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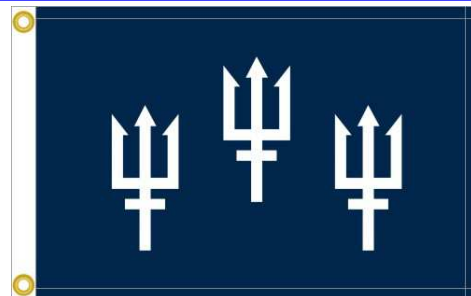


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## Commanders Comments

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our members a happy Holiday Season, and hope to see all of you at the Holiday party at the Golden Mast on Wednesday December 11<sup>th</sup>. Note this is a different day than our usual meeting night.



I would also like to take a moment to summarize our activities over the last few months. During that time MSPS offered Both a Spring Boating class, and two elective courses. The class was small, 8 students total, but the enthusiasm shown by the students was exceptional. Milwaukee instructors also taught two elective courses, Weather and Engine Maintenance. The Weather Course taught by D/Lt/C Amy Seeley, P included students from the public and the Coast Guard Auxiliary, as well as squadron members. The Engine Maintenance Course taught by Cdr Charles Kersey, AP was also a mix of members and the public. Both instructors received rave reviews from the students.

This fall Milwaukee will continue our course schedule at Southwind Marine. The squadron will be offering Seamanship and Piloting, as well as popular seminars through the hard water season.

This year we again teamed with the Coast Guard Auxiliary at different planned events. The squadron started off in May with National Safe Boating Week events. Holding a flair shoot, participating with the Auxiliary in Safety exhibits at

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## September 2013, Governing Board

The Fall Governing Board meeting was held in San Antonio, Texas in September. Six hundred USPS delegates gathered in the Hyatt Hotel near the Alamo and River Walk. If you have never been to a Governing Board, it and the Annual Meeting in January, make up the two National meetings that bring together representatives from all over the US, Puerto Rico, and Japan to conduct the business of the USPS National Organization.

All the National Committees hold meetings at these two gatherings. The members of the national committees use this time to discuss, refine and implement the various USPS initiatives and policies under the National departments. There are also seminars on various topics related to USPS activities. Discussions with representatives of various Government agencies, and marine industry representatives also occur during the course of the meeting.

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## Commander's Comments

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McKinley Marina. Throughout the summer we partnered with the Auxiliary on several VSC events, and to date have completed 85 exams.

Our Squadron sponsors the Sea Tow automated Radio Check System at South Shore Yacht Club. The original McKinley Marina location was deemed to be not longer viable, so South Shore Yacht Club graciously offered us space for the system. We are in the process of looking for a 2<sup>nd</sup> site to host another station.

We hosted a trip to Door County where members had a chance to tour various shipyard and repair facilities. Our annual holiday party charity donation this year will be to provide dinner to the men and women who are on duty at the US Coast Guard Sector Lake Michigan base on Christmas Eve.

MSPS conducted a successful Co-op Charting event, scouring the Milwaukee Downtown and Menomonee Valley Industrial Corridor for those illusive but vital survey marks. The day ended with a social function at a new venue in the revitalized Menomonee Valley.

This year MSPS hosted the District 10 Summer Rendezvous. Feedback indicates that all 65 attendees had an enjoyable time. Members of the squadron committee headed by P/C Kim Rutkowski, P worked countless hours to orchestrate the event. Our original date needed to be changed because of large corporate event taking all the hotel rooms on the original date. However the committee adapted to the change without missing a beat. Kim and her committee also did not ask for nor did they receive any district funds for the event. It was totally self supporting. Hopefully many members will remember their visit to Milwaukee for a long time

MSPS continues to host an award winning website, and newsletter. I have also submitted and received approval for 26 member Merit Mark recommendations; this represents about 33 per cent of our squadron membership.

The next few months will contain the continuation of the seminar series at Southwind Marine, our monthly membership meetings, planning for the boat show season, and the spring educational classes. Nominating will also be working hard on preparing a slate of officers for the March election, so please respond with a yes if asked, and be a part of a team leading your squadron into the future..

Milwaukee also has 4 new members so far this year, so please make them welcome

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## September 2013, Governing Board

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The meeting this year presented a change in the format of all the previous. Only one day, Thursday, was reserved to conduct the various National Committees closed session deliberations. This made for a very intense day. In a departure from previous USPS National meetings, Friday's events began with a Keynote speaker, Astronaut Story Musgrave. His presentation, during the Friday member breakfast, reflected on how anything can be accomplished with the right frame of mind, and the willingness to persevere.



After Dr. Musgrave's enthusiastic opening remarks there were other 45 minute seminars and programs throughout the rest of the day, and you could attend as many as would fit your schedule. Topics ranged from Amateur Radio to Web Page and Social Network development, and crossed all USPS departments.

Saturday brought the General Meeting. A ball room filled with over 600 white shirted delegates representing USPS Districts and Squadrons was a site to behold. Partner group representatives were introduced and included:

Jeff Hoedt, Chief, Boating Safety Division, Office of Boating Safety, United States Coast Guard  
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 Thomas Mallison, National Commodore, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary  
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 Jake Hill, Executive Underwriter Manager, McGriff, Seibels & Williams  
 Kirsten Schuchardt, Marketing Manager, Brunswick Dealer Advantage  
 Randy White, President and Chief Executive Officer, SailAngle.com

Various Committee Chairs and Bridge Officer gave accounts of their department's respective activities and some highlights are below.

### **Headquarters Staff:**

In June USPS received three USCG grants totaling \$454,900. The first is the Practical On-the-Water Training Rollout Grant Phase III for \$220,000. Funding will be used for advanced training, integration of courses with on-water components, training additional instructors and students, marketing, and data analysis. The second is a USPS Partnering Grant for \$19,900 to fund travel to facilitate partnering objectives. The third is a USPS Boat Handling Simulator Program for \$215,000. Funding will be used to purchase portable boat handling simulators and for marketing and administrative costs.

### **Planning Committee:**

The Planning Committee submitted its report to the Board of Directors on alternative sources of revenue that would be in addition to dues and sales of educational materials. The committee is working on squadron simplification and is working

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with the Board of Directors to develop a new Strategic Plan that will contain goals that are meaningful, achievable, and measurable. R/C Simkins reported that the Planning Committee presented a seminar on electronic meetings. The presentation can be downloaded at [usps.org/national/plancom/resource](http://usps.org/national/plancom/resource).



### Finance Committee:

R/C Popham reported an operating surplus of \$66,711 as of 31 July 2013, compared to an operating deficit of \$42,268 one year ago. He noted the surplus was due primarily to reducing expenditures. He noted that the necessary actions had been taken to reduce the operating deficit, and that the Finance Committee believed that USPS should achieve break-even operating results in 2013. He reported that the 2014 Budget contemplates a break-even operating result and that the Finance Committee determined that the funds necessary to finance the 2014 Budget could reasonably be anticipated. R/C Popham announced that the Finance Committee Report was not recommending a dues increase in 2014. R/C Popham reported that the Board of Directors recommended reinstating an administrative fee for new primary members. He explained that in the past new members paid a \$25 initiation fee to cover administrative costs. The Governing Board voted to eliminate that fee beginning in December 2010 with the hope that it would help attract new members. Eliminating the fee has cost USPS approximately \$200,000 and has not had a positive effect on recruiting new members. He explained that the proposed administrative fee will be billed when a primary active member joins or, in the case of a free trial membership, on the first dues invoice.

### National Treasurer:

V/C Cheney reported that as of 31 July 2013 operating revenues were up slightly from the prior year and expenses were down approximately \$105,000, with a net gain of \$67,000. He anticipated that 2013 finances would end on a breakeven point. As of 31 July 2013, non-operating revenues over expenses were \$317,000, also an improvement over the previous year, resulting in total operating revenues over expenses of \$384,000. V/C Cheney reported that the Board of Directors approved a break-even budget for FY 2014. V/C Cheney concluded by saying that the overall financial condition of USPS had improved a great deal over the previous year and thanked all who had contributed.

### Secretary:

National V/C Jean L. Hamilton, SN, reported on the USPS website redesign project. She reported that the site has been divided into two sub-sites: an external site, which includes much of the current website content; and an internal site, which includes member tools and pages used by members and officers. She noted that the sub-sites will appear as one site in the final product. The Website Content Team had submitted all material for the external site following a significant outline revision in June. The outline for the internal site was completed, and discussions are still in progress as to logistics of scripts, tables, and programming language for content. The Planning Team met in San Antonio to discuss the logistics of implementation, testing, and webmaster training.

### National Administrative Officer:

The Membership Department is updating the Membership Manual. Membership recruitment and retention tools are available on the committee's website at [usps.org/national/membership](http://usps.org/national/membership). The Member Benefits Committee developed a new Member Benefit District Table Kit containing PowerPoint files, fliers, handouts and display tips and ideas, which is available on the committee's website at [usps.org/national/admin\\_dept/membenefits.htm](http://usps.org/national/admin_dept/membenefits.htm). /C Ojeda reported that the Squadron Development Committee is working on developing squadrons in six new locations.

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### **National Education Officer:**

National /C Bob Brandenstein, SN, reported that the Educational Department is making progress on implementing online seminars in partnership with the BoatU.S. Foundation. The Partner in Command online seminar is live and has already been taken by a number of non-members. The goal is to make all seminars available to non-members. Boating on Rivers, Locks and Lakes will go online by the end of October 2013.



### **National Executive Officer:**

The Cooperative Charting Committee reported that 12 districts, 43 squadrons, and 194 members submitted Cooperative Charting reports from 1 April through 15 Aug. 2013. Forty-three squadrons and 70 members achieved Honor Roll status. The Environmental Committee is working on proposals for proper flare disposal. The committee has received additional information from its members in California about new restrictions on practice flare shoots in certain areas of the state. In addition, it now appears that the USCG and the USCG Auxiliary will no longer accept donated expired flares from individuals and outside organizations in parts of California. V/C Baldrige moved that the Governing Board approve holding the 2015 Governing Board at the Manchester Hyatt in San Diego, Calif., from 30 Aug. to 6 Sept. 2015 at a room rate of \$145 per night. The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion (2013-GB-5). The Safety Committee reported that 2,107 vessel examiners completed 29,412 vessel safety checks in 2013. V/C Baldrige reported on the Recreational Boating Safety Visitation Program with the USCG Auxiliary. A training seminar will be held during the 2014 Annual Meeting to certify program visitors. The national executive officer reported that the Board of Directors approved the Marinette & Menominee Provisional Power Squadron, to be assigned to District 10 for administrative purposes.

It was a busy four days, but also a lot of fun. The Friday night hospitality rounds and visiting with friends old and new throughout the convention are always refreshing and insightful. If you have never attended a National Meeting, I urge you to try one out, it just may be one of the best events you will ever attend. Hope to see you in Jacksonville, Florida for the Annual Meeting and the conclusion of the USPS 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations.

*P/C Mike Wiedel JN*





## Events San Antonio Governing Board (My Experience)

*P/C Kim Rutkowski, P*

The annual Governing Board Meeting for USPS was held in San Antonio Texas September 4-7. Mike and I flew out early Wednesday morning to San Antonio via a quick plane change in Atlanta. When we arrived at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, on the river walk, I was all ready 30 minutes late for my first and only committee meeting of the Governing Board. Leaving Mike to check us in and unpack I dashed to my meeting.

Meeting over I located Mike in the bar conducting business with one of his fellow committee members. Meetings over for the day and greetings exchanged with fellow USPS members, time to relax. With the outside temperature in the high 90's we headed for the river walk just in time for happy hour. The city side of the river walk has a plethora of bars and restaurants. Sated with drink and food and after a walk along the river walk we headed back to the hotel and retired early; we have been up since 4:00.

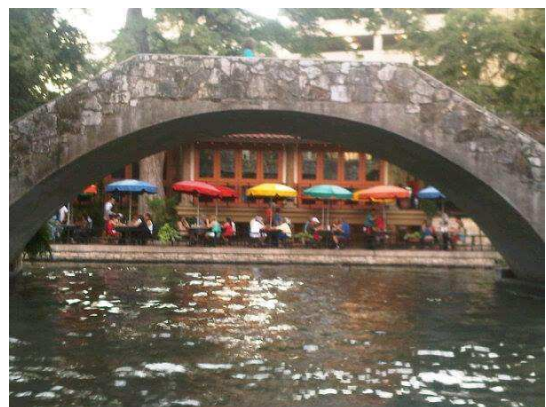
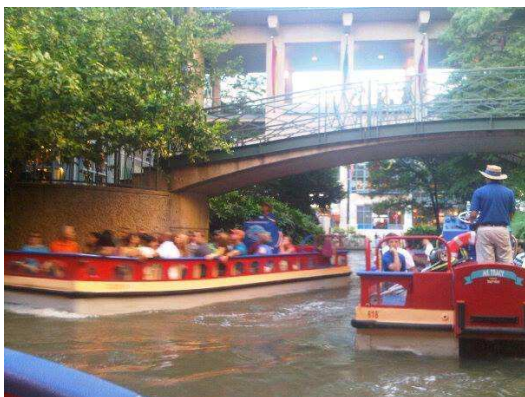
Thursday is occupied with committee meetings. I, having no committee meetings, decide to explore San Antonio. Taking the Alamo Trolley I got to see three missions, the Texas museum, the undeveloped part of the 20 mile river walk, The King's Drive, and the Mercado. Thursday night USPS held a Mexican Fiesta with food and music. Attire for the evening was western, Mexican fiesta, or casual.

Friday started out with Key Note speaker Story Musgrave, former NASA astronaut. The rest of the day was devoted to seminars. Marketing, the new website, coop charting, on-line seminars, member's benefits, and obtaining your amateur radio license were just a few of the many seminars offered. Friday night is relegated to District Hospitality Suites. It is great fun to catch up with old friends and make new ones.

The Governing Board Meeting is held on Saturday. Special guest are introduced and some give reports on boating related information. The bridge officers all give their reports along with the general committees and standing committees. Any proposal or motives are discussed and voted on.

The meeting adjourned just in time for Happy Hour. After a fun Happy Hour and nice dinner, Mike and I took the River Walk Boat Cruise. We opted out of the traditional banquet to have more time to enjoy San Antonio. The city is beautiful even with the temperature still in the high 90's at 8:00pm.

Sunday off to the airport for the return to Milwaukee. Many of our fellow USPS members joined us at the small San Antonio airport waiting to depart for home. Final good-byes were said with "see you in Florida in January for the Annual Meeting."





### Host a Life Jacket Loaner Stand

The Sea Tow Foundation is accepting applications from nonprofit organizations around the country to host life jacket loaner programs in their local areas. The application and additional information can be found on the front page of [Sea Tow Foundation's website](#) and a copy of the application is available [here](#). If your district, squadron or a nonprofit organization in your network would benefit from having a life jacket loaner stand and set of life jackets from the Sea Tow Foundation, please feel free to apply to the life jacket loaner stand program or pass this message along. Help support Sea Tow Foundation's goal to make sure that everyone has access to life jackets that they can borrow and wear while spending time on or in the water. —[SueLee Waller](#)

### Squadron Emergency Response Assistance Team

Want to get people's attention? Wear something colorful and unique. Those who have attended national meetings and obtained information on the Squadron Emergency Response Assistance Team program may have noticed the bright orange shirts with the catchy SERAT logo worn by unit members. The committee recommends that all squadrons establishing a SERAT unit use this uniform as standard for its members. This uniform consists of an orange Columbia-brand shirt with the logo on the right side and your name and squadron on the left. The sea of orange is impressive at a meeting or public event. If your squadron has not started a SERAT unit, please encourage it to do so. If it has, please sign up so you can be part of this growing program. FYI, the logo is available from the national SERAT committee. Please contact me for further information on SERAT. —[Jim Strothers](#)

### Last Notice for the Centennial Cruise

It's not too late to join the USPS Centennial Cruise Group. Join fellow members on a 7-day Eastern Caribbean cruise, 2–9 Feb. 2014, round trip from Fort Lauderdale on Holland America's newest ship, ms *Nieuw Amsterdam*, with stops in Grand Turk, Turks & Caicos; San Juan, Puerto Rico; St. Thomas, USVI; and Half Moon Cay, Bahamas. While supply lasts, we have special pricing from \$819 per person for inside staterooms; outside staterooms from \$979 pp; verandah staterooms from \$1,099 pp, and suites from \$1,879 pp (plus government fees & taxes of \$121.83 pp). The cruise departs Sunday, 2 Feb., immediately following the 2014 Annual Meeting in Jacksonville, Fla. Group transportation from the Jacksonville Hyatt to the port in Fort Lauderdale for the morning of 2 Feb. is available for a nominal fee. To be included in the USPS Centennial Group and the exclusive group events, you must email or call 727-403-0406 to join this spectacular celebration cruise! —[Dawn Eckhart](#)

### Honorary Membership: What Is It?

Check out the "[How to/Tools](#)" button on the Membership home page for information on honorary memberships and what they can do to boost your squadron's recognition in your community. Take advantage of this free tool today! —[Mary Paige Abbott](#)

READ MORE [www.usps.org/national/membership](http://www.usps.org/national/membership)



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## A CRAVING FOR TEACHING

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When I was in school, I was terrified to stand in front of the class and speak. Fortunately, things change and in my professional life, I had many occasions to conduct meetings, to give presentations, and even to provide co-workers with formal instruction and I achieved comfort in doing so. Nearly twenty years ago I joined the United States Power Squadrons and gained knowledge in all its possible courses. This segued nicely into the next phase of my life, teaching its classes and seminars.

This highly-regarded nationwide not-for-profit recreational boating education organization offers courses in basic boating safety, seamanship, navigation (with terrestrial references and celestial) and “elective” courses in subjects such as Engine Maintenance, Marine Electronics, and Cruise Planning. It also offers many seminars on a vast array of boating subjects, and recently, at the encouragement of the United States Coast Guard, initiated an on-the-water training program.

As I began teaching, I realized that knowing subject matter and successfully teaching it to others are two entirely different matters. The Power Squadrons requires volunteer teaching members to learn how to be effective instructors with: preparation of lesson plans, development of teaching aids, successful use of presentation material, and effective delivery of the lessons. After passing a written exam and demonstrating effective teaching, the volunteers are transformed into certified “instructors” with required periodic refresher seminars. Now that young boy who quaked at making a presentation really enjoys getting up in front of the class in order to help others become better (and therefore safer) boaters!

Before you follow my example and volunteer to be a Power Squadron instructor, please be forewarned that you’ll start this process at your own risk: teaching is definitely addictive. All class instructors will admit that they really enjoy teaching others to become more competent boaters. With so many teachers yearning for students to come and learn, I encourage you to take some safe boating and skill courses and seminars.

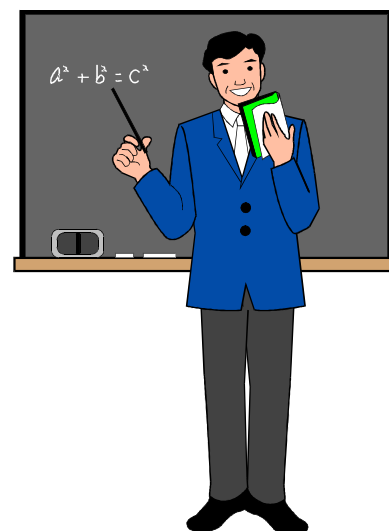
**For a list of the courses and seminars offered, please go to the USPS® website at [www.usps.org](http://www.usps.org).** Though we may not be professional teachers, we do a good job of promoting the USPS® slogan: “Boating is fun . . . We’ll show you how!”

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## Boating Safety

Next season's "Cruise of a Lifetime" starts with today's careful planning. Though the next boating season seems far away, it's not too early to start planning. Whether you take a long or short cruise, on a lake, river, or canal, it's never too early to prepare. A little work in the winter can go a long way to the next boating season.

First of all, get acquainted with the area where you want to cruise. Inquire as to where you can obtain charts, light lists, tide and current tables. Remember to ask for Weather Service Charts. Contact the Coast Guard for information and learn the laws of your cruise area. Learn the location of marinas and what kind of service they provide (i.e. anchorage, etc.). Create a list of all equipment you think you will need, including medical supplies.

Take time to learn the rules of the road. Find areas of shoals and rocks. Check bridge clearances. Become familiar with local lights and daymarks.

Smaller lakes require a plan too

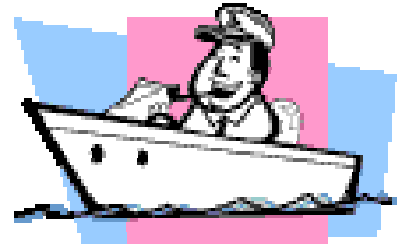
Often no charts are available for smaller, natural, or man-made lakes. When cruising these lakes, knowledge of navigation is not necessary. However, rules and regulations are lake dependant, so take the time to learn these for each lake you cruise. Cruising on the large lakes may require plotting of courses, use of a compass, time, speed and distance calculations, and sometimes bearings and fixes. Excellent Great Lakes Charts are available.

River cruising is different as each river has its own set of rules. Binoculars are the only piloting tools necessary when cruising on a river. You must determine your position by observing landmarks on either side of the river. Use river charts and study the chart legend carefully.

One constant in river cruising is change. The Mississippi and Ohio rivers and other major rivers are constantly changing. Obtain the latest information and talk with local boaters, as they observe daily changes in conditions and can tell you the locations of the latest hazards. Also, the Coast Guard issues "Local Notices to Mariners" with the latest available information.

In addition, when cruising a canal or river which contains locks, familiarize yourself with the locking procedure.

Finally, the USPS Cruise Planning course has much more helpful information on how to plan a safe and enjoyable cruise. Combine the material of the course with facts learned in the Weather course and you can look forward to a very pleasant summer.



*Gisela Murray, SN*



## CPR & AED

District 10 held its Fall Conference in Green Bay the first weekend in November. Included in the list of seminars was CPR AED. Over 30 years ago I completed a CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) course but had not worked with an AED (automated external defibrillator).

AEDs are found in places with many people, such as shopping malls, golf courses, businesses, airports, airplanes, casinos, convention centers, churches, hotels, sports venues, and schools. However, there may not be a person available that is willing to use the unit so it may be up to you.

CPR consists of compressions, (pushing on the chest) and giving breaths. Pushing on the chest causes the blood in the heart to be pushed to other parts of the body including the brain. The rate of these compressions should be at least 100 per minute. After 30 compressions, give two breaths before continuing with more compressions. Each of us took turns on several dummies that were available. We were instructed to determine whether the person is unresponsive, that we sent someone to locate an AED unit and call 911. In working with the dummies, the teaching staff checked that we had the correct hand position on the bare chest for our compressions, that they were deep enough, and that we were positioned to give downward pressure with minimum fatigue to us. In giving the breaths we needed to make sure that the airway is open by positioning the head back. Each of us had several two minute sessions to practice the 30 compressions and 2 breaths under supervision. We also took turns on dummies the size of an infant and one about the size of a child. The overall system is the same with a few adjustments for the size of the person such as using two fingers on an infant.

As soon as the AED unit is available it should be put into use. The AED can be turned on by pushing the "ON" button or simply lifting the lid. Follow the verbal instructions to place the pads on dry skin, stand back so it can analyze the system and it will prompt you when to push the "SHOCK" button. If unsuccessful it will tell you to start CPR. Continue to follow the directions.

The seminar was put on by Jill Noffsinger from Northeast Wisconsin Technical College. . There were 12 of us in the class and all received certification. The ability to work on the dummies gave us the beginning experience that is needed. I would recommend that all of us take a course that gives us the skills to use CPR and an AED. You might be the only one that could save a life.

*P/D/C Ron Kraase, SN*





## St. Mary's Challenger On Final Run

After weeks of speculation, the oldest freighter on the Great Lakes The St. Mary's Challenger and one with a special place in maritime history is unloading its last load of cement, before steaming to Sturgeon Bay, Wis., to be transformed into a barge.

We are talking about a ship that was built before the Titanic, said Richard Jenkins, of Lawrence, Mass., who chased the Challenger from Chicago to Michigan and back. He said the Challenger is the last active U.S. flag freighter built before World War II, and at 107 years, one of the oldest operating ships in the world, which he credited to the fact that for most of her career, she worked on the Great Lakes and not in salt water. The powdered cement delivery, which continued until late Saturday afternoon, marked the conclusion of a second career for the freighter, one which began when she was rebuilt for the cement-hauling trade in 1967-68.

Those who spoke with the crew said the mood on board has become increasingly somber in the past few weeks, as speculation grew about the future of the ship, which is due for a mandatory five-year federal inspection.

Although the Challenger's owner said it was trying to decide between re-powering the ship, the last oil-burning steamship on the Great Lakes, with a new diesel engine and transforming it into a barge, others said the decision was made some time ago and already has a tug waiting in Muskegon, Mich., to begin its pushing chores.

The Chicago History Museum is among those hoping to obtain a piece of the ship as it is transformed. Some ship enthusiasts said they understand the dollars-and-cents decision that had to be made, but Jenkins said they should leave the ship as she is.

*Excerpts from Boat Nerd.com and CBS news*





# Bulletin Board

### Certificates of Appreciation

Two members of the Milwaukee Sail and Power Squadron received Certificates of Appreciation at the Fall District Conference.

District Commander Marie Coons offered her appreciation to **Lt/C Kim Rutkowski** for her work as chair of the 2013 Summer Rendezvous. In addition, Executive Officer Dale Perry offered his appreciation to **St/C Mike Wiedel** for serving as District VSC Chair. Both Kim and Mike would like to thank the members of their team without whose help they could not have accomplished their goal or achieved their success.

### Illinois

SB 1478, mandatory education for all boaters, is being discussed. NMMA is testifying in support with recommendations to make it more uniform with other states as well as encourage the safe use of boats by all ages.

The Illinois Boating Safety Education Coalition, which includes the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary, the United States Power Squadrons, the Chicago Police Department, several yacht clubs, and others, continues to seek a sponsor for legislation for mandatory boating safety education for all boaters. Most recently, the Coalition has been seeking specific data and statistics on Illinois boating accidents.



### DECEMBER

**Roberta Caraway**

**Mary Goodnetter**

**Michael Millirin**

**Mary Swenberg**

**Walter Swenberg**

**David Wiertzema**

### JANUARY

**Joseph Besharse**

**Ruth Durkin**

**Craig Ellis**

**Dorinda Himmelsbach**

**Jeff Himmelsbach**

**Charles Kalupa**

**Mike Krohn**

**Jerry Steurnagel**

### February

**Tim Cimbalnik**

**Fran Pauls**

**Michael Schulz**

**Kim Rutkowski**

**Delores Ziebol**

**Shawn Eland**





*December Member's Meeting*  
*Annual Christmas Holiday Party*

*Wednesday December 11th*

*(Note change from Tuesday to Wednesday)*

**Location: Golden Mast**  
**W349N5293 Lacys Ln,**  
**Okauchee Lake, WI 53069**

Bar ~ 6:00pm

Cocktails in Main Bar

Cash Bar

Dinner ~ 7:00pm

- ◆ **Dinner in Sunroom**
- ◆ **Garden Salad with Parmesan Peppercorn Ranch & Italian Dressings**
- ◆ **Fresh Bakery**
- ◆ **Entrée Choices**
- ◆ **Filet Mignon – Baked Potato**
- ◆ **Prime Rib – Baked Potato**
- ◆ **Alaskan Salmon – Rice Pilaf**
- ◆ **Dessert – Chocolate Tuxedo Torte**
- ◆ **Coffee, Tea and Milk are also included**



**Cost: \$35.00**

**Charity:** *US Coast Guard Milwaukee Active Duty Christmas Meal.*

We will be "Passing The Hat" to raise money to feed Coast Guard personnel standing Search and Rescue Watch, Communications Watch, and other Duty Watches, at Station Milwaukee, and Sector Lake Michigan facilities, on Christmas Eve.

The base galley is closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, so please donate generously to show your appreciation, to those men and women who, away from family and friends, are "standing the watch" on the Christmas Holiday.

Your generous donation will help to bring a great meal and slice of home to those Coast Guard personnel who have duty on Christmas. The meal will be catered by Rupena's and will be a traditional Christmas feast with all the fix'ns

You can make your reservation on-line and pay using PayPal just go to the website at: [milwaukeepowersquadron.org](http://milwaukeepowersquadron.org)  
 Or "Call Ted Smyczek, 262-786-1475 or email <[tmsmyczek@netzero.com](mailto:tmsmyczek@netzero.com)> with your reservation and meal selection."



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