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D/C Chad Lowney, AP

Greetings from the Helm,

I would like to begin by saying that it has been a great privilege to me to have been given the opportunity to serve as your District 10 Commander. Looking back at the past 12 months, it has been an exceptionally busy year. We have had to deal with a rapid succession of important events and situations, many of which are still unfolding. Indeed, for me, personally, it has been a most eventful period throughout, at times challenging but on the whole a most rewarding experience.



With this article, it will not be my intention to list out all that we have accomplished as a bridge. But rather, I would like to take this opportunity to briefly offer some of my impressions on how things have fared in the work of your Bridge.

What comes to mind, first and foremost, is the strong and active engagement of the Bridge in representing District 10 as a leader in our national organization.

In face of declining membership nationwide and diminishing regard for the National organization, District 10 has shown that, whenever there is a unity of purpose and the strive for consensus, we have the capacity to act to address these situations and lead the way in a constructive manner. But still, we need to do more.

Our engagement must be more than just a one shot exercise. We need to ensure that the common resolve that we have expressed are followed up with concrete actions, so as to produce meaningful impacts, and make a difference in the needs of members and how we as an organization make boating as a whole, safer.

Another positive development that I have witnessed is the stronger and more active engagement within the bridge to make sure our squadrons are supplied with the proper tools to perform the actions that make us who we are.

Reflecting on the past 12 months, I have also asked myself what we could have done better. With the benefit of hindsight, I wish that we could have spent more time concentrating on smaller more local issues, rather than the global ones which bogged us down for a considerable amount of time. But like I said, hindsight is 20/20.

But I also feel good, as I am leaving you in the most capable hands that I know. Jennine Fine will lead you all to a bright and hopeful future. Her dedication and attention to detail will ensure that D10 is in good hands. As she always says “everything will be FINE”.

Let me conclude on a note of thanks.

- I would like to, first of all, express my debt of gratitude to the members of the Bridge – Kevco, Jennine Fine, Suzanne Carman, Tracy Gustafson, DJ Delahousaye, Stacy Lowney, Dennis Schultz & Wes Koplitz, - for the great teamwork and for their invaluable support and advice throughout. You guys are a finely tuned machine and make me look good.
- I would also like to pay special tribute to our planning committee, Dave Fine, Jim Pahl-Washa, Bob DeNoto, Len Robinson, Kevco & Bernie Dohr– for taking on a tough task and for carrying it out with great dedication. District simplification will hopefully point us in the right direction for years to come.
- My appreciation also goes out to all the council members for all the work that they have done to facilitate the work and efficient running of the squadrons. You’re all District 10 and why National looks up to us.
- Most importantly, I would like to thank Dave and Jennine Fine. Without their passion to the USPS I would have never taken on this task. Your guys’ dedication is contagious, and that is great. You’ve opened my eyes on what I want the USPS to eventually become. Your calm level-headedness, attention to detail, and always wanting the Squadron to succeed is what has made D10 what it is today. Not to mention Stacy and I made two great friends along the way.
- And last but not least my sincere thanks to my wife Stacy and Daughter Dakota. Thank you for understanding that I had to miss a swim meet or two or a Lacrosse game. Thank you for listening to D10 meetings until 9pm when I said I would cut it short. Thank you for coming to every squadron event we could make it to. Without that kind of support, none of this is possible.

Thank you to each and every member of District 10 of United States Power Squadron. Thank you for the confidence and trust that you have placed in me for the past year, it has been my privilege and honor to have worked closely with all of you. Hopefully I get to see most of you in Eau Claire in a few weeks at our Spring Conference. Until then, always remember to come into the dock as fast as you want to hit it.

Your Outgoing Commander,

D/C Chad Lowney





District Executive Department

Greetings Friends:

Spring has not sprung and Lake Minnetonka is still frozen.

I am looking forward to a fun time at the 2023 Spring Conference on April 28th through 30th at the Metropolis Resort in Eau Claire, WI. I am sure that Kevco's Fun Meter will Blow Up !!!

The D10 Commander's meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 18th via webinar at 7pm. My deliverables for the 2022/23 watch year will cover:

- Star Squadron
- Upcoming MIRA due dates
- BoatUS Civic Award
- News from National Annual Meeting
- Gift Baskets from Squadrons are requested



D/Lt/C Jennine Fine, S

National Boat Safety Week May 20-26

I hope all squadrons are preparing for the National Boat Safety Week. Tri-folds are available for your squadron to print and distribute during this special week. This is a great recruiting opportunity for your squadrons to distribute Tri-folds and let fellow boaters know who we are and what we can do for them. Squadrons are visiting Marinas and boat landings. Your squadron can find this Tri-fold on the National Website:

[Click Here](#)



ABC Tri-fold

Can be downloaded from the National Marketing home for printing and can also be ordered for \$0.25 each

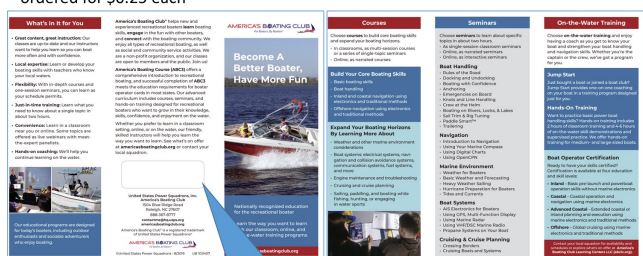


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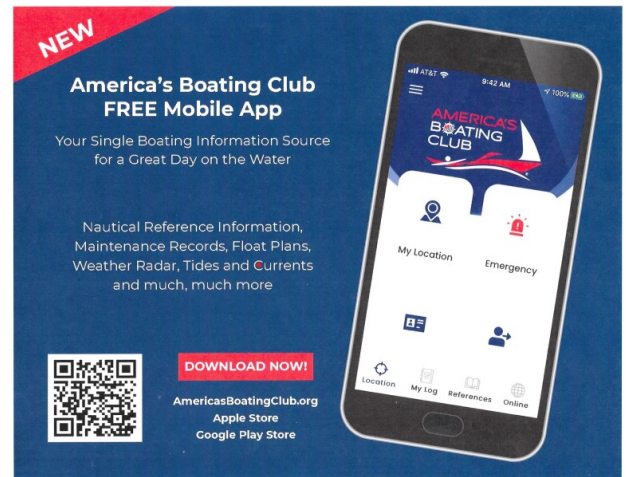


District Executive Department

Another useful tool to use is the “America’s Boating Club Free Mobile App. Go to Apple Store or Google Play Store and look for the:

AmericasBoatingClub.org

Have individuals download this App to their phone and learn about what ABClub has to offer.



Vessel Safety Check Examiners Start your Engines !!! 817 VSC's for 2022



The **Pelican Award** is awarded to the Squadron with the most VSC's. **Join us at the 2023 Spring Conference to find out who won the title for 2022.**

D10's VSC Chair/Minnetonka Past Commander Dan Saniti leads this. Please let Dan know if you need stickers. P/C Minnetonka & P/D/C D10 Tom Rossini, current Cyber Squadron member, already has 378 Completed VSC's as of April 1.

Cooperative Charting Program: Geodetic Marker Recovery Program



Lt/C Sandra Broekema, of Minnetonka Power Squadron, does a thorough job educating members about the Geodetic Marker Recovery Program. I am counting on her to continue to lend her expertise on this activity. **Join us at the 2023 Spring Conference to find out which Squadron won this award.**



District Executive Department

Have a wonderful Spring & hope to see you soon at the 2023 Spring Conference.

Keep in touch and know that I am always here to help.

Respectfully Submitted,
D/Lt/C Jennine Fine, S
D10 Executive Officer



Cooperative Charting – 2023 Honor Roll Requirements

By Sandra Broekema

Did you know that the Cooperative Charting Committee establishes annual (calendar year) criteria for Individual and Squadron Honor Roll requirements based on your latitude and membership participation rates? That's right! Northern based squadrons, like those in D10, have lower individual and squadron Honor Roll credit requirements than more southerly based squadrons who can boat and recover markers year round. Snowy winters certainly hinder searching for and recovering geodetic survey markers mounted on or in the ground!



Lt/C Sandra Broekema, S

2023 Honor Roll Requirements for District 10

	12/2022 Membership	Northern Latitude	Individual Credits	Squadron Credits	Participants per Squadron
Central Wisconsin	25	45°	85	90	2
Door County	52	45°	85	95	2
Duluth Sail	274	47°	79	134	6
Green Bay Sail	26	45°	85	90	2
Hiawatha Valley	17	45°	85	88	2
Madison Sail	45	43°	91	100	2
Marinette Menominee	22	45°	85	89	2
Milwaukee Sail	35	43°	91	98	2
Minnetonka	352	45°	85	155	7
Oshkosh	11	44°	88	90	2
St. Paul Sail	58	45°	85	97	2
District 10	917			846 Combined	8.25 Participating Squadrons

The #1 Individual, Squadron and District are awarded annually based on the resultant percentage of honor roll requirements in order to level the playing field with respect to latitude (weather) and size of squadron.

Cooperative Charting – 2023 Honor Roll Requirements (Continued)

So, how do you earn credits? By registering and submitting documented reports on Geodetic Survey Markers, Marina Surveys and/or Nautical Aids to Navigation, Bridges and Charts. The credit values are found in the Standard Operating Procedures under the Executive Department on the National Website log in (www.usps.org/departments/12000/12200) scroll all the way down to the bottom of the page. It is summarized for your convenience below:

Cooperative Charting Credits

Geodetic Survey Markers	Credits
Recovered (with GPS enabled photographs)	
Good or Poor condition	10
Bonus, not recovered in past 5 years	4
Bonus, not recovered in past 25 years	25
Bonus, last reported "Not Found"	25
Not Recovered	
Not Found	2
Document missing or destroyed	10
Marina Surveys (those with transient dockage)	Credits
New Marina (not currently in Cruisersnet.net)	35
Update Existing Marina	25
Nautical Program	Credits
Aids to Navigation (ATON) Survey	
Verification	15
Discrepancy	25
Bridge Reports (Lighting, VHF Radio, Lift)	
Verification	25
Discrepancy	35
USACE Chart Surveys	
Verification	15
Discrepancy	25

Therefore, any individual D10 member who locates, documents and reports 8 to 10 regular geodetic survey markers in a calendar year earns "Honor Roll" status!

As always, contact your squadron Cooperative Charting Chair or myself at

sandra.broekema@comcast.net if you have questions.



2023 Annual Meeting Report By District 10



The D/C and DXO meeting was held on 23 February 2023 at 0930-1600, led by National Administrative Officer Ralph Bernard, at the Rozen Plaza in Orlando, FA. DXO Jennine Fine and P/D/C Dave Fine were in attendance. 27 of 29 Districts were represented, including D10.

Chief Commander Craig Fraser addressed the body covering the following points:

- There will be electronic voting at the Annual Meeting.
- The Cyber squadron is comprised of approximately 1500 members paying average dues to National, District, & Squadron. Dues are \$105 for individual members and \$150 for family members. It was recommended for squadrons to seek out these members and invite them to join their squadrons. Squadrons should entice them by telling them about their Educational and Civic activities. The marketing rule is to invite them 7 times.
- The National Headquarters Membership Management Systems (currently being created) will enable auto renewals and set up a website for event planning which will include National, District, and Squadron events. It is expected the new system will also allow all squadrons to utilize eCommerce.

Rules Committee represented by Al Larkin spoke about the proposed by-laws changes which covered:

- Full Implementation of Electronic voting amendments. He expects that there will be voting problems as many don't have smart phones. He explained that multiple voting will be controlled by individual logins for all voters. *This motion was approved at the Annual Meeting.*

News from National (continued)

- The composition of the Finance Committee will be not less than three nor more than 5 members. This will mirror the composition of other existing committees. *This motion was defeated at the Annual Meeting.*
- The Effective date of dues motion will change from 30 to 60 days to allow HQ time to complete payments-in-process. *This motion was approved at the Annual Meeting.*

National Administrative Officer Ralph Bernard spoke about the following items:

- District Officers should fill out the OD-1 to include the 2023 Slate of Officers and Change of Watch Date. On that note, Squadron Officers should fill out the OD-2 to update the 2023 Slate of Officers and COW date.
- HQ discontinued collecting Dan Boater dues. Any such payments should be made directly to Dan Boater.
- Management IMS for auto renewal will replace the current person working at HQ.
- 10 Squadrons in District 11 will be dissolved. The 2 remaining squadrons will merge into District 7. *This motion was approved at the Annual Meeting.*
- The financial highlights of 2022 were:
 - Operating Expenses took a loss of \$98K including an investment loss of \$135K, educational sales down \$6K (due to free books for ABC), and an increase of liability/property insurance increase up \$20K in 2023 and another increase of \$26K in 2024.
 - Dues have not increased since 2017. The rate of inflation since then has been 21%. Social Security is up 8%.
 - Rearick Donation of \$500K will cover some of the cost of the Management IMS (\$100K) and HQ building issues.
 - The actual increase in dues will be \$5 for individuals and \$7.50 for families or \$60 for individuals and \$90 for families. *This motion was approved at the Annual Meeting.*

Tom Hancock spoke about Co-Operative Charting which is composed of the following 3 areas:

- Nautical. 2 Apps are available. The NOAH is a coastal marker app updated by the US Army Corp of Engineering. The ATONS app is updated by the US Coast Guard.

News from National (continued)

AdHoc Committee members Alan Bombard and Tracy Simpson presented a power point which can be requested at District28abc@gmail.com. This presentation covered:

- Plans to stimulate districts and squadrons to perform simplification, encourage electronic voting, and Educational Department modernization.
- Improvements on Communication is ongoing through the Squadron Education and Activities Scheduler (SEAS).
- National to combine the two websites (ABClub & USPS Website).
- In closing it was quoted that "Hope is not a Strategy" and "We must continue to Move Forward".

Additional motion Approved at the Annual Meeting

- A motion at the Governing Board in Raleigh to make educational instructor materials available to all squadron SEO's at no charge. This was tabled at the Governing Board with the action for the National Education Officer to study and make a recommendation at the Annual Meeting. This was brought to the floor with a recommendation from the NEO against adoption. *An amendment to this motion was made to offer free Electronic Instructor Manuals. After much debate, the vote was called and approved.*

Annual Meeting Electronic Voting and Virtual Meeting Attendance Thoughts

- Overall, the virtual meeting worked quite well. There were over 500 members in attendance both virtually and in person. In the last several meetings, attendance has been less than 250.
- Electronic voting started bumpy but worked very well. This allowed many more squadrons to vote directly. For the vote to increase dues nearly 400 votes were cast and *the motion passed with 67% for and 33% against.*

D10 Awards went out to:

- Life Members Gregory M. Holmen, AP (St. Paul) and Carl G. Jansen, AP (Oshkosh)
- BoatUS Civic Award recognized Green Bay which was 1 of 7 candidates.
- D10's 11 squadrons received Honor Role status for the Education Fund. 100% participation for D10.

A BIG Congratulations to All !!!

News from National (continued)

D10 Annual Meeting Representation to the Annual Meeting:

Ben Coons (Hiawatha Valley)

Bill & Bernie Dohr (Central Wisconsin)

Dave & Jennine Fine (Minnetonka & D10)

Wes Koplitz (Oshkosh & National)

Dale & Vivian Perry (St. Paul)

Mike & Kim Wiedel (Milwaukee & National)

Respectfully Submitted,

P/D/C Dave Fine, N

D/Lt/C Jennine Fine, S (D10 Executive Officer)





District Educational Department

I have some bad news. Winter is over so very soon and you will have work to do getting your boat ready for some summer fun. We have had some classes and seminars running this winter online. I would encourage you to get in the habit of checking the D10 website for upcoming classes.

We are changing the way training is happening in our district. In the past each squadron would offer their own classes for their members. With the combination of declining membership and most members having taken the basic classes already it is harder for each squadron to run each class. What we have been doing at the district level is offer each of our basic classes online each year. This way we can pool our students and run classes with more students.

District 10 needs your help to make this happen. On our website there is a list of members that have volunteered to share their knowledge by teaching a class. The way this is meant to work is if your squadron wants to run a class and you need some help teaching the class you can contact members from the list and work out the details of putting the class together. One thing that has worked out is to have multiple instructors teach the class. This spreads out the work and gives the students different viewpoints. Lastly, let me know your class schedule so it can be shared on the D10 website.

Dennis Schultz AP-IN

Life is simple just add water

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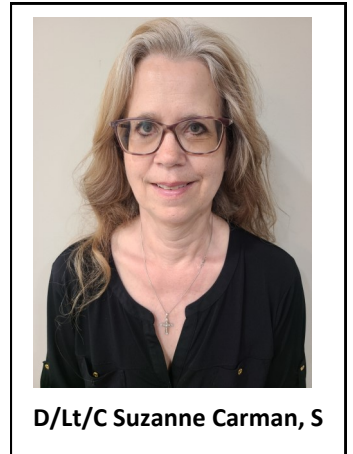


D/Lt/C Dennis Schultz AP-IN





District Administrative Department



D/Lt/C Suzanne Carman, S

Membership is still job 1 in 2023 in District 10. As of the end of December 2022 District 10 may be down 4.8% in membership but we have the most dedicated hard-working members in all of America's Boating Club! We added 107 new members in 2022. So far this year we have added 13 new members. Central Wisconsin, Duluth, and Minnetonka have positive membership growth so far this year. Great job everyone! Keep reaching out to those who do not renew their membership. Work still remains to build membership, but keep up your good work in retaining members.

If you have not attended a Spring Conference in a while, this is the conference to attend! The Metropolis Resort in Eau Claire, Wisconsin has the perfect venue for our organization. We have scheduled lots of time for you to have fun. Their indoor go-kart track is the largest track in the Midwest which is located in Action City! All the fun continues outside with a challenging 19 hole mini golf course. Gather up your kids and grandchildren for this fun weekend. The date is April 28th-30th.

The Rendezvous for D10 this year will be hosted by Oshkosh. Please join us August 18-20 at Lake Winneconne Park for a relaxed weekend of on the water activities, good food, and plenty of great fellowship. Together we will explore boating from Oshkosh to Fremont. We are looking into having a dinner cruise on the Showboat II in Winneconne followed by an evening bonfire. We will finish with a huge brunch at the Fin and Feather on Sunday morning. Please save this date. There will be more information at the Spring Conference.

I would like to thank those who submitted a MIRA application last year. Thanks goes out to Duluth, Minnetonka, Central Wisconsin, and Oshkosh. In 2022 Minnetonka earned the first-place status!!! And Duluth received second place. Well done!!!! It is time to begin working on your MIRA applications which are due May 15th.

During the watch year I have been receiving a squadron non-renewal list from our National Administrative Officer V/C Mike Wiedel, JN-IN. Using this information, I contact squadron Administrative Officers asking them to get in touch with members on this list in an effort to have them renew. I wish to thank all Administrative Officers for your efforts.

**District Administrative Department**

Did you know that there are 3 ways to enjoy the Ensign? There is a digital edition that you can open using a web browser on your phone, tablet, or computer. Next there is a PFD where you can download a copy. And last you can order a single issue printed and mailed directly to you. Be sure to check out the next issue!

Over the past year, Geoff and I have had the pleasure to attend many squadrons events. Last summer we enjoyed a relaxing cruise with our Milwaukee friends and then attended their Christmas Party where I was able to swear in their new bridge for 2023. In September, we attended Door County's Summer Rendezvous. What a great time we had meeting up with so many members! We also enjoyed Central Wisconsin's and Madison's Christmas Party. Thank you all so much for inviting us! Then we were off to Green Bay for their COW where I was able to swear in their new bridge for 2023. The following week, Geoff and I supported Green Bay at their local boat show. It has been a pleasure to serve you as the District Administration Officer for the past 2 years.

Up and coming events include:

Spring Conference April 28th-30th at the Metropolis in Eau Claire, Wisconsin

D 10 Summer Rendezvous August 18-20. Hosted by the Oshkosh Squadron

See you all at the Spring Conference!

D/Lt/C Suzanne Carman, S

District Administrative Officer



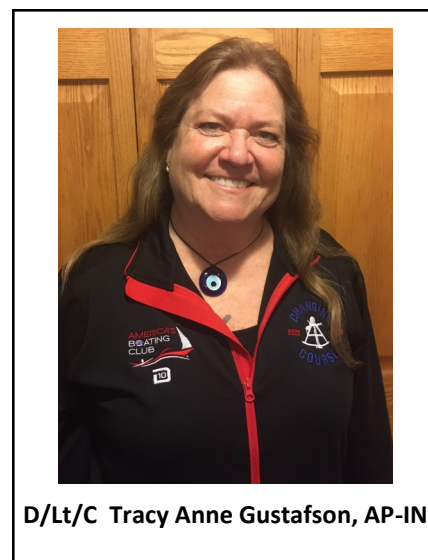


District Treasurer

Ahoy from the D-10 Treasurer's Department !

We currently have \$41,891.67 in the bank (in the accounts summarized below):

\$ 18,877.37	Checking
\$ 6,237.44	Enrichment Fund
\$ 8,073.14	General Savings
\$ 4,503.49	Savings – Reserve Fund



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

This total is \$3,775 less than last spring.

The Enrichments Fund is available for any of the District squadrons to submit an Application for up to \$500 to help launch a squadron membership, education, civic, fraternal, or administrative initiative. Please find this form on the district website under forms.

The watch year end is March 31, 2023. All of the books and records are up to date and filed accordingly. The bank statements are reconciled on a timely basis each month.

As the district uses an accrual accounting system, anything incurred at the Spring Conference will be added to the watch year ended March 31, 2023. I will be working with the audit committee to audit the 2022-2023 watch year after it is finalized.

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. However, National raised dues \$5 for individual and \$7.50 for family membership.

The Budget for the next watch year is presented at the Fall Conference in the past -
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 Conference.
5. The Conference delegation reviews/discusses and approves or disapproves the proposed Budget.



District Treasurer

I appreciate the opportunity to have served as your Treasurer this past watch year. 😊

I am looking forward to cruising into the next watch year ahead as I continue onboard as the District Treasurer.

I am available to provide the Squadron Treasurer's with assistance on any problems that arise. Feel free to contact me any time.

Have a Safe and Enjoyable 2023 Boating Season 😊

Fraternally –

D/Lt/C Tracy Gustafson, AP-IN

1 April 2023

"Never Regret The Things That Make You Smile !"





District Secretary

Greetings!

Spring is in the air (even though we are preparing for an April snow-storm in Duluth)!

It is hard to believe that another year has passed, and we are soon to enter a new watch year. D10 Bridge officers will retain and/or change their positions. We will be losing P/D/C Kevin Wehrmann who held leadership positions on the Minnetonka Bridge and D10 Bridge for the last few years, he will be missed at the D10 Bridge meetings. D/C Chad Lowney performed an excellent job this year and will continue on the D10 Bridge as P/D/C and Planning Committee. DEXO Jennine Fine will be stepping up as D/C. DEO Dennis Schultz will be stepping up as DEXO and Wes Koplitz will return as DEO. Suzanne Carmen has done a wonderful job as DAO and will continue as Assistant DAO for Sandra Broekema. Thank you to Tracy Gustafson for continuing as D10 Treasurer.



D/Lt/C Stacy Lowney

Thank you to Rob Gaddes, our Webmaster. Bernie & Bill Dohr for proofreading documents and emails. Jennine Fine for being the Newsletter Editor and the 100's of other things you do! Their outstanding support for the Secretary Department this past year is much appreciated.

Much thanks to the Nominating Committee who worked long and hard to establish our D10 Leadership. We know it is not an easy task, so congratulations!

Distinguished Newsletter Award:

District 10 – The D10 Communicator

Door County - The Door Scuttlebutt

Milwaukee - Deck Watch

Minnetonka - TonkaNAUTS



District Secretary

Distinguished Website Award:

District 10

Central Wisconsin Sail & Power Squadron

Door County Power Squadron

Duluth Sail & Power Squadron

Milwaukee Sail & Power Squadron

Minnetonka Power Squadron

Oshkosh Power Squadron

Several council items were requested and approved this year, see seat packet for specifics.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the 2023 Spring Conference as we inaugurate our new District Commander Jennine Fine.

Sincerely,

D/Lt/C Stacy Lowney, S

D10 Secretary



D10 2023 Spring Conference

Eau Claire, WI

28 - 30 April 2023

Metropolis Resort

**Committee Members: Dave, Jennine,
Geoff, Suzanne, Kevco, & Kris**



D10 Change of Watch - 29 April 2023 Entertainment featuring the Circle Dogs

Online registration and other registration materials can be found here:
<https://www.minnetonkaps.org/d10-2023-spring-conference/>

Conference agenda can be found here:
<https://www.minnetonkaps.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/2023-Spring-Conf-Agenda-Final.pdf>



D10 Welcomes you to the
District 10: 2023 Spring Conference

28 – 30 April 2023

**Metropolis Resort
 Eau Claire, Wisconsin**

Agenda



Preconference & Conference Webinars (See GoToMeeting details on page 4)

Tue, April 18	7:00-9:00pm	District 10 Commander's Meeting
Wed, April 19	7:00-9:00pm	District 10 Education Officer's Meeting
Mon, April 24	7:00-9:00pm	District 10 Administrative Officer's Meeting
Tue, April 25	7:00-9:00pm	District 10 Executive Officer's Meeting
Wed, April 26	7:00-9:00pm	District 10 Council Meeting
Sat, April 29	8:00am-3:00pm	District 10 Conference Meeting & Workshops

Friday, April 28

		<u>Location</u>
3:00 – 7:00	Registration by St. Paul Squadron	Hotel Lobby
3:00 – 10:00	Set-up and Preview Silent Auction	Metro AB
6:00 – 7:00	Social Hour (cash bar)	Metro AB
6:00 – 8:00	50/50 Fundraiser	Metro AB
7:00 – 8:00	Buffet Dinner	Metro AB

Saturday, April 29

		<u>Location</u>
7:00 – 9:00	Breakfast – on your own	
8:00 – 9:15	Registration by St. Paul Squadron	Hotel Lobby
8:00 – 9:15	Workshop "The Sextant is my Friend" by Cdr Geoff Carman	Metro AB
9:30 – 11:30	D10 Conference Meeting	Metro CD
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch Buffet	Metro AB
1:15 – 2:30	Workshop/Discussion- District & Squadron Simplification and News From National	Metro CD
1:15 – 5:00	Enjoy Chaos Water Park and Action City! Mini Golf Tournament (At your leisure)	
5:00 – 6:00	Cocktail Reception (cash bar), Silent Auction, & 50/50 Fundraiser	Metro ABCD
6:00 – 6:30	March, Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation, & Intro of guests	Metro ABCD
6:30 – 7:15	Buffet Dinner	Metro ABCD
7:00 – 7:15	Chief's Message	Metro ABCD
7:15 – 8:00	D10 Change of Watch, Awards, & Recognition	Metro ABCD
8:00 – 11:00	Music by Circle Dogs, Action City, & Chaos Water Park	Metro ABCD

Sunday, April 30

		<u>Location</u>
8:00 – 9:15	Breakfast "Round Table" with the Bridge, Meet your new Commander, & Golf Tournament Awards	Metro AB
9:30 – 10:30	Round Table: Boating Tips and Tricks by P/D/C Kris Harmon & P/D/C Al Harmon	Metro CD
11:00 – 12:00	D10 Bridge Meeting	Metro CD

See next page for a description of these items.



All Apparel is Welcome! – Suggested Attire?

Friday Evening:	America's Boating Club / USPS Casual
Saturday:	America's Boating Club / USPS Casual
Saturday Evening:	Ladies Dressy & Men's Business Attire
Sunday:	America's Boating Club / USPS Casual



Workshops/Social Activity/Meetings/More

WORKSHOP: The Sextant is My Friend (Sat 8:00-9:15AM) with Oshkosh Commander **Geoff Carman**, cost FREE. Ever wonder how a sextant works and how it is used in offshore navigation? Taking or interested in taking Junior Navigation or Navigation? Then this workshop is for you. Geoff will explain how the sextant works and how to maintain it. He will also share secrets about how to take accurate sights.

CONFERENCE MEETING: (Sat 9:30-11:30) – Learn what is happening around District 10. We are made up of 11 squadrons from Minnesota, Wisconsin, and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Each Commander will share the latest. We will also review and approve our budget for the coming watch year and the 2023-24 Slate of Officers.

WORKSHOP: District and Squadron Simplification (Sat 1:15-2:30) – with P/D/C **Dave Fine** and Planning Com Chair & Madison Commander **Jim Pahl-Washa**, cost FREE. The National organization has revised the model bylaws for Districts and Squadrons, allowing for significant freedom to structure your organization in a way that best suits your needs. The idea is to reduce the administrative burden to free up resources to focus on what is important. In this workshop hear how District is moving forward and what options are available for your Squadron.

SOCIAL ACTIVITY: Mini-Golf Tournament – (Sat anytime between 1:15 and 5:00 – Weather permitting) – **Action City Pass** required and available at a deep discount at time of Conference registration (\$18 vs. \$31) – Bring a team from your Squadron or team up with your friends. Prizes to be given away on Sunday morning. Email Kevin Wehrmann for questions at kevin@anchorconstructionanddesign.com

COCKTAIL RECEPTION & DINNER BUFFET: (Sat 5:00-7:15) Enjoy dinner with your friends for the start of a fun evening! Chief's Message, D10 Change of Watch, Awards, & Recognition to follow.

CHIEF'S MESSAGE: (Sat 7:00-7:15) Chief's Rep, National Administrative Officer, V/C Mike Weidel. District 10's very own Mike Weidel will share the message from our Chief Commander Craig Fraser.

SOCIAL ACTIVITY: Circle Dogs Live Entertainment (Sat 8:00-11:00), cost FREE – Enjoy live music and dancing with the Circle Dogs Band. Minnetonka member Jeff Hoffman and his band have some great music in store for you!

SOCIAL ACTIVITY: BREAKFAST with the BRIDGE (Sun 8:00-9:15) Roundtable discussion with D10's new Bridge

WORKSHOP: Boating Tips and Tricks (Sun 9:30-10:30) – Hosted by P/D/C **Al Harmon**, and St. Paul Cdr **Kris Harmon**, cost FREE. Come share your boating experiences and "tips and tricks" with fellow members of D10!

Cohosted by Milwaukee & Oshkosh Squadrons



D10 Summer Rendezvous August 18-20th

Lake Winneconne Park Barn in Winneconne, WI

A weekend of boating and fun on the Wolf River



Friday night: Dinner at Fin and Feather
Bonfire and camaraderie at Lake Winneconne
Park Barn to follow



Saturday day : Boating on the Wolf River

Saturday evening: Showboat II Dinner Cruise on the Wolf River and Upper Lakes

Sunday morning: Brunch at Fin and Feather

Registration information to follow



Come Have Fun with Us at National

2023 Fall Governing Board Meeting

August 27 – September 4

Kansas City, MO



2023-24 District 10 Change of Watch Schedule

- Sunday, December 4, 2022 Milwaukee Cdr Thad Smyczek (Suzanne)
- Sunday, January 22 St. Paul Cdr Kris Harmon (Jennine)
- Friday, Feb 10 @ 6p Green Bay Cdr Robert Rondou, (Suzanne)
- Saturday, February 18 @ 4p Minnetonka Cdr Paul Lemmerman (Jennine)
- Saturday, March 3 Virtual @ 1p Marinette-Menominee Cdr Roger Quinlan (Jennine)
- Thursday, March 23 Duluth Cdr Amy Herstad – Einbu (Chad)
- Saturday, March 25 @ 3-6p Madison Cdr Jim Pahl-Washa
- Saturday, April 1 Virtual @ 4p Door County Cdr Bob DeNoto (Jennine)
- Saturday, April 15 @ 1p Central Wisconsin Cdr Dennis Schultz (Jennine)
- Saturday, April 29 District 10 D/C Chief's Rep Mike Wiedel
- Hiawatha Valley Cdr Scott Norbeck
- Oshkosh Cdr Geoff Carman

St. Paul Squadron Change of Watch



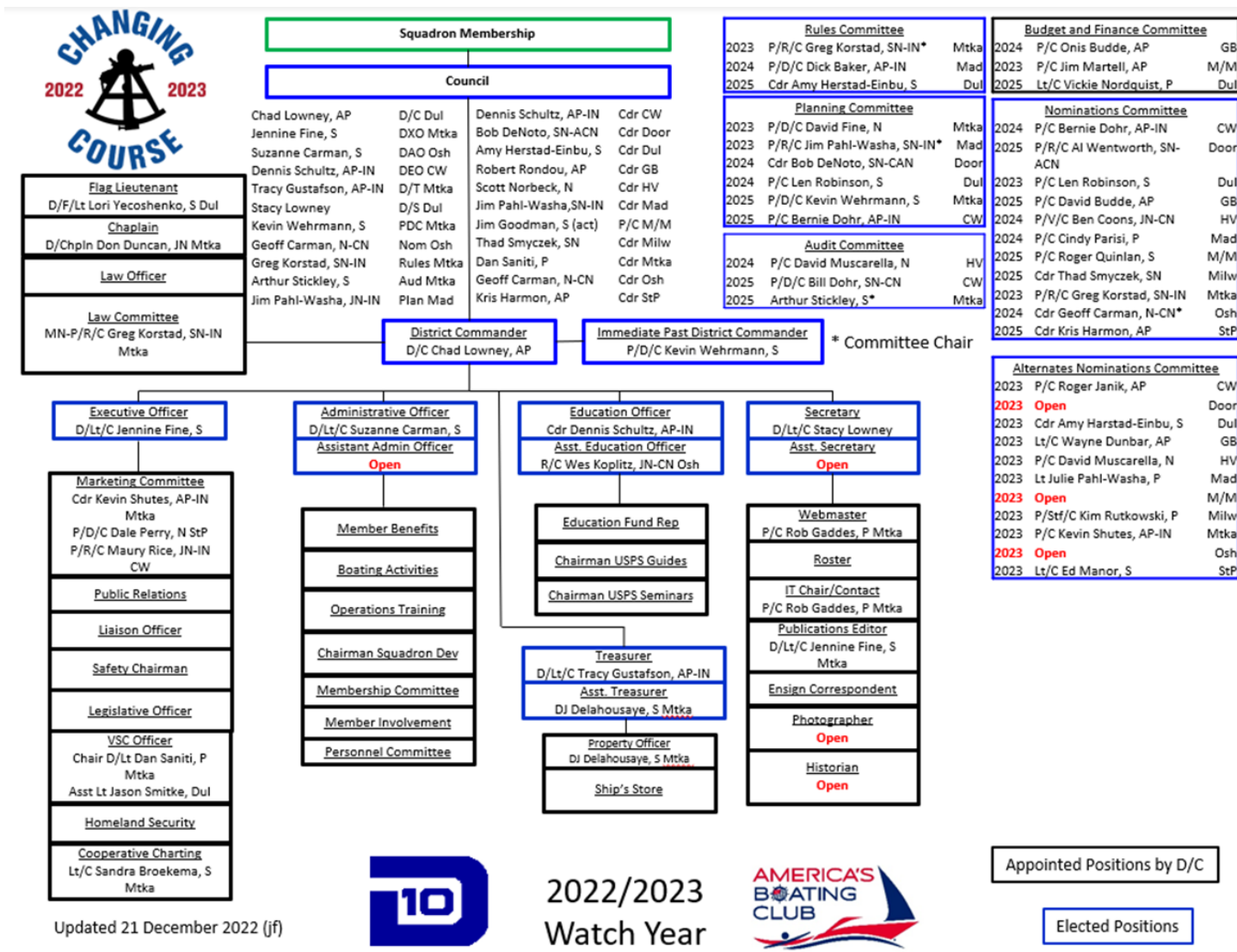
Madison Squadron Change of Watch



Green Bay Squadron Change of Watch



D10 2022/23 Watch Year



Proposed D10 Slate of Officers for 2022/23 Watch Year



District 10

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District 10

Slate of Officers for Election, 2023-24

Commander	D/Lt/C Jennine Fine, S
Executive Officer	Cdr Dennis Schultz, AP-CN
Educational Officer	R/C Wesley Koplitz, JN-CN
Assistant Educational Officer	Open
Administrative Officer	Lt Sandra Broekema, S
Assistant Administrative Officer	D/Lt/C Suzanne Carman, S
Secretary	D/Lt/C Stacy Lowney
Assistant Secretary	Open
Treasurer	D/Lt/C Tracy Gustafson, AP-IN
Assistant Treasurer	Lt Darrell Delahousaye, S
Immediate Past District Commander	P/D/C Chad Lowney, AP

		Term Ending
Rules Committee (3-year term)	P/D/C Dick Baker, AP-IN	2024
	Cdr Amy Herstad-Einbu, S	2025
	P/R/C Greg Korstad, SN-IN	2024
Planning Committee (3-year term)	Cdr Bob DeNoto, SN-ACN	2024
	D/C Chad Lowney, AP	2026
	P/D/C Kevin Wehrmann, S	2025
	P/C Bernie Dohr, AP-IN	2025
	P/D/C David Fine, N	2024
	P/R/C Jim Pahl-Washa, SN-IN	2024
Audit Committee (3-year term)	P/C David Muscarella, N	2024
	P/D/C Bill Dohr, SN-CN	2025
	Arthur Stickley, S	2025

Proposed D10 Slate of Officers for 2022/23 Watch Year (continued)

Budget and Finance Committee (3-year term)

(Appointed by the District Commander and recommended by the Nominating Committee)

P/C Onis Budde, AP	2024
Lt/C Vickie Nordquist, P	2025
Open	2026

Nominating Committee (3-year term)	D/Lt/C Bernie Dohr, AP-IN	Central Wisconsin	2024
	P/R/C Alan Wentworth, SN-CAN	Door County	2025
	P/C Len Robinson, S	Duluth	2026
	P/C David Budde, AP	Green Bay	2025
	P/V/C Ben Coons, JN-CN	Hiawatha Valley	2024
	P/C Cindy Parisi, P	Madison	2024
	Cdr Roger Quinlan, S	Marinette/Menominee	2025
	Cdr Thad Smyczek, SN	Milwaukee	2025
	Open	Minnetonka	2026
	Cdr Geoff Carman, N-CN	Oshkosh	2024
Cdr Kris Harmon, AP	St. Paul	2025	

Nominating Committee Alternates (1-year term)	Open	Central Wisconsin	2024
	Open	Door County	2024
	Open	Duluth	2024
	Open	Green Bay	2024
	Open	Hiawatha Valley	2024
	Open	Madison	2024
	Open	Marinette/Menominee	2024
	Open	Milwaukee	2024
	Open	Minnetonka	2024
	Open	Oshkosh	2024
Open	St. Paul	2024	

Respectfully submitted,

Cdr. Geoff Carman, N-CN
D10 NomCom. chair



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

- ⇒ Assistant Education Officer
- ⇒ Assistant Secretary
- ⇒ Publications Editor
- ⇒ Alternate Nominations Committee Member: All Squadrons

Feel free to reach out to any member of the Bridge if you want more info. Taking on one of these roles is a great way to see what goes on at the District level and we could really use your help!

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