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D/C Bob Stierna, SN

At the end of the 1st Continental Congress, Ben Franklin is reported to observed (loosely, I don't have the exact quote available): "During these proceedings, I have noticed the sun on the horizon design on the back of the leaders' chair, and often wondered if it were a rising or a setting sun. I'm happy to report that it is indeed a rising sun". As I'm writing these words at the end of the USPS Annual Meeting in Jacksonville, we can celebrate a rising sun also.

Many of the initiatives that have been in development over the past couple of years are coming together to form an integrated whole. Over the last couple of meetings a lot has been accomplished. To wit:

Our squadrons have been given a new tool (if they choose to use it) in the 3 year waiver of the educational requirement for membership. We can use this tool to attract experienced boaters, but to be effective, we must integrate them into

the educational ethic of our squadrons.

A new dues structure which encourages Active Member status (as opposed to family member) is being adopted and some structural impediments (like the status transfer fee) are being recognized and eliminated.

USPS University is rapidly becoming a reality, and the accompanying "Boater Certification" program is being met with acclaim throughout the boating community. This learning and skills based program will soon become the recognized credential of choice for insurance companies, charter companies, and the like. It will place USPS in the absolute forefront of quality boating education.

Our seminar program, a part of USPS University, will be an integral part of the Boater Certification Program, providing new and exciting learning opportunities for existing members to re-engage in the learning process and will be open to the public which will provide needed revenue and membership opportunities to our squadrons. As an example, even though I hold a grade of Senior Navigator, I will need to update my skills with several seminars to earn even the first level of certification. I hasten to add, that a SN is not a prerequisite, it just that the requirements are different.

There is a recognition that USPS has done a lot of public relations work, but precious little marketing, and sufficient funds have been identified (through

donations and grants) to fund the first couple of years of a professional marketing position at Headquarters.

National has finally gotten it's fiscal house in order, and ran a small surplus for the year.

There was serious attention paid to the changing demographics and generational subcultures in our society, and a recognition that our organization has to be relevant to upcoming generations, or we will perish. This was a great confirmation of an initiative we have taken in D10 to present a seminar on this critical topic at our upcoming conference. Be sure to take in this eye opening seminar by Al Harmon.

Many other changes were also taking place, but the message I want to convey is that it really feels like a new "System", one addressing changed circumstances is truly coming on line. And it is indeed a rising sun.

Coming up, we think we will have a super Spring Conference for you, with many special learning opportunities and fun events! Come and enjoy the sunset of "Creating Possibilities", and welcome your new Commander, Maury Rice, JN and "Make the Best Better" as he leads us into the glorious new day of the rising sun. Lastly, I would like to thank all of you for your help and support over this past year.

God Bless you all and USPS.



DXO Maury Rice, AP

There has been a lot of activity for the District and Squadron Executive Departments since Spring Conference 2006.

CO-OP CHARTING -

There will be some important changes in the Coop Charting program starting 1 April 2007, with the loss of the geodetic program. However for the year ending 31 March 2007:

Honors – At the time of this report (19 Feb 07) Dave Biddick (2,994 points) and Door County (3,738 points) are in the lead in the program, and District 10 is also in the lead (7,638 points). Green Bay is in second place and St. Paul in fourth

place among all squadrons. Barbara Anderson of Green Bay is in fourth place with 1,037 points and Carole Biddick in fifth place with 724 points. One of the most interesting stats is that our District has far more participants than any other district, eighty, the average is fifteen.

Program Changes – Map Tech and the Army Corps will have programs next year that can in part fulfill the loss to the geodetics, but when these will be up and operational is not known. Both organizations assured us at the Jacksonville Annual Meeting that something will be available during 2007 – 2008.

Pelican Traveling Trophy – After this year, the D10 Pelican Award will have to be revamped, not awarded in 2008 or eliminated, but that will wait until the 2007 Fall Conference for any final decision.

PUBLIC RELATIONS/MARKETING

Safe Boating Week Initiative - There will be some new initiatives for National Safe Boating Week this year. USPS National is requesting that squadrons sign up the public during NSBW (19 – 25 May 2007) to take seminars and boating classes during the month of June. The National Education Department and the Marketing/PR Committee is of the opinion that most members of the public want summer boating classes. Local experience seems to be contrary. Go to <http://www.safeboatingcampaign.net/welcome.htm> to find more on this subject. As of this writing the site is not fully operational, the “free material” link is not ready, but should be soon. Keep watching! A substantial amount of publicity is planned. There are three useful Power Point® presentations now available under “campaign events”. The theme this year is “Wear It”, with a stress on getting children to wear PFDs. Have your squadron PRO coordinate the campaign with your Educational Department. Contact D/Lt Jeff Davis, AP (captjd75@aol.com) for more information.

Reimbursement for Advertising Expenses - For the two distributions of Co-op Advertising funds our District received a total of \$1254.63 out of \$1422 available. Six of eleven squadrons received funds. The dates for submission of requests for reimbursement are 1 April 2007 (before our ability to meet at the Spring Conference) and 1 October 2007. Squadrons will have to take the initiative on their own to submit the needed forms and supporting information. Again contact D/Lt Jeff Davis, AP for more information. The available funds are divided on a first come first take basis, for 50% of the expenses incurred in promoting boating courses. Please go to: <http://www.usps.org/national/pr/NPR102S.pdf>, complete the squadron planning form and send it to Jeff at 1441 Carrie Street, West St. Paul, MN 55118, before 1 April 2007. If you need any Marketing/PR forms, go to <http://www.usps.org/national/pr/NPR103.pdf>.

Contests – For 2007-2008, Jeff Davis reminds the squadrons to begin saving materials for entries to the three public relations contests, Chapman Scrapbook, Upton Video, & Mahnken PowerPoint. They will be due on 1 March 2008.

LEGISLATIVE LIAISON

Minnesota – It seems there has been no significant legislation or regulatory changes from the MN legislature or their DNR this last year. Kim Elverum, the BLA for MN, reports that mandatory education for those over 18 years of age is not likely in the foreseeable future for Minnesota.

Wisconsin - The Wisconsin Child PFD Bill has again been introduced into both houses of the legislature, and a version of that bill is likely to pass the legislature this year, but both contain a provision that makes the date of enforcement 1 May 2008. The present bills largely track the Federal legislation, and require children 12 and under to have a PFD when “underway” unless they were in a cabin or below deck. The mandatory education bill became law last year, but was not enforced because of the needed regulations. Roy Zellmer, the BLA, states that the DNR is informing everyone who asks that the bill is “law” but until the boat rental regulations are approved it will not be enforced with citations. He views the situation at this time as one of education rather than citation. He also states that the earliest that such regulations could be effective would be June, but more likely later. When the law is enforced, anyone born after 1 January 1989 is required to take a credited course and will have to have a DNR certificate showing passing the boating course before he or she can operate a boat in Wisconsin. There are provisions in the bill for reciprocity allowing for acceptance of proof of completion of similar courses in other states or provinces.

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SAFETY

All eleven squadrons have submitted their Safety Reports to the District Safety Officer and these have been forwarded to national. We are on the honor roll of districts.

VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS

We had fewer VEs than last year but more checks. For 2006 we had 79 VEs and 1039 VSCs, as compared to 2005 when we had 86 and 856 respectively. This is an increase from 10.0 to 13.2 per VE.

RECREATIONAL BOATING SAFELY VISITATION PROGRAM

P/D/C Art Mollica has spearheaded this program not only for our District, but for National. Presently, our District has over 1/4th of the total USPS Visitors at 11, and the most visits of any district of the USPS. The program is at a near standstill at the National level, but we would certainly welcome some more interest at the District level. Contact Art (artmollica@usfamily.net) or go to the following web site: <http://www.usps.org/national/vsc/rbsvp.html>.

SQUADRON DEVELOPMENT

Work has continued towards forming a squadron in the Dubuque area. D/Lt/C Baker and his crew have been developing relationships with potential boaters and organizations which can help in this process, including working with a local marina, having a presence at a boat show and having taught a boating class there. Likely there will be another boating class this coming summer in the Dubuque area.

MINI SEMINARS

We did develop one mini seminar on Leadership for the Fall Conference, now the development of Leadership programs has passed to National relating to both the out-of-date Leadership Development Seminar and a powerful 2 day leadership workshop. More on that development at the Spring Conference.

RADIO TECHNICAL

On 23 February the current 5 WPM Morse code requirement will officially disappear from the Amateur Radio Service Part 97 rules in accordance with the FCC's Report and Order. Applicants for a General or Amateur Extra class Amateur Radio license no longer will have to demonstrate proficiency in Morse code. They'll just have to pass the applicable written examination. Deletion of the Morse requirement is a landmark in Amateur Radio history. Check out the following link to the US Amateur Bands in a graphic format for assignment changes effective 15 December 2006 www.arrl.org/announce/regulatory/wt04-140/Hambands3_color.pdf.

BUDGET

As of 16 February, the department had spent \$2,021.81 out of its \$2,950 budgeted amount, or 68.5%.

THANK YOU I would like to thank all the Executive Department heads who have made me look good, to the extent that can be done: Jeff Davis, AP (PRO); Greg Korstad, AP (MN Legislation); Ron Kraase, SN (WI Legislation); Kathy Schult, AP (Liaison), Mike Wiedel, AP (Radio Tech), Richard Baker, P (Squadron Development), Jim Munger, N (Safety), Neil McMillin, SN (VSC), Art Mollica, SN (RBSVP) and Dave Biddick, SN (Co-op Charting).

INVITATION

The year is coming to an end very fast and I will have a chance to meet many of you at your squadrons' Changes of Watch and promoting our theme for next year, "Time to Make the Best Better." I am hoping to also see you at the Spring Conference at the Holiday Inn and Conference Center at Stevens Point, 13 to 15 April 2007. We have a lot of fun planned and some learning possibilities as well. *****

To: All members of District 10

Subject: Call to District 10 Spring Conference 2007

In accordance with the bylaws of District 10, Section 5.6, the District 10 Spring Conference 2007 (to which all members are cordially invited) has been called. The meeting will be held on 14 April 2007 at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Convention Center in Stevens Point, Wisconsin, at 1315 for the purpose of acting on matters set forth below:

To receive and act upon reports of officers and committees.

To elect officers and members of committees

To adopt a budget for the next watch year

To consider and act upon any other business that may properly come before this meeting

D/Lt/C Richard Baker, P --- D10 Secretary

Go to www.usps.org for a report on the Annual Meeting held in Jacksonville, FL.





Secretary Dick Baker, P

The one recurring theme I hear more than anything else from outgoing commanders is that they were surprised at the volume of paperwork that the position requires. It does sometimes seem like there is an endless stream of forms we need to submit to track every function of our squadrons. On the other hand, I would be surprised if it was any other way. After all, we belong to an organization that has somewhere around 50,000 members in about 450 separate squadrons, spread out all over this country and beyond. There is no way anyone could operate such a large and diverse entity without some paperwork. USPS has always dedicated itself to improving the way we do everything, and the only way to gauge the effectiveness of our programs is to report on them, and then spread the information to other parts of the organization.

One way to reduce paperwork is to provide it electronically. Headquarters Annual Billing was a big step in that direction, making the job of squadron treasurer much easier. At the recent Annual Meeting, we heard about several new forms that will be joining HQAB on the list of electronic forms. The annual Historians Report has been on line for some time, but it now can be submitted online as well. Starting this year, the merit mark form will be able to be filled out and submitted on line, using DB 2000. This is a huge improvement, significantly reducing the work required to file the merit mark forms. Coming soon is a new “New Member Application Form” that can be submitted electronically, again using DB 2000. We also learned about another part of DB 2000 that may be used for District rosters, which may make that process easier in the future too.

Also at the recent meeting, we found out that a new version of DB 2000 has been released, version 6.1.0.0. This is an update, and should be relatively easy to implement. Our resident expert in this program, P/D/C Jeff Hamilton will be conducting two seminars on DB 2000 at the D10 Spring Conference in Stevens Point. I hope to see you there. *****



DAO Al Harmon, AP

SHORT and SWEET

As the saying goes, “out with the old, in with the new”. I move from the District Administrative Officer to the District Executive Officer shortly. Let me first of all thank the members of the District Administrative Office that helped in 2006:

Judy McMillin – Membership & Member Involvement Chair

Kathy Schult – Conference Chair

Kris Harmon – Operations Training Chair

Donna Van Dreser – Safe Boating Activities Chair

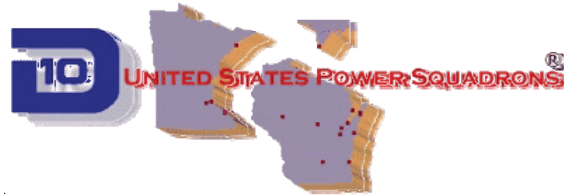
I’d also like to thank the Squadron Administrative Officers for their service as well as all of you who made my life easy putting on some great District events. You made it happen!

In the role of DAO, we found the Law of Commonality between a healthy Squadron and a healthy body. We formulated the idea that involvement was the foundation to Squadron health (the muscle – use it or lose it). We learned that new involved members prevent member burnout (cell regeneration). We learned that retention strengthened the infrastructure of the Squadron (strong bones). Without a strong Squadron, active, growing and vital, we can’t do the things we were meant to do – CIVIC activities. That’s what makes us different from a Yacht Club.

It therefore makes sense to move from the Administrative Officer to the Executive Officer. You reap what you sow. If we’ve moved forward in making a difference at the Squadron, it will show up in our “outbound” activities. It’s now my challenge to find the essence of the District Executive Officer’s position. It’s there waiting for myself and the new Squadron Executive Officers to find. We found the essence of the Administrative Officer and we need to find the key to the Executive Officer position.

The greatest challenge to the United States Power Squadron, today – tomorrow and forever, is the integration of 4 distinct generations into one cohesive organization. Each group has its own separate likes, dislikes and motivators. What turned you and I on to the USPS, likely won’t turn on the next member we recruit. Like the old saying goes...”when you do what you did, you get what you got”. What we got was great for us – we stayed and thrived. Will the next group stay and thrive? Who knows? That’s the play for the future.

The first lesson you learned as a camper was to “leave it better than you found it”. My job is simple – I’ll do my best to leave it better than I found it. Thanks for the opportunity. Short and sweet! *****



SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR ELECTION, 2007-2008

COMMANDER	D/Lt/C Maury Rice, JN	
EXECUTIVE OFFICER	D/Lt/C Alford Harmon, AP	
EDUCATIONAL OFFICER	D/Lt/C Bill Dohr, SN	
Assistant Educational Officer	D/1 st /Lt John Winger, SN	
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	D/Lt Kathy Schult, AP	
Assistant Administrative Officer	P/C Jim Pahl-Washa, JN	
SECRETARY	D/Lt/C Richard Baker, AP	
Assistant Secretary	P/D/C Jeff Hamilton, AP	
TREASURER	D/Lt/C Greg Holman, P	
Assistant Treasurer	Lt Bud Broekema	
Rules Committee (3 year term)	Stf/C Mike Weidel	2010*
	P/D/Lt/C Thaddeus M. Smyczek, SN	2008
	Cdr Geoff Carman, AP	2009
Planning Committee (3 year term)	D/C Bob Stierna, SN	2010*
	P/C Greg Korstad, AP	2010*
	Cdr Carole L. Biddick, AP	2008
	P/D/C Donald C. Schult Sr., AP	2008
	P/D/C Jeff Hamilton, AP	2009
	P/C Wes Koplitz, AP	2009
Audit Committee (3 year term)	P/D/C Ben Coons, AP	2010*
		2008
	D/Lt Jeffrey Davis, AP	2009
Nominating Committee (3 year term)	P/D/Lt/C Ted Smyczek, SN	Milwaukee 2010*
		Green Bay 2010*
		St. Paul 2010*
	P/C Carole Biddick	Door Cty 2010*
	P/C Charles Grubb, P	Duluth 2008
	P/C Robert Hohert, P	Madison 2008
	Lt/C Suzanne Carman	Oshkosh 2008
	P/C Jennifer Cihak, S	Sheboygan 2008
	P/D/C Donald Schult, Sr., AP	Central WI 2009
	P/C Kristine Harmon, AP	HV 2009
	Lt/C Nancy Sullivan, S	Minnetonka 2009

Nominating Committee Alternates (1 year term)

Central Wisconsin	_____	*
Door County	_____	*
Duluth	_____	*
Green Bay	_____	*
Hiawatha Valley	_____	*
Madison	_____	*
Milwaukee	_____	*
Minnetonka	_____	*
Oshkosh	_____	*
St. Paul	_____	*
Sheboygan	_____	*

DISTRICT 10 Warmly Welcomes **Chief Commander's Rep: P/R/C James Richlak, SN** **to Spring Conference 2007**

National Law Officer R/C James D. Richlak, SN of Chagrin Falls, Ohio joined the Painesville (PE) Squadron in 1990. He worked his way up from Squadron Administrative Officer to Commander and then through a succession of district offices on the way to being elected District Commander of D/11 in 2001. He has remained active at the squadron and district level.

Jim's national work began with service as a member of the Governing Board and as a member of the National Law Committee in 1999. He has practiced law for over 30 years in the State of Ohio with emphasis in corporate, non-profit, probate and tax law. He is also a Certified Public Accountant. During the summer he and his wife, Paula, relax on their boat "Bullfrog" while cruising the Great Lakes. Paula is a member of F.A.S.T.- the First Aid Support Team which has a high profile at National meetings! A personal friend of Maury's, Jim was honored to be asked to do Maury's installation as District 10 Commander.

Stf/C Greg Korstad has worked with Jim on the National Law Committee and has stories to tell—see Greg at Spring Conference and ask! *****



Treasurer Greg Holmen, P

Greetings fellow District 10 members!

The days are getting longer, the sun is getting higher, and soon, our hard water will be soft again. Soon we'll be reacquainted again with our passion... boating!

District 10's financial position is looking just as good as the promise of spring. Our revenues are out ahead of the budget planned, the bridge officers have been ultra conservative in their spending, and the squadrons of D10 have done an outstanding job of bringing in new members and retaining the members we have. District 10 is getting strong and vibrant, and our reserves our growing back toward the strength we had five years ago.

Make no mistake, this is not happenstance. The membership saw the problems that needed to be fixed, shared the vision, and we have all worked together bring the "ship" about. I believe that our entire organization, from the national entity, to districts and squadrons, should all strive to have a healthy cash reserve at their core. This 'core strength' will see us thru in good times and in bad, to preserve the future of the organization, as well as bring back the "prestige, honor and respect" members, other organizations, and vendors will see in us, as they examine USPS. One of my mentors used to tell me "people like to do business with winners... not losers" and the financial health is the gauge that points to win or lose.

For District 10, this financial strength provides the District with the tools to implement programs to help our squadrons carry out their mission and goals, and to provide a safety net should trouble arise.

I'll close with a quote from Dr. Seuss... "You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose." Great job... squadrons of District 10! *****

HELLO FELLOW MEMBERS OF DISTRICT 10.

As your District Administrative Officer Nominee, I would like to introduce myself. I've been a member of the Central Wisconsin Sail and Power Squadron since 1994 and have been active since day one. I have enjoyed working the standing committees as well as the Bridge positions. I was the Squadron Commander in 1998-1999.

At the district level, I have enjoyed being on the Planning and Nominating Committee as well as being involved with Conference Planning. I also had the privilege of working as Flag Lieutenant for P/D/C Geir Seger, JN in 1999-2000 and P/D/C Ron Kraase, SN in 2001-2002.

I am eagerly anticipating the opportunity to serve you as your Administrative Officer. Along with Assistant Administrative Officer Jim Pahl-Washa, JN and my appointed committee chairs,

I look forward to a year of learning, sharing and fun. I hope to see you at the upcoming Spring Conference in Stevens Point. In the Administrative Department Workshop, we will begin opening up those lines of communication. In the spirit of the message of our incoming District Commander Maury Rice, JN, lets **MAKE THE BEST BETTER.**

D/Lt Kathy Schult, AP
715.536.9332
schultkm@verizon.net



**USPS DISTRICT 10 2007 SPRING CONFERENCE
CENTRAL WISCONSIN SAIL & POWER SQUADRON**

13, 14, 15 APRIL 2007
HOLIDAY INN HOTEL & CONVENTION CENTER
1001 AMBER AVENUE
STEVENS POINT, WISCONSIN 54481

	Cost	Number	Amount
FRIDAY NIGHT PIZZA PARTY	10.00	_____	_____
LADIES LUNCHEON & HOSPITALITY	15.00	_____	_____
SATURDAY LUNCH	15.00	_____	_____
SATURDAY DINNER - RED SNAPPER	25.00	_____	_____
- PRIME RIB	25.00	_____	_____
SATURDAY & SUNDAY BREAKFAST – ON YOUR OWN (Rudy's open at 0630 for Breakfast)			
	Total		_____
SQUADRON _____			
RANK _____	NAME _____	GRADE _____	
RANK _____	NAME _____	GRADE _____	
PHONE _____	EMAIL _____		

Is this your "First Time" attending a District Conference? ___ Yes

Make check payable to: CENTRAL WISCONSIN SAIL & POWER SQUADRON (CWSPS)
Reply by: 7 APRIL 2007 (No refunds after this date)
Mail form and check to: P/D/C Donald C. Schult Sr., AP
 4020 Prehn Dr.
 Merrill, WI 54452-9112
 Phone: 715-536-9332
 Email: schultdk@gte.net



Hotel Registrations

Ask for block "District 10 USPS" for negotiated rates
Holiday Inn Hotel & Convention Center
 (715) 344-0200 - \$89.00 +Tax

ALL MEETINGS HELD AT THE CONVENTION CENTER
Hotel rates good until 23 March 2007

Holiday Inn Express
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Presenting
The Style Method
 &

Attorney
AMY EDDY
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District 10 Summer Rendezvous

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for

MISSISSIPPI Mingle

in Red Wing, MN

COME BY LAND OR WATER AND
ENJOY "PRETTY LITTLE RED WING!"

**This is a busy weekend in Red Wing,
please make your reservations early!**

LODGING:

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Treasure Island Resort & Casino and the Days Inn

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To reserve your room call 1-800-222-7077.

Room rate is \$109 per evening, plus taxes.

*(A block of rooms reserved at Treasure Island
until 5 June 2007)*

DAYS INN

*(Located on the south side of Red Wing,
very close to Colvill Park.)*

955 E. 7th (along Highway 61), Red Wing, MN

1-651-388-3568

Room rates are \$75.99-84.50, plus taxes.

*(NOTE: For a room at the Days Inn you must
commit to a 2-night stay.*

*A block of rooms is reserved at the
Days Inn until 5 June 2007)*

Another lodging option is the
HISTORIC ST JAMES HOTEL
in Red Wing – 651-388-2846

BOAT SLIPS

TREASURE ISLAND MARINA (DOCK C)

Slips will be reserved for District 10!

*(Complete information on reserving a boat slip
will be included on the Registration Form*

*that will be distributed at the Spring Conference!
Also, if you're coming by boat and won't have a vehicle,
HVSPS will arrange for your transportation to events at
Colvill Park and Red Wing.)*

RV CAMPSITES are available at Treasure Island

To reserve your site, call 1-800-222-7077

PRELIMINARY Schedule of Events:

*(COMPLETE RENDEZVOUS REGISTRATION FORMS
WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE SPRING CONFERENCE!)*

FRIDAY – 6 July 2007

Friday evening activities will be held at

Colvill Park, Hwy 61, Red Wing, MN

(Colvill Courtyard)

1500 - 1900 Registration

1830 Grilled Dinner

SATURDAY – 7 July 2007

Saturday's daytime activities will be held in

Red Wing and the evening activities

will be held at Treasure Island Resort & Casino

0900 - 1300 Registration at Bay Point Park
Ramp Pavilion in Red Wing

0930 (TBD) Seminar *(Will require pre-registration)*
Red Wing Library (Foot Room)
East Ave & 3rd Street

1130 Box Lunch at Bay Point Park
Boat Ramp Pavilion

(Pre-registration will be required for lunch)

1230 (TBD) Dinghy Event at Bay Point Park,
Spectators will meet at Levee Road
(Bring a lawn chair!)

1730-2100 Treasure Island Resort & Casino
Cruise & Dinner aboard Treasure
Island's "Spirit of the Water"

Reserve the dates!

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IN "PRETTY LITTLE RED WING!"

For your comfort, bring your favorite **LAWN CHAIR!**

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WILD WILD WEST D10 FALL ROUNDUP



That's right pardners! Git your saddlebags ready to hit the trail when the annual D10 fall roundup heads to Wisconsin Dells. It will be one wild wild weekend as the Wild Wild West comes to life once again in District 10.

Roundup Trail Boss, Black Jack Stone, and the riders from the Mad Town Ranch invite you to become part of the gang at the Chula Vista Resort and Roundup Grounds. Sheriff Stone will be checkin yer irons if ya plan on shootin anything more than the bull.

Oh yeah, pack yer chuck wagons for a fun filled weekend. Dress code will be the Cowboy Way for the Friday night rodeo, when we ask you to cut out yer own steed from the wild herd we'll be gatherin. You can plan on a lot of Ol' West sound tracks around a campfire with plenty of grub and hooch (red eye to you dudes and dudettes).

SPREAD THE WORD!
Contact Madison Sail and Power Squadron
with your questions!

One warning though, Ya can plan on sleeping under the stars if ya forget to book your rooms by October 3, 2007. If ya forget, we can always use a few night riders to protect the rest of us and the herd!
No bull, contact Chula Vista today at 1-800-388-4782 or on-line at www.chulavistaresort.com to book your room or condo early this Spring

Conference room rate is \$99 and the block of rooms is under the name "United States Power Squadrons" .

For you card sharks, I hear tell there's a gamblin hall in the area. I'm sure we can find a buckboard or two to head to the gambling hall and general stores in the area.

Sheriff Stone will be handin out wanted posters to all cowpokes attending the Spring Conference ins Stevens Point. Posters will also be sent to the other District Ranches (Squadrons) following the conference.

There's no escape. The Mad Town Posse will git ya!





DEO Bill Dohr, SN

During Fall Conference last year at Hudson, Wisconsin hosted by Saint Paul Sail and Power Squadron, many awards were given out by the Educational Department. They are as follows:

Teaching Aid Competition

<u>Place</u>	<u>Squadron</u>	<u>Teaching Aid</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
First	Milwaukee	Boat Smart Exam Critique Aid	Ted Smyczek
Second	Oshkosh	LCD Projector Tripod Adapter	Geoff Carman
Third	Milwaukee	Wave Avoidance Course Plot	Mel Fabiszak

The first place winner received a new traveling trophy plaque.

Individual Instructor Awards

<u>Category</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Squadron</u>
Public Boating	Cdr Lyle Peschke, S	Sheboygan
Advanced Grades/Public Boating	Lt/C David Hegarty, P (posthumous)	Milwaukee
Elective Courses	Not awarded	
District Chapman Award	Stf/C Michael Wiedel, AP	Milwaukee

Squadron Awards

<u>Award</u>	<u>Squadron</u>
Squadron Educational Achievement (SEA) Award	Door County
Prince Henry Award	Door County

Three District 10 squadrons were recognized for high national rankings in various educational categories as follows:

- Central Wisconsin
 - Cruise Planning-first (cumulative)
- Door County:
 - Cruise Planning-first (annual)
 - Marine Electronics-first (annual)
 - Instructor Development-seventh (annual)
 - Junior Navigation-tenth (annual)
 - Elective Courses-first (annual)
 - Marine Electronics-seventh (cumulative)
- Madison:
 - Cruise Planning-seventh (annual)
 - Marine Electronics-tenth (cumulative)

Congratulations to all of the above individuals and squadrons for their achievements. Special congratulations to the four top winners: Milwaukee for their teaching aid, Door County for the SEA award and for the Prince Henry Award and **Stf/C Michael Wiedel, AP** for the District Chapman Award.

This year we can look forward to new Seamanship and Junior Navigation courses, both of which will follow the same format as P and AP. Four Squadrons conducted the Beta version of the new Seamanship Course which included a separate publication of the "Rules of the Road." They were Central Wisconsin, Door County, Minnetonka and Saint Paul. Three Squadrons ran the Beta version of JN this past fall. They were Milwaukee, Minnetonka and Saint Paul. The new JN Course only uses sun sights with the sight folder being graded at the squadron level. Once the squadron approves the sight folder, the student then takes one open book exam to complete the course. Also, look for a new one-module Engine Maintenance course with new power point graphics to be on the shelf at HQ this month.

Effective last year, the new USPS Instructor Certification Program now requires squadrons to use only certified instructors for their public boating courses. We offered the two-hour instructor recertification seminar at the fall district conference. These two-hour seminars extend certification for four years. Congratulations to those members from D 10 that attended the seminar in Hudson. There were 27 members in attendance from 8 squadrons. Their certifications are now good through 9/30/2011.

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For this upcoming watch year, seven SEO's are staying on for at least 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 few years. We welcome four new SEO's this coming year. They are **Kay Baake**, 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 do or will do for USPS and their squadrons.

I hope to see all of the SEO's at the spring conference in Stevens Point. Since there is no winter council weekend as of this year, it is more important than ever that all squadrons have a representative at the spring conference SEO Workshop. The agenda for the workshop will be distributed to the SEO's shortly. *****

Educational News from the Annual Meeting in Jacksonville, FL.



National Educational Awards

Congratulations to Door County Sail and Power Squadron. They received first place in the national Outstanding Squadron Educational Performance Award. That means that their 2006 educational program was the best out of the 450 squadrons in all of USPS. WAY TO GO DOOR COUNTY-OUTSTANDING!

From left to right:

P/R/C Alan Wentworth, SN - P/C Carole Biddick, AP
C/C Ernie Marshburn, SN - NEO Dick Kyle, SN

New Course Availability

Seamanship available on 1 March 2007

Engine Maintenance available on 1 March 2007

Junior Navigation available on 31 March 2007

Public Course News

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 is 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. It 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.

Waiver of Exam Requirement for Membership

The three year examination waiver for membership was passed by more than a two thirds vote at the national meeting and is now in effect. That means that your squadron can recruit members directly from the new seminars or from other sources of experienced boaters if the squadron desires. *****

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