



DECK WATCH



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Milwaukee Sail And Power Squadron

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Administrative Department

The long-awaited new website has arrived. There is so much information on the site, it is mind boggling. Go to the website: www.usps.org, click on the "Members Log In" tab, enter your Member Number and your USPS PIN and you're in. Try the Site Index tab. You have a lot of USPS information at your fingertips.

In an effort to become more visible around this country, as a recognized boating organization, USPS is embarking on a conscious effort of "branding." The USPS Ensign and Ship's Wheel with the words "United States Power Squadrons®" is the main logo. On any type of signage including in publications and everywhere else, squadron logos must be a lesser size than the National logo. The new Brand Standards Manual will automatically download at: <http://tinyurl.com/qy4eesv>

I sat in on the Inland & Coastal Navigation (we know it as the *Piloting* and *Advanced Piloting* Courses) Committee Meeting. This Committee and, I infer, many other Educational Department Committees are aware of our declining interest and availability of educational resources and are working to improve the present dilemmas.

A continuing attraction at the Annual Meeting is EXPO, a convention-like assembly of USPS Committees displaying information which is constantly evolving, as well as displays by various vendors to USPS members and to the boating community. At one of the latter, Sea Tow, I was interested by Sea Tow's program of "Borrow a PFD" and came away with an application. I, upon a favorable vote of MS&PS's Executive Committee's approval, have made application and hope that we can set up a "Borrow PFD" station. Stay tuned for our hoped-for favorable outcome.

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New 2015 Squadron Bridge

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

The Change of Watch and Annual Member's Meeting will take place Tuesday April 14, 2015.

Nominating Committee
Kim Rutkowski, Chair



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<http://www.milwaukeepowersquadron.org>



Administrative Department

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R/C Mike Wiedel and Stf/C Amy Seeley were re-elected to their positions as Chairman and Assistant Chair of the USPS Safety Committee. The Safety Committee oversees the following activities: First Aid Support Team (F.A.S.T.), Vessel Safety Checks, CPR & First Aid and the Recreational Boating Safety Visitation Program.

Congratulations to P/Lt/C Fran Pauls, SN. Fran earned his 25th Merit Mark and is now a Life Member of USPS.

“Fly Our Ensign Proudly,”

Ted Smyczek



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 2015-2016

Squadron Officers

Commander	Cdr Charles G. Kersey, AP
Educational Officer	R/C Michael Wiedel, JN-IN
Executive Officer	Lt Ruth C. Durkin, AP
Administrative Officer	D/Lt/C Amy Seeley, P
Treasurer	Lt/C Paul Langer, AP
Secretary	P/C Kim A. Rutkowski, P

Committee On Nominations:

P/C Mel Fabiszak, P	P/C Kim A. Rutkowski, P
R/C Michael Wiedel, JN-IN	

Executive Committee:

Gary H. Bush, S	Umberto Napolitano, AP
Joseph Dembiec, P	P/C Carl Pluckhan, SN
P/C John C. Goetzman, P	Craig Lake
P/Lt/C Gisela Murray, SN	Joel Berman

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



Boating Safety– Prepare for Safe Summer Boating

The sun is shining, the thermometer finally remains above the freezing mark. Summer boating is on our mind. Careful preparation is the key to a happy and safe boating summer.

If you took care of your boat before storing it for the winter, you won't need much work aside from the usual clean-up chores. However, to ensure the boat will be safe, a thorough inspection of the equipment is necessary. Make a checklist of all parts you should inspect.

Many items should be on your checklist. One of the important details is the inspection of your engine. Is the intake sea strainer free of corrosion? Fuel lines should not be soft or brittle. Check the fuel tanks, fuel pumps and filters.

Does your rudder and do your steering cables move freely? Check the engine shaft and rudder stuffing boxes. Do not overlook the control cables. Are cracks in the outer jackets?

The cables will need to be replaced.

Inspection of your electrical system may prevent an electrical fire on the water. Most fires are caused by the DC system. More expensive fires start in the AC system. With the addition of GPS and many more electrical devices, multiple batteries and a jumble of wires, a careful inspection of wires and connectors must be scheduled.

Look at your fire extinguishers. Are they outdated, do they need to be re-filled or replaced? Check your flares. Replace outdated flares but keep the old ones aboard as spares.

Sailors should inspect the fittings, wire halyards and running backstays.

These are only a few items which need to be inspected. There are many more details not to be forgotten. Every boater knows his boat best, make a list of all the equipment you need to look at.

One very important part we often forget: Check your First Aid Kit! Are you prepared to handle small emergencies on board? Did you get a health checkup?

Let us prepare for a safe summer on the water!

Gisela Murray, SN





Get Your Event Sponsored by West Marine

West Marine recently opened its sponsorships program to support organizations that promote boating and that preserve and protect the marine environment. Sponsorships target events that put boaters on the water and contribute to the community's social needs. Plan ahead to get your upcoming event(s) sponsored by West Marine by applying online at <http://research.westmarine.com/s/sponsorship2015>. Online applications are being accepted through 14 May 2015. All applications must be turned in 30 days prior to the event, but it is highly recommended that you submit your application a minimum of 90 days before your event. Final application decisions can take up to 30 days. Approvals are based on how your event matches up to West Marine's sponsorship criteria, with resources being distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. **Email: [SueLee Waller](mailto:SueLee.Waller)**

Read more: <http://www.westmarine.com/BlueFuture/Grants-Sponsorships>

Further Markdowns at the Ship's Store

All USPS 100th anniversary items are now 25 percent off while supplies last! Don't delay; order today! **Email: [Jacky Van Doren](mailto:Jacky.VanDoren)**

Read more: <http://www.shopusps.org>

Navigation Software on Your Horizon?

Rose Point Navigation Systems offers USPS members a 25 percent discount on its sophisticated, full-featured and easy-to-use Coastal Explorer software package. Making your purchase is easy. Just visit our Member Benefits [website](#) to learn more about Coastal Explorer and the other benefits we have to offer!

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2015 Youth Poster Contest Theme

"When You Boat, Be Ready to Float...Wear It" will be the theme of the 2015 USPS Youth Poster Contest. All squadrons and districts are encouraged to engage local youth in this beneficial and creative contest. For more information, check out the Awards/Contests button on the Membership Committee website and the SailAngle Membership Group. **Email: [Mary Paige Abbott](mailto:MaryPaige.Abbott)**

Read more: http://www.usps.org/national/membership/memcom/awards_index.html

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RUNNING FROM A SUMMER STORM

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During the summer months you can be sure of occasional storms. The only questions are at what time, how severe and for how long. They can sometime come up quickly; can have sudden high winds and a lot of lightning.

You should always check the weather forecast before going out as sometimes these storms will trick us. Do not rely on the TV weather or TV weather channels alone. I like to use two other sites to be sure. Check with NOAA and the national weather service on the internet or your boat's VHF radio.



Sometimes you find you just can't make it to home port and are faced with a choice of finding a friendly port, trying to outrun the front, hunkering down and riding it out. Sometimes a quick tie up at a nearby Marina or a stranger's dock may not be possible. Under these possibilities you might consider heading for a windward shore and riding the storm out until it passes.

A windward shore is the one in the direction from which the storm is approaching. The land mass and shoreline prevent the winds from building up and provides some protection. The opposite lee shore should be avoided at all costs. The wave action and heights will be at maximum towards the windward shoreline and you risk the possibility of being blown aground.

If you decide to hunker down, make sure you let out plenty of rode (anchor line). In storm conditions, you should have a minimum of ten feet of line out for every foot from the top of your deck to the water bottom. If it is ten feet deep and your deck is three feet high, this totals thirteen feet. At a ten to one ratio you will need one hundred and thirty feet of anchor line for some assurance your anchor will hold. Under no circumstances should you anchor only from the stern or with the stern into the wind. This increases resistance to the wind and leaves you susceptible to swamping over the transom.

If you can't get to safety, put your bow at an angle of 25 to 45 degrees into the wind and to control your engine speed to the minimum amount needed to hold your position or to barely move forward. You may feel the boat slip sideways or back as you do this. Just keep gently working the controls.

Remember to be wary of lightning at all times. A bolt can reach five miles ahead of a front. You should avoid touching metal parts of the boat whether topside or in the cabin. An anchor chain suspended from the railing overboard into the water may be used for a temporary grounding system.

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Running From A Summer Storm

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Sooner or later all of us will get caught in a storm. Hopefully these hints will help you get through it. Plan ahead, leave a float plan, check the weather forecast before and during your trip, stay alert to weather changes around you, put on the life jackets at the first sign of trouble and err on the side of caution by heading home early.

To learn more about storm handling and any boating information contact the experts in the United States Power Squadrons at USPS.org for a local course or convenient two hour seminar. As its members will tell you: Come for the Boating Education ... Stay for the Friends

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Events Milwaukee Sail And Power Squadron Christmas Party 2014

Twenty-eight members and guests of the MSPS attended this year's Christmas Party on Tuesday December 9th, 2014 at The Golden Mast. One of our newest members Dave Johnson was sworn in during the meeting.

Welcoming everyone to the party was Frosty the Snowman and his side kick Little Frosty. Frosty and Little Frosty were made by MSPS member Captain Jerry. Captain Jerry sent Holiday Wishes from Florida.

This year's charity was International Ship Masters Association Lodge 3 Scholarship Fund. One of the goals of the International Ship Masters' Association is to encourage and support advancement within and entry into the maritime field. As such the Chicago Lodge of ISMA is offering a \$500.00 scholarship to any qualifying individual in support of this goal. The award is to be applied towards tuition at the Great Lakes Maritime Academy at Traverse City, Michigan or to other committee approved courses to gain or upgrade a Coast Guard issued Merchant Marine License, Rating or Endorsement. Donations received for this year's charity will provide one \$500.00 scholarship. Thank you all for your donations and for helping us reach our goal of providing one scholarship.



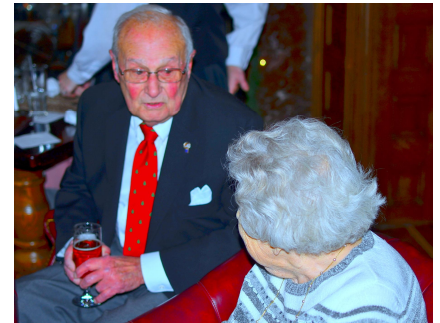
Mike Wiedel a member of Lodge 3 presented the donations at the Lodge's meeting the following night Wednesday December 10, 2014.

A great time was had by all.

P/C Kim Rutkowski, P



Check out if you were enjoying yourself





January Member's Meeting

The speaker at the January's Member's Meeting was Mitchell Olds, Water Resources Specialist from MMSD. Mitchell gave an excellent presentation on the process of water reclamation, Milwaukee's Deep Tunnel project and Waste Water Treatment processes that the city of Milwaukee uses.

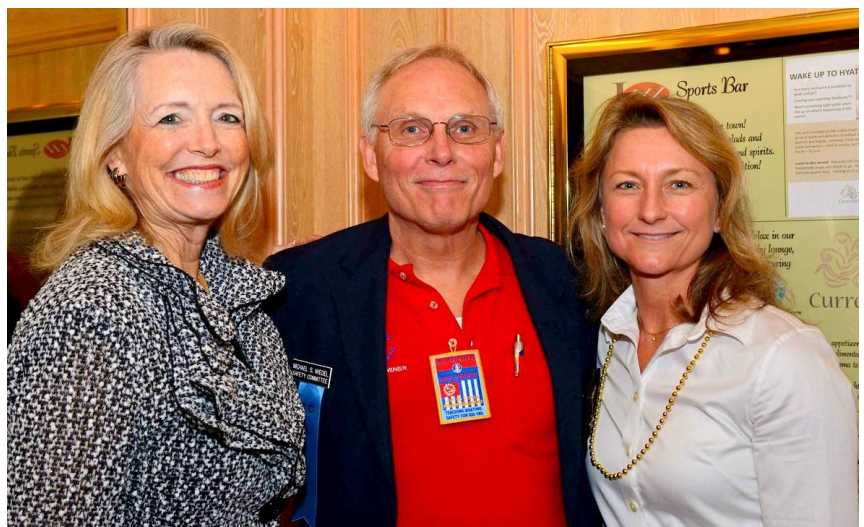
He was able to tailor his presentation to the perspective of boaters, as Mitchell has completed the ABC Boating Course offered by USPS and is working on obtaining his 100 ton Masters License.

We welcomed Mitchell to USPS by presenting him with a USPS burgee.



USPS Annual Meeting

Mike Wiedel at the Annual Meeting escorting USPS guests to hospitality suites on Friday night.



Geodetic Mark Recovery Program

It's Back (Well Almost)

The Cooperative Charting Committee has received Board of Directors approval to reestablish the popular Geodetic Mark Recovery Program. The program was discontinued several years ago because it lacked the necessary quality control. The new program provides that control. The committee intends to launch the program in early 2015. Details will be forthcoming in future issues of the USPS News Blast, on our website and in the SailAngle Geodetic Mark Recovery group.



Ruth Durkin





What We Boaters Need Is On-the-water Training

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Affordable on-the-water training and certification is now a reality. The United States Power Squadrons® is now offering United States Coast Guard approved Boat Operator Certification Program. Who better to provide this on-the-water training than the organization with nearly 100 years of boating education experience, 32,000 members and 400 locations throughout the United States?

Boat Operator Certification is now recognized by organizations and agencies both in the United States and worldwide. There are already reports that some European countries, with very restrictive licensing regulations, are accepting the program's Coastal Navigator Certificate. Contacts are being made with the insurance and charter industries, as well as marine manufacturers to assure recognition.

The program has been offered at selected locations across the country since 2008. The two levels currently offered are: Inland Navigator and Coastal Navigator. The next two levels, Advanced Coastal and Offshore Navigator, are in development and will be released next year. *The program includes all aspects of boating from leaving and returning to a dock or slip, through offshore cruising.*

The entry-level certification, Inland Navigator, verifies an individual's basic boat handling skills for outboard vessels under 23 feet. Instruction begins in the classroom with courses and targeted seminars. *The practical boating demonstration components include: docking and undocking, low speed operation and high-speed maneuvers. For this boats between 15 and 19 feet are considered ideal.*

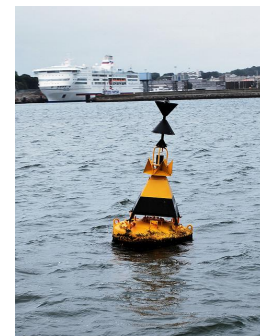
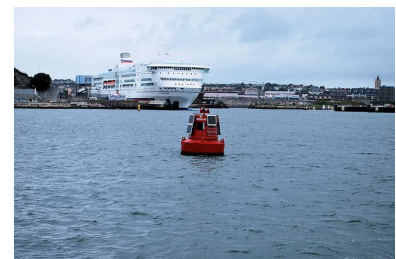
The second level, Coastal Navigator, certifies operation of vessels up to 20 miles offshore, which is the outer limit for ship to coast VHF communication. The applicant moves through other targeted seminars and the USPS Piloting Course. On the water portion of this level can be performed at any time during the process. The boater must prepare, plot, and then execute a route with at least four legs. *This level includes docking and anchoring instruction and demonstrations, with an emphasis on the use of a spring line for leaving a crowded dock.*

Advanced Coastal Navigation provides certification for up to 50 miles offshore or within one overnight at sea. This will be ideal for boaters wanting to travel between two ports, or perhaps boating in the Caribbean. *The final step, Offshore Navigator Certificate, extends the cruising range to ocean crossings and includes courses in celestial navigation as well as cruise planning and offshore vessel management.*

For more information about recreational boating education turn the leaders in the field at www.USPS.org. As Power Squadron members always say: "Boating is fun... We'll show you how!"

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The USPS University



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The USPS University is expanding by leaps and bounds as it broadens its seminars for recreational boaters across the country. With campuses in every American town where boating is a passion, its mission is to make boating fun and its offerings readily available. Its sponsor, the United States Power Squadrons®, the oldest and largest boating education organization in the nation, announced that these seminars, consisting of a few hours of top grade information, will excite those needing basic information as well as those seeking to be brought up to date.

The latest seminars to excite to seamen and women include: “Hurricanes and Boats”, “Radar”, and “Anchoring”, with the new offering, “Knots, Bends and Hitches”, soon to follow. Already boaters are enjoying such topics as “On-Board Weather Forecasting”, “GPS For Navigation”, “How to Use a Chart”, “Sail Trim and Rigging”, and “Using VHF & VHF/DSC Marine Radio”.

These programs can be viewed as part of a much larger concept designed for those interested in Boat Operator Certificates. These graduated certifications are designated as: “Inshore”, “Coastal”, “Advanced Coastal”, and “Offshore”. The certification requirements involve the completion of courses, seminars and practical demonstrations of nautical skills.

For additional information on USPS University, the new seminars or a course near you, call toll-free 1-888-FOR USPS (1-888-367-8777) or visit their web site at www.usps.org.





D10 Spring Conference Agenda

Friday March 20, 2015

1400-1900	Registration
1530-1700	District Planning Committee (closed)
1530-1700	District Nomination (closed)
1800-1900	Social hour
1900-2300	Dinner and Entertainment

Saturday March 21, 2015

700-1100	Breakfast (on our own)
730-930	Registration
800-1000	Commander's Workshop
800-1000	Educational Workshop
800-1000	Executive Workshop
800-1000	Administrative Workshop
800-1000	Treasurer's Workshop
800-1000	Secretary's Workshop
	Seminars
1015-1145	DB2000
1015-1145	Recreational Boating Safety Visitation Program and Vessel Safety Check
1015-1145	Promoting your squadron with social media
1200-1300	Lunch with the Chief Commanders Representative—National Treasurer Robert Miller
1315	District Conference Meeting
1500	Brewery Tour
1800-1900	Social Hour
1900	Dinner, Awards, Change of Watch
To Follow	Thank You Reception

Sunday March 22, 2015

700-1100	Breakfast (on your own)
800-0900	Brainstorming with the new D10 Bridge and C/C's Representative
900-1000	New National Website and Communication Standards (sponsored by N Club)
1000	Bridge Meeting

Uniform of the Day

Friday	USPS Polo shirt
Friday Night	Casual
Saturday	District Commander Perry's shirt
Sat Night	Uniform A with bow tie or appropriate evening attire
Sunday	District Commander's Ted's shirt

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DISTRICT 10, SPRING CONFERENCE OUTSIDE THE HOTEL ACTIVITIES

Saturday March 21, 2015

1500 Brewery Tour – Sprecher Brewery (quarter mile from hotel)

Start your visit in our Giftshop which is full of Sprecher memorabilia and as well as beer and soda to purchase. Next, visit the brew house and discover how Sprecher is reviving the Old World brewing traditions that once made Milwaukee famous. Travel through the lager cellar and see the Bavarian murals on display on our 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.

Other Places of Interest Close to the Hotel

Bayshore Town Center – 5800 North Port Washington Road

<http://tinyurl.com/l2boj27>

Bayshore Town Center is a shopping mall/mixed use retail complex in Glendale, Wisconsin anchored by Boston Store and Kohl's.

Sur la table (the art and soul of cooking) in Bayshore Town Center -

<http://tinyurl.com/kn6wzro>

Sur La Table stores are the ultimate place for kitchen exploration and discovery. From helpful, knowledgeable staff and in-store cooking classes to the products we source, we help every customer feel inspired to create memorable meals.

Boelter Super Store – 4200 North Port Washington Road

<http://tinyurl.com/ptx465h>

Looking for restaurant quality products? The Boelter SuperStore has over 10,000 professional grade cooking products designed for restaurants and chefs. With everything you need from the perfect place setting to the proper pot or pan, the Boelter SuperStore is a one-of-a-kind shopping experience for the food lover in all of us.





D10 Spring Conference

March 20 - 22, 2015

Holiday Inn Milwaukee Riverfront
 Mention USPS D10 For Room Rate
 4700 North Port Washington Road
 (Glendale) Milwaukee, WI 53212 414-962-6040

Friday Night—Italian Buffet—Musical Entertainment—D.J.
 Saturday—Brewery Tour Sprecher Brewing Company Old School Brewery and Tasting
 Shopping at Bayshore Town Center or Boelter Super Store

Registration:	How Many	Total
Friday Night Italian Buffet \$35.00	_____	_____
Spaghetti, meatballs, lasagna, chicken parmesan Salad, pasta, breadsticks, root beer floats		
Saturday Lunch Buffet \$25.00	_____	_____
Garden salad, pasta salad, ham, pasta Chicken Provencal, Au Gratin potatoes		
Saturday Night Dinner, COW, Awards		
Herb crusted chicken with ravioli \$28.00	_____	_____
10oz Prime Rib \$35.00	_____	_____
Char-grilled Salmon with Rice \$32.00	_____	_____
Brewery Tour Adults \$6.00	_____	_____

Dietary restrictions _____

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 Make check payable to: MSPS

Or register online at
<http://www.milwaukeepowersquadron.org/conference>
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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.

