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From the Helm...

We are the United States Power Squadrons

Our bilingual colleagues in the Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons (Escadrilles canadienne de plaisance) can easily translate this report's title into the French expression, "*Nous sommes les United States Power Squadrons*" – a sentiment based on the "*Je suis Charlie*" response to the terrorist attacks last January in Paris.

Almost 11 years ago, President Barack Obama blazed his trail to the White House by focusing on American values and priorities that bind the diverse elements of our Union. Though fully aware that a rising Power Squadron leader would encounter smoother seas today by referring to President Reagan, I cite the less favored Chief in farewell to USPS office and in honor of the progress of our national organization in crafting a foundation of common identity and purpose on which all Power Squadron units (local, district and national) can build, serve and prosper. The following examples illustrate this progress.

Commitment to Growth

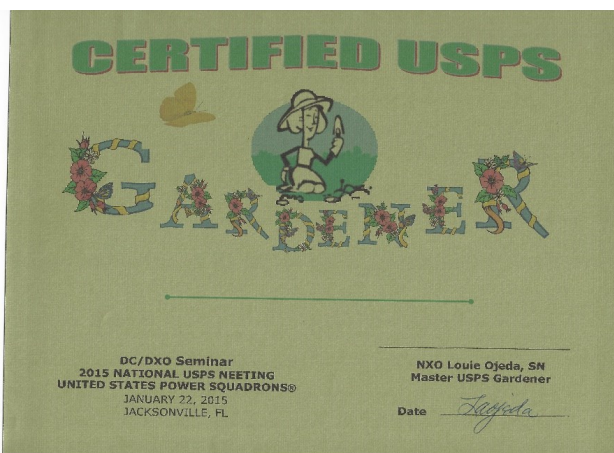
As DXO Ted Smyczek and I witnessed with other district officers, Chief Commander Robert Baldrige kicked off the training session led by National Executive Officer Louie Ojeda for district commanders and executive officers at the Annual

Meeting by emphasizing the importance of increasing our membership beyond the 35,000 level deemed essential to sustaining our organization. Cdr Baldrige then announced that national would implement the practice **pioneered by our Hiawatha Valley** squadron of offering graduates of our ABC classes an 18-month full membership, rather than the former 6-month trial membership. The national office will support this move with a billing process that complements and no longer tries it. Use it for your squadron. NXO Ojeda encouraged each of us to become a "Certified USPS Gardener", spreading "forget-me-not" seeds of service, outreach and follow-up throughout our communities.

As DAO Kris Harmon will amplify in her report, District 10 squadrons are already contributing growth to our national organization.



D/C Dale Perry, N



USPS Gardener Certificate from NXO Louie Ojeda

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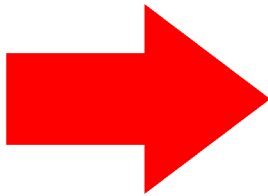
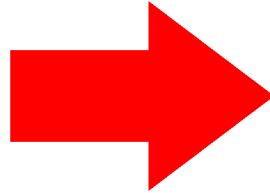
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Return of the National Ensign and Logo

In a flag ceremony at the start of the Governing Board meeting on Saturday, all of the district commanders escorted the color guard that retired the Anniversary Ensign, replacing it with our traditional Ensign. The centennial logo was also retired. This marked the end of celebrating days past and a new, clear focus on the years ahead for our organization. Though it may seem counterintuitive, our next era begins with the displacement of new emblems by old ones, as with the “Return of the Jedi”.

Transitions at the Annual Meeting:

Out with the New



In with the Old



Advent of the new USPS Website

Though we usually reserve the term “advent” for religious phenomena, many of us view the long prophesied introduction of our new national website as somewhat miraculous. Rolled out at the annual meeting by National Secretary Peter Mitchelson, and illustrated below, our new website sports a crisp look which welcomes the public as well as members. When adapted as planned by all local units it will provide a welcoming gateway to members, prospective members and supporters as well as a template that will morph each individual USPS squadron and district into a powerful organization appealing to all who strive for true mastery of pleasure boating.

Our new tagline “*Come for the Boating Education...Stay for the Friends*” helps position the Power Squadrons as premier among the cacophony of boating education providers, and promises rewarding personal interactions that will endure long after the proficiency box has been checked. It will be great to use this site from the joyful serenity of my wife’s and my boat *Adagio*, our Minnesota home, and our place in Vero Beach, Florida.



Home Page—New USPS Website

National Utilization of District 10 Leaders

Perhaps unsurpassed as an encouraging indicator of a positive second century of USPS growth and contribution is the list of District 10 members elected to national office at the recent annual meeting. These members merit our thanks and support for rising to our organization’s need for leaders on national and global stages. Those elected and/or installed at this meeting are listed on the next page.

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National Office

Finance Committee Chair
Safety Committee Chair
Membership Committee Chair
Assistant Chair, Government & Partner Relations
Member, Law Committee
Assistant Chair, Safety Committee
Assistant Chair, Inland & Coastal Navigation
Member, Planning Committee
Trustee, USPS Educational Fund
General Member, Governing Board
Assistant Chair, Ship's Store

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R/C Michael S Wiedel, JN (Milwaukee)
R/C James L Pahl-Washa, JN (Madison)
Stf/C Gregory E Korstad, AP (Minnetonka)
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Stf/C Amy Seeley, P (Milwaukee)
Stf/C Bob DeNoto, JN (Door County)
P/D/C Michael J Skelley, AP (Minnetonka)
P/D/C Alan Wentworth, SN (Door County)
P/C Jeff Davis, AP (St Paul)
Stf/C Nancy Hamilton, S (Minnetonka)

This Commander and Logo Fades Away

After the change of watch at our upcoming Spring Conference, I will leave the arena as a USPS officer. The challenge and fellowship I encountered as a squadron and district commander have enriched my life. Unlike those stepping down from service in or quests for government office, I do not and will not waiver in my commitment to remain a private, individual USPS member and supporter. My wife Vivian, two sons & daughters in law, five (and counting) grandchildren and my golf game will receive the bulk of focus as I enter the fourth quarter of my life. Though all are priceless to me, none has received the attention merited. For better or worse, here it comes.

The logo of my watch year bears some interpretation as it goes out with me:

- **The sun-like emblem for our district illustrates District 10's role of contributing energy to our grand organization, the United States Power Squadrons.**
- **The 11 rays depict the power flowing through each of our 11 squadrons to the overall unit and back to each squadron.**
- **The three wave colors reflect the various arenas for our boating activities – the Great Lakes, the powerful rivers and the beautiful inland lakes of Minnesota and Wisconsin.**

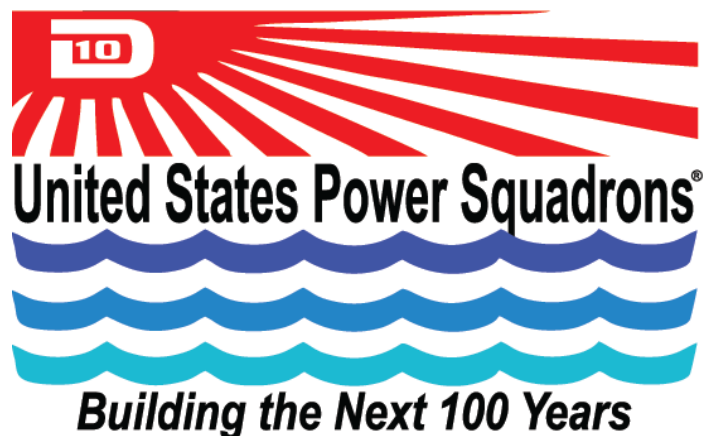
As for the logo's tagline, **we are indeed building the next 100 years** of progress of, by and for the United States Power Squadrons. I thank all my fellow members who make it so.

See you all at Spring Conference on 20-22 March in Milwaukee!

Dale Perry, N

District Commander

United States Power Squadrons



District Educational Department

In district ten, most of the Educational Department activities are done by our Squadron Educational Officers and their teachers. Currently, we are well staffed by excellent SEOs who are planning both conventional and distance learning courses and seminars. Much of this information is available to you for your own planning purposes from the squadron and district websites, from your SEO, and from the national website.

This year emphasis has been on exploring alternative methods of teaching, such as distance learning with GoToMeeting software. We appreciate the fine seminar put on at the Fall Conference by P/C Rob Gaddes, D/Lt/C Kris Harmon, and P/D/C Mike Skelly covering the technical aspects of using this software, and for the leadership of our D/C, Dale Perry, in promoting its use. Please let us know how these early attempts are going from a student's standpoint.

Remember the admonition that "Constant vigilance is the price of safety at sea." No matter how intense our educational pursuits, there are certain things that all of us who go afloat must keep in mind. Let's anticipate the start of a new boating season with a commitment to keep ourselves safe, to remain vigilant, and to enjoy the brief times that we can spend on the water. In that regard, please popularize the dangers of electroshock drowning, warn against swimming around docks, mechanical and lighting installations, and near any shore powered electrical devices.

Respectfully,



Alan Wentworth, SN-CN

DEO D/10



D/Lt/C Alan Wentworth, SN



This watch year's third and final free Instructor Re-certification Seminar will be held on Thursday 26 March at 1900 by way of *GoToMeeting*. Members who wish to participate should email DEO Alan Wentworth prior to the seminar to obtain an entry passcode.

AWentworth@aol.com

District Executive Department

The Executive Department is responsible for the Civic Serviceleg of the USPS equilateral triangle. This Civic Service goes beyond our mission of teaching safe boating classes to the boating community. In District 10, we are organized to provide various civic services with the following committees:

The **Cooperative Charting** Committee's efforts are limited to waters that are charted by the National Ocean Service (NOS) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) of the U.S. Department of Commerce. In D/10, we are limited to Lakes Michigan and Superior. Any contribution to updating these charts is an important public service to the marine industry. If our member boaters on the Great Lakes begin planning now for co-op charting, the tasks performed when the water turns soft will be accomplished much more efficiently. Go to the web page <http://www.usps.org/national/coch> to learn more. Thank you to co-chairs D/Lt Ruth Durkin, AP and Cdr Chuck Kersey, AP for fielding questions during this past year.

Thank you to R/C Ben Coons, JN, Chair of the **Radio Technical** Committee, for organizing and facilitating the 11 automated VHF radio check locations provided by SeaTow. Two of these went into service in 2014 thanks to the efforts of the Door County S&PS and Marinette – Menominee S&PS.

Thank you to **Vessel Safety Check** Committee Chair D/Lt Dawn Roberts, AP for helping to facilitate a successful year. D/10 members as a whole performed 235 more Vessel Safety Checks (VSCs) than last year. Discounting the 102 VSCs done by our new Marinette – Menominee Sail & Power Squadron, D/10 members performed 1125 VSCs, a 13% increase over 2013.

We congratulate two of our members: Cdr John Paprocki, SN of Central Wisconsin S&PS and Louis Pasquesi, P of Door County S&PS who are members this year of the VSC Century Club. 2014 is Louis's first and John is a repeat – 2 years in a row – 2013 and 2014.

Encourage your VSC Chairpersons to find additional marinas that urge their customers to get a VSC. Vessel Examiners, share with your fellow squadron members the feeling of satisfaction you've experienced answering boat owners' questions (you were actually teaching one-on-one). I have found that I also learn while I'm doing VSCs, enabling me to enjoy my boating even more.

Ask your squadron VSC Chair to summarize the changes in the new VSC manual. Better yet, you do it and inform your VSC Chair and your fellow VEs. Go to: http://www.usps.org/national/vsc/FILES/CIM_167968A.pdf to view and download the new Manual.

Boating Safety Chair Geoff Carman, AP and D/C

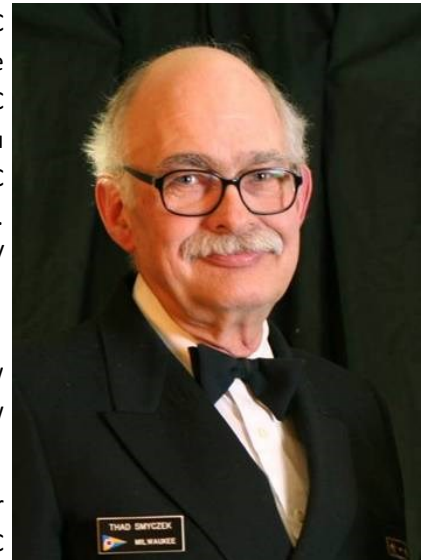
Dale Perry, N have spear-headed a proposal to petition the USPS Board of Directors designating D/10 with a pilot project to demonstrate the **Electric Shock Drowning (ESD)** phenomenon to boaters in marinas which provide electric power to their customers. The Committee team worked diligently for many hours to formulate an awesome program. At this writing, we are awaiting the decision by the Board.

In conjunction with the Boating Safety Committee's petition, **Public Relations** Chair P/C Rob Gaddes, P has assisted me in making application to the *BoatUS Foundation* for a monetary grant to D/10 that would help pay for uniform signage for Minnesota, Wisconsin and a portion of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The signage will help to make the boating community aware of ESD and provide a warning to anyone who is thinking of diving into the water.

As the current Watch Year draws to a close, I thank all committee chairs in the Executive Department for all their help. It has been an honor and privilege for me to serve as your District Executive Officer and I look forward to serving you for the 2015 – 2016 Watch Year.

"Fly Our Ensign Proudly,"

D/Lt/C Thad M. Smyczek, SN



D/Lt/C Thad. Smyczek, SN

District Administrative Department

Greetings from your Administrative Department!

Great News!!

It's time to celebrate victory, no matter how minor it might seem. This past year, the rate of decline in our District 10 membership slowed significantly – from 8.5% in 2011, to 9.0% in 2012, to 9.9% in 2013, *to 2.6% in 2014!!* As much as we'd like to have experienced growth, this steep change in direction is significant – and all should be congratulated. It is my hope that the trend will continue – and that we are all "conscious competents" who know what made the difference and can therefore keep doing it!! (You cynics out there might grouse that the cup is still half empty, but I'd like us to be inspired and motivated to see it as half full – and filling.)

At Spring Conference, it will give me great pleasure to recognize three squadrons whose membership *increased* during the calendar year 2014: Central Wisconsin, Minnetonka and Madison. Please find and take the opportunity to congratulate members of these squadrons – and ask them what happened! (Hopefully they have ideas that can work for your squadron in the coming months.) Remember, it's not just about getting new members, but keeping the old as well. (Any Girl Scouts out there? "Make new friends, but keep the old. One is silver and the other gold.")

Spring Conference 2015 – Only Days Away!

I hope most of you are planning to join us for the Spring Conference in Milwaukee this coming March 20 to 22. It promises to be a great event, with instructive officer workshops, informative seminars and wonderful entertainment, including a brewery tour! The hospitality of the Milwaukee Squadron has always been the best, and this Spring Conference will certainly be no exception. Please join us! We'll figure out a way to accommodate any last-minute registration or walk-in.

For more information or to register, take a look at pages **11–13** of this newsletter. Or go to the following website: <http://milwaukeepowersquadron.org/conference/>.

Summer Rendezvous 2015 17-19 July in Madison

This news just in! The Madison Squadron will be hosting this summer's D10 Rendezvous!! The date is set for the third weekend in July and promises to hold something for everyone – both on and off the water! I hope you'll plan to make this a family event, and don't hesitate to bring friends and potential USPS members!

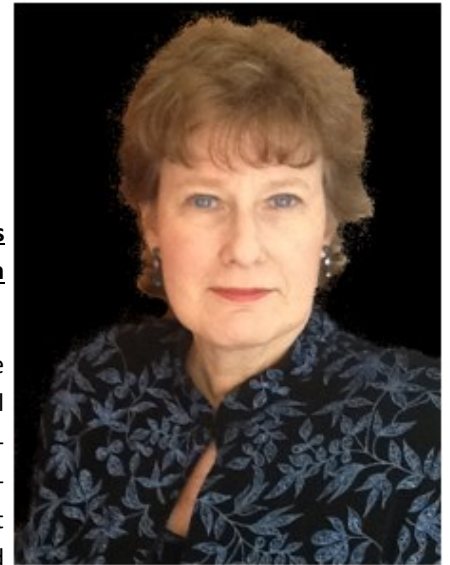
For a preview of the festivities, take a look at page 14 of this newsletter. Registration information will be provided at Spring Conference, and thereafter on the D10 website. (And keep watching your email for more information.)

Fall Conference 2015 6-8 November in the Twin Cities

Save the date! The Minnetonka Squadron is planning a great fall event for us in the southern suburbs of Minneapolis. Mark your calendars now – more details coming your way as they develop.

Last Words as DAO

While I cannot say that all my objective and intentions for the last year were fully accomplished, the remarkably slower rate of decline in our membership is encouraging. Several other notable accomplishments this year have been and will be great contributors to Admin Department successes at both the District and Squadron levels. They include:



D/Lt/C Kris Harmon, AP

- *Acquiring a GoToMeeting subscription* that can be used by all Squadrons to facilitate meetings and boating education. Thanks go to D/C Dale Perry, P/C Rob Gaddes (Minnetonka) and P/D/C Mike Skelley for making this happen and providing needed training.
- *Initiating website access to District policies and guide lines* to make it easier for all squadrons and members to reference these previously difficult-to-find pieces of information. Thanks to P/D/C Jeff Hamilton and members of the Rules Committee.
- *Implementing a District credit card and policy* to facilitate district payments on behalf of our squadrons (i.e. for Conference and meetings expenses), and for services from online providers as well as brick & mortar suppliers. Thanks to D/Lt/C Sandra Broekema.

I would also like to thank Cdr Suzanne Carman (Oshkosh) for her assistance as Assistant DAO this past year. Her invaluable counsel simply makes everything easier.

And best wishes to DAO Nominee P/D/Lt/C Bill Dohr (Central Wisconsin) in all Admin Department endeavors during the coming year. I am sure he will appreciate your support, as I have.

First Words as DXO Nominee

With your vote of confidence at the Spring Conference, it will be my honor and privilege to serve as your District Executive Officer for the next watch year. Chief among my objectives will be to continue advancing our efforts to acquire new members and to retain and inspire existing members. Here are a few ideas I'm planning to pursue to support this objective:

1. Identify and promote ways squadrons can use social media, especially Facebook, to advance the USPS brand in their communities.
2. Revive an inland Cooperative Charting program as an opportunity to provide both a public service and a fun off-the-water event for squadron members.
3. Enhance the VSC program by providing specific "elevator speeches" and other incentives to help Vessel Examiners advance the USPS brand and entice new members.

Enough said? Maybe too much. My thanks to you all for your continued faith, support and inspiration. See you at Spring Conference!!

D/Lt/C Kris Harmon, AP

District 10 Administrative Officer

District Secretary

According to our calendar spring is upon us, but where is the warmer weather.....sigh.

It has been a fun three years serving as District 10 Secretary. There was a pretty steep learning curve for me with some of it, but I was so blessed to have great people like Mike Wiedel, Dick Baker, and Jeff Davis to steer me in the right direction.

I am also blessed to have had such a great staff under the Secretary Department. Leo Loeb as our District 10 Webmaster as usual has done a bang up job and updates our pages very quickly. Karen Bray, our editor for the District 10 Communicator, continues to put out the very best newsletter. She is patient with those of us who may be slightly forgetful, and keeps us on our timeline target. Jeff Hamilton, who does the roster, does a great job and that is one of the toughest jobs, as it is a document everyone is anxiously awaiting.



D/Lt/C Amy Seeley, P

There will have to be changes with our District and Squadron websites, newsletters and Facebook and Twitter pages as the branding of the organization has changed with the new national directives. A copy of the Brand Standards Manual, dated February 2015, can be found at http://www.usps.org/national/commcom/Standards/Branding_Manual.pdf. I cannot stress enough the importance of reading this document. This will also affect our newsletters, all promotional materials and social media, so make sure you all check that out. We will talk about this at the Spring Conference in one of our presentations, so make sure you come out for that.

I did not get to finish my goal of scanning all the documents I received as Secretary from the previous District 10 Secretaries, so that will be passed onto Oded Galili. There was just so much to do, that time got away from me, especially toward the end of the year.

I appreciate everyone welcoming me into District 10 three years ago, and allowing me to serve as your District Secretary. It was a very interesting and rewarding job, and one that I certainly won't forget.

Please mark your calendar for 20-22 March and plan on coming to the Spring conference in Milwaukee! It will be a fantastic event, and we're looking forward to seeing you there.

D/Lt/C Amy Seeley, P

District 10 Secretary

District Treasurer

Greetings from the D10 Treasurer’s Department!

I wanted to take this opportunity to recap the results of our two most recent enrichment fund projects.

As you may recall, District 10 awarded two \$750 grants in 2014, one to Marinette & Menominee Sail & Power Squadron and one to Central Wisconsin Sail & Power Squadron in May of 2014.

Central Wisconsin used the funding to order a large, new squadron banner (see below) for events and classes to promote free vessel safety checks, purchase 400 whistles for vessel safety inspections and boat shows and print 500 brochures. The squadron contributed \$200 from its own treasury to supplement this marketing program. Central Wisconsin also used some of the funds to buy ads in local newspapers to promote ABC courses, especially in Wausau and Marshfield (a city we had not held classes in for a very long time). As a result, 190 vessel safety checks were completed and one new member has been added to the squadron to date. “We are thankful for the grant and remain hopeful of its impact on our squadron membership.” – John Paprocki, Commander.

Marinette and Menominee was a brand new start up squadron in early 2014 and they used their \$750 grant for teaching materials including AV equipment, instructor manuals, ABC courses, pilot and charting tools and a pop up tent for Vessel Safety Exams. As a result, 102 vessel safety exams were completed under their “house call” program and four new members have joined.

Now is the ideal time to submit an Enrichment Application to D10 for up to \$750 to help launch a squadron membership, education, civic, fraternal or administrative initiative. The District Council will vote on new enrichment fund grant applications at its meeting of 18 March 2015. Squadrons desiring consideration before Fall Council should fill out an application (forms available at www.usps-d10.org/forms or from your squadron treasurer) and email it by Sunday, 8 March 2015, to District Treasurer Sandra Broekema at sandra.broekema@comcast.net.



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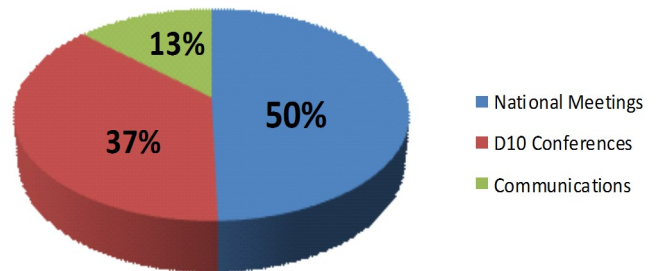
District 10 is in strong financial position with more than \$38,000 in reserve and savings and a new annual budget of \$14,225. Pictured below is a breakdown on how our dues income is used by the organization throughout the year.

I am turning over the helm to our new District Treasurer by April 1st – and I look forward to seeing you all at upcoming Conferences and of course the Summer Rendezvous!

D/Lt/C Sandra Broekema, S
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D10 Budget





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FROM: D/10 Secretary, D/Lt/C Amy Seeley, P

SUBJECT: CALL to D/10 Council Meeting in accordance with Section 5.6 and 5.6.1 of the D/10 Bylaws.

DATE: 20-22 March 2015

PLACE: Holiday Inn Milwaukee Riverfront, 4700 N. Port Washington Rd, Milwaukee, WI 53212

In accordance with the bylaws of District 10, Section 5.6 and 5.6.1, the District 10 2015 Spring Conference (to which all members are cordially invited) has been called.

The Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 18 March 2015 via webinar, and will convene at 1900. An invitation to the webinar will be emailed to each attendee prior to the meeting.

The Conference Meeting will be held on 21 March 2015 at the Holiday Inn Milwaukee Riverfront and will convene at 1330 for the purpose of acting on matters set forth below:

1. To receive and act upon reports of officers and committees.
2. Election of Officers
3. To consider any motions brought before the body.
4. To consider and act upon any other business that may properly come before this meeting.

D/Lt/C Amy Seeley, P
District 10 Secretary

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2015 District 10 Conference

March 20-22 2015

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

The Milwaukee Sail and Power Squadron will be hosting the Spring 2015 District 10 Conference and Change of Watch on March 20 -22 2015. Our host hotel is the Holiday Inn Riverfront located on the picturesque banks of the Milwaukee River. Located just a few miles north of Downtown Milwaukee at I43 and Hampton Avenue. Our hotel is close to shopping, dining, and entertainment at the Bayshore Town Center. Won't you come join us?

Friday March 20, 2015

1400-1900	Registration
1530-1700	District Planning Committee (closed)
1530-1700	District Nomination (closed)
1800-1900	Social hour
1900-2300	Dinner and Entertainment

Saturday March 21, 2015

700-1100	Breakfast (on our own)
730-930	Registration
800-1000	Commander's Workshop
800-1000	Educational Workshop
800-1000	Executive Workshop
800-1000	Administrative Workshop
800-1000	Treasurer's Workshop
800-1000	Secretary's Workshop
	Seminars
1015-1145	DB2000
1015-1145	Recreational Boating Safety Visitation Program and Vessel Safety Check
1015-1145	Promoting your squadron with social media
1200-1300	Lunch with the Chief Commanders Representative—National Treasurer Robert Miller
1315	District Conference Meeting
1500	Brewery Tour
1800-1900	Social Hour
1900	Dinner, Awards, Change of Watch
To Follow	Thank You Reception

Sunday March 22, 2015

700-1100	Breakfast (on your own)
800-0900	Brainstorming with the new D10 Bridge and C/C's Representative
900-1000	New National Website and Communication Standards (sponsored by N Club)
1000	Bridge Meeting

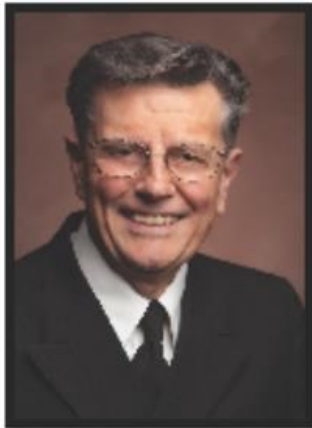
We are pleased and privileged to announce that USPS National Treasurer, V/C Bob Miller, SN-CN, will be attending our District 10 Spring Conference as the Chief's Rep for C/C Robert Baldrige, SN.

We look forward to everyone extending warm mid-western hospitality to Bob and his wife, Kathy.

Here's his official USPS bio:

V/C Robert C (Bob) Miller, SN-CN

Bob Miller and his wife Kathy, of Normandy Park, WA joined Poverty Bay Sail and Power Squadron (and USPS) in 1994. His first job was Squadron Safety Officer but he soon became fully involved in the Education department teaching the Squadron Boating Course, Seamanship, and Piloting. He became Assistant Squadron Education Officer and then Squadron Education Officer. Next he was the Executive Officer then Commander. He also acted as the Squadron Technical Officer for many years as well as started the Vessel Safety Check program for the squadron and was also District VSC Chair.



Bob is the United States Power Squadrons representative to the State of Washington and has served on the State Boating Safety Advisory Council for the last 10 years.

His first national job was on the newly created Vessel Safety Check Committee where he became Staff Commander and Rear Commander. He later combined the Vessel Safety Check and the Recreational Boating Safety Committees and was R/C for the resulting new Safety Committee. He then joined the National Budget Committee as Staff Commander in 2012 where was until his election to the Board of Directors as Treasurer where he is today.

Bob and his wife Kathy joined the squadron together in 1994. Their daughter and her husband joined the squadron in 2004 and their twin grandsons became members in 2007. They also have a son who is a member. Bob claims their latest boat, "Our Brigadoon", was necessary in order to provide a sleeping accommodations for the twins. That was how he sold the idea to Kathy anyway, or so the story goes.

D10 Spring Conference

March 20 - 22, 2015

Holiday Inn Milwaukee Riverfront
 Mention USPS D10 For Room Rate
 4700 North Port Washington Road
 (Glendale) Milwaukee, WI 53212 414-962-6040

Friday Night—Italian Buffet—Musical Entertainment—D.J.
 Saturday—Brewery Tour Sprecher Brewing Company Old School Brewery and Tasting
 Shopping at Bayshore Town Center or Boelter Super Store

Registration:	How Many	Total
Friday Night Italian Buffet \$35.00	_____	_____
Spaghetti, meatballs, lasagna, chicken parmesan		
Salad, pasta, breadsticks, root beer floats		
Saturday Lunch Buffet \$25.00	_____	_____
Garden salad, pasta salad, ham, pasta		
Chicken Provencal, Au Gratin potatoes		
Saturday Night Dinner, COW, Awards		
Herb crusted chicken with ravioli \$28.00	_____	_____
10oz Prime Rib \$35.00	_____	_____
Char-grilled Salmon with Rice \$32.00	_____	_____
Brewery Tour Adults \$6.00	_____	_____

Dietary restrictions _____

Name _____

Name _____

E Mail _____

Phone _____

Mail to : Kim Rutkowski
 6446 N 47th Street
 Milwaukee, WI 53223-6002
 Make check payable to: MSPS

Or register online at
<http://www.milwaukeepowersquadron.org/conference>
 Hosted By The Milwaukee Sail and Power Squadron





District 10 Summer Rendezvous 2015

July 17-19, 2015: Save the Dates!



Madison Sail & Power Squadron 



The Madison Sail and Power Squadron is pleased to serve as the Host Squadron for the 2015 District 10 Summer Rendezvous

Madison, a city of lakes, is home to the seat of Wisconsin government, the University of Wisconsin Campus, and four terrific lakes surrounding the Capital Isthmus.

The watershed consists of Lakes; Mendota, Monona, Waubesa, and Kegonsa that are connected by the Yahara River system.

Our weekend will focus on

the beauty of the Yahara River and Lake Monona that provides access to the skyline pictured above as one of Madison's most iconic views.

Madison is a busy throughout the summer, so you'll have an unlimited number of choices to make on how to spend your Saturday. You can spend time on the water or on land. The choice is yours.

We recommend the Country Inn and Suites of Monona as the most convenient hotel of choice, but there are other economical

hotel choices nearby. The Weekend starts Friday night at the Bourbon Street Bar and Grill overlooking the Yahara River.



All registrations or inquiries should be sent to:

P/C Caroline Fritsch, AP
6213 Winnequah Rd
Monona, WI 53716
(608) 221-0988

Special points of interest:

- Bourbon Street Grill Friday Night Dinner and Registration
- State Capital Saturday Farmers Market
- Kayak and Canoe Trip on Yahara River
- 2015 Dane County Fair weekend
- Capital Lakes Bike Trail and Walking Path
- Great fishing and boating outside the hotel
- Minutes from two area golf courses
- Ho Chunk Madison Casino nearby

Kayak Day Trip and Saturday Night Dinner Cruise

Plans are underway to host a 3-4 hour kayak & canoe group outing on Saturday.

The Country Inn & Suites Monona has direct access to the Yahara River Channel near Rutabaga Paddlesports.

Rutabaga will provide a D10 rental discount for all the kayaks, canoes, paddles, and safety needed if you don't

want to bring your own.

Saturday will conclude with an evening Cruise on Lake Monona.

Early registrations will be critical since total cruise seating capacity is limited to 86. We'll make every effort to reserve both vessels if needed, but prompt RSVP's are the key.

The cruise line is owned by the von Rutenbergs, charter members of the Madison Power Squadron.

We can't think of a better way to celebrate our 55th year but as your rendezvous hosts aboard a Betty Lou Cruise overlooking the Capital on Lake Monona.

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