



## Central Wisconsin Sail and Power Squadron - 2007 End of Year Report

Central Wisconsin Squadron has completed a very successful year. We have satisfactorily met our goals that were established for the year. These included having four basic boating classes or ABC classes serving people from the community who wanted to learn more about boating safely. Each class was visited by the commander to inform the students of the purpose of USPS and membership promotions were held following classes as appropriate. Squadron members visited with potential members about the benefits of becoming a member.

Our squadron was involved in instruction for the youth. Sessions were taught at Wausau at "Splash Into Safety". Second and Sixth Graders at Washington School in Stevens Point were taught the basics of water safety. Following this session the students made posters so they could inform other students about water safety. From these posters some were selected to go to the district and national contest. We had First, Second and Third winners at the district contest. At both of these events some free life jacket were given to students.

Vessel Safety Checks were very successful at three squadron planned days at three different locations. Many squadron members participated by assisted the examiners as they conducted the examinations of the vessels. Free life jackets were given to children who were with their parents while receiving a vessel safety check.

Throughout the year the lines of communication were kept open to all the members by group or individual emails, our web site, five issues of our news letter, "Between The Lines", and social gatherings. We had monthly executive meetings and seven member meetings. Three on the water social events were held during the summer. Two were on Lake Du Bay and one at Eagle River.

Central Wisconsin Squadron was well represented at all the National and District Meetings including the Rendezvous on the Mississippi. At Fall Conference we had a total of nine members. Many of these members were involved presenting or chairing meetings during the conference.

Our education department again hit high scores with all the classes throughout the year. These included the four basic boating classes, two sail, cruise planning, piloting, and weather. Various certified instructors were instructors and assistants for these classes. Several members also attended the USPS seminars at the conference.

We are proud to have received many awards throughout the year. These include individual and squadron awards. Stanley Dale was chosen District Instructor of the Year for Elective Courses. Our Sail class was 5<sup>th</sup> in the nation annual and 6<sup>th</sup> in the nation cumulative of current members completing the class. For co-operative charting Maury Rice earned an individual honor roll recognition and Central Wisconsin made the squadron honor roll. The newspaper "Between The Lines" earned national recognition. Our scrapbook won first in the district and was submitted to National for which we received a certificate.

We have our first member who has been a USPS member for twenty-five years. The member is Robert Johnson and he received a pin and certificate from the national office.

Growth in membership has been a continuous concern. I feel we have done very well in this area. We did lose some members this year as a result of moving, death, and other occurrences. We also gained eleven new members. The current membership is sixty-two. The best news about this is that several of these members came seeking membership because they wanted to increase their knowledge in boating and being safer boaters.

This is what our membership needs to continue, enthusiasm and to be eager to gain knowledge about the world of boating.

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