



GREEN BAY SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON

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2007 SPRING CONFERENCE COMMANDER'S REPORT

Our Executive Committee and Bridge is a blend of experienced members and members new to Squadron leadership. The majority of our members are older and have already completed the courses they needed. Many have also served in leadership roles, sometimes several times. We are in need of new members eager to learn more about boating from us by taking the excellent USPS courses, and assuming future leadership roles in our Squadron. I feel new USPS University programs in addition to the established courses will help us reach this goal.

This spring our Squadron is offering several such courses to the public in addition to serving our own members. In addition to the basic Boating course we already presented the Chart Smart course at the Green Bay Boat Show. The On-Board Weather and the VHF Radio courses are being offered this spring to the public. Piloting and Cruise Planning are now ongoing with our members.

Our web site <gbpsps.org> has been expanded to include information for the boating public listing all of the courses we are scheduling and our calendar along with links to area boating clubs, marinas, businesses, District 10 and the USPS sites. We also provide links to marine weather sites, and we even have a link to the mid-lake weather buoy for those crossing Lake Michigan.

Because of our location on Green Bay and nearness to the Lake Michigan shore we feel we can contribute significantly to the new USPS Cooperative Charting program when the new guidelines are established.

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