



DECK WATCH



A Quarterly Publication Of The  Milwaukee Sail And Power Squadron

A Unit of District 10, United States Power Squadrons (USPS) – America’s Boating Club

Commander’s Comments

I have just a few facts and comments this month. The 2013-2014 fiscal year will end with a positive cash flow. The report was put on file, pending End of Year audit, which will be completed by the COW.

The Squadron Holiday Celebration was held at the Golden Mast. Thanks to the members who generously donated to the Coast Guard Christmas Meal Dinner Collection. Due to their generosity we collected \$425.00 for the cause.

The USPS Annual Meeting was 27 January to 2 February 2014 in Jacksonville, Fl. Attending was R/C Mike Wiedel, JN, P/C Kim Rutkowski P. Due to weather conditions and airline cancellations Cdr Chuck Kersey, AP, P/D/Lt/C Ted Smyczek, SN, and StF/C Amy Seeley, P did not make the conference. Mike & Kim Wiedel also went on the 100th Anniversary Cruise after the Annual Meeting.

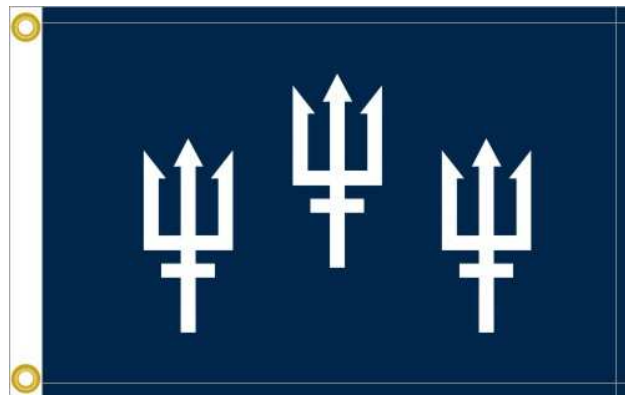
The Milwaukee Boat show had very good representation, we had 15 volunteers to man the booth. The Americas Boating Class conducted on Saturday, 25 January 2014 in conjunction with the Boat Show had 7 Students. Piloting began Wednesday Feb 5th. A mandatory USCG VSC refresh/update on 22 February was held at the UWM School of Freshwater Sciences. Another VSC update will be scheduled for those that could not attend the first one. Instructor Recertification is scheduled for 15 March, location TBD. The Franklin one day class is scheduled for 3 May 2014, it will be added to the squadron website and we are looking at having online registration for the class. Prospective students can respond to boatingcourse@milwaukeepowersquadron.org We are also planning a JN class in the near future, if you are interested in joining this class, please contact Ted Smyczek @ 262-786-2599 or tmsmyczek@netzero.net

The Change of Watch Brunch will be at 1130 on 9 March 2014. Again this year the COW will be at the Golden Mast. The next Members meeting will be April 15th at St. Francis Brewery.

The District Spring Conference will be in Elmo Minnesota on 28-30 March 2014. Registration and Program is on the District web site.

We have the first of many VSC events working with the USCGAux starting 10 May for the Waukesha Cruise Fleet. There will be more VSC, Flare shoots and fire extinguisher training info in following Deck Watches.

Commander Chuck Kersey, AP



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Nominating Committee Report

As required by Milwaukee Sail and Power Squadron Bylaws Article 11 Section 1 the Committee On Nominations recommends the following members to be elected to Office for the Watch Year 2014-2015

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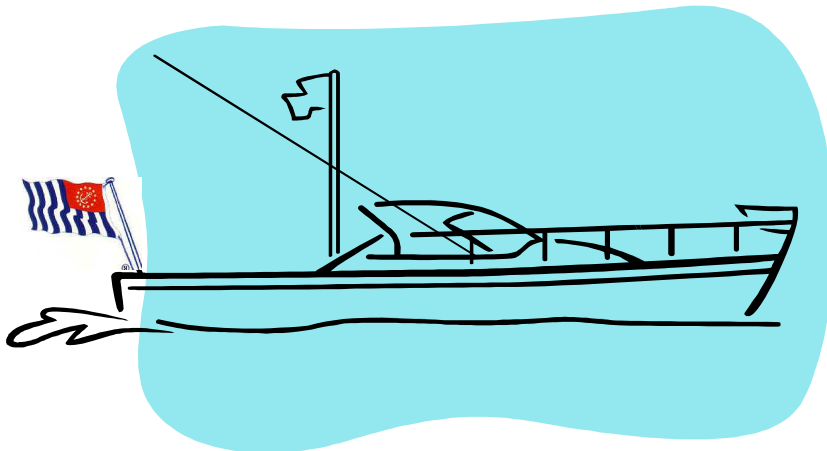
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P/C John C. Goetzman, P	Mike Wiedel, JN
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Please send questions, comments, Roster information, updates/changes, photos, news etc. to:
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Instructor Recertification

The last four years have passed quickly. It is time now to recertify, as for most of us, our certification runs out this spring. This can be done by completing a two hour seminar that will be presented on Saturday morning March 15, at 0900 in the conference room at South Shore Yacht Club.

This recertification Seminar has two major goals: (1) to expose participants to recent changes relevant to teaching USPS courses, and equally important (2) to provide an opportunity for participants, who are experienced USPS instructors to share their experiences as to what works

The following need recertification:

Michael Wiedel, Kim Wiedel, Charles Kersey, Melvin Fabiszak, Mary Goodnetter, Jennifer Cihak-Peschke, Ted Smyczek, Fran Pauls, Gisela Murray and Ron Kraase.

Let me know if you will be able to meet with us on the fifteenth.

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Milwaukee Squadron Member Assumes The Helm Of The National Safety Committee

At the annual meeting Mike Wiedel was elected R/C (Rear Commander) or Chairperson of the National Safety Committee by the members of the National Governing Board of USPS. The Safety Committee administers the Vessel Safety Check, CPR/First Aid, F.A.S.T (First Aid Service Team), and the newly organized Marine Dealer Program Visitor Initiative.

Mike is assisted by 3 StF/C (Staff Commanders) or assistant Chairpersons, also elected by the Governing Board, one of which is Milwaukee Squadron Member Amy Seeley. The other two are Lee Chasse from Ft Myers, FL and Alan Karpas from Brooklyn, NY.

The other 18 members of the committee are appointed by the chairperson with the concurrence of the National Executive Officer and the Chief Commander.

Congratulations to Mike, Amy and rest of the Safety Committee staff on their election and appointments.





ARE WATERSPOUTS WATER TORNADOS?

Published by the Marketing/ PR Committee

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At one time or another most boaters have seen a waterspout. They are pretty to watch and usually quite benign. Recently a waterspout hit a marina nearby my home and did considerable damage. Needless to say, I have developed a new level of respect for these anomalies of nature.

There are two types of waterspouts: fair weather and tornadic. Fair weather waterspouts form as their name implies and can exist on a bright sunny day. They have winds in the 50 mph range and usually remain over water. They will dissipate rapidly when approaching land. Tornadic waterspouts are accompanied by severe thunderstorm activity and can have winds up to 150 mph. They can move out over water while maintaining a very high and harmful wind velocity.



Waterspouts are formed under conditions of warm temperatures and high humidity. That is why they are common in southern waters. They form along a dark base of cumulonimbus clouds and are caused by a vertical wind shear, which is a wind force that changes as it goes higher from the surface to the clouds. The waterspout is not a whirling column of water, but consists of cloud vapor which is tiny water droplets that swirl around. Fair weather waterspouts start at the water surface and work their way up to the cloud base, whereas the more dangerous tornadic waterspouts start at the cloud base and work their way downward.

Any waterspout seen on the water and/or approaching land needs to be treated with respect. You can never be certain what type of waterspout you are observing. They tend to move fairly slowly over the surface and can be very dangerous. Boaters should never try to navigate through a waterspout and should avoid difficulty by moving away from it at right angles. They have been known to suck up small animals, seaweed, saltwater, sea fauna, fish, and even a small boat or a human. There are recorded cases on land, in which raindrops were mingled with a surprise downfall of salt water, fish, seaweed, and all manner of other debris. If you experience such an event, you know you have just witnessed the demise of a waterspout.

You can learn more about waterspouts at the national weather service web site. The United States Power Squadrons® include sections on weather in its ABC Boating Class as well as in a number of seminars and an excellent Weather Course. Watch for these offerings from your local Power Squadron or contact the national website at www.usps.org. Such general information should be fun and learning about weather patterns can be interesting while keeping you safe on the water.

Have fun and “stay safe, my friend!” As Power Squadron members always remind us: “Boating is fun...we’ll show you how!”

Lt. Bill Hempel

Senior Feature Writer

Marketing/Public Relations Committee

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One Hundredth Anniversary Cruise

Mike Wiedel

Aboard the ms Nieuw Amsterdam,

On Sunday February 2nd 2014 365 USPS members along with 650 additional guests boarded the ms Nieuw Amsterdam in Ft. Lauderdale, FL for a week long voyage to the eastern Caribbean islands. The ms Nieuw Amsterdam is a 935 foot long ship capable of entertaining 2111 guests in royal fashion. The crew of 929 is capable of indulging your every need.

ms Nieuw Amsterdam is not quite as large as other cruise ships. With a gross tonnage of 87000 tons, 106 feet wide and her six diesel generators capable of producing 86000 horsepower for both prime and ships service power, she is quite capable. The prime propulsion is provided by 2 ABB Azipod electric drives each producing 17.6 megawatts of thrust. Both combined the total power for prime moving is 48,000 horsepower, and can move the ship at a respectable 23 Knots. Maneuverability is further enhanced by bow and stern thrusters. Fuel consumption is a miserly 33,500 gallons a day, or about 120 tons of fuel daily. The ship also produces 540,000 gallons of fresh water a day. Waste water treatment meets or exceeds municipal discharge regulations, and all garbage is stowed for disposal ashore.

At 1552 the ship pulled away from the pier, slightly ahead of schedule because all passengers were on board early, and while were escorted out of port by the Broward County Sheriff, all passengers participated in the mandatory muster drill.

The first night was spent finding our dinner seating, enjoying a fine meal, and a show in the ships lounge. The deck lights on the ship were extinguished at 0100, and the view of the night sky and the muted lights of the fading Florida coast made for a relaxing first evening at sea. The night sky always relaxes so almost every night was spent star gazing from the room veranda.

Monday was a day at sea, so the ship was alive with activity, whether pool side, at one of the many bars, in the ships lounge, or roaming the ships stores, spas, or exercise areas there was activity to keep everyone busy.

Tuesday we arrived in Grand Turk at 0749. A full day of shopping or other shore side activities were available for the pleasure of the ships guests. Some did the ATV tour, snorkeling, or swimming in the clear blue waters, or just sitting on the beach getting a tan. Shopping was also a big hit with shops such as Diamonds International, and Effy getting a lot of visitors. We departed Grand Turk at 1456 and set our sights on San Juan, Puerto Rico. That evening there was a USPS 100th

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Ms Niewamsterdam



Grand Turk Welcome



Megans Bay



Grand Turk Local Beach



One Hundreth Anniversary Cruise

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anniversary reception on the fantail of the ms Niew Amsterdam. The food, beverage and company were enjoyed by all.

Wednesday at 1255 found us in San Juan, after a group photo on the bow of the ship USPS members were treated to a reception at the US Coast Guard Base in San Juan. Roast pig and local beverages were served, along with the usual speeches and proclamations. With the festivities over a group of us took the harbor ferry across the bay, caught a quick cab ride and visited the Bacardi Rum facility. The tour was enjoyable and best of all, the libation was free. We returned to the ship and wandered old San Juan until we departed at 2236

Thursday brought us to St Thomas arriving at 0750. The San Juan squadron treated us to a fantastic time with a tour to Mountain Top, a BBQ at Magens Beach, shopping, and other sights. The most uncomfortable thing is the narrow roads and the driving on the left hand side of the road. We departed St Thomas at 1644. A "Next 100 Years" reception was held for USPS members as we departed for the next stop, Half Moon Kay, Bahamas

Friday was another day at sea on our way to Half Moon Kay. Saturday heralded our arrival and tenders took us to shore for sun, fun, food, and drink. It was interesting to note the ship did not drop anchor. She held position utilizing her dynamic positioning system. This system uses the ships primary propulsion and thrusters to hold her in one spot. We departed for Ft Lauderdale at 1500



Megans Bay, St Thomas V.I.

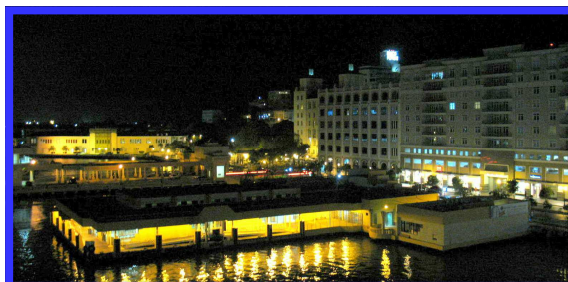
Sunday returned us to port and we began disembarkation at 0800. Many USPS members remarked on the fabulous time had and many suggested that USPS sponsor an event like this every 5 years.



San Juan Fort



Bacardi Tour, Bottles



San Juan Harbor at night



Presentation, USCG Sector San Juan



Mike, Pirate Mountain Top



USPS Joins Coast Guard Program to Promote Safe Boating

USPS has joined the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary to promote the USCG recreational safe boating program. We will provide boating safety literature as well as squadron education and membership literature to new and existing partners. The Partner Visitation program will be a significant Safety Committee initiative and will help promote our programs. Check out the Safety Committee's Partner Visitation website for information on how to become involved in this program. — Alan Karpas

READ MORE <http://www.usps.org/national/safety/rbsvp.html>

Time to Think About Membership: Member Benefits Tools

Your certificate number is your ticket to real savings! Share this idea with your membership and with potential members. Tools on the Member Benefits Tools page are ready for your squadron, district or national committee to use in promoting the many benefits available to USPS members—this can help you get a new member and keep an existing one. Visit us online to learn more. — Barbara Erickson

Build Your Squadron's On-the-Water Program

Visit the Boat Operator Certification website to see the new PowerPoint presentation and learn how to build an On-the-Water Program for your squadron or district. Contact your BOC regional director for additional information. Congratulations to Gary Hardiman of Fort Vancouver Sail & Power Squadron and Marty Heck of Chattanooga Sail & Power Squadron. Gary won the buoy set, and Marty won a BOC passport in the free drawing at the USPS 2014 Annual Meeting Expo. — Scott McDonald

READ MORE <http://www.usps.org/national/eddept/boc/main.htm>

Tall Ships on the Horizon

Tall Ships America and USPS signed a Memorandum of Understanding 1 Feb. 2014 at the USPS Annual Meeting in Jacksonville, Fla. The MOU was signed by USPS Chief Commander John Alter and Tall Ships America Executive Director Capt. Robert "Bert" Rogers. Sharing a dedication to boating safety and education, both organizations pledge to promote and support each other's mission. Capt. Rogers presented Tall Ships on the Horizon, a seminar on the two organizations' cooperative efforts. Robert Palmer and Donald Stark presented a similar session 5 Feb. at the Tall Ships America annual meeting in San Diego, Calif. Tall Ships America has more than 250 member ships. USPS squadrons and districts are encouraged to contact nearby tall ships to see how the cooperative effort can work in their area. The Tall Ships Challenge Pacific Coast 2014 will include the port cities of San Diego, Los Angeles and Dana Point. For more information about Tall Ships America activities and member ships, see sailtraining.org. — Don Fiander

Continue Celebrating USPS 100th Anniversary in Hawaii

Please join in celebrating the USPS 100th Anniversary at the District 13 Fall Conference 21–26 Oct. 2014 in Honolulu, Hawaii. You may also visit our website, for periodic updates on events and other information. Call Richard Denton at 808-266-0605 for more information. — Dick Daybell

READ MORE <http://uspshon.org/100th-anniversary-conference/140-100th-anniversary-fall-conference-october-2014.html>



Excerpts from the
"USPS Blast",
 an informational Newsletter
 distributed monthly by
 USPS to Editors and Web-
 masters



Boating Safety



“Wear Your Life Jacket!” A Slogan So Nice, They Are Using It Twice

The North American Safe Boating Campaign reminds us again this year: Boat Smart From the Start – Wear your Life Jacket!” Remember, it’s called a “life” jacket for a reason – it just might save your life. Each year, nearly 90 percent of all recreational boating drowning victims are not wearing life jackets. This means that many of these deaths were preventable.

You probably heard it many times: “I don’t need a life jacket, I can swim.” But even an excellent swimmer can succumb to a combination of cold water and swift currents. Hitting an obstruction or sudden severe weather can quickly send people over board.

Think again. While you may think you have time to steady yourself and put on a life jacket in an emergency, you probably won’t. Things happen too quickly. And if you are knocked unconscious before you hit the water, you will have nothing to keep you afloat.

If you find yourself in the water, don’t be too quick to remove clothing. Soaked clothing won’t weigh you down and may actually keep you warmer. However, it does restrict movement, and offers no buoyancy.

When putting on your lifejacket, be sure it fits properly. A jacket that is too loose may pull up around your face when you are in the water. Get a life jacket that fits you, and make all necessary adjustments. Always take extra care when checking a child’s life jacket.

Make a habit of periodically testing your life jacket. Practice swimming with it on, learning it’s characteristics. Practice putting on your life jacket while in the water. Consider attaching a whistle to it; this can come in handy if you are in the water and need to alert someone.

No matter how long or short your trip on the water will be, always put on your life jacket before you get on the boat. If you are wading offshore a life jacket will keep you afloat should you flip or find a sudden drop-off.

The next time you see a professional water demonstration – either civilian or military – notice that all participants wear a life jacket. If they need one, then so do you.

If you are still not convinced, then ask yourself one simple question – “What is my life worth?”

Gisela Murray, SN





America's Great Loop



“Fear Knot”

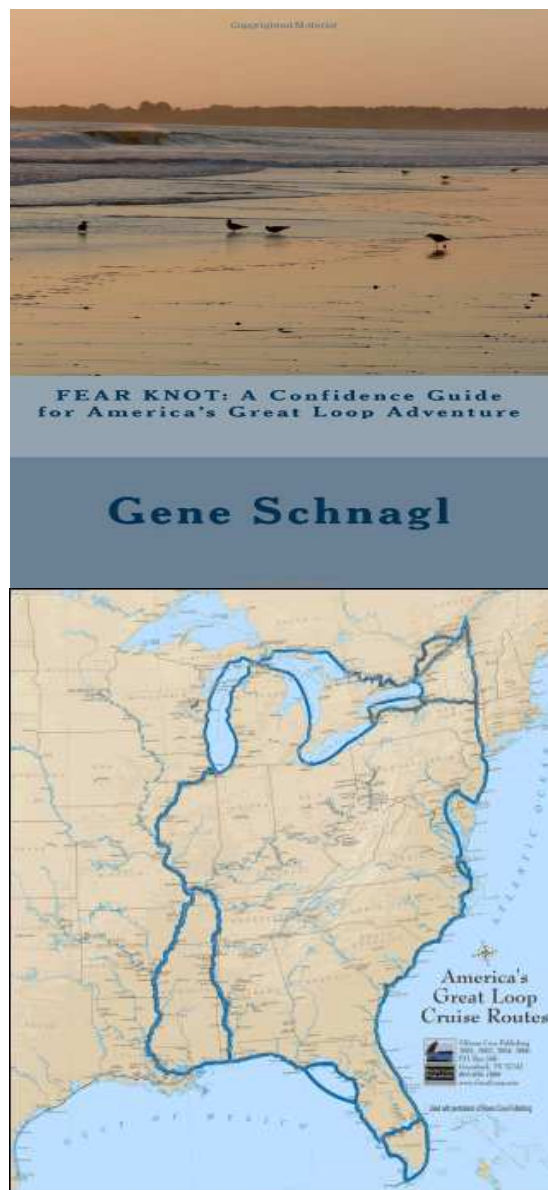
A Book by Gene Schnagl

At our member's meeting in Oct of 2011 Captain Gene Schnagl and his wife, Kathy (members of South Shore Yacht Club) gave a presentation about their Great Loop adventure. Gene and his wife, Kathy have since written a book about their almost 7,000 mile circumnavigation of the eastern United States. Through personal experience they learned to overcome their fear and anxiety of such an undertaking and completed the adventure of a lifetime. Their book Fear Knot was written to allow those boaters who share this daring dream called America's Great Loop to successfully accomplish this goal, without the fears of the unknown.

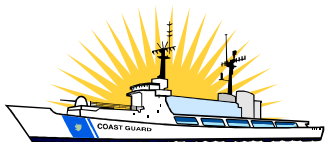
You can obtain a copy by going to www.amazon.com and entering the book name, Fear Knot.

A perfect read, during this time of hard water, to get you excited and motivated for the upcoming boating season.

P/C Kim Rutkowski, P



Squadron Hosts Christmas Dinner For USCG



Each year the Milwaukee Sail and Power Squadron chooses a charity or organization to donate too. This year's charity: US Coast Guard Milwaukee Active Duty Christmas Meal. We “Passed 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. On Christmas Eve day members of the Coast Guard Aux and the Milwaukee Sail and Power Squadron got together to serve Christmas Eve dinner to 35 on duty men and women and their families at Coast Guard Station Milwaukee and Sector Lake Michigan. The Milwaukee Sail and Power Squadron was represented by Craig and Joan Lake, John and Maryanne Goetzman, and Mike and Kim Wiedel. The base galley is closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Our generous donation helped to bring a great meal and slice of home to those Coast Guard personnel who had duty on Christmas. The meal catered by Rupena’s was a traditional Christmas feast with all the fix’ns: ham, turkey, corn, potatoes, gravy, dressing, rolls, and apple and cherry pie with whipped topping. There was plenty of food left over for late night snacking or for the next shift to enjoy a holiday meal. Thanks to all our members for their generous contributions, because of you we were able to raise the necessary funds to cover all the costs. P/C Kim Rutkowski, P



Events

Milwaukee Squadron Member Receives New Life Member Award

Mike Wiedel was inducted as a new life member of USPS on January 30th at the Annual Meeting in Jacksonville, FL. The requirement for life membership is having earned 25 merit marks.

Mike has been a member of the Milwaukee Sail and Power Squadron for 27 years. He served as commander in 1996-1997 and again in 2010-2011. He was District Commander in 2002-2003.

The Life Member award reads as follows:

Having earned 25 merit marks for meritorious service , given unstintingly and unselfishly in the interest of our organization.

Congratulations to Mike and all the new Life Members of USPS.

LIFE MEMBER



MARCH

Karen Beckman

Gary Bush

Ken Dziubek

Larry King

Dan Noonan

Mike Rissell

Sue Kersey

APRIL

Mike Wiedel

Arthur Dietrich

John Grass

Megan Kubatzke

Amy Seeley

Anne Humphrey

MAY

Gisela Murray

Paul Burstein

Joe Dembiec

Heinz Kinnius

David Minerath

Ken Shea

Doug Huskey



Milwaukee Boat Show January 2014

Some of the coldest temperatures of the year did not stop the crowds from attending The Milwaukee Boat Show January 17th to 26th.

Our Squadron participated with the USCGAUX and the Milwaukee Police Department Marine Unit in a combined boating Safety display. Our three groups took up one entire aisle of the show and offered boaters a chance to learn about classes, seminars, and other safety related programs USPS and the Coast Guard Auxiliary offer. Visitors were also able to learn about the duties the Milwaukee Police Marine Unit performs. The benefits of membership in USPS or the Auxiliary were also promoted to those interested in furthering their boating education. Members who worked the booth were also able to meet and interact with our counterparts in the other organizations.



MSPS also offered a One Day Americas Boating Safely course again this year at the show, with nine students in attendance.

Thanks to all the volunteers who worked the show, and the ABC class.

District Spring Conference and Change of Watch

When: 28-30 March, 2014

Where: Holiday Inn and Suites
Lake Elmo Minnesota

Cost: Rooms are \$109.00 per night
deadline Feb 28, 2014

For more information and registration <http://www.usps-d10.org/conference.asp>

Join the members of District 10 in welcoming in the new bridge

USPS D10 2014 Spring Conference March 28-30, 2014



Holiday Inn & Suites

**8511 Hudson Blvd, Lake Elmo, MN
651-714-8068**

Hosted by St. Paul Sail and Power Squadron



Join Us

Friday

D10 Bandstand. Dance to your favorite DJ songs from the 50's, 60's, & 70's. Dress for the era.

Saturday

During lunch listen to a "Generations Panel" discussion.

Following dinner and the Change of Watch the "Cease and Desist Small Big Band" will provide music for your listening and dancing pleasure.

and much more...



What you missed at the Annual Meeting

1. **The weather in Jacksonville. 50-60's still warmer than Milwaukee.**
2. **The following seminars:**
 - a. **Maritime Author Robert Macomber – “Yachts in Battle Gray”**
 - b. **USPS Boat Handling Virtual Trainer Simulator Demo – practice your driving and docking skills. (Fig 3)**
 - c. **General member information meeting**
3. **A chance to vote for the winner of the kid's poster contest**
4. **Lighted boat parade on the river – the members of the Jacksonville Power Squadron put on a lighted boat parade Friday night on the river with a theme of Mardi Gras**
5. **The raffle – Take a chance on over 100 items donated or made by fellow power squadron members. The best prize a 1950's Evinrude motor.**
6. **The Expo – Over 50 booths representing the different committees and outside vendors (Fig 1 & 2)**
7. **The ship stores fashion show**
8. **The teaching aides display contest - some were very creative (Fig 5)**
9. **The parade of flags for the 100th anniversary representing each district and squadron**
10. **National Executive Officer Louie welcoming the first timers (Fig 4)**
11. **Making new friends**
12. **A letter from the President of the United States congratulating USPS on their 100th anniversary.**

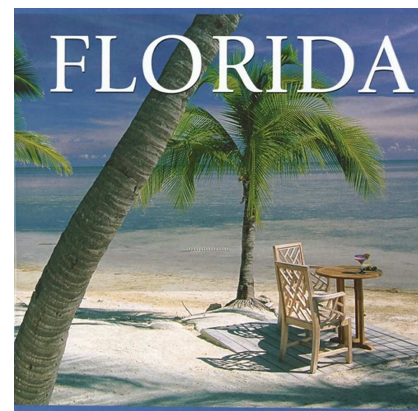




Fig 1



Fig 2



Fig 3



Fig 4



Fig 5 ,Yes those are Bra's



Education

Advanced Piloting Course Description

As the 2014 boating season approaches (will it ever get here?), you will see fit to learn more about inland and coastal navigation after you completed the USPS Piloting Course. Here is a suggestion:

Advanced Piloting is the second in the sequence of USPS courses on navigation. It continues to build coastal and inland navigation skill, allowing the student to take on more challenging conditions – unfamiliar waters, limited visibility, and extended cruises. GPS is embraced as a primary navigation tool while adding radar, chartplotters, and other electronic navigation tools. As with Piloting, the course includes many in-class exercises, advancing the student's skills through hands-on practice and learning. Ten classes of two hours each normally are scheduled for presentation of this course. In addition the students have seven days to complete the open book exam. Topics covered include: •Review of skills learned in Piloting •Advanced positioning techniques such as advancing a line of position •Other electronics: radar, depth sounders, autopilots, chartplotters, laptop computer software, etc. •Hazard avoidance techniques using electronics (e.g., “keep out” zones in GPS) •Collision avoidance using radar and GPS •Working with tides: clearances, depth, effects of current •Piloting with wind and currents •The “Seaman’s Eye” – simple skills for checking that one is on course

The pre-requisite for the Advanced Piloting Course is the Piloting Course.

If taking the Advanced Piloting Course interests you, call Ted Smyczek, 262-786-1475

Junior Navigation Course Description

Are you ready to add to your navigational “tool kit” beyond your Advanced Piloting skills? Here's how:

Junior Navigation is the first in a two-part program of study in offshore navigation, followed by the Navigation course. It is designed as a practical "how to" course. Subject matter includes: •Precise time determination •Use of the Nautical Almanac •Taking sextant sights of the sun •Reducing sights to establish lines of position •Special charts and plotting sheets for offshore navigation •Offshore navigational routines for recreational craft

In Junior Navigation, the student will continue to use GPS as the primary position sensor, as they learned to do in Piloting and Advanced Piloting. However, the offshore environment poses many different elements for consideration by the Navigator. Ocean currents, wind, and sea state all affect a vessel's performance over the longer passages.

Also, visible terrestrial landmarks are no longer available to the navigator as reference points. In the Junior Navigation course, the student will learn to substitute celestial objects such as the sun as reference points. The course begins with the study of celestial navigation, teaching the student to take sights on the sun with a marine sextant and derive a line of position from that observation. Next, the student will apply the principles learned in Advanced Piloting, and plot a running fix from two sun sights taken about four hours apart. Once the student has learned the basics of celestial sight reduction, the course continues with planning, positioning, and checking one's position in the offshore environment, using both electronic and celestial tools.

The pre-requisite for the Junior Navigation Course is the Advanced Piloting Course.

If taking the Junior Navigation Course interests you, call Ted Smyczek, 262-786-1475



Bulletin Board

Christmas Holiday Party

The Squadron's Holiday Celebration was held December 11, 2013, at the Golden Mast. The charity this year was the Members of Coast Guard Sector Lake Michigan and Station Milwaukee Christmas Dinner.



Twenty-seven people attended the Christmas Holiday Party. A good time was had by all.

I Miss my Hard Copy Roster

I find that it's inconvenient when each time I want to refer to the Milwaukee Sail & Power Squadron Roster, I have to go to the MSPS website to get the information I need. So I printed out a hard copy of the Roster from the website and would be happy to make a copy for you.

For your copy, please call: Ted Smyczek, 262-786-1475



Future Member Meetings

**APRIL MEMBER MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 15 2014**

**ST FRANCIS BREWERY
3825 S. KINNICKINNIC Ave
MILWAUKEE, WI**



5:00 PM - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

6:00 PM - ATTITUDE AJUSTMENT

7:00 - DINNER

7:45 - PROGRAM

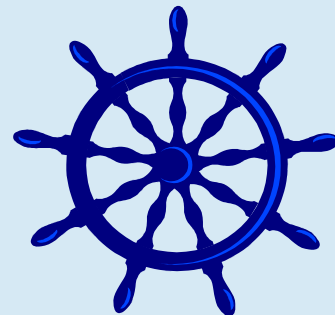
MENU TO BE DETERMINED

THE BREWERY WILL HAVE THEIR TAPPERS AGAIN

\$20.00

**May Member Meeting
Thursday, May 15 2014**

**South Shore Yacht Club
2900 E.Nock Street
Milwaukee WI**



5:00 PM - Executive Committee - Conference Room

6:00 PM Attitude Adjustment & Chile Dump

7:00 PM - Flare Shoot

Cost to be determined SSSYC Powerboaters

For reservations to either of these two events contact Ted Smyczek

Phone: 262-786-2599 or 262-786-1475

E-mail: tmsmyczek@netzero.com



2014 Change of Watch Brunch

When: Sunday March 9, 2014

**Where: Golden Mast Inn
W349N5293 Lacy's Lane
Okauchee, WI**

Time:

11:30 AM - Cash Bar

12:30 PM - Sunday Champagne Brunch

**1:30 PM - MSPS Annual Meeting and Elections and
Change Of Watch**

Cost: \$30.00

RSVP: Ted Smyczek 262-786-4699 or
administrative@milwaukeepowersquadron.org
by March 3, 2014.

Dress code: Class A with tie or Business Attire



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