of those ideas included:

- New family activities and contests like a Frisbee Golf Tournament for everyone as well as games for the kids. (There were many other very fun ideas in this category.)
- Island Open House events to attract new members.
- Creating new ways to welcome the new profile of Minnetonka boaters: Pontoons; Wake Boats; Fishing Boats: and Personal Watercraft.
- Purchasing floating docks to welcome jet skiers.

This is a very small sampling of the ways we can improve the member experience!

Our next Executive Committee (ExCom) meeting will be attempting to prioritize the 30+ ideas based on the impact to members, the impact to recruiting, and of course, the cost to execute. (The good news is that many of the ideas will cost us nothing!)

The entire bridge is looking forward to letting you know about, and also including you in these plans.

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And that makes this a good time for me to wrap up by introducing you to this years Executive Officers, Members at Large and the Assistant Officers. I think we have a fantastic Bridge and can't wait to see what they will accomplish for each of you.

Executive Committee

Commander	Lt/C Kevin Cooper, AP
Executive Officer	Lt/C Ian Villamil, P
Administrative Officer	Lt/C Jason Zattler, P
Education Officer	Lt/C Bill Weimer, P-IN
Secretary	Lt/C Robin Pinegar
Treasurer	Lt/C Charles Essig, P
Member at Large	Lt Pat Sutter, S
Member at Large	Lt James Clark, P
Member at Large	Lt David Gilmore, S
Member at Large	Lt Arthur Stickley, S
Member at Large	Lt John Huh, S
Member at Large	Lt Rich Schwalbe, S

Assistant Officers

Assistant Administrative Officer	1 st Lt Paul Vassar, S
Assistant Education Officer	P/Lt/C Mitch Anderson, AP-IN
Assistant Secretary ^{1st}	Lt Jason Rice, S
Assistant Treasurer ^{1st}	Lt Shawn Wischmeier, P

The 2024 Bridge is very excited to share with you the many plans we have for this year. In addition to the traditional favorite events that we do every year, we have a lot of new ideas to make being a member the best possible experience for you and your families. In the meantime, we need your help. Launching all of these new ideas creates opportunities for you to help – we are not talking about huge commitments, but they are merit mark opportunities, and every little bit helps.

If you are interested in participating in any of the following areas, please contact me. We can have a quick call or email chat to see how much or how little you would like to be involved, and how you might be able to apply your skills and ideas to these areas.

Membership – Russ Straate is our Membership Chairperson (and has rocked this position before), but we have plenty of opportunities for you to get involved. “Membership” includes bringing on new members and improving the experience of our existing members. We could use help in communication, on-boarding new members, being a mentor to someone new, helping with orientation, membership application processing, etc. The sky is the limit – so please consider helping in this area.

Marketing – We need both someone to lead the charge and we need support positions to execute on our plan. Marketing includes creating the messaging to help us attract new members, to promote our national goals, including safe boating education, to manage our social media presence and to grow our “brand” to the community. You could simply help with sending out communications to members to sign up for future events, create graphics and mini videos that we can use on Facebook, Instagram, and Snapchat or develop our entire Marketing Plan. Help us craft our identity and how to attract the new demographics of the boating community. If you have ANY experience in marketing, please consider helping us in the critical area.

Social Media Chairperson – Why break this out from Marketing? Social Media changes daily. My generation knows Facebook, and not much else. But there are demographics we need to reach that definitely are NOT using Facebook and we need someone who understands how to use Instagram, Snapchat, and all of the other platforms (that I am clueless about). This is as much about being a social influencer as it is about using Social Media to help us with our marketing initiatives. If you love Social Media, you can help us have a HUGE impact on our goals for this year.

IT – Over the last few years, we have made so many advancements in running the squadron using technology. But there is so much more we can do. Finding and architecting new systems for us to make it easier for members to get the information they need and make it easier for the Bridge to continue adding value to your membership. Are we ready for artificial intelligence? As our IT Chairperson, you will help us determine and execute systems that will sustain a long future for our squadron. If you can open a spreadsheet, you may be qualified. If you can do more than that, we need you!

As the largest family on Lake Minnetonka, our Squadron has so many talented and creative people. If you have ideas on how to improve what we do, and what we do for each other, we want to hear them. Please feel free to reach out to me or anyone on the Bridge with any and all of your suggestions! With hugs from the Bridge!

Administrative Officer

Lt/C Jason Zattler, P

Members, Welcome to the 2024 Boating Season with the Minnetonka Power Squadron

I am thrilled to be the Administrative Officer for this year. For those of you who don't know me, I am Jason Zattler. I am married to my wonderful wife Suzanne for 22 years, and we share the joy of parenting two amazing boys, Dominic, and Sam.

Dominic, our elder son, is currently a senior in high school, set to graduate in June of 2024, while Sam, our younger son, is gearing up for 8th Grade at the high school. As a family, we have been deeply rooted in the community and beauty of Lake Minnetonka. Over the years we have cherish our time on the water, whether it's a leisurely day trip or for the weekend. We usually take annual pilgrimage with our Formula up to the Apostle Islands in Bayfield, Wisconsin. We filled our days with a group of friends and their families in the Apostles exploring/snorkeling some swallow sunken ships, indulge in cliff jumping, snorkel in shallow waters, and basking on sandy Island beaches.

I look forward to stepping into the role of administrative officer. With our squadron's passion for boating and dedication to the community, I anticipate a fantastic 2024 year ahead. From the highly anticipated Change of Watch event, featuring Power Squadron National Members, to the lively Fitting Out Party boasting a silent auction brimming with boating essentials, there's something for everyone. And let's not forget that some of the annual event favorites like Italian Night, Shrimp Fest, and Chili Cook-Off. Stay tuned as we inject new energy into our existing events and unveil exciting additions to our 2024 calendar.

Here's to a season filled with camaraderie, adventure, and memorable moments on the water and on the Island!



It's the most wonderful time of the year, it's ALMOST Ice Out on Lake Minnetonka ... or maybe it already is, since I wrote this on March 1, 2024!

Did you know our earliest Ice Out was March 11, 1878 ... after driving around the lake this afternoon, I am betting Ice Out 2024 will be before March 11th!!

I know my family cannot wait for our 6th summer as part of the Minnetonka Power Squadron & the incredible Streater Cove Island!

I'm Robin Pinegar, your 2nd year Squadron Secretary! A quick bit about me, I grew up on Black Lake in Spring Park. Ian & I live in Mound with our son Nolan who is 14! We love being part of the Squad no matter the time of the year BUT I think we can all agree that Summer is the BEST time of the year!

Secretary

Lt/C Robin Pinegar

Onto Secretarial business, please keep an eye on your inbox for our eBeacon newsletter (sent from secretary@minnetonkaps.org). The eBeacon is packed full of information about events, sign-ups, education classes, meetings and links to volunteer opportunities which can help you earn hours towards your Merit Mark.

Are you getting our Text messages? We'll be sending text reminders prior to our general membership meetings, links to events and other important stuff a few times a month. If you're not receiving texts, please email me at secretary@minnetonkaps.org with your cell number and I will update our contact list to include you!

Please be sure to add all of our meetings and events to your calendar; additional details can be found on our website calendar at <https://www.minnetonkaps.org/calendar/>

The Bridge has some FUN things planned for Summer 2024 and we're excited to have all of you join us!

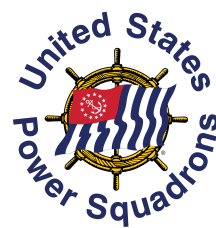
Life is short, go Boating!



Greetings Squadron Members

Education Officer

Lt/C Bill Weimer, P-IN



I'm your new Squadron Education Officer, and I'm excited about everything educational this year. We have an awesome Education team with Assistant Mitch Anderson and Lori Carver jumping in as adjunct Assistant.

Before I jump into all the exciting Education activities afoot, a little about me and my boating journey. I grew up in a small town in northeast Ohio (Ravenna) between Akron and Youngstown. As a child, we always took month-long, summer camping vacations to wonderful reservoirs around the Appalachian Mountains. This is where I learned to water ski at a young age, and became a life-long boater. We graduated from tents and campers to a family cottage in Pennsylvania on the Youghiogheny Reservoir, where I could take out the fishing and pleasure boats (all by myself)!

Fast forward to 1987 when I moved to Plymouth, MN, was married, had 3 kids and yes – it was time to buy a boat for Lake Minnetonka. An 18-foot Larson open bow, and boy did we have fun on that boat. All the kids learned to waterski with that boat, and enjoyed other typical water fun. Regrettably, we never discovered the Minnetonka Power Squadron until the kids were grown and I moved up to the SeaRay Sundancer 270 cruiser Vickie and I have today. After joining the Squadron, it's been a summer boating dream-come-true!!!

Back to Squadron Education. We have a ton on momentum (thanks to Mitch) in the Education Department, with strong partnerships from Membership (Russ Straate) and an amazing Bridge. We just completed the Weather course exam in February and we're offering the **Marine Electrical Systems** (MES) starting March 5th (there's still time to register at: <https://www.minnetonkaps.org/product/marine-electrical-systems/>), and the ABC Boating Safety Course is going to be offered April 8th via Zoom with an in-person exam. The ABC is the first course new members take to be eligible for island privileges, and it also fulfills the new Minnesota legislation requirement to obtain a watercraft operator's permit (phased in). Please refer to the MN Legislature site for more details on the new legislation: https://www.revisor.mn.gov/bills/text.php?number=HF0949&version=latest&session=92&session_number=0&session_year=2023

If you're a new member, recall that to be eligible for island privileges you must also obtain a merit mark and take at least one advanced grade course in your **first two years**. The ABC course and seminars do not count as an advanced grade. You must take **Boat Handling** or one of the **Marine Navigation** courses. Boat Handling is typically offered by MPS in the fall, but can be taken online any time. Check out the online, on-demand offerings at: <https://www.minnetonkaps.org/current-boating-safety-classes/>

Lastly, there are 2 great seminars being offered at the upcoming D10 Spring Conference & Change of Watch (COW) in Minneapolis, April 12-14. Mitch will be offering **All About VHF/DSC Marine Radio** and John Raby will be offering **Mariner's Compass**.

I hope you take advantage of these excellent education opportunities, and I look forward to a great boating season with you all!



Marine Electrical Systems

Education Officer

Lt/C Bill Weimer, P-IN

The Minnetonka Squadron is currently offering the **Marine Electrical Systems (MES)** elective March 5th thru April 23rd (Tuesdays) at 7PM via the exciting and convenient Zoom meeting online webinar. The cost is \$75 and includes a handsome manual that is a great reference to have handy on your boat (never know when those pesky electrons will act up). MES is a must take if you're planning to add/upgrade electronics, accessories, or just fix that nagging problem on your boat. As members with the **Advanced Piloting** grade, you're not far from being able to earn your **Inland Navigator certification** where you'll get the "IN" letters added to your grade! The MES elective, a few additional electives and/or seminars and the very fun On-the-Water certification will get you to that coveted Inland Navigator certification and grade. If that's not enough, look below at the course description and testimonial, and get signed up today as March 5th is right around the proverbial point...

Here's the **Marine Electrical Systems (MES)** elective description and direct squadron website link to register:

Marine Electrical Systems (MES) covers the practice of wiring your boat, including boat electrical wiring practices and diagrams, direct and alternating current power, galvanic and stray current corrosion, and lightning protection. Troubleshooting is emphasized throughout, so students should feel comfortable performing even tricky wiring tasks after passing this course.

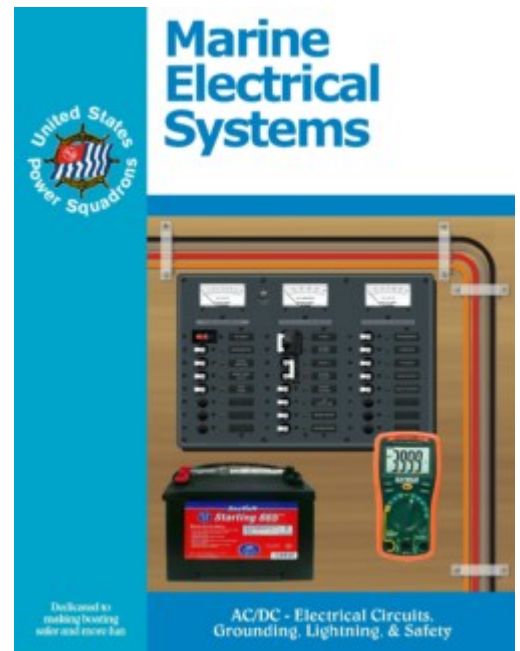
<https://www.minnetonkaps.org/product/marine-electrical-systems/>

(remember to login with your e-number, to make the registration process more seamless)

Testimonial (Bill Weimer, 1998 SeaRay Sundancer 270):

Personally, I had a Ground Fault Interrupt (GFI) issue on my boat shorepower distribution panel and the course gave me the knowledge to understand, diagnose and fix the problem that saved me many hundreds of dollars, and more importantly, fixed a potentially dangerous wiring issue on my boat! The MES instructors were extremely knowledgeable on a variety of boat electrical issues and were willing to take time to discuss specific electrical issues that students inquired about.

I hope you take advantage of this electrifying opportunity!



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!

Past Commander

P/C Paul Lemmerman, P

Hello Fellow Squadron Members

Here is a story on how I became Past Commander.



I remember Kevin Wehrmann asking me to meet him at the picnic table by dock 6. I was like what the heck is going on. Kevco started asking me a few questions about the Squadron and said, you are out on the island a lot, you attend the General Membership Meetings, and volunteer when you can. Have you ever thought about being on the Bridge? What bridge? I didn't know about the bridge from Big Island to Excelsior. I thought it was a myth or made up. Well I figured it out really fast what the bridge is. I was elected to sit on the bridge as a member at large. I enjoyed what was going on at the meetings and getting to know what's going on behind the scenes.

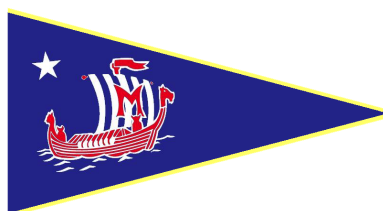
I moved into the Admin Officer position and I was super excited to start planning events and partys. Then we had our first pandemic in my lifetime. What are we going to do to make money and have fun? Nobody knew what to do. Commander Shutes was running the show at the time. We talked about having a band on the island. I hired Red Dot Garage. It was a success as everyone wanted to get back to normal and have fun.

Next step was Executive Officer, I enjoyed that position as Commander Dan Saniti was well rounded and leading the Ship. I learned a lot from Dan. Would I vote for him for President? Not yet. Maybe next year Dan. Just kidding, Dan did a lot of great work behind the scenes. Anyone who dresses up as a Pirate for Hope Kids is super cool.

My Commander year was great and I really enjoyed it. I want to thank everyone for all their help and work they did to keep the flow going. It takes a crew to run the Power Squadron and we have some of the best talent around. I would put the Minnetonka crew up against any other Squadron in the United States. We would give them a run for their money.

Now as your Past Commander, I look back at the fun I had and the people that I have met; it was an awesome time. As I learn new things in life, like ocean boating with tides and salt water, it's a new chapter. Very exciting and a little nervous navigating areas of the unknown. Lemmermans still will have a slip on Minnetonka this summer. You will hear us running around with the Coarsa Exhaust open, disturbing the peace. The Minnetonka Power Squadron is in great hands as Commander Cooper takes control. Kevin has great ideas. Every Commander runs it differently, there is no right or wrong way. I put more effort into the Island. Commander Cooper will have his ideas and run with them. It will turn out perfect.

Thank You for your time and motor on!



Meet a new Member-At-Large!

I am Arthur Stickley, my wife Sue and I joined the PowerBoat Squadron four years ago after boating by the island for many years and finally saying "we should check that out." Glad we did. We have found the organization and the the island an ideal upgrade to enjoying the Lake Minnetonka experience.

We first started boating on Lake Minnetonka in the summer of 2000 and have been on the lake every summer since then. I am retiring this year, in May, so will get to be on the lake and at the island a lot more this summer. Our boat is named the Knot on Time and if you see us, please come over and say hello.

As a member at large, my task is to help the organization figure out the best way to increase membership, welcome new members to the island and be generally useful to the other Bridge members.

You can reach me at aestickley@yahoo.com.

Looking forward to seeing you all on the lake and at the island.



Fitting Out 2024

Are you needing your partial merit mark hours? The time is now to get a jump start, before the boating season begins!

Here are our needs this winter/spring:

- Setting up the event on April 27th during the day: Comfort Inn/Lucky 13 in Plymouth
- Checking out the Silent Auction items at the end of the event
- Connecting with Jane Camp and committee on putting the donation items/baskets together

Donating items for the silent auction

Feel free to contact Karen Christenson (#612-280-9951 or kccookin@comcast.net) to jump in to help! Our team is ready to come get your donation items, talk to you about the event or help in any way! Hope to see you 4/27 in Plymouth!!!



Legislative Officer

Lt Dean Lindbloom, S

The National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration predicts 50/50 chance of normal precipitation through April. Frost levels are shallow and soil moisture levels remain low, so soil will be better able to absorb much of the spring rainfall. Lake Minnetonka levels remain about a foot below average. With normal to below-normal rainfall, the lake will likely remain low at the beginning of the boating season.

Last Horizon - Evan Schmidt



With indescribable sadness, I want to let everyone know that we lost a member of our Squadron Family. Eric, Denise and Alex Schmidt's son and brother, Evan, passed away suddenly. Eric shared a beautiful and heartbreaking post on Facebook describing their many memories of Evan. If you have a Facebook account, simply search for Evan Schmidt in Facebook to see Eric's post.

If you spent any time at all on the island, you couldn't have missed Evan. Evan was always the first to offer to help, the first to share his beautiful smile, and could always be found walking their dog Kaden or joining in the games with his brother Alex. Evan was a sophomore at Mound Westonka High School, a captain on his soccer team and played saxophone in the school bands.

Evan was part of our Squadron family and represented the best of us. Cmdr. Kevin Cooper

Evan was an involved student at Mound Westonka High School. He was a compassionate caretaker for his classmates, bandmates, fellow soccer players (as a captain), friends, and

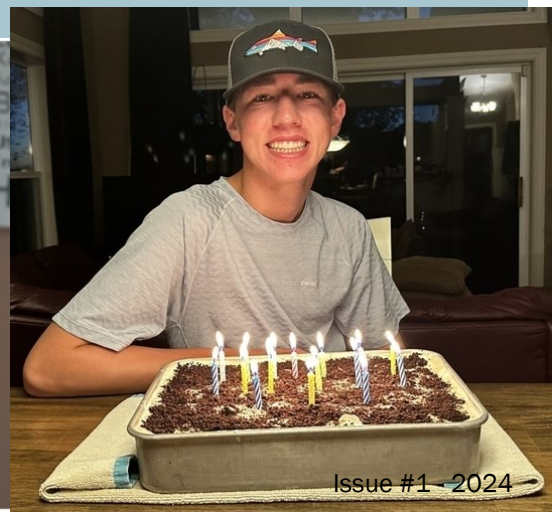
family members. Many of our friends affectionately referred to him as "Grandpa Evan" because he was the one who would take care of everyone else.

Evan always had a smile on his face (often under a pristine baseball cap atop his head). He was quick to help whether it was doing work around the yard, in the house, volunteering, helping with projects on the boat, on the docks, and at Big Island. He and his brother Alex both volunteered for the HopeKids Day at the Island.

He enjoyed driving boats, a snowmobile, and a truck. He kept everything immaculately clean. He loved Kaden, the family dog, and enjoyed walking him, especially with friends and their dogs. He was also often found pushing a cart around Costco with his mom so that she wouldn't have to lift the heavy items and it gave him a chance to rack up some miles behind the wheel. Like his father, Evan was very particular about his hair and where he got it cut. He found his favorite stylists at Great Clips in Shorewood MN but would also visit the Mound location.

He loved vacationing with family and friends and found great pleasure in being able to go on two cruises in the past year. He enjoyed his first job at Dakota Junction. He was looking forward to hopefully working on or around Lake Minnetonka this summer.

Evan's family is grateful for the outpouring of love, support, and sympathy from friends, the community, fellow students, and the school district's leadership and faculty.



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Change of Watch

The Change of Watch Banquet is now in our memories and a part of past Squadron history. It was an active and pleasant evening enjoyed by those present at the Ambassador Motel the evening of 24 Feb 62. We had many guests present, P/Cmdr and Mrs Steve Zeleny and E/O and Mrs Jim Davis from the Lakehead Power Squadron of the Canadian Power Squadrons of Fort Williams, Canada. It might be added they drove all day thru a snowstorm to be with us. Also present were S/Cmdr and Mrs Bill Wagner of the Duluth Power Squadron, Past/Div/Capt and Mrs Henry Niemiec of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and Mrs Fred Manthe. Mrs Manthe is the wife of the local Flotilla Commander, who was unable to attend due to business. Decorations were handled by Harry Tyson, Ray Friederichs, Stan Rudd, Bud Lien and Geo. Petitclair and all the dinner reservations were taken care of by Peggy Lien. Late in the evening, our Canadian Power Squadron guests presented a Canadian Power Squadron Ensign to S/Cmdr Schricker who in turn gave them our Squadron pennant. Tony Lane and Carl Williams delivered interesting reports. Tony announced plans for a boat cruise from Lake City to Minneapolis during the coming Aquatennial. Carl reported on Boat Safety in Hennepin County and Lake Minnetonka during the past year. He strongly stressed the important point of checking your life jackets before you leave the dock the first time and also keep your children in life jackets in and around boats at all times. At the moment P/S/C Dud Russell turned the helm of the Squadron over to S/C Lou Schricker, Lou presented a plaque to him for his past years service on behalf of the members of the Squadron. The emotional high point of the evening was reached, when in most impressive ceremonies befitting the occasion, Flag/Lieutenant Stanley Rudd "humbly" accepted the BALSA ANCHOR for his fine display of Seamanship during the past year. When asked for a statement on his award, he replied that he was too choked up to comment at this time. At the end of the evening the name of the paper was announced and christened "TONKA NAUTS". The name was submitted by George and Barbara Petitclair and we thank all those who sent in a name for the contest. During the evening S/Cmdr Schricker announced the appointment of Cy Sweet, Ray Friederichs and Lloyd Smith as Appointed Lieutenants for the coming year.

An interesting sidelight during the evening was the display of some pictures taken on the Island during last summer. It showed the boats and members in various activities. The most eye catching one was P/S/C Russell's picture of his auxiliary sailer going with the breeze. It was in color and a swell picture.

Merit Marks in Stock

F/Lt Stan Rudd and our Supply Officer said he now has some Merit Marks available for the members who need them. They are 55¢ each and you can call Gr 3-8328 or tell any of the Officer's and we'll see you get them.

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- AND PROPERLY IN 1962

Save May 4th

Your new Squadron Officers are;*

Squadron Commander	Lou Schricker
Lieutenant Commander	Larry Dressler
1st Lieutenant	George Petitclair
Secretary	H. Vernon Lien
Treasurer	A.J. Allensworth
Chaplain	R.S. Kinghorn
Flag Lieutenant	Stan Rudd
Safety Officer	Carl Williams
Executive Board	
Appointed Lieutenant	Lloyd Smith
"	Cy Sweet
"	Ray Friederichs

Auditing Committee

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R.S. Kinghorn

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- Covered Slip available

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Spacious and unique interior boasts a large state room and a double bunk bed mid cabin. Separate shower stall and toilet area. There are 2 reverse cycle AC & heating units; one in the main salon area & one in the V berth/Mid Cabin. Both are reverse valve units and supply heat or AC depending upon your thermostat setting. New water tank, new carpet. Windless with 25' of chain. Spotlight. New stereo and speakers. Her huge cockpit with double helm seat, companion seating and large lounge area can entertain a small crowd in good weather and bad. With ~2000 hours on engines. Even have the original manual. This is a clean, hard to find big layout with a low bridge clearance and a shallow draft of 28" to pull into shallow waters.

Bulletin Board

We offer free classified ads to our members.

Eligible classified ads are for boats and boat related equipment only.

This will be a great way to recycle some of your used boating items and give them a second chance to serve others.

How to submit a classified ad:

- **Text:** As an MSWord attachment or an e-mail only.
- **Photo:** High resolution JPG or TIF file only sent as an attachment, do not embed, (copy and paste), into the body of an e-mail; it may reduce the resolution.
- Send classified Ads to the [Editor](#)

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Member at Large: Lt John Huh, S
Member at Large: Lt Rich Schwalbe, S
Past Commander:* P/C Paul Lemmerman, P
Law Officer:* P/R/C Greg Korstad, N-IN
(*Non-Voting Member)

Endowment Committee

Lt Josh Karlgaard, S 2024
Lt Tom Witchger, S 2024

Nautical Humor

Submitted by Bud Broekema



Nominations Committee

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P/Lt/C Pat Laughlin, N-IN 2025
P/C Dan Saniti, P 2025
P/C Paul Lemmerman, P 2026

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