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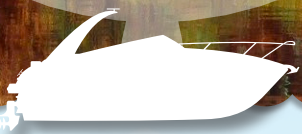
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Fleet Sheet

October 2024



Dates to remember



October 7 – Membership Meeting, Waukesha State Bank

November 4 – Membership Meeting, Waukesha State Bank

BOATERS NEWS - BY KEITH PONATH



Robot searches the deep

Oct. Birthdays

Vince Verhasselt	3
Travis Sarinske	5
Raymond Sheldon	5
Leona Kimball	11
Kevin Moss	13
Jim Kaun	17
Jennifer Freckmann	19
Todd Memmel	21
Lisa Dittmer	24

Oct. Anniversaries

Tom & Dana Fredrickson	1
Mark & Leona Kimball	22
John Schultz & Bette Yentz	22

Shipshape

- [How to maintain your boat trailer](#)
- [How to check for a spun prop hub](#)

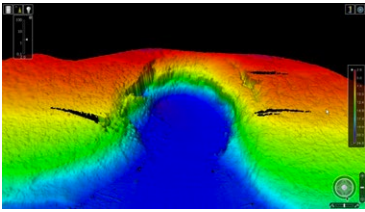
It seems funny – or maybe even bizarre – that we know more about the surface of Mars than we do about the bottom of the Great Lakes.

Mars has been completely mapped in high resolution with recent satellite missions, but the bottom of the Great Lakes is only 15% mapped.

This is about to change with the launch of the Armada 8, a robotic ship built by Ocean Infinity. Ocean Infinity is a marine robotics company based in Texas. The

ship is 26-feet long and weighs 10,000 pounds; it looks like a sail boat without the mast and is loaded with multi-beam sonar and other advanced electronics. It is currently cruising in Lake Superior off the coast of Michigan’s Upper Peninsula between Ontonagon and Freda, searching for a lost aircraft.

The airplane was owned by The National Center for Atmospheric Research and was on a mission to measure temperatures across Lake Superior to research how



The sonar image shows the depth of the sinkhole. Blue represents 65 foot depth, while red and yellow indicate about 15 feet deep. Image: NOAA

large lakes heat or cool the atmosphere. It went down on Oct. 23, 1968 and the wreckage has never been found. The plane had two pilots and a graduate student from the University of Wisconsin.

Even though it has been over 50 years since the crash, federal agencies would like to determine how the crash happened.

The *Lake bed 2030 Initiative* is hoping to use the Armada 8 and other technology's to map the bottom of all five Great lakes by 2030. The initiative is led by the Great Lakes Observing System (who knew you were being observed on the Great Lakes), which is also a partner in the effort to find the missing research plane.

In other research on the Great Lakes, researchers with the *National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration* have confirmed that Lake Michigan has sinkholes. More than 40 have been discovered on the lake bed in the Wisconsin Shipwreck Coast National Marine Sanctuary from just southeast of Sheboygan to just north of Port Washington. The sinkholes are about 450 feet down and range from 300 to 600 feet in diameter.

Similar sinkholes have been found in Lake Huron off Middle Island. Sinkholes form when water dissolves the limestone rock on the lake bed causing it to collapse and form a ring. The Lake Michigan sinkholes have not been explored yet – but if they are like the ones in Lake Huron – we can know what to expect.

The water maintains a fairly constant 38 degrees, and not many organisms can survive in these oxygen-deprived conditions. A few that do are freshwater shrimp, deep water sculpin and invasive quagga mussels.

Lake Huron's sinkholes also have dancing bacteria, scientifically referred to as microbial migration. There are mats of purple-colored cyanobacteria that produce oxygen from sunlight. There are also white-colored bacteria that eat sulfur to get energy. They form a mat on the lake floor and the bacteria flip-flop twice a day to compete with each other. In the early

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evening hours, the purple bacteria rise, blocking the white bacteria's access to sunlight. When the sun rises, they switch positions; the white sulfur-eaters move below and the purple cyanobacteria then start producing oxygen again. Isn't this exciting? You get a science lesson with your membership with the Wisconsin Boating Club.

If you're not excited, scientists are. They typically have to go to Antarctica, Yellowstone National Park or some other exotic location to observe these extreme ecosystems. The dark, low-oxygen and sulfur-rich conditions in these sinkholes are similar to early conditions on Earth, according to Greg Dick, a professor at the University of Michigan. They can help scientists learn more about Earth's early history before there was oxygen.

Also of note on Lake Michigan this summer there was a 2.9 earthquake about 20 miles east of Sturgeon Bay at the bottom of the Lake. It caused a 2 inch tsunami on the Lake which did no damage.

My closing thoughts are, just remember, when you are out on the Lake, you are being "observed." The Great Lakes Observing System is out there too.

-Your Legislative Liaison, Keith Ponath

Commodore's Corner

It happens every year... The end of a boating season. Our times on the water in 2024 with the WBC have wrapped up once again. What a boating season it has been.



Rain! Rain! And more rain! It's one for the record books and our memories.

Including land cruising that led to bourbon and wine tasting, sand bars, Tiki bars, bargain shopping, fun and creative meals and air shows, to name a few. Overall the stories have made for a successful season. It is so good to see how our members are able to adjust to any situations that arise.

Leona and I would like to say thank you for all each of you do, and for all you've done, for the members of WBC with kindness, caring, and laughter. Way to go WBC! I truly believe this club makes us all better.

Mark Kimball, Commodore



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Membership Meeting

September 9, 2024



Members present: Robin, Jim Kaun, Leona, Mark Kimball, Travis Sarinske, Linda, Russ Weber, Suzanne, Ren Rodee, Keith Ponath, John Schultz, Bette Yentz, Barb Selk, Chris Knuth, Katie, Todd Memmel, Kevin Moss, Dana Fredrickson

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

Minutes from the June Meeting were approved by Keith seconded by Kevin.

Purser's Report

Beginning balance	\$3,240.11
Expenses	\$1,086.95
Ending Balance	\$2,236.16

Purser's report was accepted by Keith, seconded by Ren.

Membership/marketing

No formal report

The Center Pointe Customer Appreciation Party brought us two new perspective members.

Programs

Tonight's program is the Cruise Reports.

October meeting will be a presentation on the Great Loop by Chris and Barb

November Meeting will be on safety

December TBD

Safety

No report

Cruise Manual

At the beginning of the year advertisers will be contacted.

A general discussion was had regarding the number of Cruise Manual copies for members.

Website

Ren will update the site with cruise reports and photos.



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Fleetsheet

John thanked us for the cruise reports he received to be included in the Fleetsheet. A discussion was held on length and details in cruise reports.

Sunshine

Cards were sent to the Vehasselts on a family loss. A get well card was sent to the Fredrickson's for their recent sickness. A verbal glad you're doing well was given to Chris on his recent hip surgery. (I didn't have their temporary address) Keith let us know that Margaret's heart is functioning at 65% from 25% at the picnic. This is the normal range for a person her age. Great to hear!

Legislative Liaison

Work has finally started on the Riverwalk from Greenfield Ave along the KK River to the Michaels Company. Future articles for the Fleet sheet will be on sink holes, tsunamis and earthquakes in Lake Michigan. In the near future buoy's will mark where shipwrecks happened on the Lake. Mussels are invading Lake Geneva. Wake boats are being banned on some lakes if the ballast is full.

Old Business

No Report

New Business

Russ let us know that this will be the last year after 10 years of them bringing treats to the meeting. Thank you so much for bringing treats all these year's it is appreciated!

Misc. Business

Dana starts a new job at Holy Apostles Catholic Church on Tuesday, Sept. 10th. Congratulations Dana on your new job!

It was brought up for a possible meeting program for us to all share what works for us when boating. From recipes to repairs, what are some best practices you've found that could be helpful to others.

Safety

December 2 location and program TBD

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. Motion to accept made by Dana, seconded by Jim.

*Respectfully submitted,
Robin Kaun, Yeoperson*

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Board Meeting

September 25, 2024



Members present: Mark Kimball, John Schultz, Travis, Michelle Sarinske, Dana, Tom Fredrickson, Robin Kaun, Keith Ponath

Guests: Bette Yentz, Leona Kimball, Jim Kaun

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Purser's Report:

Beginning balance	\$2,236.16
Income	\$135.00
Expenses	\$0
Ending balance	\$2,371.16

Membership/marketing:

Our dues will be the same as last year \$55. Dana will be sending out an email with the forms to fill out. Please bring the form and check to the October meeting.

Anyone can buy a burgee for \$25.

Programs:

No report

Safety:

No report

Website:

No report

Grievances:

None

Cruise Manual:

Travis will be polling members as to how many copies members would like. It was discussed that a possible pdf would also be sent to members.

Legislative Liaison:

South Shore break wall is under construction. There is a meeting at South Shore Yacht Club for those interested in learning more about what's happening with the break wall on October 16th.

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Our next meeting will be at the Waukesha State Bank on St. Paul Ave for the months of October and November.

Watch for an email from Dana about renewing membership and dues.

Sunshine:

Cards were sent to Robin Mosleth on the family loss. Barb Selk for her gum surgery. Michelle shared a video of her niece that after 2 years of being on a feeding tube, she was able to swallow this week! We are so thankful for her progress!

Old Business:

None

New Business:

The Christmas party will be at Diamond Jim's on December 7th. More details will be coming soon.

Misc. Business:

Next summer members of our club that are interested would like to participate in the Make a Wish Boat Ride.

After a long discussion, a motion was made and seconded to change the line item for insurance from annual coverage at \$400 to single event coverage for The Boat Show of \$75. This was put to vote by the board. Due to the vote being split, a tie breaker was initiated via a phone call to the one remaining board member. This resulted in acceptance of the amended budget line item.

The resulting 2025 budget was passed with one Board member abstaining and two opposing.

Note: The budget with either insurance option would have resulted in positive bottom line income for 2025.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Robin Kaun, Yeoperson*

Marine Safety News and Activities

From Craig Lake

There are no local marine safety activities to report, but there is a pertinent item of interest which appeared in an email I recently received.

The Coast Guard Navigation Center announced upcoming changes to the Local Notice to Mariners (LNM) and the Light List which will affect how we and other mariners access and utilize this information.

Starting in January 2025, NOAA will no longer produce paper charts. The Coast Guard will change from using paper chart numbers and editions/dates to Official Waterway Names for disseminating marine safety information.

The Local Notice to Mariners and the Light List data will be available in a geospatial format, allowing the user to interactively see the information on a map or chart using a mouse or touch screen. PDF documents for specific excerpts of the documents can be saved or printed. The LNM data will be refreshed every fifteen minutes and the Light List data every 24 hours, providing up-to-date information, enhanced efficiency and improved safety for the marine community.

The transition to the new LNM and Light List information is scheduled to be completed by the end of September 2024. Access will be through the [NAVCEN](#) website and a user guide will be available.

