



## From the Helm *D/C Kathy Schult, AP*

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### *A Time to Remember*

As we move into this wonderful fall season with the mixed emotions of the fantastic summer boating season and the breathtaking fall colors that we see as we navigate the rivers, we realize that snowflakes will soon be falling. A positive perspective is not always easily maintained. Many changes in our lives have occurred since last conversing. Don and I have relocated to Lenoir City TN. Job opportunities for us in Knoxville precipitated an earlier than expected departure. With the electronic systems utilized today, I have every intention of carrying on the district commander responsibilities I so enthusiastically accepted.

September 9<sup>th</sup>, my mother made her final journey out of this world to her final resting place with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Thanks to all for the gifts, cards and notes of condolences. My family and I

will miss her immensely but with the help of my wonderful “Power Squadron” friends, I’m sure I’ll be just fine. *Thanks!* Because of Mom’s passing, I was unable to attend the National meeting in Kansas City. The other members of the District Bridge and members of District 10 stepped forward and represented D/10 magnificently. Once again, *Thank You!*

The D/10 Fall Conference is fast approaching. Please take time now to get your reservations in. We are “Exploring Opportunities” as we continue to try to offer you what you want. We hope you will take advantage of the many offerings.

New to this conference will be an “Officer’s Roundtable” on Friday afternoon from 1400-1630. I realize the inconvenience this may pose to many but I feel strongly about giving it a try. We might not do it again but let’s try. There will be an agenda but

please bring your constructive suggestions as we work through some of the tough issues facing squadrons, D/10 and National. Saturday morning, the Commanders, Executive Officers AND the Incoming Commander’s will meet jointly at 0800. Hopefully your Nominating Committee has been hard at work and your Incoming Commanders are in place. With the elimination of Winter Council, it is important these folks have the tools they need to be off and running before Spring Conference. The Education Department will be offering a “First Aid Certification and the USPS University Seminar” Boat Handling Under Power”. Check out the full agenda in this issue.

Have a wonderful Fall boating season! Put those babies to sleep for the winter and join us at the Bloomington Fall Conference 6-7-8 November.

## District Executive Officer D/Lt/C Jim Pahl-Washa



D/Lt/C Jim Pahl-Washa, JN

### File Your Annual Boating Safety Reports!

For District 10 to achieve Honor Roll status with the National Recreational Boating Safety Committee, each squadron must complete and mail the National Safe Boating Campaign Activities form to the District Executive Officer and the Council by October 1<sup>st</sup>. The collected data provides valuable feedback regarding the distribution of their promotional materials.

The data also provides the District valuable feedback regarding various strategies and media being used to promote safe boating activities and USPS membership. Activities should include Safe Boating Week activities in May as well as other events held throughout the calendar year to promote boating safety. There are no less than 50 safety ideas listed on the form to help promote boating safety ideas that will provide great exposure and membership

I suggest that Squadrons use these forms as a planning tool for next year. Use the information to measure the outcome of your specific events and to capture new ideas for next year. The National Safe Boating Council needs our feedback to plan for 2010. Please attach any addi-

tional items that better describe your successes. Don't think for a minute that your activities go unnoticed. At the Kansas City Governing Board Meeting over Labor Day, members from Minnetonka and St. Paul received national awards for their media presentations. We will be honoring these members and squadrons at the Fall Conference in Minneapolis in November.

It's been a relatively good year for Vessel Safety Checks (VSC's) this year. Numbers were slightly down before we left for the Governing Board in Kansas City, but the report from National was very positive. So, please make sure you get those final reports entered before we provide the results in November.

### What did I miss in Kansas City?

For those of you who decided to forego the trip to Kansas City, let me list a few great sites that we visited. It's been about 15 years since my last visit to KC, so there was a few things we saw on our first trip that we skipped this time:

World War I Memorial: It's a great memorial, and the monument is part of the skyline



Harry Truman Presidential Library: We actually visited the library during our first visit, so we skipped it this time. I highly recommend it, because the historical artifacts are amazing. We've since made an effort to visit other presidential libraries when the opportunity arises after visiting this one.

Country Club Plaza: What a shopping and dining area. We had a great meal at McCormick and Schmick's Seafood Restaurant, and there are several other premium restaurants

Power and Light District: Kansas City's \$800 million dollar downtown



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**"Don't think for a minute that your activities go unnoticed."**

## *District Administrative Officer D/Lt/C Mike Skelley, AP*

I have always loved the quote “If you don’t go beyond what you’ve already mastered, you will never grow”, because it challenges us to try new things and expands our horizons. That is what we have done so far this year in the Administrative Department. We are trying to drive our success in these challenging times by finding new ways for our members to get involved, identifying what the next generation of Power Squadron member’s want, and relentlessly innovating to make our organization more attractive to fellow boaters.

We started the boating season with a number of great boating activities planned throughout the district. We had predicted log contests, boat rodeos, “Teach Your Significant Other to Drive” days, and of course, the Summer Rendezvous. I want to thank Geoff and Suzanne Carman and the members of the Oshkosh Power Squadron for hosting this year’s event in Winneconne. I especially want to thank D/Lt/C Jim Pahl-Washa for spearheading the planning of this event and making it such a success.

In the spirit of trying new things, this years D-10 Rendezvous was billed as “Nearly Free” and with the

support of the District, individual Squadrons, donations by businesses, and the individual members who participated, it was just that. There was a Taste Of The District “Over the Transom” cook-off on Friday night, where each Squadron prepared and presented their favorite meals. Everyone had the chance to sample the best D-10 had to offer and most of us prepared way too much food and consumed a similar amount...it was great! Saturday brought Boat Operator Certification for many, while others built and attempted to race their team’s cardboard boat. As you can see from the picture in this article, my daughter Jessica and I, went way beyond what we had already mastered and attempted to race the Minnetonka team’s boat. It was aptly named “Bye Mom” since the picture shows the few seconds we were upright before capsizing. I am happy to report that after bailing it out, Nancy Hamilton raced “Bye Mom” to victory a short time later.

The rest of the day brought on more lakeside activities, a great grilled chicken lunch, an afternoon cruise on Lake Winneconne, Youth Poster Contest

judging, and an early evening dinner followed by a movie on a huge portable screen Jim Pahl-Washa

brought and setup in the pavilion. Sunday wrapped up with a pancake breakfast, a D-10 Bridge meeting, and some long good-byes. Based on the success of this Rendezvous, we will try to have more District sponsored/all Squadrons contribute at a neutral location Rendezvous in the future. In short, and not to sound too much like a small town newspaper, a good time was had by all!

Many people have been asking me about the results of the D-10 Youth Poster Contest. Although we will hand out awards at the Fall Conference in Bloomington, MN, November 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, I wanted to share the individual winners now in case any of them could attend the Fall Conference. We had a total of more than one hundred posters turned into our D-10 Squadrons, with about 30 making the final judging at the



D/Lt/C Mike Skelley, AP

Rendezvous. Notices and certificates are being sent to each participant and the winners for each age group will be recognized at our Fall Conference. The winners are:

Ages 6-8:

1st - Kade Retterath, Minnetonka Power Squadron

**“If you don’t go beyond what you’ve already Mastered, you will never grow”**



## District Educational Officer D/Lt/C John Winger, SN



D/Lt/C John Winger SN

At the core of USPS is, and always has been, its educational program. In D10, we recognize this by showcasing educational effort at each fall conference. Here is the line-up for this fall:

First Aid seminar on Saturday morning, 9-12. Red Cross certification required of Advanced Certifiers for the BOC program. Also open to other interested members. Cost: \$10. Please pre-register through your SEO.

Boat Handling under Power seminar on Saturday morning, 10-12. Cost: \$25. Please pre-register through your SEO.

New N class seminar on Sunday morning, 10-11. No charge.

Instructor recognition: D10 award to the top instructor in each squadron as identified by each SEO or squadron Commander.

Presentation of Educational Proficiency (AP plus 3 electives) and Educational Achievement (SN) awards received from headquarters.

Presentation of Prince Henry and Squadron Educational Achievement awards for strongest 2008-2009 squadron programs.

Recognition of squadron

course completions ranking in the top 10 for the nation.

Teaching Aid competition. I encourage each squadron to bring at least one entry.

The educational program is not only the origin of USPS. It continues to be a focus of innovation and a source of strength as our organization seeks to meet the needs of new generations of boaters. Did you know that:

Our basic public education course, all our advanced grade courses and most of our elective courses have been substantially upgraded between 2005 and 2009. New for this year are N and Sail. The only pre-2005 hold-overs are Marine Electronics 102 & 103 (replacements in development) and Cruise Planning (which may be headed for replacement by seminars).

We now have 15 seminars available for both members and the public. Release dates range from 2006 to 2009. New for this year are Advanced Powerboat Handling (6 hrs), Basic Coastal Navigation (2 hrs) and Mariner's Compass (2 hrs).

With our new insurance coverage, USPS is strongly promoting on-water educa-

tion. This includes not only Boat Operator Certification (BOC) but also offering portions of classes such as Seamanship, Piloting, Marine Electronics, Engine Maintenance and Paddle Smart on the water – hands on vs. in the classroom. This is a great way to attract and involve new members.

Nine of our eleven squadrons have launched BOC programs with successful qualification of Advanced Certifiers. Qualification of Inland Navigators by these certifiers is in process. As those involved in this program know, it is still evolving and as one of the earlier districts to embrace this program we are exposed to more changes than those who will be following us. Fortunately, we have our own Art Mollica involved in developing the updates. Despite launching pains, this program remains an important opportunity for USPS to get out of the classroom, on to the water, and shape the future of American safe boating programs.

I look forward to seeing you all at our Fall Conference.....John

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## DXO *continued from page 2*

renovation to create a unique dining and entertainment area. Plenty of good food, music and beverages. The area has great parking and flanked by a unique AMC movie theater. The architectural feature is a plaza that has a unique roof similar to the Fremont Area of Las Vegas to protect visitors from the elements.

There are three casinos in the area to attract you gamblers, but the Ameristar is the most fantastic of the three. The architecture and scale is really impressive. Just imagine having a full size antique Pullman Dining Train Car and Station in the foyer as you enter. The Union Station Train Depot was off limits when we first visited, because it was being renovated. We

made sure to visit it this time, and it is absolutely remarkable. You can see what it was like to take the train when it opened in the early 1900's. They have a restored diner that is absolutely the coolest.

What did you miss? well I think you missed a lot.

The next USPS National Conference is at Disney World's Coronado Resort next February. There's not enough room in the Communicator to go over what you'll miss if you don't take the opportunity to go. It's Disney World!

## DAO *continued from page 3*

2nd - Carmen Voeck, Madison Sail & Power Squadron

3rd - Jonathan Oftedahl, Hiawatha Sail & Power Squadron

Ages 9-11:

1st - Jack Bjelland, Hiawatha Sail & Power Squadron

2nd - Danielle Kind, Madison Sail & Power Squadron

3rd - India Ray Smith, Hiawatha Sail & Power Squadron

Ages 12-14:

1st - Julia Graham, Central WI Sail & Power Squadron

2nd - Ella Smith, Hiawatha Sail & Power Squadron

3rd - Graham Steinhaues, Madison Sail & Power Squadron

As I am writing this article,

I am returning from the Fall Governing Board meeting in Kansas City. I am very pleased that our success continued at the national level. Many Squadrons and members were recognized for their efforts and many of the entries won because they had tried new things within their organizations. Mark and Tyler Hanus of Minnetonka swept the Upton Video Awards finishing 1<sup>st</sup> in both categories for their video productions that promote squadron civic service. Bob Schmit of St. Paul won the Commander's Cup for the best slide show promoting USPS civic service. Both Minnetonka and Oshkosh won honorable mention for their entries for the MIRA award which recognizes membership involvement and retention. Oh, and

those wonderful youth posters we judged, well, we submitted the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner from D-10 in each age group at the Fall Governing Board and Kade Retterath from Minnetonka finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the nation for his age group and Julia Graham from Central Wisconsin finished 1<sup>st</sup> in the nation for her age group.

Many business topics were also discussed in the Administrative meetings, including membership numbers, trial memberships, the new cyber squadron, a new unified membership plan, the use of planning committees at the squadron level, and what impact the changes to the national

operating committee will have. All of these topics will be discussed during our workshops at the Fall Conference.

As I wrap this up, I must admit that we are entering my favorite time of the year for boating. There's nothing better than a fall day on your boat, the warm sunshine, fall colors, a ball game on the radio, and all those boaters who refused to take a boating safety class off the lake. It is the time of year that the die hard boater can truly enjoy. With many boating activities still planned throughout the District, I would encourage each of you to go beyond what you have already mastered and get involved, have fun, and plot a course for our continued success!

# Notes From the Kansas City Governing Board *by P/D/C Ben Coons, AP*

If you were tasked to pick a theme for the District 10 hospitality room in Kansas City the only fitting one would be "TEAM WORK".

As you may know by now District Commander Kathy Schult lost her mother Wednesday of the week of the Governing Board and she wasn't able to attend the meeting. Kathy had done much planning for the Governing Board with hosting a District hospitality room being one of her priorities. Kathy and Don had planned to drive to Kansas City and bring many of the items necessary for the hospitality room. District Flag Marie Coons also drove to Kansas City and had her car packed with serving and chafing dishes packed to the ceiling of the car. (I have personal experience with this in that I packed the car).

When our group was notified that Kathy would not be able to be at Kansas City the team swung into action. Our District Executive Officer-Jim Pahl-Washa and Julie stepped up and assisted with making a Sam's Club run sourcing the necessary food and drink. Maury and Jenny Rice delivered genuine Wisconsin cheese. Connie Korstad packed a hot plate in her baggage to assist the food prep (she also hauled down some secret ingredients for her killer sauce for the meat balls). Was that really sauerkraut?

The District Hospitality nights are traditionally on the Friday before the Governing Board. The invitations went out earlier in the week as various members pickup up their registration tickets and the District 10 Bridge handed out special invitation to the National

Bridge and other VIP's. The Girls of District 10 started the prep by setting up a kitchen in the bathroom of the District Suite including a microwave and the hot plate Connie supplied. The crew started about noon and was ready for the first guest at 1700 hours. Appropriate signage was out; however, the wafting of the meat ball sauce down the hall from the elevators was all that was needed to guide the guests to the Suite.

The guests represented most all of the National Bridge, several Past Chiefs, Committee Chairs and a few folks from the Canadian Sail and Power Squadron. I can positively



The "goodies"

say that we made District 10 proud and I know Kathy would have been pleased. There are some valid arguments if the hospitality suites are necessary and the expense justified. Put me in the column that votes that they are extremely valuable as a networking tool and Kansas City was an excellent example of how it works.

The evening was topped off with a dinner at the top of the Hyatt Hotel in a revolving restaurant and I think I can truly say a good time was had by one and all!



Left- The D10 catering crew



Right- D10 attendees at dinner

# IT'S ALMOST TIME!

*To mark your calendar and plan for the*

## **USPS District 10 Fall Conference**

The Conference, hosted by Minnetonka Power Squadron,  
is set for November 6, 7, and 8, 2009  
at the Hilton Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport Mall of America,  
Bloomington, Minnesota

### ***Why should I attend the conference?***

Education, Communication with other squadrons in District 10, and Entertainment.

The evening of Friday, Nov. 6 is dedicated to  
the "That's Entertainment!" party featuring

Minnetonka Power Squadron's famous music group

### ***"Knot Work'N"***

Come dressed fit to kill! Be a Hollywood star, a dancer, a singer, a boat captain, etc.

On Saturday there are Workshops for all departments that make up a squadron -

Executives, Secretaries, Treasurers, Education Officers, etc.

There is also a Workshop for first timers who are new to USPS squadrons.

Saturday, Nov. 7, and Sunday, Nov. 8, feature educational programs/seminars.

### ***What else?***

Beautiful, elegant sleeping rooms with excellent group rates!

Superb culinary for those of us that love to eat!

Indoor swimming pool to help us remember the great times of being in the water!

Shopping at the Mall of America (complimentary shuttle services to and from hotel)

Explore downtown Minneapolis via our new light rail that is located close to the hotel

### **The Minnetonka Power Squadron Conference Committee**

has put together a very creative, outstanding weekend.

Except for two District Committee meetings Friday, all events are open to all attendees.

Sign up, make reservations, and come and see for yourself!

***Look for the Registration Form and Conference Agenda on the following pages***

Have questions? Need more information?

Contact LuAnne Opstedal, Conference Co-Chairperson at:  
opstedal2@hotmail.com

## Chief Commander's Representative to 2009 D10 Fall Conference

Alan Wentworth is from Green Bay, Wisconsin. He is a boater and long time power squadron member, belonging at first to Green Bay and then to Door County Squadrons. Alan has been R/C of the national Planning Committee, and is now Chairman of the Committee on Nominations. He also serves as National Medical Officer and head of the F.A.S.T. first-aid team. He received his USPS Life Membership in 2003. Locally, he is active in teaching, and he is a VSC Examiner. He is a member of the Great Lakes Cruising Club and of the Great Lakes Grand Banks Association.



R/C Allen Wentworth, SN

Allen began boating on a small river in Iowa, first sailed on Lake of the Ozarks, and then raced a *Comet* sailboat on the Cooper River in New Jersey. After sailing for 27 years in Wisconsin, he now enjoys maintaining and driving his late wife Ruth's *Bellatrix*, a 38 ft. express cruiser, on Green Bay and the adjacent Great Lakes. He is a member of the Sturgeon Bay Yacht Club, and a former member of the Egg Harbor (Wisconsin) and Cooper River (New Jersey) Yacht Clubs.

Alan and Ruth's two sons and two daughters are now grown. They have eight grandchildren who also enjoy boating and fishing. One grandson is a first year cadet at the U.S. Naval Academy, and a granddaughter is a third year cadet in the U.S. Air Force Academy.



# USPS District 10 – 2009 Fall Conference Registration

## Minnetonka Power Squadron

6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> November 2009

Airport Hilton – Mall of America (952) 854-2100



Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

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Child: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Child: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Child: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Event	Cost	Number	Total
Friday – That's Entertainment / Pasta Bar & Pizza Buffet (cash bar)	\$26		\$
Children's Meal – Friday night: includes Fruit Cup or Applesauce, Cookie and Milk Children's selection – indicate quantity of each children's dinner below: Chicken Tenders & Tator Tots _____ Hot Dog and Mac & Cheese _____ Spaghetti & Breadstick _____	\$15		\$
Saturday – Lunch / Picnic Lunch: includes sandwich, chips, brownie and beverage. Sandwich selection – indicate quantity of each sandwich below: Turkey/Swiss _____ Roast Beef/Monterey Jack _____ Chicken Salad _____ Veggie Pita _____	\$24		\$
Saturday – Dinner: includes MN Wild Rice Soup & Champagne Cake w/Mango Raspberry Coulis Dinner selection – indicate quantity of each dinner below: ____ Pork Tenderloin w/Maple Demi-Glaze, Garlic Chive Mashed Potatoes & Vegetables ____ Chicken w/Marsala Wine Glaze & Mushrooms, Duchess Potatoes & Vegetables ____ Vegetarian	\$42 \$42		\$
Children's Meal – Saturday night: includes Fruit Cup or Applesauce, Cookie and Milk Children's selection – indicate quantity of each children's dinner below: Chicken Tenders & Tator Tots _____ Hot Dog and Mac & Cheese _____ Spaghetti & Bread _____	\$15		\$
USPS Seminar – Boat Handling under Power	\$25		
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$</b>

Saturday and Sunday breakfast on your own.

Make check payable to: Minnetonka Power Squadron  
 Reply by: 15 October 2009  
 Mail form & check to: Lt. Lois Palmer  
 545 77<sup>th</sup> St W, Eagan, MN 55121  
 lpalmer@argentasystems.com



For more information, go to:  
[www.usps-d10.org](http://www.usps-d10.org)

### Hotel Information

Airport Hilton – Mall of America (952) 854-2100 or (800) 445-8667  
 3800 American Blvd E, Bloomington, MN, United States 55425-1658

- Indoor swimming pool
- Mall of America – free shuttle

Ask for the Minnetonka Power Squadron rate of \$99. Mall of America package also available for a rate of \$129. [www.hilton.com](http://www.hilton.com)  
 Reservation Deadline: 6 October 2009

### Attractions nearby:

- Nickelodeon Universe at Mall of America
- Waterpark of America
- Access to the Light Rail
- Underwater World
- Wilderness/Nature Park

**Hilton** **Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport**  
 Mall of America

**THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT!**

On Friday the 6<sup>th</sup>,  
 Come take a Red Carpet stroll  
 For you are a Star, and must play the role.

You may be a Gable, a Garbo, Monroe,  
 A Dancer, a Singer, perhaps you're a Trull.

We'll have fun and games and food for the soul,  
 Your enjoyment, my friend is our ultimate goal.

Live Music Presented By:





**2009 Fall Conference Agenda**  
**6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> November 2009**  
**Airport Hilton – Mall of America, Bloomington, MN**

**Friday, 6 November**

1400-1630 Officer's Roundtable  
1500-1830 Registration  
1500-1630 District Planning Committee (Closed Meeting)  
1500-1630 District Nominating Committee (Closed meeting)  
1700-1830 District Council Meeting  
1900-2200 **"That's Entertainment" Party (Pasta Bar & Pizza Buffet) "Knot Work'n" Band**

**Saturday, 7 November**

0630-0800 Breakfast – on your own  
0800-1000 Registration  
  
0800-1000 Commander, Executive Department, & Incoming Commander's Workshop  
0800-1000 Administrative Department Workshop  
0800-1000 Secretary Department Workshop  
0800-1000 Treasurer Department Workshop  
0800-1000 Education Department Workshop  
0900-1000 1<sup>st</sup> Timers Orientation & Hospitality Room:  
  
1000-1015 Morning Break  
  
1015-1145 ***USPS University "Boat Handling Under Power" Seminar (\$25.00)***  
1015-1145 ***DB2000 Update & Workshop***  
1000-1200 ***BOC First Aid Certification (fee may apply for materials)***  
  
1145-1245 Member/Spouse Luncheon  
  
1300-1445 District Conference Meeting & Education Awards  
1500-1700 Open time to shop Mall of America – Happy Holidays!  
1730-1830 Hospitality - Cash Bar  
1830-2200 Dinner, Awards, Program

**Sunday, 8 November**

0630-0900 Breakfast – on your own  
0800-1000 ***Operations Training Part 2***  
1000-1100 N Club Seminar (Open to all members)  
1100-1200 District 10 Bridge Meeting

**Uniform of the Day:**

Friday Informal Team USPS shirts or USPS Blazer (without tie)  
Friday Evening Casual – "That's Entertainment" Costume Encouraged  
Saturday Expanding Opportunities Shirt; Informal Team USPS shirts; USPS Blazer (without tie)  
Saturday Evening Business Casual or USPS Blazer (without tie)

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## *Call to the Meeting*

### ***Call to the D-10 2009 Fall Conference Meeting***

***6, 7, 8, November 2009***

***Airport Hilton- Mall of America***

***3800 American Boulevard East***

***952-854-2100***

***Bloomington MN, 55425***

In accordance with the bylaws of District 10, Section 5.6, the District 10 2009 Fall Conference (to which all members are cordially invited) has been called. The Council meeting will be held on 6 November at the Airport Hilton, and will convene at 1700: and the Conference meeting will be held on 7 November 2009 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 2010-2011 watch year.
3. To consider and act upon any other business that may properly come before this meeting.
4. To act upon any revisions to the Amended Bylaws that might be suggested by the National Rules Committee.

D/Lt/C Jeffrey Davis, AP  
District 10 Secretary

## 2010 Summer Rendezvous by D/Lt/C Jim Pahl—Washa

### 2009 D10 Stimulus Plan: “Almost Free”

Thanks go out to the Oshkosh Sail & Power Squadron for co-hosting this year’s summer rendezvous on Lake Winneconne. Suzanne and Geoff Carman, Commander Carl Jensen, and members of the District 10 Bridge collaborated to make the weekend event not only a fun packed weekend, but as affordable as we could make it. Using \$1,100 dollars that we raised in donations from corporate sponsors, we made the weekend extremely affordable.

Friday night’s “Over the Transom” potluck dinner was a huge success. Squadrons created their own special menus to share with all guests, and of course a panel of judges. Entries were judged on creativity, taste and presentation. Menu selections

varied from chili, barbequed ribs, chicken wings, shrimp boil, and even omelets in a bag. The creativity in the presentations made the evening even more memorable. The competition was fierce, but in the end, Minnetonka was awarded Best of Show.

As fantastic as Friday night’s kickoff was, Saturday was even better. We had great weather and a day packed with activities. The morning started with a morning fire extinguisher class given by Cdr Jensen. Some members continued their BOC training with Art Mollica and Bill Dohr. A lot of us participated in a cardboard boat building contest and a dinghy rodeo. All these events were sandwiched between lunch and dinner. A lunch of summer salads and grilled chicken sandwiches kept everyone content until dinner. At dinnertime, a grilling team prepared 7-8 whole beef tenderloins that we then cut



P/C Kim O’Neil shows Packer fans what she thinks of the Brent Favre situation

up for a fajita buffet before the group settled in for a movie and popcorn.

In the end, we held a very family fun weekend on the water and we were able to return everyone’s \$50.00 registration fee.

### Make Plans Now to attend the 2010 Summer Rendezvous in Bayfield

Duluth Sail and Power Squadron will host the 2010 Summer Rendezvous in Bayfield, Wisconsin. As the gateway to the Apostle Islands National Park and Water Way, Bayfield is a special cruising experience for all types of boaters. It’s often referred to as the Caribbean of the North.

Left– Bob Schmit, Jan and Geir Seger, Karen Schmit, and Jeff Davis put the finishing touches on St. Paul’s boat.

“In the end, we held a very family fun weekend on the water and we were able to return everyone’s \$50.00 registration fee.”

I believe anyone who’s ever boated there would be quick to agree. I can tell you from personal experience that the last two rendezvous’ held in Bayfield were special.

It’s a unique experience, offering many touring opportunities on land or by water.

Cdr Kay Bakke and the entire Duluth membership will make next year’s event really special. I plan to trailer “Double Down” to July event for an extended stay. Mark your calendars now for July 23-25, 2010 in Bayfield.





*All members of District 10 are cordially invited  
to help*

*Madison Sail and Power Squadron*

*celebrate their*

*50th Anniversary*

*At their Change of Watch 19 March 2010*

This event will be held in conjunction with the D10 2010 Spring Conference

In Madison, Wisconsin

19-21 March 2010



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