



D 10 Communicator

Spring 2008
 Volume 4—Issue 2
 Official Newsletter of District 10
 A unit of
 United States Power Squadrons ®

Table of Contents

From the Helm.....1
 D/C Rice, cont.....2
 DXO.....3
 DXO, cont.....4
 DAO.....5
 DAO cont. D10 Bridge....6
 DEO.....7
 CC Rep, DEO cont.....8
 DSEC.....9
 Incoming DAO.....10
 Incoming DTREAS and
 DEO.....11
 Conf Reg Form.....12
 Conf Agenda.....13
 2008 Summer Rendezvous
 Reg. Form.....14
 Nominating Com.
 Report.....15

The District 10 Communicator is the official newsletter of District 10, a unit of United States Power Squadrons®, and is published two times per year. Please send submissions to the editor at richard@tds.net. The editor, Richard Baker, can also be reached at (608) 850-5192.

From the Helm D/C Maury Rice, JN



D/C Maury Rice, JN

**“It is the Best of Times,
 It is the Worst of Times.”**

Dickens thus summarizes how we started out this Change of Watch Year. Thus, let us consider what we have done and where we are going. Last year I stood before you at your changes of watch and gave a presentation, which I hoped would motivate you and your squadron to provide leadership on the problems that we as members of a squadron, district and the national organization were then experiencing. There was hope last year of better times ahead, but now it is clear that you have gotten the message and done your job well. We have had more of the Best Times and less of the Worst Times and our squadrons have prospered, during the year, some have actually grown substantially.

Look at the sides of the USPS Triangle and you have fostered those areas and have achieved results, in Self Education, Civic Service, and Fraternal Associations.

Last year I had to report that our beloved National USPS was in some disarray in many of its core aspects: financial, organizational, and membership. The real glowing star was our education program, and it continues to be that brightest star. In addition, as reported at the Dallas Annual Meeting the financial downward trend appears to be behind us.

Since the 2007 Spring Conference great efforts have been undertaken to the turn the organization around, and not the least of which are the following areas:

continued, page 2

D/ C Rice, continued from page 1

A. A New Public Boating Course Offering: Our Squadron Boating Course® is being completely revised and rolled into the 3rd Edition of America's Boating Course® that can be taught as either an 8 hour or 12 hour format.

B. Great New Elective and Grade Courses: JN was revised completely with a new format in 2007, and now there is a Beta Edition of our N Course. Seamanship can be taken via the internet and Weather is being upgraded. A new Boat Electrical System Course will be issued soon in a four-part course format, and there are many other new editions and upgrades coming soon.

C. USPS University Seminars: There are now at least 5 new seminars available or coming soon. Examples are: Paddle Smart™; Anchoring; Knots, Bends & Hitches; Marine Radar and Trailering. The last one should be especially welcomed in our area, and can be obtained from national by mid March. These seminars give our squadrons another way to recruit new members and keep them involved.

Always remember that an involved member is a lasting member.

So it is critical to get new and old members involved in taking and teaching these seminars and all our educational offerings.

D. Boater Operator Certification: This program alone will activate our members and give them an on the water activity so needed in our teaching efforts. In the past, we had a very restrictive On-the-Water policy to keep our insurance company happy, thank goodness that is now changing.

E. The New Leadership Development Workshops: How many of you remember the old LDP Course? Not much of a program, was it? Well these new Leadership Development Workshops are different, way different, and very professional. The future leaders of USPS can gain a lot from these workshops and not only for squadron activities but for much more. The first session for squadrons in this district is being unfolded right now, and we will hold a workshop in the Milwaukee area shortly after the Spring Conference followed shortly later with one in the Twin Cities area.

F. Structural Reorganization of USPS: Our national organization now has a true board of directors who can efficiently run the organization and we have restated our bylaws to make the organization more lean. We saw this new and exciting direction for national at the Dallas Annual Meeting. There is more in this area that could be done to eliminate red tape, useless forms and duplication, but this is a start.

Membership, that is, attracting new and sustaining our present membership, still remains a core problem on the national level. We are holding our own at District 10 and so are most of our district's squadrons. However, on the national level much needs to be done to halt the recent slide. Last year we lost 4% of our membership; true we gained many new members, but not enough to make up for the loss of old ones. Retention thus is a bigger problem than recruiting, but both need focus and we should not readily look askance at any potential new ideas that have possible merit.

At the Dallas Annual Meeting, two new ideas were unfolded. We need to discuss these and give our national board of directors our input.

The first one is to allow internet signup for membership. The "How to Become a Member" link on the national web site, gets about 200 hits per week and most of these are not likely to be existing members. We need to offer these potential members a way to join us, so the why not try allowing them to sign up and pay their initial dues on the internet? The details of this new initiative will have to be worked out and discussed at our Spring Conference.

The second one is to charge a more realistic amount for teaching our new expanded 3rd Edition America's Boating Course for those who really want to be "educated boaters." We have known for sometime that there are a lot of boaters who really want to be educated and that a short 4 or 5 session course designed to meet the minimum state boating certificate requirements is not enough for them. Presently, the Canadian Power Squadron charges almost \$300 for a real good boating course and includes one year's membership in the cost.

continued on page 4



D/Lt/C Al Harmon, AP

District Executive Department D/Lt/C Al Harmon, AP

This is my final article as your D10 Executive Officer. Before I start this article, I'd like to thank all the members of the District Executive Department Team who made the 2007/2008 a successful year. We couldn't have made the strides we did without your help. Thanks again to this strong team of individuals.

- **National Governing Board Meeting (Dallas, TX)**

At the risk of repeating some of the information learned at the Governing Board in Dallas from other members of D10 in this newsletter, I'll give you my perspective on what I heard. As you've heard me say before, my Grandfather used to tell me "two heads are better than one, even if one is a goat," or to say it another way, many ears together may hear what was actually said.

As usual, I'm writing this article on the plane coming back from the GB meeting. First of all, and as usual, D10 was represented well and led masterfully by District Commander Rice. In an effort to make this brief, I'll boil the 3 ½ days down into the following:

1. Establishment of a National Board of Directors – This item was established to allow the National Bridge to move faster on some "more obvious" activities. An example cited was repair of the leaking roof at National Headquarters, which would have taken us to 1 ½ years to approve using standard "By-Laws" processes. While this change in "Governance" grants the Board (comprised of Executive Committee members) greater and faster powers, it still requires Governing Board approval for more important matters.
2. A proposal was "floated" to utilize the internet to attract Generation Y members. No action has been taken, but the take-away is to act on the need for a different way to attract the "on-line" generation.
3. A proposal was also brought forward to highlight the value of our public boating courses by going back to a longer session (13 weeks for the full Boating Course) and charging more per session. Data would seem to show a direct correlation between membership recruitment from the session and length of session. As a side note, CPS (Canadian Power Squadron) just moved to change their standard Public Boating course to the 13 week session, change the fee to \$275 and include a one year membership in this fee. (The exchange rate is currently on par with the USD.) We will watch their progress closely

Overall, I'd say the Governing Board meeting was a success. I saw many old friends, and had an opportunity to provide input for our future. I know many of us have said this before (ad nauseum), but if you can attend – you should!

- **Spring Conference (Burnsville, MN)**

For those of you moving up to the position of Squadron Commander – and those of you staying in that position – we'll be using our workshop to help you hit the street running. This meeting is also a great opportunity to provide input regarding the future of the District as well as to renew old and new friendships.

- **Safety Reports**

All of the Safety Reports were returned (after a minor glitch) to National.

- **Co-op Charting**

I'd like to use this broad communication forum to thank Jeff Hamilton for getting us started in this new direction. Borrowing from a previous communication, here's a reminder:

Continued on page 4

DXO, continued from page 3

- **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 (ATONs) 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 up-loaded identifying the area inspected.”

I continue to believe this will become a suitable or superior substitute for hunting Geodetic Markers in the future. I believe Jeff has agreed to continue on in this very important position and manage the transition from Geodetic Markers to ATON.

- **Vessel Safety Check**

The District finished the year at 89 Vessel Examiners (goal exceeded), but missed the total number of examinations by over 80 (goal of 1100).

- **Conclusion**

Before I wrap up this article, I'd also like to briefly share my thoughts on my greatest challenge as Commander in the upcoming year. I believe “ENGAGEMENT” is the most important area of focus in 2008. Engagement drives retention, and retention keeps us from going to the same people to participate in Squadron activities. New members and strong retention performance drive Squadron growth. I wrestled with the “which comes first” paradox for a long time and concluded: without a strong membership base we can't do the things we are supposed to do – namely to develop the next generation of safe boaters (both boats and boater knowledge). Embedded in the 2008/2009 tag line – Ready SET Grow is Start to Engage and Thrive. Get all your members engaged! You'll hear more about this throughout this Command Watch Year.

Lastly, please join all of us in honoring District Commander Rice at the Spring Council Meeting in Burnsville – as well as having a heck of a good time at the Luau. Don't forget your Hawaiian shirt/muumuu, and don't miss the Lei Ceremony as you arrive.

It's been a pleasure to be with you at your Squadron Change of Watch meetings, and Kris and I appreciate your hospitality. I look forward to seeing you all at the Spring Conference. Be safe and be well!

D/C Rice, continued from page 2

Why can't we offer such a course, which includes a one-year membership, for say \$150? Both of these ideas will not be a panacea for us, but they may help and why not try them?

In conclusion, through all our efforts and especially your squadron's leadership, USPS has a brighter future than it had last year. With new products and new efforts towards finding new members and sustaining old members, we will prosper and deliver the kind of organization we would want to deliver to the future generations, while having a good time. Thus, it can indeed be said that we are trying to **MAKE THE BEST BETTER.**

Call To The Meeting

In accordance with the bylaws of District 10, Section 5.6, the District 10 2008 Spring Conference (to which all members are cordially invited) has been called. The Council meeting will be held on 4 April at the Holiday Inn Hotels and Resorts in Burnsville MN, and will convene at 1800; and the Conference meeting will be held on 5 April 2008 also at the same location, and will convene at 1315 for the purpose of acting on matters set forth below:

1. To receive and act upon reports of officers and committees.
2. To elect elective officers and members of committees. (See the *Report of the Nominations Committee* which is incorporated into and made a part of this Call).
3. To consider and act upon any other business that may properly come before this meeting.

NOTE: Due to the volume of the bylaws amendments under consideration at this conference, the full text of the Call has been mailed to the Council and is available on the D10 website.



District Administrative Department D/Lt/C Kathy Schult, AP

My goodness...is it Spring yet? It seems like this winter is never going to end. Although Don and I have had a winter I never wish to repeat, we are both eagerly anticipating the summer boating season. Having recently returned from the National meeting in Dallas, I feel a new level of resilience emerging. I am excited about the new initiatives coming out of the National organization. The recently installed Chief Commander Creighton C. Maynard Jr., SN has chosen as his motto

Boating is Fun...We'll Show You How.



Although membership numbers have declined nationally, D/10 gained nine new members in January. I have to wonder how great February will look. Good going guys! The membership committee continues to explore membership options. Incoming District 10 Administrative Officer Jim Pahl-Washa, JN will discuss these options at a seminar at the upcoming D/10 Spring Conference. Member Involvement continues to be an essential emphasis. The Member Benefits Committee continues to encourage "local benefits". Hopefully by the Detroit meeting, they will be able to introduce a "USPS Shopping Mall". Doesn't that sound good? Other National initiatives are forthcoming. In an effort to minimize duplication I will refer you to Cdr. Rice's article in this issue for additional details.

Spring Conference plans are moving along well. Hiawatha Valley will be hosting the conference on 4-5-6 April. Plan ***NOW*** to attend. The registration form and the "tentative" agenda are included in this Communicator issue as well as online on the D/10 website. Highlights of the conference include:

Departmental workshops

USPS University Seminar ***How To Use A Chart***

\$20.00 fee- pre-registration requested on the Conference Registration form.

Making Rosters on DB2000

Vessel Safety Checks and the Recreational Boating Safety Visitation Program. How to Conduct a Predicted Log

Boating is Fun...We'll Show You How

Sneak Peek & 2 Simple Skills from the Leadership Development Workshops

Boat Operator Certifier Training

\$25.00 fee- pre-registration required with D/Lt/C Bill Dohr, SN. Contact bill at billdohr@charter.net

The Friday evening event is taking on the Hawaiian Luau theme. Theme attire is appropriate. Shipmate activities are planned as well. Of course, there will need to be some business taken care of as well. The housekeeping issues pertaining to the D/10 bylaw revisions will once again require our attention. There continues to be differing opinions on these. Please take time to review the proposals before the Council/Conference meetings. Proposed revisions are included in the Call. The Saturday evening activities will culminate with the Change of Watch ceremony.

Continued on page 6

Hosting a District Conference can be a wonderful member involvement tool. **Please consider!** The Conference/Rendezvous calendar has many opportunities. We need you to come forward, **NOW**.

I would like to extend my gratitude to the Administrative officers for their involvement and support over this past year and I look forward to working with some of you as we enter the Executive Department. My appreciation also extends to those chairs that stepped up to serve. Thank You! Your incoming District Administer Officer Jim Pahl-Washa, JN has some great ideas for the upcoming year and I personally look forward to hearing more. I guess the Administrative department is in my blood and will always be the “favorite”.

As I look forward to this upcoming watch year with guarded enthusiasm, I am thrilled to be a part of this wonderful organization. The Squadron, District and National entities all serve a very valuable purpose and I thoroughly enjoy all. I am really excited about the new Star Squadron Program and look forward to implementation. This will certainly be a major topic of discussion in the upcoming conference workshops. The following have consented to serve as chairs in the Executive Department for the upcoming 2008-2009 D/10 watch year. I look forward to working with them.

Cooperative Charting	Stf/C Jeff Hamilton, AP
Legislative Officers	Stf/C Greg Korstad, AP and P/D/C Ron Kraase, SN
Liaison	D/Lt Judy McMillin, P
Public Relations	D/Lt Bernadette Dohr, AP
RSVP	R/C Art Mollica, SN
Squadron Development	D/Lt/C Dick Baker, AP
Radio Technical	Stf/C Mike Wiedel, AP
Safety	P/D/C Don Schult, Sr., AP
Vessel Safety Check	P/R/C Neil McMillin, SN

We will continue to *Make the Best Better* as we get *Ready Set Grow*.

DISTRICT 10

COMMANDER

D/C Maurice G. Rice, AP
2909 Indiana Avenue
Stevens Point, WI 54481
H-715-344-2005
mgricejr@sbcglobal.net

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

D/Lt/C Alford Harmon, AP
700 Stonewood Drive
Eagan, MN 55123
H-651-688-6464
B-952-829-4866
al.harmon@sick.com

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

D/Lt/C Kathy Schult
4020 Prehn Drive
Merrill, WI 54452
H-715-536-9332
schultkm@verizon.net

EDUCATIONAL OFFICER

D/Lt/C William Dohr, SN
4200 Bluegill Ave.
Wausau, WI 55401
H-715-241-8803
billdohr@charter.net

TREASURER

D/Lt/C Greg Holmen
1031 Sunrise Dr.
Woodbury, MN 55125
H-651-739-4502
B-651-224-2344
captaingreg@manatee.ws

SECRETARY

D/Lt/C Richard Baker
6097 Hellenbrand Road
Waunakee, WI 53597
H-608-850-5192
richard@tds.net

IMMEDIATE PAST COMMANDER

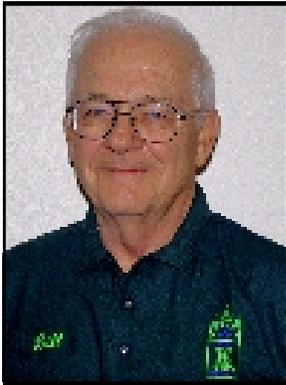
P/D/C Robert Stierna, SN
1930 Shoreline Dr.
Wayzata, MN 55391
H-952-476-1951
B-612-741-8645
rstierna@hotmail.com

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

D/Lt/C Richard Baker
6097 Hellenbrand Road
Waunakee, WI 53597
H-608 850-5192
richard@tds.net

WEBMASTER

D/Lt Robert Story, AP
1630 Pond View Court
Middleton, WI 53562
H-608-831-2063
stobo76@chorus.net



D/Lt/C William Dohr, SN

District Educational Department

D/Lt/C Bill Dohr, SN

This is my last D-10 Communicator article as your DEO. It has been a pleasure serving as DEO the past three years. Thanks to the many people who have been a big help to me in this effort. I offer my congratulations and best of luck to **D/1/Lt John Winger, SN** and his staff as they take over the district educational leadership positions at the Spring Conference.

During the fall conference last year at Wisconsin Dells, hosted by Madison, many awards were given out by the Educational Department. They were as follows:

lows:

Teaching Aid Competition

<u>Place</u>	<u>Squadron</u>	<u>Teaching Aid</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
First	Door County	Route Planning Power Point	Bob DeNoto
Second	Oshkosh	Trailer Backing Aid	Geoff Carman

Individual Instructor Awards

<u>Category</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Squadron</u>
Public Boating (Tie)	Lt/C Charles V. Kinsley, S	Sheboygan
Public Boating (Tie)	Lt William Galligan, P	Door County
Advanced Grades	Lt Donald Duncan, AP	Minnetonka
Elective Courses	Lt/C Stanley Dale, Sr., AP	Central Wisconsin
District Chapman Award	Stf/C Michael Wiedel, AP	Milwaukee

Squadron Awards

Squadron Educational Achievement (SEA) Award	Madison
Prince Henry Award	Not Awarded

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

Cumulative	CP	Central Wisconsin	Fifth
Cumulative	Sail	Central Wisconsin	Sixth
Annual	Sail	Central Wisconsin	Fifth
Annual	AP	Madison	Fifth
Annual	Ed Prof	Madison	Sixth

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

This year we can look forward to a new Navigation course, a new one-module Weather course and a new Boat Electrical System course. Saint Paul will be teaching the Beta version of the new Navigation Course. The finalized version will be available to all squadrons later this year. It will include 17 Map-Tech CD's with all of the nautical charts in the U. S. The new Weather course and the Boat Electrical Systems course should be available very shortly.

continued page 8

Next fall our three current public boating courses, the Squadron Boating Course, Boat Smart and ABC will be rolled into one course called America's Boating Course-3rd Edition. It will be an 8-hour NASBLA-required material course and an optional additional 4-hour charting, compasses, positioning and dead reckoning section.

Revised courses introduced last year were Seamanship, JN and Engine Maintenance. New Seminars introduced late last year were Sail Trim and Boat Handling under Power. Seminars available very soon will be Radar, Trailering and Paddle Smart.

At the spring conference on Saturday April 5th there will be a USPS University *How to Use a Chart* seminar on Saturday conducted by Bob DeNoto of Door County. The cost is \$20. Sign up when you register for the conference. On Sunday morning, Art Mollica will conduct a certifier training seminar for the new Boat Operator Certifier program. Cost will be \$25. Those wishing to be certifiers in the new BOC program should plan to attend. Pre-registration is required. Sign up via email to Bill Dohr by March 31st at billdohr@charter.net. Reimbursement is available to one person from each squadron. The trained certifiers will be able to certify fellow squadron members at the Inland Navigator certification level during the upcoming boating season.

For this upcoming watch year the District 10 Educational Department will see many changes. Your new DEO will be **John Winger** from Milwaukee and the new ADEO will be **Bob DeNoto** from Door County. We welcome four new SEO's this coming year. They are **Maury Rice**, Central Wisconsin, **Joe McGinnis**, Green Bay, **Wesley Koplitz**, Oshkosh and **Donald Hansen**, Saint Paul. The SEOs completing their final term are **Don Grover**, Central Wisconsin, **Robert Rondou**, Green Bay, and **Euclid Caron**, Oshkosh. I wish them luck in their new assignments and thank them for their dedicated work over the past years. There will be seven SEO's staying on for at least one more year. They are **Bob DeNoto**, Door County, **Kay Baake**, Duluth, **Clare Cox**, Hiawatha Valley, **David Miran**, Madison, **Mike Wiedel**, Milwaukee, **Jeffery Schott**, Minnetonka, and **Jennifer Cihak**, Sheboygan. Also staying on next year will be the two district ABC coordinators **David Swenson**, Central Wisconsin and **Sandy Colomb**, Minnetonka. My thanks to all of the above individuals for all that they have done and will do for USPS, District 10 and their squadrons.

I hope to see many of you at the Spring Conference at Burnsville Minnesota on 4-6 April 2008.



R/C L. D. Brown, SN

D10 Welcomes Chief Commander's Representative

R/C L. D. Brown, SN

R/C Brown grew up near Marion, Kentucky. L. D. graduated from University of Kentucky with a degree in Mechanical Engineering, and served in the Korean War as a radar Observer in F-89's. He has worked at Kentucky Geological Survey in Lexington Kentucky; Carbide and Carbon Chemicals in Paduca, and The Boeing Company in Seattle where he worked on the KC 135, the 700 series of airliners and the B-2. He retired from Boeing as a senior manager.

R/C Brown joined Bellevue Power Squadron in June 1968. He has served in most Bellevue and District 16 offices including Squadron Education Officer, Commander, District Education Officer and District Commander.

R/C Brown has served on the National Membership Committee; was an aide to the National Educational Officer and was Chairman of the National Meetings Committee. He is currently a Regional Certifier for the Boat Operator Certification Program's Northwest Region and Chairman of the Committee on Nominations.



D/Lt/C Richard Baker, AP introduces himself to the bull at Gilley's in Dallas

District Secretary D/Lt/C Richard Baker, AP

My wife P/C Cindy Parisi, P and I recently returned from Dallas where we attended the USPS Annual Meeting. I always come away from these meetings with lots of interesting knowledge; this time is no different.

It's a new beginning at the National level, with our **Chief Commander Ernie Marshburn, SN** retiring to the rank of Past Chief Commander; making way for **V/C Creighton Maynard, SN** to move into the top chair. **V/C Frank Dovorak, SN** has moved up to National Executive Officer, and **John Alter, SN** has become National Administrative Officer. Our National Secretary, **V/C Robert Baldrige, SN** has retired. Robert was very well liked, as

evidenced by the long standing ovation given to him by the 700 people at the Governing Board Meeting on Saturday.

The Secretary Department meeting on Friday spanned almost seven hours. Here we learned about several initiatives that have taken place in the last year:

1. **New website search engine:** The previously unsatisfactory search tool has been replaced with a new search engine powered by Google. This is a joy to use, and actually provides meaningful responses to a query.
2. **Information Center:** This site offers contact info for people at any level of the organization. The address is www.usps.org/national/tools or type "information center" into the search engine. This should prove immensely useful when trying to find anyone's email address. Check it out.
3. **What's New:** Section of the Home page that tells what has changed recently on the web site. In particular, check out the "Officer's Guide" which is a treasure trove of information for squadron officers as well as anyone else.
4. **New Member Processing:** Announced last year at this time, this is now running smoothly and can greatly expedite processing new members.
5. **DB 2000:** Version 8.0.0.1 is out. Sometimes it's hard to keep up with the new versions, but they are always worth it. If you come to the D10 Spring Conference, you will get two opportunities to hear about this program. One will be a seminar by our resident expert **P/D/C Jeff Hamilton** on using DB 2000 to make rosters, the other opportunity is during the Secretary Department Workshop on Saturday morning where Jeff will run a brief intro to the program.

We also heard an informative presentation from our own **R/C Art Mollica, SN** on how to make your newsletter writing be more effective. Further information on this subject will also be presented at the Secretary Workshop by **District Publications Chair Nancy Hamilton, S**. Check out the Publications Committee at <http://www.usps.org/national/pubcom/>.

The Operations Manual has been revised to reflect the changes to the structure of USPS. Always the last word in how anything in USPS works, you can see the Manual at <http://www.usps.org/national/om/>.

The historians report has some new filing procedures through DB 2000, we look forward to hearing about that in the Secretary Workshop also, thanks to **P/D/C Don Schult, AP**.

As we enter a new watch year with new leadership at every level, and with new tools and products, we can look forward to another rewarding year.



No iguanas were harmed in any manner to produce this article. Although, a few lizards did make the ultimate sacrifice for some new boots purchased in Dallas at the recent national conference.

Incoming District Administrative Officer

D/1st/Lt Jim Pahl-Washa, JN

Greetings from Madison, often described as an island surrounded by reality. The city has earned a reputation for being slightly off center, somewhat left of the political center, and just a bit dysfunctional at times. Being a native born son, I contend that in reality we're an island (isthmus) of boaters surrounded by beautiful lakes and streams.

Boating in Madison has always been special, extremely fun. We have a number of boating opportunities that other cities only dream about. There is a broad spectrum of boating represented in Madison that encompasses all aspects of paddle, sail and power. There are also a number of boating and lake conservation groups in an academic city, which may explain why the Madison Sail and Power Squadron has become such a vital and respected member of the community.

I find this true today and found it to be true in 1993 when Julie and I took the Squadron Boating Course and became members. That class experience was enhanced by members that embraced us immediately into the USPS family. These same great instructors became mentors and cruising friends that provided us new boating and leadership adventures in and beyond Madison. Our first cruises on the Mississippi, Lake Winnebago, Door County, the Apostle Islands, and in Mexico were all with Squadron members. Great times, great fun! I can only repay their kindness in the same manner with current and new members. This is something that I believe all of us attempt to do. Everything we do should be about sharing fun times, from the class room to the dock.

As your incoming District Administrative Officer, having fun and sharing these experiences with current and new members will be my primary goal.

I'm fortunate to have a great team joining me in the Administrative Department that will make this a fun and enriching year. P/C Mike Skelley AP joins me as Assistant Admin Officer and Member Benefits Chair, P/D/C Don Schult AP will continue to serve as Conference Chair, and D/Lt Suzanne Carman will continue as Safe Boating Activities Chair. I'm still in search of an Operations Chair if that opportunity interests you.

I have difficult shoes to fill having served as Assistant under a great mentor over the past year, D/Lt/C Kathy Schult AP. Kathy has been extremely gracious and helpful, and I will undoubtedly continue to seek her advice and the other Committee Chairs during the upcoming year.

"Ready, Set, Grow" and "Boating is Fun... Let us Show You How!" are more than just District and National catch phrases. They set the tone for what is important, growth and fun. I look forward to serving the District and working with Squadron Admin Officers and Committee Chairs to make 2008/2009 a great year. It's about having fun, about sharing that fun with current and new members, it's about you!



D/1st/Lt Bud Broekema, P

Incoming District Treasurer

D/1st/Lt Bud Broekema, P

As I sit down and write this article it's late February and I have just returned from my first USPS National meeting. I was asked to attend in the stead of Greg Holmen who had a work schedule conflict. I thought the main task for me would be to attend the treasurer's breakout meeting and bring back any relevant information to share with the district's treasurers. I thought maybe some breaking new IRS regulation or maybe a new faster dues disbursement policy would be shared. Well, the treasurer's meeting lasted 45 minutes and all I learned that National's finances were in the black, which is good. But that wasn't going to be of much help to my fellow bean counters.

The breaking news wasn't any single new process or policy, but that there are many people at all levels of our organization making great efforts to turn the membership slide around. Everything from leveraging technology to new alliances with like organizations and new marketing efforts is being done to stem the tide. This is the good news I can share with the treasurers. With the efforts of all and support from your District and National, membership can be increased and current members retained. For a treasurer, that equates to greater resources to assist their Squadron in carrying out their goals. This year's District Commander's slogan is "Ready Set GROW". A timely catchphrase if I have ever heard one.

My goals as the District's Treasurer are to provide the bridge and fellow members with accurate and timely financial information and to be a resource for the squadron treasurers. As my squadron's ABC chair I will be proctoring tests and recruiting members one on one. It's another way I can help the growth of the organization. Somewhere in that schedule spending quality boating time will be accomplished. Hope to see you on the water!



D/1st/Lt John Winger, SN

Incoming District Educational Officer

D/1st/Lt John Winger, SN

My wife Cindy and I joined Milwaukee Power Squadron in 1988, the same year we moved from sailing on Lake Geneva to sailing on Lake Michigan and from boat trailers to boat cradles. We have since taken a lot of boating classes and worked on a lot of boat maintenance challenges together. After a few years on the big lake, we graduated from hugging the shore to a lake crossing as part of a cruising flotilla which Cindy organized. Last year, we sailed to Mackinac on our own...bigger steps, bigger boats. Cindy is a P/C of Milwaukee Sail & Power Squadron. I have been an SEO and, most recently, ADEO. Meanwhile, I have taught JN and N. My first interest in USPS was the educational program and I'm quite enthusiastic about all the new USPS University Seminars which are rolling out. These seminars are a great opportunity for us to both attract new members and refresh our current members. Building squadron level USPS University programs will be a principle focus for me in the coming year.



USPS DISTRICT 10 2008 SPRING CONFERENCE

HIAWATHA VALLEY SAIL & POWER SQUADRON

4, 5, 6 April 2008

Holiday Inn Hotels & Resorts
14201 Nicollet Avenue South
Burnsville, MN 55337



- FRIDAY NIGHT HAWAIIAN LUAU
- LADIES LUNCHEON & HOSPITALITY
- USPS UNIVERSITY SEMINAR *How To Use A CHART*
- SATURDAY LUNCH
- SATURDAY DINNER - WALLEYE ALMONDINE
- FILET MIGNON
- PASTA PRIMAVERA
- SATURDAY & SUNDAY BREAKFAST - ON YOUR OWN

COST	NUMBER	AMOUNT
\$18.00	_____	_____
\$15.00	_____	_____
\$20.00	_____	_____
\$15.00	_____	_____
\$30.00	_____	_____
\$30.00	_____	_____
\$25.00	_____	_____
TOTAL		_____

SQUADRON _____

RANK _____ NAME _____ GRADE _____

RANK _____ NAME _____ GRADE _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

IS THIS YOUR "FIRST TIME" ATTENDING A DISTRICT CONFERENCE? YES

Make Checks payable to: **HIAWATHA Valley Sail & Power Squadron (HVSPS)**
 Reply by: 28 March, 2008 (No refunds after this date)
 Mail form and checks to: **P/C Judy McMillin, P**
 11132 97th Place N
 Maple Grove, MN 55369
 Phone: 763-424-6248
 Email: nmcmillin@advancedwireless.com



Hotel Registrations
 Ask for block "District 10 USPS" for negotiated rates
Holiday Inn Hotel
 1-888-819-6293 local: 952-435-2100
 \$99.00 + tax

All Meetings Held At the Holiday Inn Hotel
 Hotel Rates are good until 14 March 2008

Fun, Fashion & Friends

Ladies Join Us On Saturday For 3 Presentations:

- The Art of Relaxation
Patsy Stierna
- Cole's Salon Estheticians
Desi Lisk, Tracy Knutson & Maggie Marvic Featuring True Mineral & Aveda Make Up
- Fashion Trends by Weekenders
Presented by Fashion Coordinators
Renae Porath & Lori Ann Fout



Spring Conference Agenda Holiday Inn, Burnsville MN 4-5-6 April 2008

Friday, 4 April

1500-1900 Registration Lobby
1500-1600 District Planning Committee
1600-1700 District Nominating Committee (Closed meeting)
1600-1700 **1st Timers Orientation- P/D/C Robert Stierna, SN**
1800-2000 District Council Meeting
2000-2200 **Hawaiian Luau**

Saturday, 5 April

0630-0900 Breakfast – on your own
0730-0930 Registration Lobby
0730-0900 Commanders' Workshop
Executive Department Workshop
Administrative Department Workshop
Secretary Department Workshop
Treasurer Department Workshop
Education Department Workshop
0915-1000 "New SEO Training" Same Room
0900-1200 **Shipmates Program- The Art of Relaxation- Patsy Stierna**
True Mineral & Aveda Make Up-Coles' Salon Estheticians Fashion Trends by Weekenders-
Renaee Porath & Lori Ann Fout
0915-1045 **Making Rosters with DB 2000 – P/D/C Jeff Hamilton, AP**
0915-1015 **VSC Review & Update- P/D/C Neil McMillin, SN & P/D/C Art Mollica, SN**
1015-1215 **USPS University – How to use a Chart (\$20.00) – Lt/C Bob DeNoto, JN**
1015-1100 **How to do a Predicted Log- D/Lt/C Al Harmon, AP**
1115-1200 **Boating is Fun, Let Us Show You How D/Lt/C Jim Pahl-Washa, JN**
1215-1300 Lunch
1315-1600 District Conference Meeting
1730-1830 Hospitality - Cash Bar
1830-2200 **Dinner**

Sunday, 6 April

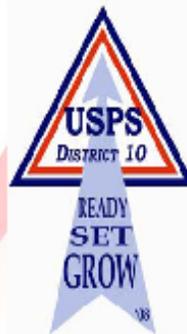
0630-0900 Breakfast – on your own
0700-1000 **Boat Operator Certifier Training (\$25.00) - R/C Art Mollica, SN**
PRE-REGISTER WITH D/LT/C Bill Dohr, SN billdohr@charter.net
1015-1100 **Leadership Development- D/Lt Kris Harmon, AP & Lt/C Jeff Schott, AP**
1100-1230 District 10 Bridge Meeting

Uniform of the Day:

Friday: Informal Team USPS shirts, (Bridge will wear D/C Maury's shirt)
Friday Evening Hawaiian Luau
Saturday Informal Team USPS shirts
Saturday Evening Uniform A with Bow Tie or Appropriate Evening Attire
Sunday Informal Team USPS shirts, (Bridge will wear D/C Al's shirt)

Tentative 17 February 2008

RED, WHITE, AND BLUE RENDEZVOUS JULY 11-13, 2008



American Marine: Dubuque Yacht Basin
 1630 East Sixteenth Street
 Dubuque, WI 52001
 563-588-9564

Hosted by the Madison Sail and Power Squadron
www.madisonsquadron.org

Squadron _____

Name: _____ Rank _____ Grade _____

Name: _____ Rank _____ Grade _____

Phone _____ email _____

District position _____

Squadron position _____

Spouse/guests (non-members) attending _____

Transient Boat Slips must be reserved by contacting Port Captain at Catfish Charlie's: (563) 582-8600

Check out the new restaurant and docks at www.catfishcharliesdubuque.com

RV/Camper Site (no tents)
 Camper/RV Make _____ Length _____
 Register early to guarantee site, pets are welcome

Fri: 3 hr Sunset Dinner Cruise aboard the
American Lady, Boarding starts at 6:45 p.m.
 Italian Buffet and Cash Bar

Sat: Vineyard/Winery Tour and Galena Shopping
 Lunch included. 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Ribs & Chicken Barbeque Dinner at the
 "Point". 6:30 p.m., Cash Bar and Campfire

Sun: "Breakfast by Boat" Departing at 8:00 a.m.
 Rides to restaurant provided by MSPS
 Breakfast on your own

	# of Nights		Amount
\$25 X _____	=	\$	_____
	# of Persons		Amount
\$45 X _____	=	\$	_____
\$35 X _____	=	\$	_____
\$20 X _____	=	\$	_____
Total Amount = \$			_____
N/C No. Interested		_____	
No. Needing Ride		_____	

Make Checks Payable to: "MSPS"
 Send Check & Completed Registration Form
 by June 26th to:
 Madison Sail & Power Squadron
 c/o Julie Pahl-Washa
 6929 Donnybill Rd
 De Forest, WI 53532
 (608) 846-8088
jpwasha@execpc.com

Conference Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn
 1801 Greyhound Park Dr.
 (563) 585-5200
 Group Code: MSP/SMERF
 \$109/night Only 40 Rooms Available
 Hotel Reservation Deadline: June 18th



AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB ON AMERICA'S RIVER





SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR ELECTION, 2008-2009

COMMANDER	<i>Al Harmon</i>
EXECUTIVE OFFICER	<i>Kathy Schult</i>
EDUCATIONAL OFFICER	<i>John Winger</i>
Assistant Educational Officer	<i>Bob DeNoto</i>
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	<i>Jim Pahl-Washa</i>
Assistant Administrative Officer	<i>Mike Skelley</i>
SECRETARY	<i>Dick Baker</i>
Assistant Secretary	<i>Geoff Carman</i>
TREASURER	<i>Bud Broekema</i>
Assistant Treasurer	

Rules Committee (3 year term)	Cdr Geoff Carman, AP	2009
	Stf/C Mike Weidel, AP	2010
	D/Lt/C Bill Dohr, JN	2011
Planning Committee (3 year term)	P/D/C Jeff Hamilton, AP	2009
	P/C Wes Koplitz, AP	2009
	D/C Bob Stierna, SN	2010
	P/C Greg Korstad, AP	2010
	<i>Kim Weidel,</i>	<i>2011</i>
	<i>D/C Maury Rice, JN</i>	<i>2011</i>
Audit Committee (3 year term)	D/Lt Jeffrey Davis, AP	2009
	P/D/C Ben Coons, P	2010
	<i>P/D/Lt/Glen Deedon, AP</i>	<i>2011</i>
Nominating Committee (3 year term)	P/D/C Donald Schult, Sr., AP	Central WI 2009
	P/C Kristine Harmon, AP	HV 2009
	Lt/C Nancy Hamilton, S	Minnetonka 2009
	P/D/Lt/C Ted Smyczek, SN	Milwaukee 2010
	P/C Ruth Wentworth, AP	Green Bay 2010
	Stf/C Andrea T. Davis	St. Paul 2010
	P/C Carole L Biddick, AP	Door Cty 2010
	<i>P/D/Lt/C Dave Carlson, SN</i>	<i>Duluth 2011</i>
		<i>Madison 2011</i>
		<i>Oshkosh 2011</i>
		<i>Sheboygan 2011</i>

Nominating Committee Alternates (1 year term)

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

D10 2008 Summer Rendezvous

Dubuque, IA

11-13 July 2008

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
- Alternate: Dingy tour of the area
- 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
- Sunday Morning: Breakfast by Boat



The American Lady

The Dubuque Yacht Basin is located in an area known as Eagle Point. Within 5 miles, you can: visit two casinos, visit the Mississippi River Museum, bicycle around the Eagle Point and to Lock and Dam 11, ride the cable car and shop in the Bluff Street District, visit Eagle Point Park, visit the Shot Tower, take a horse driven carriage ride, visit the Dubuque Museum of Art, swim in the pool at the marina, eat at several good restaurants, and much, much more. www.dubuquechamber.com



District10 Communicator
D/Lt/C Richard Baker, Editor
6097 Hellenbrand Road
Waunakee WI 53597

The D10 Communicator is published two times a year in the Spring and in the Fall. District 10 is a unit of the United States Power Squadrons®. USPS and District 10 are tax exempt nonprofit organizations under IRS Code Section 501 (C) (3).