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Watching Donna Sew By Dan McGee

My wife Donna Morgan McGee recently won the Scott Spencer Memorial Kite Building completion for novices

It all started with an article and some plans for a Maple Leafed shaped parafoil. With Danny growing up in Montreal it shared a kinship with us. After printing the 36 inch by 10 foot plans, they had to be transferred to a heavier weight paper for use with a hot cutting iron. The two pattern pieces had to be cut out twice to complete the kite. Whew the easy part done, now good luck with that



Donna, I know you can do it! Donna picked the colors for the skin, ellipses and runners for maximum effect. When Donna first worked on sewing the kite she completed putting the two top and bottom



halves together in one day. After that it took a few weeks to get back to the kite with all of our other commitments.

Then the ellipses and the RUNNERS for three fourths of the kite were sewn on, In One Day ! And with seam reaper in hand she swore that this wasn't going to happen again. Donna spent a lot of time planning her next move. Now, I can't tell you the day that Donna finished her kite, but I can tell you the time, 2:30 am. She was so happy and wanted me to see her finished product. I could not have

been prouder of her. Donna has sewn in the past but working with so much material that is so slippery was a challenge to her.

With finished kite in hand at Wildwood, it was time to start the bridling. She worked on her twelve foot lines in our ten foot hotel



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room after the Friday night social. I prayed that everything would be alright the next day to fly. It was a great first launch it lifted up into the air and then sailed smack down to the left. Oops a bridle check showed she had made a bad connection. After a quick change the Maple leaf lifted up in the air and stayed up. What a joy and relief to see a steady flier.

It was a challenge to be sure but what a reward was given by winning the Scott Spencer Memorial Kite Building Completion for novices which included: bragging rights, a year's membership in both the AKA and SJKF.

Editor/ President/ Spectator's note: what a great job Donna and Dan did on this kite, Donna's sewing is really high quality

Congratulations Russ and Pat Mozier on your 50th Wedding Anniversary!!



Pat and I were in New Jersey this past weekend and our

children surprised us with a 50th anniversary party on June 10. A huge thank you to SJKF for giving us a custom 50th banner and a thank



you to Mike and Cel for giving us set of 50th bride and

groom (note the sun

glasses. We will fly these at all of our upcoming flys and will post photos as we get them. If you look closely in the cloud you will see it says "SJKF South". Pat and I have been members of SJKF for almost half of our 50 years together (4/27/1996). Thank you SJKF and the Dallmers.

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Presidential Ponderings and Duck Droppings

By Mike Dallmer



Hello Fellow Kite Flyers, hope all is well and that you have been out flying.

No much happening till September when flying picks back up with events taking place again almost every weekend so flyers will have a chance for some exciting events.

Coming up is the 3rd Annual Belmar Kite Festival on 9/11, this is going to be a red, white and blue fly. We also have on our schedule: 9/17/16 (Saturday) 2nd Annual Wind & Sea Festival at Bayshore Waterfront Park, NJ, 9/17/2016

(Saturday) Brick Municipal Anti-Drug Coalition Presents Kitefest, 9/22/15 -9/25/16 Sunfest Kite Festival, Ocean City, MD, 10/3/16 – 10/8/16 39th Annual AKA Convention, 10/7/2016 -10/10/2016 2nd Annual Long Beach Island Kite Festival, 10/16/16 (3rd Sunday) SJKF 22nd Anniversary Bash, 11/6/16 The 31st Olan and Bernice Turner International Invitational Open Peanut Butter Cookie Kite Fly and Bake Off. Winding up our year will be our Annual Holiday Party. SJKF just had a meeting/fly that we called "Return to the Fort" at Fort Mott State Park. The winds were iffy but food and friends were plentiful and I think we all had a great time. Speaking of our Anniversary Bash, thanks Felicia Mosery for your generous donation but we could always use more, your donations are greatly appreciated as the Bash is one of SJKF's main fundraisers that we hold.

Right now Donna McGee, our Election Chairperson, is looking for Candidates for President and 2 Directors at Large. Interested in helping to shape the future of SJKF, contact Donna <u>DonnaMRN@comcast.net</u>



Well that's all for now, I hope to see you on the flying field, good winds... Mike PS: The pictures throughout this Pondering are pictures of our new Dragon named Sandy, Lord of the Skies. She is 10 meters (32.8084 feet) long.



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The Travels of Pat and Russ Mozier Canal Days

By Russ Mozier

The festival was fantastic, estimated 300,000 people there. The trip there and the trip home were another thing. Port Colborne is a small town at the entrance to the Well and Canal that connects Lake Erie and Lake Ontario. The town has 3 or 4 motels, any others are about 2 hours away in Niagara Falls. First our GPS did not have Canada maps and then our cell phone had no service. When we got to the motel, a Wyndam, they said we did not have a reservation and they had no rooms. I had a confirmation but they said it was cancelled. We were able to find a "mom and pop" local motel at twice the price. Wyndam is refunding us the difference. Coming home we stayed Monday night in Buffalo so we could get an early flight. The hotel forgot to book the shuttle and we got to the airport 20 minutes before the flight, they were loading the last few people and we went to the gate agent and got the last 2 seats to Chicago then from there home. Next year we will know what to do.

Wildwood Thanks you!!

Hi everyone,

Please accept my sincere apology for the delay in sending this email.

Once again, I'd like to thank each & every one of you for being a part of the WIKF 2016 and specifically for your participation – it was a "job" well done! Whether you were a part of the Op's team or a kite flyer, sincere, sincere thanks for your muscle! While it was a bit windy as the day progressed on Fri and very foggy & humid on Sun, we all pulled off the best we could do and it is very much appreciated. I always say that there's no "I" in "Team" and you've all proven that once again.

So, sincere thanks for everything everybody did and I look forward (hmmm, well sort of!) to doing it all again next year!

Thanks so much all!!!!!

Warmly, Beatrix Pelton Sky Festival Productions 16 Springstead Drive Chester, NY 10918 (M) 732 822 4884 www.SkyFestivals.com



AMERICAN KITEFLIERS ASSOCIATION

AKA News

June 10, 2016

Hello Fellow Kitefliers

Welcome to summer everyone. While the kiting season generally kicks off during April with National Kite Month, it really doesn't get going until the kids start getting out of school and people begin taking their vacations. If you happen to stumble upon a new kiteflier that might be struggling to fly their new kite purchase, please offer to help them. Not only will they have a much better kite flying experience, but maybe you will make a family's day or make a new kite flying friend.

<u>A dose of reality</u>

During the last AKA Board of Director's meeting, we were presented with a pretty bleak outlook on our financials. This really is no surprise, as this has been ongoing problem stretching many years. Despite our efforts in the last year, our membership income has not grown as much or as quickly as we had hoped, leaving us with a significant deficit again this year.

We are asking AKA members and the kite flying community to help financially support our organization as we struggle to maintain our level of service with a significant shortfall in revenue year-to-year. Without your help, we may have to take drastic measures to ensure the continuance of our organization.

As a 501(c)3 organization, your tax-deductible contribution is vital to the growth and stability of our association. We hope that we can count on your financial support as we continue to promote kiting to the world. If you would like to donate, please go to our <u>donation page</u>.

What happened to the monthly raffles?

Late last year, we were made aware that our raffles had the potential to be illegal in various parts of the country. Online raffles are considered "gambling" in many states and are expressly forbidden. We made the decision to stop running monthly online raffles to save the AKA from any potential legal troubles. Unfortunately, we have been unable to find an alternative means of fundraising to replace our online raffles, thus contributing to our budget deficit.

For more information about online raffles and the legal difficulties in running them, please visit : <u>http://info.legalzoom.com/legal-issues-online-raffles-nonprofit-fundraising-23156.html</u>

The Thank You Charlie Program

The Thank You Charlie Program continues to be something that we can all be proud of. In 2016, the program has provided approximately 1380 kite kits to a variety of non-profit and school groups. These are all groups that are introducing kites to people that ordinarily wouldn't have the opportunity.

We've received generous kite kit donations from Cliff Quinn, The Drachen Foundation, Brian and Debbie David, Great Winds Kites and Kathy Goodwind. Please join me in thanking them for helping the program!

We also received financial donations from the South Jersey Kite Flyers and the Rogue Valley Windchasers, as well as a number of donations from AKA members through our GoFundMe Program.

If you'd like to financially help provide kites for kids, please visit: <u>https://www.gofundme.com/ThankYouCharlie</u>

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Rope Size & Selection

Line Suggestions & Recommendations



Since 1967, New England Ropes has built and maintained its reputation as the leading manufacturer of premium quality rope, proudly servicing more markets than any other rope company. Made in New England, its the most innovative product available, woven from the finest first-class fiber and designed and tested in a place with some of the worlds most notoriously harsh conditions. Not only do New England Ropes feel smoother, perform belter, and last longer, they are guaranteed to be completely free of manufacturing defects. This level of quality and performance allows you to concentrate on what really matters: the unyielding thrill of the open sea. If New England rope can withstand everything from daunting mountain peaks to ruthless seas, you know you can trust it to perform in your world. Every time. Without exception. Performance Guaranteed.

ROPE FIBERS

NYLON: Use for applications where strength and shock absorption are important, such as dock and anchor lines.

POLYESTER: Use where strength, low stretch, and durability are key, like most running rigging applications.

HMPE & ARAMIDS (Dyneema® & Kevlar®): Very high performance fibers exhibiting very high strength and extremely low stretch for a higher price tag. Generally found on very serious racing sallboats and larger yachts for running rigging.

POLYPROPYLENE: Use where lightweight or very low cost is important such as light air spinnaker sheets or barrier rope for swimming.

FIBER TYPE	STRENGTH	STRETCH	UV RESISTANCE	COST
Nylon	High	High	Good	Moderate
Polyester	High	Low	Good	Moderate
HMPE	Very High	Very Low	Good	Very High
Aramids	Very High	Very Low	Fair	Very High
Polypropylane	Low	High	Poor	Very Low

ROPE CONSTRUCTION

DOUBLE BRAID: A braided core inside a braided cover produces an easy-to-handle rope that is strong and very durable.

PARALLEL CORE: A patented unidirectional fiber core with a braided cover produces a line with significantly less stretch and greater strength than the same size double braid line. Ideal for halyards, sheets, and guys where low stretch is required.

SINGLE BRAID: A flexible and supple construction that absorbs twist and does not kink. Perfect for mainsheets, furting lines, and large dock lines.

3 STRAND: A special stabilization process and a four-stage, balanced construction produce a durable, long-tasting, flexible, and easy-to-handle rope that won't harden with age. Ideal for anchor, dock, mooring, and tow lines, and for running rigging on traditional cruising boats.

TENSILE STRENGTH & WORKING LOADS

Tensile strength is the load at which a new rope, tested under laboratory conditions, can be expected to break. Rope strength is the approximate average for new rope tested under ASTM test method D-6268. To estimate the minimum tensile strength of a new rope, reduce the approximate average by 20%. Age, usage, and type of termination used (i.e., knots) will significantly lower tensile strengths.

The Cordage Institute specifies that the safe working load of a rope is determined by dividing the minimum tansile strength by the ropes safety factor. Safety factors range from 5 to 12 for non-critical uses. The working load is a guideline for rope in good condition used in non-critical applications. The load should be reduced where life, limb, or valuable property are involved or where exceptional shock, sustained loading, or severe vibration may be experienced.

WHAT SIZE LINE?

The size and type of line depends on a number of factors including length of boat. The following information is intended as a guide only. Dooking in exposed water, strong winds, or tides may require larger or additional lines.

Heavy, well-ballasted cruising boats need heavier lines than lighter cruiser/racers of similar length. Also, increased wind due to greater freeboard and top hamper in exposed locations requires making lines heavier. Always make sure that cleats, as well as cleats ashore, are able to handle the diameter of the line. It is better to double up a 3/8" or 1/2" line than try to cleat a 5/8" or 3/4" line on too small a cleat.

HOAT LENGTH	DOCK LINES	ANCHOR LINES	PENDANT
Y-20'	3/8"	3/6"	1/2"
20'30'	1/2*	1/2"	5/8*
0'-35'	1/2*	1/2"	3,74"
35'-40'	1/2"	5/8"	7/8°
10'-45'	5/8"	3/4*	12
45'-55'	5/81	7/8"	17
6'-65'	3/4"	1*	1-1/4"

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HOW MUCH LINE?

Genoa sheets are generally 1.5 times the length of a boat. For non-overlapping jibs, one boat length is usually enough. Spinnaker sheets are usually twice the length of a boat. We recommend measuring all other running rigging.

REPLACE WIRE HALYARDS WITH ALL ROPE HALYARDS

Rope halyards are easier to handle and significantly lighter than wire halyards. Sta-Set X is an ideal replacement for wire halyards on cruising yachts and V-100 or T-900 for race boats and large cruising yachts.

x 19 Wire	1/6*	5/32*	3/16*	7/32"	1/4*
Sta-Set X	5/16	3/8"	7/16*	1/2"	9/16*

CHOOSING THE CORRECT LINE

STEP #1 Choose application.

STEP #2 Choose type of sailing.

STEP #3 Select boat size.

STEP #4 Match color code for the best selection and diameter of line for given application.

To upgrade, modily "Type of Sailing." In most cases. choosing a better performing line will substantially lower the stretch and allow you to reduce diameter by 10-15%. The net result will be a lightweight, lowstretch line that will control sail shape more precisely.

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APPLICATION	TYPE OF SAILING	BOAT SIZE (FEET)							
ý	No. 16 19 19	015	15-20	20-25	25-30	30-35	35-40	40-45	45-50
NAINSHEET	Cruising	► 5/16°	+ 5/16"	► 3/8*	► 3/8*	» 7/16 [∞]	► 7/16"	= 1/2*	÷ 1/2*
	Club Recing	= 5/16"	* 5/15*	# 3/8*	* 3/8*	= 3/6"	× 39*	# 7/10°	⊨ 7/16*
JID SHEET	Cruising	* 1/6*	· 5/16*	· 5/18*	· 3/8*	+ 5/8*	= 7/16*	= 7/10"	0.1/2*
	Caub Reping	= 1/6*	= 5/16"	H 5/16*	IK 3/8*	= 3/8**	H 3/8*	= 7/16*	1 7/16"
SPIN BHEET	Cruising	= 1/4*	= 1/4*	= 5/16*	* 5/16*	= 3/8*	# 3/8*	= 7/16*	# 7/16*
	Club Recing	O 1/4"	0 1/4"	0 5/15"	0 5/18*	O 3/8"	0 3/8"	0 3/8*	# 5/16"
LIGHT AIR SPIN SHEETS	Gruining	* 3/16*	+ 3/16*	0 1/4*	0-1/4*	0 1/4"	D 5/16*	0 3/8*	0 3/8*
	Club Reding	* 3/16*	+ 3/10*	0 1/4*	0 1/4"	0 1/4"	O 5/16*	0 3/8*	0 3/8"
TRAVELLER	Cruising	0 1/4"	0 1/4*	0 5/15*	0 5/16*	0 5/16*	0 3/8*	0.38*	0 3/6*
	Club Racing	= 1/4*	* 1/6*	= 5/16*	* 5/16*	* 5/16*	* 3/8*	* 3/8*	* 3/S*
AFTER GUY	Cruising	N/A	N/A	N/A	NGA	= 5/16*	= 3/8*	# 7/16*	# 1/2*
	Club Reming	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	E 5/18*	13.8*	E 7/16*	17 1/2*
MAIN HALYARD	Cruising	# 1/4*	= 5/16"	= 5/16*	# 3/8*	= 3/8"	= 7/16*	= 7/16*	= 1/2*
	Club Racing	II 1/4*	C 1/4*	E 5/16*	D 5/16*	II 3/8"	0.36*	B 7/16*	13 7/16*
JIB HALYARD	Cruising	= 1/6*	= 5/18*	= 5/18*	= 3/8*	= 3/8*	# 7/16°	= 7/18**	= 1/2*
	Club Recing	E 1/4*	D 1/4*	D 1/4*	0 5/16*	0 5/10*	0 3/8*	0.38*	11 7/16*
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SPINNAKER	Cruising	+ 3/16°	* 3/16*	- 1/4*	- 5/16*	· 5/10*	* 54*	= 3/0*	÷ 7/16*
TOPPING LIFT	Club Reoing	8 3/16*	# 3/16*	B 1/6*	# 1/4*	= 5/16*	C 5/16*	0.5/16*	D 3/8*
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Calendar of Events for SJKF, 8-10-16

9/11/2016 **3nd Annual Belmar Kite Festival**, parking will be provided. The flying area is on the beach at Second and Third Avenue. Time is 11 a.m. – 4 p.m, get there around 10 am for setup. Contact is Saltwater Inn (732) 681-1047 <u>SaltwaterInn@gmail.com</u> or Mike Dallmer <u>mikedallmer@verizon.net</u> 215-722-4092

9/15/16 **Deadline for submissions of article for next issue of WindWriters**. Send to Mike Dallmer <u>mikedallmer@verizon.net</u> 306 Friendship St., Phila., Pa 19111

9/17/16 (Saturday) 2nd Annual Wind & Sea Festival at
Bayshore Waterfront Park, NJ (It's nestled in the Sandy Hook
/ Raritan Bay - just west of the naval base, in Leonardo, NJ. 719
Port Monmouth Road, Port Monmouth, NJ 07758) Time: 11-

5 There will be a sandcastle builder, fishing and crabbing on the pier, kayaking demonstrations, hula lessons and we're hoping for beach bicycles! We'll have a DJ, some food vendors and some of our staff will be making wind sock. For more information contact Joe Reynolds

Joe.Reynolds@co.monmouth.nj.us or his office (732) 787-3033, x.2# Mike Dallmer mikedallmer@verizon.net or 215-722-4092 http://www.monmouthcountyparks.com/page .aspx?Id=2516

https://www.facebook.com/BayshoreWaterfr ontPark

9/17/2016 (Saturday) **Brick Municipal Anti-Drug Coalition Presents Kitefest**, sponsored by Wendy's. Rain date September

18. Time: 10am-2pm Location: Traders Cove Marina & Park. Only 100 free Kite Kits available for BRICK RESIDENTS ONLY, or you can bring your own kites and come fly with us, and join in on the fun! For kite reservations or further information please call 732-262-1076 or Madeline Iannarone miannarone@twp.brick.nj.us

9/18/16 (3rd Sunday) **SJKF Meeting**, 1 pm, Gloucester County Library, Mullica Hill, NJ Meeting Room B, Contact Mike Dallmer for more information <u>mikedallmer@verizon.net</u> or 215-722-4092

9/22/15 -9/25/16 Sunfest Kite Festival, Ocean City, MD for more information contact the Kite Loft at 410-289-7855 or jay@kiteloft.com

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10/3/16 (Monday) **Radnor Library Kite Build**, Location: Radnor Township Municipal Building, 301 Iven Ave, Wayne, PA, Time is 10 am till noon. Contact Mike Dallmer 215-722-4092 <u>mikedallmer@verizon.net</u> or Carrie Sturgill 610-687-1124 ext 22 <u>csturgill@radnorlibrary.org</u>

10/3/16 - 10/8/16 39th Annual AKA Convention in Seaside, Oregon

10/7/2016 - 10/10/2016 $\mathbf{2^{nd}}$ Annual Long Beach Island Kite Festival

10/16/16 (3rd Sunday) **SJKF 22nd Anniversary Bash** At the Dallmer Household, 306 Friendship St, Phila, Pa 19111. Festivities with start around noon, kiteflyers time. There will be

plenty of food and our fabulous once a year SJKF auction.

11/6/16 (Sunday) **The 31st** Olan **and Bernice Turner International Invitational Open Peanut Butter Cookie Kite Fly and Bake Off**, will be held on the Boardwalk in Seaside Park, NJ. Contact Cel <u>cdallmer@verizon.net</u> or Mike Dallmer <u>mikedallmer@verizon.net</u> 215-722-4092

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215-722-4092

12/4/2016 **SJKF's Annual Holiday Party**, Randi's Restaurant and Bar, from noon till 3 pm. Location, Grant Plaza II, 1619 Grant Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19115, phone: (215) 677-7723 Contact Cel Dallmer <u>cdallmer@verizon.net</u> or 215-722-4092 Same place as the last few years.

Visit <u>www.easternleague.net</u> for more information on Eastern League Events

President's Note: Though these dates are accurate at time of printing it is best to check with the contact to make sure the proper dates are listed. Got an event that you want listed, send it: Mike Dallmer <u>mikedallmer@verizon.net</u> 306 Friendship St., Phila., Pa 1911

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4-1 till 6-30 is \$7.50	4-1 till 6-30 is \$10.00	
7-1 till 9-30 is \$3.75	7-1 till 9-30 is \$5.00	

Quacks Facks

Inspired by Russ Mozier, written by Mike Dallmer From Charles Bojarski From Sam and Cari King in Europe AKA President John Lutter







Help Quack Facks out, do you have a Dallmer Duck Banner? If so where was it displayed?

Membership Application	Membership Dues	1 yr.	Z yrs.	3 yrs.	Amount
New Member Renewal Reinstatement	Individual (Kiting via 3rd class mail)	\$40 \$50	\$78 598	\$116 \$146	
Don't publish my name in the Directory	(Kiting via 1 ^e class mall) Canada, Mexico, and Overseas	\$50	\$98	\$146	
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Electronic Extra Return to Fort Mott in Pictures, July 17, 2016

By Ben Huggett



Sunday's Meeting, Kite Fly and Picnic was called back to the Fort, Fort Mott to be specific. Thanks to the Hutton (Nicole, Scott, Tyler, Alex, Jorja) for arraigning this for SJKF and thanks to WAWA for the free water and pretzels. The day was hot and a teasing wind but it is always great to hang around with SJKF Members/Friends and catch up with what is happening.

Thanks also goes to Dona and Mike for the fantastic corn and chicken, Hank for cooking, Cel for the prep work and everyone who setup their beautiful banners..

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