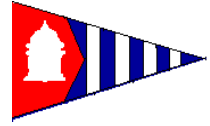




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Report to D10 2007 Fall Conference
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Education:

Our squadron is having an active Educational year. We offered Advanced Piloting and had 13 members complete the course. We offered Sail 101 in the spring and graduated 10 members; that was followed by Sail 102, which graduated 8. We offered Instructor Development with two people passing the course. Currently, we are offering Marine Electronics 101 and 102 which have 8 students, and Weather which has 21 students.

We have taught 4 Boat Smart Courses this year. Four members have earned Educational Proficiency Awards. Courses scheduled for second semester at this time include Piloting, Seamanship, Junior Navigation, Cruise Planning, and Marine Electronics 103.

Two of our members participated in an Iowa DNR Instructor Seminar.

Civic Service:

Our annual Safe boating week activities included handing out literature at local boat ramps and offering VSC's, which was very well received. Our annual "Take a Stake in the Lakes" event had excellent member participation, as we performed cleanup of the shoreline at a county park that we have adopted.

Our VSC program showed significant improvement at 35 VSC's, but still fell short of our goal. We are expecting to bring 2 new examiners on board, which will help. We had a new VSC event on Lake Kegonsa, which was very popular, we ran out of decals that day.

We participated in a program called "Fishing Has No Boundaries" which allows disabled people the opportunity to experience the sport of fishing on the Madison Lakes.

Fraternal:

Our squadron participated in two cruises this year, one to the D10 Rendezvous in Red Wing, hosted by Hiawatha Valley. Two boats from Dubuque joined two boats from Lacrosse for the trip. The second was a trip to Savanna Illinois just before Labor Day.

Our social season will kick off soon with our ever popular Recognition Dinner, where among other things; we award our "Bent Prop Award". We have a bumper crop of nominees this year.

Dubuque Provisional Squadron:

We have been working on a provisional squadron in Dubuque; the organizational meeting has happened, the squadron is formed and we are waiting for National to award Provisional Squadron status. The educational schedule is being planned at this time.

Member Involvement: Fred Petillio has been our most effective recruiter, receiving a Power of One award for the second year in a row. This fall he recruited 11 new members.

The Madison Squadron has been working hard for several months to make the Fall Conference successful. We hope everyone has a rewarding weekend. Now we will move right into planning for the 2008 D10 Rendezvous in Dubuque