



UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS®

SAIL AND POWER BOATING DISTRICT TEN

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DEO Report to the 2007 Spring Council Meeting

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Instructor Certification and Recertification

Effective last year all instructors teaching in the public boating courses must be certified. Members must pass all requirements of the Instructor Development course for their initial certification. It is recommended that squadrons offer the ID course at least once per year to provide initial certification to their members.

A Recertification Seminar was held at the conference last fall. There were 27 members in attendance from 8 squadrons. Their certifications are now good through 9/30/2011. The district currently has 139 certified instructors listed below by squadron. This is up from 120 at this time last year. It is recommended that individual squadrons also run the recertification seminar, especially those having certifications expiring this year. See the list below.

<u>Squadron</u>	<u>No. of Cert. Inst.</u>	<u>Expire 4/1-12/31</u>	<u>Expired</u>
Central Wisconsin	18	6	0
Door County	11	0	1
Duluth	13	1	0
Green Bay	18	0	0
Hiawatha Valley	10	2	0
Madison	17	10	0
Milwaukee	18	0	0
Minnetonka	10	2	0
Oshkosh	7	0	0
Saint Paul	15	0	1
Sheboygan	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals	139	21	2

On-Line Public Boating Course Registration

Last year on-line registrations were introduced for our public boating courses available through the HQ 800 form system. It is activated by entering your course fee and answering yes to “accepting registrations on-line?” It is recommended that you add this link to your squadron website so that visitors to your website can register from there.

Public Boating Course Information

Headquarters is out of the Boat Smart manuals and that course is now phased out. We will now use The Squadron Boating Course 2004 with a 22 page supplement. The supplement makes the course NASBLA approved. The course price to the squadron will be reduced from \$26 to \$20. The first ten chapters and the supplement are equivalent to the Boat Smart course and can be taught in 8 hours. The last six chapters which cover piloting and charting are optional and can be taught in four additional hours. The 50-question examination will be the same as the exam that we have been using for Boat Smart. The exam will cover the first ten chapters and the supplement.

Our choices for the public boating course are now:

- Classroom version of America’s Boating Course (ABC) at \$16.
- The Squadron Boating Course 2004 at \$20.

Through February in this current education year, seven of our squadrons have passed 208 students in 15 basic boating courses. The squadrons (with no. of courses) are: Central Wisconsin (1), Door County (2), Hiawatha Valley (1), Milwaukee (4), Minnetonka (1), Saint Paul (5) and Sheboygan (1).

New Member Courses Available Now

Seamanship, Junior Navigation and Engine Maintenance.

USPS University Update**Seminars**

Four available now: Using GPS, On-Board Weather Forecasting, How to Use a Chart, VHF and VHF/DSC Marine Radio
 Available soon: Knots, Boat Handling, Sail Trim, On Board Emergencies, Digital Charts, and Heavy Weather Sailing.

Boat Operator Certification Program

<u>Level</u>	<u>Courses Required</u>	<u>Seminars Required</u>	<u>Skills Required</u>
Inshore:	S, EM, Marine Electrical	GPS, Charts, Wx, VHF	Boat Handling, Fire Exting.
Coastal:	P, CP, Marine Communications	4 Designated + 2 Electives	GPS, WP, Brg Nav+Dist Sig
Advanced Coastal:	AP, W, Marine Electronics	7 Designated	TBD
Offshore	JN, N	4 Designated + 2 Electives	Passage Making

Goals

All goals for this past watch year were completed and are attached. The goals for this watch year are also attached.

Recognition and Thanks

Congratulations to Door County Sail and Power Squadron. They were recognized for first place at the national meeting in Jacksonville for the Outstanding Squadron Educational Performance Award. That means that their 2006 educational program was the best out of all the squadrons in USPS.

Congratulations to 1/Lt John Patrick O'Neal, AP of the Duluth Power Squadron and Lt Dornis C. Morin, JN of the Madison Sail and Power Squadron who recently obtained Educational Proficiency status.

Thanks to P/C Robert Ruef, SN for serving for the past year as *America's Boating Course*® Wisconsin Chairman. The Wisconsin Chairman for the upcoming watch year will be P/Lt/C David Swenson, AP. Also thanks for their past services to those continuing on in their present roles. They are D/Lt Alexandra C. Colomb, AP as *America's Boating Course*® Minnesota Chairman, P/D/Lt/C Thaddeus M. Smyczek, SN as district software procurement chairman and D/1/Lt John Winger, SN as ADEO and Teaching Aid chairman.

For this upcoming watch year, seven SEO's are staying on for one more year. They are **Donald Grover**, Central Wisconsin, **Bob DeNoto**, Door County, **Robert Rondou**, Green Bay, **David Miran**, Madison, **Jeffery Schott**, Minnetonka, **Euclid Caron**, Oshkosh and **Jennifer Cihak**, Sheboygan. Those SEO's completing their final term are **Joe Hesch**, Duluth, **John Speckien**, Hiawatha Valley, **Ted Smyczek**, Milwaukee and **Bob Schmitt**, Saint Paul. I wish them luck in their new assignments and thank them for their dedicated work over the past year. We welcome four new SEO's this coming year. They are **Kay Bakke**, Duluth, **Clare Cox**, Hiawatha Valley, **Mike Wiedel**, Milwaukee and **Robert McElrath**, Saint Paul. My thanks to all of the above individuals for all that they have done and will do for USPS and their squadrons.

Bernie and I visited three squadron functions this past year. We were at a fall Green Bay member meeting and attended change of watch ceremonies at Madison and Green Bay. We had a great time at all these events and thank these squadrons for their gracious hospitality.

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