

Join us for our General Meeting on Monday Sept 19 at 7pm!

Arlington Heights Historical Society



THE COMMUNIQUE



Monthly Newsletter of the NorthWest Sailing Association

September 2022



Who is this mysterious figure sailing outside of Chicago? A pirate? A new superhero? Our Vice-Commodore?

You can uncover this breaking news story and more in the pages of this month's Communique!

The answer may surprise you....

(But it probably won't).

We, the members of NorthWest Sailing Association, share our love for the sport through our quest for increased knowledge, improved seamanship, exchange of experiences, and the promotion of safe boating.





Commodore Wayne Smith



NWSA Members,

It is sad when the end of the sailing season draws near, but there is still another good month of sailing before we need to change the oil, add the fuel stabilizer, winterize the systems, and finally drape our winter blankets over our boats. This year had a lot of positives for the club, and it has been a privilege serving as your Commodore over the last year. There were many positive changes over the 2022 sailing season. Your Board has been hard at work making sure that the process for signing up for sail events and yearly memberships became more of a streamlined process, and I feel that we have accomplished that goal.

When the members spoke, we listened and made changes to the club to maintain our current level of service without raising the membership dues. Our membership has grown this year, and that is a good sign for the sustainability of our club. Although we are not a yacht club, we are a sailing club, and when compared to similar sailing clubs, we provide good value for the members. If you ask, "What do we get for our membership fee?" Here are just some of the benefits you receive when joining:

- Room rental for the general meetings
- Refreshments at the meetings
- Pizza party
- Ice cream social
- Incidental fees for "I wish I was sailing party"
- Website costs that allow us to coordinate sails, social events, maintain a membership directory, and contact information, and allows new members to sign up easily
- Board transition dinner
- Awards for the photo contest
- Awards for the annual banquet
- USPS Mailing/Postage
- Printing of flyers & other club materials
- Membership IDs
- Business cards
- Yearly upcoming sail display (interactive display for promotions of the club at events)
- Directories (for members who requested one this year)
- Meetup - a recruitment tool for the club
- PO box
- A banking fee for our checking account and accountant fee (if needed)
- Filing fee for the state, to register as a business
- Up-front cost for the Ships Store items
- Tinycat library items
- Gifts for guest speakers
- Zoom Meeting annual fee
- Strictly sail booth rental (When attended)

I am glad to see our membership growing and would like to maintain all of our current members, as well. We are an inclusive club, with a vast array of knowledge, experience, and personalities. It is great to see the members socializing on a regular basis and know that attendance is up at events that the club sponsors!

2022 NWSA Commodore, Wayne Smith



Vice Commodore Tom Steider



Ahoy September Club Members!

Last month we had our annual ice cream social enjoying some great ice cream and cookies and other refreshments. A big thanks to Asayo for coordinating this event.

This month we will be having our pizza party along with submitting your photos for our upcoming annual photo contest in October. Here are the rules for the photo contest:

The Categories:

- Old Salt
- Best NWSA Group Shot
- Best Under Sail
- Best Scenic
- Best Sunrise/Sunset
- Best Blooper
- Most Original Boat Name

Rules:

1. All photos must have been taken within the past year
2. All photos must have been taken by the NWSA member submitting the shot
3. All pictures must be 5 x 7 prints - if submitted digitally, keep in mind they will be shown as 5 x 7
4. You can submit no more than two pictures per category
5. You can't submit the same picture in multiple categories

How to Submit: There are several options to submit photos:

1. Bring a hard copy of your photo to the meeting. This is ideal, as it gives you the chance to vote for yourself!
2. Submit your photo in advance. If you only have the image as a hard copy, you can mail it to the Vice Commodore Tom Steider 4818 Grand Ave. Western Springs, IL 60558.
3. Email digital photos to our Vice Commodore at twsteider@gmail.com. Please contact Tom to let him know that you did so.

Please include your name and the category you want the picture to be included in on the back of the photo.

Voting:

All members at the October general membership meeting are given a ballot and asked to select their favorite picture from each category. The photographer remains anonymous until judging is complete. Winners will be announced in November and will receive an Amazon Gift Card.

Good Luck!



Fleet Captain: Lorraine Klabunde



As our sailing season is winding down, as of this writing, we have three remaining sails: Sept. 17 at Kenosha, Sept. 24 at North Point/Waukegan, and Oct. 8 at Lake Geneva. Since the last Communique, although two events were canceled due to weather and engine problems (Air & Water show, Kenosha/Racine meet-up), members had enjoyable times at the Family picnic at Busse Woods, the all harbors sail (ended up being a northern harbors sail), and the last sail out of Chicago. The long-distance sail was also canceled due to a lack of skipper/crew sign-up. **Reports on the completed events are shown below in the Communique.** We welcome new members, Jeff and Maria Dahnke, Jake Harper, and Matteo Frigerio/Tania Chavdar for whom the Chicago sail was the first NWSA event they've attended. Our final dinner and awards event of the year at Dover Straits in Mundelein on November 12, will celebrate the contributions of our members and the conviviality that we've enjoyed this sailing season.

I'm thankful for the cooperation of the skippers, crew, and cruise captains who facilitated the events this year. Fourteen of our skippers generously supported the forty-seven members of our club who went on at least one sail this season. As an aside, if you really want to learn the "intimacies" of boating, offer a skipper help in decommissioning their boat at the end of this season. There's a lot more to boating than the high seas. Enjoy our remaining events before we say AHOY! to the brrr! months ahead.

Lorraine Klabunde, Fleet Captain



I know the detail may have been lost amongst the photo contest news, but Monday will be our Pizza party!

The All Harbors sail on Sat., July 27, ended up being a purely Kenosha sail. Three vessels sailed out of Kenosha on a beautiful morning-Jim Haude on **Silky Day** with a crew of Sean Carpenter, David Jacobson, and Larry Libauer; Robbie Leighton on **Caribbean Soul** with a crew of Joyce Clifford, Joe and Suzanne Cajandig, and Jake Harper; and Bill Seger on **Seas the Day** with crew of Lorraine Klabunde, and Larry and Linda Gulotta. The waves were one to two feet, winds out of the SE at 10 increasing slightly as the afternoon wore on nearer the shore, and lots of sunshine. Robbie's boat sailed down to NorthPoint while listening to various boating incidents on the radio while Jim and Bill and their respective crew just reveled in the beautiful weather, good conversation and turns on the helm. The "afterwards" dine and drink at the Southport club house was enjoyed by skippers and crew with a special anniversary cake and ice cream for Joe and Suzanne. Enjoyable day for all. Lorraine Klabunde, Cruise Captain

Chicago Harbor Sail 9/10/22

Our Chicago Harbor sail event was held under one of the best sailing days of the year with beautiful sunny skies and calm seas. Larry Makowsky sailed his Sabre 28' from Monroe Harbor. Larry's crew were Jeff Danhnke, Maria Danhnke, Lorraine Klabunde and Donna Prestel. Also sailing out of Monroe Harbor was Tom Steider on his Catalina 30. Tom's crew were Tania Chavdar, Matteo Frigerio, Jake Harper, and Dan Barbour. Wind was steady at approximately 10 knots out of the East. Everyone got the opportunity to take the helm on their respective boats. Given both boats are moored next to each other in Monroe we were able to head out together and join up taking pictures of each other's boat. Jake Harper at the helm of the Catalina 30 got to experience an added 'thrill' of expertly avoiding another boat which had inadvertently tacked directly in front of us. Kudos to Jake for quickly falling off to avoid any potential mishap!

After returning to our moorings, we all enjoyed some refreshments on board followed by a great dinner and conversation at the Vernon Park Tap restaurant. Thanks, Larry, for the recommendation!

A big thanks to everyone for an exciting and fun day of sailing out of Monroe.

Tom S.



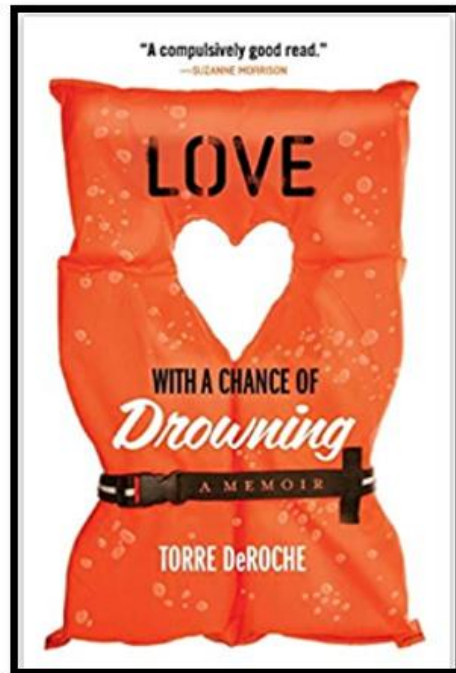


Librarian
Gwen Brodeur



Library Report

Love With A Chance For Drowning – A Memoir



New love! Exotic destinations! A once-in-a-lifetime adventure! What could go wrong?

City girl Torre DeRoche isn't looking for love, but a chance encounter in a San Francisco bar sparks an instant connection with a soulful Argentinean man who unexpectedly sweeps her off her feet. The problem? He's just about to cast the dock lines and voyage around the world on his small sailboat, and Torre is terrified of deep water. However, lovesick Torre determines that to keep the man of her dreams, she must embark on the voyage of her nightmares, so she waves good-bye to dry land and braces for a life-changing journey that's as exhilarating as it is terrifying.

Somewhere mid-Pacific, she finds herself battling to keep the old boat, the new relationship, and her floundering sanity afloat. . . .

This sometimes hilarious, often harrowing, and always poignant memoir is set against a backdrop of the world's most beautiful and remote destinations. Equal parts love story and travel memoir, *Love with a Chance of Drowning* is witty, charming, and proof positive that there are some risks worth taking.

**This book is not in our library yet, but you can find it at your local library if you'd like to read it.*



Membership

Robbie Leighton



Sounds for Safety

My past article focused on navigation lights. What other things are in the skipper's toolbox to help with navigating safely? What do you do if you intend to vessel or let other boaters know that you are backing. There have been several times this past summer that were backing out of their slip while I was behind them. Last summer a thick fog suddenly descended upon me northwest of the Racine Reef. Other skippers share experiences.

One approach would be to yell at the top of your out here. Don't crash into me". Another approach reach into your toolbox and pull out your handy dandy whether powered by air from your lungs or. Other boaters need to be aware of where you are and doing. Simply making sound just notifies the other Lunny is on the water somewhere and stay clear.



pass another out of the slip. other boaters in the fairway. and Sean while similar

lungs, "I am would be to air horn compressed air. what you're boaters that a

However, learning proper sound signals and how to use them will keep you and other boaters safe.

Picture of Southport Marina Entrance

So, the obvious question is: When must I make sound signals.

You only need to use a sound signal when you are in sight of another vessel. If you're going to meet or cross at a distance of one another within 1/2 a mile you need to signal. These signals are not to be used in reduced visibility. There are different signals to be used with in this situation discussed below (naturally, more to remember).

The Basic Maneuvering Signals

When you are approaching another vessel and wish to get around them these are the maneuvering signals you should use.

One Short Blast: One short blast means you intend to pass a vessel on your port side.

Two Short Blasts: Two short blasts signals your intent to pass the vessel on your starboard side.

Warning Signals

These are signals to alert other boats that there is something they need to be aware of. Unlike a short blast of one second, a prolonged blast should last four to six seconds.

Three Short Blasts: 3 short blasts means you are backing up. You are operating astern propulsion now.

Five Short Horn Blasts: Danger. Or you do not understand the approaching boat's intentions and they need to clarify. These need to be rapid blasts so they are not confused with prolonged blasts.

One Prolonged Blast: Warning. Use this to indicate when you are leaving a dock or berth. Can also be used as a warning when you are approaching an obstruction, or a blind to turn.

One Prolonged Blast Repeated Every 2 Minutes: Use this when you are in a power-driven vessel with limited visibility making way.

One Prolonged Blast Plus 2 Short Blasts Repeated Every 2 Minutes: This indicates you are in a sailing vessel in limited visibility.



If conditions are such that you cannot see other boaters than use these signals.

2 Prolonged Blasts Repeated Every 2 Minutes: This warning signal is used when you are in a power-driven vessel that has stopped. You are not anchored but you are not making way.

Five Seconds of Rapid Bell Ringing: When your vessel is at anchor, ring the bells rapidly for 5 seconds at intervals of 1 minute.

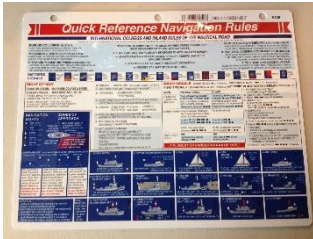
3 Bell Strokes + 5 Seconds of Rapid ringing + 3 Bell Strokes: When your vessel is aground, ring the bell three times then rapidly ring for 5 seconds, and ring three times again. This must be repeated every minute

Most Importantly

When you hear a warning from another boat you must respond accordingly. If you're unable to see each other but can hear the signals from the other vessel, slow down to bare steerage and continue with caution. Maintain a lookout until you are no longer in range of the other vessel. Always remember, as skipper, you are responsible for the safety of your vessel and crew.

Signals are a method of communication. When a boat signals a proposed maneuver, you need to respond. Reply with the same signal to indicate you have understood their intent. If you are unclear, reply with a danger signal of five or more short blasts so they know you do not understand. They should signal again to clarify.

When in doubt, sound the danger signal. It's always better to be safe than sorry. Power driven vessels have a much longer reaction time. In limited visibility, you need to be as clear as possible. You can sound 5 short blasts any time to indicate you are unclear of another vessel's intentions.



I keep a laminated quick reference guide readily available to help me remember the signals. Perhaps it would make someone you know a great stocking stuffer this Christmas.

Membership News

In case you are wondering, the online Membership Directory is updated immediately when someone joins the club. The Membership Booklet is update within a day or two after the Membership Director is notified by Club Express that we have a new member.

THE BIG ANNOUNCEMENT

Please welcome our new members that have joined in the last 45 days.

Tania Chavdar

Matteo Frigerio

Ann M Golding

Richard Golding

Jake T Harper

Kathy Randolph

George M Sachs

Need a Photo for your Profile?

If you want or need a new photograph for your profile, stop by the membership desk at the general meeting and I will be glad to take a picture.

We even had a professional looking backdrop thanks to the nice folks at Hobby Lobby.

We do badges too!!

We are blessed to have such a wonderful, enthusiastic, fun group of sailors joining our club. Keep up the good work!!!



The Ship's Store

George and Sally Andersson



Sally and I are looking forward to the next general meeting:

PIZZA PARTY a topic which we all enjoy. Please come over the ships store for a visit and bring cash (:

As many of you know I have a sail every Wednesday out of Kenosha leaving at noon weather permitting. It shall be officially known as
“Wednesday On The Lake With George”

If you are interested get in touch with me so I know who's coming and be sure I'm not overbooked. A couple of weeks ago our new members Richard and Ann Golding attended and we had an almost perfect sail up to Racine and back flying my spinnaker. What a wonderful day on the lake, although I need more practice dousing the spinnaker because that part of the sail was quite exciting.



Pictured: Last surviving photo of Ann G. and the Spinnaker of Doom

Captain George and crewman Dan staying far back out of the sail's reach



We will have our usual catalogue of goods at the table, including:

The NWSA Burgee (the flag thingy that you display on your boat)

NWSA Hat (for the NWSA Baseball Team)

An NWSA Shot glass (for those of you who don't want to drink straight from the bottle)

The NWSA Patch (in our trademark Ovoid shape)

The NWSA Pen and Stylus (Stylus is the rubber thingy to let you write on screens – it is NOT an eraser)

The NWSA Whistle (Cause Robbie says we should be making noise out on the water!)

The NWSA Flamethrower is still on backorder.

This Wednesday on ABC at noon catch another episode of

“Wednesday On The Lake With George”

followed at 1:30 by a new episode of

“Go Back To The Dock And Pick Up Jason”



Member At Large:

Donna Prestel



Our Club Pre-Glow party this month (save room for Pizza) will be at:

Courtland's Garage

1 N. Vail Ave, Arlington Hts, IL

I will be there around 5pm!



Social Director

Asayo Horibe



Notes from the Social Director

We are getting close to the end of sailing season. There will still be more sailing until the end of October for the more intrepid sailors. So far, it's been a pretty good season. Thank you to the great skippers who welcomed sailors, new and seasoned, to board their boats.

Our sincere condolences to Rich Kuentler and Larry Makowski on the passing of their life partners.

Many club members joined Rich Kingdon's family for his memorial picnic at Busse Woods on August 13th. It was ideal weather to just view photos and memorabilia as well as share memories of our very dear skipper, Rich, who passed earlier this year.

Our very successful "ice cream social" is going to be followed by our September 19th meeting Pizza party.

Please keep taking photos and enter them in the October photo contest.

We can look forward to our annual awards banquet on Saturday, November 12th. Please go to your favorite restaurant, retailer, salon, etc. to collect prizes for our banquet raffle. This is a time for us to enjoy leisurely a dinner to get to know each other better and socialize in a nautical atmosphere. More info forthcoming.

Be safe and fair winds,

Asayo, social director

Excited To Join?

Fill out the form with a check made payable to NWSA, and mail it or bring it with you to the next meeting!



Membership Application
Membership open to those 18 years old and older
Northwest Sailing Association
P.O. Box 921, Arlington Heights, IL 60006

Date: _____
Name: _____
Name for Badge (if different): _____
Partner's Name: _____
Name for Badge (if different): _____
Mailing Address: _____
City / State / Zip: _____
Home Phone #: _____
Cell Phone #1: _____ Cell Phone #2: _____
Email Address: _____
Partner's Email Address: _____
Membership: (Circle one) Single (\$40.00) or Family (\$50.00)
Referred by (New Members Only) _____
Do you want to be removed from the online directory (Yes or No) _____
Rating Scale #1: _____ Partner's Rating Scale #2: _____

Crew / Skipper Information / Availability

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| <input type="checkbox"/> NWSA Events only | <input type="checkbox"/> Weekends | <input type="checkbox"/> Any Time |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Weeknights | <input type="checkbox"/> Weekdays | |

Boat Owners:

Boat Name: _____
Boat Length: _____
Make: _____ Moored? _____ Trailered? _____
If moored, which harbor? _____ Slip Number: _____
If trailered, will you bring your boat to a club sailing event? Yes or No



RATING SCALE

1. I have no sailing experience, but I want to learn.
2. I'm learning knots, parts of a sailboat, and the points of sail as well as helm a sailboat with supervision.
3. I can handle halyards, sheets, winches, cleat lines, and tie basic knots-stopper, square, clove hitch and bowline.
4. I can trim sails, I know "Boating Rights of Way" and when/how to make a mayday call on VHF radio.
5. I can help in/out of slip or secure on/off mooring lines and set/weigh anchor.
6. I can helm, tack, jibe, heave to, reef sails and give instructions to crew.
7. I can helm a MOB person overboard recovery.
8. I can read and understand nautical charts and sail by compass, plot and record course using speed, time and heading with standardized notation.
9. I'm competent in heavy weather sailing and night sailing
10. I can operate various marine electronics and engines and I'm experienced in all aspects of sailing solo.