

# WAUKEGAN PORT DISTRICT HARBOR ECHOES Fall Issue 2006



## TO ALL BOATERS

Thanks for a wonderful "06" season!

The dates to remember are:

OCTOBER 1st - Contracts mailed.

OCTOBER 9 th—The last portable pump outs—Work order must be paid in advance in the office—dock personnel are not able to take an order and cash payment.

OCTOBER 16th - Water shut off.

No more pump outs.

November 1st -

Season ends and Gas dock will no longer be staffed, you may activate pumps with a credit card.

- Don't forget to check with the office for any mail.
- Please keep your parking and pier gate cards if returning.
- Winter winds are harsh, be sure to secure your grill at the South Service Center
- Lock any gear in your dock box for next year if using the same slip.



## WAUKEGAN POWER SQUADRON

My apologies for giving "The Job Well Done" award for the "Loaner Life Jacket Program" to someone else in error. You have done a wonderful job!!! Thank You from all for a great service.



## **Coast Guard Auxiliary Recommends to Boaters: *Know Before You Go*** **Fall is an ideal time to improve your Boating safety education**

With boating season winding down for many of America's boaters, the Coast Guard Auxiliary is urging America's boaters to start thinking about taking one of many boating courses offered by the Auxiliary to enhance their boating skills.

Courses offered range from the most basic boating safety course, to advanced navigation courses. These courses are offered all across America by local units of the Coast Guard Auxiliary (called flotillas).

For non-boaters who might some day find themselves out with a boating friend who is suddenly incapacitated, the three hour **Suddenly In Command** course provides the non-boater with enough information to deal with an emergency that incapacitates the captain of recreational boat, such as getting help by radio, what to do in case of fire, boat basics, using life jackets, how to survive if in the water, avoiding collisions while at the helm, the dangers of carbon monoxide, and how to get help other than by radio.

**America's Boating Course** and **Boating Skills and Seamanship** generally satisfy state boater education requirements, and, Auxiliarists with years of boating experience give them in person, offering boater's wisdom gleaned from hundreds and sometimes thousands of hours on the water.

For boaters wishing to learn principles of navigation, courses range from the basic **How To Read A Nautical Chart**, to **GPS for Mariners** to the advanced **Weekend Navigator** course.

To find about boating courses in Waukegan, the Auxiliary encourages boaters to go on the Internet to [www.flotilla3-5.org](http://www.flotilla3-5.org) or call Larry at 847.680.1667.

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For Recreational Safe Boating Information or a Free Vessel Safety Check, visit our website [www.flotilla3-5.org](http://www.flotilla3-5.org) or stop by the Auxiliary Operations Center at the launch ramps.

## **Anchorage Yacht Club to Celebrate Accomplishments at October 20 Banquet**

Results for the Anchorage Thursday Night Races series have been tabulated, but won't be announced until the October 20 Awards Banquet. The 2006 season is the first for Anchorage to include both JAM and Spinnaker sections. In addition to the Thursday Races, Anchorage member's accomplishments in area events, including top finishes in the Hook, Mac, Singlehanded Mac, Doublehanded and LMSRF Boat of the Year, will be celebrated. The Banquet will be held at Saddle Ridge at the Ramada, 200 N. Green Bay Road, Waukegan.

Anchorage Yacht Club events promote having fun and becoming better sailors. Participation is easy, affordable, and open to all Waukegan Harbor patrons. Find out more about the Banquet, and other Anchorage programs at [www.anchorageyachtclub.org](http://www.anchorageyachtclub.org)

# It's all about the money...

Pretty much from the beginning of my employment (way back in the last century – 1999) I have heard comments from some of you (and you know who you are) that you were “paying for the airport”. After some initial confusion (and many questions) the picture became clear. It seems that many (MANY) years ago, when the harbor was full and had a waiting list and the airport was in a growth phase, excess harbor funds were loaned to the airport to supplement revenue. And through some recent conversations, it seems that many of our harbor tenants (am I talking about you?) still believe these funds were transferred over to the airport, never to be seen again. So, let me take a few moments to clarify how this all worked - and continues to work...

The Port District staff and the Board of Directors are charged to operate both the harbor and the airport efficiently and effectively and our decisions are made looking at both immediate needs and long-range vision. As the accountant, and as a professional, it is very important to me that all of you know that we all take our jobs very seriously and work diligently to do this. As for your money, the Port District is governed by strict governmental accounting rules (known as GAAP) and we all work very hard to make sure everything we do is within these guidelines (and we have the independent audits to prove it!). Now, back to the inter-company loans...all monies transferred between the harbor and the airport (and vice versa) are recorded on the books as required by governmental accounting rules, and, in fact, are being repaid by the airport on a monthly basis.

There seems to be a lingering belief among some boaters, however, that the harbor revenues are still funding the day to day operation of the airport. This is absolutely NOT the case. In fact, the airport has been self-supporting for many years now. It is continually growing its own revenue streams and is aggressive in participating in the various State & Federal government funding programs available to aviation. The growth you have seen &/or heard about, as well as the much publicized extension of the runway for safety (& compliance) purposes, is in no way being supplemented by any harbor funds.

So what's the “bottom line” so to speak? The Port District operates both the harbor and the airport as completely separate entities with completely separate sets of books, and the only time we “combine” the harbor and airport books, is at year-end, on paper, to present a consolidated financial statement, as required by law.

So, now that “Professor Jamie” has bored you with the accounting lesson (and the facts), let me invite you to stop by my office and ask me any further questions...after all, it is your money.

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