



D10 Communicator



D/C Kevin Wehrmann, S

Ahoy their District 10!



Welcome to the second edition of the 20/21 Watch year Communicator. As I'm writing this article I'm wondering where we would be without the COVID-19 virus affecting all of our personal lives and our Squadrons boating activities. I would like to imagine that VSC's, Boat Safety, Boating Education, and breaking records in membership would be at the top of our list. I would like to think that we should remain positive through this hardship year as we press on into the fall boating season. It is kind of crazy to see boat sales up 55-75% in a year where most people are now forced to work at home or maybe not working at all. The increase

in boat sales should ring a bell within our leaders involved in membership and take advantage of this situation. Looking **Onward and Upward** in a year of Cancellations and Negatives I would like to remain optimistic that we as a boat club will survive this year.

With that being said, I would like to talk about the significant progress that has been made this year since the Spring Conference in Minneapolis. Recall the charter of the **Task Force** was to "look at changes in our operations to free up resources to focus on positioning D10 for the future." The Task Force team, led by Kris Harmon and Dave Fine, representing all squadrons, meets monthly. As we move **Onward and Upward** into Fall and Winter its time to get down to brass tacks and plan our marketing strategy to increase membership for our boat club, this will take teamwork. The Task force is still looking for representatives to act as a Marina Liaison to represent your squadron so that we as a bridge can better serve yours and squadron needs. I want to thank Alan Wentworth in negotiating with National for applying for a grant request that was submitted on District 10's behalf a few weeks ago. However, we did not get the funds we requested at this time, but we will try again late in the season. Read on for some positive highlights and D10 accomplishments.

Results from the Virtual ABC Class

First and foremost, I would like to thank the TEAM that assembled our first Virtual online course offered by the members of District 10.

Back in April/May Ben Coons and Greg Korstad organized a team of instructors to offer and conduct for the first time ever an online ABC3 Virtual Classroom through Advanced Wireless based in Lakeville. From the MN Department of Natural Resources, Conservation Officer Joe Kullanek was on hand "LIVE" to present the ins and outs of State Law to the 26 students that signed up and paid for the course.

Thank You to our instructors; Greg Korstad, Scott Norbeck, Dave West, and Michell Anderson.

Assisting Ben and Greg were: Don Duncan, Russell Straate, Niki Rowland, Ed Manor, and David Muscarella. Thanks to all of you who made this course a success.

News from National

The Annual Governing Board meeting in Raleigh was recently cancelled, the date was scheduled for September 8-13. However, there will be many opportunities to attend meetings, seminars, and workshops. Some of the topics will include: Changing Squadron Culture, Instructor recertification, Merit Marks, VE workshop, and Boat Show Workshop just to name a few. District will be forwarding the information through your bridge members and an Eblast from District, I hope that you can join in and take advantage from the comforts of your own office of living room.

Merit Marks

Merit Mark Program: The new software is up and running. Tour this user-friendly updated program. Note effective on September 1st, data can be uploaded; you may start entering data now!

The Merit Mark program has been substantially enhanced by the Information Technology Committee at the National level of the Secretaries Department. It is now web based and no longer a function of the DB2000 client server-based system.

The URL for the new system is www.usps.org/meritmark

You will have to log into USPS.ORG to use this program.

The area monitor for District 10 is P/R/C James C. Acheson, SN

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Education Honor Roll

Support the Education Fund – our goal is 100% of Squadrons meet the National Education Fund objectives. We are almost there! Keep up the great work.

D/10 Squadrons 2020 Honor Roll Status

Squadron	Honor Roll Target	Donation	Percent of Target	
Central Wisconsin	\$40	\$60	150.0%	Honor Roll
Door County	\$67	\$117	174.6%	Honor Roll
Duluth	\$240	\$100	41.7%	Started
Green Bay	\$38	\$29	76.3%	Started
Hiawatha Valley	\$21	\$27	128.6%	Honor Roll
Madison	\$36	\$110	305.6%	Honor Roll
Marinette Menominee	\$33	\$58	175.8%	
Milwaukee	\$41	\$125	304.9%	Honor Roll
Minnetonka	\$265	\$530	200.0%	Honor Roll
Oshkosh	\$12	\$30	250.0%	Honor Roll
St. Paul	\$73	\$108	147.9%	Honor Roll

Squadrons have collected \$350 thru dues
 Squadrons have donated \$1294
 9 Honor Roll Squadrons

Fall Conference in Eau Claire 2020 Cancelled on August 25

On August 25th the D-10 Bridge held an emergency council meeting to vote on whether to continue with the conference or cancel the conference because of the concerns with Covid 19. Within the last month we surveyed the general membership which included all 11 squadrons located in the upper Midwest – to ask whether they would consider attending the meeting. 82% of the respondents replied NO and indicated avoidance of the risk of COVID-19 exposure was the reason for their response.

What's Next: The Metropolis Resort was willing to retain our deposit of \$420.00, without penalty, toward our reservation for **October 22-24 of 2021**. Thank you, Cdr. Ed Manor and Kris Harmon from St. Paul Squadron, they have agreed to host the next Fall Conference at the Metropolis in Eau Claire next year.

The General Membership Meeting will be held Online in one form or another on the morning of Saturday October 31st. This online version of the meeting will give everyone in District 10 a chance to attend. This meeting is open to ALL members of District 10. Please mark your calendars, we may offer a couple online seminars as well.

Rendezvous 2021 – 22

Cdr. Chad Lowney from the Duluth Squadron has agreed to host the Rendezvous During Labor Day weekend September 4-6, 2021.

Cdr. Bob DeNoto from Door County announced that the Rendezvous to be held in 2021 in Door County will be pushed back one year. Concerns over the completion of the Maritime Museum will put us on hold. Look for a Rendezvous date sometime in the Fall of 2022.

Thank You Duluth and Door County for Hosting the next two Rendezvous'.

Remember with a Boat and a Little Imagination you can go Anywhere!

Respectfully submitted,

D/C Kevin Wehrmann, S





District Educational Department

Once again, another boating season is starting to wind down. COVID-19 was not able to stop many of us from getting out and social distancing on the water. I wish all of you a successful rest of the season.

ABC3 (America's Boating Course)

Virtual education has been the order of the day for most of the US 41 states. Offering ABC3 via Emergency Virtual Classroom (EVC) was initiated and quickly gained approval by NASBLA (National Association of Boating Law Administrators) and many states. This emergency continues beyond the initial expiration date of 30 June in several states. This is offered as a temporary solution in areas that prohibit classroom education during the COVID-19 period. This program essentially provides an online avenue for completion of the classroom ABC3 course.

As of late August USPS reports 24 EVC classes with 269 students enrolled.

Question: What is the current status for District 10?

Answer: The EVC program has been extended through 30 September in both Minnesota and Wisconsin. Michigan expires 31 August.

We had one very successful virtual classroom of ABC3 within Minnesota.

We need to thank Ben Coons for his leadership in conducting a virtual class of ABC3 online during this past May/June. Ben assembled a team from the Minnesota area and the effort had an enrollment of 24 students. Ben's program was based on the current online ABC course. I might also add that the state of Minnesota was the first state to approve an EVC approach. EVC needed approval by both NASBLA and each individual state BLA prior to implementation.

Assisting Ben were Greg Korstad, Don Duncan, Scott Norbeck, Russell Straate, Andrew Lalim, Chad Lowney, Niki Rowland, Dave West, Mitchell Anderson, Ed Manor, Dave Muscarella, and Kevin Wehrmann. I apologize if I missed someone on this committee.

THANKS TO ALL FOR A JOB VERY WELL DONE!

BOC Boat Operator Certification Event

Due to COVID-19 situation the BOC event which was scheduled for July 2020 will be rescheduled for next year in late July 2021.

Instructor Re-certification

I will soon schedule a Go to Meeting event for the purpose of Instructor Re-certification. I know we have a few instructors in need of the seminar. I have 4 people currently in need of re-certification this fall. If you have an expired rating prior to 2020, please email and I will add you to my event wkoplitz@aol.com



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



District Educational Department

Instructor Development

I have a list of members interested in completing the course and becoming certified instructors. Certification is required for conducting the ABC program to the public. Please email at wkoplitz@aol.com if interested. I have about 6 individuals from Duluth and a few individuals in the Twin Cities area. I will conduct 6 sessions via online education. Students are required to create lesson plans and make a few presentations. Audiences can be their respective squadron leadership or at a D-10 conference. Evaluation and submission to our national headquarters for final approval must be via your SEO.

Charles Chapman District 10 Submission

We have submitted one of our D-10 instructors for consideration of the Charles Chapman recognition. I look forward to results to be known prior to the 2021 USPS annual meeting.

Junior Navigation Course Completions

We have new JN graduates. I want to thank Alan Wentworth for his effort in producing more JNs. Recent completions:

June 2020: Geoff Carman, Wes Koplitz, Eddie Phillips (Oshkosh)

July 2020: Dave Fine, Greg Korstad, Patrick Laughlin (Minnetonka)

August 2020: Scott Norbeck (Hiawatha Valley)

CONGRATULATIONS!

There are others enrolled in JN and I look forward to their completions soon.

Navigation Course

Alan Wentworth has indicated his willingness to conduct the Navigation course with a tentative start date in November via online education. Please let me know if you want to be involved.

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

District 10 Educational Officer

Rear Cdr Public Boating Committee





District Administrative Department

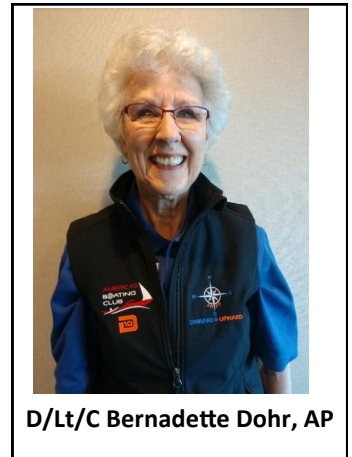
Greetings from Wausau, Wisconsin. We hope that you have been enjoying your summer in spite of the fact that many events have been cancelled. It is good that we can have virtual meetings. At least we can keep in touch and conduct some business on our computers.

Bill and I have kept busy contending with a flooding issue at our cottage on Long Lake. The high water rendered our basement completely uninhabitable. The lake has never been this high as far back as any records show. I learned a lot about filling sand bags and how heavy they become when filled. I didn't realize what a wimp I was until I tried to lift one of these. We did take time out for a few boat rides around the lake.

By now you have heard that the district Rendezvous and the District Conference have been cancelled. There will be a council meeting via Go To Meeting on Tuesday, October 27th from 7-9:30 PM. There will be a District 10 Conference meeting via GTM or Zoom on Saturday, October 30th from 9:30-noon. There may be seminars offered via GTM or Zoom in the afternoon.

The Annual Meeting in Pont Vedra, Florida February 14-21 is still on the schedule. We are looking forward to attending.

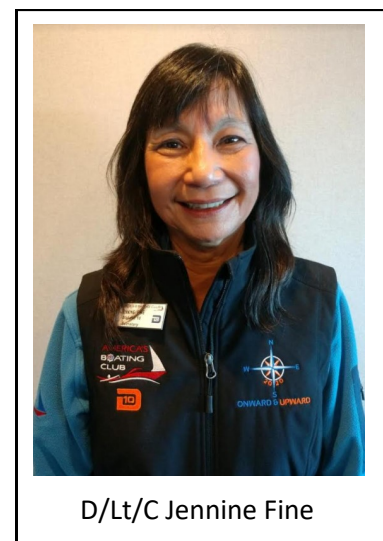
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D/10 Administrative Officer



D/Lt/C Bernadette Dohr, AP



District Secretary



D/Lt/C Jennine Fine

Greetings D10 members:

I am hoping this note finds you and yours healthy and happy. It feels like decades since the “stay at home” order was made in Minnesota. Much has changed in our world today. Sadly it will be this way for quite a while. However, I have met a few times with many of you virtually, always glad to see your smiling faces.

Communications is still my top priority. Unfortunately many members have not been viewing D10 messages. On August 10th you were sent an Eblast to vote if you thought the Fall 2020 Conference should be held. 127 members voted

and commented. On August 27th another Eblast was sent to 610 members. According to Leo Loeb, 169 (27%) members were curious enough to open this message and 67 emails were bounced. I applaud the 169 members and hope you will encourage fellow members to receive messages sent by D10. Thank you Squadron Secretaries for your help in this matter. “Holly Raby you Rock”. Please let me know if your continued efforts need help.

Squadron Name	Apr-20	Aug-20	
Central Wisconsin	2	2	
Door County	1	1	
Duluth	27	32	add 7 delete 2
Green Bay	4	4	
Hiawatha Valley	2	1	delete 1
Madison	4	3	delete 1
Marinette-Menominee	4	5	add 1
Milwaukee	3	3	
Minnetonka	15	9	delete 6
Oshkosh	4	4	
St. Paul	3	3	
Totals	69	67	

The D10 Bridge and Fall Conference Committee is working on the virtual 2020 Fall Conference Meeting and Seminars. Please look for future Eblasts on this subject. Would be nice to have a virtual wine tasting but it would be hard to have only one person speak at a time.

Schools have started with many classes remaining virtual. Hoping yours will remain focused even though lunch and recess is not virtual.

Thank you, my friends, for supporting your Squadron and D10. Know that because of you, the members of D10, our organization will exist and stay strong.

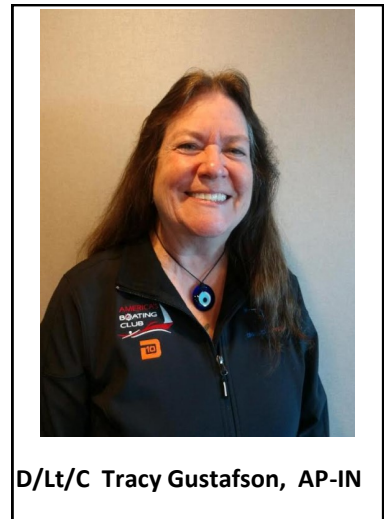
Kindest Regards,

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Ahoy from the D-10 Treasurer's Department !

I hope everyone is having a great 2020 boating season. We are so fortunate for the opportunity to get out on our boats and enjoy.

Our financial position is still Ship Shape !! We are staying within our budget - Thanks to Covid-19 and a whole lot of not much happening. I really appreciate how the bridge works together to keep an eye on the budget and the district finances. We can keep our squadrons strong by renewing our own memberships and bringing in new people who share our enjoyment of boating and community service.

I want to again take this opportunity to remind the squadrons to submit an Enrichment Application to D-10 for up to \$500 to help launch a squadron membership, education, civic, fraternal, or administrative initiatives. Please find this form on the district website under Treasurer.

It has been a very enjoyable voyage sailing through as District Treasurer for the past few years ☺

There are positions available for interested members to come onboard and serve in a district capacity. Contact anyone on the bridge for more information ! Getting involved is a great way to meet more members ☺

Please contact me with any questions.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve as your Treasurer !

Have a Safe and Enjoyable Finale of the 2020 Boating Season J

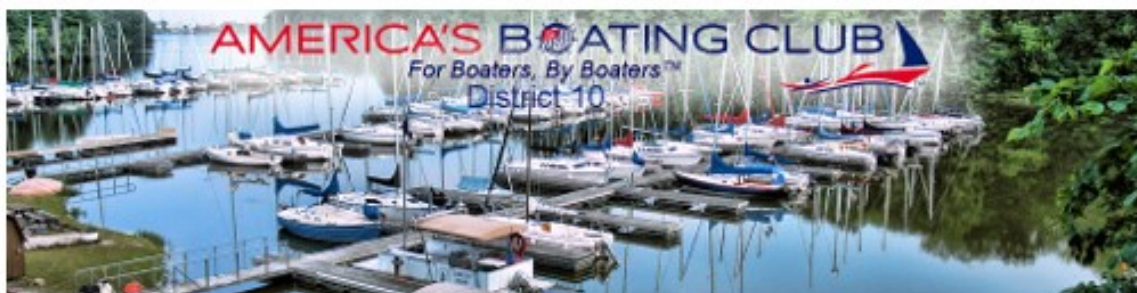
Fraternally - D/Lt/C Tracy Gustafson, AP-IN

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The 2020 USPS Fall Governing Board is Going Virtual



All of District 10 Can Be There Together



September 9 -15, 2020

See the schedule of Events

USPS.org Member's Website

All Departments are Represented

2020 National Fall Conference							
Virtual Meeting Schedule							
Effective: 01 September 2020							
Date	Time (EDT)	Department/Committee	Content / Title	Host	Delivery	Comments	Sign In/Login Information
9-Sep	1300-1400	Educational	Ed dept strategy session	Pearson	Live - FCC*	Discuss dept. ways and means	https://join.freeconferencecall.com/uspsabc
9-Sep	1400-1500	Educational	Consolidated report	Pearson	Live - FCC	Committee activity reports	https://join.freeconferencecall.com/uspsabc
10-Sep	0900-1130	Educational	DEO Briefing Session	Griffing	Live - FCC	DEO related topic presentations	https://join.freeconferencecall.com/uspsabc
10-Sep	1300-1500	Educational	Changing Squadron Culture**	Rayburn/Heck	Blended - FCC	Discuss education delivery techniques	https://join.freeconferencecall.com/uspsabc
11-Sep	0845 - 1045	EDU/Instructor Dev	Instructor Recertification	Peltier/Townes	Webinar - FCC	Current instructor recertification seminar**	https://join.freeconferencecall.com/uspsabc
11-Sep	1100-1200	Educational/ABChannel	America's Boating Channel	Lafferty	Blended-FCC	Interactive Video Workshop	https://join.freeconferencecall.com/uspsabc
11-Sep	1300 - 1500	Educational	Using Open CPN	Sumberg	Blended - FCC	Stages of Open CPN development for users	https://join.freeconferencecall.com/uspsabc
						**Pre-registration required	
14-Sep	2000-2100	Secretary's/ITCOM	GoToMeeting Practice	Filios	Live-GTM	Practice session for using GTM	https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/360092725
15-Sep	2000-2200	Secretary's/ITCOM	Merit Marks	Filios	Live-GTM	Review of the updated program	https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/484403749
16-Sep	2000-2100	Secretary's/ITCOM	Information Technology Meeting	Filios	Live-GTM	Committee meeting	https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/675280109
16-Sep	2000-	Secretary's/Member Svcs	Committee Meeting	Peltier	GoToMeeting		https://global.gotomeet.me/OysterBaySailandPowerSquadron/member-services-governing-board-virtual-meeting
16-Sep	1800-1900	Secretary's/Ops Manual	Committee Meeting	Stewart	Live-FCC		https://join.freeconferencecall.com/amorris90
17-Sep	2000-2200	Secretary's/ITCOM	DB2000 Update	Filios	Live-GTM		https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/847474421
18-Sep	1800-2000	SEC/Communications	Committee Meeting	Jarrell	Live-GTM	Business meeting	https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/524350573
		Secretary's/Ship's Store	Committee Updates	McDonald	Newsletter		
10-Sep	1000-1100	Exec Dept/Environmental	Environmental updates	Gatton	Live- Zoom	Review of Environmental updates	https://portlandcc.zoom.us/j/97327076791?pwd=SU43RmktK05aa21wTHBxVHVweGJhUT09
10-Sep	1100-1400	Exec Dept/DC & DXO	DC/DXO Meeting	Gee	Blended - FCC	All Day Meeting	https://join.freeconferencecall.com/cdfrazier6
10-Sep	1100-1200	Exec Dept/Marketing	MarCom updates	Heald	Live - FCC	Review of Marketing Initiatives	
14-Sep	1900-2030	EXEC/MarCom & PACom	Boat Show Workshop	Heald	Blended - FCC	How2Sell at Boat Shows	
15-Sep	1500-1800	EXEC/Safety/VSC	Vessel Examiner Workshop	D. Fuller	Live-GTM	Review of Procedures and Q&A; Max 200	
15-Sep	1900-2130	EXEC/MarCom & PACom	Marketing Education Workshop	Heald	Blended - FCC	How2Market your EDU Courses/Seminars	
15-Sep	1900-2030	Exec Dept/Environmental	Environmental Workshop	Gatton	Live - Zoom	Environmental opportunities	https://portlandcc.zoom.us/j/92450768275?pwd=amczbka4S2Z2L09IL1J5b3EwM1ZBQT09
		ADMIN Dept		Bernard		Forthcoming; will be week of 14 September	
		ADMIN/Membership		Howd			
		ADMIN/Squadron Support		Dodd			
		ADMIN/Natl Meetings		Anderson			
		Treasurer's Dept					
		REAS/Budget Committee					
		Standing/Finance	No meeting planned for this time	Baker			
		Standing/Planning	No meeting planned for this time	McCurry			
		Standing/Law		Werkenthin			
		General/Rules		Zucchi			
		General/ComNom	Conference Calls: Individual	Jensen		Will be scheduled by invitation	



Help Wanted !!! – District 10 is looking for people interested in taking on a role at the District level. Key needs are:

- ⇒ Membership Chair
- ⇒ Assistant Secretary
- ⇒ Audit Committee Member
- ⇒ Nominating Committee Members—Duluth, M&M, & Minnetonka
- ⇒ Nominating Committee Alternate Members — Duluth & Milwaukee
- ⇒ Publications Editor

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