



# **THE COMMUNIQUE**



*Monthly Newsletter of the NorthWest Sailing Association*

May 2022



## **Time to raise a glass and raise your sails!**

The cold hand of winter has made its final grasp at Lake Michigan -

And now it's time to fill those marinas

September Song (pictured left) has rigged and unfurled her main sail;

Captain George and his crew are ready for their nautical outings

Let us know how your de-winterization progress is going,  
and send us pictures pictures pictures!

### **Important Dates & Info!**

**Monday May 16th at 7pm**

**General Club Meeting In-Person at**

**The Arlington Heights Historical Society**

**110 W Fremont St**

**Arlington Heights, IL 60004**

**Also Available via Zoom**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81165798529>

**Meeting ID: 811 6579 8529**



*During the initial planning meeting, Captain and crew decide that  
yes, a main sail would be a beneficial addition as the boom  
just doesn't catch enough wind.*



## Commodore Wayne Smith



NWSA Members,

What makes a club great is its membership, and we are no exception, as we have some of the best members that I have seen in an organization. Our club is being led by a board that truly cares about the future of our association and wants to see the club succeed. We are planning for future growth, and ease of implementation for the future board members. When I look back at the list of past Commodores, I have some big shoes to fill, and the expectations are high. It is a good sign that we must bring out additional chairs at every meeting to accommodate the attendance. I can see the attention paid by members when the guest speakers provide their presentations to the club and share their knowledge. Your board has been hard at work, sometimes daily making sure that membership, sail sign up, and the organization runs smoothly as far as the general membership is concerned. It is our responsibility as the board to make sure everything runs smoothly, and easy for the general membership, and that we are efficient as a club. We are tweaking daily operation with that end goal in mind, and we have some talented, caring board members all working toward the same goal. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

Wayne Smith

Commodore

*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.*





**Vice Commodore**

**Tom Steider**



Ahoy May Club Members!

Last month we had the pleasure of listening to Dave Brezina speak to us about the Chicago Harbor Safety Committee (CHSC). Dave who is Secretary of the CHSC provided a great overview of the CHSC and its major functions. The CHSC was founded in 2016 by recommendation of the Coast Guard to review, recommend, and help implement actions for the safe, shared use of Chicago's lakefront and river for commercial and recreational purposes. Dave shared some interesting safety related experiences and best practices in his role as Secretary. For more information on the CHSC, visit their website at [www.chicagoharborsafety.org](http://www.chicagoharborsafety.org).

Our presenter this month will be Todd Basch, Loft and Service Manager for Quantum Sails here in Chicago. Todd will be speaking about selecting and sizing sails based on the type of sailing you are doing whether it be racing, cruising, day sailing or passage making. He will also be discussing how to properly care and maintain your sails. Please bring questions you have about sails as Todd will be the expert to address them!

I look forward to seeing everyone on Monday May 16

Tom

<https://www.quantumsails.com>





## Purser's Report

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| NWSA STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES<br>April 30, 2022 |          |         |             |
|--|----------|---------|-------------|
| Beginning Balance                              |          |         | \$ 4,908.76 |
| Income   |          |         |             |
|  | Amount   | Total   |             |
| Membership                                     | \$480.00 |         |             |
| Ship's Store                                   | \$143.00 |         |             |
| Library  | \$9.00   |         |             |
| 50/50 Raffle and donation                      | \$27.00  |         |             |
| Bank Service Credit Fee                        | \$12.00  |         |             |
| Total Revenue                                  |          |         | \$671.00    |
| Expenses                                       |          |         |             |
|  | Check #  | Amount  | Total       |
| Monthly Bank Fee                               |          | \$12.00 |             |
| AHHM Room Rental 3 months                      |          | \$0.00  |             |
| Total Expense                                  |          |         | \$12.00     |
| Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets              |          |         | \$659.00    |
| Ending Balance                                 |          |         |             |
|  |          |         | \$ 5,567.76 |

### Paid Advertisement

Does your dock box have more unsightly gnats than your neighbor's?

This summer, NWSA has the solution for you! Coming soon to the ship's store...

### Giant Carnivorous Spiders!

Be the envy of your pier with our extensive collection of ravenously hungry arachnids

Each specifically designed for getting rid of pesky gnats!

Each giant carnivorous spider will be a bargain at \$7.99 each!

Collect all 7: black spiders, green spiders, "I suppose that's red" spiders and MORE!

Comes with the free party game, "I wonder if it's poisonous."

And don't worry about supplies running out... there will be a LOT





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



With our first sail of the season quickly approaching (May 21), we are keeping our NWSA fingers crossed and hoping for the end to the monsoons and late October weather. I've had a few calls regarding signing up for sails post July 10. In response, those latter sails will be posted in six-week segments so that around the middle of June, the sails from July 15 to Aug. 19 will be listed online. Around early August, the remaining sails from August 26 to Oct. 8 will be posted. There is always adequate time to sign up for the sails.

Potential cruise captains, please either email me, call me, or sign up at the monthly membership meeting to volunteer for the positions still open for the upcoming sails. Please understand that without cruise captains, our sails cannot be completed. Although my name is listed as cruise captain online, it is only a "holding position" until a club member offers to take over the responsibility. And thanks to the members who have already signed on.

Although it will be noted on the Events Schedule, **the Family Picnic at Busse Woods will be scheduled for Sat., Aug. 13, and the Kenosha/Racine sail, scheduled initially for that date, changed to Sunday, Aug. 14.** In addition to the picnic celebrating the life of Rich Kingdon, we hope to see some trailer sailors and their boats on the lake at Busse Woods.

Although the Door County sail is almost two months out-July 28-31, hotel and slip reservations for these events require early preparation for those wanting to attend. It's a fun weekend of sailing, dinner, shopping, biking, music, and whatever else draws your interest. Contact Asayo Horibe, our cruise captain for the event with any questions. Or, come to the monthly meeting.

As the season begins, I want to thank everyone in advance for volunteering their boats, time, and cooperation to promote our shared interest in sailing and socializing. I hope that skippers and crew will frequently check the "Chat Box" on the front page of the web site where skippers who are looking for crew and crew who are interested in midweek/Sunday sails can both meet by leaving a message and contact information.

To fair winds and following seas. Lorraine Klabunde, Fleet Captain.



A special thanks goes out to Trish Baker

She has served as our Yeoman on the Board since 2018 but will be unable to continue in this position for the remainder of the year.

The yeoman records, distributes and maintains a permanent record of the Board and general membership meetings and serves an important function in maintaining the history of the club.

Trish's position will be taken over by Robbie Leighton, our current Librarian, and Gwen Brodeur will assume the role of Librarian.

Thank you to Robbie and Gwen.

As a volunteer organization we cannot express how deeply grateful we are for all the hard work Trish has performed for us over the past 4 years.

From the Board and all our Membership...





## The Ship's Store

### George and Sally Andersson



**Sally's note\*\*\*** We will not have any part in the selling of spiders!

Giant, carnivorous, or otherwise.

Go talk with "Renfield" the editor about that malarky!

**NWSA caps** \$15

**NWSA T-shirts** \$12 available sizes: small, medium, and XL

**Burgees** \$18

**Patches** \$2

**40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary shot glasses** \$5

Our latest addition **Pens with stylus** (1) for \$3 or (2) for \$5



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## **And Now, Wise Words with: Fleet Captain, Lorraine Klabunde**



The professional editors over at the Sail Chicago Newsletter had a very nice article on maintaining your PFD! I thought I'd take a moment and share a few of the highlights...

Inflatable PFDs are convenient, often have a lot of extra features (a built-in whistle, waterproof pouches, etc.), and are more comfortable as they are sized to us. This often leads us to ignore the maintenance we should be performing at the start of each sailing season!

- ensure the zipper of Velcro are in good shape and keep the PFD closed.
- ensure the buckles open and close properly and that all webbing and straps are undamaged
- check if any items have expiration dates and that none have been exceeded
- open the inflatable PFD and inspect it for any signs of wear, rips or tears that may compromise its operation. Inspect it closely, like your life depends on it - because it does.
- manually inflate the device and leave it sit for 12-18 hours. After that time, check that it is still as full and firm as when you inflated it. If it feels less firm, there may be a slight leak that should be sent back to the manufacturer for service or replace the PFD. My PFDs recommend I do this at the beginning of the season and every two months
- weigh the CO2 cylinder. The minimum weight is stamped on the cylinder. If it is below the minimum weight, it may have a leak and should be replaced
- replace the bobbin every 3 years. The bobbin contains a substance like an aspirin. When it gets wet, it melts and allows the spring activated trigger to pierce the CO2 cylinder and inflate the PFD
- be sure the whistle is in place and that the lanyard is in good condition. Replace the lanyard if it is worn
- Before repacking make sure the bobbin is in place, the CO2 cylinder is installed properly, and the service indicator is GREEN (if yours has a service indicator). Also, be sure to place the dust cap back on the manual inflation tube
- carefully deflate the PFD and repack it according to your manufacturer's instructions
- There are a wide variety of inflators in PFDs - be sure to follow the instructions for inspecting yours

Remember, the PFD does not do any good if you are not wearing it!

Safe sails!

L.K. and your friends at Sail Chicago



## Technology

### Joyce Clifford



I asked Joyce if she wanted to add anything to this issue, and she said:

“Shut up! I’m working on bringing Skynet to life!”

:::Jason hopes the audience knows what Skynet is:::

What is important is that Joyce is very hard at work for the club, and we will get to hear from her in person at Monday’s General meeting. Spoiler... it may be a bit technical.

## From our friends at the National Safe Boating Council...

### Wear Your Life Jacket at Work Day

Whether you’re working in the office, at home, in the air, or on the water, all boating enthusiasts can participate in Wear Your Life Jacket at Work Day on Friday, May 20, 2022. This fun day is part of the Safe Boating Campaign, a global awareness effort that encourages boaters to make the most of their boating adventure by being responsible.

#### Here’s how to participate:

1. Wear a life jacket wherever you work
2. Snap a picture
3. Post the picture on social media with the hashtag #wearyourlifejacketatworkday
4. Tag the Safe Boating Campaign (@boatingcampaign)

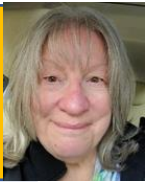
Boaters will randomly be selected to win prizes from the Safe Boating Campaign throughout the day.

Make sure you’re in the know by following @boatingcampaign on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#) for the latest updates.



**Member At Large:**

**Donna Prestel**



This summer, Chicago is hosting Sail GP for the very first time!

Sail GP is an international sailing competition using high performance F50 foiling catamarans

There are 4 ways to view this one-of-a-kind event, for further details please check out the Sail GP website!

Waterfront Access on Navy Pier

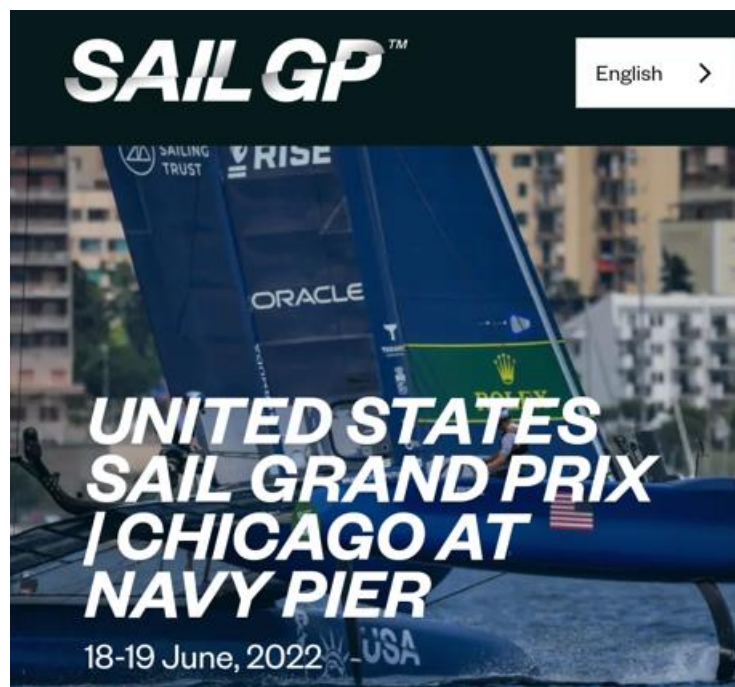
Bring Your Own Boat – you MUST reserve space in advance – you will receive a welcome package and VHF broadcast of the Race and interviews with the racers

Official Spectator Boats – refreshments, tv coverage and lots of cheering

The Sail GP app – for you suckers like Jason who must work that day

Go to the Sail GP Website as soon as possible to get the best deals on this special event!

[Sailgp.com](https://sailgp.com)





## Public Relations

Jason Taylor



Greetings and salutations!

Another edition is in the books, and it is time for me to get some sleep. After I go to work. Work keeps getting in the way...

Above is my first attempt at a “bookends” painting and before you say anything, there is meant to be a “space” between where you hang them, so the clouds are not lining up by design.

I enjoyed two days in Kenosha helping “September Song” get her sails put up and adding a coat of wax to her hull. It was not as cool as Mr. Miyagi makes it out to be...

As a non-ship owner, I am very appreciative to all the captains who let us join them for sails and to perform slave labor. It is an invaluable experience for those of us contemplating buying our own boat in the future.

Once again, I call out the open invitation for submissions, photos, and requests for the board and for the Communique! Until our next exciting issue....

## 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

- |   |                                   |                                   |
|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <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.