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District 20  
**TRIDENT**



## Tidbits

### CHICAGO BOAT, RV & STRICTLY SAIL SHOW MC CORMICK PLACE

A tip of the hat to D/Lt Michael Omeragic, AP, Chicago Sail and Power Squadron, and other D/20 members who volunteered to staff the 2018 Chicago Boat, RV & Sail Show booth. Mike was show chairman.

Volunteers included Robert Canfield and Don Day, both of Rockford squadron; Joe and Sue Lokaj, Richard Davidson, Al and Pat Antoni, Don Sidman, Ron and Joanne Zingler, all of Skokie Valley.

Also volunteering were D/C Michael Ludtke, SN, Tim Olson and Rich Clark, from Waukegan; Dick Kaman, Chain-o-Lakes, and George McGuire, Robert Adamczyk, Mary Valzonis, Jan North and George Prescott, all from Chicago.

The Virtual Trainer was the focal point of the booth again this year. It provided an excellent draw to get visitors to stop and spend a little time in our booth. Thanks USPS for handling the transportation of the unit.

A special note of thanks to George Prescott, Jr. and son Luke for assisting in the disassembling and removal of booth materials. Thanks all!

*D/Lt/C George Prescott, SN*

### SEA TOW FOUNDATION LIFE JACKET LOANER STATIONS

The Sea Tow Foundation has recently opened its online request form for non-profit organizations, businesses and agencies to apply to receive Life Jackets and Loaner Stations to prepare for the 2018 boating season.

If you are interested in getting life jackets and a loaner station for your squadron to place at a marina, you may apply online using the form below. Applications must be received by Monday, February 12, 2018 and awards will be announced by February 28, 2018.



Following is the link to the online application form:  
(copy it and paste in your browser)

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd-doae5oIEJr9rRHNVZBQBHjGzlx0Jes13LvagC1g\\_Jzx2fg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd-doae5oIEJr9rRHNVZBQBHjGzlx0Jes13LvagC1g_Jzx2fg/viewform)

*D/C Mike Ludtke, SN-CN*





**You are cordially invited to attend  
D/20 Spring Conference at  
Holiday Inn Chicago Northwest-Elgin  
495 Airport Rd., Elgin, IL 60123  
Friday, 16 March through Sunday 18 March 2018**

We are making some changes to the format for the Spring Conference that we hope you'll enjoy. We are combining the Spring Conference with the Squadron Development Workshop. The reason for the change is to reduce the burden on you. You'll only need to make the trip once and it's just a one weekend commitment instead of two.

I understand, weekend time is 'premium time' for many of us but this is early in the season and we need you. Here's what you can expect:

**Friday night:** Come early, put on your green and party with your friends in the hospitality suites.

**Saturday morning,** after our keynote speaker, we'll have workshop seminars on topics you asked for. There will be sessions covering education, using DB2000, using Sail Angle and updates on member programs.

**Saturday afternoon,** the conference is about district business and an opportunity for you to learn about changes and innovative programs coming out of National. Many of the district officers will be freshly back from the USPS National Meeting in Orlando and will have plenty to share.

**Saturday night** is the Change of Watch dinner and program. I hope you'll attend and show your support for our incoming D/C George Prescott. We've worked out a special price to keep some of the entrees under \$40 per person. If you want the Prime Rib, you'll have to pay a couple dollars more.

**Sunday morning,** workshops will continue. We are offering the new OT in 3 seminar (aka Operations Training), presented by P/D/C Harvey Young.

There are many changes going on within America's Boating Club, so experienced and new members will learn something. It is recommended members attend OT3 every five years to keep current with our evolving organization.

Sunday, we will also have Instructor Recertification. For those of us that teach the public boating classes, it's important to keep your certified instructor status current. You can stay current by completing the recertification seminar at least every four years. And it's not just for instructors, attendees will learn skills for communicating with your audience, whether it's teaching in a classroom or giving a presentation at the office.

Unfortunately, we will need to pay the hotel for use of the seminar rooms on Sunday, so we ask that if you are interested in attending OT3 or Instructor Recertification, you register by checking the box on the conference registration. If there is insufficient interest, we will not book the rooms and reschedule the seminars for another time and place.

I hope you like these changes to our district event and will take advantage of the combined programs. These events are not for the district officers, they are for you, the membership, to give you the opportunity to learn and share your ideas with others. I hope you'll take advantage of these opportunities and register today.

*D/C Mike Ludtke*





**District 20 Spring Conference**  
**16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> March 2018**  
**Holiday Inn Chicago Northwest-Elgin**  
**495 Airport Rd**  
**Elgin, IL 60123**

**Room Rates:** King and Double Queen Standard \$99.00 per night. Room block is limited. Make reservations **by 23 February**. Call 847 488-9000 and ask for the D20 USPS Room Block or book online [D/20 Fall Conference](#) Suites are available, but, are not blocked out and are on a first come/first serve basis, reserve ASAP. Jr King or Queen Suite \$119 per night, King Executive or Deluxe Queen \$139 per night

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**Lunch:**

	Price	No.	Total
<b>Club Sub Sandwich</b> Smoked Turkey, Ham, Bacon Aged Cheddar & Swiss Cheese. Lettuce & Tomato on Hoagie Bread	\$20	___	\$ _____
<b>Hot Roast Beef Philly Sandwich</b> Roast Beef, Grilled Onions & Peppers, Melted Provolone Cheese on Artisan Bread Au Jus	\$20	___	\$ _____
<b>Chicken &amp; Pesto Sandwich</b> Grilled Chicken & Basil Pesto on Ciabatta Bread Grilled with Olive Oil. Small Caprese Salad Lunch includes: Potato Chips, Coffee, Iced Tea	\$20	___	\$ _____

**Dinner:**

<b>Roasted Prime Rib of Beef</b>	\$42	___	\$ _____
<b>Chicken Marsala w/Mushroom Wine Sauce</b>	\$39	___	\$ _____
<b>Pasta Primavera</b> Penne Pasta w/Seasonal Vegetables w/Basil Marinara Dinner includes: Garden Salad, Artisan Rolls Soft Drinks, Iced Tea, Dessert and Coffee	\$39	___	\$ _____
<b>Total</b>			\$ _____

- Check if Attending Operations Training
- Check if Attending Instructor Qualification
- Check if First Time Attending a District Conference

Make Checks Payable to District 20:  
 Registration and check should be **sent by 7 March** to:  
 Lt/C Ellen Ludtke  
 11419 Zarnstorff Rd  
 Richmond, IL 60071 [emludtke@gmail.com](mailto:emludtke@gmail.com) / 815 245 0888

**Schedule of Events**

**Friday 16 March**

1500-1800 Registration  
 1900-2200 Hospitality Suites

**Saturday 17 March**

0700-1045 Friendship Room  
 0800-0900 Education Meeting  
 0900-1100 Registration  
 0900-1000 Keynote Speaker  
 1015-1115 DB2000/Sail Angle  
 1045-1115 Membership  
 1200-1315 Luncheon/Raffle  
 1315-1330 Verification of Delegates  
 1330-1600 Spring Conference  
 1800-1900 Cocktail Reception  
 1900-2100 Banquet/COW

**Sunday 18 March**

0830-1130 Operations Training  
 0930-1130 Instructor Recertification

**Dress Code:**

Friday: Casual (Irish/Green)  
 Saturday (day): Uniform G - White short sleeve shirt, black pants (no tie)  
 Saturday (night): Uniform A or appropriate attire.



**CHIEF COMMANDER REPRESENTATIVE****LT KAY SIMKINS, AP**

We are privileged to have Lt Kay Simkins, AP assigned to represent the Chief Commander at our Spring Conference. Kay is a long time member of USPS and very knowledgeable about the workings of the organization.



Lt. Kay Simkins, AP and her husband, P/Lt/C Albert Simkins, JN, joined USPS in 1997. They are members of the Patuxent River Sail & Power

Squadron of District 5. They boat on the Chesapeake, on their 24' Bayliner, Irish Dreamer.

Kay served as District Commander of D5 for 2006-07 and as R/C of the Planning Committee from 2012-15. She is presently the Operations Training Chairman for her home squadron and serves as an Aide to V/C Gary Cheney, SN. At the upcoming National Meeting in Orlando, she will be installed as National Flag Lt. In addition to all the above, Kay and Al also enjoy boating in England on narrowboats.

**USING DB2000 AND SAIL ANGLE**

DB2000 and Sail Angle are great tools to help you keep in touch with your members....but, they are a bear to learn how to navigate around in them.

We plan to take the mystery out of these programs and help you feel confident in using them. These are the subjects of a technology seminar at the Spring Conference.

**DB2000** is nothing more than a database. It holds information about your members and helps you keep in touch with them. The easiest way to use it is to download your roster into Excel and then manipulate the information into smaller usable buckets. We will explain step-by-step how to do that. Once you have mastered this valuable, basic function, you can explore on your own all the other applications available to you.

**Sail Angle** is a little more complicated. It is another form of social media similar to Facebook or Twitter.

The size of the program and the multiple applications can be intimidating. We will show you how to handle a few basic functions that will get you started and help build your confidence:

- How to send a group message,
- How to store something in the file cabinet, and retrieve it.
- How to send an invitation for your dinner meetings and put it on your squadron calendar.

If we have time, we will show you how to store photographs and attach them to your messages.

*This is one workshop you do not want to miss. Learn how to put these tools to work for you.*

*Stf/C Pat Antoni, SN*

**PS: bring a laptop with you if you would like a little hands-on training**



**Save the date and make your reservations today for 16-18 March.**

**We are finalizing negotiations with a great keynote speaker for Saturday morning. More information will follow.**

**Hope to see you there!!!**