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D/C Maury Rice, JN

From the Helm D/C Maury Rice, JN

Jenny and I had a great boating season although the boat almost never left Green Lake. One of the reasons was that our two son-in-laws, our son, and their families finally decided that they wanted to take part in boating and use the boat when we were not around. Also, kayaking has become an important interest for the family. This did not make them any more interested in joining USPS, but at least they have moved forward with more interest in the boating. Getting the younger generations interested in any type of organization requires a lot of special skills and not necessarily the skills that Jenny and I have acquired or that USPS has honed. However, USPS has taken some giant steps forward in making the organization better and more appealing to the younger generations.

An example of this was the Governing Board at Norfolk. There were many fun things to do and Jenny and I probably had one of the best times we have ever had at a Governing Board. Having a background in archeology, I loved the trip to Jamestown. Exploring the Norfolk area and, in particular, the Battleship Wisconsin was very fascinating. On the BB-64, they asked us where we were from, and when the answer was “Wisconsin”, we got a special gift. Sorry Minnesota. Much progress was made in reforming National Governance and sorting out what is needed for the future of USPS. Not only were new ideas forthcoming on membership retention and recruiting, but it was made clear that the future financial health of USPS cannot be wholly dependent upon membership dues. Therefore, new initiatives are in the offering to expand our horizons and finding other sources of revenue. One of these is the future rollout of an e-commerce site. Another is USPS University and hands on Boat Operator Certifications, which should be very

promising for future education sales and more involvement of the public with USPS’s educational products.

Growth Awards were given to four of our squadrons at Norfolk as well as a PRO award. These and a lot more awards will be given out at the Fall Conference. The District is in the middle of the pack in terms of retaining members and adding new members, but there is obviously more we can do. New initiatives will be forthcoming from National and along this line, and the National Plan Committee has distributed two white papers. Ask your Commander or call any District Bridge member if you want copies e-mailed to you. We will discuss the ideas in these at Fall Conference.

The Norfolk meeting also highlighted the efforts of the National Plan Committee in rolling out a real professional leadership development program.

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District Executive Department

D/Lt/C Al Harmon, AP

National Governing Board Meeting (Norfolk, VA)

I'm writing this article on the plane coming back from the GB meeting. (How's that for real time communication!). First of all, let me tell you D10 was represented well. Secondly, let me tell you "the times they are a-changing." Maury will report back to you on the changes regarding Governance (in my estimation, a good change). We participated in a workshop on helping the Squadrons develop plans to grow the membership (probably the most important effort going on in USPS). I'll start working that into our strategic plans and tactical activities as quickly as possible.

Fall Conference

Question: How many of the bridge can talk about the Fall Conference in this newsletter?

Answer: All of us!

Why: Because it's our opportunity to make the days you have remaining in your current Squadron positions as productive as they can be. It also gives us an opportunity to help you hit your next position "running." If you're like me, you like to know what's coming so you have time to make it "your own," instead of more of the same. We won't have anything as elaborate as last year's Administrative Officer for Dummies book, but we will spend some time on closing out the Executive Officer responsibilities and preparing for what is coming up. I'll also have some time to "try out" some ideas I have in mind for the upcoming year as a District. I need your feedback. Like my ole' granddaddy used to say, "two heads are better than one, even if one is a goat." I'm the goat – Help me make the next watch year one of the most successful yet.

Safety Reports

If you haven't sent in your report yet, you're a bit late. Jim Munger is your contact and his email address is Jmunger@aol.com. By now, I've probably contacted you concerning this. Please use the form located at <http://www.usps.org/national/safety/RBSafetyOfficerReport.pdf>. I think you'll admit that once you've seen it, it's pretty easy to complete. Thanks in advance for your help!

Co-op Charting

Just because Geodetic Markers are no longer an activity of the Squadrons (personally, I really will miss it this fall) it doesn't mean our involvement should diminish.

ATON Inspections (Aids to Navigation), from the web site:

"The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) requires that when reporting a USACE Aids to Navigation (ATON) inspection, include all ATONs inspected, not just those that have problems. This is done by entering the time and miles expended along with a chart identifying the area inspected. Also, in the description box enter the number of USACE ATONs found to be as charted. "A CoCh cruise that finds no items to be reported may enter the time and miles expended along with a chart section uploaded identifying the area inspected."

I think this will become a suitable or superior substitute for Geodetic Markers in the future. More to come from P/D/C Jeff Hamilton, who leads Co-op Charting efforts for the District.

Vessel Safety Check

The District is at 772 exams performed this year, versus 1039 exams last year (as of the 11Sep07 report on the web). I know all of the Squadrons have not reported all of their VSCs as of this date, so please get that in (on-line reporting) ASAP.

Well that's it for now. I personally hope to see you all at the District Fall Conference. I'm looking for a "Cowboy" suit when I get back. Seeing that alone should be worth the effort to come. Enjoy the rest of this boating season. Be safe!

District Administrative Department

D/Lt/C Kathy Schult, AP



D/Lt/C Kathy Schult, AP

Greetings,

As the summer is winding down, I can't help but think what a wonderful summer Don and I had. Our latest trip to Norfolk for the Governing Board was just the icing on the cake. What a *Great* experience. We were able to board a Tall Ship Schooner and enjoyed a harbor tour. Seeing the navel ships up close was quite remarkable for me. We also enjoyed the visit to the Battleship Wisconsin.



Battleship Wisconsin BB64

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Congratulations go out to four District 10 squadrons receiving Growth Awards in Norfolk. Door County, Hiawatha Valley, Minnetonka and Oshkosh achieved a 1% or better increase in members for the period ending 31 May 2007. I look forward to hearing their "success stories". The Administrative Department National website "success stories". Check it out. How many D10 squadrons will have an increase in members this year?

Hats off to the Hiawatha Valley Sail and Power Squadron for a successful D10 Summer Rendezvous in Red Wing. I especially enjoyed the dingy boat ride and of course the bocce ball tournament. Isn't member involvement awesome? Bring it on!

I hope you have made your reservations for the upcoming Fall Conference at Chula Vista...if not, please consider doing so *TODAY*. The tentative agenda is on the D10 web site along with the registration form. A quick peek, shows two USPS University Seminars, Cooperative Charting Update, A DB 2000 Project, Canvas, Canvas, Canvas and More Canvas, Invasive Species plus the departmental workshops. Of course, there will be time for lots of fun also. Having known some of the Madison members for awhile now, I am convinced there will be plenty of fun to be had. The coveted "Retention Trophy" will also be presented.

I came across this little ditty on the National site and thought it appropriate as we continue to strive to retain our members. Enjoy!

Be safe and enjoy this wonderful fall weather. See you in the Dells!

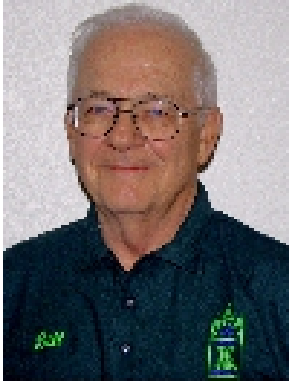
Renew Your Opportunities!

- U** is for your membership
- S**afe boating environment through education
- P**roviding assistance to others
- S**hared experiences are lasting

- M**any opportunities to learn and lead
- E**ducation for a safer boating public
- M**ember connections across the country through port captains
- B**enefits to enhance your boating skills
- E**lective classes expand your boating horizons
- R**endezvous with fellow boaters
- S**hare experiences by taking someone boating
- H**appy memories
- I**nvolvement with community outreach benefits others and enriches your life
- P**ay back the squadron for help received



Dingy boat ride in Red Wing



D/Lt/C William Dohr, SN

District Educational Department

D/Lt/C Bill Dohr, SN

Fall Conference

You don't want to miss the fall conference this year. This conference traditionally emphasizes our USPS educational program. This year will be no different. We will offer two USPS University seminars and bring you up-to-date on the new Boat Operator Certification program. We will give out four district awards to our most deserving instructors in the form of the Chapman Award, Advanced Grades Instructor Award, Elective Course Instructor Award and Public Boating Course Instructor Award. We will recognize squadrons for their national rankings in many course categories and announce the winning squadrons for the prestigious Squadron Educational Achievement and the

Prince Henry trophies. Finally, we will have the usual teaching aid competition. See ADEO John Winger's article elsewhere in this publication about the teaching aid competition.

I hope to see all of the SEO's at the fall conference in Wisconsin Dells. All squadrons were represented by the SEO or ASEO at the past spring conference. I hope that we can do as well this fall. The agenda for the workshop will be distributed to the SEO's shortly.

Boat Operator Certification

The new Boat Operator Certification program is close to being rolled out. The final touches on the necessary insurance coverage are nearing completion at the national level. At the squadron level we need to identify and train certifiers. Our Midwest regional certifier is Robert Runner and our advanced certifier is R/C Art Mollica, SN from Saint Paul. Art attended a three-day U.S. Sailing Powerboat school in California to qualify for the job of advanced certifier. The squadron certifiers must be approved by the regional certifier and must attend the appropriate training. When the insurance and squadron certifiers are in place, members will be able to obtain their Inland Navigator certification. The requirements are passing a NASBLA approved boating course, Seamanship, Engine Maintenance, and six seminars and demonstrating to a certifier on-the-water skills of docking and maneuvering of a power boat and use of a fire extinguisher.

USPS University-Seminars

There are now six Seminars available at Headquarters. They are GPS, Weather, Chart Reading, VHF Radio, Sail Trim and Power Boat Handling. The squadrons in the district are now teaching seminars to the public and to members. The first district-wide seminar was taught by Stf/C Mike Wiedel, AP. It was the GPS seminar and it was offered at the district rendezvous at Red Wing, Minnesota. Congratulations to the hosting squadron Hiawatha Valley for offering this at the rendezvous. What a great idea.

There will be two more offerings at the Fall Conference. A St. Paul squadron member will teach the Weather seminar on Saturday and Mike Wiedel will teach the VHF Radio seminar on Sunday morning. These seminars will be important to take as they will count toward the various levels in the new BOC program as noted above. Please consider signing up for one or both of these seminars.

Lake Michigan Ferry Crossing

My congratulations go out to the Milwaukee Sail and Power Squadron for their arrangements this past June for crossing Lake Michigan on the high-speed ferry. Bernie, our two grandsons, two friends and I participated in the crossing. We went over on Saturday, stayed overnight at Muskegon, Michigan and returned on Sunday. It was an outstanding trip and we had a great time. Thanks again Milwaukee for letting us participate.

Do you know the latitude of the Arctic Circle?

I would like to close this article with an educational topic. In early



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August, Bernie and I were on a tour of Alaska. One part of the trip was on a bus on the Dalton Highway which is a gravel road from near Fairbanks to Prudhoe Bay on the Arctic Ocean. We crossed the Arctic Circle about a third of the way to Prudhoe Bay. As we approached the Arctic Circle and as I was watching our position on my GPS, it soon became clear that it was not going to be an even number of latitude like 65° N or 70° N, etc. When we got to the Arctic Circle visitor center (which consisted of a sign and rest rooms), the sign read 66° 33' North Latitude.

Maybe I should have learned the reason for this odd number in JN, N or Weather, but if I did, I didn't remember. I found out later at the visitor center in Coldfoot that the latitude of the Arctic Circle had to do with sunrises, sunsets and the tilt of the earth's axis of rotation to the sun. From that I figured out that the Arctic Circle is the southernmost latitude that the sun does not set on June 21st of each year. Knowing that the tilt of the earth's axis of rotation is the same as the declination of the sun on June 21st, I looked up that declination in a nautical almanac and it was 23° 26' 24"N. I subtracted that from 90° N latitude at the North Pole and I got 66° 33' 36"N. My GPS read 66° 33' 22"N. An on-line encyclopedia says that the Arctic Circle is at 66° 33' 39"N. I guess that my GPS was very accurate and that the sign was in the right place.



D10 Welcomes Chief Commander's Representative R/C Noel McKeown, SN



R/C Noel McKeown has been a member of the Dayton Sail and Power Squadron since 1980, and served as Administrative Officer, Executive Officer, and Commander. He was also District 24 Treasurer, Secretary, Administrative Officer, Executive Officer, and Commander. At the squadron level, R/C McKeown teaches the Squadron Boating Course, Advanced Piloting, and Marine Electronics. He now serves as the Rear Commander of the Law Committee.

R/C McKeown is a partner in the law firm of Miller, Finney, McKeown & Baker, and in his spare time is an amateur radio operator and past General Chairman of Dayton Hamvention.

R/C McKeown and his wife Marilyn McKeown, AP, keep the Tartan 40 sailboat that they have owned for 19 years at Toledo Beach Marina. Their daughter Kathleen follows in her father's footsteps, and is in her final year of law school.





D/Lt/C Greg Holmen, AP

District Treasurer D/Lt/C Gregory Holmen, AP

This is my final article as your District Treasurer, as my capable assistant, Bud Broekema from Minnetonka, will take over the reins at the Spring '08 conference.

My wife Mary and I wish to say a sincere thank you to the many members and friends we've made in District 10, for your friendship and hospitality at the meetings and rendezvous we've attended. Truly, District 10 is made up of great people, and that is the strength of this organization. I would also like to thank the members of D10 for the faith and trust you have placed in me these past four years as assistant and then treasurer. It has been a great learning experience for me, at times challenging, but I look back with pride that we have come very far, and as I prepare to leave my office, I know that I leave the district in far better condition than when I arrived.

The financial state of the district is sound and strong. Our budgeted income realized is 86% of the planned income; with seven months left to go in the fiscal year, I anticipate we shall meet our budget goals. Since the two conferences for the fiscal year have not yet happened, no expenses have been realized yet until these meetings occur. As of August 31, 2007, the total assets of District 10 are \$40,981.08, consisting of cash, which is nearly four times the financial strength this organization had when I began my tenure. This financial strength will be an important benchmark as USPS embarks on the USPS University and boat operator certification, as we will have the resources and the options to help bring about these changes and support our member squadrons.

At the Norfolk, VA USPS Governing Board, the national organization voted a dues increase of \$1.80, raising the active national member dues to \$35.40, and the active with family members to \$53.10, effective June 1, 2008. District 10's membership voted to simplify the dues categories at our last conference as National did, to two dues categories; active member district dues are \$14.00, and active plus any number of family members in the same household are 1.5 times the active dues, or \$21.00, and this will take effect with the next billing cycle beginning in May 2008.

For my final gem of wisdom, I'd like the members of the bridge, and all those who hold a position on a committee or advisory position in USPS to take a lesson from evolution... those species who could most quickly adapt to change are still here on our planet Earth... those who could not quickly adapt to change, are extinct. You hold the unwritten history in your hands. Will the history books say USPS reinvented itself and adapted? Or will they say it became extinct? For those most senior in our committees, do not reflect upon how it was done in the past, but ask yourself, what will USPS need to do in the future.



D/Lt/C Richard Baker, AP

District Secretary D/Lt/C Richard Baker, AP

People actively involved in USPS occasionally find themselves with more things to do than they have time for. For me, conference time is often like that. Sometimes, I wonder why I put myself through this. Then, I come across something like the Wisconsin Boating Program Report. This is the report that analyzes the statistics collected throughout the year for every reported boating accident. This report is important to look at every year if you are in the boating safety business as we are; but it is particularly significant at this time. Why? Because of the number of fatalities reported. In 2006, Wisconsin had 10 boating related fatalities. Admittedly, it's terrible that 10 people died in boating accidents last year, but there is a "bright side". The bright side is that the number is less than half of what it has been for all but 3 out of the last 9 years.

Fatalities from 1997 through 2005 averaged 21.4 per year, with a high of 29 in 1997, and a low of 15 in 1998.

Many significant facts emerge from the report, for instance, last year the six most common causes of the 106 reportable accidents were: 1. Excessive Speed, 2. Operator Inattention, 3. Operator Inexperience, 4. Careless/Reckless Operation, 5. Improper Lookout, and 6. Water skier / wake-boarder / tube rider / passenger behavior. Of the ten fatalities, six were from drowning, and four were from trauma. Of the ten fatalities, only one of the trauma victims had on a PFD; it is probable that the six drowning victims would have survived had they been wearing PFD's. Alcohol was the leading cause of accidents in 2001, but in 2006 it dropped to ninth. And don't think experience means you won't have an accident, since 66% of operators had over 100 hours of experience.

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Workshops for district trainers are scheduled for the third week in September. We have already picked two people to attend the Chicago Regional Leadership Development Workshop: P/C Kris Harmon and Lt/C Jeff Schott. They will be reporting to us at the District Conference at Wisconsin Dells. We will have to determine how their new knowledge will best be transmitted to our future squadron leaders.

By the time you receive this, I hope that all of you have made your reservations for the Fall Conference at Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells. Again, we will be featuring a seminar on DB 2000 and other educational offerings as well as District Bridge Officers Workshops. Make sure to bring along your cowboy attire for Friday night. I am not too sure that I can wear my old cowboy boots for more than a half an hour, so I will be bringing two pairs of shoes for Friday night.

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We can compare that to the fact that, if we take out the “unknowns”, only 25% of operators had safety education. If you look at PWC operators that had accidents, only 10% had boater education. Also, if we consider the top ten violations in 2006, five are items that we look at while doing a VSC. As you might imagine, not having enough PFD's on board was number one.

So what conclusions should we draw after looking at the report? While the significant reduction in fatalities may be due to a statistical anomaly, it *may* be that the safe boating classes held in the state by the DNR, USPS, and the USCG Auxiliary are beginning to have an effect. The number of people that graduate from our Squadron Boating Course or Boat Smart course is significant as a percentage of the total number of people receiving safety education in the state. And, the VSC program contributes greatly to the safety of the boating public. The job we do is definitely worth the effort.

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Call to the Meeting
District 10 2007 Fall Conference
2-4 November 2007
Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells, WI

This Call Includes
Notice of Proposed Amendments to the District 10
United States Power Squadrons, Inc. Bylaws

In accordance with the bylaws of District 10, Section 5.6, the District 10 2007 Fall Conference (to which all members are cordially invited) has been called. The Council meeting will be held on 2 November 2007 at the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin, and will convene at 1800; and the Conference meeting will be held on 3 November 2007 also at the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin, and will convene at 1315 for the purpose of acting on matters set forth below.

Section 9.1 of the District 10 Bylaws provides that the District Secretary shall include in the notice the text of any proposed amendments to the District Bylaws. The first four amendments following this paragraph were proposed by motion at the 2007 District 10 Spring Conference. The next two amendments, **Proposed Amendment #5** and **Proposed Amendment #6** are put forth by the Bridge, because subsequent to the Council and Conference meetings at the District 10 2007 Spring Conference, it was discovered that these sections would need to be changed to reflect the other changes. Therefore the undersigned District Secretary gives notice hereby of the intent to bring these proposed amendments before the 2007 District 10 Fall Council and Conference meeting to be held at the Chula Vista Resort at Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin on 2 and 3 of November 2007.

Proposed Amendment #1: Amend **SECTION 2.7.6** in its entirety to read as follows:
[2.7 The Treasurer shall]

Monitor that all per capita district dues assessments collected from new members by the member squadrons are paid within thirty days of collection; that renewing members dues collected by national are remitted to the district within thirty days; or the district treasurer shall send a past due notice to collect monies owed from the past due entity.

Proposed Amendment #2: Amend **SECTION 2.10.1** to read as follows (the changes are shown in italics):

The **BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE** shall consist of three members, one of whom shall be appointed each year for a term of three years. This committee shall recommend policy concerning *the Enrichment fund*, general reserves and operating funds as directed by the Council, and *together with the District Treasurer* shall annually draft a detailed budget of operating expenses, anticipated income, and recommended per capita assessment to be levied against the squadrons for the following budget year. The complete budget shall be proposed to the Council prior to the *Fall* conference. Any change in per capita assessment adopted at a *Fall* conference shall not take effect until the beginning of the next USPS dues year.

Proposed Amendment #3: Amend the Bylaws of the Corporation to add **SECTION 8.2.10** as follows:

The member squadrons of District 10 shall add to their dues structure and collect, the district per capita assessment, as passed by the conference, from each new member class this pertains to, and remit these assessments to the district within thirty days of receiving the monies from the new member. For each renewing member, the squadrons will charge the District per capita assessment as passed by Conference, as per the national bylaws governing the collection and payment of renewal member dues.

Proposed Amendment #4: Add to the Bylaws **SECTION 8.4.5** to read as follows:

Upon a 2/3 majority vote of the elected bridge officers, the bridge may authorize budget reductions or transfers between budget accounts, as long as the overall departmental budget is not increased or does not exceed the approved total budget passed by the conference.

These above motions were referred to the Rules Committee for review at the 2007 District 10 Spring Conference and action on same was called for at that Conference to be taken at the 2007 District Fall Conference. It is presumed that the Rules Committee will make a report on this matter at the 2007 District 10 Fall Conference. The following amendments are proposed in an effort to bring consistency to the bylaws, considering the previous suggested changes. These were not presented to the Council or Conference at the Spring 2007 meeting, but will be proposed at the Fall 2007 meeting.

Proposed Amendment #5: Amend **SECTION 3.2.4** of the Bylaws to read as follows:

At the *Fall* Council meeting, the Council shall approve for recommendation to the *Fall* Conference, a detailed budget of operating expenses, anticipated income and per capita assessment to be levied against squadrons for the following year.

Proposed Amendment #6: Amend **SECTION 4.3.2** to read as follows:

Adopt annually, at its *Fall* meeting, a detailed budget, including per capita assessment to be levied against squadrons. Assessments for members joining squadron after the date specified in 2.7.6 herein may be levied by the Conference.

In addition to considering the proposed amendments to the bylaws of District 10, the Council and the Conference will:

1. Receive and act upon reports of officers and committees.
2. Consider and act upon any other business that may properly come before this meeting.

D/Lt/C Richard Baker
District 10 Secretary

D10 2008 Summer Rendezvous

Dubuque, IA
Hosted by the Madison Sail and Power Squadron
In conjunction with
The Dubuque Provisional Squadron

Come Join Us For:

- Friday Night Dinner Cruise on the American Lady
- Learn how to taste wine, and tour Galena Vineyard and Winery
- Shop Galena
- Bocce Ball Tournament
- Barbeque and Bonfire Saturday night.
- Slips available at the American Marine's Dubuque Yacht Basin
- Rooms reserved at the Hilton Garden Inn Dubuque Downtown. Casino and Greyhound Track
- **11-13 July 2008**



USPS District 10 2007 Fall Conference

2-4 November 2007

Chula Vista Resort

4031 River Rd.

Wisconsin Dells WI 53965

Hosted by Madison Sail and Power Squadron

www.madisonsquadron.org

Squadron _____

Rank _____ Name: _____ Grade _____

Rank _____ Name: _____ Grade _____

Phone _____ Email _____

District position _____

Squadron position _____

Spouse/guest/non-member attending _____

Is this your first time attending a District Conference? Yes _____ No _____

Meal Information:

Breakfast each day on your own. Resort offers a buffet and menu service.

Friday: Dinner on your own. Chula Vista Resort has six restaurants and bars. Bonfire at 7:00 pm, weather permitting. Wild West

Party starts at 8:00pm Persons Amount
\$7X _____ = _____

Saturday:

Lunch: Chuck wagon BBQ lunch; salads,
sides, burgers, ribs and shrimp! \$18 X _____ = _____

Dinner: Combination plate with London Broil and
Honey-glazed chicken, including appetizer,
salad, vegetable and dessert. Vegetarian
meals available on request. \$25 X _____ = _____

Sunday: on your own

Total all Meals _____

Seminars:

Two seminars from the new series will be offered

Onboard Weather Forecasting, Saturday,
Presenter: Art Mollica Persons Amount
\$25 X _____ X _____

Using VHF & VHF/DSC Marine Radio,
Sunday, Presenter: Mike Wiedel \$20 X _____ X _____

+Total seminars _____

=Total Meals and Seminars _____

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Chula Vista Resort information:

Room Reservations: Ask for United States Power Squadrons Block rate *before Oct 3* to receive USPS rate of \$99/night. Call 1-800-388-4782 or local (608) 254-8366. Fax (608) 254-7653. Email info@chulavistaresort.com. The Chula Vista Resort is located on HWY 13 North, at 4031 River Rd. Wisconsin Dells WI 53965. 80,000 s.f. multi-level multi-slide indoor water park, slides total 1.5 miles. Close to shopping, casino and other attractions

Attire:

Friday: Informal. Team USPS shirts, or USPS Blazer, no tie

Friday evening: Wild West clothing

Saturday: Informal. Team USPS shirts, or USPS Blazer, no tie

Saturday evening: Informal. Team USPS shirts or USPS Blazer, no tie



**Fall Conference Agenda
Chula Vista Resort – Wisconsin Dells, WI
2, 3, 4 November 2007**

Friday, 2 November

1500-1900 Registration
 1500-1600 District Planning Committee
 1600-1700 District Nominating Committee (Closed meeting)
 1800-2000 District Council Meeting
 1900-2000 Bonfire (weather permitting)
 2000-2200 **Wild West Party**

Lobby
 Executive Board Room
 Executive Board Room
 Laguna Vista
 Patio
 Sierra Vista

Saturday, 3 November

0630-0900 Breakfast – on your own
 0730-0930 Registration
 0700-0730 **Cooperative Charting Update – P/D/C Jeff Hamilton, AP**
 0745-0915 Commanders' Workshop
 Executive Department Workshop
 Administrative Department Workshop
 Education Department Workshop
 Secretary Department Workshop
 Treasurer Department Workshop
 0930-1000 **Involvement Is Retention- D/Lt/C Kathy Schult, AP**
 1015-1215 **USPS University – Weather Seminar (Pre register \$25.00)**
 1015-1100 **Invasive Species – Todd Kittel**
 1115-1200 **Canvas, Canvas, Canvas & More Canvas – Lt/C Kris Stone, P & Cameron Weldon**
 1215-1300 Lunch
 1315-1600 District Conference Meeting
 1600-1700 **A DB 2000 Project– P/D/C Jeff Hamilton, AP**
 1730-1830 Hospitality - Cash Bar
 1830-2200 **Dinner**

Lobby

 Laguna Vista
 3101 Presidential Suites
 3001 Presidential Suites
 3010 Santa Fe
 3016 Santa Fe
 3020 Santa Fe
 Aztec
 Aztec
 Sierra Vista
 Sierra Vista

 Sierra Vista
 Aztec
 Upper Ballroom
 Upper Ballroom

Sunday, 4 November

0630-0900 Breakfast – on your own
 0700-0900 **USPS University – VHF Seminar (Pre register \$20.00), Stf/C Mike Wiedel, AP**
 0830-1000 **N Club Meeting- Boat Operator Certification with Advanced Certifier - R/C Art Mollica, SN**
 1015-1100 **Open Discussions with the Chief's Rep.**
 1115-1245 District 10 Bridge Meeting

Laguna Vista
 Sierra Vista
 Sierra Vista
 Executive Board Room

Uniform of the Day:

Friday Informal Team USPS shirts or USPS Blazer (no tie)
 Friday Evening Wild West Clothing
 Saturday Informal. Team USPS shirts or USPS Blazer (no tie)
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Tentative as of 23 September 2007

Teaching Aids at the Fall Conference

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Actually, we should have lots of teaching aids every time from every squadron because everyone knows how to make them. But we don't. That's probably because people think we're looking for something we aren't. We aren't looking for some way to clarify Einstein's general theory of relativity. Or an economic model for predicting stock prices with uncanny accuracy. Nope. Our subject is safe boating. We want simple, effective ways to help people build a store of knowledge capable of dealing quickly and calmly with the myriad of possibilities which all boaters can face out on the water.

Everyone spends a lot of time each day explaining things to other people. People often line up salt shakers to explain how things were positioned or make quick sketches or use analogies to other events to get their idea across to family or friends or business associates. So that's why I say everyone knows how to make teaching aids. All we need is some inspiration for turning that talent toward addressing safe boating. Maybe you're now thinking back about each boating class you've taken and trying to remember what aids were used then and what improvement or additions there could have been. Well, that's one good approach, but I'd like to suggest another. The next time you are boating, or just down by the water, you are going to see a lot of people doing a lot of things and probably you will see some unsafe actions or maybe just mistakes or different strategies to get the same task done. Maybe it might be an experience of your own. Whatever the event that attracts your attention, think of how you might best explain to someone else how that task could be done quickly, easily and safely. Then think of how you might use a diagram, or a model to help you with the explanation. Your idea is great teaching aid material. Now just make it and bring it to the fall conference.

We will be delighted to receive your entry. Each entry will be judged relative to the others in terms of originality, low cost and teaching clarity. A traveling trophy will be awarded to the winner. 1st, 2nd & 3rd place certificates will be awarded to the top 3 squadrons. One year custodianship of the D10 traveling trophy also goes to the winner. More importantly, your participation will help us all to look for training opportunities and creative ways to spread the safe boating message.

Thanks for you support.



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