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USPS Annual Meeting

am on my way back from this year's USPS Annual Meeting in Jacksonville, FL. What happened at the meeting you ask? Here are the highlights. From the National Meetings Committee, of which I am a member, the next USPS meeting will be held Sept 5-8th in Detroit, MI. This is a great opportunity to experience a USPS meeting within driving distance of Milwaukee. On the agenda are a boat cruise and a tour of the Ford Motor Company Museum. Other future meetings sites are San Antonio, TX, and Washington D.C. as well as Jacksonville, FL.

I attended the Squadron and District officers meeting. The trial or complimentary six months new membership offer will continue. Improvements have been made to the reporting process of boating class students and new membership sign up.

The election of the National Bridge was a hot topic as two nominated positions on the bridge were being contested. This has only happened once before in the last 25 years. Campaigning was in full swing between the nominated candi-

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Commander's Comments

In two weeks my term as commander will end. At that time, I will take on what is considered the most coveted title in USPS "Past Commander". If you are on the National Bridge the Past Commander is referred to as Junior. I will just go with Past.

In the past two years, hopefully, the bridge, executive committee, and I have provided to you, the general membership, the programs, seminars, and courses you have requested and enjoyed and they have enriched you as a member of the Milwaukee Sail and Power Squadron.

First I would like to thank my bridge for their time, talent, and contributions over the past two years. I could not have done it without you. Your service was greatly appreciated. Second to my executive committee I also could not have done it without your support and guidance. .. To: Carl, what you have done with the Deck Watch is just short of a miracle. Members of the District Bridge have commented on its excellence and use it as a guide and reference for their

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USPS Annual Meeting

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dates and the contesting candidates. The vote was decided by secret ballot. The nominated candidates were the winners in the end.

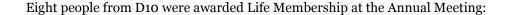
Many guest speakers are invited to the meeting. Mr. Virgil Chambers from the National Safe Boating Council speaking in regards to Safe Boating Week said they are proposing a Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day the Friday before Safe Boating Week. Other programs in the works are Ready, Set, Wear It and Boat on Course.

There are 33 Districts in USPS. In looking at the list of people who head up the National Committees, D10 is well represented.

Law Officer: Greg Korstad (Minnetonka)
Planning: Jeff Hamilton (Minnetonka)

Boat Handling: Jim Runge (ex Milwaukee Squadron member)
Asst/Chair: Connie Runge (ex Milwaukee Squadron member)

Instructor Dev. Art Mollica (St. Paul)
Asst Chair Safety: Mike Wiedel (Milwaukee)
Asst/Ch Systems: Bob DeNoto (Door County)
Asst/Ch Membership: Jim Pahl-Washa (Madison)
Asst/Ch Flag: Don Schult (Central WI)
Member of Finance: Ben Coons (Hiawatha Valley)
Member of Planning: Mike Skelley (Minnetonka)



Jack Bond (Hiawatha Valley)
James Goodnetter (Milwaukee)
Charles Holtz (Door County)
Lyle Peschke (Sheboygan)
Jean Peterson (Hiawatha Valley)
Rob Ross (Door County)
Julia Rossini (Duluth)

Arne Wuorinen (Duluth)

The Expo was held which is an opportunity to speak with the members of the different committees and learn more about the committees, what they do, and get references or literature regarding the committees. There are Power Points, videos, and demonstrations, including a fashion show of the Ships Stores Wares (Wears).

Awards are given for the best Teaching Aides and The Poster Contest Winners are announced. Workshops and/or committee meetings are held for every committee in USPS and all are open to the general membership.

There are tours and evening get-togethers. The best part is sharing of ideas, making new friends and catching up with old friends.

A USPS meeting whether the Annual Meeting or Governing Board is truly a rewarding experience. Come see for yourself in Detroit.

Cmdr Kim Rutkowski



Commander's Comments

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squadron newsletters .. Gisela, I can always count on Safety Week going smoothly knowing you had taken care of all the reports, mailings, and proclaim ations... John, thank you for your work on getting the By-laws completed and accepted; also for your constant support and reassurance... Fran, your continuing to ask for and accepting additional responsibilities is refreshing and appreciated. .. Ron, I can count on you keeping us informed about government happenings and your vigilance with members of the legislature. One of these days the Life Jacket law will get past. .. Gary, you keep us real. You are a voice of reason. Much appreciated is your hospitality aboard and volunteering the use of your boat for squadron functions. .. Scott, you bring fresh ideas such as community involvement actives, like your participation in and suggested involvement of the squadron in Make A Wish Day. .. Ruth, we just received an award for our work in co-op charting; keep up the good work. .. Karen, the information and expertise a past commander brings to an executive board is invaluable. .. Ted, your work with Tech Soup and the Basic Boating Course are an important part of the workings of the board. .. Nappy, you provide ideas, support, and a laugh. I can count on your willingness to help find solutions to our problems. And last but not least Mel and Neptune, I could not have done it without your help with the administrative part of the job. The phone calls you made to members encouraging them to come to meetings, booking reservations, planning menus, meeting ideas, help at meetings, and more. The support you gave to me, the bridge and the executive committee. You and Neptune will be missed at Executive Board Meetings. Again thank you all.



Cmdr Kim Rutkowski



Education Department

This will be my last Article as the Milwaukee Sail and Power squadron Educational Officer. I have enjoyed my time in office and have overseen many changes in our educational programs over the last three years. From the introduction of the Seminars Series to the beginnings of Boat Operator certification, to updated advanced grade and elective course material, and online course and seminar registration, it has been an exciting three years. I thank you for the opportunity to serve.

The Seminar series is in full swing at Southwind Marine Boaters store. MSPS has conducted a seminar every Wednesday night since last fall, and will continue a different seminar each week until they conclude in April. Details are found on our website. http://www.milwaukeepowersquadron.org/Classes/Seminars.html

The Rescue 21 System for Lake Michigan is in the acceptance phase, and will be fully operational next boating season. If you do not have a DSC equipped radio or it is not properly interfaced with your GPS or programmed with a MMSI number you will not have the benefits of that little red distress button. Consider taking the Marine Communications Systems

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CO-OP Charting Award

t the USPS Annual Meeting in January, the Milwaukee Sail and Power Squadron was presented an award in recognition of 15 years sustained excellence in cooperative charting. We were one of the only two squadrons in D10 to receive the award, the other squadron was Madison. Congratulations Ruth Durkin our CO-OP charting chair.

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What is CO-OP Charting you ask?

The official description is: Cooperative Charting Program of the United States Power Squadrons is conducted in close coordination with the Marine Chart Division, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce. The Program is a major public service of USPS. Under it, members supply information to the Marine Chart Division of NOS/NOAA leading to corrections to nautical charts, small craft charts, Coast Pilot publications and Small Craft Facilities. They also supply data on depth surveys, range status, tidal current surveys and formerly, geodetic marks and aeronautical charts. The Aid To Navigation Inspection program allows for damaged or misplaced Aids to be reported. The Adopt-A-Chart subprogram provides for individual squadrons to assume responsibility to keep a chart or a portion of a chart in their local boating area up to date and get recognition on new editions for their work. We have been told that the Cooperative Charting Program is recognized as the most effective user-participation program in all of the Federal services.

I attended the CO-OP Charting Committee Meeting at the Annual Meeting. Take-a-ways from the meeting: The committee is updating the website for easier input of information. The best way to indicate changes, markers, and numbering on the charts without making it unreadable. Contact information for our Coast Survey Navigation Manager with NOAA, and a better understanding of what is CO-OP Charting.

Cdmr Kim Rutkowski





Education Department

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Course or one of the seminars on "Marine VHF Radio" or "Interfacing Your Electronics". The life you save may be your own.

As you begin to think about spring commissioning, you still have time to take a class or a seminar and brush up on you skills and knowledge.

Congratulations to James Pittelkow on successful completion of the Advanced Piloting Course.

Please remember, we are a volunteer organization, and nothing gets done unless YOU are willing to volunteer.

Stf/C Mike Wiedel, JN Education Officer educational@milwaukeepowersquadron.org 414-353-8240



2012 Slate Of Officers

The Nominating Committee of our Milwaukee Sail & Power Squadron is pleased to announce the following nominees to the 2012 slate:

2012-2103 Bridge of Officers

Commander: Stf/C Michael S. Wiedel, JN
Executive Officer: Lt Charles G. Kersey, AP
Educational Officer: P/D/C Ronald M. Kraase, SN

Assistant Educational Officer: OPEN Administrative Officer: OPEN

Secretary: P/C Kim Rutkowski, P
Treasurer: Lt/C Paul D. Langer, AP



Executive Committee, Members-at-Large:

Gary H. Bush, S Lt Ruth C. Durkin, AP P/C John C. Goetzman, P P/Lt/C Gisela Murray, SN Umberto "Nappy" Napolitano, AP

P/C Carl F. Pluckhan, SN

Lt Amy Seeley P

P/D/Lt/C Thad. M. Smyczek, SN

Scott Ziebol, AP 4 Positions OPEN

Audit Committee:

P/D/Lt /C Michael Beckmann, SN Lt Ruth Durkin, AP – (2-year term) - to be elected P/Lt/C Fran Pauls, SN (3-year term) – to be elected

Nominating Committee:

P/C Melvin P. Fabiszak, P Chairman P/C Karen Beckmann, P (2-year term) P/C Kim Rutkowski, S (3-year term) – to be elected

Rules Committee:

P/C John C. Goetzman, P Chairman (2-year term) – to be elected (3-year term) Scott Ziebol, AP - to be elected



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Slate of Officers

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Article 11 is taken from our Milwaukee Sail & Power Squadron for reference as to voting procedures:

ARTICLE 11

Nominations, Elections and Voting

Section 11.1 Candidates for elective positions to be voted upon at the annual meeting may be nominated (1) by the Nominating Committee as herein provided or (2) by petition in writing signed by at least five active members in good standing and filed with the secretary at least 15 days before the date of election.

Section 11.2 The educational officer and the assistant educational officer (if any) are members of the USPS Educational Department, and shall be nominated and elected only after their qualifications have been approved by the national educational officer's designee.

Section 11.3 If vacancies exist in the properly formulated slate of nominees at the time of the election, they shall be filled by nominations from the floor duly made by active members.

Section 11.4 No active member shall be eligible for nomination without first signifying willingness and ability to serve if elected.

Section 11.5 At any election, each active member present and in good standing in this squadron shall have one vote for each office to be filled. Voting shall be in the following manner:

11.5.1 Cumulative voting is prohibited.

11.5.2 Election to an uncontested office may be effected by a supported motion and a ballot cast and recorded by the secretary.

11.5.3 Election to a contested office shall be effected by secret ballot, unsigned and cast in person. Such elections shall be determined by a judge of election and not less than three tellers, all of whom shall be appointed by the commander. The secret ballots shall be delivered to the judge of election and opened and inspected by the tellers, and the final results shall be tabulated and announced to the members before the close of the meeting.

11.5.4 Polls shall remain open for no more than one hour after the election is initiated as an order of business.

P/D/LtC Thad. M. Smyczek, SN

Knots To You

The enthusiastic boater should have the rudimentary skills to tie the basic knots used in their everyday boating activity.

To really shine and advance your knowledge of the knots used in a nautical environment visit "Animated Knots by Grog", http://tinyurl.com/mp2ps There, every knot will be revealed in detailed animation making it a simple task to add it to your repertoire of nautical capabilities. Have fun ...





Boating Safety – Hypothermia

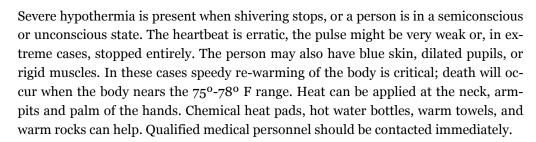
ith a few more months of winter before us now is a good time to review the facts of hypothermia. While the effect of hypothermia can be gradual, it can kill if you don't take the proper precautions.

Hypothermia is the decrease in body temperature to a level at which muscular functions are impaired. This decrease in body temperature can occur whenever the environmental temperature is below the normal body temperature. Body heat can be lost in many ways: through contact with cooler air, moving water, through contact with steel (which conducts heat faster than water). Heat loss is increased by wind or fast body movements which remove warm surface particles from the skin and rob the body of a small surface layer of warmth.



Mild hypothermia is characterized by shivering, goose bumps and the inability to complete a task. This can be treated with additional layers of clothing and / or increased physical activity. Consuming fluids and foods rich in carbohydrates will provide an energy boost and help warm a mildly hypothermic person.

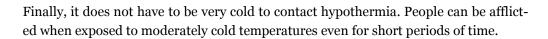
Moderate hypothermia takes the form of persistent violent shivering, difficulties speaking, confusion and irrational behavior. A moderately hypothermic person should be given hot liquids with sugar, protein foods, and fats. Avoid alcohol, caffeine and nicotine – these substances will only serve to dehydrate a person. Increase the person's external heat through body-to-body contact or by placing the person in a sleeping bag,





The key to re-warming a person is to heat the person internally. Avoid too much environmental heat, such as placing a person near a fireplace. This action can lead to extreme shock or even death in a severely hypothermic person.

The best way to avoid hypothermia is a simple, healthy lifestyle and dressing appropriately for the weather. People who exercise, are fit, eat the proper food, and take in enough fluid increase their resistance to hypothermia.





Gisela Murray, SN Safety Officer



Tuggin' Along (continued

hen we last caught up with Tuggin' Along he was in route to Bonita Springs, FL for the winter.

I made it safely back to Florida in September. After a much needed rest I was ready in October to participate in the Columbus Day parade in Bonita Springs, FL. I continued to promote Safe Boating and the Milwaukee Sail and Power Squadron. There are a lot of "snowbirds" from Wisconsin and Milwaukee here in Florida this time of year.

In December Cmdr Kim Rutkowski and SEO Michael Wiedel came to Florida to visit me. They joined Captain Jerry and me in the Bonita Springs Christmas Parade. I was all decked out in blue lights with a new electric sign. I was a hit. Two newspaper reporters took my picture and interviewed my crew and me. My photo was on the front page of the local newspaper. That evening I got the prime parking space in front of the Fish House where the judges and parade participates were gathered.

That is all for now!

Tuggin' Along (Capt. Jerry)



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Milwaukee Sail and Power Squadron cordially invites you to attend The 73rd Annual Change of Watch

Join us for the installation of new officers for the 2012-2013 watch year

A brunch will be held
Sunday March 18, 2012
at Weissgerber's Golden Mast Inn
on Okauchee Lake
from 1130 — 1400
\$30.00 per person

Flease RSVP by March 11, 2012

To: Kim Rutkowski <u>commander@milwaukeepowersquadron.org</u>

or Mel Fabiszak @ 262-966-2743



...Birthdays...

March:			
Karen Beckmann	3/31	Sue Raveret	3/30
Gary Bush	3/19	Mike Rissell	3/30
Ken Dziubek	3/04	Eugene Valoe	3/29
Sue Kersey	3/19	Lori Wiertzema	3/24
Dan Noonan	3/21	Larry King	3/04
Sally Miller	3/15		
April:			
Arthur Dietrich	4/30	John Grasse	4/10
Anne Humphrey	4/2	Michael Wiedel	4/8
May:			
Paul Burstein	5/13	Mary Ann Haas	5/15
Doug Huskey	5/11	Heinz Kinnius	5/12
Oliver Miller	5/20	Robert Osborn	5/27
Ken Shea	5/14		







⇒ You might be a sailing bum if...

You think rum is the official state drink.

Your best shoes are Topsiders.

Your idol is Jimmy Buffett.

Your halyards are brand new, but your belt has two splices.

You read Latitude 38 under the covers with a flashlight.

Your underwear has a North Sail logo.

Your bar tab equals your paycheck.

You have a Mount Gay poster in your living room.

You've ever traded a Dramamine for a beer.

You think of duct tape as a long term investment.

You've ever been involved in a fight over the last chocolate chip cookie.

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You wear a sailing cap to church.

You've ever written your resume on a bar napkin.

Your wind instruments cost \$2,000 and you have a bucket for a head.

Your beer cooler opens with The Clapper.

You'd marry a girl just to keep a good foredeck person.



A Boater's Blessing

... from Days of Yore

May there always be water under your boat,
May she always be seaworthy and ever afloat,
May your hilde nump be certain to work all nice

May your bilge pump be certain to work all night and all day,

May your compass and charts always show the safe way,

May you find gentle harbor as every day ends, May you lower your anchor amidst peace and good friends.





A Boater's Blessing

...Nowadays

May your outdrive be saved after hitting that rock, May your bow be rebuilt after ramming your dock, May you find your new watch that fell overboard, May your neighbor quit stealing your slip's power cord,

May Lysol mask the musty smell under your berth, May you someday owe less than the damn boat is worth.



USPS® District 10 2012 Spring Conference Registration Form March 23-25, 2012

The Marriott - Madison West Hotel & Conference Center 1313 John Q. Hammons Drive Middleton, Wisconsin WI Highway 12, Exit 252 Toll Free 1-888-745-2032 Hosted by the Madison Sail & Power Squadron

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Hotel Group Code: District 10 United States Power Squadrons

www.marriott.com

Group Rate: \$99 per night Group Rate guaranteed through Feb 22, 2012

Make Checks Payable to:

MSPS

Send Registrations to: Julie Pahl-Washa,

6929 Donnybill Rd, De Forest, WI 53532 ipwasha@execpc.com

Registration Forms are due by March 15, 2012

Allı	Conference Menu Selections meals includes salad, starch, beverage and dessert Gluten Free or Children Menu selections available by advance request	Number	Amount Due
Fr	iday Evening Dinner - \$25		
1.	Deep Fried Cod: Roasted Red Potatoes, and Chef's choice of vegetable	I	2
2.	Marinated Roast Loin of Pork with Apple Calvados Sauce, Roasted Red Potatoes, and Chef's choice of vegetable	2	
3.	Chef's Vegetarian Selection	3	
	Friday Evening Musical Entertainment provided by rimitive Culture" Madison's answer to Jimmy Buffet		
US	SPS University Seminar: Anchoring @ \$25/student		
Sa	sturday Lunch - \$20		
1.	Chicken Cordon Bleu Dijon Cream Sauce and Seasonal Vegetable,	1	
2.	Italian Meat Lasagna: topped with traditional Marinara Sauce, served with Seasonal Vegetable	2	
3.	Vegetarian Lasagna: topped with traditional Marinara Sauce, served with Seasonal Vegetable	3	
Sa	turday Evening Dinner - \$30		
1.	Sweet Thai Chili Salmon Filet Wild Rice Pilaf, Chef's Choice of Vegetables	1	
2.	Grilled Marinated Flat Iron Steak Served with Garlic Mashed Potatoes, and Chefs Choice of Vegetables	2	
3.	Chef's Vegetarian Selection	3	
	aturday Evening entertainment after the Change of Watch Dinner provided by "Dimension in Sound"		

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Friday Night Primitive Culture



http://www.primitivecultureband.com/

A Little Funk, Jazz, Latin & Reggae provide that Key West or Tropical feeling that will heat up a cold Wisconsin night. Time to kick off the weekend Conference down in the Islands Free Shuttle Service all weekend from the Marriott to the Greenway Station Shops



http://www.greenwayshopping.com/

Weekend Seminars & Workshops

- Free Ballroom Dance Workshop Friday
- USPS University Seminar Sunday Morning:
 \$25/student

Covering selection of anchor and components for sea conditions and bottom characteristics; deployment and recovery of anchors. The kit includes the *Anchoring Quick Guide* and Student Notes with copies of the slides.

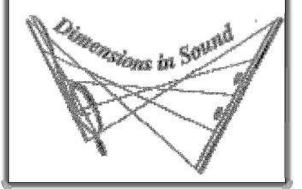
- Squadron & District Officer Department Workshops Saturday Morning
- Microsoft Office Workshop: Saturday at 10:00 in the Geneva Education Room
- Vessel Examiner Update Seminar
- 1914-2014: 100 year Celebration Update with History recap of USPS

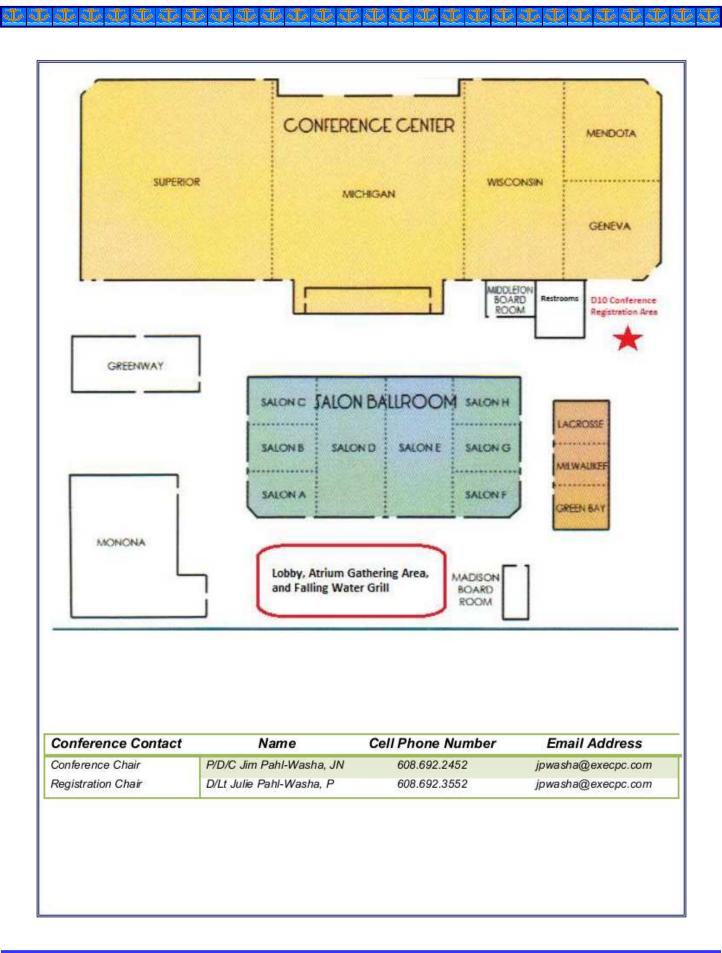


Saturday Night Dimension in Sound

The Saturday night entertainment will feature another great local group of musicians. This group of about 20 musicians performs big band music of the '30s, '40s and early '50s.

Their musical arrangements consist of the typical instrumentation of the big band era - saxophone, trombone and trumpet sections, keyboard, bass and drums. Exact musical arrangements of the great bands are performed with new arrangements to give a new twist.





"Make a Difference"

2012 District 10 Spring Conference Agenda 23, 24, 25 March 2012 Marriot West Middleton, WI



Concus Fores

Geneva Room

Wednesday, 21 March

1900-2100 District Council Meeting Webinar

https://www3.gotomeeting.com

Friday, 23 March

1500-1800	Registration	Geneva Foyer
1600-1700	District Planning Committee (Closed Meeting)	Green Bay Room
1600-1700	District Nominating Committee (Closed Meeting)	La Crosse Room
1700-1800	Awards and Certificates Program - All Members & Guests Welcome	Geneva Room
1800-1900	Dance Seminar	Salon E Ballroom
1800-1900	Social Hour with Cash Bar	Great Room Atrium
1900-2000	Dinner	Salon E Ballroom
2000-2300	Primitive Culture, Music and Dancing	Salon E Ballroom

Saturday, 24 March

0600-1000	Breakfast Buffet (on your own)	Falling Water Grill
0800-1000	Registration	Geneva Foyer
0730-0945	Commanders Workshop	Greenway Boardroom
0730-0945	Executive Department Workshop	Green Bay Room
0730-0945	Administrative Department Workshop	La Crosse Room
0730-0945	Treasurer Department Workshop	Milwaukee Room
0730-0945	Secretary Department Workshop	Madison Boardroom
0730-0945	Education Department Workshop	Geneva Room
0830-0945	"1914-2014: 100 Years of USPS and Going Strong"	Monona Room
1000-1200	Vessel Examiner Update	Monona Room
1000-1200	Microsoft Office for Squadron Users, "Word, Excel and Outlook"	Geneva Room
1200-1300	Luncheon & Presentation:	Mendota Room
	Dane County Lakes and Watershed Commission	

1730-1830	Social Hour with Cash Bar	Wisconsin Ballroom
1830-2030	Dinner, Awards, Change of Watch Program	Wisconsin Ballroom
2030-2230	Dimension in Sound, Big Band music and dancing	Wisconsin Ballroom

Sunday, 27 March

0600-1000	Breakfast Buffet (on your own)	Falling Water Grill
0730-0830	Caffeine with the Commander & C/C Rep, Round Table Discussion	Monona Room
0830-0930	"N Club" Presentation	Monona Room
0930-1130	USPS Seminar: "Anchoring"	Geneva Room
1130-1330	District 10 Bridge Meeting	Greenway Boardroom

Uniform of the Day:

Friday Afternoon Business Casual or Team USPS shirts

Friday Evening Island attir

Saturday Team USPS shirts, Bridge will wear D/C Mike's Team Shirt
Saturday Evening Uniform A with Bow Tie or appropriate Evening Attire
Sunday Casual attire, Bridge will wear D/C Dick's Team Shirt



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Please send questions, comments, Roster information, updates/changes, photos, news etc. to: capluck@yahoo.com

P/C Carl Pluckhan SN Editor

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Organized in 1914, USPS is a non profit, educational organization dedicated to making boating safer and more enjoyable by teaching classes in seamanship, navigation and related subjects. Our members are boating families who contribute to their communities by promoting safe boating through education. We enjoy participating with our fellow members on the water and in the classroom. USPS has some 45,000 members organized into 450 squadrons across the country and in some US territories. USPS is America's largest non-profit boating organization and has been honored by three US presidents for its civic contributions.





