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This is my first official article to you since being sworn in as your Commander. My experience is the first is always the hard one. Should I report what's going on at National, or let the other members of the bridge report that information to you or should I tell you what's on my mind? As usual, the truth was somewhere in the middle.

National Governing Board Meeting (Detroit, MI)

I'm writing this article on the plane coming back from the GB meeting. Your District Bridge was well represented and influential at the meeting. I believe D10 will be an important part of the "reforming" of the USPS.

1. As reported before, the National "Board of Directors" has met and is starting to become more efficient. (Remember from my last newsletter article, this was done to allow day-to-day decision making – not twice annual voting decisions from the general membership.)
2. A proposal to use a Squadron measurement system nationally, much like our old Star Squadron program was suggested. We cautioned them of the tendency to "bloat the program" over time. No action was taken at this meeting.
3. The issue of a shrinking base of members was discussed extensively. I'm convinced the Generations X & Y (millennials) hold the answer. Our role today is to find a way to entice them to our organization.

Overall, I'd say the Governing Board meeting was a success. This event is our opportunity to influence the

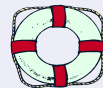
direction of National! Plan to attend at your first opportunity.

Fall Conference (Door County, WI)

I encourage all of you to attend this Conference. Your Bridge has spent a good deal of time crafting a fun and education rich event. The Friday night theme is back to the 30s and there is still time to sign up. Check your "heaters" at the door. See you there.

Conclusion

USPS needs your help. D10 continues to be one of the top tier Districts in USPS for a reason – we love boating and we are doing something about it. Our job is hardly done. We need more people involved in Squadron activities. I'm proud to support the United States Power Squadrons®.

**WE SAVE LIVES!****Great boating left this season. Have fun!**



D/Lt/C Kathy Schult, AP

HOORAY!!



Life jackets have been distributed to all D/10 Squadrons. The “WEAR IT” Inflatable program was first announced in February 2008. The United States Coast Guard provided the life jackets so we can participate in the “WEAR IT” program promoting the wearing of life jackets in all of our boating activities. Thank you USCG!

It is suggested the Vessel Examiners wear these life jackets when doing Vessel Safety Checks. This venue provides an excellent opportunity to educate the boater on the value and importance of wearing the life jacket. Public education courses are another opportunity for us to demonstrate the variety of life jackets available and demonstrate the comfortable and reliable life saving option of the inflatable life jackets. WEAR IT!

Squadrons are responsible for the custody, maintenance, and utilization of this equipment and annual reporting of the local inventory is mandated. The “Annual Reporting Form” will be due to the D/10 VSC Chair P/R/C Neil McMillan, SN by 15 December. I am including the links to the forms required.

Inflatable Life Jacket Loaner Tracking Spreadsheet
<http://www.usps.org/national/vsc/formtools/VSC-4.xls>

USPS Inflatable Life Jacket Annual Reporting Form
<http://www.usps.org/national/vsc/formtools/VSC-5.pdf>

Safety Reports are due to P/D/C Don Schult, Sr, APby October 1, 2008. schultdk@gte.net Thank you to those squadrons responding so very promptly.

Enjoy these final beautiful fall boating days and we look forward to seeing you in Sturgeon Bay 24 October.



D/Lt/C James Pahl-Washa, JN

We’re at that strange time of year, when boaters are traditionally thinking about boat storage, but the weather suggests that there are really plenty of great cruising days ahead. Since I failed to get my boat wet this year, I’m struggling with the idea of just putting it back in storage without the possibility of a single cruising day. Oh well.

2008 Governing Board in Detroit

We just returned from the 2008 Governing Board meeting in Detroit. Julie and I added a few days onto our trip before the conference to visit Niagara Falls and Toronto. These are two must see areas if you ever get the chance. The beauty of the falls cannot be captured by a few photos. Toronto has a very European flair. They are a diverse cultural community. We actually spent more time during our trip in Canada than we did in the U.S.

Maybe that’s why we made so many new friends from the Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons, including Chief Commander Harry Cole, SN. I met Harry while on one of the tours sponsored by the Host District.

We toured the Motown Records Museum, and of course there’s a spot in the tour where “volunteers” are selected to get up on stage. We’re talking the same stage that produced such legends like Stevie Wonder, The Supremes, The Jackson Five, and the Temptations.

Who could pass up a chance to perform on the same stage that produced all those superstars? The song was, “My Girl”, a big hit of the Temptations, and only Harry Cole and I volunteered.

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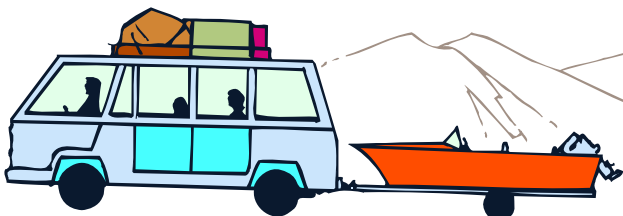
Were we any good? C/C Cole made the comment in his remarks to the Conference the next day that I should keep my day job. Thanks Pal! (He's right of course)

D10 Brings Youth Poster Honors Home

How about that! District 10 takes home 2nd place in the 12-14 Age Group. We actually had three posters make the final cut of 20 out of the 100 submitted. The National 2nd place award winner and District 10's 1st place winner was brought to us by Nancy Anderson from the Saint Paul Sail and Power Squadron (SPSPS). All National and District award winners will receive certificates at the fall conference.

I wish to thank everyone that submitted the more than 35 posters throughout the D10 this year, but I especially want to acknowledge Lt/C Nancy Anderson, S from Saint Paul and P/C Donna Van Dreser, JN from Central Wisconsin for their special efforts to recruit several posters at local grade schools.

**Remember, Boating is Fun!
Let Us Show You How!**



John Winger DEO



Did you know that our USPS now has 11 seminars available with 7 more coming by the end of next year? This powerful line-up represents a

tremendous opportunity for updating the skills and knowledge of our members and for attracting new membership. I encourage each member to log onto the national website and see what's available. Then get involved. Ask your SEO when you can take the seminars that interest you. And help promote these seminars to the general public and to your boating friends who are not yet members of our great organization. Finally, your SEO may need some instructor help, so if you can help, please volunteer. (And if he needs another certified instructor, please take Instructor Development.) We clearly have the best material in the marine industry. Now we just need to fill the classrooms and provide enthusiastic instructors. It's all about teamwork, boating safety and having fun.

Did you know that our USPS now has insurance coverage for on-the-water activities sanctioned by the local squadrons? This means that the skills discussed in classes such as Seamanship and Sail can now be taught on-the-water. This presents a revolutionary opportunity to attract new membership. At the Detroit Governing Board last week, two squadrons reported the great success they had experienced with on-the-water training and member recruitment. They did point out that the logistical planning required for on-the-water training significantly exceeded that for classroom instruction. But the results speak for themselves: the extra effort is worth it! I encourage each member to talk to your SEO and get involved in how your squadron can introduce on-the-water training. As with the seminars, help promote these offerings to the general public and to your friends. Tell them the Power Squadron is the place to go for action. Get them to join. And, if you can help in some way to plan and present these classes, please let your SEO know. It's all about teamwork, boating safety and having fun.

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Did you know that our USPS is working with USCG encouragement to provide an educational framework for certifying boat operator competency? This program, still in its infancy, is intended to support the type of certification already in place in Europe and now encouraged by a UN resolution. It envisions 4 levels of certification: Inland (for small lakes and rivers), Coastal (applies to Great Lakes cruising along the shore and to the Mississippi river system), Advanced Coastal (applies to Great Lakes crossings) and Off-Shore (for ocean crossings). In order to be certified at each level, individuals need to have taken certain USPS classes or seminars and to have demonstrated certain on-the-water skills. You can think of the USPS membership as a beta test organization prior to a roll-out to the general public. This public roll-out is probably several years and multiple program iterations away, but we have now a great opportunity to influence the boating safety future and to further position ourselves as the organization to join for the absolute best in training programs.

In the meantime, before we can roll-out this program to our general membership, we need to get a number of Advance Certifiers qualified in the powerboat handling skills required for Inland Navigator certification. We will be doing this at our fall conference in Door County under the guidance of Art Mollica who has been qualified in the requisite skills by US Sailing. In addition to Art, 7 other members, geographically dispersed throughout our district, will be participating in the skills demonstration. I encourage every conference attendee to watch this exercise on Saturday afternoon, October 25th, because we plan to offer this same skill qualification opportunity to all interested members starting next spring. These qualification events will be conducted locally by the October 25th graduates. I also encourage every member to investigate this program and to set their own personal goal for establishing a positive example for the general public. We plan to make this program a major focus of the 2009 and 2010 rendezvous. I would love to have all our active boaters certified as Inland Navigators in 2009 and Coastal Navigators in 2010. Check out what you would need to do and get involved. As I said before, it's all about teamwork, boating safety and having fun.

Chief Commander's Representative



R/C Allan W. Lakin, SN

R/C Allan W. "Al" Lakin, SN is a member of Valley Ho (CA) Power Squadron in District 13. He is a sustaining member with 18 merit marks. Al is a past commander of Valley Ho, past commander of D/13, and has served on many squadron, district, and national committees. He is chairman of the USPS Committee on Rules and continues to support his squadron as an Advanced Grades instructor.

Al learned to sail in his college physical education program. He joined USPS when planning the purchase of his first boat; sailing on the Pacific Ocean was going to be more demanding than sailing on a river basin. His other principal hobby is singing with a semi-professional chorale.

R/C Lakin grew up near Boston and moved to Los Angeles in 1975. He and his wife Sandra have two adult sons. Al graduated from M.I.T. with a bachelor's degree in chemistry and a master's degree in polymer engineering. He later completed a law degree at Loyola Marymount University and is licensed to practice law in California. Al worked in the aerospace industry until the mid 1990's, then consulted in manufacturing methods until joining the management staff of Lockwood Industries in 2002



District Secretary
D/Lt/C Dick Baker, AP

If you haven't visited the USPS web site for a while, you should do it soon. The home page has received its yearly makeover; the page prominently displays C/C Maynard's slogan, "Boating is fun... we'll show you how!" Try out the "Locate Things" section, which easily points you to many useful areas such as "Find a Squadron", or the "Information Center", where you can contact any office holder in USPS. The Ships Store's complete menu is also prominent; remember the gift giving season is not that far away. Also, check out the Storm Center, where you are connected to the national Hurricane Center so you can keep track of the latest storm.

The lesson here is that it pays to freshen up our web sites periodically; it keeps things interesting. The long awaited overhaul of our District's web site is under way at this moment. Our new webmaster, D/Lt Leo Loeb, SN has been working on the site much of the summer. If you visit the site now, only small new details will show. Up to this point, the big work has been changing from a UNIX server to a Windows server, and changing hosts. The redesign is underway and will be accomplished soon.

Another other big change is one you are holding in your hands right now. Our new editor, D/Lt Jeff Luengen, has done a great job imparting a new look to the Communicator. He brings years of experience to the job, and it shows. Jeff and his wife Millie are new members from the Dubuque squadron.

In conclusion, I must remark on the passing of two people who have been very important to District 10 over the years. Earlier in the summer, we were very sad to hear that Past District Commander Trygve Thoresen, AP passed away. Tryg was Commander of the Madison Power Squadron in 1982-1983, and District Commander in 1988-1989. Tryg was an

enthusiastic, long time member of USPS, and he will be missed.

We were also sorry to hear of the passing of Past Staff Commander Andrea Davis, AP. Andrea was Past Commander of St Paul. In addition to her work at National, she also served with me in the District Secretary's Department as Assistant District Secretary, and again as Communicator Editor. I'm sure we don't have room to list all of the things Andrea worked on in her time with us; suffice it to say, she was one of those people who could not keep her hand down when there was a job to do. She too, will be greatly missed.

I hope to see you at the Fall Conference in Sturgeon Bay.



**Call To The D10 2008 Fall
Conference Meeting
October 24, 25, 26 -2008**

**Stone Harbor Resort and
Conference Center
107 North First Avenue
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235
22 September, 2008**



To: All Members of District 10

In accordance with the bylaws of District 10, Section 5.6, the District 10 2008 Fall Conference (to which all members are cordially invited) has been called. The Council meeting will be held on 24 October at the Stone Harbor Resort and Convention Center, and will convene at 1730; and the Conference meeting will be held on 25 October 2008 also at the same location, and will convene at 1300 for the purpose of acting on matters set forth below:

1. To receive and act upon reports of officers and committees.
2. To consider and adopt a budget for the 2009-2010 watch year.
3. To consider and act upon any other business that may properly come before this meeting.

D/Lt/C Richard Baker, AP
District 10 Secretary



**D/Lt/C Bud Broekema, P
District Treasurer**

As I write this the end of September is approaching and another boating season is about over. I'm not a big fan of the upcoming season with all that hard water but it will pass and I'll appreciate the thaw that much more.

I just wanted to pass along a brief update of the districts financials. After 5 months into this watch year we have reached 97% of our budgeted dues income. Since by this time of the year most dues income has been received we should just meet or be slightly under the budget income goals for this watch year. Expenses at this point are tracking with the budgeted amounts and no issues are anticipated.

The bridge has opted to continue in a conservative vein with regards to the next watch years proposed budget. Starting with an assumed 3% decline in income from dues and decreasing our expenses particularly in regards to the mailing of this communicator through a bulk mail permit we should be able to achieve the same financial results for this time next watch year.

The restoration of our Reserves Fund will reach the \$13,000 targeted balance by the end of this watch year due to the expert guidance of our past treasurer and bridge members. This means we no longer need to budget monies to restore this fund. These monies can then be used to cover inflationary cost in other parts of the budget without having to consider dues increases at this time. In summary the District finances are in good shape for now.



Remembering a Great Friend A Memorial to Andrea Davis

It's been about five years since I can remember first meeting Andrea and Jeff Davis. I can't recall the exact date or occasion, but we certainly became good friends between 2003 and 2004 when we worked together on the Grand Excursion Project.

Andrea was Commander in St Paul and very active with District. The 2004 Grand Excursion was a special cruise where District 10 volunteers provided vessels to escort eight stern wheelers up the Mississippi from Davenport Iowa to St Paul. The event was a reenactment of the 1854 cruise that opened the Mississippi River to travel and commerce. These are but two images from the library of photos that Jeff Davis took during the 10 day cruise for our journal, but they left an indelible impression on me.



Jeff and Andrea crewed on P/Lt/C Don Hansen's trawler, Miss Gypsy, for the La Crosse to St Paul leg of the 400 mile cruise.

The photo above shows Andrea and Don proudly displaying the Ensign and Commander's flag, while the second shows Andrea at the helm of Miss Gypsy. They capture Andrea extremely well as a strong and confident Commander.

I will always remember Andrea this way during her healthier times, a great friend and role model, who had a deep affection for all things USPS, her family and community.

**D/Lt/C Jim Pahl-Washa JN, 2008
D10 Administrative Officer**



D10 MEMORIAL

P/D/C TRYGVE E. THORESEN, AP TRIBUTE

A long-time member of the Madison Sail & Power Squadron passed away on Monday, May 19, 2008, in Madison at the age of 77.

Trygve grew up in Mount Horeb after his family moved from Chicago when he was very young. Trygve was active with Boy Scouts while growing up, becoming the first Eagle Scout in Mount Horeb. He graduated from Mount Horeb High School in 1948, and was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1951. He graduated from Artillery Officers Candidate School in Fort Sill, Oklahoma and served with the First Cavalry Division in Japan. Trygve separated from the service as a first lieutenant in 1954. Trygve was united in marriage shortly after to Marion A. (Marty) Thoresen. Marion and Trygve would have celebrated their 54th Anniversary this year.

Trygve attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he received his BBA degree. He was career executive with the State of WI, retiring from the DNR in 1992 after more than 33 years of service.

Trygve joined USPS after the family gave up camping in the 70's. He served the Madison Power Squadron in various offices up to and including Squadron Commander in 1982. Trygve went on to serve the District, becoming District Commander in 1989. He remained active, holding various District and Squadron positions until his death.

Trygve is survived by his wife, Marion and three children; Erik T. (Marilee) of McFarland, Christopher J. of Wyoming, Ohio, and Michael G. (Kimberly) of Bloomfield Hills, Mich.; his grandchildren, Paul T. and Graham M. of McFarland, Tess A., Logan C. and Haley E. of Wyoming, Ohio, and Alexander M., Sally A. and Annie M. of Bloomfield Hills, Mich.; and a brother, Erling T. Thoresen of Coconut Grove, Fla.¹

Trygve dropped off a treasure trove of periodicals and scrap books about two years ago that he compiled during his tenure. As Squadron Historian, Trygve was honoring me with the opportunity to preserve some of his memories for the benefit of all. Trygve was having health problems at the time, and it was clear that he was planning ahead.

I recently re-discovered four issues of Harbor Lights among the collection from his year as Commander. I'd like to share with you some of Trygve's observations

during that time.

Commander's Corner May 21, 1982

"It is always difficult to know what to say in one's first set of comments. First and foremost, I want to thank the Squadron for having faith in me by electing me Commander. I will do all that I am capable of to enable the Squadron to have a year filled with success". During 1982

- Madison hosts 1982 D10 Spring Conference at Concourse Hotel
- Governor Lee Sherman Dreyfus signs Safe Boating Week Declaration on April 30, 1982 under the watchful eye of Cdr Thoresen

Commander's Corner Aug 17, 1982

"I am happy to report that...a special meeting of USPS will be held in conjunction with the Fall Governing Board Meeting on Sept 11, 1982 in San Antonio, Texas to change the bylaws to strike the word 'male' as a membership criteria"

- Trygve and the Madison Squadron enthusiastically support the proposal to provide women equal membership status.
- Trygve meets in La Crosse as Madison offers help to sponsor a squadron in the region.

Commander's Corner March 1, 1983

"It seems hard to believe that my term as your Commander is coming to an end. The year has flown by so quickly..."

"To repeat what I said in my first Commander's Corner article, I want to thank the Squadron for having faith in me by electing me Commander... I hope that this year has been enjoyable for you as it has been for me. Thanks to all of you who helped make the year a success. I look forward to seeing you again at the next Change of Watch"

- Madison earns Prince Henry for four members completing Navigation

As you can see, Trygve was a very successful Commander. Trygve's comments on membership, retention, squadron development, efforts to celebrate safe boating week and USPS education achievements are timeless pursuits.

We honor Trygve and all the members we have lost by continuing that pursuit of excellence.

D/Lt/C Jim Pahl-Washa, JN

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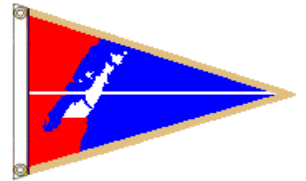
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Fall Conference

Hosted by
Door County Sail & Power Squadron

24, 25, 26 October 2008
Stone Harbor Resort & Conference Center
107 North First Avenue
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235



	Cost	Number	Amount
Friday Night Speakeasy	\$18.00	_____	_____
Saturday Lunch	\$19.00	_____	_____
USPS University Seminar	\$25.00	_____	_____
Saturday Dinner - Door County Chicken	\$30.00	_____	_____
Burgundy Beef Tips	\$30.00	_____	_____
Grilled Pork Loin	\$30.00	_____	_____
Saturday and Sunday Breakfast on your own			
TOTAL:		_____	_____

Squadron _____
 Rank _____ Name _____
 Rank _____ Name _____
 Phone _____ Email _____

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

Make checks payable to: Door County Sail & Power Squadron

Registrations due before: 10 October 2008 (No refunds after this date)

Mail this form and checks to: Lt/C Cynthia Weis, AP
 1609 Texas Place
 Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235



Stone Harbor Resort

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 Stone Harbor Resort & Conference Center

877-746-0700 920-746-0700 www.stoneharbor-resort.com

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Friday Night Speakeasy

Shhhhh - Don't tell a soul. Friday Night Speakeasy at The Ladder House after the Friday Council meeting. It's at 38 S. 3rd Avenue (Four blocks from Stone Harbor).

Wear your flapper dresses, raccoon coats, and spats, bring your machine guns, and toast Big Al Capone Harmon, Lucky Luciano, and Jack "Legs" Diamond with bathtub gin.

Plus Brats, hamburgers, beans, potato salad, Cole slaw, bars, cookies and DJ for dancing from the Charleston to the Twist.

Remember the Password is:

"Come To Grandma's Funeral".

It'll be the Cat's Meow. More at:

www.usps.org/lc/door/f.html



*Fall Conference Agenda
Stone Harbor Resort & Conference Center
Sturgeon Bay, WI
24-26 October 2008*

Friday, 24 October

1500-1900 Registration
 1600-1730 District Planning Committee (Closed Meeting)
 1600-1730 District Nominating Committee (Closed meeting)
 1730-1930 District Council Meeting
 1930-2200 **Roaring Twenties Party (Wisconsin Buffet)**

Lobby
 Sturgeon Bay Rm.
 HBR "D"
 HBR "A" + "B"*
 Ladder House

Saturday, 25 October

0630-0800 Breakfast – on your own
 0800-1200 Registration

 0800-0900 Commanders' Workshop
 0800-0900 Executive Department Workshop
 0900-1000 Commander & Executive Department Combine
 0800-1000 Administrative Department Workshop
 0800-1000 Secretary Department Workshop
 0900-1000 Treasurer Department Workshop
 0800-1000 Education Department Workshop
 0900-1000 1st Timers Orientation & Hospitality Room: P/D/C Bob Stierna, SN

 1000-1015 Morning Break

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 1015-1145 **USPS University "Radar" Seminar (\$25.00) – John Welch, N (Door County)**
 1030-1130 **USCG Homeland Security Presentation: O.I.C. Station SB, Lt Butwid USCG**
 1145-1245 Member/Spouse Luncheon
C/C message by Rep. R/C Allan W. Lakin, SN
2008 Teaching Aids Presentation and Judging

Restaurant
 Lobby

 HBR "B"
 HBR "D"
 HBR "B"
 HBR "E"
 HBR "F"
 HBR "D"
 HBR "C"
 Pub Area

HBR "A"
 HBR "B"
 Dining Room

1300-1445 District Conference Meeting & Education Awards
 1500-1700 Open time to Explore Sturgeon Bay
 1500-1700 Boat Operator Certification (BOC) "On-the-Water" Certification – observers welcome
 1730-1830 Hospitality - Cash Bar
 1830-2200 Dinner, Awards, Program
"Cruising the Mediterranean" – Jim and Andrea Jauquet

HBR "A" + "B" + "C"

 Ballroom Foyer
 Harbor Ballroom

Sunday, 26 October

0630-0900 Breakfast – on your own
 0900-1000 N Club Seminar (Open to all members); *New "N" Course* - R/C Art Mollica, SN
 0900-1000 Leadership Development – Two Quick Skills, Kris Harmon & Jeff Schott
 1030-1200 DB2000 Update
 1030-1200 District 10 Bridge Meeting

Restaurant
 HBR "A"
 HBR "B"
 HBR "B"
 Sturgeon Bay Rm.

Uniform of the Day:

Friday Informal Team USPS shirts or USPS Blazer (no tie)
 Friday Evening Casual - Gangster and Flapper Apparel Appreciated
 Saturday Blue Ready, Set, Grow Shirts; Informal Team USPS shirts; USPS Blazer (no tie)

* HBR = Harbor Ballroom
 HBR "A" = Europe Bay Room
 HBR "B" = Lily Bay Room
 HBR "C" = Nicolet Bay Room
 HBR "D" = Chambers Isl. Room
 HBR "E" = Rock Island Room
 HBR "F" = Washington Isl. Room



FALL CONFERENCE OCTOBER 24, 25 AND 26



* Visit one of the **TOP 10** destinations in America without busting your budget! Head for Door County Wisconsin and attend the Fall **10** Conference at the beautiful **STONE HARBOR RESORT** in Sturgeon Bay

* Attend the Friday Night **ROARING 20's PARTY** at the Unique **LADDER HOUSE BAR and GRILL** (formerly known as the Fire Station)

* Saturday visit the **DOOR COUNTY MARITIME MUSEUM**, a short stroll across the Bay Bridge from Stone Harbor

* After dinner on **SATURDAY NIGHT**, Listen to Jim and Andrea Jauquet's story of how they crossed the Atlantic in their sailboat (pre-GPS) and subsequently cruised the Mediterranean for 12 Summers

* Enjoy unlimited shopping, visit one or more of the four **WINERIES**, or just relax and unwind

for details and to register, visit www.usps-d10.org or www.usps.org/door

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