



Hiawatha Valley Sail & Power Squadron Fall Conference Report 28 October 2007

Hiawatha Valley is pleased to be among the 4 squadrons in our district honored with a Growth Membership award. We continue to reach out to the community by offering classes and vessel safety checks to get to know our potential membership base.

Following is our recap of events this year.

Education

In addition to offering the *GPS Seminar* during the 2007 Rendezvous, we have conducted a one day *Boat Smart class*, graduating four. We have 2 new *Pilots*, 2 new *Seamen* and five successfully completing *Engine Maintenance*. We are looking ahead to an AP class this late fall/winter.

Civic

This past year in recognition of Safe Boating Week, 18 members became CPR certified by the American Red Cross. We believe more people prepared for an emergency is a public benefit.

The VSC program contributed to better awareness of our organization by being involved in the Cruisers Rendezvous at Treasure Island Casino. The Cruisers dealer invited our inspectors to be present for VSC's by appointment. It was a very successful cooperative venture for the dealer and Hiawatha Valley.

We also have 1 new VSC Examiner. 88 completed inspections awarding 63 decals.

Fraternal

It was our pleasure to host the District 10 rendezvous this past summer. We were pleased to have everyone on our waters and enjoy the hot weekend with many activities. Along with representation from nearly every squadron our own squadron's participation was at an all time high.

The August Predicted Log and Shrimp Boil continue to be a popular event, with guests and participants from 2 additional squadrons.

We held a Fall Potluck featuring a presentation by a member of the Army Corps of Engineers. Mr. Steve Lenhart updated us on the winter projects for the locks and dams in our area as well as briefed us regarding the 35 W bridge collapse and how future plans may affect the river. At this event we collected food for the Red Wing area Food Shelf.

Our Holiday Party is scheduled for December 15. Our Annual Meeting is 19 January 2008 and our Change of Watch is 16 February 2008.

Respectfully submitted,
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Commander