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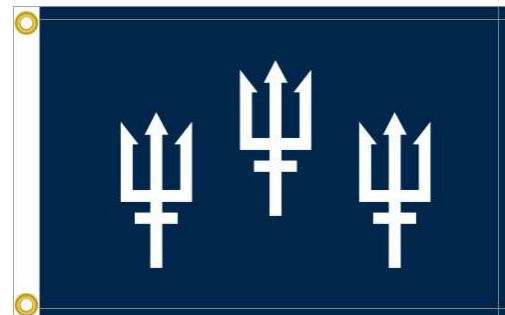
A Unit of District 10, United States Power Squadrons (USPS) – America’s Boating Club



Commander’s Comments

D10 Spring Conference and COW

National Treasurer, V/C Robert (Bob) Miller, SN-CN, installed the new bridge for District 10 with our own Thad Smyczek as the new Commander for the 2015 – 2016 year – Thank You Commander Miller and Congratulations to Commander Smyczek



Members of the District Bridge presented excellent Workshops for all the incoming Squadron Officers Various Seminars were presented, Recreational Boating Safety Visitor Program and VSC, DB2000 and Promoting Your Squadron with Social Media

Sprecher Brewery Tour – Excellent Tour enjoyed by all Local Shopping for the out-of-towners at Bayshore Town Centre and Boelter’s Superstore for restaurant products made available to the general public

MS&PS Past Year Accomplishments

- 4 Members Attended Annual Meeting in Jacksonville Fl.
- Partnered W/USCG Aux. And MPD for the 2014 WI. State Fair Boat Show
- Contacted Milwaukee Sea Scouts Saturday, Mar 14 @ the Ghost Ship Festival, they are definitely interested in our courses for the scouts and leaders.
- Contacted US Navy Sea Cadet Program, they may be interested in our courses for the cadets.
- 3 ABC class’s @ Boat Show, Franklin and Southwind Marine
- Mandatory VSC Refresher/Update by USCG Aux @ UWM Freshwater Science Building
- Instructor Development
- Completed Piloting Class @ Ron Kraase’s Home
- VSCs Inland Waters – 5 Completed
- VSCs Federal Waters – 86 Completed
- National Wear your PFD to Work Day
- National Safe Boating Week - Ready-Set-Wear-It Program -
- Flare Shoot @ SSYC w/USCG Aux, USCG
- Review of the Fleet @ SSYC
- Ongoing JN Class W/ 6 Members
- Seminars this spring - Basic Coastal Navigation, Mastering Rules of the Road, VHF and VHF/DSC Marine Radio, Marine Radar, Emergencies on Board and

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Partner in Command

- Worked with USCG Aux. on Visitor Program
 - Stickers made for Automated Radio Check (ARC) distributed in VSC Packets
 - Make & Distribute Posters for VSC's, ARC, ABC Classes & Seminars
 - Annual Christmas Party @ Golden Mast
 - Christmas time Charity – ShipMasters Educational Scholarship - Raised \$514, enough for 1 Scholarship
 - Sun. Morning breakfast @ SSSYC
 - Movie Night @ McKinley Yacht Club – Lost – Had members critique things he did wrong
 - 75 Total Members
 - 1 Reinstated Member
 - 1 New Member
 - 9 Life Members
- 1 New Life Member this Year P/C Fran Pauls SN – Congratulations and Thank You for your Help, Devotion and Commitment

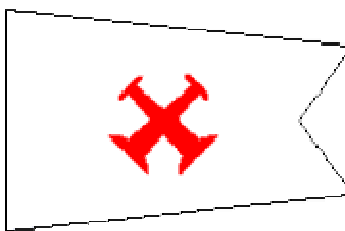
Cmdr. Chuck Kersey



New District Flag Lieutenant

Karen Beckmann of the Milwaukee Sail and Power Squadron will serve as D/C Ted Smyczek's District Flag Lieutenant. Karen's service to the Milwaukee Sail and Power Squadron has included Squadron Commander, Certified Instructor for the ABC Boating Course, and Chair D10 District Conference. She also revised the D10 Conference Planning Guide. Her responsibilities as a flag lieutenant will be as the district commander's right hand during the year, primarily at meetings.

Congratulations Karen on your new district position.



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P/C Carl Pluckhan SN



“Come for the Boating Education...Stay for the Friends.”



Chief Commander's Message

Delivered by V/C Robert Miller at the D10 Spring Conference

I bring greetings from C/C Robert & Nancy Baldrige. Greetings and hopes for a successful conference. Robert & Nancy wish they could be with you today, but with 32 district conferences this spring, they cannot make them all. I am honored to be with you representing the Chief. Pleased and honored. I have a job: C/C Baldrige has asked me not only to relay what's going on at national, but to report back on the issues here in your district. Please involve me in your discussions about the problems and opportunities facing your squadrons. I may be able to offer insight into what other squadrons are doing and will certainly take back any issues you have. If I can't answer a question, I'll work on finding an answer. Also, I'm here as a national recruiter. We're always looking to add folks to national committees. Be sure to get with me to explore which national committees match your talents and skills.



For 100 years, the United States Power Squadrons has worked to make the water a better place. This is our mission, this is who we are, and this is what we do! The mission is important and so is our focus on: Civic Service, Education, and Fellowship on the water: it's why we came and it's why we joined. Because our mission is important, we will go to the boater where the boater is: we will educate in the classroom, on the water, and in the cloud.

We will adapt our civic service to the needs of the current boater: Coop Charting, Vessel Safety Checks, and SERAT will all adapt to the changing environment. We will team up with our partners and see them as colleagues not competitors. We will recognize that to accomplish our mission we need more hands on deck. We will grow to be better able to fulfill our mission. AND, we will have fun doing it. We will remember that Fellowship is the base of the triangle and we will not be afraid to enjoy the ride!

Now for some news:

Our new website is up and running with a clean fresh look. Selecting "Members Click Here" provides access to the information held on our old website. Over the next few months the member and committee areas of our website will be updated to match the public area.

Shortly after the introduction of the ABC Classroom 6 month trial membership, some squadrons reported back that what they really wanted was to offer a reduced price for a longer term. Squadrons can now offer ABC Classroom Graduates the option to pay a full year's dues and get "18 months for the price of 12". This does not replace the 6 month trial option. ABC Students must still be entered and reported via HQ800 system (don't select the trial option), then go to www.usps.org/php/membership and select 18 month membership option. Selecting student from drop down list reduces input time and rekeying and the ability to add students and non-students into family group reduces additional processing.

Just introduced, the brand manual is designed to help tell the story of the United States Power Squadrons® in a clear and consistent manner. The United States Power Squadrons' brand is a valuable asset, requiring proper management. Consistency and accuracy in the way our brand is expressed and reproduced will build brand strength and increase brand awareness and recognition. The manuals are available from the CommCom page on either the old website or the new one. They appear as entries on the left menu.

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Have you ever heard the United States Power Squadrons is the best kept secret on the water or that nobody knows who we are? You can help us get our name out more. Here's how. We have launched a campaign to raise funds to hire an advertising agency to help with a branding study. Upon completion of the study, we will have specific goals for increasing the sales of our courses and seminars and ideas for growing our membership. Our goal is \$100,000 for the marketing campaign. To reach this goal, we are asking for contributions of \$100 from members, squadrons and districts. For a gift of \$100 or more, you will join the inaugural Friends of Marketing group and your contribution will be recognized in an upcoming issue of The Ensign. To contribute to this special campaign please visit <http://www.usps.org/dues/donation>

How about doing your own market research? Talk to your friends and boating neighbors and ask: What would they like to see in a boating skills organization? How would they like to learn? You can find out a lot, by just asking.

In 2015 we are continuing to offer boater education in many formats: in the classroom with printed course material, and, going forward, with electronic course material, on the water, in online virtual classrooms, in interactive online programmed instruction, and with the use of simulators. Keep in mind that it is volunteer USPS members who bring all of these to you and to the boating public. There is no paid staff who develops and maintains these products. The folks who put these together are all members of local squadrons, just like you, and just like me. These folks, and you, and me, are the people who make up what we like to call "national". These folks are paid for their efforts in the knowledge that giving of their time, talents and resources is the right thing to do. This is one of the wonderful things about USPS—talented folks giving of their resources so that others may better enjoy their experience on the water.

A new version of America's Boating course will be released in 2015. The new edition will include changes suggested by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators as they have been developing national standards for Boater Education. In 2015 we will move from using the Cap'N software for JN and N to a downloadable navigation software package called OpenCPN. Our courses that deal with navigation will be updated to accommodate OpenCPN.

Classroom delivered versions of Using VHF Radio, Using GPS, and Automatic Identification System are planned for release during 2015. We now have supplemental programs written and available for all courses. Some may work better in your area than others, but be sure to take a look at them when you are offering a course. They greatly enhance the "customer satisfaction" if you can add them to the regular classroom material.

There are now several hundred Inland Navigator Certifiers on our roster. Work with the Royal Yachting Association of the U.K. toward achieving international recognition of our BOC certificates continues.

Time. We have less of it as the pace of life continues to accelerate. One way of saving travel time to and from classes, is to create a virtual classroom in cyberspace. Several Squadrons have been conducting traditional classroom classes using GoToMeeting or Skype, creating a virtual classroom. The result is that folks can attend classes, and interact with the instructor and with one another, but save the travel time required to attend a "physical" class. Educational Outreach team leader Bill McManimen, wmcmanimen@verizon.net, has been tracking the success of these squadrons, and can help you set up your own virtual classroom.

We plan to conduct several webinars on boating topics during 2015. Webinars are onetime events conducted live at a prescheduled time. Look for the titles and dates in upcoming member monthly Blasts.

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Several of our partners, such as the Great Lakes Cruising Club, conduct scheduled webinars and classes throughout the year on topics of interest. Most of our partners offer their webinars and instructional sessions to USPS members at a discount from their retail prices. Check them out at their websites. One way to get our name in front of the millions of boaters who are unaware of our existence is to get their attention in the online world. America's Boating Course has been available online since 2010. In 2014, 886 prospects took ABC3 online. Why are they prospects? They have purchased one of our products. That makes them prospective members. Each prospect's contact information is forwarded to the public contact of three squadrons within 100 miles of the prospect's zip code. From there, it is up to each Squadron to follow-up. We have increased the online visibility of ABC online in 2014, and content updates are planned for ABC version 4 in 2015.

Another of our lead-generating activities in the online world is to develop a series of boating seminars aimed at non-members, short topics of interest. Many of the seminar takers reside in areas near a squadron, and, just as with America's Boating Course, when such a prospect takes one of the seminars, the prospect's contact information is forwarded to three squadrons within 100 miles of the prospect's zip code. Through year-end 2014, 556 people have taken one or more of our interactive online seminars, and seventy to eighty percent of these were not members of USPS. Many of our courses are available in narrated PowerPoint format on the University of West Florida's website. To find them, go to <http://www.usps.org/edonline>

Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons purchased the first Simulator for use outside of USPS. It has been in production since October 2014 and is bi-lingual, with audio instruction in both English and French. We plan to have a BSVT unit as an attention getter at numerous events in 2015, including the International Boating and Water Safety Summit, several major boat shows, and the Tall Ships Challenge events along the East Coast during June and July. Our current plan is to have a dozen BSVT units moving about the country by year end 2015.

In 2014, Brunswick Boats awarded cash prize money to three Squadrons participating in Brunswick's Dealer Advantage program. First place platinum award prize of \$1,000 went to Pittsburgh PS of D/7. After being contacted by Brunswick's Dealer Advantage group, Fox Chapel Marine manager Diane Schafer reached out to Pittsburgh Power Squadron. Pittsburgh Past Commander Jane Brandenstein worked with Fox Chapel Marine to schedule a number of classes at the dealership in 2013 and 2014. The dealer publicized the events using their mailing lists and marketing methods, and attracted some 40 folks to 4 classes and seminars. Now is the time to work with your nearest Brunswick dealer. Plan your spring and summer courses and seminars now. Report your activities and successes to team leader John Miller. viper6miller@gmail.com.

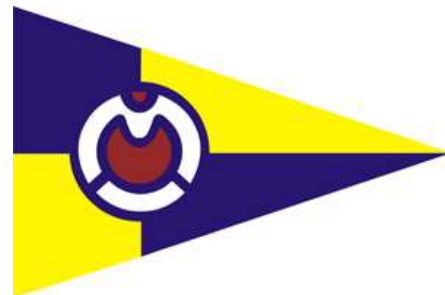
The world of recreational boating and our own reality are changing. It has become quite evident that our next century will be very different from our first. Our future depends on our ability to adapt. Our membership decreased a little more than 2% per year from 1990 to 2010. We seem to have stabilized for the last few years at about 18,000 dues paying members. This hasn't been without a lot of effort from squadron, district leaders. We will need to continue this pressure and hold this membership level. This new level of membership has resulted in a considerable reduction in dues revenue. Efforts to replace that loss with other stable sources have met with little success, forcing us to make significant reductions in cost to be able to live within the reduced funds available. Drastic cuts over the last few years have fallen primarily on the backs of our members increasing the out of the pocket expenses of those who contribute the most. This is damaging to USPS and threatens our continued viability. Historically membership dues has funded Education initiatives and

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2015 Change of Watch

The Milwaukee Power Squadron's 76th Annual Meeting and Change of Watch was held on Tuesday April 14th, 2015 at Saz's. Guests at the Change of Watch were D/C Ted Smyczek and DEO Wes Koplitz. P/C Mel Fabiszak opened the program with the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation. Cdr Chuck Kersey gave the annual report of the squadron. Mike Wiedel read the list of nominees and Ted Smyczek elected and installed the bridge, executive committee, and standing committee members.



The New Bridge is as follows:

Commander:	Chuck Kersey
Executive Officer:	Ruth Durkin
Educational Officer:	Mike Wiedel
Administrative Officer:	Amy Seeley
Secretary:	Kim Rutkowski
Treasurer:	Paul Langer

Executive Committee:

Gary Bush	John Goetzman	Umberto Napolitano
Ted Smyczek	Joel Berman	Joe Dembiec
Gisela Murray	Carl Pluckhan	Craig Lake
Ron Kraase	Mel Fabiszak	



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course development. This is no longer the case. Most new Education Initiatives are funded by a patchwork of grants and many of the Grants are being reduced or eliminated. There is really nowhere else to cut without damaging the organization further.

To the contrary, we really need to increase funding. We must be able to respond to our changing realities in recreational boating. All new membership effective 1 January 2016 will be equivalent of today's Family Unit membership. This has been prototyped over the last year in a couple squadrons with very favorable results.

- No pushback on cost
 - Gained rest of family as members
 - Added more members to the base for squadron positions including leadership.
- Existing Single Active Member dues unchanged. Grandfathered to existing (old) dues System.

Our mission continues. We all have a vital part in making USPS a success. I hope you will join me in taking on the task. I look forward to seeing you all at our Governing Board 25-30 August 2015 at the Manchester Hyatt, San Diego.



Sandy Dziubek and Mary Ann & John Goetzman



Nappy



Ruth Durkin receives her Lt/C Flag from Chuck



Ted Smyczek & Wes Koplitz

**“All The Usual Suspects “
showed up at the Milwaukee
Power Squadron Change Of
Watch Dinner Meeting.**



David & Gary



Swearing In the New Bridge



Carl Pluckhan and Ken Dziubek



Events - Sprecher Brewery Tour

One of the *fun* times at the Spring Conference was a tour and tasting at the Sprecher Brewery. Thirty-five members from the conference made the short two block walk to the Sprecher Brewery for a tour and tasting experience Saturday afternoon after the general meeting. Sprecher brewery is a microbrewery known for its craft beers and sodas.

We entered the brewery through the gift shop filled with memorabilia as well as beer and soda to purchase. Next, we visited the brew house and discovered how Sprecher is reviving the Old World brewing traditions that once made Milwaukee famous. Traveling through the lager cellar we saw the Bavarian murals on display on the bottling room wall.

After the brewery tour, the next best thing to Munich is Sprecher's indoor beer garden, with music and samples from any of up to 20 beers and 10 sodas on draught. Each member of our group over 21 years of age was given a keepsake glass at the start of the tour and a wrist band with four datable tabs. This allowed each person to sample four different beers. Soda was also available for sampling with no restrictions on the number of samples. Exiting the brewery we again found ourselves in the gift shop. Cardboard containers, that hold four bottles, are on hand to be filled from the large selection of beers and sodas on sale. Members were seen returning to the hotel with numerous four packs in hand.

The tour was only 30 minutes long, starting at 3:15pm. Most members did not return to the hotel until after 5:00pm. I believe it is safe to say *a good time was had by all* who took the tour and enjoyed the tasting.



Donation from Sheboygan Power Squadron

A special thank you to P/C Jennifer L. Cihak-Peschke, S- from the former Sheboygan Power Squadron. Jennifer donated \$1,060.75 to the Milwaukee Sail and Power Squadron. The donation was the funds remaining after the Sheboygan Squadron was dissolved. Establishing a scholarship in Jennifer and Lyle's name with the donation is in discussion.





Executive Department Report

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Vessel Safety Check Program

The 2015 Vessel Safety Check Program started the season on May 9 at the Wisconsin Boating Club (formerly Muskego-Waukesha Cruise Fleet). Other Vessel Safety Inspections on the schedule: May 16th Wind Lake 9:00 a.m. and McKinley Marina 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. & June 6th at South Shore Yacht Club boat ramp 9:00 a.m. until noon



Craig Lake is the VSC Chairperson and can be contacted at (262) 662-4229 or cgauxlake@yahoo.com. He can help you with questions about where you can volunteer.

Group Outings to Recover Geodetic Markers Return!!!

Saturday, June 13, 2015 at 10:00 am. Save the date on your calendar.

Many of you recall the great outings, fun, and parties we had when searching for Geodetic Markers and now the Geodetic Recovery Program is officially back with USPS. That means, we will once again get credit for finding markers that haven't been found in two years. In the past we searched for the markers both in the city, suburbia, and the country. We searched high and low for them on Summer Fest Grounds, at Marquette University, by a light house, on buildings, on bridge and railroad abutments, on pavement & on sidewalks, and in fields & ditches. While we carefully reported changes in the condition of the markers, we still liked to add a chance for the group to share their adventures with a beverage and bite to eat. We've enjoyed pot lucks or a variety of menu items in private homes, at Indian Summer, and conveniently located restaurants...in short, we liked variety and fun. ... We still do



We usually try to send people out in groups with a variety of prior experience and physical abilities. It's a great way to spend the day and you get to visit new places and learn some history about the Milwaukee vicinity. Our Squadron would love to see both new and familiar faces at these outings.

We are planning to search for these markers in the downtown Milwaukee area where there is an ample choice of restaurants. The details are being fine tuned. Watch your Deck Watch Updater for more details and contact Ruth or Chuck if interested so reservations can be made

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What are Geodetic Markers?

Geodetic marks are highly accurate reference points established on the surface of the earth by local, state, and national agencies. Maintenance and preservation of these marks is of utmost importance to users of the net and to NGSD, recognizing that many valuable geodetic marks are destroyed by construction, new roads, erosion, or for other causes. Our job is to locate each of these marks and report their condition together with any change in the directions needed to locate them.



There are basically two types of marks, horizontal reference and vertical reference. Although the advances in GPS technology have made the horizontal reference marks less of a necessity in surveying, GPS cannot measure elevations accurately so the vertical reference marks are still necessary for accurate surveying. Normally, geodetic marks are round bronze disc, roughly 3 inches in diameter, firmly imbedded in concrete, bedrock or on a long rod driven into the ground. The objective of this cooperative charting geodetic mark recovery program is to locate and identify these marks and to report on their condition as Good, Poor, Not Found, or Destroyed. This is a valuable public service.

General Requirements:

- ◆ A mark recovery may not be submitted within 24 months of the last recovery unless there is a change of status from not found to found.
- ◆ A mark may not be reported as Not Found if the previous report was Not Found or Destroyed . All required fields must be completed on the submittal form.
- ◆ Reports must be submitted within **30 days of the investigation.**

Individual Geodetic Marker Searches:

Individuals may search for geodetic markers on their own or with friends. However, we request that you inform Ruth Durkin at (414) 313-7252 or ruth111nu@gmail.com about the area you wish to search in so that there aren't other Squadron members searching in the same area. It is also recommended to check the data sheets to see if the markers were recovered within 2 years. Check to see if the reporting site accepts your password, before searching for markers.

Preparation: Per the Cooperative Charting/Geodetic Recovery Program

- A. Select the area you would like to search.
- B. Download the geodetic descriptions (Data sheets) for the area you plan to search. There are several sources but the best is the National Geodetic Survey web site, <http://www.ngs.noaa.gov/NGSDDataExplorer/>
- C. Select "Data and Imagery" and then Click on "Survey Mark Datasheets" in the drop down menu.
- D. Click on the map and follow the onscreen directions to view Mark locations and view the Data Sheets. HINT: Zip code works well! Click on the map and follow the onscreen directions to view. Mark locations and view the Data Sheets.
- E. You can print the map by using the Snipping tool that comes with Windows or plot the locations on your own map as indicated below.

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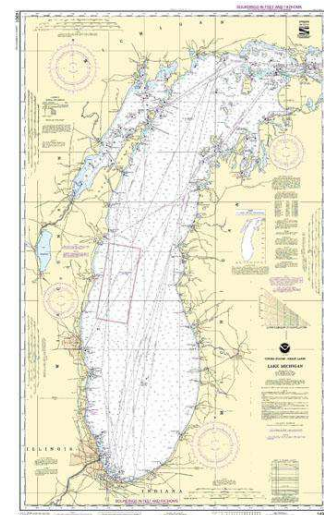
- F. Select and print out the Data Sheets for the marks you want to include in your search. (Right click on the Data Sheet and select "print".)
- G. Discard any that have been recovered in the past two years.

Data sheets may also be downloaded from many state geodetic survey websites.

- ◆ Collect the data sheets and arrange them in the same order you plan to search for them
- ◆ Geodetic marks in cities are easy to locate. If the town or city has an atlas or map, it will facilitate the search.
- ◆ Mark station locations with prominent crosses on the map and label each with the station designation for easy access when you are searching.
- ◆ With all geodetic marks plotted, it is easy to plan a day's routing for bench mark recovery and to see how to get from one location to another.
- ◆ Scale off, with dividers, the distance between each mark and record to the nearest tenth of a mile, though this information may be given in the description text. This will be useful as you drive from mark to mark using the readings on your vehicle's odometer to measure distance.
- ◆ Plan to avoid commuter traffic, along heavily traveled roads. Consider seasons. During mid-year warm months, weed growth (including poison ivy) is at its maximum and can make bench mark access and visibility very difficult. Avoid days when the ground is frozen; you will not be able to dig, even a few inches, into frozen ground to retrieve a bench mark. Trips after a killing frost would be an excellent choice.

Volunteers needed for our revitalized Cooperative Charting Adopt-A-Chart Program!

We are reapplying for the Adopt-A-Chart Program for Milwaukee Harbor Chart #14924. In order for the program to be successful, the Squadron needs to report updates or changes. No prior experience is needed. It can be a fun and rewarding experience that can be done by one or two people or larger groups. Be aware that some people find this kind of activity addictive. It's a program in which you choose which areas or how many reports you wish to do. Combine your boating expertise with another's computer expertise. If people wish to volunteer their boats for some of the activities and want other volunteers to join them, let me know and I will try to help coordinate it. Please notify Ruth Durkin at (414) 313-7252 or ruth111nu@gmail.com of which activities you wish to participate in and which portions of the chart you wish to investigate so that we don't have duplication of efforts. Only one report will be accepted by USPS or NOAA for any item.



MSPS is planning to do a Squadron group outing later in the Summer when we will hopefully have boats organized to do so. This of course is volunteer-supported.

What is the Cooperative Charting Adopt-A-Chart Program?

Per the USPS Cooperative Charting website: "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.

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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, and Coast Pilot publications. They also supply data on depth surveys, range status, tidal current surveys and 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.”

More information can be obtained on the USPS website and clicking on Site Index or Site Navigator and then Executive and Cooperative Charting. Accuracy in reporting will be greatly enhanced by reviewing that site as well as the Cooperative Charting Manual 2013. It has diagrams, worksheets and tips in preplanning and performing investigations, so that essential information is not omitted from the reports. To maintain the high quality of inputs to NOAA, all reports are thoroughly reviewed at least twice before being forwarded to NOAA. CCWEB and NOAA are sites where nautical charts can be obtained. Contact Ruth Durkin for a large paper chart, if you aren't able to access it on the website.

Timely Reporting: In order to get 100% credit, reports need to be submitted within 30 days on CCWEB. Check that site to be certain your passwords, etc. allow entry.

Portions of the Cooperative Charting Manual April 2013

1.2.1 What to Report

This section is a brief overview describing the types of items to report in the Cooperative Charting Program via the CCWeb site. NOS and USACE are interested in all discrepancies between charted and observed information. Even though the discrepancy may not apply to NOS charts, credits will be awarded. It is the responsibly of the reporter to submit the report to the appropriate federal, state, or local agency. Notify NOS of the report via an inspection report on CCWeb to receive USPS point credit for your work. The fact that a revision or addition to a chart appears obvious to you does not necessarily mean that NOS or other charting agencies know about it. Report charted items that no longer exist as well as those that should be changed or added to the charts. Information is reported in six broad categories: Range Line Surveys, Nautical Chart Surveys, US Coast Pilots® Update Reports, Depth Reports, and Inspection Reports. Chapter 3, Programs, of this manual provides information for reporting of these categories.

1.2.2 What Is Not Reported

Individual items checked and found to be charted correctly should not be reported. When it is found that an entire assigned area is correctly charted, an inspection report should be sent to NOS, advising NOS that these were the findings of the survey. The previous designation, 'correct as charted,' is no longer used. Review the Inspection Report page on CCWeb for correct reporting procedure.

This is important for two reasons:

- (1) The charting agencies want to know that charts of certain areas are up-to-date and that such areas have been surveyed.
- (2) USPS and NOS want to give credit to squadrons or individuals for completed surveys regardless of the number of suggested chart corrections found.

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Additional Boating Skills Virtual Trainer Units Available 1 April

The Boating Skills Virtual Trainer fleet is now complete with the last three units of the second U.S. Coast Guard grant delivered, tested and awaiting shipping cases. If you were declined for a BSVT unit due to availability, log into the [internal reservation site](#) after 1 April and initiate another request. The BSVT unit inventory constantly changes due to repair issues, but we have already reported more than 700 users and responses this year. Please continue to return the USCG tracking forms to me, Project Manager Lisa Herndon, as these have been vital in the quarterly reports for continued funding and in the third grant submission, now under review. **Email:** [Lisa Herndon](#)

Vessel Safety Check Submissions

If you are a vessel examiner, you should have received your 2015 decals from your squadron VSC chairman or commander. Remember to enter your VSC exam results, pass or fail, at <http://www.usps.org/national/vsc/ols.html>. Timely and accurate reporting helps us provide accurate information to the Coast Guard, facilitate ordering replacement decals and determine decal distribution. Check with your fellow examiners and re-distribute unused decals in your squadron before requesting replacements. **Email:** [Mike Wiedel](#)

Product Reviewers Needed for The Ensign

The Ensign is looking for USPS members to review boat products and write articles for our Scorecard feature! Clear and concise writing skills are required—technical writing experience is a plus—but we would like people who know what they're writing about when they test out boat parts and accessories. For added incentive, reviewers often get to keep the products they test! If you're interested, please email ensign@hq.usps.org with a writing sample (articles from squadron newsletters are acceptable). **Email:** [Amy Townsend](#)

Contact Cyber Squadron Members

Did you know that United States Power Squadron has a growing squadron with no home address and no way for its members to make friends with other members? It's the cyber squadron. When new members join this squadron, the closest squadrons are notified. These squadrons are responsible for contacting the new members and inviting them to participate. Getting them involved requires immediate contact and followup. It's especially important to let cyber members know about your squadron's educational opportunities and other events. Make sure your squadron's public contact person knows what to do with the cyber member contact information he or she receives. To discover cyber members and university students in your area, go to Cyber Search under the Site Index of usps.org. **Email:** [Robert Howd](#)

Huge Savings at the Ship's Store

All 100th anniversary items are now 40% off! Shop today for the best selection at <http://www.shopusps.org>. Enter coupon code **100thSALE** at checkout! **Email:** [Jacky Van Doren](#)



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D10 Summer Rendezvous - July 17-19, 2015

Hosted by Madison Sail & Power Squadron

Event starts out on Friday, July 17th evening with dinner

Saturday, July 18 - 11:00pm - Adventures with Dick & Cindy of the Madison Sail & Power Squadron departing from Rutabaga's, 220 West Broadway in either kayaks and canoes to venture on Madison waterways.

Saturday July 18th evening cruise with dinner

For all RV campers - Lake Farm Park - contact Tina at (608) 224-3730 --- Camping - w/electric \$27 - without electric \$18 -- shelters with grills also located in park. A view of beautiful Lake Waubesa can be seen from the camp sites. Many hiking trails...

Country Inn & Suites of Monona - a guaranteed rate of \$115 will be held until June 17, 2015 (608-221-0055)

American Inn of Monona - \$65.99 per night plus tax (608-222-8601)

Days Inn & Suites - 10% discount (608-223-1800)

Silent Auction at the D10 Spring Conference

Thank you to the following members of the MSPS for their contributions to the Silent Auction held during the Spring Conference.

- Mel Fabiszak for the baskets, mugs, glasses, serving piece, sea shell platter, pictures, and picnic tote.
- Sue Kersey for the beautiful hand crocheted afghan.
- Ted Smyczek for the camcorder and USPS water bottles.
- Amy Seeley for the basket of beer.
- Kim Rutkowski for the picture frames, jewelry, picnic basket, serving dishes, and thermometer.



JUNE

Jane Besharse

Allen Kuettner

Umberto Napolitano

Mark Wierzbinski

Scott Ziebol

John Goetzman

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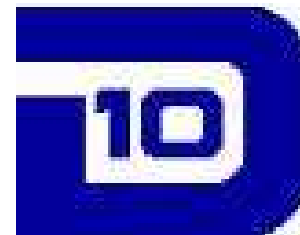


D10 Spring District Conference

The D10 Spring District Conference and Change of Watch was held in Milwaukee March 21- 23. The conference was held at the newly remodeled Holiday Inn and Anchorage Restaurant on Port Washington Road and Hampton Avenue. Some areas of the hotel were still under renovation. It was exciting to be one of the first guests to stay in the newly remodeled rooms.

The conference started on Friday afternoon with registration and closed meetings for nominations and planning. A social hour Friday night was followed by a delicious Italian buffet and dessert. A local DJ entertained the diners during dinner and drew people out onto the dance floor after dinner. An evening of dancing and camaraderie was enjoyed by all.

Saturday morning was devoted to workshops for incoming squadron bridge members and seminars. Two seminars were offered. One on the Recreational Boating Safety Visitation Program and VSC Program. These two programs are run by the Coast Guard Aux and members of USPS participate in these two programs with the permission of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Coast Guard Auxiliary member Jack Myers conducted the seminar.



The second seminars offered was Promoting Your Squadron with Social Media. Kris Harmon and Amy Seeley discussed different social media outlets that can be used to promote your squadron.

A hot buffet lunch concluded the morning and prepared everyone for the District Conference Meeting to follow. Some members took advantage of the time to shop at Bayshore Town Center or Boelter's Superstore for restaurant products made available to the general public.

The District Conference Meeting opened with a welcome and Chief Commander's Message delivered by V/C Robert Miller National Treasurer and Chief Commander's Representative from Seattle Washington. (See article Chief Commander's message).

Commander Kenneth Moser deputy sector commander US Coast Guard Sector Lake Michigan also offered his comments to the conference.

Elections were held and the meeting adjourned.

The afternoon was capped off with a tour of Sprecher Brewery. (See article).

Saturday evening began with a social hour followed by a sit down dinner. The evening's master of ceremonies was our own Joel Berman. Joel started by welcoming everyone and recognizing the Past District Commanders attending the Conference. In attendance were: Robert Stark, Alan Wentworth, Ron Kraase, Mike Wedel, Jeff Hamilton, Maury Rice, Al Harmon, Jim Pahl-Washa, Mike Skelley, and Richard Baker.

D/C Dale Perry and D/C elect Ted Smyzek presented awards and acknowledged members for their outstanding achievements in the past year. Fran Pauls of the MSPS was presented his Lifetime Membership pin and plaque from V/C Robert Miller. (See article)

V/C Robert Miller conducted the Change of Watch ceremony. The new D10 Bridge is:

- ◆ **Commander** Thaddeus M. Smyczek, SN
- ◆ **Executive Officer** Kristine L. Harmon, AP
- ◆ **Educational Officer** Wesley Koplitz, AP

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D10 Spring District Conference

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◆ Administrative Officer	William Dohr, SN
◆ Secretary	Oded Galili, P
◆ Treasurer	TracyAnn Gustafson, AP
◆ Past Commander	Dale Perry, N
◆ Flag Officer	Karen Beckmann, P

Congratulations to the new bridge especially our own Ted Smyczek and Karen Beckmann.

The evening concluded with a Thank You reception sponsored by Dale Perry and Ted Smyczek. Members of the past bridge received thank gifts and the Robert Miller was presented with a basket of food items locally grown or produced in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

On Sunday morning D10 members were invited to a brainstorming session with the new D10 Bridge and C/C's Representative Robert Miller. A seminar on the New National Website and Communication Standards was presented. Another successful D10 District Conference.

Life Member Award



Fran Pauls received his Life Member Award at the D10 Spring Conference. He was presented with his Life Member's plaque and pin by V/C Robert Miller, P/D/C Dale Perry and D/C Ted Smyczek. Life members are recognized at the Annual Meeting in January with the presentation of their plaque, pin, and a dinner reception. The award is then again presented to them at the District Spring Conference and at their own squadron's change of watch. This is quite an achievement as, to become a Life Member, you must earn 25 merit marks.

The plaque reads as follows: Having earned 25 Merit Marks for meritorious service given unstintingly and unselfishly in the interests of our organization. Presented by order of the Governing Board. Congratulations Fran!

Volunteers at the D10 Spring Conference

Thank you to the following members of the MSPS for the volunteer work they performed at the D10 Spring Conference.

- **Registration table and ticket sales:** Craig Lake, Heinz Kinnus, Joe and Luana Dembiec, Mel Fabiszak, Chuck Kersey, Kim Rutkowski, and Ron Kraase
- **Registration, agendas, programs, name badges, brewery tour, silent auction table, and printing:** Kim Rutkowski and Mike Wiedel
- **Master of Ceremonies:** Joel Berman
- **Conference Chair:** Amy Seeley

Spring Conference Picture Gallery



Amy Seeley



Awards presented at the Spring Conference



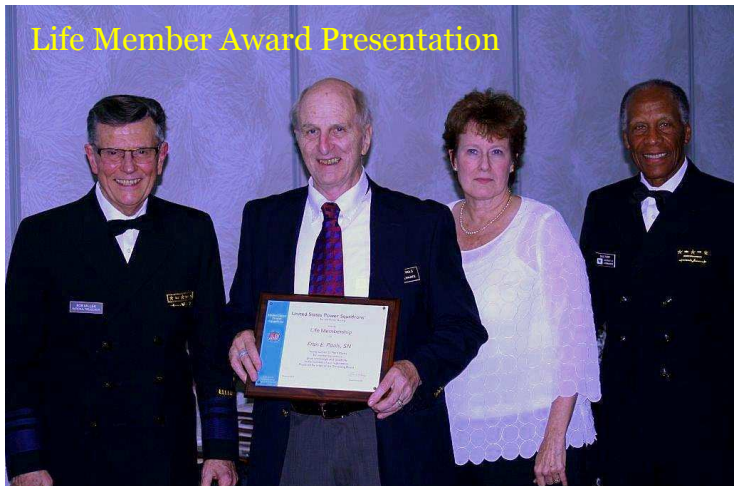
V/C Robert Miller receives gift from Dale Perry & Ted



Ted receiving his D/C flag from Dale Perry



Ted receives his Gavel from Dale Perry



Life Member Award Presentation

V/C Robert Miller, Fran Pauls, Kris, Dale Perry



Luana and Joe



Doris Reisel, Fran Pauls, Joan Kenney



Paul Langer

**More Of the Spring
Conference Attendees**



P/D/C Bob Stark & Wife Karen With Ron



Cmdr. Chuck Kersey



C/JC's Rep., V/C Robert Miller



Nappy



Master of Ceremony, Joel Berman



Mike Beckman and Heinz



District 10 Summer Rendezvous 2015

July 17-19, 2015: Save the Dates!



Madison Sail & Power Squadron



The Madison Sail and Power Squadron is pleased to serve as the Host Squadron for the 2015 District 10 Summer Rendezvous

Madison, a city of lakes, is home to the seat of Wisconsin government, the University of Wisconsin Campus, and four terrific lakes surrounding the Capital Isthmus.

The watershed consists of Lakes; Mendota, Monona, Waubesa, and Kegonsa that are connected by the Yahara River system.

Our weekend will focus on

the beauty of the Yahara River and Lake Monona that provides access to the skyline pictured above as one of Madison's most iconic views.

Madison is a busy throughout the summer, so you'll have an unlimited number of choices to make on how to spend your Saturday. You can spend time on the water or on land. The choice is yours.

We recommend the Country Inn and Suites of Monona as the most convenient hotel of choice, but there are other economical

hotel choices nearby. The Weekend starts Friday night at the Bourbon Street Bar and Grill overlooking the Yahara River.



All registrations or inquiries should be sent to:

P/C Caroline Fritsch, AP
6213 Winnequah Rd
Monona, WI 53716
(608) 221-0988

Special points of interest:

- Bourbon Street Grill Friday Night Dinner and Registration
- State Capital Saturday Farmers Market
- Kayak and Canoe Trip on Yahara River
- 2015 Dane County Fair weekend
- Capital Lakes Bike Trail and Walking Path
- Great fishing and boating outside the hotel
- Minutes from two area golf courses
- Ho Chunk Madison Casino nearby

Kayak Day Trip and Saturday Night Dinner Cruise

Plans are underway to host a 3-4 hour kayak & canoe group outing on Saturday.

The Country Inn & Suites Monona has direct access to the Yahara River Channel near Rutabaga Paddlesports.

Rutabaga will provide a D10 rental discount for all the kayaks, canoes, paddles, and safety needed if you don't

want to bring your own.

Saturday will conclude with an evening Cruise on Lake Monona.

Early registrations will be critical since total cruise seating capacity is limited to 86. We'll make every effort to reserve both vessels if needed, but prompt RSVP's are the key.

The cruise line is owned by the von Rutenbergs, charter members of the Madison Power Squadron.

We can't think of a better way to celebrate our 55th year but as your rendezvous hosts aboard a Betty Lou Cruise overlooking the Capital on Lake Monona.



Welcome to Betty Lou Cruises!

We're waiting to show you the beautiful shoreline of Lake Mendota or Lake Monona. After all, the best way to really see Madison is from the water! The cruise includes a captain, crew and restrooms on the motor yachts.

This is truly the Madison experience!

Enjoy a unique perspective of Madison from daylight until dark. Our food surpasses its reputation for excellence with a cash bar. Relax knowing your trip is a sure hit. Rain or shine, our guests will enjoy a comfortable cruise either inside the comfortable cabin or on the upper deck, with its protective canopy and removable side curtains.



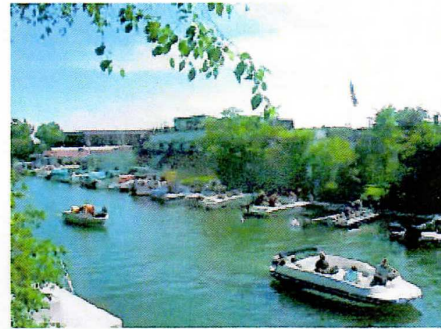
WHO IS BETTY LOU!

Betty Lou Cruises is named after the late Betty von Rutenberg, an avid promoter of the greater Madison area and its beautiful lakes. Back in 1961, Betty and her husband, Bill, got started in the hospitality business when they bought the Nibble Nook restaurant. The company they founded now includes three waterfront restaurants (The Mariner's Inn, Nau-Ti-Gal and Captain Bill's) as well as Westport Marine and Betty Lou Cruises. The von Rutenberg's sons, Bill, Jack and Robert now steer von Rutenberg Ventures on its present course along with their outstanding crew. The charismatic, vivacious, and loving spirit of Betty lives on with Betty Lou Cruises and in all of von Rutenberg Ventures.

**As Betty always said, "WE HOPE TO PUT SUNSHINE IN YOUR SMILE
AND SPRING IN YOUR HEART"**



BOURBON STREET GRILLE



Welcome to Bourbon Street Grille nestled on the scenic Yahara River in beautiful Monona, Wisconsin. Join us for a nice relaxing Lunch or Dinner or have a Beverage of your choice while watching the big games on one of our 14 Big TV's. During seasonal weather you can sit and enjoy the scenery on our outside Deck or upper Rooftop Seating areas.



***6308 Metropolitan Lane
Monona, Wisconsin 53713
608.222.4410
Open Daily 11:00 A.M.***





For information regarding membership in the Milwaukee Sail & Power Squadron contact:

Membership Director, Ted Smyczek
12600 W. Crawford Ave
New Berlin, WI 53151-5422
262-786-2599
tmsmyczek@netzero.net



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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.

