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D/C Kathy Schult, AP

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From the Helm D/C Kathy Schult, AP

Spring is right around the corner! What an exciting time as the trees bud, the sap flows, the tulips pop up and oh yes.....we can set the date to get the boat in the water.

Your District Bridge eagerly anticipates the coming of spring also. The challenges of a new Bridge will always add a level of excitement and enthusiasm to the group. With the excitement of spring, I also have to feel a certain amount of remorse as my tenure comes to an end. It absolutely amazes me how fast this time has gone. It seems like just last week, we were planning our Spring Conference in Wausau.

We are trying very diligently to maintain the secure financial state of our District 10. With the de-

cline in membership within this organization, we must continue to be frugal. The dues paid by our members, continues to be our main source of income. With that being said, I feel it is more than ever essential for the membership to have a voice in how to best make use of the resources available to us. One of the areas your Bridge has worked on this year is in the area of electronic communications. I sincerely hope that together, we will move forward as we continue to explore our options using, Constant Contact, Sail Angle and the electronic dispersal of the D10 Communicator. This is an exciting time for us. At the Fall Conference, it became evident that there were unresolved issues with this concept. The Planning Committee is currently looking at the associated issues. I

hope to have there report and recommendations ready for the upcoming Spring Conference. Stay tuned!

Your Bridge is excited to offer a Spring Conference Agenda with multiple options for you. As we continue to "Expand those Opportunities", we will try a different approach to many of the traditional aspects typically found in a district conference. Check the agenda out on the D10 website as well as in this edition. We look forward to welcoming a "Key Note" speaker. This will add an additional venue for information gathering of interest to us avid boaters. The Madison Sail & Power Squadron is working very hard to make this a week-end to remember. COME JOIN US!

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



D/Lt/C Jim Pahl-Washa, JN

"I thought it was dad... but it was Joe", Deana Martin Griffeth (Dean Martin's daughter) at the Dean Martin Festival, 2001



Just Back from the National Conference in Orlando

Julie and I just returned from the National Meeting in Orlando at the Coronado Resort, a Disney World property. D/C Kathy Schult and Flag Lieutenant, Marie Coons, organized a D10 dinner at Disney's Yacht Club Resort on Friday, February 5th, where we were all treated to a special menu designed just for District 10. A summary of the meetings will be forwarded to squadrons and will also be added to the D10 Spring Conference agenda.

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District 10 Conference Kicks off with the King of Cool, Friday Night!

We're quickly approaching the season when Squadrons and the District hold their respective Change of Watch Banquets. These are great opportunities to celebrate the accomplishments of the past year, but to also embrace the upcoming year. I look forward to attending the events across the District to acknowledge your contributions, and to look at the promise of a new year.

A season of celebration starts off with a *blast* on March 19-21 at the D10 Spring Conference in Madison. We promise you an unparalleled weekend of entertainment and special programs.

The entertainment starts Friday night, March 19th, with a special Dinner Show, a Rat Pack Musical Tribute to Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra and others of the era by Madison Native, Joe Scalissi.

"Joe Scalissi Knocks out crowd as Dean Martin", New York Wire Entertainment

"I thought it was dad... but it was Joe", Deana Martin Griffeth (Dean Martin's daughter) at the Dean Martin Festival, 2001

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Take Cover, We're under Attack by Flying Carp

The rest of the Conference Presentations and workshops are unprecedented. Saturday's Keynote address will introduce you to the invasion of Flying Carp that are a nightmare in the making for Midwest river systems and



the Great Lakes.

Dr Philip Moy, from the University of Wisconsin Sea Grant Institute, and Jessica VanEgeren of the Wisconsin Capital Times are leading experts regarding the Asian Carp. These flying fish are extreme hazards to recreational boating, the commercial marine industry, and the environment. You don't want to miss these informative presentations on Saturday.

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Enjoy Saturday Lunch with a photo tour of the Mississippi River

Members and Shipmates will be entertained during the Saturday lunch by author, Martha Greene Phillips. "Marti", who lives just a few miles north of Madison, will share with you photos and stories from her book, *The Floating Boathouses of the Upper Mississippi River*. The book illustrates how life on the Mississippi River has evolved over the past century. **Lunch and Dinner reservations can still be made by contacting Julie Pahl-Washa at 608.692.8088.**

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

In my fall Communicator article, I told you how we were trying to drive our success 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. I encouraged each of you to go beyond what you have already mastered and get involved, have fun, and plot a course for our continued success. Well, I'm happy to say that we are on course, it has been working for the Admin Department, and we have some awards and national recognition to prove it.

Both Oshkosh and Minnetonka won National honorable mentions for their entries for the MIRA award which recognizes membership involvement and retention. YouTube videos of D-10 events, our squadron activities, and public service announcements took center stage in a meeting at the Annual National Meeting in Orlando. We also had more than one hundred youth posters turned into our D-10 Squadrons, with about 30 making the final judging at the Rendezvous. We submitted the 1st place winner from D-10 in each age group at the USPS Fall Governing Board and Kade Retterath from Minnetonka

finished 2nd in the nation for his age group and Julia Graham from Central Wisconsin finished 1st in the nation for her age group.

To celebrate their success, both Central Wisconsin and Minnetonka presented these national winners with their awards this fall. Every youth who participated in the contest throughout the District received a certificate thanking them for promoting safe boating and participating in the contest. In the following picture, I returned to the school where I held a youth boating and water safety demonstration to present Kade Retterath with his national winning poster, the second place ribbon, a "big check" and the real one, in front of an all school assembly of students, teachers, administrators, and the Sheriff's Water Patrol. Also present was Mark Hanus, mayor and Power Squadron member, who presented Kade with a resolution from the city, recognizing his accomplishment. I should note that the school has asked us to expand the program next year. A similar award presentation was done for Julia Graham by the Central Wisconsin Squadron.

In keeping with Commander Kathy's slogan of Expanding Opportunities, we offered our membership

a number of great boating activities throughout the district this year. We had predicted log contests, boat rodeos, "Teach Your Significant Other to Drive" days, and of course, the Summer Rendezvous. Based on the success of this year's Rendezvous, we will have more District sponsored neutral location Rendezvous' in the future. However, the next two years are planned with Duluth hosting the 2010 Rendezvous in Bayfield, WI and Door County hosting the 2011 Rendezvous. Both are wonderful summer vacation spots and I look forward to seeing everyone there.

I would like to thank the members of the Minnetonka Power Squadron for hosting the D-10 Fall Conference. It was a wonderful event and we were able to try some new things like an officer's round table discussion on Friday afternoon. That allowed us to strategize around Squadron and District issues and develop plans for future successes. Friday evening's event was unique, with a "That's Entertainment" costume party with Red Carpet interviews and the Knot Work'n Band. Saturday brought workshops, seminars, first aid certification, awards, and let's not forget the emotional audio visual presentation by



D/Lt/C Mike Skelley, AP

Tamra Johnson. We look forward to an equally great Spring Conference hosted by the Madison Sail and Power Squadron, March 19th – 21st.

The latest Administrative Department news from the Orlando meeting, was our national organization's implementation of a new USPS Leadership Development Training Program "Transition from Warrior to Chieftain" that is aimed at DAO's and SAO's and will follow them as they move through the ranks to Commander. This training will continue to evolve and be offered each year for AO's, next year for XO's, and eventually for Commanders. I will cover this one day training program in greater detail at the Spring Conference.

Many additional topics were also discussed in various Administrative meetings, including the use of SailAngle.com by our Squadrons and District, as well as how we can auto enroll all

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Workshops

Two Internet collaboration and communication tools, Constant Contact and Sail Angle will be demonstrated Sunday morning. Vendor representatives will be on hand to provide insight as to the value and capabilities of each. Already in use throughout the District, these tools will help us stay in touch.

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N Club

At the Sunday morning "N Club" seminar, Brad Borchers, a Product Support Engineer with Palmer Johnson Power Systems will talk about repowering and repairing commercial boats and fishing fleets. And you thought throwing out a Lower Unit was a problem!

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Seminar

Finally, Captain Cliff Schmidt is offering the American Red Cross, CPR/First Aid Seminar Sunday morning for anyone interested in fulfilling the next set of requirements for their Boat Operator Certificates. The Course fee is \$25. You must pre-register for the course by contacting Cliff at (612) 865-4641 or Cliff@schmidtmarine.com

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Thanks for a great Year in the Execu- tive Department!

Thanks once again for allowing me to serve as the District Executive Officer. I've learned so many great things from everyone, and truly benefited from having a great team. I'm energized by the level of creativity and passion that exists throughout the District for USPS.

I especially want to acknowledge the members of the Executive Department that have served throughout the last year. I look forward to thanking them again at the Spring Conference in Madison.

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R/C Jeff Hamilton AP

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2010 will be packed full of many fun-filled activities. Mark your calendars! The D10 Summer Rendezvous will be held in Bayfield 23-25 July and the Fall Conference will be held in Green Bay 5-7 November. Make plans NOW to attend.

As I write, Don & I are in

route to the USPS National meeting in Orlando. Will the National membership approve D10's request to host the 2012 National Fall Governing Board meeting? What new and exciting "things" will be presented? What fun will be had at the D10 dinner on Friday night? Which D10 members will be added to the prestigious

list of Rear Commanders? Ah....how sweet the sounds of a National Meeting.

The year has indeed been adventurous, enchanting, invigorating, encompassing, and passionate...to say the least. It certainly has not been dull and boring.

I sincerely wish to thank the members of D10 for the opportunity to have served. Don and I have made some wonderful friends here in D10 and we thank you for your support in all our past endeavors. We look forward to many more wonderful opportunities to grow with D10. See you in Madison!

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Looking forward to 2010.

I am honored to be nominated as your next District Commander, and I look forward to our year together. I've designed the following District 10 team logo that I believe summarizes the hallmark of a successful year. The 3 C's of Boating; Collaboration, Communication, and Celebration will help us accomplish a great deal and have fun doing it.

I look forward to spending time with you at the Spring Conference in Madison, at the Summer Rendezvous in Bayfield, in Green Bay for the Fall Conference, and at your home ports different times throughout the year. We have a great team coming on board to serve you. Let's continue the mission of USPS and have fun doing it.



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members and use this tool for communications, archiving files, manage event calendars, chat with groups, and promote education. Other areas of interest were generational differences, membership numbers, trial memberships, the new cyber squadron, and a new unified membership plan. All of these topics will be discussed during our workshops at the Spring Conference.

I would like to thank all who have served in the Administrative Department this year. Without

your help we could not have accomplished so much. I want to especially thank the following Officers and Chairs:

Assistant Administrative Officer:

P/D/Lt/C Dick Baker, AP

Conference Chair:

D/Lt Julie Pahl-Washa, P

Membership/Member Involvement Chair:

D/Lt Jim Crowley, AP

Boating Activities Chair:

D/Lt Suzanne Carman

Leadership Development Co-Chair:

D/Lt Kris Harmon, AP

Leadership Development Co-Chair:

Lt/C Jeff Schott, AP

While we've had a great year, we've only scratched the surface. We must stay on course, expand opportunities for member involvement, and make our

organization more attractive to future squadron members. But most of all, we must work together, celebrate our friendships, and have fun.



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



D/Lt/C Bud Broekema, AP

Greetings D10 members!

The District spring conference is upon us. This signals the beginning of a new watch year and a new district bridge taking the reins. This will be the end of my tenure as your treasurer. It's been a pleasure to serve in this capacity for you over the past two years. Although

the current economy isn't the best the Bridge has been prudent in its expenditures and I can report that the District's finances are in good order as I pass on the duties of this office.

The experiences I have had and the new people I have met during this past couple of years has made serving in the position a

pleasure. I hope to run into to you at future district functions.

Have a safe and enjoyable 2010 boating season!

Chief Commander's Representative R/C Jeff Hamilton, AP

Jeff Hamilton is "second-generation" United States Power Squadrons® having passed the Public Boating Course at the age of 11 alongside his dad who is a 40-year member. Jeff himself joined in 1990. Both he and his wife Nancy are active members of the Minnetonka Power Squadron which, as part of District 10, is centered on Lake Minnetonka just west of the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota.

At the squadron level, Jeff began as newsletter editor, has served terms as Safety Officer, Cooperative Charting Chair and member of the Endowment, Roster, Rules, Planning, Nominating and Executive committees. He served as Executive Officer before serving as Commander in 2002-2003. Jeff continues to teach portions of America's Boating Course and serve on the Squadron Endowment Committee.

At the district level, in addition to his terms as Administrative and Executive Officer before serving as Commander in 2005-2006, Jeff has held offices in the Commander, Secretary and Executive departments in-

cluding Aide, Advisor, Assistant Secretary, Computer Systems Officer, Cooperative Charting Chair and Planning Committee Chair. He continues to serve as a member of the Committee on Nominations, as Cooperative Charting Chair and as Computer Systems Officer.

At the National level Jeff has served three years on the Planning Committee and was elected chair in 2010.

Professionally, Jeff has spent the past 25 years in engineering, marketing and business development for the commercial building automation system industry. He began his career with Honeywell, Inc., has worked for Johnson Controls, Inc., and spent several years with McQuay International leaving as Director of Control Systems Technology and Product Management. He is currently serving as the Integrated Solutions Program Manager for the controls group at Trane, which is now part of Ingersoll Rand. Jeff is responsible for the strategic direction, development, marketing and management of controls-

related products and programs that complement core Trane-brand control products and help Ingersoll Rand deliver integrated, intelligent commercial building control systems.

Jeff holds a Bachelors Degree in Mechanical/Industrial Engineering from the University of Minnesota and a Masters Degree in Business Administration from the Carlson School of Management at the University of Minnesota. He is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), the Institute of Industrial Engineers (IIE) and the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE).

In addition to boating and Power Squadron activities, Jeff spends his time working with computers and technology, dabbling in photography, wrenching on custom cars and riding his motorcycle. Together, Jeff and Nancy enjoy traveling, working around their home, attending car shows and are just beginning to ride motorcycles independently together.



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District Educational Department P/D/C Bob Stierna, SN, Incoming DEO



P/D/C Bob Stierna, SN

First, there was surprise. Would I care to reprise my role as DEO for a year? It was not something that I had ever thought about, even remotely. We have an active district with plenty of talent. But the nominating committee wanted someone for a short period of time and who wouldn't be starting from scratch.

Then came the worry, I had the experience, but it was years ago, and much changes in education almost every year, especially with the rollout of Boat Operator Certification and USPS University.

Finally, there came the enthusiasm. The District jobs are the most rewarding in USPS. The ability to work with a manageable sized group of friends to accomplish things that make real differences in a large number of people's lives is the heart of the District experience, and frankly one that I miss. It's a challenge to get up to speed to be sure, but there are many resources and friends to lean on.

Bill Dohr, John Winger, and Bob DeNoto have done an excellent job to date of launching the new initiatives in USPS University,

rolling out the Seminar Series, and pioneering the Boat Operator Certification.

This year promises to be an extension and filling out of these initiatives. At the Annual Meeting On-The-Water/Hands On training received special emphasis. It seems that there is a significant effort underway to make practical experience an integral part of each course offering. While these things take time to make happen, the direction is clear.

Boat Operator Certification has had a very strong and successful rollout in our District. National continues to see the BOC program as a transformational effort in the delivery of services to the public and membership growth. As such, it's important to get it right. While the Inland Navigator Certification is off to a strong start, there are important issues yet to be resolved in the higher levels of certification. In our District, we need to maintain our high performance effort in Inland Navigator Certifications and be ready to aggressively implement Coastal Navigator when we can.

One small initiative I want to roll out for the District is targeted at Educational Involvement for new members. I've dubbed this Personal Educational Planning which in essence provides a framework to discuss with a new member their needs and desires (what they need and what they dream of) and provide an educational path to meet their individual situation.

I think we will have a really interesting program at the Conference this spring, with the opportunity to help Madison celebrate its 50th, a keynote speaker on an area of concern for all members, and lots educational and social opportunities. See you SOON!

"The District jobs are the most rewarding in USPS."

A Preventable Dockside Tragedy by Kevin Ritz

Editor's note:

The following account was written by ABYC member, Kevin Ritz of Scappoose OR, whose son Lucas was killed in a tragic accident in 1999. It has been published several times before, but the message is worth repeating. Reprinted with permission of Kevin Ritz.

"One moment he was laughing and playing—an instant later his short life was over, leaving our hearts broken forever."

We were a live-aboard family with three active children at a freshwater marina on a tributary of the Willamette River near Portland, Oregon. Other kids were already swimming in the cove because it was that kind of day—hot and lazy. This was a common practice by adults as well as children during the warm summer of 1999. Our sons Ian, age 10, and Lucas, age 8, asked to swim with their friends. Permission was granted, subject to close adult supervision by parents including their mother, a graduate nurse. The boys were both wearing Type II PFD life jackets, so it was great fun and presumably safe to play in the water. Our children were schooled in aquatic safety. Being young professional people, my wife, Sheryl, and I had taken every precaution we could for peace of mind in a water environment.

On the inside of the dock, the kids were having a great time floating down with the river current on an inner tube. Lucas moved away from the others toward his mother, who was keeping pace on the dock

with the children's water activity. As he approached the ladder to get out of the water, he let out a loud gasp, immediately rolling onto his back in his life jacket, apparently unconscious. Sheryl yelled to the other kids to help him and jumped into the water herself. As the kids approached Lucas, they felt a slight tingly sensation in the water and immediately backed off. Upon hitting the water downstream from Lucas, Sheryl's extremities went numb and she experienced extreme difficulty moving her limbs, which, at the time, she attributed to fear. Somehow, Sheryl managed to pull Lucas to the dockside where others assisted in getting him onto the dock.

I arrived moments later after hearing the commotion and, along with another onlooker, started giving him CPR, which we continued until the paramedics took over approximately 15 to 20 minutes later. Our beloved Lucas was pronounced dead at 6:30 pm at Portland's Emanuel Hospital. One moment he was laughing and playing—an instant later,

his short life was over, leaving our hearts broken forever.

As parents we suffered agonies of "how did this happen?" This question then turned into "why did this happen?" We relived every moment trying to sort out what we did or didn't do. It was not until the next morning that we were able to start unraveling the pieces of the mystery. The first assumption was that he drowned. However, he was wearing the best life jacket money could buy, which kept his face out of the water even though he was unconscious. He was pulled from a floating position only moments after rolling onto his back and CPR was started immediately. Also, at no time during CPR could we detect a heartbeat and his color was good. Neither of these observations would indicate drowning.

As Sheryl was telling me what had happened, she said she had never been so fearful in her life as to have her extremities tingle and go numb to the point where she could

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hardly move while in the water. Ian then related to me for the first time that he also felt a tingling as he approached his brother. Upon hearing all this it seemed clear to me that he did not drown, but that somehow, some way, AC electricity was present in the water where the kids were swimming. Our Lucas had been electrocuted. I then called the County Coroner's office, requesting an autopsy if they had not already done so, because knowledge of the circumstances and common sense pointed to electrocution, not drowning. They argued that there were no burns on his body. I pointed out that Lucas had been in an electrolytic solution, which eliminated the resistance of the skin (ordinarily skin resistance results in burns when an individual is electrocuted on land). To my complete horror, they responded that they would not even know how to test for something like that.

I told them that testing was not difficult and that I was going to test the water in the area. I then called the local Sheriff's Department and left a message telling them my suspicions. With my digital voltmeter, I went to the area where Lucas had been, put the nega-

tive lead to a ground, dropped the positive lead into the water, and immediately got AC voltage. I notified the Sheriff's Department, reporting what I had found and that I wanted to get someone to confirm my test. They agreed to send out some deputies while I called in an electrician. He arrived later that morning, tracing the electricity to a powerboat that was in the area where the kids had been swimming.

Concerns about liability soon unleashed a stream of other investigators, all of whom were suddenly interested in determining the source of the current. The local utility company wound up sending a team. The owner and manager of the marina arrived. More deputies were called. Meanwhile, the electrician and I continued our investigation, focusing on the powerboat. We found a 12V wire lying on top of an AC wire, which had gotten hot enough to melt its own insulation and that of the hot (black) AC wire. This put 120V AC into the entire ground system of the boat, including the engines and propellers. This, coupled with lack of an AC safety

ground, forced the voltage and electrical current into the surrounding water. Freshwater is not a good electrical conductor; therefore the AC was unable to reach ground at a sufficient current to potentially trip the breaker. Because of its high salinity, the human body is a much better conductor of electricity than freshwater. (Saltwater is more conductive than the human body, which explains why electric shock deaths have not occurred in saltwater.) As Lucas approached the ladder, he passed into the field of AC current and, for a brief moment, completed the circuit to ground. His heart was stopped instantly; the insidious path of electrical current took the life of our son.

At first we considered this a freak accident—a unique set of circumstances that just happened to us. But this event completely changed my life and my focus. I was determined to understand how this could happen and to do everything I could to keep it from happening again. I did

not want anyone else to suffer the pain we had suffered. I, with the collaboration of my business partner, wrote a couple of articles for The American Boat and Yacht Council (ABYC), describing the accident and the action that I have taken to create public and professional awareness of the problem, to provide education and a better understanding of the concepts involved, and to encourage the following of the ABYC standards and the use of ground fault-type devices onboard boats and in marinas.

I determined to enhance my own knowledge so that I would have a solid understanding of the workings of AC currents in freshwater environments. With Andy Tufts, my business partner, we have done that using many different avenues, not the least of which was with ABYC. We are now both ABYC Master Technicians. Also, the thrust of our marine business changed significantly from emphasis primarily on sales to one concentrating on keeping boats electrically safe using ABYC standards. Our business motto became "Safer Boating Begins With A Safe Boat." On-line, I also

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started checking out freshwater drownings with the suspicion that many were possibly electrical current related.

Much has happened in the years since and all of it is good. The awareness of “electric shock drowning” as a serious freshwater issue has significantly increased. A USCG-funded ABYC grant implemented by Capt. David Rifkin and James Shafer has greatly added to the understanding of how AC current behaves in freshwater. The truth is that most people electrically shocked in freshwater, unlike my son, *are*

drowned. This is because of skeletal muscle paralysis caused by low levels of AC current using the body as part of its return path to its source. This is what Sheryl experienced when she jumped into the water to rescue Lucas. That she didn’t drown or get electrocuted was due to the voltage gradient of the electrical current

from its source. She entered the water farther from the faulty boat leak than Lucas. Depending upon several bodily factors, a range of say 15 to 30 milliamps (mA) of AC current will create muscle paralysis, and the drowning of even good swimmers is the

result. An AC current flow of around 100 mA will put the heart into fibrillation, and death will likely follow within seconds. This is a very serious problem, but it is preventable.

First and foremost, no one should go in the water at a marina. Signs should be posted on every pier warning people to stay out of the water. Since not everyone will read this article and since people often ignore signs (as happened in the case of 19 year old girl in 2005) or may fall into the water accidentally, the only certain cure is to have GFCI-type devices installed on boats that would automatically interrupt the flow of electricity in the case of a fault. There have been at least 60 needless fatalities and 100 unwarranted casualties from freshwater electrically induced faults.

The unfortunate reality is that currently there is no post-mortem evidence available to coroners to ascertain whether electricity was involved in a drowning. Nor do most law enforcement personnel have the technical skills or tools to investigate this type of accident. This lack of knowledge, training, and tools leads to questions about how many deaths have oc-

curred due to faulty wiring on boats. Some time after Lucas’s death, two Multnomah County River Deputies and I conducted a random sampling of 50 boats in three freshwater marinas in the Portland area. We found 13 boats leaking potentially lethal electrical current into the water. A ratio of 26 percent of faulty boat wiring leads one to wonder if the number of reported electrical deaths in freshwater is only the tip of the iceberg. If you have any doubts about your boat, it should be inspected by an ABYC-certified technician. Do not depend on an electrician with experience only on land. Let’s boat safely and save lives.

For more information, contact Kevin Ritz: kevintritz@gmail.com.

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EDUCATIONAL OFFICER	P/D/C Bob Stierna, SN
Assistant Educational Officer	D/1 st /Lt Bob DeNoto, JN
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	D/1 st /Lt Richard Baker, AP
Assistant Administrative Officer	no nominee
SECRETARY	D/Lt/C Jeff Davis, AP
Assistant Secretary	no nominee
TREASURER	D/1 st /Lt Kris Harmon, AP
Assistant Treasurer	no nominee

		Term Exp
Rules Committee (3-year term)	P/D/LT/C Bill Dohr, SN	2011
	R/C Alan Wentworth, SN	2012
	Lt/C Claudia Miran, P	2013

Planning Committee (3-year term)	P/D/C Maury Rice, JN	2011
	Lt/C Kim Wiedel, S	2011
	P/D/C Al Harmon, JN	2012
	P/C Len Robinson, S	2012
	Lt Donald Duncan, AP	2013
	P/C Jack Stone, S	2013

Audit Committee (3-year term)	P/C Glen Deedon, AP	2011
	Lt Dale Anderson, S	2012
	Lt Dave Poulin, AP	2013

			Term Exp
Nominating Committee (3-year term)	P/D/Lt/C Dave Carlson, SN	Duluth	2011
	D/Lt Julie Pahl-Washa, P	Madison	2011
	Lt/C Jennifer Cihak, S	Sheboygan	2011
	P/C Wesley Koplitz, AP	Oshkosh	2011
	P/D/C Don Schult, AP	Central WI	2012
	P/D/C Ben Coons, AP	Hiawatha	2012
	Stf/C Jeff Hamilton, AP	Minnetonka	2012
	Stf/C Mike Wiedel, JN	Milwaukee	2012
	P/C Bob Schmit, AP	St Paul	2013
	Lt Bill Galligan, P	Door County	2013
	P/C Leo Loeb, SN	Green Bay	2013

Nominating Committee Alternates (1 year term)

▪ Central Wisconsin	Lt/C Paul Roberts, S
▪ Door County	TBD
▪ Duluth	Cdr Mary Brisky, AP
▪ Green Bay	TBD
▪ Hiawatha Valley	P/C Marie Coons, P
▪ Madison	P/C Cindy Parisi, P
▪ Milwaukee	P/D/C Ron Kraase, SN
▪ Minnetonka	Lt Donald Duncan, AP
▪ Oshkosh	TBD
▪ St. Paul	TBD
▪ Sheboygan	TBD

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February 24th

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Room today!**

**USPS® District 10
2010 Change of Watch
The Sheraton Inn & Conference Center
Madison, Wisconsin
March 19-21, 2010**
Hosted by the Madison Sail & Power Squadron



Conference Registration Form

Hotel Reservations:
The Sheraton Hotels & Resorts: Madison
706 John Nolan Drive Madison, WI 53713
Toll Free 1-866-716-8103

<http://sheratonmadison.com>

Group Rate: \$125.00/night single or double
Rates are in effect until 2/14/2010



Name 1 _____
Name 2 _____
Address _____
City & Zip _____
Squadron or Affiliation _____
Telephone _____
Email: _____

Celebrate 50 years of the Madison Sail and Power Squadron Friday night with the sounds of the Rat Pack. Madison's own, Joe Scalissi, will be belting out the tunes that made Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr. and Dean Martin Legends.

50 years later, we're still swinging, just like Frank, Sammy, Dean & Joe



<http://www.joescalissi.com>

Conference Menu Selections meals include hot or iced tea, milk, freshly brewed Starbucks® Coffee, dinner rolls, and dessert Kids menu items available by advance request	Number	Amount Due
Friday MSPS 50th Dinner Show Choices:		
1. Roasted Raspberry Pork Loin: \$35 served with yellow gold mashed potato, baby vegetables, field green salad, and a caramelized onion-raspberry sauce	1. ____	
2. Saffron Halibut: \$35 pan seared halibut, rice pilaf, baby vegetables, saffron cream sauce, and field green salad	2. ____	
3. Chef's Vegetarian Selection: \$35	3. ____	
Saturday Conference Lunch:		
1. Roast Beef Sandwich: \$20 on onion ciabatta roll, lettuce, tomato, onion, provolone, horseradish cream sauce side	1. ____	
2. Chicken Cobb Salad: \$20 mixed greens with marinated roasted chicken, assorted toppings, and parmesan dressing on the side	2. ____	
3. Chef's Vegetarian Selection: \$20	3. ____	
Saturday D10 COW Dinner Choices:		
1. Pistachio Apricot Chicken: \$35 Grilled chicken breast with a pistachio-apricot demi glaze, roasted baby red potatoes, baby vegetables, and Caesar Salad	1. ____	
2. Filet of Sirloin Au Poivre: \$35 Top Sirloin, Dijon mustard and black peppercorns, roasted baby red potatoes, asparagus, green peppercorn sauce.	2. ____	
3. Chef's Vegetarian Selection: \$35	3. ____	
Total Amount Enclosed ➡		

Make Checks Payable to:

MSPS

Send Registrations to:

Julie Pahl-Washa,
6929 Donnybill Rd,
De Forest, WI 53532
608.846.8088 jpwasha@xerccnc.com

For More Conference Information go to
<http://usps-d10.org>

Registration Forms are due March 5, 2010



2010 Spring Conference Agenda 19, 20, 21 March 2010 Madison Sheraton Hotel



Friday, 19 March

1330-1800	Registration	Balcony Lobby
1400-1530	District Planning Committee (Closed Meeting)	Connection 2
1400-1530	District Nominating Committee (Closed Meeting)	Connection 4
1530-1730	District Council Meeting	Inspiration
1800-1900	Hospitality - Cash Bar and Madison 50 th Anniversary Gallery	Destination Ballroom
1900-2200	<i>Rat Pack Musical Tribute Dinner Show</i>	Destination Ballroom

Saturday, 20 March

0630-0800	Breakfast – on your own	
0800-1000	Registration	2 nd Floor Balcony
0800-1000	Commanders Workshop	Reflection A
0800-1000	Executive Department Workshop	Reflection B
0800-1000	Administrative Department Workshop	Reflection C
0800-1000	Treasurer Department Workshop	Connection 2
0800-1000	Secretary Department Workshop	Connection 4
0800-1000	Education Department Workshop	Reflection D
0900-1000	1 st Timers Orientation	2 nd Floor Balcony
1000-1030	Morning Break	
1030-1145	District Conference Meeting: Posting of Colors & Introduction of Guests Keynote Address: <i>"Attack of the Asian Carp"</i> , Jessica VanEgeren & Dr Philip Moy	Destination North
1145-1245	Member & Shipmate Luncheon: Slide Presentation by Author, Martha Greene Phillips <i>"The Floating Boathouses of the Upper Mississippi"</i>	Destination South
1300-1500	District Conference Meeting & Election	Destination North
1500-1530	Afternoon Break	
1530-1700	Presentation: <i>"The Chicago Fish Barrier & the Great Lakes"</i> US Army Corps of Engineers Representative & Dr Philip Moy	Reflection A
1730-1830	Hospitality - Cash Bar	Destination Ballroom
1830-2200	Dinner, Awards, District 10 Change of Watch Program	Destination Ballroom

Sunday, 21 March

0630-0800	Breakfast – on your own	
0800-1000	Sail Angle Webinar and Constant Contact Presentation	Reflection A
0800-1100	CPR/AED Training Class \$25, Pre-registration required by contacting: Capt Cliff Schmidt @ (612) 865-4641 or Cliff@schmidtmarine.com	Reflection B
1000-1100	"N Club" Seminar Open to all Members, Shipmates and Guests <i>"Marine Repowering & Repair on a Large Scale"</i> , Palmer Johnson Power Systems	Reflection D
1100-1300	District 10 Bridge Meeting	Journey Board Room

Uniform of the Day:

Friday Afternoon	Business Casual or Team USPS shirts
Friday Evening	Semi-formal Attire (Jacket Recommended), Ladies "Dressy" Casual
Saturday	Team USPS shirts, Bridge will wear D/C Kathy's Team Shirt
Saturday Evening	Uniform A with Bow Tie or appropriate Evening Attire
Sunday	Casual attire, Bridge will wear D/C Jim's Team Shirt



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Call to the Meeting

To: All District 10 Members

In accordance with the bylaws of District 10, Section 5.6, the District 10 2010 Spring Conference (to which all members are cordially invited) has been called.

The Council meeting will be held on 19 March 2010 at Sheraton Inn and Conference Center, 706 John Nolan Dr. Madison Wisconsin and will convene at 1530; and the Conference meeting will be held on 20 March 2010 at the same location, and will convene at 1030 for the purpose of acting on matters set forth below:

1. To receive and act upon reports of officers and committees.
2. To elect officers and committee members. Please refer to the report of the Nominating Committee attached hereto.
3. To consider and act upon any other business that may properly come before this meeting.

D/Lt/C Jeffrey R Davis, AP

District 10 Secretary

Note: Official Call to the Meeting will be sent to the District Council

and all Past District Commanders by Email and all pertaining reports and this Call to the Meeting can be found on the D-10 web site.



*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

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19-21 March 2010



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