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District 10 2021 Fall Conference 5-7 November 2021



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12:00 - 1:00

Bridge Meeting





Metro C



The St. Paul Squadron Welcomes You **District 10 Fall Conference**

November 5 - 6 - 7, 2021

Metropolis Resort Eau Claire, Wisconsin

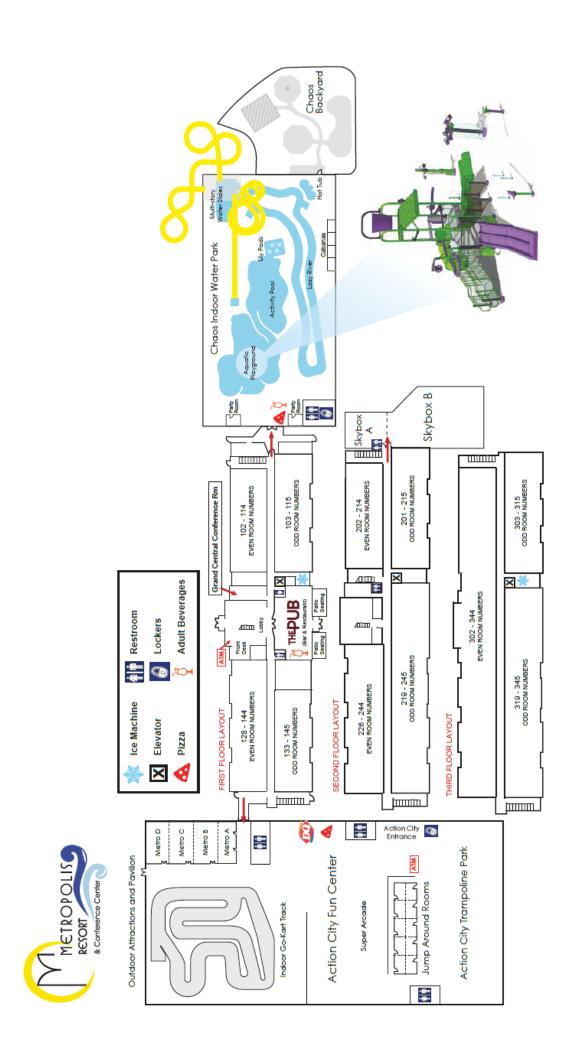
Agenda

Friday, Nover	mber 5	Location
3:00 - 7:00	Registration	Hotel Lobby
3:00 - 10:00	Preview Silent Auction and Shop Bizarre Bazaar	Metro ABC
6:00 - 7:00	Social Hour (cash bar)	Metro A
6:00 - 8:00	50/50 Enrichment Fund Donation	Metro AB
7:00 – 8:00	Buffet Dinner	Metro AB
Saturday, No	vember 6	<u>Location</u>
7:00 – 9:00	Breakfast – on your own	
7:30 - 9:15	Registration	Hotel Lobby
8:00 - 9:15	Workshop/Discussion – Regionalizing America's Boating Club	Metro B
9:30 - 11:30	Conference Meeting	Metro CD
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch Buffet	Metro AB
1:15 – 2:30	Introduction to the New D10 Website	Metro B
1:15 - 3:00	Educational Seminar: Using GPS	Metro CD
3:00 - 5:00	Enjoy Chaos Water Park and Action City!	
5:30 – 6:00	Chief's Virtual Message	Metro AB
5:30 – 6:30	Social Hour (cash bar)	Metro AB
6:00 - 8:00	50/50; Silent Auction, Bizarre Bazaar	Metro ABC
6:30 – 7:15	Buffet Dinner	Metro ABC
7:15 – 8:00	Awards and Recognition	Metro ABC
8:00 – 10:00	Dakota Kid; Action City; Chaos Water Park	Metro ABC
Sunday, Nove	ember 7	<u>Location</u>
7:30 – 9:00	Breakfast Buffet	Metro A
8:00 – 9:15	Breakfast with the Bridge	Metro B
9:30 - 10:30	Round Table: Boating Tips and Tricks	Metro C
9:30 – 11:30	Educational Seminar: Partner in Command	Metro D

All Apparel is Welcome! - Suggested Attire?

Friday Evening: America's Boating Club / USPS Casual Saturday: America's Boating Club / USPS Casual **Saturday Evening:** Business Casual or ABC/USPS Casual America's Boating Club / USPS Casual Sunday:

District 10 and the St. Paul Squadron recommend/request wearing a mask and maintaining social distancing regardless of vaccination status.



Fall Council Meeting Agenda



Welcome and Call to Order

(7:00-7:05)

Pledge of Allegiance, *D/Fl/Lt Karen Christenson* National Anthem

Invocation, D/Chaplain Don Duncan

Appointment of Parliamentarian: P/R/C Maurice Rice

Orders of Business

(7:05-7:20)

Teleconference Protocol, P/D/C Dave Fine

Roll Call and Determination of Quorum, D/Lt/C Jennine Fine

Voting Procedure, P/R/C Maurice Rice

Approval of 2021 Spring Council Minutes (20 April 2021)

Council Actions approved since last meeting, P/D/C Dave Fine

New Business (scheduled)

(7:20-7:40)

Approval of Fiscal Year 2022 Budget, D/Lt/C Tracy Gustafson

Committee Reports

(7:40 - 8:05)

Audit Committee, Rebecca Skelley

Budget and Finance, D/Lt Sandra Broekema

Nominating Committee, P/R/C Greg Korstad

Planning Committee, P/D/C Jim Pahl-Washa

Rules Committee, P/R/C Maurice Rice, no report

Squadron Reports

(8:05 - 8:40)

Central Wisconsin, *Cdr Dennis Schultz* Door County, *Cdr Bob DeNoto*

Squadron Reports (continued)

Duluth, Cdr Amy Herstad-Einbu

Green Bay, Cdr Robert Rondou

Hiawatha Valley, Cdr Marie Coons

Madison, Cdr Jim Pahl-Washa

Marinette-Menominee, Acting Cdr Jim Goodman, S

Milwaukee, Cdr Thad Smyczek

Minnetonka, Cdr Kevin Shutes

Oshkosh, Cdr Geoff Carman

St. Paul, Cdr Kris Harmon

Commander's Comments

(8:40 - 8:50)

D/C Kevin Wehrmann

Bridge Reports will be deferred to the District Conference Meeting

(8:50 - 8:55)

Unfinished Business (unscheduled)

New Business (unscheduled)

Announcements

Benediction, D/Chaplain Don Duncan (8:55 - 9:00)

Adjournment

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Fall Conference Meeting Agenda



Welcome and Call to Order

(9:30 - 9:40 AM)

Pledge of Allegiance

National Anthem

Invocation

Appointment of Parliamentarian

General Consent for Order of Business

Recognition of Special Guests

(9:40-9:45)

Recognition of Past District Commanders

Recognition of Chief's Representative

Administrative Orders of Business

(9:45-9:55)

Conference Protocol

Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Approval of 2020 Fall Conference Minutes (31 October 2020)

Ratification of Council Actions

New Business (scheduled)

(9:55-10:05)

Approval of Fiscal Year 2022 Budget

Last Horizon (10:05-10:10)

Committee Reports

(10:10-10:20)

Audit

Planning

Budget and Finance

Nominating

Rules

Voting Procedure

Approval of 2021 Spring Conference Minutes (24 April 2021)

Commander Reports Central Wisconsin

Door County

Duluth

Green Bay

Hiawatha Valley

Madison

Marinette-Menominee

Bridge Reports

(10:50–11:20) Secretary

Education Executive

Admin

Treasurer

(10:20-10:50)

Milwaukee

Minnetonka

Oshkosh

St. Paul

Commander

(11:20-11:25)

Unfinished Business (unscheduled)

New Business (unscheduled)

Announcements

Benediction

(11:25-11:30)

Adjournment

District 10



2021 Spring Council Meeting Minutes Via Webinar 20 April 2021

Welcome and Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 1921.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by D/F/Lt Karen Christenson.
- The Invocation was given by D/Lt/C Bernadette Dohr.
- D/C Wehrmann appointed P/R/C Maurice Rice as the Parliamentarian for the meeting.

Order of Business

- P/R/C Michael Skelley explained teleconference protocol for the meeting.
- District Secretary D/Lt/C Jennine Fine conducted the roll call. There was a quorum.
- Rules Committee Chair P/D/C Maurice Rice explained the voting procedure for the meeting.
- The minutes from the 2020 D10 Fall Council Meeting, 27 October 2020, were examined. A motion to approve the minutes was made and seconded. **Motion approved.**
- District Secretary D/Lt/C Jennine Fine reported that no council action was taken since the last 2020 Fall Conference meeting.

Reports of Officers

Commander's Comments

D/C Kevin Wehrmann presented his Commander's Comments. This report is on file*. Highlights of his report are:

2021 Spring Conference Updates:

- The Spring Conference Agenda was reviewed.
- Workshops and Seminars were reviewed. Attendance was highly recommended.
 - o Build a 5 Second Facebook Ad as easy as 1-2-3.
 - o AIS Electronics for Boaters Seminar
 - o "Zoom" Workshop
 - o Man Overboard Seminar

News from National Meeting February 2021:

- New Merit Mark system was well received by all participants.
- Chief Commander message which focused on Membership. "Membership is Job 1. If what you're doing does not positively impact membership, it goes to the bottom of the list."
- February Meeting in Florida was cancelled and replaced by the "Virtual Annual Meeting" (VAM). Seminars and Workshops were recorded and can be viewed from the National Website. It was encouraged for people to view these recordings.
- Dan Boater renewal was encouraged and should be shared with Squadrons.

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• America's Boating Club App was also encouraged to download on phones to help promote VSC's and Membership.

District 10 Website Progress Report:

- Since the 2020-21 was a nontravel year there were extra funds, approximately \$4,200. Some of these funds were transferred to create a new D10 Website.
- Mike Dee from Digital Focus along with Minnetonka Cdr/D10 Marketing Chair Kevin Shutes are working to build the new Website.
- D10 paid Mike Dee \$2,150 in full as of March 31, 2021.
- Current annual hosting fee was \$290. New hosting fee is \$588. Difference is \$298.
- E-Commerce capability will be available so payments can be made on-line.
- Still looking for images from ALL Squadrons that best represent their boating backyard!
- Thank you, D10 Marketing Team, Kevin Shutes, Dale Perry, and Maury Rice!
- Website should be ready to launch in the Fall of 2021.

District 10 Change of Watch Schedule for incoming 2021-22 Commanders:

- Two in person COWs, Central Wisconsin and Hiawatha Valley.
- Five virtual COWs, Door County, Green Bay, Madison, Minnetonka, and St. Paul.
- TBD COW in Duluth and Oshkosh.
- No COW scheduled for Marinette Menominee and Milwaukee.

District 10 Goals for 2021-22:

• Same as the previous year except for VSC's and Membership. More to come.

Star Squadron (Cancelled for 2020, Back on Board for 2021):

- Five Stars to include Membership, Civic, Self-Education, Member Involvement, and District Commanders.
- More to come at the Commander's Workshop on April 22.

D10 (During Covid 19 Pandemic) Highlights 2020:

- D10 Submitted 232 Merit Marks.
- 469 VSC's which started on August 1.
- All Squadrons achieved 100% Education Honor Roll.
- D10 received 100% Education Honor Roll
- Duluth Squadron took 2nd Place MIRA Award
- Duluth & Minnetonka received New Member Award.
- Central Wisconsin received MIRA Honorable Mention.
- Madison received Honorable mention in Squadron growth and Retention.
- D10 finished #1 in Membership three years running.
- D10 rated 8th of 33 Districts Nationally for VSC's.
- Thank you, Alan Wentworth, SN for chairing the USPS Education Fund.

2020 D10 Life Members (Awards Presented at the Virtual Awards Ceremony):

- Donna Van Dreser, Central Wisconsin.
- Rachael Harvey & David West, St. Paul.

Celebrating 50 Years:

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- Robert J. Byrne, SN, Duluth.
- Lawrence Graff, P, Milwaukee.

Upcoming National Events:

- 2021 Fall Governing Board Meeting, August 29 thru September 5 at Raleigh, NC.
- 2022 ABClub Annual Meeting February 19 thru 27 at Ponte Vedra, Florida (Sawgrass).

Upcoming D10 Events:

- D10 Summer Rendezvous, at the Duluth Corn Roast, September 3 thru 6. Come and camp, boat, eat, and have fun.
- D10 2021 Fall Conference, hosted by St. Paul Squadron, in Eau Claire, WI, November 5 thru 7 at the Metropolis Resort. A motion to approve the date and location of the 2021 Fall Conference was made and seconded. **Motion approved.**
- Chief's message (recording by Chief Cdr Mary Paige Abbott), Virtual Awards Celebration, and Virtual D10 COW with National Administrative Officer Ralph Bernard, AP on Saturday, April 24th from 5 to 7pm.

Bridge Officer Reports – Deferred to District Conference Gathering

Committee Reports

Audit Committee (no report)

Audit Committee Chair, Rebecca Skelley, S, commented that an audit will be done after 2020-21 books are closed. This report will be presented at the 2021 Fall Conference.

Budget and Finance (no report)

Planning Committee This report is on file*.

Planning Committee Chair, P/C Lance Olson, P, reported that the committee met on April 13. Two items were discussed:

- The planning committee will support any requests from the Task Force or Council. No requests have been made thus far.
- Bill Dohr discussed the availability of the Standard Squadron Website supported by National. He concluded that this was a good tool for squadrons that don't have a webmaster as it will be automatically updated squadron information including courses, member details, etc. He reiterated that squadrons should take advantage of this tool.

Rules Committee This report is on file*.

Rules Committee Chair, P/R/C Maurice Rice, Jr, JN-IN reported that there were four (4) items being reviewed by the committee:

- D10 Bylaws was sent to National, after the 2020 Spring Conference, with corrections. Approval from National was made and placed on the National Rules Committee Website.
- Advised DSec Jennine Fine the virtual process to approve the D10 2021-22 Slate of Officers for Election, which complies with the Wisconsin Laws.
- Met with District Officers and committee members to discuss National Amendments being proposed which may not be good for our squadrons.
- Members of the committee have acted as parliamentarian for various Council and Conference meetings.

Task Force Update This report is on file*.

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Task Force Committee Chair, Cdr Kris Harmon, AP gave a brief update of the team's progress which includes:

- Background:
 - o When and why this team was formed
 - o Progress made
- Four Solutions:
 - o Marine Partnerships
 - Education Resources
 - Subject Matter Resources
 - o Member Benefits
- What's next:
 - Monitor
 - o Measure
 - Modify
- Thank You Task Force Team Members: Roger Janik, Bob DeNoto, Len Robinson, David Budde, David Muscarella, Jim Pahl-Washa, Roger Quinlan, Thad Smyczek, Dave Fine, Geoff Carman, Kris Harmon, and Kevin Wehrmann.

Elections of Officers for 2021-22 Watch Year:

Rule's Committee Chair, P/R/C Maury Rice, JN-IN explained the electoral voting process as described in the Wisconsin non-stock corporation law being exercised by the 2021 Spring Council and Conference. The Council will be able to vote via sign during a webinar, but the Conference will need 80% of the registered Conference members voting via email to approve any motions. Results of this vote will be announced on Saturday, April 24th's gathering. Thanks to all participating in this effort.

D/C Kevin Wehrmann asked the District Secretary Jennine Fine if the report from the District Nominating Committee has been filed with the Secretary's office and distributed to members in accordance with the D10 Bylaws 2.9.1. She reported that these actions were performed accordingly.

Nominating Committee Chair, P/D/C Marie Coons, P announced that the 2021-22 Slate and has been filled with exception of a few openings. She then presented the slate. This report is on file*.

D/C Kevin Wehrmann asked the District Secretary Jennine Fine if there were any other nominations filed with the Secretary's office in accordance with the D10 Bylaws. She reported there were none.

Cdr Thad Smyczek pointed out that DXO Chad Lowney should not be on the 2021-22 Nom Com as he will be elected to be on the 2022-23 District 10 Bridge. P/D/C Bill Dohr mentioned that Chad was not on the current Nom Com so that was not an issue for the 2021-22 slate of officers however it will be an issue for the 2022-23 Slate of officers. P/D/C Maury Rice also agreed there is a problem. P/C Lance Olson also noticed this problem and mentioned that Chad would have to resign from the 2021-22 Nom Com and "a bit of work around would have to happen for him to be on the 2022-2023 slate". P/D/C Dave Fine mentioned that it would be okay this year, but he would have to resign from the 2021-22 Nom Com. DSec Jennine Fine reiterated that Chad will be able to be on the 2021-22 Slate and later resign prior to the 2022-23 slates submittal from the Nom Com. P/R/C Greg Korstad mentioned that the bylaws state that a person can't be on Nom Com the year of the slate being submitted therefore Chad will not be able to be on the submitted 2022-23 slate. Maury recommends approval of the current 2021-22 slate as is. Dave Fine reiterated bylaws 2.9.1 and 6.2 and mentioned if there was an OPEN position recommended by the Nom Com the Council may then add Chad to the 2022-23 Slate.

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Cdr Geoff Carmen mentioned that Suzanne Carmen was also on the slate. Greg mentioned that there was a vacancy and Suzanne filled that vacancy. Cdr Jim Pahl-Washa said that similar situations occurred in the past and it was a filling of that vacancy. Bill Dohr did state that the position opened during the year and Suzanne resigned from the Nom Com when her name filled the vacancy. Greg & Kris agreed that the Council recognized this occurrence and has continued to recommend approval of the slate. D/C Kevin Wehrmann stated that 66 of 66 members of the Conference voted, via email, to approve the 2021-22 slate therefore no recommendation to approve the slate by the council was needed.

Squadron Commander Reports

The following reports were presented and are on file*.

- Central Wisconsin by Cdr Dennis Schultz, AP-IN
- Door County by Cdr Bob DeNoto, JN-ACN
- Duluth by Cdr Chad Lowney, AP
- Green Bay by Cdr Robert Rondou, AP (deferred to Conference Gathering)
- Hiawatha Valley by Cdr Marie Coons, P
- Madison by P/R/C Jim Pahl-Washa, JN-IN
- Marinette-Menominee by Acting Cdr Jim Goodman, S
- Milwaukee by Cdr Thad Smyczek, SN
- Minnetonka by Cdr Kevin Shutes, AP-IN
- Oshkosh by Cdr Geoff Carman, JN-CN
- St. Paul by Cdr Kris Harmon, AP

Unfinished Business (scheduled)

None

New Business (unscheduled)

Cdr Thad Smyczek asked if the new D10 Website will have a secure member section. Kevin Shutes said that there will be a member section. Thad reiterated that the current D10 Website has a listing of member information. DSec Jennine Fine will delete the roster located on the current D10 Website.

Announcement

- D/C Kevin mentioned the upcoming Department Workshops and weekend schedule.
- P/D/C Bill Dohr announced that the D10 Sail Class is up and coming with 19 people registered represented by 6 squadrons. Still time to sign up.
- Marie wanted to know the count of people attending seminars.

Benediction

D/Lt/C Bernadette Dohr gave the Benediction.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. **Motion approved.** Meeting was adjourned at 2119.

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District 10



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District 10 2020 Fall Conference Meeting Minutes Via Webinar 31 October 2020

Welcome and Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 0935.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by D/F/Lt Karen Christenson.
- The National Anthem was led by P/D/C William Dohr, SN-CN.
- The Invocation was given by D/Chaplain Don Duncan, JN.
- D/C Wehrmann appointed P/R/C Maury Rice as the Parliamentarian for the meeting.
- D/C Wehrmann stated that he reserved the right to change the order of business as required.

Introduction of Guests

- P/D/C Dave Fine, JN, introduced Past District Commanders in attendance. They were:
 - o 1998-1999 P/R/C Alan Wentworth, SN-ACN
 - o 2000-2001 P/V/C Ben Coons, JN-CN
 - 2007-2008 P/R/C Maurice G Rice Jr. JN-IN
 - o 2008-2009 P/D/C Alford E Harmon, JN-IN
 - o 2010-2011 Commander James L Pahl-Washa, JN-IN
 - o 2011-2012 P/R/C Michael J Skelley, JN-IN
 - o 2012-2013 P/D/C Richard Baker, AP-IN
 - o 2013-2014 P/D/C Marie Coons, P
 - o 2015-2016 Commander Thaddeus M Smyczek, SN
 - o 2016-2017 P/D/C Kristine L Harmon, AP
 - 2017-2018 P/D/C William V Dohr, SN-CN
- D/C Wehrmann introduced 2018-2020 Immediate P/D/C David P Fine, JN.
- D/C Wehrmann mentioned National Education Officer V/C William J McManimenn III, SN-ON will join the Conference as the Chief Commander's Representative and will address D10 members at the Chief's Message Saturday, 31 October at 2:30 pm.

Administrative Orders of Business

- P/D/C David Fine explained the teleconference protocol for the meeting.
- District Secretary D/Lt/C Jennine Fine conducted the roll call. There was a quorum.
- Rules Committee Chair P/R/C Maury Rice explained the voting procedures for the meeting.
- The minutes from the 2020 D10 Spring Conference Meeting, 14 March 2020, were examined. A motion to approve the minutes was made and seconded. Motion approved.

- The ratification of the Council Actions since 14 March 2020 were reported by P/D/C David Fine. Those actions were:
 - 1. Approval for the D10 Enrichment Fund, via email, for an amount of \$210 to purchase a second GoToMeeting subscription (actual cost was \$154.84).
 - 2. Approval for the Central Wisconsin Enrichment Fund, via email, for an amount of \$500 to build and provide a PFD Loaner Station.
 - 3. Approval, via email, to appoint Cdr Onis Budde to serve as a D10 Audit Committee member.
 - 4. Approval to cancel in person 2020 Fall Conference and have virtual meetings.
 - 5. Approval, via email, to appoint P/Stf/C Kim Wiedel to serve as the Milwaukee Nominating Committee Alternate member.
 - 6. Approval of the 11 March 2020 Council Meeting Minutes.
 - 7. Approval of the 25 August 2020 Special Council Meeting Minutes.
 - 8. Recommend the Conference to approve the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget.
 - 9. Approval of the date and location for the combined 2021 D10 Spring Conference and Minnetonka Change of Watch, tentatively scheduled for 23-25 April 2021 at Minneapolis Marriott West.

A motion to ratify these actions as approved and recommended by the Council was made and seconded. **Motion approved.**

New Business (scheduled)

D/Lt/C Tracy Gustafson presented the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget, as recommended by the Budget and Finance Committee, D10 Bridge, and D10 Council. The budget was designed such that the difference between income and expenses would be zero. Historically, if expenses exceeded income, savings would be used to cover this amount. This report is on file*. A motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget, as presented, was made and seconded. **Motion approved.**

Last Horizon

D/Chaplain Don Duncan read the names of members that had passed away while D/Lt/C Bernie Dohr rang the bell.

Reed G Byers	Duluth
John B DeVinck	Duluth
James Michael Cleary, S	Minnetonka
Cleida Galligan	Door County
Life Member Francis K. Hoops, P, WCH	Green Bay
Life Member Richard M. "Dick" Johnson, AP	St. Paul
Bob King, S	Door County
Donn Larson	Duluth
James E Munger	Duluth
P/Lt/C James D Robinson	Duluth
John W Soetebier	Duluth
P/C Robert E Stokes	Duluth

Donna Harrington
 David Rutford
 St. Paul (added during meeting)
 Duluth (added during meeting)

Committee Reports

Audit Committee

Chair Rebecca Skelly, S, reported that the Audit committee examined the books and records of the district and found them to be in order. This report is on file*.

Budget and Finance Committee (No Report)

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Nominating Committee

Chair P/D/C Marie Coons reported that the Nominating Committee has been working on filling the 2021-22 D10 slate. She noted that the following positions were still open:

- District Administrative Officer
- Seven Nominating Committee Members from Central Wisconsin, Duluth, Hiawatha Valley, Madison, Marinette/Menominee, Minnetonka, & Oshkosh.
- Nominating Committee Alternates from ALL Squadrons.

A list of the 2021-22 D10 slate needs to be presented 30 days prior to the 2021 Spring Conference Meeting. Please send Marie recommendations to marie.coons01@gmail.com or 612.201.3489.

Rules Committee (No Report)

Planning Committee (No Report)

Task Force Committee

Chair P/D/C Kris Harmon stated that her report was a brief overview of the Task Force updates and that a detailed session will be held on Saturday, October 31st at 3 pm. Highlights from her report were:

- A brief background of the Task Force was introduced.
- Progress since the 2020 Spring Conference were presented which included:
 - o A District-wide survey was emailed to approximately 700 members where 199 responded.
 - A grant request to National for an Education Fund was denied. The request contained a means to reach out to new members, enroll new members in ABC classes, and update District and Squadron Websites. Currently working on a scaled down version.
 - The survey identified four focus areas to support squadrons. These areas included Marine Partnership (detailed session was held on Saturday at 8:15 am), Education Resources, Subject Matter Resources, and Member Benefits.

Kevin reiterated that Kris, Dave, & Allen have been working with the task force committee which meets monthly. Their hard work is appreciated. This report is on file*.

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- Duluth by Cdr Chad Lowney, AP
- Green Bay by Cdr Onis Budde, AP
- Hiawatha Valley by Cdr David Muscarella, N
- Madison by Cdr Jim Pahl Washa, JN-IN
- Marinette Menominee by Executive Officer Jim Goodman, S for Cdr Tim Coffey
- Milwaukee by Cdr Thaddeus Smyczek, SN (no presentation)
- Minnetonka by Cdr Andrew Lalim, AP
- Oshkosh by Cdr Geoff Carmen, JN-CN
- St. Paul by Cdr Ed Manor, S

Kevin thanked the Commanders for their reports.

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Bridge Reports

DEO R/C Wes Koplitz, JN-CN, gave his report on the 2020 Education Department goals and results. This report is on file*. Highlights of his report were:

- Updates of 2020 Education Department Goals:
 - o Jump Start on hold.
 - o Added one new D-10 Certified Instructor. Seminar is scheduled for Saturday afternoon.
 - o Recertification is ongoing.
 - o 100% Squadron contribution to National Educational Fund.
 - Congratulations to William Dohr from Central Wisconsin who was nominated for the D10 Chapman Award.
- HQ-800 History for America's Boating Course (ABC3) Classroom.
 - o 54 Students Registered with 40 Completions.
 - 5 Squadrons completed this course (Passing students: 15 Central Wisconsin, 9 Duluth, 5 Green Bay, 10 of 24 Hiawatha Valley, and 1 Milwaukee).
- 20 Grade Courses completed.
- 7 Elective Courses completed.
- 54 Seminars completed.
- Education from 1 July thru 11 October 2020 were:
 - o 10 Grade Courses in progress.
 - o 2 Seminars in progress.
 - o 0 Jump Start in progress (on hold).
 - o 0 Boat Operator Certificate (BOC) in progress. Rescheduled for July 2021.
- Emergency Onboard Seminar scheduled for the afternoon.
- Congratulations go out to the following:
 - SEA: Hiawatha Valley with 25 members (32.39 points, 11 seminar completions and 1 ABC online course.
 - o Prince Henry: Oshkosh with 11 members (118.19 points, 3 JN's and 4 seminar completions.

He also mentioned that the Education Department Workshop held this past week was well attended with 11 participants. Online classes and meetings have been successful.

Ed Manor mentioned that the Marine Electrical Systems online course, by St. Paul, was rescheduled for November 19th due to unavailable course materials. He recommended ordering course material from National well in advance.

Wes mentioned that Ed, from St. Paul, should add their instructors to the Master Instructor List.

DXO Commander Chad Lowney, AP, gave his report on the 2020 Executive Department goals and results. This report is on file*. Highlights of his report were:

- Many things were cancelled.
- Geodetic Marker recovery will be emphasized going forward.
- VSC's completed were 443 to date, goal was 1237.

Kevin mentioned some statistics concerning D10's VSC's: Number of VSC's completed was 8th in the Nation with an 87.1 % passing.

DAO D/Lt/C Bernadette Dohr, AP-IN, gave her report on the 2020 Administrative Department goals and results. This report is on file*. Highlights of her report were:

- Membership down by 42 (or -4.6%), total membership was 869. Non-renewals were 145 and new members were 88 as of 24 October. Congratulations to Duluth (55), Marinette Menominee (3), Minnetonka (47), and St. Paul (8) for their new member growth.
- National Membership Recognitions were:

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- o MIRA (Membership Involvement Recognition Award 2020)
 - Duluth Sail & Power Squadron Second Place.
 - Central Wisconsin Sail & Power Squadron Honorable Mention.
- New Member Award (for recruiting 15 or more new members by 31 July)
 - Minnetonka Power Squadron with 34 new members.
 - Duluth Sail & Power Squadron with 17 new members.
- 2020 Activities were:
 - o D10 Spring Conference held at Minneapolis Marriott. Thanks to Minnetonka for hosting.
 - o Raleigh Governing Board held virtual meetings.
 - o Summer Rendezvous at Duluth's Corn Roast was cancelled.
- Looking Forward to 2021, meetings and conferences:
 - o 2021 National Annual Meeting on 14-21 February at Ponte Vedra, FA
 - o 2021 District 10 Spring Conference, a combined COW with the Minnetonka.
 - o 2021 Summer Rendezvous to be held at Duluth's Corn Roast, 4-6 September.
 - o 2021 Fall Conference to be held at the Metropolis Resort in Eau Claire, WI on 5-7 November.

Kevin thanked Bernie for her report.

D/Sec D/Lt/C Jennine Fine, gave her report on the 2020 Secretary Department goals and results. This report is on file*. Highlights of her report were:

- Published quarterly D10 Communicator (February, May, September, and soon to be November/December).
- D10 Top 10 had no deliverables.
- Three quarterly meetings were held: March was in person, October via email, and October via webinar.
- Increased the number of members reached via email by having members "OPT-IN" on D10 Member Website, D10 Website, or have their squadron secretary do it for them. Bounced emails down to 35 as of October.
- Informed members "how to" subscribe to D10 email list.

Kevin thanked Jennine for the use of their home as D10 Headquarters.

D/Treas D/Lt/C Tracy Gustafson, AP-IN, gave her report on the 2020 Treasurer's Financial State for the District. This report is on file*. Highlights of her report were:

- Thanked people for approving the budget.
- Showed the Bank Balance of \$38,873.12 compared to 2019 Fall Conference Balance of \$39,676.34, a \$803.22 drop from last year.

Kevin thanked the D10 Bridge for the outstanding performance so far this year.

Commander's Comment

D/C Kevin Wehrmann presented his Commander's Comments. This report is on file*. Highlights of his report were:

- 2020 Spring Conference: This Conference included a combined D10 and Minnetonka COW. 110
 members were signed up however some members cancelled due to the pandemic. Fun was had by all.
 Thanks to P/D/C Dave Fine, Minnetonka Cdr Andy Lalim, and the Minnetonka Squadron for hosting,
 planning, and organizing the Conference.
- 2021 Spring Conference: This Conference will once again include a combined D10 and Minnetonka COW which is tentatively scheduled for 23-25 April 2021at Minneapolis Marriott West. The focus will be on having fun hoping more people will attend. Kevin announced he will be the 2021-22 D/C and is hoping to have this in person event next spring.
- Virtual ABC Course: Many thanks to P/D/C Ben Coons and P/R/C Greg Korstad who organized a team of instructors to conduct an online ABC3 class for the first time. Thanks to instructors, P/R/C Greg Korstad,

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JN-IN, Lt/C Scott Norbeck, JN, Lt/C Dave West, AP, and 1st/Lt Mitchell Anderson, AP-IN. Thanks to D/Chaplin Donald Duncan, JN, Lt/C Russel Straate, AP, Lt/C Niki Rowland, Cdr Ed Manor, S, and Cdr David Muscarella, N for their assistance. Over 20 attendees. He thanked the Education Department.

- 2020-21 Watch Year Goal Highlights:
 - Membership is down 42 members (-4.6%), 88 new members (goal was 116), MIRA award (honorable mention for Central Wisconsin and 2nd place nationally for Duluth), Balanced Budget, 3 Communicators, Education Fund 100%, and a Chapman Nomination from Central Wisconsin (congratulations to Bill Dohr).
 - Troubled areas include Membership Retention 84% (-145 goal was 86%) and the number of VSC's were 443 (36% of goal 1237). VSC's did not begin until August 1st.
 - Watch areas include supporting struggling squadrons with the implementation of Task Force activities which focuses on Membership and Retention. A reminder was made to attend the D10 Task Force Update scheduled for Saturday at 3 pm.
- Thanks to the Task Force Representatives for meeting monthly and generating a lot of progress regarding membership. Thanks to Kris Harmon and Dave Fine for all their efforts.
- Governing Board Update Summary
 - o In person meeting was cancelled. Governing Board was converted to a complete virtual event.
 - o Workshops were offered online and were posted on the National Website.
 - Other items of Note:
 - Dan Boater was recognized as a member benefit.
 - As of 30 September 2020, the National membership was 20,102 a decline of 2,032 from 31 December 2019 which was 22,134. Thanks to Administrative Officers and Commanders as they contacted nonrenewals this past spring.
 - D10 has the lowest % decline nationally (-4.6%).

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business (unscheduled)

There was no new business.

Announcements

- KC: Happy Halloween!!!
- Kevin: Saturday Afternoon Activities: Emergencies on Board, Chief's Message, Task Force Update, and Instructor Qualification.
- NEO Bill McManiman said a quick hello.
- Kevin: Sunday Brunch with the Bridge. Wear your Vikings or Packers clothing.

Closing

- D/Chaplain Don Duncan gave the Benediction.
- Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Motion approved. Meeting was adjournment at 1128.

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District 10



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2021 Spring Conference Gathering Minutes Via Webinar 24 April 2021

Welcome and Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 0904.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by D/F/Lt Karen Christenson.
- The National Anthem was led by P/D/C Bill Dohr, SN-CN.
- The Invocation was given by D/Chaplain Don Duncan, JN.
- D/C Wehrmann stated that he reserved the right to change the order of business as required.

Introduction of Guests

- D/C Wehrmann introduced 2018-2020 Immediate P/D/C Dave Fine, JN.
- P/D/C Dave Fine introduced Past District Commanders in attendance. They were:

1998-1999 P/R/C Alan F Wentworth, SN-ACN

2000-2001 P/V/C Ben Coons, JN-CN

2007-2008 P/R/C Maurice G Rice Jr, JN-IN

2008-2009 P/D/C Alford Harmon, JN-IN

2010-2011 Cdr James L Pahl-Washa, JN-IN

2011-2012 P/R/C Michael J Skelly, JN-IN

2012-2013 P/D/C Richard Baker, AP-IN

2013-2014 Cdr Marie Coons, P

2014-2015 P/D/C Dale C Perry, N

2015-2016 Cdr Thaddeus M Smyczek, SN

2016-2017 D/Lt/C Kris Harmon, AP

2017-2018 P/D/C William V Dohr, SN-CN

D/C Wehrmann introduced V/C Ralph Bernard, AP as the Chief Commander's Representative.

Administrative Orders of Business

- P/D/C David Fine, JN explained teleconference protocol for the meeting.
- District Secretary D/Lt/C Jennine Fine conducted the roll call. Quorum was not necessary.
- The minutes from the 2020 D10 Fall Conference Meeting, 31 October 2020, were examined. Minutes Accepted.
- The ratification of the Council Meeting Actions since 31 October 2020 was reported by P/D/C Dave Fine. Those actions were:
 - Council approval of the following actions made during the Council meeting on 20 April 2021:
 - Council approval of the 27 October 2020 Council Meeting Minutes.

 Council approval of the 2021 Fall Conference location, Metropolis Resort, Eau Claire, WI, and date, 5-7 November 2021.

Last Horizon

D/Chaplain Don Duncan read the names of members that had passed away while D/Lt/C Bernie Dohr rang the bell.

William (Bill) T Arnold, SN
 Audrey Brings (WCH)
 Rosemary Flynn
 C. Barden Hawk, AP
 Ruthi McMonagle, P (member 66 years)
 St. Paul
 Minnetonka
 Green Bay
 Green Bay

Committee Reports

Audit Committee (No Report)

Budget and Finance Committee (No Report):

Chair D/Lt Sandra Broekema stated that there was no report.

Planning Committee The report is on file*.

P/C Lance R Olson, P was not available to give his report.

Rules Committee: This report is on file*.

Rules Committee Chair, P/R/C Maurice Rice, Jr, JN-IN reported that there were four (4) items acted upon by the committee:

- Sent the D10 Bylaws to National with corrections. National approved it and placed it under the National Rules Committee Website.
- Advised DSec Jennine Fine the virtual process to approve the D10 2021-22 Slate of Officers for Election, which was compliant with the Wisconsin Laws.
- Met with District Officers and committee members to discuss National Amendments being proposed.
- Members of the committee acted as parliamentarian for various Council and Conference meetings.

Task Force Implementation Team Update This report is on file*.

Task Force Committee Chair, Cdr Kris Harmon, AP gave a brief update of the team's progress which included:

- Background:
 - When and why this team was formed
 - Progress made
- Four Solutions:
 - Marine Partnerships
 - o Education Resources
 - Subject Matter Resources
 - o Member Benefits
- What's next:
 - o Monitor
 - o Measure
 - Modify
- Kris thanked the Task Force Team Members: Roger Janik, Bob DeNoto, Len Robinson, David Budde, David Muscarella, Jim Pahl-Washa, Roger Quinlan, Thad Smyczek, Dave Fine, Geoff Carman, Kris Harmon, and Kevin Wehrmann.

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Election of Officers for 2021-2022 Watch Year:

Rules Committee Chair P/R/C Maury Rice, JN-IN asked DSec Jennine Fine to report the results of the election. Prior to reporting the results, Nominating Committee Chair P/D/C Marie Coons, P read off the names from D10 Slate of Officers for Election, 2021-22 as recommended by the Nominating Committee. This report is on file*.

D/C Kevin Wehrmann asked the District Secretary Jennine Fine if the report from the District Nominating Committee has been filed with the Secretary's office and distributed to members in accordance with the D10 Bylaws 2.9.1. She reported that these actions were performed accordingly.

D/C Kevin Wehrmann explained the virtual vote via email which was held between 9 and 23 April 2021. He announced that 66 of the 66 members voted to approve the slate. Newly elected officers will be installed at the virtual Change of Watch on Saturday, April 24th at 5pm along with the Awards Ceremony and Chief's Message.

Squadron Commander Reports:

The following reports were presented and are on file*.

- Central Wisconsin by Cdr Dennis Schultz, AP-IN
- Door County by Cdr Bob Denoto, JN-ACN
- Duluth by Cdr Chad Lowney, AP & Executive Officer Amy Einbu, S
- Green Bay by P/C David Budde, AP for Cdr Robert Rondou, AP
- Hiawatha Valley by P/C Dave Muscarella, N and Cdr Marie Coons, P
- Madison by P/R/C Jim Pahl-Washa, JN-IN
- Marinette Menominee by P/C Roger Quinlan, S
- Milwaukee by Cdr Ted Smyczek, SN
- Minnetonka by Cdr Kevin Shutes, AP-IN
- Oshkosh by Cdr Geoff Carmen, JN-CN
- St. Paul by Cdr Kris Harmon, AP

D/C Kevin Wehrmann thanked the Squadron Commanders for a job well done and bringing forward good news.

Bridge Reports

District Educational Officer's Report

DEO D/Lt/C Wes Koplitz, JN-CN gave his report on the 2020-21 Education Department Goals and results. This report is on file*. Highlights of are:

- 1. ABC: D-10 States are NASBLA Compliant Through 2021.
- 2. District Educational Completions 2020
 - ✓ Prince Henry: Oshkosh Power Squadron
 - ✓ SEA Award: Minnetonka
 - ✓ 100% Contribution to USPS Educational Fund
 - ✓ Bill Dohr Central Wisconsin Charles Chapman Submission
 - ✓ 5 Students in-process of Instructor Development
- 3. Goals 2021-22:
 - Expand D-10 Jump Start Program. Need to document accomplishments in Jump Start to get credit for it.
 - Conduct Instructor Re-certification (as needed)
 - Increase the Number of D-10 Certified Instructors
 - 100% Contribution to USPS Educational Fund

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- Submit D-10 Chapman Award Nominee
- 4. Congratulations Education Fund Honor Roll Squadron!! 100% of Squadrons meet National Education Fund Objectives. Current USPS Status (2013-2020)
 - Central Wisconsin 30 Years: 100%
 - Door County 34Years; 100%
 - Duluth 33 Years; 100%
 - Green Bay 42 Years 100%
 - Hiawatha Valley 17 Years 100%
 - Madison 37 Years 100%
 - Marinette-Menominee 3 Years (Missing Years 2013-2017)
 - Milwaukee 37 Years 100%
 - Minnetonka 37 Years 100%
 - Oshkosh 32 Years 100%
 - St Paul 39 Years 100%
- 5. Wes thanked the Task Force for setting up an education website so smaller squadrons could join in on other squadron classes. For example:
 - America's Boating Course: Central Wisconsin, Duluth, & Milwaukee
 - Advanced Education: Minnetonka (Piloting), Minnetonka (Weather), Minnetonka (Boat Handling), & Door County (Navigation).

Alan Wentworth congratulated all squadrons for 100% in the Education Fund Honor Roll as each squadron can receive 20 ABC course materials for free.

District Executive Officer's Report

DXO D/Lt/C Chad Lowney, AP gave his report on the 2020-21 Executive Department Goals and Closeouts. This report is on file*. Highlights are:

- 1. VSC Goal for 2020 was 1237. Due to Covid D10 recorded 469.
- 2. Pushing USPS Cooperative Charting Program. A lot of history in the Geodetic Markers in Duluth. D10 has a Golden Eagle Award that was created by Minnetonka. Green Bay currently has ownership of this award.
- 3. Safe Boating week is coming up soon.

District Administrative Officer's Report

DAO D/Lt/C Bernadette Dohr, AP-IN gave the report on the 2020-21 Administrative Department Goals and Results. This report is on file*. Highlights are:

- 1. Member Involvement Recognition Award (MIRA)
 - Due May 15 to incoming District Admin Officer Suzanne Carmen.
 - Goal for District 10 is to submit 3 applications to National.
- 2. Membership Highlights for 2020.
 - D10 down 46 from 911 to 865. Which was the smallest decrease in the nation. The last 3 years D10 was #1 in growth in the nation.
 - Squadrons with membership increase were: Central Wisconsin (+1), Hiawatha Valley (+1), and Madison (+1)
- 3. P/D/C David Fine, JN reported on Membership:
 - 2021 Membership 12/31/20 vs. 3/31/21 down 7 members to 858, at net loss of -0.8%.
 - 8 new members as of 3/31.
 - Retention is a challenge. Covid is driving Retention. Need squadrons to drive retention.
 - Tracking due and past due member to continue monitoring and pushing these members to continue.
- 4. Bernie thanked the Squadron Administrative Officers for their help in working on non-renewals and retention.

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- 5. Congratulations to the new life members:
 - Donna Van Dreser, Central Wisconsin
 - Rachael Harvey, St. Paul
 - David West, St. Paul
- 6. Congratulations to the new Governing Board Emeritus (50 years) members:
 - Robert J. Byrne, SN, Duluth
 - Lawrence Graff, P, Milwaukee
- 7. MIRA Awards:
 - Duluth, 2nd Place
 - Central Wisconsin, Honorable Mention
- 8. New Member Awards (for recruiting 15 or more new members by 7/31/20) was Minnetonka (34) and Duluth (17).
- 9. Past Activities:
 - 2020 Summer Rendezvous postponed until Fall 2021.
 - 2020 Fall Conference ended up being virtual however much thanks to St. Paul for planning the in-person meeting which was eventually cancelled. Hoping we can get together next Fall.
- 10. Upcoming Events:
 - 2021 National Governing Board Meeting on August 29-Sept 5 at Raleigh, NC.
 - 2021 Summer Rendezvous at the Duluth Corn Roast during Labor Day weekend Sept 4-6 (Labor Day).
 - 2021 Fall Conference on Nov 5-7 at the Metropolis Resort in Eau Claire, WI, hosted by the St. Paul Squadron.

D/C Kevin Wehrmann thanked Bernie for her services and told her she will be missed.

District Secretary's Report

D/Sec D/Lt/C Jennine Fine gave the report on the 2020-21 Secretary Goals and Objectives. This report is on file*. Highlights are:

- 1. The Call to Meeting was sent to all D10 members with the 2021-22 Slate of Officers on 15 March 2021.
- 2. The April D10 Communicator was sent to all D10 members on 4 April 2021. There was a little game in it called "Find this Logo", however no one sent in their entries, so Jennine got the free seminar.
- 3. The bounced list has come along quite nicely, however National will no longer support DB2000 so this effort may not be continued.
- 4. Since DB2000 is going away, National has created an "Information Center" pull down option on their website where you can gather information.
- 5. Many attended the Virtual Annual Meeting held by National and Squadron Secretaries were asked to view 2 seminars: Life after DB2000 and Understanding the Information Center.
- 6. A Zoom workshop will be held at 2pm today presented by Excelsior Troop 409 Committee Chair Steve Livermore, an expert on Zoom. Hoping to have a Zoom subscription by May 30 to replace one of the D10 GoTo Meetings.
- 7. Secretary Department Awards
 - Distinctive Communicator Website
 - o Central Wisconsin
 - o Duluth
 - o Milwaukee
 - o D10
 - Distinctive Communicator Newsletter
 - o Door County (The Door Scuttlebutt)
 - o Green Bay (The Ship's Log)
 - o Milwaukee (Deck Watch)
 - o Minnetonka (TonkaNauts)
 - o D10 (D10 Communicator)

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Much thanks to:

- Bridge Officers, Squadron Commanders, and Committee Chairs for their help in producing reports and slides for the Conference.
- The Rules Committee led by Maury Rice, Greg Korstad, and Bud Broekema for their guidance with Bylaw's interpretations for the virtual Conference meeting.
- D10 Webmaster Leo Loeb for his help with sending communication with D10 members in a timely manner and upkeeping the D10 Website.
- D10 Admin Officer Bernie Dohr for her help in proofreading many of my lengthy documents.
- D10 Commander Kevin Wehrmann for his help in expediting actions.
- D10 Past District Commander David Fine for his help and advice.

Thank you, Jennine from Thad Smyczek, Roger Quinlan, & Kevin Wehrmann.

District Treasurer's Report

D/Treas D/Lt/C Tracy Gustafson gave the report on the 2020-21 Treasurer's Financial State of the District. This report is on file*. Highlights of the Financial State of the District are:

- 1. The financial position in D10 is shipshape. Not much expenses with travel and bridge expenditures. The D10 Bridge decided to put the extra unused monies toward a new D10 Website. All expenses need to be turned in now.
- 2. Working with the Audit Committee to audit the 2020-2021 books. Completion of this audit is forthcoming as Spring Conference is included in this watch year.
- 3. Bank Balance \$38,691.64 as follows:
 - \$18,440.35 Checking
 - \$ 1,763.30 Enrichment Fund (Squadrons should take advantage of the enrichment funds)
 - \$10,424.81 General Savings
 - \$ 8,063.18 Savings Reserve Fund
- 4. Last year Spring Conference Balance \$37,768.19 (\$923.45 higher than last year)

D/C Kevin Wehrmann thanked his bridge for their reports and a job well done throughout the year.

District Commander's Report

D/C Kevin Wehrmann presented his report. This report is on file*. Highlights of his report are: Week Agenda:

Pick and choose today's events and join in by clicking on your agenda item of interest.

News from National Meeting February 2021:

- New Merit Mark system was well received by all participants.
- Chief Commander message which focused on Membership. "Membership is Job 1. If what you're doing does not positively impact membership, it goes to the bottom of the list." Kevin noted that the New website will drive membership and education.
- February Meeting in Florida was cancelled and replaced by the "Virtual Annual Meeting" (VAM). Seminars and Workshops were recorded and can be viewed from the National Website. It was encouraged for people to view these recordings.
- Old USPS t-shirts can be made into a lot of things such as masks.
- Dan Boater renewal was encouraged and should be shared with Squadrons.
- America's Boating Club App was also encouraged to download on phones to help promote VSC's and Membership.

District 10 Website Progress Report (workshop was presented this morning by Kevin Shutes and Kevin Cooper):

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- Since the 2020-21 was a nontravel year there were extra funds, approximately \$4,200. Some of these funds were transferred to create a new D10 Website.
- Mike Dee from Digital Focus along with Minnetonka Cdr/D10 Marketing Chair Kevin Shutes are working to build the new Website.
- D10 paid Mike Dee \$2,150 in full as of March 31, 2021.
- Current annual hosting fee was \$290. New hosting fee is \$588. Difference is \$298.
- E-Commerce capability will be available so payments can be made on-line.
- Still looking for images from ALL Squadrons that best represent their boating backyard!
- Thank you, D10 Marketing Team, Kevin Shutes, Dale Perry, and Maury Rice!
- Website should be ready to launch in the Fall of 2021.

District 10 Change of Watch Schedule for incoming 2021-22 Commanders:

- Two in person COWs, Central Wisconsin and Hiawatha Valley.
- Five virtual COWs, Door County, Green Bay, Madison, Minnetonka, and St. Paul.
- TBD COW in Duluth and Oshkosh.
- No COW scheduled for Marinette Menominee and Milwaukee.

District 10 Goals for 2021-22:

• Same as the previous year except for VSC's (1,000) and Membership. More to come.

Star Squadron (Cancelled for 2020, Back on Board for 2021):

- Five Stars to include Membership, Civic, Self-Education, Member Involvement, and District Commanders.
- Kevin stated that he was looking forward to working with Commanders on this subject.

D10 (During Covid 19 Pandemic) Highlights 2020:

- D10 Submitted 232 Merit Marks.
- 469 VSC's which started on August 1.
- All Squadrons achieved 100% Education Honor Roll.
- D10 received 100% Education Honor Roll
- Duluth Squadron took 2nd Place MIRA Award
- Duluth & Minnetonka received New Member Award.
- Central Wisconsin received MIRA Honorable Mention.
- Madison received Honorable mention in Squadron growth and Retention.
- D10 finished #1 in Membership three years running.
- D10 rated 8th of 33 Districts Nationally for VSC's.
- Thank you, Alan Wentworth, SN for chairing the USPS Education Fund.

2020 D10 Life Members (Awards Presented at the Virtual Awards Ceremony):

- Donna Van Dreser, Central Wisconsin.
- Rachael Harvey & David West, St. Paul.

Celebrating 50 Years:

- Robert J. Byrne, SN, Duluth.
- Lawrence Graff, P, Milwaukee.

Upcoming National Events:

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- 2021 Fall Governing Board Meeting, August 29 thru September 5 at Raleigh, NC.
- 2022 ABClub Annual Meeting February 19 thru 27 at Ponte Vedra, Florida (Sawgrass).

Upcoming D10 Events:

- D10 Summer Rendezvous, at the Duluth Corn Roast, September 3 thru 6. Come and camp, boat, eat, and have fun.
- D10 2021 Fall Conference, hosted by St. Paul Squadron, in Eau Claire, WI, November 5 thru 7 at the Metropolis Resort.

Chief's message (recording by Chief Cdr Mary Paige Abbott), Virtual Awards Celebration, and Virtual D10 COW with National Administrative Officer Ralph Bernard, AP on Saturday, April 24th from 5 to 7pm.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business (unscheduled)

There was no new business.

Announcements

D/C Kevin:

- Noon AIS Electronics for Boaters Seminar by Ben Coons.
- 2pm Zoom Workshop with Jennine Fine & Company.
- 3pm Man Overboard Seminar by Tim Levens.
- Followed by Awards Ceremony.
- Sunday Morning open discussion "Brunch with the Bridge", a Round Table Discussion.
- Noon last Bridge Meeting.

P/D/C Bill Dohr:

Wednesday 22 people will join in on a D10 Sail Class representing 6 squadrons. Ed Manor will be recording sessions. Everyone welcome.

Closing

- D/Chaplain Don Duncan gave the Benediction.
- Meeting was adjourned at 1108.

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D10 Council Actions Since 31 October 2020 2020 Fall Conference

On 20 April 2021, the D10 Council met via webinar. The following were considered:

The minutes from the 2020 Fall Council Meeting, 27 October 2020, were examined. A motion to approve the minutes was made and seconded. Motion approved.

The dates and location of the 2021 Fall Conference were examined. A motion to approve the dates, 5 - 7 November 2021, and location, Metropolis Resort, Eau Claire, WI, was made and seconded. Motion approved.

On various dates the D10 Council voted, via email, on the following requests:

District Secretary D/Lt/C Jennine Fine emailed the D10 Council on 22 July 2021, requesting the approval of the Duluth SPS D10 Enrichment fund Application. The Application was presented by Duluth SPS Commander Amy Herstad-Einbu for \$500 to update the DSPS Website. Request Approved.

District Secretary D/Lt/C Jennine Fine emailed the D10 Council on 9 August 2021, requesting the approval of the St. Paul Squadron D10 Enrichment fund Application. The Application was presented by St. Paul Commander Kris Harmon for \$500 to reimburse the SPSPS for a laptop purchase. Request Approved.

District Executive Officer Chad Lowney, AP resigned from the 2021-22 Nominations Committee on 7 September 2021. District Secretary D/Lt/C Jennine Fine emailed the D10 Council on 13 September 2021, requesting P/C Leonard A. Robinson, S fill the Duluth Nomination Committee vacancy and Cdr Amy R. Herstad-Einbu, S, fill the Duluth Nomination Committee Alternate vacancy. They will fill this position until a successor be elected and installed. Request Approved.

On 2 November 2021, the D10 Council met via webinar. The following were considered:

The minutes from the 2021 Spring Council Meeting, 20 April 2021, were examined. A motion to approve the minutes was made and seconded. **Motion approved.**

The FY 2022-23 Budget approved by the Budget & Finance Committee and D10 Bridge was examined. A motion to recommend approval of the budget to the Conference was made and seconded. **Motion approved.**

A motion to approve the Duluth Sail & Power Squadron allow a DBA/AKA as Duluth Squadron was made and seconded. **Motion approved.**

The dates of the 2022 Spring Conference and Combined Duluth Sail & Power Squadron and D10 Change of Watch were examined. A motion to approve the dates, 25-27 March 2022, was made and seconded. **Motion approved. The venue is forthcoming.**

Respectfully Submitted, D/Lt/C Jennine Fine D10 Secretary

	2019-2020	2019-2020	2020-2021	2020-2021	2021-2022	2021-2022	2022-2023
	Approved Budget	YE Actual	Approved Budget	YTD 3-31-2021	Approved Budget	YTD 10-26- 2021	Proposed Budget
MEMBERSHIP	870		836				
INCOME							
4 · Squadron Dues							
4050 · Primary Active Member + Family	11,000.00	11,249.00	11,750.00	10,635.50	11,327.50	8,936.00	11,464.00
Total 4 · Squadron Dues	11,000.00	11,249.00	11,750.00	10,635.50	11,327.50	8,936.00	11,464.00
5 · Other Income							
5000 · Enrichment Fund CD Interest		3.37		1.49	2.50	0.89	1.50
5200 · Interest Earned - Bank Accounts	11.00	25.10	20.00	22.65	20.00	9.98	20.00
5999 - From Surplus Funds (Savings)	5,265.03		0.00				0.00
Total 5 · Other Income	5,336.03	28.47	20.00	24.14	22.50	10.87	21.50
TOTAL INCOME	16,276.03	11,277.47	11,770.00	10,659.64	11,350.00	8,946.87	11,485.50

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	2019-2020	2019-2020	2020-2021	2020-2021	2021-2022	2021-2022	2022-2023
	Approved	YE Actual	Approved	YTD	Approved	YTD 10-26-	Proposed
	Budget		Budget	3-31-2021	Budget	2021	Budget
EXPENSE							
6000 - Commander							
6010 · Awards	550.00	933.64	550.00	54.15	550.00		550.00
6012 -Star Squadron	290.00		290.00		290.00		290.00
6014 - Incoming Cdr Nameplate	15.00		15.00		15.00		15.00
6016 - Incoming Cdr Gavel	20.00	78.01	20.00		20.00		20.00
6018 - Discretionary	100.00		100.00		100.00		100.00
6019 - Certificates	125.00	124.80	125.00		125.00		125.00
6010 - Other	0.00	730.83	0.00				0.00
6020 · National Meeting Hospitality	0.00	180.07	0.00				0.00
6030 · Printing	0.00		0.00				0.00
6035 · Postage/Phone	0.00		0.00				0.00
6040 · Supplies	0.00	15.00	0.00				0.00
6050 · Travel - Hotel	400.00	400.12	0.00				0.00
6060 - Travel - Transportation	450.00	450.00	0.00				0.00
Reduction re: 2018 Gov Board							
6065 - Dist Conf Travel/Lodging	335.00	335.00	335.00		335.00		335.00
6099 · Commander's Dept - Other							
Total Commander's Department	1,735.00	2,313.83	885.00	54.15	885.00		885.00
6100 - Executive Officer							
6110 · Awards	200.00	310.06	200.00		200.00		200.00
6111 - Past Commander Plaque	80.00	153.16	80.00		80.00		80.00
6113 - Bridge Name Badges	65.00		65.00		65.00		65.00
6115 - Bridge Flags	40.00	156.90	40.00		40.00		40.00
6117 - VSC Trophy	15.00		15.00		15.00		15.00
6118 - Discretionary	0.00		0.00				0.00
6130 · Printing	0.00		0.00				0.00
6135 · Postage/Phone	0.00		0.00				0.00
6140 · Supplies	0.00		0.00				0.00
6150 - Travel-Hotel	800.00	800.00	0.00	0.00			0.00
6160 - Travel-Transportation	900.00	526.40	0.00	0.00			0.00
Reduction re: 2018 Gov Board							
6165 - Dist Conf Travel/Lodging	335.00	240.94	335.00		335.00		335.00
6185 - Civic Service (ESD)	300.00		300.00		300.00		300.00
6199 · Executive Dept - Other							
Total Executive Department	2,535.00	1,877.40	835.00	0.00	835.00		835.00

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	2019-2020	2019-2020	2020-2021	2020-2021	2021-2022	2021-2022	2022-2023
	Approved	YE Actual	Approved	YTD	Approved	YTD 10-26-	Proposed
	Budget	TE Actual	Budget	3-31-2021	Budget	2021	Budget
6200 - Administrative Officer							
6210 · Awards	150.00		150.00		150.00		150.00
6212 - Membership Awards	150.00		150.00		150.00		150.00
6218 - Discretionary	0.00		0.00				0.00
6230 · Printing	0.00		0.00	0.00			0.00
6235 · Postage/Phone	0.00		0.00	0.00			0.00
6240 · Supplies	0.00		0.00	0.00			0.00
6250 · Travel-Hotel	800.00		0.00	0.00			0.00
6260 · Travel-Transportation	900.00		0.00	0.00			0.00
Reduction re: 2018 Gov Board							
6265 - Dist Conf Travel/Lodging	335.00		335.00		335.00		335.00
6299 · Administrative Dept- Other							
Total Administrative Department	2,185.00		485.00	0.00	485.00		485.00
62001 · Conference Meetings							
6222 · Summer Rendezvous Expenses	500.00	0.00	250.00		250.00		250.00
6222a - Hosting Squadron Relief	250.00		250.00		250.00		250.00
6222b - Venue Rental							
6222c - PR/Printing	250.00		0.00	0.00			0.00
Reduction re: 2018 Gov Board							
6223 · Fall Conference Expenses	2,000.00	1,732.94	500.00		500.00	420.00	500.00
6223a - Hosting Squadron Relief	1,000.00	1,549.74	500.00		500.00		500.00
6223b - Audio Visual	1,000.00		0.00	0.00			0.00
6223c - Chief's Rep Meals		183.20					
6223c - Chief's Rep Gift							
6224 · Spring Conference Expenses	2,300.00	2,146.14	2,200.00	0.00	2,200.00		2,200.00
Income from Spring Conf							
6224a - Hosting Squadron Relief	1,000.00	1,922.27	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00		1,000.00
6224b - Audio Visual	1,000.00	105.81	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00		1,000.00
6224c - Chief's Rep Meals	200.00	118.06	200.00	0.00	200.00		200.00
6224c - Chief's Rep Gift	200.00		200.00	0.00			200.00
6225 · Council Nameplates	60.00	95.82	60.00	0.00	60.00		60.00
62001 - Conference Meetings - Other		-444.56					
Total Conference Meetings	4,860.00	3,530.34	3,010.00	0.00	3,010.00	420.00	3,010.00
62030 - 2018 Gov Board Hospitality							

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	2019-2020	2019-2020	2020-2021	2020-2021	2021-2022	2021-2022	2022-2023
	Approved	YE Actual	Approved	YTD	Approved	YTD 10-26-	Proposed
	Budget	I E Actual	Budget	3-31-2021	Budget	2021	Budget
6300 - Educational Officer							
6310 · Awards	110.00		110.00	0.00	110.00		110.00
6312 - Prince Henry	15.00		15.00	0.00	15.00		15.00
6314- SEA Award	15.00		15.00	0.00	15.00		15.00
6318 - Discretionary	80.00		80.00	0.00	80.00		80.00
6330 · Printing	0.00		0.00	0.00			0.00
6335 · Postage/Phone	0.00		0.00	0.00			0.00
6340 · Supplies	0.00		0.00	0.00			0.00
6350 · Travel-Hotel	400.00		0.00	0.00			0.00
6360 · Travel-Transportation	450.00		0.00	0.00			0.00
Reduction re: 2018 Gov Board							
6365 - Dist Conf Travel/Lodging	335.00		335.00	0.00	335.00		335.00
6399 · Educational Dept - Other							
Total Education Department	1,295.00	0.00	445.00	0.00	445.00		445.00
6400 - Secretary							
6405 · Discretionary Awards	40.00		40.00	0.00	40.00		40.00
6430 · Printing (Departmental)	0.00		0.00	0.00			0.00
6433 · Printing for District Meetings	150.00	254.31	150.00	0.00	250.00		250.00
6435 · Postage/Phone	0.00		0.00	0.00			0.00
6440 · Supplies	0.00		0.00	0.00			0.00
6450 · Travel-Hotel	400.00		0.00	0.00			0.00
6460 · Travel-Transportation	450.00		0.00	0.00			0.00
6465 - Dist Conf Travel/Lodging	335.00	335.00	335.00	0.00	335.00		335.00
6499 · Secretary's Dept - Other	0.00		0.00	0.00			0.00
Total Secretary's Department	1,375.00	589.31	525.00	0.00	625.00		625.00
64001 - Communication							
6410 · D10 Communicator	445.00		445.00	0.00	45.00		45.00
6412 · Handling	45.00		45.00	0.00	45.00		45.00
6414 - Postage	100.00		100.00	0.00			
6418 · Printing	300.00		300.00	0.00			
6420 · Roster	50.00		50.00	0.00	50.00		50.00
6424 - Postage	20.00		20.00	0.00	20.00		20.00
6428 · Printing	30.00		30.00	0.00	30.00		30.00
6490 · Website Hosting	290.00	290.00	290.00	290.00	290.00		588.00
6495 · Web Meeting/Communication	251.03	187.09	190.00	131.93	340.00	154.84	340.00
Web Site Building		384.00		2,150.00			
Total Communication	1,036.03	861.09	975.00	2,571.93	725.00	154.84	1,023.00
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	Approved	N/ID A .4 . I	Approved	YTD	Approved	YTD 10-26-	Proposed
	Budget	YE Actual	Budget	3-31-2021	Budget	2021	Budget
6500 - Treasurer							
6505 · Discretionary Awards	40.00		40.00	0.00	20.00		20.00
6530 · Printing	0.00		0.00	0.00			0.00
6535 · Postage/Phone	0.00		0.00	0.00			0.00
6540 · Supplies	15.00		15.00	226.85	15.00		15.00
6550 · Travel-Hotel	400.00		0.00	0.00			0.00
6560 · Travel-Transportation	450.00		0.00	0.00			0.00
6565 - Dist Conf Travel/Lodging	335.00	200.00	335.00	0.00	335.00		335.00
6580 · Banking Fees	15.00	10.00	15.00	7.99	15.00	10.00	15.00
6585 · Miscellaneous Fees	0.00		0.00	0.00			0.00
6599 · Treasurer's Dept - Other	0.00		0.00	0.00			0.00
Total Treasurer's Department	1,255.00	210.00	405.00	234.84	385.00	10.00	385.00
Shared National Travel Expense	0.00		4,205.00	0.00	3,955.00		3,792.50
Dialog Factorial Travol Expense	0.00		7,203.00	0.00	3,733.00		3,772.50
TOTAL EXPENSE	16,276.03	9,381.97	11,770.00	2,860.92	11,350.00	584.84	11,485.50
Î	16,276.03	9,381.97 \$ 1,895.50	<u> </u>	2,860.92			,
TOTAL EXPENSE	16,276.03		11,770.00	2,860.92	11,350.00		11,485.50
NET ORDINARY INCOME	16,276.03		11,770.00	2,860.92	11,350.00		11,485.50
NET ORDINARY INCOME Other Approved Income / Expense	16,276.03		11,770.00	2,860.92	11,350.00		11,485.50
NET ORDINARY INCOME Other Approved Income / Expense Other Income Seminars Conference	16,276.03		11,770.00	2,860.92	11,350.00	8362.03	11,485.50
NET ORDINARY INCOME Other Approved Income / Expense Other Income Seminars Conference Other Expense	16,276.03	\$ 1,895.50	11,770.00	\$ 7,664.32	11,350.00	249.69	11,485.50
NET ORDINARY INCOME Other Approved Income / Expense Other Income Seminars Conference	16,276.03		11,770.00	2,860.92	11,350.00	8362.03	11,485.50

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District 10

Audit Committee Report Fall Conference 2021

October 26, 2021

D/C Kevin Wehrmann USPS District 10

RE: 2020-2021 Watch Year Audit Results

The Audit Committee reviewed the books and records of District 10 of the United States Power Squadrons and has completed the annual audit for the year ending 03/31/2021. We are pleased to report that the books and records appeared to be complete and current without anomaly.

During the course of the audit the following recommended procedures were used:

- 1) We received and reviewed the Annual Budget for Watch Year 4/1/2020 through 3/31/2021.
- 2) We received and reviewed the actual Profit and Loss Statement for 3/31/2021 and compared that with the Budget.
- 3) A spot check was conducted of individual invoices throughout the year. They were verified to have been paid with proper documentation within the approved budget. Payments included an invoice form, account numbers, receipt(s) and approval by a bridge officer.
- 4) There were no checks exceeding 60 days outstanding.
- 5) We received and reviewed the Balance Sheet for 3/31/2021.
- 6) We received monthly bank statements for all accounts dated 3/31/2021 and verified account balances to reconcile with the Balance Sheet.
- 7) The IRS Form 990 N for the fiscal year 2020-2021 was submitted by the Treasurer and verified on the IRS website as being filed.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Skelley David Muscarella John Paprocki

District 10 Audit Committee





District 10 Planning Committee (2021-2022)

Cdr James Pahl-Washa, SN-IN (Madison) Lt Donald Duncan, JN (Minnetonka) P/D/C Dale Perry, SN (St. Paul) P/D/C Dave Fine, JN (Minnetonka) Cdr Bob DeNoto, SN-CAN (Door County) P/C Len Robinson, S (Duluth)



District 10 2021 Fall Conference Report

October 27, 2021

D/C Kevin Wehrmann introduced the subject of Regionalization at the September 21st District 10 Commanders Meeting, which was presented to him earlier in the month at the Fall Governing Board in Raleigh, NC. National Executive Officer V/C Craig D. Frasier, SN-IN met with all attending District Commanders and Executive Officers in Raleigh about the topic.

V/C Frasier and an ad-hoc committee summarized that Regionalization would create a leaner organization by consolidating District resources and funding. He pointed to the problems of declining membership, the inability to fill bridge positions, lack of participation, and the burdens of governance at the District and Squadron level. They listed the following advantages of regional groups serving as a clearinghouse for services and activities:

- Improvement of educational program offerings by sharing a wider group of resources across clubs/squadrons to provide online, classroom and on-the-water education
- · Additional multi-squadron social and boating opportunities
- Regional marketing and member recruitment
- Regional communication

The Planning Committee has studied the documents provided by D/C Wehrmann. While D10 is a strong District, leading the nation in growth the last 4 years, being a leader in driving concepts like America's Boating Club, and even implementing several of the concepts Regionalization is meant to address through the D10 Task Force, we do suffer from many of the issues and challenges sighted as the reason to move forward. For example:

- Filling key District leadership positions
- Attendance at District meetings
- Non-committal clubs / squadrons
- Declining clubs / squadrons.

As a result, we see the merit in exploring this initiative. The issue we see is there does not appear to be a clear plan or strategy to move from idea to implementation. We feel there needs to be a defined team or teams, clear objectives, and milestones to achieve those objectives. Next steps are to reach out to National to understand what plans exist, and then to offer ideas on how to move toward something that can be executed. Ideally there would be checkpoints along the way to make sure the overall concept and tactics for implementation can achieve the objectives which are the impetus for the initiative.

Respectfully



District 10

Fall Conference



CW Power Squadron 5 November 2021 Commander's Report

We have had a challenging year like everyone has we did get some things done this year.

We got 1 life jacket loaner station done Portage County would like us to set up 3 stations.

Started an awareness campaign using one of the stock trifolds from National that we had printed with our squadron information on them. These are placed at our local business for people to pick up to learn about the squadron. We also created a letter to send out to Lake Owner associations to introduce the squadron and offer our services but we tabled sending this out till next year? The Power Squadron is a great group that we are trying let people know about.

We had a member write some short boating tips articles to place on our website and facebook page and will rotate thru these to keep the new information on our sites. We have a member that is managing our facebook page to keep it up to date.

The squadron held some in person events and did 2 on the water events for the members that went off well with the members that attended It was good to see people in person.

Being my first year as Commander I have a lot to learn and look forward to learning from the other district Commanders

Thank you

Dennis Schultz
Central Wisconsin Sail and Power Squadron



For Boaters, By Boaters™

Door County Squadron WE ARE THE LITTLE SQUADRON THAT COULD

America's Boating Club-Door County has been negatively impacted by Covid-19. However, we did accomplish a few significant activities and look forward to a more **NORMAL** 2022.

- 3 Door County Master Instructors taught or co-taught D-10 Virtual Courses. Alan Wentworth taught Celestial Navigation (N). Gary King co-taught MES, and Steve Mayheu co-taught Sail.
- Boater's Safety Course Door County intended to conduct an inperson ABC-3 Course in partnership with USCGA, Green Bay Flotilla 47-2, However, the WI DNR had a "stand down" on in-person classes through June 30th. Therefore, DC did not conduct a Course.
- Cynthia Weis continues to enrich our Facebook Page to a 5 Star rating with "Doodly" animation.
- Website-We are struggling with our webpage since our previous webmaster stepped down. We are seeking help from Carl Filios at **National**
- Vessel Safety Checks We conducted 157 VSCs this season
- On-the-Water Sail Training- 3 DC Sailors, Dan Balch, Steve Rank, & Craig Weis, hosted Sea Scout, Sail Course graduates from Central Wisconsin for O-T-W training.



BSVT- The Jim Kress Maritime Lighthouse Tower at the Door County Maritime Museum is complete



BSVT is in position in a newly constructed conference room, to be named "Boating Skills Center". It will be co-promoted with USCGA Green Bay Flotilla. DCMM's Executive Director, Kevin Osgood, is Flotilla Cdr. The ultimate goal is to Create a Sea Scout unit.



Respectfully submitted: Bob DeNoto, Lead Door County



District 10 2021 Fall Conference November 5th-7th

"America's Boating Club - LEARN, ENGAGE and CONNECT"

1. LEARN together

- Learn by boating together Raft Ups, Dinghy Runs, etc.
- Learn from mentor that is assigned to every new member
- Learn by taking classes (promote ABC, Seamanship, Piloting, Jump Start program, etc.)

2. ENGAGE together

- Engage with boating friends and members at the Squadron Dock
- Engage with non-boating members RV and camping members
- Engage with our members at events

3. CONNECT together

- Connect with the boating community, other boating clubs, other marinas
- Connect by communicating with email, Channel Chatter publication and Facebook

Lessons Learned:

- Only being a member since 2016 there is a lot to learn when becoming a Bridge Officer and especially when moving up to Commander. Imperative we keep the communication and participation of past Bridge Members as our Bridge Officers are very new.
- By keeping track of our members' strengths, skills and interests, we can tap into their knowledge for any project or plan.
- By engaging all our membership mostly through our Facebook page, we have been able to complete our bigger dock projects in record time. Our members are willing and able to volunteer when asked.

Accomplishments:

- Channel Chatter refresh/Website redesign
- Filled Bridge
- Increased our number of vessel safety examiners
- Successful large events: Captain's Platter in June and Corn Roast/D10 Rendezvous in September. Received \$1500 donation at Corn Roast so we could purchase the bounce house.
- 1st Place MIRA award
- Membership involvement So many non-boating members stepped up this year and kept the Squadron Dock mowed, helped with landscaping by bringing machinery, brought wood for the firepit and cut, split and stacked the wood.
- Dock Maintenance Pavilion doors adjusted and have new handles. Maintenance on grounds completed. Wood delivered, split and stacked. New sand for Volleyball court.

Goals:

- Increase vessel safety checks
- Continue working with Community, Boating organizations and Coast Guard on safe boating and water activities.
- Continue improvements at Squadron Dock
- Retain current membership but also reach out to new members whenever possible to keep our numbers up. We have proven this can be done even in a pandemic. Continue to engage ALL members in upkeep of the Squadron Dock - people like to be involved. Make volunteering fun; utilize membership interests and skills





GREEN BAY SQUADRON REPORT

November 5-7, 2021
Metropolis Resort, Eau Claire, WI

Challenges and Achievements

1. Involve our members and become more visible to non-members

Ways we have met the challenge:

- Dinner meetings with speakers
- Casual get-togethers
- Vessel safety checks
- Cooperative Charting/Geodetic Mark Recovery (9 marks recovered, second outing 27 October)
- Invite members to participate and non-members to join us
- Communicate through Ship's Log newsletter, website, Facebook, calendar card handout, word of mouth
- Promote classes to the public (ABC, Water Safety for Kids...)
- Explain benefits of membership to ABC students and others
- Participate in name-recognition events
 - Tall Ships Line handlers for the Tall Ships in July 2019
 - Boat Show We have a booth reserved for the February 2022
 WBAY Boat Show in Green Bay
- Wear Living the Logo Clothing

Ways we can improve:

- Work harder to increase membership
- Increase our number of vessel safety examiners and vessel safety checks
- Increase our number of classes, seminars, and instructors
- Offer more on-the-water activities and training
- Increase member attendance at our functions

- 2. Promote functions as a team effort with one or more other organizations
 - Ways we have met the challenge:
 - Green Bay Yachting Club
 - Executive Committee meeting site
 - Dinner meeting location
 - Ads in GBYC's newsletter
 - Windjammers Sailing Club
 - Summer Picnic
 - Commander's Cup for sailing races

Ways we can improve:

- Contact Green Bay Sail & Paddle and Coast Guard Auxiliary to see how we can help
- Offer classes to members of other organizations
- Encourage members to take online classes
- Invite nearby squadrons to work with us at events, such as the WBAY Boat Show, vessel safety checks, dinners with speakers
- Attend other squadrons' functions when invited

Respectfully Submitted,

Commander Robert Rondou, AP



Hiawatha Valley Sail & Power Squadron

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Commander's Report

Objective 2021-2022

Achievement

> 1 To increase. Membership.

have one this winter and in the

spring.

> To Increase VSC's Completed 50 VSC's

of January.

To engage members to get involved. We have had our Friday night

diners, but we had no new

members came.

Our second biggest event our Bocce Ball Tournament was

cancelled because of covid

Our Christmas Party is always well

Attended. We will try to get new

members to attend.

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HVSPS Commander's Report 2021 2021 HVSPS Change of Watch

Send out the old David Muscarella Bring in the new Marie Coons







Voted "Best of" in 17 Categories Including:

Attraction (Overall) • Attraction (Family) • Interpretive Center • Animal Sanctuary • Nature Center

National Eagle Center-50 Pembroke Ave so.-Wabasha MN 55981-(561) 565-4989



The upper Mississpi River Valley is home to hundreds of Bald Eagles. In the summer months the eagles nest a long the river and feed there young from plentful fish from the Mississpi river .Inthe winter months hundreds of eagles come to the river near Wabsha Minnesota to find oopen

water to fish





2021 Fall Conference Report

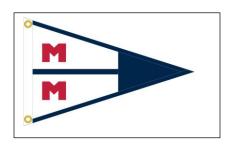
- Working toward 100% Renewal Year
 - o Conducted Online ABC Class graduating seven members in June
 - Working with the DNR to provide a face-to-face ABC Class with a local Amish Group
- Conducted a summer of Social outings
 - Held Member Social Functions throughout the Summer
 - o Reinvigorated Squadron Newsletter and Website
 - o Publish Squadron History & Recovered Historical material from past members
- Adopt & Promote D10 Task Force Recommendations
 - Adding Madison Members to District-wide SMR List
 - o Participated in District-wide Educational Offerings
- Contribute and Stay Connected:
 - Reach Educational Fund Honor Roll Status in 2021
 - Continue Outreach through Zoom Meetings
 - Renewed Vessel Examiner Qualifications & conduct VSC's in support of District goals.
 - Attended 2021 Fall Governing Board in Raleigh, NC
 - o Reviewing USPS Reorganization Proposals as D10 Planning Committee Member

Cdr Jim Pahl-Washa, JN-IN



District 10

2021 Fall Conference



Marinette Menominee Squadron

Commander's Report 6 November 2021

Greetings Fellow D10 Squadron Members,

Please let me share some thoughts from Jim Goodman and I regarding our squadrons 2021 boating season. Not much happened in our Squadron. We had no social events.

On a positive note:

- We were able to complete 40 plus VSC Exams.
- We were a part of "meet the fleet program" and working with our local Yacht club by giving people rides on a sail or power boat. Most people have never been on a boat.
- Our Education office did a compact boating course at our new Recreation Center.
- Our Website is now up to date.

Challenges:

We are still operating without a Commander

Our feeling about combining Squadrons is not the one presented by National. It is felt that it would be more logical if we are to group together with Door County, Green Bay and/or Central Wisconsin.

Sincerely, Roger Quinlan and Jim Goodman





Thaddeus Smyczek, SN Squadron Commander



Milwaukee Sail & Power Squadron www.milwaukeepowersquadron.org

Commander's Report to the 2021 D/10 Fall Council and Conference

Thanks to the COVID-19 pandemic, the activities of the Milwaukee Sail & Power Squadron were significantly reduced. In many cases, this was because of non-consumers' participation.

We have been holding our bi-monthly Executive Committee Meetings online via GoToMeeting with the exception of our July 2021 when we held a Pizza Party/Meeting open to all our members.

We attempted to hold an *America's Boating Course* virtually beginning in mid-April and ending before Memorial Day. Too little interest (3 locally including 2 teens and 1 adult from Neenah) so the class was cancelled since it was deemed that there was NO chance of teaching any potential members.

We provided only one life jacket loaner station. To the best of our knowledge the *Sea Tow Institute* did not remove their forbidding us from using their life jackets during the pandemic. However, we were able to equip the life jacket loaner station thanks to life jackets donated to us. The stand had no identification of the provider. Instructions were posted on how to clean the PFD with the spray bottle of 70% alcohol provided and cautioned the users that they accepted all responsibility for wearing the borrowed PFD.

We participated in the annual Flare Shoot at South Shore Yacht Club.

We performed a disappointing number of Vessel Safety Checks. Two of our usual VSC blitzes did not take place. The third, at South Shore Yacht Club, had only a handful of recipients thanks to 100 boat slips still vacant because of the damages to our breakwater from the January, 2020 storm and poor weather. Throughout the rest of the boating season, Vessel Examiners were available, but demand was almost non-existent.

The Milwaukee Sail & Power Squadron's Executive Committee has extended offering USPS Courses and Seminars at no cost to our members. To date, we have experienced no interest but will continue the policy.

We have also approved expenditures for advertising our Squadron and National Organization. From our perspective, rebranding USPS to *America's Boating Club* has had no or only minimal effect in the Milwaukee market.

On a blustery Fall day, we held our annual *Cruise & Cookout* at P/C Mel Fabiszak's house on Okauchee Lake. Rather than going on the *Cruise* part of the day, we spent the time sharing our experiences - or lack thereof - during the pandemic.

We are in the process of establishing a relationship with the local Sea Scouts "Ship." It appears that we have finally ascertained that the "Ship" has an interest in our USPS/ABClub Seminars.

"Fly Our Ensign Proudly"

Thad. M. Smyczek, SN Commander Milwaukee Sail & Power Squadron Cdr Kevin Shutes, AP-IN

D10 Fall Conference, 2021

Our urgent need, and theme for the year, is to get "Back On Plane" serving our local community on all three sides of the triangle.

Goals

- 1. Find creative ways to have fun volunteering together as we emerge from the pandemic
 - Encourage new member voluntarism by leveraging their interests and skills.
- 2. Explore options for new foundation focused on enhancing assets and expanding impact
- 3. Continue to reinforce a culture where all are welcome
 - Use existing (and new) member survey results to identify areas where we can improve.
- 4. Automate and streamline processes to free up more time for our Mission

Highlights

- 1) Celebrating our 60th Anniversary!
- 2) Created the new Streater Cove Foundation to expand impact in our community.
- 3) Great to see civic, fraternal and education departments energized again following pandemic.
- 4) Excellent year for membership (NET +80 members; 30% growth; 94% retention; 2nd place MIRA).
- 5) Strengthened partnership with Hennepin County Water Patrol (use of facility for Education)
- 6) Thank you to D10 and those who helped defeat proposed changes to the National Bylaws (Article 21).
- 7) Scheduled and executed (11) Civic Service projects, including HopeKids, Parades, Wounded Warriors Wakesurf Championships, Public Island Cleanup, Safe Boating Week, VSCs, Geodetic Marker recovery, and more.
- 8) Exciting to see Education evolving and migrating to hybrid models, and to have folks getting back together again during a variety of member events on and off the water.



Minnetonka Squadron











Streater Cove, early 60s



Remembering P/C Frank Golle (with wife P/C Linda Golle)



District 10

Fall Conference



Oshkosh Power Squadron

Commander's Report

October 13, 2021

2021-2022 Key Objectives and 2020-2021 Highlights:

2021-2022 KEY OBJECTIVES	2020-2021 HIGHLIGHTS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS
Three of our members take the N class.	Two of us completed N this summer and we are committed to helping the third member
	finish when his other commitments allow.
There is interest in taking the necessary	We hope to start taking the final few courses
classes for BOC and meeting the requirements	later this year.
for SN	
Working with the local kayak club this year will	Not sure when we will be able to do this,
not happen as their classes have been	maybe next spring.
cancelled. I will however participate in their	
day trips and offer assistance as needed.	
There is some interest from the public (three	Madison held a virtual class and we were able
students) for ABC3 but our usual venue is not	to recruit three students all of whom passed
available. We are pursuing an on-line class as	with flying colors and really enjoyed the class.
this may be our best option.	
There does not seem to be much interest in	This year was a much quieter year for VSC's
VSC from the marinas that we usually serve	but all our inspectors exceeded their quota for
but our four inspectors do have some personal	the year.
customers. We expect to meet our minimums	
but it seems unlikely to be a great year for	
VSC.	

Additional accomplishments:

The squadron members went on a cruise along the Fox river this fall and celebrated our P/C Carl Jansen's birthday.

Conducted a waterway cleanup event earlier this year by removing trees that had fallen into the water due to shoreline erosion.

Events Planned for remainder of 2021-2022 Watch Year:

DATE	EVENT



Lt/C Eddie Phillips, N cruising on Lake Butte des Morts with his grandchildren.

Respectfully submitted, Cdr. Geoff Carman, N.



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St Paul Sail & Power Squadron Commander's Report

November 5, 2021

Our mission is to reach, educate and bring safety awareness to our members and the boating community. While the continuing COVID-19 pandemic made achieving these tasks more difficult than normal, we enjoyed several successes and are looking forward to staying active during our season on the hard.

2021 Objectives / Highlights:

2021 KEY OBJECTIVES	2021 HIGHLIGHTS / ACCOMPLISHMENTS
 General Recover from the impact of COVID-19 Continue response to 2020 survey results Use our new website Update our Bylaws 	 Ongoing Reflected in departmental objectives Implementation delayed to 4Q21; focus on use postponed to 1Q22 Focus for 1Q22
 Civic Outreach Resume Vessel Safety Checks Embrace Marine Partnership Program Hunt for geodetic markers 	 8 VEs completed 159 checks; 2 new VEs 5 marina-sponsored VSC days; 4 custom safety presentations Newsletter distributed through marina managers 10/2 date cancelled due to weather & low participation
 Education Schedule & lead more classes & seminars Increase member participation in taking and teaching classes 	 Held online ABC3 class for 9 students; 7 passed Initiated Engine Maintenance Class taught by ADEO Schultz - 6 St Paul members 5 St. Paul members in Boat Handling 1 St. Paul member in Celestial Navigation 2 St. Paul members in Sail

MembershipMaintain/grow our membershipIncrease participation in activities		 Retention rate of 89.8% is less goal of 100% Three new members since 1/1/21 Improving but minimal participation beyond the "regulars"
 Ensure awareness of all benefits available to members of ABC/USPS 		Addressed in newsletter; more focus in 1Q22
Member Activities		
• June 9	St. Paul Saints game	14 participants
• July 3-4 F	Raft-up	8 participants, 3 boats
• July 15 N	Member Appreciation Picnic	32 participants plus Bayport Fire Dept.
• Oct 2	Geodetic Marker Hunt	6 participants
• Oct 9	Member Meeting	14 participants
• Nov 5-7	D10 Fall Conference	• 12 participants

Additional accomplishments:

Our five newest members earned the grade of Seaman. Congratulations to Gail Bernabucci, Paul Bernabucci, Jan Botnen, Roger Delavy and Elaine Weber Nelson.

Dale Perry will become a Senor Navigator as soon as a test is corrected at National.

Ron & Nancy Reimann are currently on the Great Loop.

Pat & Barry Hammerback returned this summer after completing the Great Loop.

May & Dale Tobin returned in July after completing their second Great Loop.

We conducted our first official Jump Start in August.

We published three editions of *The River Skipper*; a fourth will be published in December.

Upcoming Events:

DATE	EVENT
November 28	Holiday Party
January - February	Cruise Planning Course
January - March	Second Saturday Seminar Series
January 9	Annual Meeting
February	Change of Watch
March	Member Meeting

Two greatest challenges

Attracting and inviting boaters to join our squadron.

Increasing member engagement and participation.











Respectfully submitted, Kris Harmon, Commander





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2021 Fall Conference 6 November 2021 Educational Officer's Report

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 and a safe end to 2021.

Looking to see you at the D-10 Fall Conference

Please consider your need to join us for our Fall Conference. This has traditionally been our educational event where we reflect and celebrate accomplishments. We will emphasize and recognize many completions. Your Educational department is compiling the stats of the recently completed educational year (1 July, 2020 – 30 June, 2021). There will be presentations of the Prince Henry and SEA awards.

The Educational department workshop will be virtual and conducted prior to the weekend's conference. All interested D-10 members, instructors, and educational interested individuals are welcome to join our D-10 SEOs in a spirited discussion. Our ADEO Dennis Schultz will summarize the first year of the D-10 virtual education program. I will provide a brief update of the recently completed Fall Governing Board Educational department workshop.

Your bridge has been very busy in planning seminars throughout the weekend. Please check your needs and register for these events. We will offer two USPS seminars: Partner in Command and Using GPS. Additional presentations will be D-10 focused.

You will also want to understand our transition to a new D-10 website. Come one! Come all! Please review our agenda and join us for a fun filled weekend of education and social interaction.

BOC Boat Operator Certification Event

Due to COVID-19 situation the BOC event which was scheduled for July 2021 will be rescheduled for next year in late July 2022. It is anticipated that this event will take place in

Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin. Now is the time for you to evaluate your needs in moving forward with BOC rating levels.

I received notice of the following new full certificate members.

James L. Pahl-Washa (Madison)

Gregory E. Korstad (Minnetonka)

Anthony R. DeNoto (Door County)

We also have one Educational Proficiency Award Derrick R. Siebert (Central Wisconsin)

D/Lt/C Wesley D. Koplitz, JN-CN District 10 Educational Officer Rear Cdr Public Boating Committee





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2021 Fall Conference 6 November 2021 **Executive Officer's Report**

In many ways autumn is my favorite season. Crisp clear days, the vibrant colors of turning leaves, and the strong cool breezes and low humidity that make boating at this time of year very special. These things are, of course, tempered by the slow and inexorable shortening of the daylight hours meaning the perceived need to be at anchor or in a marina slip creeps in ever earlier. I do find, though, that as the boating season comes to an end that there are many things boating related that present themselves to fill the months until we once again return to the water. A couple of big ones coming up are the fall conference and the return to boating classes. Not to mention that squadron civic duties are a continual thing. COOP Charting is starting to take off again and is a good way to get outdoors and stay socially distanced! VSC's have been great this year. Let's get those last few boats in before the snowflakes start falling. We want the guys out East to continually look our way and wonder how the heck we are doing it over here!

From VSC's, COOP Charting, and an awesome Rendezvous hosted by Duluth and despite of it all during a pandemic, it has been a safe and action-packed summer! After observing a lot of new boaters this year, I think as ambassadors of the water it is our duty to help and assist our new friends in safety on the water.

Remember to welcome your friends aboard and keep your guests safe. "The safety of the people shall be the highest law." - Marcus Tullius Cicero

Respectfully submitted, D/Lt/C Chad Lowney, AP District 10 Executive



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Fall Conference 6 November 2021 Administrative Officer's Report

MEMBERSHIP IS JOB 1

America's Boating club is growing! Our membership retention rate is up to 91.4% which is the best in 5 years! At this time, we have 965 members in District 10. Thank you all for your efforts. Work still remains to build membership but keep up your good work in retaining members.

Our membership goal of 100 new members has been met. At this time, we have 139 new members in District 10. This is an increase of 11% over the past year.

I am very pleased to announce how well District 10 did this year with the MIRA awards. First place went to Duluth and second place went to Minnetonka! I would like to thank those who submitted a MIRA application this year. Honorable mention goes out to Madison, Central Wisconsin, and Oshkosh. This is a great membership retention tool. We were able to exceed our goal for this year. I appreciate your efforts.

A great big thank you goes out to the Duluth Sail and Power Squadron for hosting the Corn Roast/ D10 Rendezvous on Labor Day weekend. It was a fantastic weekend filled with fellowship, great food, fun activities, music, and great weather. Many people were in attendance for their

mid-day dinghy run on Lake Superior and they were able to accommodate guests, family members, and many people from other squadrons. Thank you for attending!

The ensign magazine has moved to electronic distribution. Log onto the national website to read this publication.

During the watch year I have been receiving squadron non-renewal lists from our national administrative officer V/C Ralph A. Bernard, AP. Using this information, I contacted squadrons involved asking them to get into touch with the members on their list in an effort to have them renew. Thank you all for following up with all members.

I would like to remind all admin officers to attend our District 10 Admin workshop virtually 0n Wednesday, November 3rd at 7:00 P.M. At this workshop I would like every squadron to share their best membership retention technique. We can all learn from one and other! I look forward seeing and speaking with everyone at that time.

Be sure to sign up for the Fall Conference which will be held this November 5-7. This event is host by the St. Paul Squadron. It will be held at the beautiful Metropolis Resort & Conference Center in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. I am looking forward to seeing you all there.

Thank you, D/Lt/C Suzanne Carman, S District Administration Officer

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2021 Fall Conference 6 November 2021 Secretary's Report

Greetings:

What a great summer we had in the Fine Household. It was nice to be able to be on the lake and be able to see everyone again. Now it is Fall and my nest is empty and quiet except for hearing Dave conference calling when he works from home occasionally.

Dave and I were able to attend Duluth's annual Corn Roast as they invited D10 members for our 2021 Summer Rendezvous. What a fun weekend. We were able to participate in their "Dinghy Run" around the harbor and out in Lake Superior, a Corn Roast Dinner, and able to watch two great band performances. I must say Duluth has a great spot for members to gather with Boats, RVs, and the like. THANK YOU, DULUTH FOR YOUR

HOSPITALITY. Great Job Chad & Amy!! Here is a link to the YouTube Video for you

to enjoy: https://youtu.be/7pnETPpkhzw

Most recently, Webmaster P/C Leo Loeb, SN, sent a bunch of eBlasts to all D10 Members. I think I'm wearing him out. Hoping you were able to view them.

The first eBlast contained links to the 2021 Fall Conference Invitation, Call to Meeting, Hotel information, and the Conference week agenda. Please go back and

view them if you haven't already. This blast was sent on

September 21, 2021.

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The second eBlast contained a link to Educational Opportunities offered by the Minnetonka Power Squadron. Courses offered, both in person and virtually, are Marine Navigation (aka Piloting) and Boat Handling (aka Seamanship). This blast was sent on September 30, 2021.

Leo and I will continue to send D10 eBlasts so if you fell a need to send something out ... Let me know!!! Looking forward to seeing everyone again at the 2021 Fall Conference. Have a wonderful Fall. Remember because of YOU, A MEMBER OF D10, our organization

remains a success!!!

Respectfully Submitted, D/Lt/C Jennine Fine, S **D10 Secretary**





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2021 Fall Conference 6 November 2021 Treasurer's Report

Ahoy from the D-10 Treasurer's Department,

I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful fall colors. I love the variety and the changing seasons as I believe it keeps us appreciating the time we have in each.

With the fall season comes new opportunities along with the Fall Conference on November 5-7, 2021, in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. I do plan to attend 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 District 10 Bridge works hard to follow the budget and is 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, which will be presented at the Fall Conference.

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.

The Budget for the next watch year is presented at the Fall Conference - Overview of the Annual Budget Approval Process:

- 1. The Bridge & the Budget and Finance Committee work together with the Treasurer to propose a Budget for the coming year.
- 2. The Bridge & 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 soon – Enjoy Fall!!

Respectfully Submitted, D/LT/C Tracy Gustafson, AP – IN D-10 Treasurer



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Commander's Report Fall Conference – 6 November 2021

-all Conference – 6 November 202Metropolis Resort, Eau Claire, WI



Ahoy Their District 10,

On behalf of the District Bridge and all the committees of D10 I would like to welcome you to another eventful year with America's Boating Club! First off, I would like to invite you to the Fall Conference on November 5-6-7. The St. Paul Squadron has been working hard to make this conference a FUN and SAFE in person event! We have some great stuff coming your way! Please join us for an Educational Seminar on Partner in Command, a workshop discussing the possibilities of Regionalization, Chaos water Park, Introduction to the new District 10 Website, the 50/50, Kris Harmon's Bizarre Bizarre, an Educational seminar – Using GPS. Awards and Recognition – The Prince Henry Award, The Sea Award a First and Second Place MIRA Award Presentation and much, much more. This will be my first live gathering of a D10 conference, remember the last two were virtual although they were very informative, they weren't LIVE! Check out the Agenda and the Hotel Deadline information in this issue of the Communicator, Hope to see you there!

During the last three years of serving at the district level I have come to realize and fully appreciate how much of an impact we make in our community and its surroundings, Thank you for your service, time and enthusiastic energy!

Report from the Governing Board in Raleigh N.C.

District Challenges...... The topic of Regionalization

For decades, Districts have served a vital purpose as a communications conduit to squadrons, provided social interaction and networking, and presented opportunities for member and squadron engagement. Now, however we have email, phone and the web for direct communication with members. Additionally, while our organizational structure was configured and implemented when we were 80K strong, now we have just over 20K members.

Currently, many districts face challenges including the inability to fill bridge positions, a lack of attendance at district meetings and events, non-committal participation by squadrons, the continued burden of reporting and other administrative responsibilities, and insufficient resources to help weak squadrons with education and social activities. Costs - both districts and personal – often are major considerations and sometimes limitations. While not every district has these problems, many or most admit they do.

Obviously, not all districts are alike. Some are struggling just to survive and

cannot meet the needs of their members and squadrons. Only a very few are large, well organized, and resource-sufficient. The majority are somewhere in the middle on a slow multi-year decline of members and squadrons. Even for those that believe that they are successful, the outcomes do not support that conclusion. Membership continues to decline, education continues to wane, and squadrons continue to fail.

The idea of Regionalization is to consolidate resources and enhance collaboration in order to remain a viable boating and educational organization. As we have done within our district with the hard work of the Task Force the last two years. The idea is a leaner structure with 6-7 Regions would strengthen the organization in line with the current overall membership. Consolidation increases the critical mass required for strong leadership, volunteer resources, and funding with regional membership of thousands.

On a national level:

- 88% of squadrons have less than 25 members
- 52% of squadrons did not teach an educational course

From a District 10 perspective we are currently weighing out our options, so far since the Governing Board meeting in August we have had discussions at the most recent commander's meeting, the D10 Planning Committee is currently working on an outline to report on at the Fall Conference meeting. We would like your input, please join myself and Jim Pahl-Washa at the Conference in Eau Claire to discuss Regionalization in an ad-hoc Workshop from 8:00-9:15 prior to the Conference meeting. We should have more information from National at that time.

Article 21 Defeated

On the agenda at the National Governing Board meeting was a hot topic concerning the distribution of assetts after termination. In the event of the dissalution and voluntary surrender or revocation of a squadron charter, all assets then belonging to the squadron shall be assigned to the USPS. This agenda item up for vote at the meeting was almost unanimously voted down by a vote of 204 to 4. I would like to thank all those members from District 10 providing support and lots of time and effort in defeating this pproposal. A big round of applause to Commander Kevin Shutes of Minnetonka for spearheading, and bringing awareness to hundreds of members and District Commanders across the country with his well written statements against article 21. I also want to thank Greg Korstad representing the Law Committee for steering me in the right direction. I also want to thank Ben Coons, Jenninne Fine, Dave Fine, Maury Rice and the rest of the District Council for supporting our vote of "Naye".

Governing Board Attendees Representing District 10

- Kevin Wehrmann
- Wes Koplitz
- Ben Coons
- Mike Weidel
- · Jim Pahl-Washa
- Kevin Shutes

Not pictured

- Kim Weidel
- Julie Pahl-Washa





Summer Rendevoux

Finally, I want to send a huge Thank You to Commander Amy Herstad-Einbu and Chad Lowney past Commander of Duluth for hosting the Summer Rendevoux over the Labor Day weekend. We had a great time including a Boson Whaler tour of Allouez Bay, the Duluth Harbor and the Lift Bridge! I should mention that the food on Sunday night during the Corn Roast was absolutely outstanding!! In case you missed it, it was a catered meal that included barbecued chicken, ribs, brisket, baked beans and of course Corn on the Cob! Just so you know the Corn Roast at the Duluth squadron is always open and welcome to members of District 10, I'll definitely be back in Duluth next year!

D10 Takes First and Second Place MIRA Awards



Congratulations Duluth 1tt Place and Minnetonka Second Place

Merit Marks

Merit Marks are Due November 15th

The new software is up and running. Tour this user-friendly updated program. Note effective on September 1^{st,} 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.

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 Cell 586-980-0530

National Governing Board Meeting September 1-5

Governing Board Attendees Representing District 10

- · Kevin Wehrmann
- Wes Koplitz
- Ben Coons
- Mike Weidel
- Jim Pahl-Washa
- Kevin Shutes

Not pictured

- Kim Weidel
- Julie Pahl-Washa





50 Year Members for 2021

A BIG shout out and Congratulations to FIVE Members of District 10. FIFTY YEARS of Service and Dedication to the United States Power Squadrons and America's Boating Club!!

- **Duluth Sail & Power Squadron, William C. Gooder**, 28 merit Marks
- Green Bay Sail & Power Squadron, Merlin J. Baenen 7 merit marks
- Madison Sail & Power Squadron, Glenn A. Deedon 38 merit marks
- Madison Sail & Power Squadron, Fred R. Nelson 28 merit marks
- Madison Sail & Power Squadron, Milton R. Smith 26 merit marks

District 10 Potential Life Members for 2021

Attaining Life Membership in America's Boating Club is a significant achievement for the individual and the organization. As you know, the awarding of the 25th Merit Mark means the individual qualifies as a Life Member. Below is a list of those individuals who have earned 24 Merit Marks through 2020.

- Duluth, Mary Ann Brisky
- Duluth, Steve Farrell
- Duluth, Kristi Kay Stokes

- Green Bay, Ted S. Kordes
- Madison, Julie Pahl-Washa
- Oshkosh, Geoff C. Carman

Workshop Recording:

Build a 5 second Facebook add as easy as 1-2-3!

During the Spring Conference this workshop was offered and recorded for your viewing pleasure. The recording is still available in case you missed it. Join Cdr. Kevin Shutes and Kevin Cooper from the Minnetonka Squadron Workshop focusing on building three - 5 second Facebook adds. Two adds that gear up Membership and one add that targets Education! These Adds are getting amazing results for Minnetonka! Membership for Minnetonka is up 28.3% I should also mention that Minnetonka is currently the second largest squadron in the country with over 75 new members, Congratulations to their Administration Department and the Membership Team!

District 10 New Website Progress Report

Join us at the Fall Conference for a LIVE TOUR of the new District 10 Website from 1:15 -2:30 in Eau Claire!!

<u>Thank You</u> Leo Loeb has been serving as the District Webmaster for over ten years!! Leo thank you for all that you have done for District 10......You Rock!!

We Need Your HELP! The Marketing committee is seeking photos for the new website. Photos of interest in your boating backyard.

Topics Include:

- Mississippi River scenery with boaters
- Great Lakes, Superior and Lake Michigan
- Tall Ships, Green Bay and Milwaukee
- Fox Locks Rendevoux pictures of the Locks and bridges in Oshkosh
- Wisconsin Dells boat trip Rendevoux
- Light house photo's anywhere in our boating area from the Great Lakes
- St. Croix River
- Canoeing or Kayaking photos
- Safe Boating week activities

The photographs we do not use will be stored in a photo vault for future use.

See you at the Fall Conference in Eau Claire! Remember with a Boat and a Little Imagination We Can Go Anywhere!

D/C Kevin Wehrmann, S