

Join us for our General Meeting on Monday Oct 17 at 7pm!

Arlington Heights Historical Society



# **THE COMMUNIQUE**



*Monthly Newsletter of the NorthWest Sailing Association*

October 2022



***Leaving the dock and the land far behind;  
The sailor has much to keep on his mind;  
The bearing, the wake, the pdf for thine friend;  
Others asea approaching the breakwater's bend;  
But he who is foolish is the land-man who fails;  
To be mindful of dangers – from beneath waves and sails***



***On unlit shore, and hidden reef the ship break;  
If the seductive look or song you do take;  
Sirens, Selkie, Mermaid, Melusine;  
Naiads, and Circe their nefarious Queen***



***Beneath the waves your hull must hold true;  
Against the legion of creatures that come forth to drown you;  
Charybdis, Capricorn, Abhuizotl, Scylla  
Cetus, Afanc, Vodyanoy, Hydra***

*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



Well, the season has drawn to a close, and what a great year it has been. But is the season really over? Many boats still need to be readied for storage. Antifreeze needs to be installed, covers need to be placed, dock boxes need to be emptied, oil needs to be changed, sails need to be cleaned, and bagged, and all the summer fun gear needs to be stored. If you are like me, you like to get the most out of the season and wait till the last minute to get your boat in the stand. Boat ownership is a lot of work, and many hands make the load light. Please reach out to the Skippers, and ask if they need help, and likewise, Skippers reach out to the membership for help if you need it. This has been a great year of sailing, and it has been a year of growth. With growth there are some growing pains and adjusting. I want to thank the classic members for making the new members feel welcome, and a part of our club. It truly is the members that make this club great. A special thank you to all the Skipper 's that participated this year, and donated their ships, and their time. Without this group of members, we would not have sailboats to sail on. It has been my privilege to serve this year as commodore, and I hope I have met everyone's expectations. I will do my best to listen to the membership and adjust accordingly. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Wayne Smith  
Commodore

And now a tale of terror....

Watching For the Mark with ⚡ *Gordon Human* ⚡





## Vice Commodore Tom Steider



Ahoy October Club Members!

Last month we had our annual pizza party enjoying Rosati's pizza and having fun socializing. A big thanks to Sally, Linda, and Joyce for your help with the pizza!

This month we will be having our annual photo contest. If you have not done so, please bring your pictures in a 5 x 7 or 4X 6 prints and include your name and category you wish to submit on the back. 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 Bloopers
- 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](mailto: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!!



**Social Director**  
**Asayo Horibe**



Come join us! This is the end of the season sailing banquet when we can get all dressed up in our party duds, have cocktails, socialize, dine, and then dance to our favorite music. Also included will be Board elections, special recognition awards and raffle prizes for all the attendees!

Dress: After Five Attire

5:30 PM Cocktails (cash bar)

6:30 PM Dinner

Dinner Choice Deadline November 4, 2022

Register & Pay 1 of 3 ways:

- 1) Register & Pay Online Now (by Credit Card or mail in Check; for check, do NOT select a Payment Selection, then click blue button at the bottom "Pay later")
- 2) Bring check & each person's choice of dinner entree to the October meeting. Online registration will be completed for you within 48 hours.
- 3) Mail check, payable to NWSA, to be received prior to November 4. Please include each person's choice of dinner entree. Acknowledgement of payment will be sent to you. Payments can be mailed to:

Northwest Sailing Association

PO Box 921

Arlington Heights, IL 60006

Hope to see you there!

Asayo





**Fleet Captain:**  
**Lorraine Klabunde**



How does October come around so quickly? Just yesterday, everyone was looking forward to the first sail of the season, stepping the mast, repairing sails, engine overhaul, removing bird nests...

Well, for the Fleet Captain, this is the time for summing up and thanking everyone one last time for their cooperation and consideration and camaraderie this past season. Going by the numbers, we had 21 scheduled sails and 4 non-sailing events. Of the sailing events, 17 were completed with cancellations due primarily to weather. Fourteen skippers offered their boats for the sails and 12 members volunteered as cruise captains to organize the logistics of the sails. With Covid hopefully astern, 42 members signed on as crew-62 total members if skippers and partners are included. Our non-sailing “social” events were a great success under the steady helm of Asayo Horibe.

We “officially” recognize the most active skippers and the cruise captains at our “I wish I were **still** sailing” dinner (Nov. 12!!) but I would like to particularly thank Robbie Leighton, Jim Haude, George and Sally Andersson, Larry Makowski, and Bill Seger (three or more skippered events) and especially Robbie for the most sails (10) and George and Sally for relocating their boat up to Door County for a weekend of sailing and fun in the sun. My last thanks are extended to the crew members, prior and new, without whom these sails wouldn’t occur-except, of course, for the single-handlers. David Jacobson receives the unofficial award for the most active crew member-11 sails.

So, as we say Ahoy to those pink skies at night... your Fleet Captain officially salutes you...and remember, the new season is only five months away.

Lorraine Klabunde, Fleet Captain



## September 24<sup>th</sup> North Harbor Sail By Gwen Brodeur

### Caribbean Soul Crew:

Robbie Leighton  
Bill Seger

### Nimbus Crew:

Wayne Smith  
Gwen Brodeur  
Lou Muno  
David Jacobson

### Icarus Crew:

Mark Holdwick  
Nancy Tikalsky

### Hjalmar Crew:

Hal Shanafield  
Almut Shanafield  
Jason Taylor  
Rodica Andone



We sailed out of three different harbors this weekend. Kenosha, Winthrop Harbor and Waukegan. Even though the temperature was around 50 degrees when we woke up, the day warmed up and the sun even peeked through a few times. We enjoyed a few hours on the lake and got some great pictures of each other's boat and crew!

Our after-sail gathering was at Stone Creek Grill, where we enjoyed yummy food and great company.



9/17/2022

## The Last Club Sail Out of Kenosha

This was our last club sail out of Kenosha for this year. The weather is starting to become a little less welcoming and our boats will soon be put on the hard.

Saturday the 17th was a clear day, pleasant temperature, waves 1 to 2 ft., and winds starting out about 10 to 15 mph. The participation of the sail was unusually low for Kenosha so I decided to have those that showed up meet at the dock entrance and we could then assign crews.

At the end we had 2 boats and 10 sailors come. On Caribbean Soul we had Captain Robbie with crew Dan Jakubisin, Jake Harper, David Jacobson, and prospective member Wendell Walls. On September Song We had Captain George, First Mate Sally Andersson, Bryan Fisher, Oscar Linares, and Joy Yamasaki. Sailing out of the harbor first was Caribbean Soul followed by September Song trailing but slowly but eventually overtaking the Soul. We then sailed our own ways but were usually in sight of one another. As the afternoon pushed on the winds picked up to between 15 and 20 with gusts up to 25 so the Song reefed its sails which did not slow us but took some of the heeling and weather helm out.

About 4 PM we came back to the dock and put the boats away. Those of us that stayed after walked over to Kaisers Pizza for a bit to eat.

Submitted by George Andersson







## Membership

### Robbie Leighton



I have written many technical articles over this past year from the importance of navigation lights, to understanding the rules of the road. Perhaps the most difficult task before me this time of year is what stocking stuffer to get that special someone on my Christmas list. Without blinking an eye, I called the big guy from the North Pole. He said Robbie, have you checked out the NWSA ship store? They have many wonderful items for sale, and you can even pay online! I am sure my elves will make sure you receive the items in time.

Santa, I said, that's a really great place to start. Do you have any other ideas?

With a wink and a great big laugh, he said: A pair of socks imprinted with sailboats, a waterproof case for your iPhone, a personal locator beacon, a handheld radio, a coffee cup with their boat name on it. A pair of sailing gloves, a water activated strobe light for the life vest (PFD), sunscreen and lip balm, a gift card to his/her favorite marine store, and a 44-foot sailboat.

I said, Santa how can I fit it in a stocking?

He said you can't, and you haven't been good either.



## Trying to get off the "naughty" list...

We are having a fantastic year with growing our membership! Many of our new members have been on at least one sail and attended our monthly meetings. I look forward to seeing our members at our winter social functions. Winter is a great time to renew our old sailing friendships and to make new ones. If you know anyone interested in joining, please send me their name and I will contact them. 2023 will be a great year!!

Robbie

Membership Director





**Member At Large:**

**Donna Prestel**

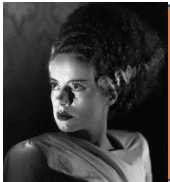


Hello members!

This month I would like to ask you all to provide me with a list of the apps or resources that you use while sailing or preparing to sail. I will compile this list so we can share your recommendations and help educate the club with all the resources out there!

Also, this month's Pre-Glow gathering before the meeting will be at Peggy Kinnane's at 5pm! 8 N. Vail Ave, Arlington Heights.

And now a special update on our new website from



**Technology**

**Joyce Clifford**



**It's ALIVE! ALIVE!!!!**



I suppose she should be proud and excited. She really did a great job!



## The Ship's Store

### George and Sally Andersson



Hello sailors!

We don't want to suffer Jason's Wrath by bringing up Christmas before Halloween, but Robbie already did it, so we think we're safe.

Remember what Santa told Robbie above? Yes, we have a plethora of items that make great stocking stuffers! (No, we don't have 44 ft boats).

In fact, we can get the NWSA logo PRINTED on a stocking so your stocking can be a stocking stuffer!

And as Joyce exclaims, the website is alive, and it can take your orders and credit card payments! (We are making a lot of references to above articles this month!)

But we still prefer you come to visit our table live and pick up a few tricks or treats (bringing things safely back to Halloween)!

## Sally and George Andersson





**Librarian**

**Gwen Brodeur**



Hi everyone! It's a busy busy month for us here at the library! I received a crate of old books this week and I am now reading through them and starting to organize them into our catalog.

Some of our new titles include:

**The Diary of Captain Malice**

**Bermuda Triangle Vacation Destinations**

**Malefico Demonica** (oooh must be Italian!)

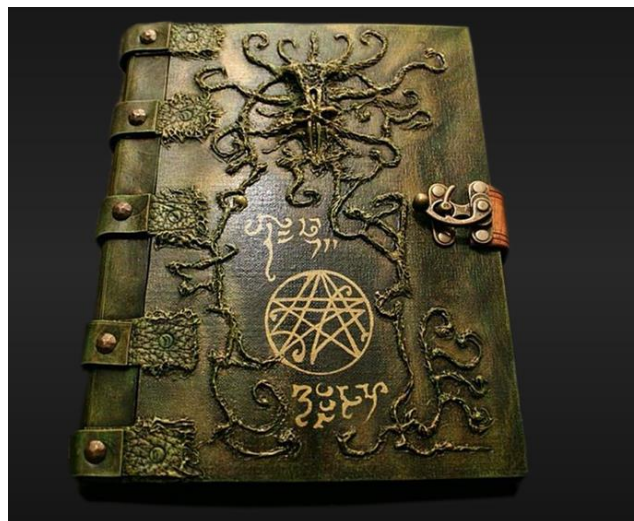
**The Collected Works of Sutter Cane**

**The Babadook**

**The Handbook for the Recently Deceased**

And **Necronomicon Ex-Mortis**

That bottom one has some old binding made from some kind of leather, so I will read that one and scan it into our online library so everyone can read it! Hopefully this faded brownish red ink can be picked up by the computer scanner...



Here's some great news from Club Member Joe Rittner!

24th Louie's Last Regatta, Milwaukee, 9-24-22



Mike has 4! 4 cup holders!!!

Ahahahaha!



Mike Kenny, former Commodore of NWSA, is a long-time participant in this charity event supporting Children's Hospital of Wisconsin. His crew on s/v Debbia and that of Dale Smirl's s/v Defiance and the hundreds of their supporters and contributors raised more than \$10,600 of the regatta's \$94,000+ total. Awards were presented to the teams for top funds raised and the Debbia Grassroots Trophy for most individual donations. Years ago, Mike and his donors won the inaugural award with naming rights for his "Debbia".

Congratulations to Mike and Dale, their crews and all of their contributors.

See Defiance Racing on the net for details of their campaigns on Lake Michigan. Mike is one of the helmsmen on Defiance for their long-distance port to port races.

Joe Rittner





## Public Relations

Jason Taylor



I hope you enjoyed this fright-filled episode of the Communique!

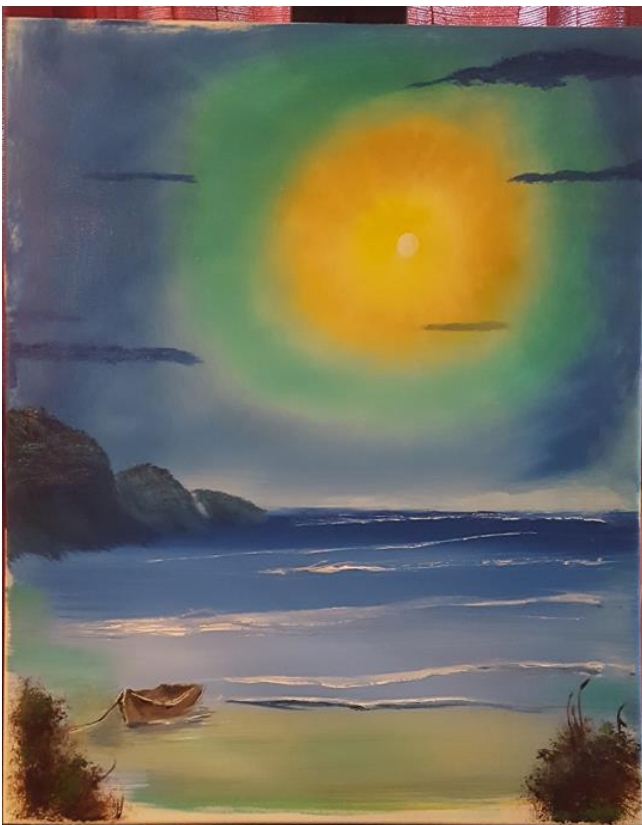
Of course, the most frightening part is that our sailing season has ended. I had a short season as I traveled off to Romania and saw Dracula's castle and got lost in the Carpathian Mountains. But when I returned, I got to enjoy a number of sails with Captains George Andersson, Bill Seger, and Hal & Almut Shanafield. Thank you all very much for some great times and instruction.

Work and sailing have kept me from painting this summer, but I was finally able to break the bad luck streak and get some stuff accomplished. (I also get to work on my Halloween stuff this week!).

Below we have two paintings. Their titles are:

"Boy, I shore hope I brought sunscreen"

And "Holy cow Martha! Look outside, the sun is HUGE!"



Thank you for Reading -Jason

Now I know what you're thinking! You're looking for that old worn-down page with the membership signup.

It looked like that ->

Well, our new alive and sentient website makes that old form obsolete!

So, the question is, what shall I use to close out our Communique!?

*Gordon Human* has made the below recommendation (see next 2 pages), but I thought I would brainstorm with a couple of other ideas for our final page.

1. The takeout menu for Carson's Ribs
2. The entire musical score of Gilbert and Sullivan's "HMS Pinafore"
3. The results from Maury to see if I am the father!
4. The lyrics to the Superbowl Shuffle (yeah, cutting edge material right there!)
5. Gwen's favorite passage from the Necronomicon
6. My recipe for Southwest Quinoa
7. Expired Coupons from Bed Bath and Beyond
8. The novel "Mutiny on the Bounty" (it's public domain now)
9. Nutrition information I get from the labels of various foods
10. A treasure map

Let me know what you all think!



# A Club for Social Sailing

## NorthWest Sailing Association



## Six Great Reasons To Join!

***We love to go sailing, teach sailing, and talk about sailing! We want to have fun, make friends, and enjoy meeting like minds. Come sail with us, Chicago's Friendliest Sailing Club!***

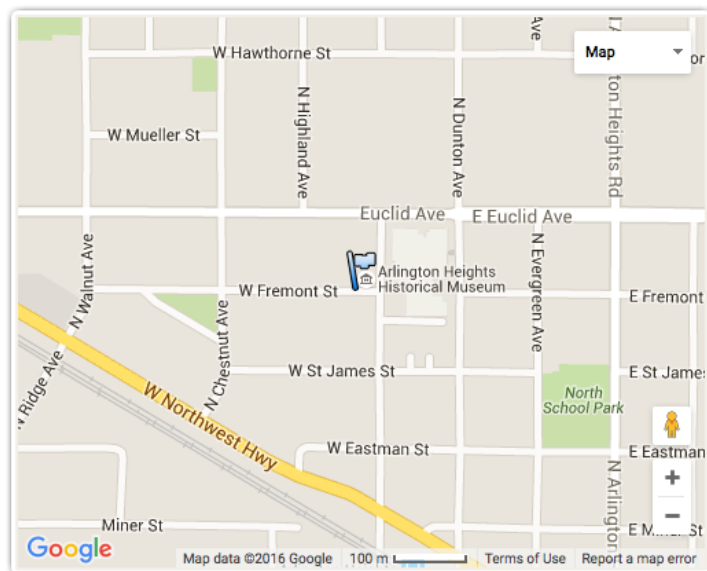
1. Sail with us on Lake Michigan and surrounding lakes on 20+ sailing events per season.
2. Meet other sailors: Owners looking for crew, racers, cruisers, trailer sailors and enthusiastic crew members looking to widen their experience.
3. Experience a wide variety of boats: Sailing dinghies, trailer sailers, beach cats, wood replicas, off-shore cruisers.
4. Participate year-round; haul-out doesn't end our season. We socialize all winter, including our annual Dinner Dance, Wish I Were Sailing Party, Snug Harbors and monthly meetings.
5. Learn! Teach! Share! NWSA members are ready to help!
6. Our modest adult membership fee (Single \$40, Family \$50), gives access to over twenty sailing events, and our socials, with no additional fees.



# Join Us for Great Sailing and Good Times!!

**Members include families, couples, singles** - anyone interested in sailing. This includes skippers with large cruising boats, daysailers, trailerables, even those with no boats, but an interest in or a love of sailing. Ample opportunities to crew are available at each sailing event and during the days between events with available skippers

## General Meetings



Visit us and sign up on the web: <http://nwsail.com>

Or mail: [membership@nwsail.com](mailto:membership@nwsail.com)