

# D-10 Communicator



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## From the Helm...



### COMMENTS from the COMMANDER

I've always been crazy about being on the water in the fall. Whether it's the rising color on the Mississippi River bluffs, the extra shimmer reflecting on the water from the lower angle of the sun, or the crispness in the air – all contribute to a strange but wonderful combination of nostalgia, comfort, and peace. I hope you've all enjoyed a great boating season and are looking ahead to a few more runs before your boats hit the hard. Our boat is put up, the land yacht is ready for its fall journey, and I'm thinking a lot about USPS and District 10. Please let me share some of these thoughts with you.

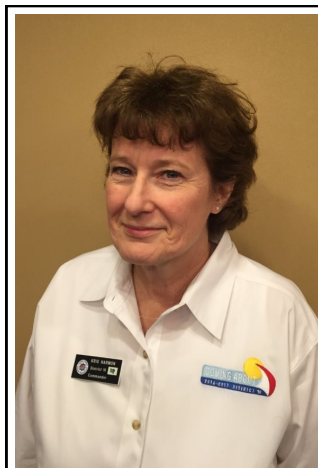
### USPS Fall Governing Board

This year's Fall Governing Board took place in Pittsburgh in late August. It's always enlightening to attend these national meetings. Not only do I have the opportunity to learn what other Districts and Squadrons are doing to spread the message and tackle membership issues, I get to silently compare District 10 with all the rest of them. My opinion? We are great! And while there's always the opportunity to do more, we contribute a lot, both individually and collectively.

Here are some other thoughts and take-aways from the meetings I attended:

- The national marketing program we've always asked for is here, and your Bridge will be introducing it at the Fall conference in Oshkosh November 11-13. Not everyone will think it's perfect, but it is something that has the potential to make a difference.
- Think about posting your public education classes on Craig's List.
- Nationally, we have lower renewals on free memberships than on paid memberships. The 18 months for the price of 12 seems to make more difference. (These members have "skin in the game" and more time to get involved, take additional classes, etc.)
- We should *always* look at the Coast Guard Auxiliary as collaborators, *never* as competitors.
- USPS member benefits are awesome, clearly a secret that shouldn't be kept. (25% off on car rentals from Avis? Who knew?)

My BIGGEST take-away from the Fall Governing Board meeting? – The Coast Guard Commander who applauded every member of the United States Power Squadrons, complimenting our **belief**, our **dedication**, our **education**, our **passion** and our **involvement** in promoting boating education and safety. This is who we are! I know I forget about this when I look at my unfinished To-Do list and regret that I didn't even get to my Should-Do and Could-Do lists. Perhaps we all need to stop next time we pass a mirror and stretch the confines of humility to give ourselves a big smile and a pat on the back. What we do matters!



D/C Kristine L. Harmon, AP

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## Summer Rendezvous

The District Rendezvous in Green Bay early in August was fantastic! And I think the other 80 or so District 10 members who attended would agree! Our gathering was held the same weekend as the Green Bay Tall Ships Festival, an event the local squadron has supported for many years. Al and I were pretty busy – We “manned” the USPS booth with the boating simulator (I chatted with the owners of one of the tall ships!), we dined on roast pig (I kissed the pig!), we toured the restored lighthouses at the Green Bay Yachting Club, we took a ride on the tall ship *Windy*, and we enjoyed the company of 60 members of D10 at dinner on Saturday. It was quite a memorable weekend!

Many, many thanks to the Green Bay Sail and Power Squadron for hosting this event, in particular Cdr Wayne Dunbar and event chairs SAO David Budde and Treasurer Onis Budde.

Be sure to read DAO Carol Fritsch’s article about her Rendezvous experience on page 7.

PS: We’re looking for a squadron willing to host a rendezvous next summer (2017). I’m thinking the concept of a “destination” rendezvous, one that combines the District gathering with a local festival or event, might be a great opportunity – and a good draw. Could that squadron be yours?

## A Challenge

In 2015, District 10 was one of only five USPS Districts that grew its membership. At this writing, we have 12 fewer members than at the end of last year. It is my hope that we can finish 2016 with at least one more member than we finished 2015. All we need to do is keep the members we have and add an average of slightly more than 1 per squadron.

**My challenge to each Squadron is to increase your membership by 2 people between now and the end of 2016.** Two people! And here’s any opportunity you should consider: Contact your non-renewals and make the case for them to rejoin. Please, give it a try, and let me know how I and your District Bridge can help. Thank you.

## Bits and Pieces

One hallmark of this watch year is the continuation of our D10 initiative to increase the awareness of **Electric Shock Drowning**. Please be sure to read about our progress in P/D/C Thad Smyczek’s article on page 11 of this newsletter.

The time is coming when your Commanders will be submitting their recommendations for the award of **Merit Marks** to members for substantial personal effort in furthering the interest, programs and objectives of USPS, its districts and squadrons. Only one Merit Mark may be awarded in a year to a member, no matter how extensive the contribution. Please talk with your Squadron Commander Members to learn more about Merit Marks and to determine what service opportunities are available to help you earn this national recognition.

Speaking of service opportunities, it is the time of year when our District and Squadron nominations committees will be actively seeking members who will accept leadership positions for the 2017 Watch Year. To quote P/D/C Dale Perry:

*“Though our organization can flourish with an effective team leading it, we can no longer depend on the heroic actions of a solitary person or a couple of folks to sustain it. We aim to discover an effective leadership team this year, a team whose members will [work together to guide our District and Squadrons] through face-to-face and technology-assisted cooperation.”*

Please take time to think about how you might make a difference in your Squadrons by actively volunteering your time and skills, and let your Commander or another bridge officer know. On page 12 of this newsletter you will find a **“Help Wanted”** section listing opportunities to make a difference at the District level. I hope you will take time to review these opportunities and seriously consider volunteering for one of these positions – or accepting the call if you are approached by a member of the District Nominating Committee. *I thank you in advance for your consideration.*

[On a personal note, I’ve been actively involved at the District level since I became Flag Lieutenant to P/D/C Bob Stierna in 2006 – and I wouldn’t trade a minute of it. I have met and worked with great people; I have learned new skills and things about myself I’d never considered previously; and I’d like to think I contributed at least as much as I gained personally. Serving USPS and District 10 are now a part of my life. Try it! You’ll like it!]

## Coming About . . . to Closing Thoughts

The articles in this newsletter, contributed by all the members of your District 10 Bridge, are full of interesting news, thoughts and ideas. I hope you'll take some time to read them, digest them and perhaps be inspired by them. You won't find anything revolutionary, just an opportunity to make a few tweaks to what you're already doing with regard to USPS, or maybe to doing a little bit more. And that's what our theme, ***Coming About***, is meant to imply. It's staying the course, continuing to intentionally do right things – but being willing to make the small adjustments that make the journey more pleasant and/or successful.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the Fall Conference in Oshkosh, where it will be my pleasure and privilege to thank you personally for all you do for USPS and District 10 and your Squadron to make a difference in the boating community. We'll try to highlight the positive steps taken by your sister Squadrons to educate or enlighten their constituents, and to discover new ways we can all *come about* to foster boating safety, improve our own boating knowledge and skills, and have fun at the same time!

With Warm Regards,

D/C Kris Harmon, AP

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## MINNETONKA POWER SQUADRON RECEIVES NATIONAL MIRA AWARD

It was a pleasure, privilege and point of pride to be present at the recent USPS National Governing Board Meeting when Chief Commander Louis Ojeda and Rear Commander for Membership Jim Pahl-Washa presented Minnetonka Power Squadron representative Mike Skelley (also Staff Commander for the national Planning Committee) with a certificate and trophy in recognition of the Squadron's third place award in the annual P/C/C William Selden, SN – MIRA Award competition.

The MIRA (Member Involvement Retention Award) recognizes both squadron and district programs that were devised and utilized to increase member involvement and retention, and which produced measurable results. Entries are accepted up to 15 May of each year.

For more information about MIRA, visit the national website:

[http://www.usps.org/national/membership/pdf\\_files/MIRA\\_Flyer.pdf](http://www.usps.org/national/membership/pdf_files/MIRA_Flyer.pdf)

For more information about Minnetonka's winning member involvement and retention strategies, please contact Cdr Dave Fine, [commander@minnetonkaps.org](mailto:commander@minnetonkaps.org) – or Membership Chair and ASAO Kingsley Ondich. [kondich@msn.com](mailto:kondich@msn.com)



Accepting 2016 Third Place MIRA recognition: P/D/C Mike Skelley (2<sup>nd</sup> from left) with other winners and R/C Jim Pahl-Washa (3<sup>rd</sup> from left, also P/D/C for D10) and C/C Louis Ojeda (2<sup>nd</sup> from right).

## District Educational Department

Once again, the boating season is coming to a close. I hope all of you had a great summer filled with fun, family, and calm waters. Your district bridge has been hard at work in continuing the efforts of education, boating safety, and the work of USPS. We are making every effort so that the Fall Conference weekend in Oshkosh will be memorable as well as educational. Enjoy "Oshkosh on the Water".

As your District Educational Officer, I attended the 2016 USPS Governing Board meeting in Pittsburgh. As usual there are a lot of things happening and I invite you to read through my report and consider getting involved. Bring your thoughts and ideas to our 2016 Fall Conference. My approach while attending national meetings is to bring back things which I believe can be of value to D-10 squadrons. Please take some time to consider them and feel free to make them part of our ongoing discussions.

### Drive Membership with the Public ABC3 Course

USPS membership success is based on the experiences a student has in our public presentation of ABC3. Our online ABC3 is not going to generate the membership and revenue growth compared to the growth we experience from the class room. We need to increase our classroom ABC3 offerings. Stress the fun parts of membership. The classroom environment is unique as it promotes interaction. It is our job as teachers to make the course enjoyable. Nationally, 120 squadrons did not teach ABC3 last year (roughly 1/3 of our USPS squadrons). Each District 10 squadron needs to conduct at least one ABC3 classroom course every watch year. This is a minimum requirement to remain a viable squadron. Please consider scheduling a fall course now and another early in 2017.

### Chapman Nomination from Every District Each Year

Our National Educational Officer wants every district to submit a nomination annually for the Chapman award. This is the ultimate way to award the great teachers among us. District 10 does not have a submission this watch year. Now is the time to start with submission for your nominee for next year. The submission takes a team effort. There are many requirements in preparing the nomination. Your DEO or ADEO can assist your squadron in the process.

### Teaching Aids Presentation

There has been a decrease in submissions for the teaching aids competition. If my memory is correct, there were only 5 submissions at Orlando last February. There has been a lack of interest in holding a teaching aids competition in District 10. Please consider bringing your squadron's teaching aid to our Fall Conference. I would be delighted to submit a winner to the next annual meeting's competition in Orlando.



D/Lt/C Wesley D. Koplitz, AP-CN

### USPS Digital Media Library

Our USPS digital media library is a reality and is being phased in (August through December 2016). The website is [uspsdml.org](http://uspsdml.org). Initially, there are 20 original videos. 1,250+ video sequences were shot. Audio clips are also being added. The consumer launch will be October through December 2016. This resource will give all instructors the opportunity to enhance their presentations. We will be able to offer students a digital additive to our power points. With "On the Water Training" our course offerings are second to none.

### Finally

I want to invite all those interested in education to attend our Saturday morning D-10 Educational Officer's workshop. I know traditionally the session is for SEOs and ASEO's. Education is vital to our future. Your involvement is needed for future growth and success.

District Education Officer

D/Lt/C Wesley D. Koplitz, AP-CN



## District Executive Department

This is my first Communicator article to the members as your District 10 Executive Officer. Personally it has been a very good boating season for me. I did a little bit of sailing, canoeing, fishing and have been enjoying our new pontoon boat. In August we bought a kayak and that has been a lot of fun. I participated in three squadron Vessel Safety Check events at Lake Du Bay, Shawano Lake, and Lake Petenwell. We haven't had a chance to get our C-Dory cruiser out yet but are looking forward to an early October cruise out of Bayfield around the Apostle Islands.



**D/Lt/C William Dohr, SN-CN**

### Vessel Safety Checks

District 10 is having a good year in this activity. It is one of my favorite activities in the organization. It is a service to the boating community and it covers all types of vessels including cruisers, runabouts, utility boats, pontoon boats, sailboats, PWC's, row boats, canoes and kayaks. The boats are used on all types of water including the Great Lakes, rivers and small lakes. And, most of all, the program saves lives.

Here is the breakdown of the activities by squadron through the Labor Day weekend:

<u>Squadron</u>	<u>VE's</u>	<u>VSC's</u>	<u>Decals Awarded</u>
Central Wisconsin	9	214	205
Door County	5	195	176
Duluth	8	77	77
Green Bay	3	23	21
Hiawatha Valley	8	62	48
Marinette/Menominee	8	86	78
Milwaukee	8	46	42
Minnetonka	16	152	130
Oshkosh	8	66	51
St. Paul	9	96	91
<b>Totals YTD</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>1017</b>	<b>919</b>
<b>2015</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>1131</b>	<b>1005</b>

### Cooperative Charting

There is some activity in this category starting to happen in the district. I know of one squadron that applied to maintain a NOAA harbor chart in the USPS Adopt-a-Chart program. There is at least one squadron that will run a

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geodetic survey mark hunt this fall. I should have more information by the Fall Conference on the success of these activities.

## **Marketing and Public Relations**

A new nationwide USPS marketing program is being rolled out by the national marketing committee. There is a new slide show for use in boat shows and a new brochure available on the Marketing website. There will be more information on this at the fall conference.

## **Pittsburgh Governing Board Highlights**

I found out a lot of new information at this meeting. There is a new 10-slide recruiting show on the Marketing web page for use in all public classes, a new power point show for member benefits, a new member kit, standard squadron websites for those squadrons having trouble maintaining a website, and the Seamanship course will soon be available in 8 separate seminars. A \$2.00 annual dues increase was approved effective next year. Also congratulations to the Minnetonka Power Squadron for receiving the MIRA award at the meeting for their member and member/involvement program.

## **Summer Rendezvous hosted by Green Bay Sail and Power Squadron**

Although this was not an executive department function, I just wanted to thank the Green Bay Sail and Power Squadron for the excellent rendezvous with the Friday night pig roast, the lighthouse tour, the booth at the Tall Ships festival with the boat simulator, and the Saturday night dinner with some of the best ribs I've ever had. Bernie and I also enjoyed our ride on the tall ship Windy.

## **Fall Conference**

Please consider attending the fall conference. It will be hosted by the Oshkosh Sail and Power Squadron at the Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel and Convention Center. Besides the officer workshops and the conference meeting, there will be seminars on DB-2000, the USPS Website, Operations Training and the status of the Fox River Lock System. There will also be technical and historical presentations by experts from the outboard motor industry. It should be an outstanding conference. Please see the registration and agenda sheets on pages 13-14 of this publication for more information.

## **XO Fall Conference Workshop**

This is a call for all Squadron XO's to attend the Executive Department workshop at the fall conference. Please come and share your successes with your peers in the Vessel Safety Check program, Cooperative Charting, Public Relations and other similar activities.

District Executive Officer

D/Lt/C William V. Dohr, SN-CN

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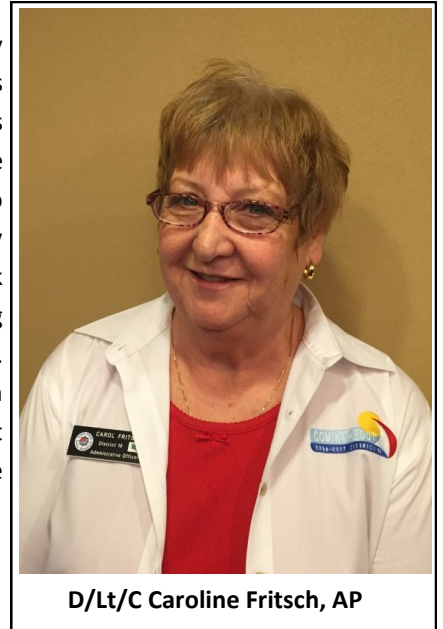
### District Administrative Department

D 10 Summer Rendezvous was run in conjunction with the Tall Ship Festival in Green Bay, WI. During the Festival all participants had a chance to board the ships and meet with the crews. There were also rides available for the participants. Dave and I ventured into Green Bay on Friday afternoon. One thing we experienced were the exit signs for the highway, the GPS gave us one exit and the highway signs gave us another. In talking with many of the people who attended the event there were a few hectic moments in the vehicles discussing which exit to take, but everyone did eventually arrive. As you crossed over the bridge and entered the Green Bay area you were pleasantly greeted with the large **RUBBER DUCKIE** on the water and sights of the ships in the harbor.

After getting settled in our hotel we ventured downtown to scope out the area and all the vendors in the park area. We enjoyed a fabulous lunch at the Titledown Brewing Company.

We could not say enough good things about the fish and chips we enjoyed and the beer. We then left to go over to the Green Bay Yacht Club and check out the area for the pig roast on Friday night. We were surprised with the lighthouses that were on the end of the docks at the Yacht Club.

Friday Night pig roast was just excellent.



D/Lt/C Caroline Fritsch, AP

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The Green Bay Power Squadron has to be very proud of the meals that they hosted for the weekend because the food was DELICIOUS!!!! Not only the Friday night pig roast, but the Saturday night all you could eat chicken and ribs banquet at the Comfort Inn were superb.

On Saturday, we did not take a ride on the Tall Ships because we are going on the Dennis Sullivan on September 24<sup>th</sup> with the Milwaukee Squadron out of the Milwaukee Harbor. Instead, we (Dave and I, Greg and Jan Norman) went down and ventured around the vendors and checked out everything they had to offer. We then went out to the Yacht Club and played cards by the lighthouses and toured the lighthouses. We had a very enjoyable time out on the docks and the cards were great. We were pleasantly surprised by other squadron members who had decided to come down to the lighthouses. We all enjoyed a few drinks and some great camaraderie. Dave and I especially enjoy going to the rendezvous as it is a more relaxed atmosphere than the conferences and it is a better time to meet and greet other squadron members from all over the district. As we are all boaters, we enjoyed watching the Tall Ships from the Festival come down the river and we estimated there were about 100 people on each ride. It was such a beautiful weekend and the weather was perfect.

On Sunday, Dave and I volunteered to work in the Green Bay Squadron tent on the Festival grounds. We enjoyed meeting many different people from around the State who visited the Tall Ships. We were surprised to meet a few people from the Madison area who were visiting Green Bay, and it was really fun talking with them. We had the SIMULATOR in the booth and were encourage to have people try it out, were surprised at how many people came up to the booth and thought the SIMULATOR was a computer game for children. We did have quite a few children sit down along with parents and try to operate the SIMULATOR....we thoroughly enjoyed working with the Green Bay Squadron members who worked in the both with us.

Thank you to the Buddes and the Dunbars and TO ALL the Green Bay Squadron members who made the weekend a great success.

Respectfully Submitted,

D/Lt/C Caroline Fritsch, AP





## District Secretary

If you're anything like me, or almost anyone that I know, you have occasions when it seems like a good idea to waste a little time on the internet. Truth be told, it's probably not a good idea at all, because it seems like we always have more stuff to do than time to do it, but when has that ever stopped any of us? Facebook, Tumblr, Craigslist, YouTube, Pinterest, Instagram and almost countless other sites are all on our lists of places to goof off.

The next time you find yourself with nothing to do, please consider visiting the USPS website at <http://usps.org/>. You may have heard the website has been rebuilt over the last couple years, and many people think that it's still not done, but if you haven't visited lately, I think you'll be pleasantly surprised.

The first thing you should do after you log in with your certificate number and your PIN, is to go to the menu on the home page and click on "Member Site". That will take you to a page where your profile is listed on the right side of the page. At the bottom, there is a button called "Manage Profile" and if you click on that, a page with your personal info comes up. The top half of the page that comes up is all information that you can edit, like your address and contact info. Please pay particular attention to your email address and make sure it's listed correctly. Email is a vital communication tool for USPS at all levels, and if you don't have a valid email address on file, you're missing out on a lot that USPS has to offer.

As you might imagine, I spend a lot of time on the Secretary Department pages. Committees there are Heritage and Protocol for flags and historian questions, IT for all thing related to

DB2000; Operations Manual, which is the how-to manual of USPS; Communications, which is everything newsletter and website related; Forms, where you'll find every form you'll ever need; and lastly, Ships Store, for all that cool Squadron gear. Every department has pages with a similar amount of information, and that's only a small fraction of all that's there. If you get through all that and still have questions, go to "How Do I..." from the menu at the top of every page. There are links to pages that explain how to accomplish all those things that come up routinely in USPS.

I want to switch topics here and put a plug in for the upcoming Fall Conference to be held in Oshkosh November 11-13 2016. There will be, as always, many interesting opportunities to broaden your knowledge and increase your squadron skills. But there is one additional fact that will make this conference special, and that is that Mercury Marine is headquartered right down the road in Fond du Lac. Our own District Educational Officer Wes Koplitz works there and he has arranged some fascinating speakers and displays that will make this a memorable event. Go to the D10 website at <http://www.usps-d10.org/> for registration forms and hotel information. I hope to see you there!



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## District Treasurer

Hello from the D-10 Treasurer's Department.

As I am writing this, the Minnesota State Fair has ended and the new school year has started, which unfortunately signifies that the end of the 2016 boating season is coming upon us in the not too distant future.

I do love the beautiful fall color cruises and being able to snuggle around the campfires that we look forward to every year. We are so fortunate and need to count our blessings every day for what we have and the opportunity to get out on our boats and see the beautiful landscapes. I love the variety and the changing seasons as I believe it keeps us appreciating the time we have in each. This also makes us appreciate the seasons we get to enjoy our floating vessels. For me, this is three out of the four seasons !

With the fall season comes new opportunities along with the Fall Conference on November 11-13, 2016. I do plan on attending the conference and look forward to seeing everyone from the district join together. I also look forward to meeting with the treasurers from all of the district squadrons.

The financials of the district are thorough and strong. We did a very good job last fiscal year of staying within our budget and I anticipate we will meet our budget goals again for this fiscal watch year.

We have half of the fiscal year to go, along with the fall conference coming soon. We have realized approximately 63% of the budgeted revenue for the fiscal year to date. Basically, this is the only revenue coming into the district budget.

The District 10 Bridge works hard to follow the budget and be fiscally responsible to keep our fiscal position solid and our budgets balanced. The District 10 Bridge is currently working on the next fiscal year's budget. This will be presented at the Fall Conference in November.

We are not planning on an increase in District Dues from the current \$19/year for Primary Active Members and \$26/year for Family Membership.

Overview of the Annual Budget Approval Process:

1. The Bridge and the Budget and Finance Committee work together with the Treasurer to propose a Budget for the coming year.
2. The Bridge and the Budget and Finance Committee review the proposed budget and make a recommendation to approve or revise based on available funds.
3. The Bridge reviews the Committee's recommendations and makes changes if required.
4. The council reviews/discusses and approves or disapproves the proposed Budget prior to the Fall Conference.
5. The Conference delegation reviews/discusses and approves or disapproves the proposed Budget at the Fall Conference.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. I look forward to seeing you all at the Fall Conference November 11-13 !!

Respectfully Submitted,

D/LT/C Tracy Gustafson, AP

D-10 Treasurer



**D/Lt/C Tracy Anne Gustafson, AP**

### District 10's Electric Shock Drowning Awareness Initiative

In District 10, many of us became aware of electric shock drowning because of a seminar during the 2013 Spring Conference. P/R/C Alan Wentworth, SN invited speaker Kevin Ritz to give a presentation on the topic. Kevin's son Lucas died while swimming in a marina back in the late 1990's.

Kevin Ritz is a marine corrosion and galvanic expert, a technical person as well as an avid boater who wouldn't believe the coroner who pronounced that Lucas died from drowning when Lucas's lungs, in fact, were not filled with water. Mr. Ritz persevered until he proved the real cause of Lucas's death, now known as electric shock drowning.

District 10 has taken on a public service project in the spirit of the mission of the United States Power Squadrons® to instruct the boating community about the Electric Shock Drowning phenomenon. We're calling this District 10's Electric Shock Drowning Awareness Initiative.

Earlier this year, at the Spring Conference, we approved the purchase of 11 ESD Awareness signs, one sign to be sent to each of the 11 squadrons in D/10. The members of each squadron are asked to contact marina operators in their boating area and encourage them to procure these signs and post them in

their marinas. We also purchased tri-fold brochures as an Electric Shock Drowning instructional aid and are making them available to squadrons so they can be placed anywhere the boating community congregates.

What is our progress in this endeavor? Preliminary and incomplete reports indicate that, at the time of this writing, 38 marinas have been contacted and 123 signs have been ordered.

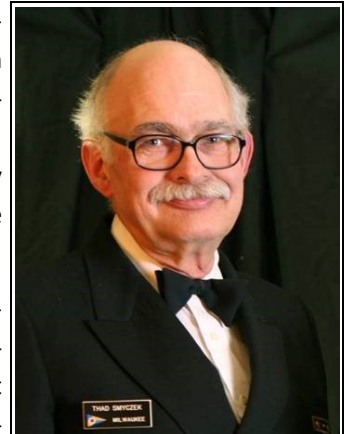
ESD tri-fold brochures have been placed in 26 locations.

Contact your Squadron Commander and/or your Squadron Executive Officer if you are interested in helping USPS® and D/10 getting these instructional materials out to where the boating community can learn about the deadly dangers of Electric Shock Drowning and what to do to prevent it.

I wish to thank all who are involved in D/10's Electric Shock Drowning Awareness Initiative.

"Fly Our Ensign Proudly" as we are "Coming About,"

P/D/C Thad Smyczek, SN



P/D/C Thad Smyczek, SN

**A potential cause for drowning is the presence of stray electrical power from a boat leaking into the water. This is known as electric shock drowning. Metal surfaces of a boat leaking power into the water can create zones of high-energy potential. Stray current entering salt water is less of a problem than the same situation in fresh water. Salt water is a good conductor and it carries current away to ground quickly. Fresh water is a poor conductor and when alternating current forms an electrical potential near a boat, the current can paralyze a swimmer. Stray electric current has caused many drownings, but post-mortem examinations will not link this problem to the death. The problem can be reduced by prohibiting swimming near boats connected to shore power and ensuring marinas comply with National Fire Protection Association Standard 303 for marinas.**





## WANTED

### Position: DISTRICT SECRETARY

**Primary Duties:** Participate as District Bridge member; record and publish minutes of Council and Conference meetings, provide leadership for district communications (website, newsletter, roster, etc.), counsel squadron secretaries, attend USPS Annual Meeting (partial reimbursement provided)

**Time Required:** 3 to 4 hours per month; 8 hours each conference

**Term:** 2 to 3 years, starting March 2017

**Compensation:** Personal satisfaction, appreciation of District 10 members, opportunity to make a difference and shape the future of USPS and District 10, resumé credential

### Position: DISTRICT WEBMASTER

**Primary Duties:** Update and maintain District website

**Hours:** 1 hour per week

**Term:** Undefined, starting as soon as possible

**Compensation:** Personal satisfaction, appreciation of District 10 members, resumé credential



### Position: DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

**Primary Duties:** Participate as District Bridge member; provide leadership for District "Internal Affairs" (membership, member involvement, Operations Training, Spring & Fall Conference oversight, maintain financial records and make payments as needed, prepare annual budget, counsel squadron administrative officers, attend USPS Annual and Governing Board Meetings (partial reimbursement provided)

**Time Required:** 4 to 6 hours per month; 12 hours each fall and spring for conference planning

**Term:** 1 year as Administrative Officer, starting March 2017; 3 years likely to follow as Executive Officer, District Commander and Past District Commander

**Compensation:** Personal satisfaction, appreciation of District 10 members, opportunity to make a difference and shape the future of USPS and District 10, resumé credential

*To respond to this ad, please contact any District 10 Bridge Officer, your Squadron Commander, or District Nominating Committee Chair Lance Olson. [lance\\_r\\_olson@hotmail.com](mailto:lance_r_olson@hotmail.com)*

## ALSO WANTED SQUADRON to HOST 2017 RENDEZVOUS

**Primary Duties:** Select date, plan activities and publicize summer weekend Rendezvous for attendance/participation by all District 10 members

**Time Required:** Many hours

**Timeframe:** January 2017 through Rendezvous date

**Compensation:** Personal satisfaction, appreciation of District 10 members, opportunity for squadron team-building, member retention and merit mark qualification

*Commanders of Squadrons wishing to respond to this great opportunity may contact any District 10 Bridge Officer, or District Administrative Officer Carol Fritsch. [cefritsc@wisc.edu](mailto:cefritsc@wisc.edu)*

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**District 10 Fall Conference**

**November 11 – 13 2016**

**Oshkosh Sail & Power Squadron  
Invites You to the Winnebago Weekend**

**Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel, Oshkosh WI**

**Hotel Information:** Group Rate Reservation Deadline: *14 October 2016*

**Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel & Convention Center**

**1 North Main Street**

**Oshkosh, WI 54901**

**920-230-1900 1-855-230-1900**

- ◆ *Indoor swimming pool*
- ◆ *24 hour fitness facility*
- ◆ *In room refrigerator and microwave*

*Ask for*

**District 10 Power Squadron**

**Rate of \$89**

*for room with two queen beds*

Agenda and Event Descriptions available on D10 website: <http://www.usps-d10.org>

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**Call to the Meeting**

**2016 D10 Fall Conference**

**November 11-13 2016**

**Hosted by Oshkosh Sail and Power Squadron**

**Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel and Convention Center**

**Oshkosh WI**

In accordance with the bylaws of District 10, Section 5.6 and 5.6.1, the District 10 2016 Fall Conference (to which all members are cordially invited) has been called.

**The Council Meeting will be held on 9 November 2016 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 12 November 2016 at the Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel and Convention Center** and will convene at 1000 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 2017-18 watch year.
3. To consider and act upon any other business that may properly come before this meeting.

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

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### District 10 Spring Conference

11 – 13 November 2016

Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel, Oshkosh WI



### Registration

Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Squadron \_\_\_\_\_ Sq Position/Committee \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 Children's Names & Ages \_\_\_\_\_

EVENT	Cost	Number	Total
<b>Friday Night Fish Fry:</b> Fried Walleye or Lake Perch; Oven Roasted Chicken; Homemade Coleslaw, Potato Salad; Fresh Green Beans; Fried Potato Wedges; Rye Bread; Condiments; Bars	\$ 30	_____	\$ _____
<b>Saturday Lunch Buffet:</b> Homemade Soup; Potato, Pasta & Garden Salads; Sandwich Fixings - Turkey, Beef, Ham, Fresh Breads, Wisconsin	\$ 25	_____	\$ _____
<b>Saturday Italian Dinner Buffet:</b> Italian Sausage Baked Mostaccioli; Pasta with Marinara or Alfredo Sauce; Mixed Green & Antipasto Salads; Garlic Bread Sticks; Mini Cannolis	\$ 25	_____	\$ _____
<b>Special Dietary Requests:</b> Please describe _____			
<b>TOTAL</b>			\$ _____

**Please help us plan! Insert the initials of each registrant who is likely or planning to attend each of these events.**

(For event details, refer to the on-line document, *2016 Fall Conference Events / Seminars / Workshops.*)

Fri: Ask the DB2000 "Experts"	Sat: Operations Training	Sat: EAA Museum Trip
Fri: Committee Mtg (Specify)	Sat: New Officer ABCs	Sat: Payne Art Center Trip
Sat: Dept. Workshop (Specify)	Sat: Propeller Technology	Sun: Breakfast with the Bridge
Sat: Non-Officers Meeting	Sat: Using Educ info to Market	Sun: "N" Club Presentation

**Make checks payable to:** Oshkosh Power Squadron

**Reply no later than:** 25 October 2016

**Mail form & check to:** P/C Suzanne Carman  
 5115 Violet Lane  
 Oshkosh, WI 54904  
 (920) 582-4205  
[lazysuz@new.rr.com](mailto:lazysuz@new.rr.com)

**See Page 2 for Hotel Details  
and Event Descriptions.**

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