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D/C Jennine Fine, S

Greetings D10 Members:

As I reflect upon the past few months since the last December 2023 Communicator, I would like to highlight the following activities:

- Celebrated Minnetonka's Member Clarence "Bud" Flynn's, SN 95th Birthday.



- Lots of fun family adventures in Hawaii. The Fine family of Four visited the Big Island's Mauna Kea to see snow. There was none in Shorewood, MN upon our departure.

- Enrolled in the District Weather Class held by DEO Wes Koplitz with the help of Instructors Greg Korstad and Dale Perry and support by Karen Manor. If held again, I highly recommend enrolling in this course.
- Installed Minnetonka Squadron Commander Kevin Cooper at their Annual Membership Meeting.



- Attended the National Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL in February. Attendees were Mike Wiedel, Kim Rutkowski, Bill & Bernie Dohr, Dale & Vivian Perry, Wes Koplitz, Dave Fine, and myself. Accepted the 3rd Place Operations Training in Three Award, Life Member Awards, VSC Century Award, Membership Growth Award, and the Cooperative Charting & Membership Honor Roll Awards. These Awards will be distributed during the 2024 Spring Conference.



- (National Annual Meeting cont'd). We were able to celebrate Bill & Bernie's 60th Wedding Anniversary. Highlights of this meeting can be found in the Annual Meeting Report sent to your Squadron Commander.



- Joined in on multiple meetings with the D10 Planning Committee to Simplify District & Squadron By-laws to better fit the future of our organization. Thank you members of the Planning Committee: Chair Jim Pahl-Washa, Dave Fine, Bob Denoto, Kevin Wehrmann, Bernie Dohr, & Chad Lowney. The Planning Committee handed off recommendations to the Rules Committee. Thank you members of the Rules Committee: Chair Greg Korstad, Richard Baker, and Amy Herstad-Einbu who collaborated to update the D10 Bylaws which will up for approval during the 2024 Spring Conference Meeting on April 13th.
- Enjoyed virtual COW with Marinette/Menominee Sail and Power Squadron led by Commander Roger Quinlan.
- Enrolled in the Marine Electrical Systems course this spring instructed by Mitch Anderson.
- Celebrated St. Paul Sail and Power Squadron Change of Watch led by Commander Kris Harmon.



- Virtual D10 Bridge Monthly Meetings & Virtual D10 Joint Bridge & Commander Meetings.
- Updated the D10 Flag.
- Looking forward to attending Central Wisconsin Sail and Power Squadron's Change of Watch which will be led by Commander Dennis Schultz.



Life Members (25 Merit Marks)

A BIG CONGRATULATION to five member of District 10 who earned 25 Merit Marks and are no longer needing to pay dues.

- ***Green Bay Sail and Power Squadron, P/C Daniel L Baker, Jr., SN-IN***
- ***St. Paul Sail and Power Squadron, P/D/C Alford Earl Harmon, JN-IN***
- ***Minnetonka Power Squadron, Steven Earl Leighton, AP***
- ***Minnetonka Power Squadron, P/R/C Michael J Skelley, JN-IN***
- ***Minnetonka Power Squadron, Rebecca Lynn Skelley, S***

New Life Member



Green Bay Sail & Power Squadron,
District 10



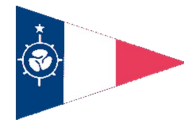
Daniel L. Baker, Jr., SN



New Life Member



St. Paul Sail & Power Squadron,
District 10



Alford Earl Harmon, JN



New Life Member



Minnetonka Power Squadron, District 10



Steven Earl Leighton, AP



New Life Member



Minnetonka Power Squadron, District 10



Michael J. Skelley, JN



I have a passion for our organization and will continue to help those who volunteer their time and talents to keep our organization alive. Members of D10 are AWESOME !!!

I would like to thank the D10 Bridge (Dennis, Sandra, Wes, Suzanne, Tracy, Stacy, Chad, and Dave), the D10 Commanders (Dennis, Bob, Amy, Robert, Scott, Jim, Roger, Thad, Kevin, Geoff, and Kris) , the D10 Committee Chairpersons (Geoff, Greg, Arthur, and Jim). Without you, I could not have successfully accomplished my role as the D10 Commander for the 2023-24 Watch Year.

On that noteFrom my home to yours, I would like to wish You and Yours "A VERY HAPPY SPRING". Hope to see you all at the 2024 Spring Conference at Minneapolis Marriott West !!!

Respectfully Submitted,

D10 Commander Jennine Fine, S

New Life Member



Minnetonka Power Squadron, District 10



Rebecca Lynn Skelley, S



Remembering a Dear Friend of mine from Central Wisconsin



Jennifer Pomainville Rice



Jennifer Rice Obituary

Published by Legacy Remembers on Jan. 15, 2024.

Jennifer (Jenny) Margaret Pomainville Rice, 83, of [Stevens Point, Wisconsin](#), died on the evening of December 25, 2023, at the Mayo Clinic Hospital in [Rochester, Minnesota](#), from congestive heart failure.

Jenny was born on November 9, 1940, in [Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin](#), to Dr. Leland and Margaret Pomainville. She was the second of their three daughters, including older sister, Ann Hacker and younger sister, Martha Pomainville.

Jenny is survived by her beloved spouse, Maurice (Maury) Rice, and their three children-Margaret (Maggie) Rice (spouse James Morsch) of [Chicago, Illinois](#); Katherine (Katie) Rice Jones (spouse Bradley Jones) of [San Anselmo, California](#); and Dr. Gregory (Greg) Rice (spouse Jennifer Martin Rice) of [La Crosse, Wisconsin](#); and their seven grandchildren - Evan Morsch, Eleanor Morsch, Rachel Rice, Laura Rice, Allison Rice, Evelyn Jones, and Camilla Jones. She is also survived by her in-laws, Maury's brother and sister, and her nine nieces and two nephews, who she considered like her own children.

Jenny grew up in Wisconsin Rapids and was raised in the Catholic faith. As a young child, she was stricken with rheumatic fever and suffered some complications. Jenny's disease was particularly debilitating during her first-grade school year, and her mother, a teacher, homeschooled her.

Jenny attended Lincoln High School in Wisconsin Rapids, and during that time, she participated in a dizzying array of activities and leadership, including All-School Play, Belle Cantos, Chemistry Club, Class Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice-President, Declamation Club, Debate, Dramatic Club, Historian, Girls' Athletic Association, Lincoln Lights Staff Managing Editor, National Forensic League, National Thespian Society, Northwestern Institute of Speech, House Council, Operetta, Pep Club Vice-President, Prom Committee, and Student Council. During the summers, Jenny attended college-bound summer programs like the National High School Institute, a rigorous Northwestern University's 5-week performing arts program. Jenny graduated with honors from high school in 1958.

Following high school graduation, she attended the University of Wisconsin and was an active Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority member. Jenny was selected to join the summer acting program at the University of Colorado at Boulder during summer break. On June 4, 1962, she graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in speech and drama. Upon graduation, Jenny's parents gifted her a trip to Europe. During the trip, she ran into her future husband, Maury, a long-time family friend, at the Grand Casino in Lucerne, Switzerland. After a few cocktails, the two decided they were meant for each other.

In 1963, Jenny earned her teaching credential and started an eighth-grade English teaching position at Butte de Morts Junior High in [Menasha, Wisconsin](#).

On August 8, 1964, Maury and Jenny married at Saint Vincent Catholic Church in Wisconsin Rapids. Ann, Martha, and Maury's sister, Elizabeth Rice, served as bridesmaids. Their reception was held immediately following at the Wisconsin Rapids Country Club. The couple honeymooned in Montreal and Quebec, Canada, and [Boston, Massachusetts](#). After the nuptials, Jenny joined Maury in [Madison, Wisconsin](#), where he attended law school, and she taught English and speech at Madison Central Junior High.

After Maury's graduation, the couple moved to Wisconsin Rapids, where Maury was appointed an assistant district attorney, and shortly thereafter, they welcomed their first child, Maggie. Two years later, the family moved to [Stevens Point, Wisconsin](#) (Maury's hometown). Jenny accepted a new position at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, while Maury joined the Peikert and Anderson law firm. In the years that followed, the couple welcomed two more children—a daughter, Katie, and a son, Greg.

In 1974, Jenny was selected for a teaching position at P.J. Jacobs Junior High School, where she taught seventh- and eighth-grade English and drama. She remained at P.J.'s for most of her career except for a short stint at Ben Franklin Junior High. At the age of 60, she retired from teaching. Her retirement party was held to much fanfare at the Stevens Point Country Club.

Throughout her life, Jenny was an avid traveler, visiting various destinations, including England, Ireland, Germany, Switzerland, France, Mexico, the Cayman Islands, and the Virgin Islands. She also spent many summers in [Green Lake, Wisconsin](#), winters in [Naples, Florida](#), and Palm Desert, California, and regularly visited her beloved grandchildren in Madison, Chicago, and the San Francisco Bay Area.

When Jenny wasn't working or traveling, she volunteered for several organizations, including Operation Bootstrap, a nonprofit organization that operates a food pantry, St. Michael's Hospital/Rice Medical Center, and United States Power Squadrons, an organization that looks to improve maritime safety and boating enjoyability. She also enjoyed a variety of activities, including golfing; bridge playing; reading, and participating in book clubs; walking the Green Circle Trail through Moses Creek; boating, especially with her father; leprechaun-ish dancing; eating vanilla soft-serve twist cones with chocolate dip; laughing with her friends; finding lost items for Maury; expanding her knowledge by taking college courses; playing Sudoku; and taking her grandchildren to parks, museums, and University of Wisconsin's Grandparent University two-day camp.

To most, she was known as a "whirling dervish" with a witty tongue, a Cheshire-Cat smile, and a bright-blue twinkle in her eye. She was a stoic woman who expressed her love through teasing, poking fun, remembering everything you wish she'd forget, stating the obvious (at least to her), and in the good deeds and caregiving she bestowed upon her family and community.

To her family, she was a tiny fireball who will blaze brightly in our hearts forever.

A memorial service will be held on June 8, 2024, at 11:00 am at Saint Bronislava Parish, 3200 Plover Road, Plover, Wisconsin. Prior to the service, a visitation will be held at 10:00 am in the church's gathering room. A private burial will be held at a later date in Restlawn Memorial Park Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in her name to Operation Bootstrap Inc. in Stevens Point.



District Executive Department

Greetings,

I hope everyone is enjoying the mild weather. In central Wisconsin we have started the spring boating season already. With the unsafe ice condition's people have been using their boats to fish in the river. On a safety note, if you are fishing in a river and deploy an anchor remember to keep a knife available to cut your anchor line if ice gets caught up on the line this allows you to cut your boat free. Just a reminder with people bringing their boats out early I have already received requests for VSCs so you may be able to start that a little earlier this year.



D/Lt/C Dennis Schultz AP-IN

Attention Vessel Examiners: New Mandatory Workshop

There is a new 2024 Vessel Safety Check Workshop that was created by the U.S. Coast Guard. All vessel examiners are REQUIRED to complete it no later than June 30, 2024. If not completed by that date, vessel examiners will be de-certified until they complete the workshop. Links to obtain the content are located at the top of the [Vessel Safety Check Updates webpage](#). The content is available in PDF and PowerPoint formats. NOTE: The PDF will open in your browser, but the PowerPoint version will be downloaded to your computer. Vessel examiners also need to complete Appendix A, which is included. The time needed to complete the workshop should be less than 30 minutes. Once you have finished, [click here](#) to record that you have done it. [-Jeff McKinney](#)

Since most squadrons had a great year with VSCs I will be increasing the district goal this year. Thanks to everyone for the great job last year. I would also recommend thinking about a early start to geodetic marker recovery with no snow cover it is a great way to get out and enjoy the sunshine. Another benefit is there are no bugs out to bother you.

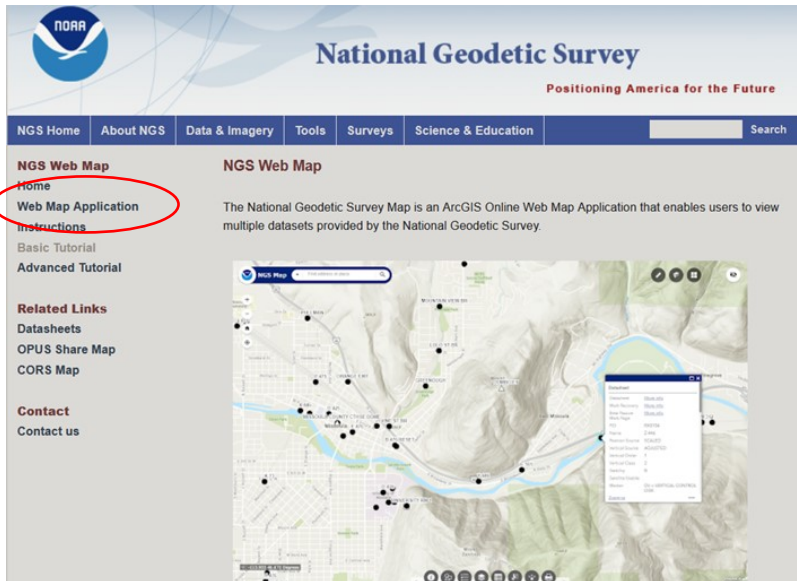
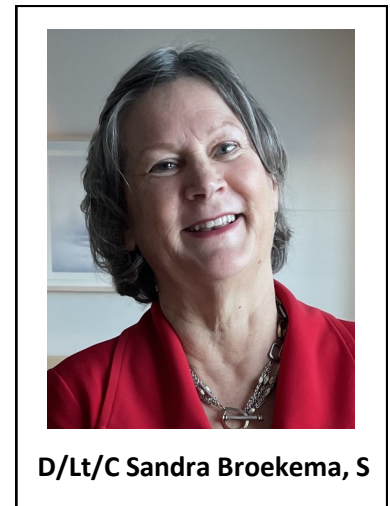
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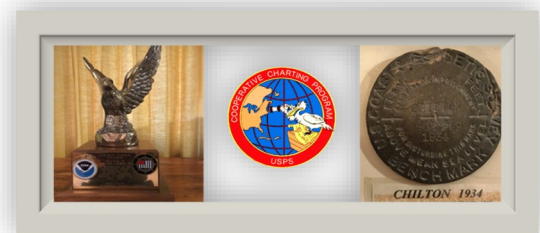
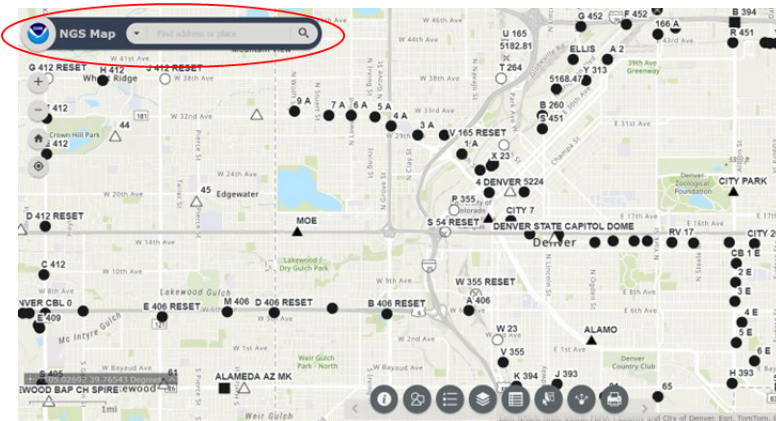
Cooperative Charting Corner By D/Lt/C Sandra Broekema

IMPORTANT UPDATE

For all of us Geodetic Marker hunters, NGS has moved the mapping application to plan for our expeditions to: https://geodesy.noaa.gov/datasheets/ngs_map/. Please bookmark the new link.



When you click on Web Map Application, the mapping system defaults to Denver, Colorado – so update the desired location (City, State, Zip or PID) in the NGS Map search box below.



You can still zoom in or out and the data sheets are still there with summary information when you hover your cursor and full datasheet when you click on it. You could enter your report directly on the new site, but USPS will have no record of your volunteer efforts and no USPS credit can be given. Submitting a formal report on USPS remains unchanged at this link: <https://form.jotform.com/240004280549146>.



District Educational Department

Greetings:

Another Spring is upon us and soon another fun-filled boating season will begin. Once again, we will gather for our District 10 Spring Conference. As your 2023-24 District Educational Officer, I look forward to seeing many of you in Minneapolis. The event is an opportunity to reflect on the past year and look forward to the next educational year. The Minnetonka Sail and Power Squadron has an entertaining and educational weekend in place. Don't miss this opportunity!



R/C Wesley D. Koplitz, JN-CN

2024 Spring Conference Virtual Squadron Educational Officer's Workshop

I invite all Squadron Educational Officers to attend this session on April 4th at 7 PM. If you are a Squadron Educational Officer or Assistant Squadron Educational Officer, expect an email invite to our session. Any member is invited to attend. Share your invite with any member you feel would be interested. We will summarize educational presentations made at the Orlando Annual meeting. Time will also be allotted for our D-10 2024 plans, along with a summary of the past educational year. Bring your educational request to this session!

2024 Spring Conference District 10 Education Awards

There were no JN or N completions during the past educational year. Thus, Prince Henry will not be present.

We will present the SEA (Squadron Educational Achievement) award at the 2024 Spring Conference.

Regards,

Wesley D. Koplitz

District Educational Officer

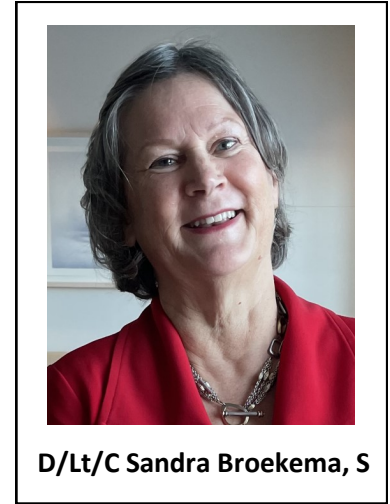




District Administrative Department

Greetings:

Membership is Job 1 for the Administrative offices across America’s Boating Club, accomplished through MEMBER INVOLVEMENT and RETENTION and re-cruiting NEW MEMBERS.



D/Lt/C Sandra Broekema, S

2023 Administrative Goals & Objectives		Y/E Result
1	Support squadron efforts to add at least 100 new members by December 31	93
2	Support squadron efforts to improve Member retention to 90% across D10	79.9%
3	Promote the Membership Involvement and Retention program by submitting at least 4 MIRA applications by May 30	6 applications submitted, St. Paul awarded 1 st Place!
4	Promote the BoatUS Civic Distinguished Service Award by submitting at least 4 applications by October 15	2 applications submitted

Four squadrons added new members including Duluth, Minnetonka, St. Paul and Door County. Five squadrons achieved greater than 90% member retention including Central Wisconsin, Green Bay, Madison, Oshkosh and St. Paul! Thank YOU for your efforts!

Much of our time and effort are currently focused on preparations for the 2024 D10 Spring Conference and Change of Watch, hosted by Minnetonka Power Squadron at the Marriott West Minneapolis [Marriott West Hotel Link](#) April 12-14. The USPS National Chief Commander Ralph Bernard, AP is planning to deliver his own remarks in person this year at the business meeting on Saturday morning. We are offering educational seminars on All About VHS/DSC Marine Radio and Mariner’s Compass. There is an optional field trip to Punchbowl Social in the afternoon. Saturday night we are very excited to present the Shalo Lee Band following dinner and the Change of Watch. We hope to see you there (registration information available online through March 15). Please register at your earliest convenience to help us plan.

Additionally, the Summer Rendezvous – Big Island Adventure is coming together, also hosted by Minnetonka on Lake Minnetonka August 16-18. We are looking forward to the Friday evening dinner cruise, hosted shuttles from Excelsior Docks on Saturday to Streeter Cove for picnic lunch, historic guided walking tour, games and pig roast dinner and campfire. We’ll wrap up on Sunday morning with hosted shuttles and a pancake breakfast. Hotel block is currently available at [AmericInn Chanhassen](#)

D/Lt/C Sandra Broekema, S

District Administrative Officer



District Treasurer's Department

Ahoy from the D-10 Treasurer's Department !

Our financial position is Ship Shape !! We are staying within our budget - Thanks to the due diligence for budgeting and spending of the bridge team. I really appreciate how the bridge works together to keep an eye on the budget and the district finances. We can keep our squadrons strong by re-newing our own memberships and bringing in new people who share our enjoyment of boating and community service. The only income the District has is the Membership Dues.

I want to again take this opportunity to mention to the squadrons that now is a good time to submit an Enrichment Application to D-10 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 Treasurer.

It has been a very enjoyable voyage sailing through as District Treasurer for the past few years J I am looking forward to cruising into the next watch year ahead as I continue onboard as the District Treasurer.

There are positions available for interested members to come onboard and serve in a district capacity. Contact anyone on the bridge for more information !

The watch year end is March 31, 2024, which cannot be finalized for a few weeks. All of the books and records are up to date and filed accordingly. The bank statements are reconciled on a timely basis each month. I will be working with the audit committee to finalize the audit for the 2023-2024 watch year after it is finalized.

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

I look forward to seeing the squadrons come together at the District Spring Conference, and dual Change of Watch with Minnetonka, at the Minneapolis Marriott West in Minneapolis April 12-14. District Conferences are fun and rewarding seeing the other squadron members and enjoying getting to know them more at each conference !

We would love everyone to come to the conference and see the District members all together and in person.

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

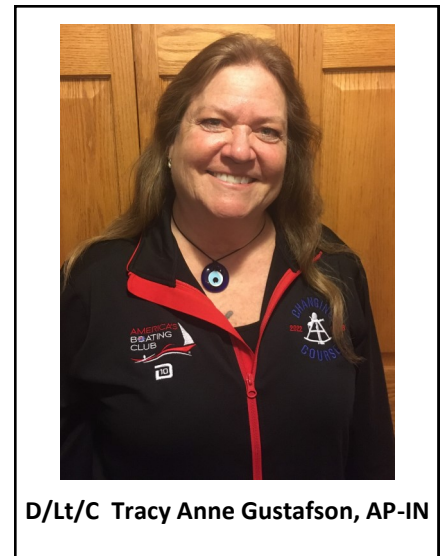
Have a Safe and Enjoyable 2024 Boating Season

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



15 March 2024

Never Regret The Things That Make You Smile !"



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



Greetings!

District Secretary

It is hard to believe that another year has passed, and we are soon to enter new watch year. D/C Jennine Fine performed an excellent job this year and will continue her role as D/C. Thank you to DEXO Dennis Schultz, DEO Wes Koplitz, and D10 Treasurer Tracy Gustafson for continuing to serve. Sandra Broekema DAO will be resigning her position. I am also resigning my position as D10 Secretary.

Thank you to Rob Gaddes, our Webmaster. Bernie Bill Dohr for and proof-reading 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.

A special 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!

Several council items were requested and approved this year:

- Council approved 26 April 2023 Spring Council Minutes at Fall Council Meeting 11.14.23.
- Council approved date and venue for 2024 Spring Conference at Fall Council Meeting on 11.14.23.
- Council approved date and venue for 2024 Summer Rendezvous at Fall Council Meeting on 11.14.23.
- Minnetonka's Enrichment Fund Request for squadron texting service. Request was approved 11.24.23.
- St. Paul's Enrichment Fund Request for \$500 to assist with the partial reimbursement of squadron projector purchase. Request was approved 1.8.24.
- Central WI's Enrichment Request for \$500 to assist with the replacement of a motor for the Sea Scouts. Request was approved 2.6.24.
- Door County's Enrichment Fund request of \$500 to assist with purchase of PFD's for Sea Scouts. Request was approved 2.27.24.
- Marinette-Menomonie's Enrichment Fund request of \$500 to assist with the purchase of 2 banners and supplies. Still in voting phase.

Chad and I will unfortunately miss the 2024 Spring Conference as our family has a prior commitment. I'm sure it will be a great time! Dakota's swimming and lacrosse schedules keep us busy, but we hope to attend future squadron events!

Sincerely,

D/Lt/C Stacy Lowney,

D10 Secretary



D/Lt/C Stacy Lowney

D10 Bylaws Amendments as recommended by the D10 Rules Committee

To View the “red line” version of the Bylaws [CLICK HERE](#)



DISTRICT 10 RULES COMMITTEE

2023-2024 BYLAWS UPDATE

This memo describes the recommended Bylaw Amendments proposed by the Rules Committee in response to the recommendations of the Planning Committee and District Commander. To the extent practical, proposed changes follow guidance from the National Rules Committee and its advice relating to Squadron Simplification. We also take guidance from the National Planning Committee's recommendations in its most recent Strategic Transition Plan toward a functional America's Boating Club.

See the accompanying Draft Amended Bylaws for specific detail.

1.1 Wisconsin Corporation	This section acknowledges that we are operating as a corporation under Wisconsin corporate laws
1.3.7 Bridge Officers	“Bridge officers” are defined
2.3.6 Option to leave Executive Officer vacant	The Conference has the option to choose to leave the Executive officer position unfilled.
2.4.2 District Educational Programs	This section recognizes the current practice of the District sponsoring educational programming that squadrons are not providing.
2.5.5 Option to leave Administrative Officer vacant	The Conference has the option to choose to leave the Administrative officer position unfilled.
2.6.10 Combined Secretary and 2.7.9 Treasurer positions	Combining the role of secretary with that of treasurer is common in many smaller organizations with simplified recordkeeping needs. This is an option for the Council. What standards the Council will use are not prescribed, however it is expected that the volume of work and the available of candidates will be important.
2.7.4 Education Fund	The Treasurer is tasked with managing the District Member's and Squadron's participation in the USPS Education Fund.
2.8.1 Optional Assistants managing the Department Heads	It is left to the Council to determine whether to fill the positions of assistants for the bridge officers. In addition, we authorize either the Council or the Commander to appoint a department head to run the administrative and executive departments in lieu of an elected bridge officer. The appointed department head would not have the “bridge officer” management responsibilities but would manage the specific department. This reduced workload may encourage volunteers with limited availability to step up.

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2.9 General Committees	General committees report to the Conference. It is proposed the only one would be the nominating committee. The thinking is that the functions of the various current general and standing committees would not be forgotten, they would simply be accomplished informally as needed without the need for the permanent committee structure.
2.9.1 Nominating Committee	Recent years have seen difficulties in participation and work of the Nominating Committee indicating change is needed. The current process of nominations is cumbersome, but is ultimately representative of each of the Squadrons and in turn the entire membership of the District. No specific changes have been identified pending further consideration by the Conference.
2.9.2 Rules Committee 7.2.1	Rules and Bylaws projects occur sporadically and could easily be done <i>ad hoc</i> . The parliamentary duties at meetings would be performed by an appointed parliamentarian. The rules committee is active only in the event of an issue about compliance with our rules or when there is a need to amend the Bylaws. Following the adoption of these simplified Bylaws we create organizational flexibility which will limit the need for further modifications. If something arises the option exists to address it with an ad hoc committee.
2.9.3 Auditing Committee	We provide for a less formal financial review to replace the significant effort and three-year commitment of a formal audit committee. See Section 8.8 creating a mechanism for informal financial review.
2.9.4 Planning Committee	There would not be an ongoing planning committee. It is expected that from time to time there will be items that would have fallen within the purview of a planning committee, however they are not expected to be frequent and on-going. These items would be addressed by ad hoc groups specific to the task. See Section 2.11
2.10 Standing Committees	Standing committees would report to the Council. There is only one proposed at this time—Budget and Finance
2.10.1 Budget and Finance 3.2.8 Committee	It is thought that the most effective way to assure the financial strength of the District is to retain a small committee appointed by the Council focused upon finance and to have that committee represented in Council Meetings. It is expected that members with financial acumen would be helpful to the Council and the Treasurer in managing budget and finance issues.
2.11 Ad Hoc Committees	Ad hoc committees are authorized. This section allows each segment of District leadership—Conference, Council, Commander or Department Head to involve the particular expertise and interests of our membership to address particular activities, functions or considerations through empowering the creation of ad hoc committees, task forces or work groups.

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	Committee appointments would be tied to the project and the appointing authority.
2.10.2 Membership	Available Ad hoc Section 2.11
2.10.3 Member Involvement	Available Ad hoc Section 2.11
2.10.4 Law	Available Ad hoc Section 2.11
2.10.5 Personnel	Available Ad hoc Section 2.11
2.10.6 USPS Educational Fund	Available Ad hoc Section 2.11
2.10.7 Marketing	Available Ad hoc Section 2.11
2.10.8 Other	Available Ad hoc Section 2.11
2.11 Editor	Commander's appointments are in section 2.13
2.12 Property Officer	Commander's appointments are in section 2.13
2.13 Commander appointments	Rather than call out the specific appointments that are expected of the Commander, this section allows the commander to tailor appointments to meet specific needs of the Commander, membership and the Watch Year.
3.1 The Council	Adds the standing committee chairs to the Council. This assures the Council will have available the input of both the general committee (Nominating) and standing committee (Budget and Finance) chairs.
3.2.1 Council as Statutory Board of Directors	This provision has the business of the District primarily run by the Bridge and the Council (both of which meet regularly) rather than the conference, eliminating the burden of convening a cumbersome and very large group to make management decisions. It also reflects the practicalities of the single Conference meeting per year and is structurally better tied to State corporate law.
3.2.3 Education Officer	The reference to approval of the Education officer is deleted as there is no longer an approval by National.
3.2.4 Council Budget Authority	The Council is tasked with budget responsibility so that the budget is approved before the beginning of the fiscal year. Specifying a deadline of December 1 for budget approval allows the tax, fiscal and budget years to be the same.
3.2.11 Council Approves Assistant Bridge	The Council would consult with the Bridge to determine whether to appoint assistants and approve the selection.
4.3.2 Conference Reviews Budget but <i>determines</i> District Dues assessment	The fiscal condition of the District would be reviewed and a Budget adopted by the Council in December. At the Spring Conference the adopted Budget and the financial condition of the District would be considered by the Conference. The Conference (Council + Delegates) would then set the District dues amount effective for the following calendar year. The reference to a divided district does not apply to us and is deleted.
5.1 Annual Conference Meeting	The Conference meeting is considered the "annual meeting" of the corporation
5.2 Council Meetings Required	The number and timing of Council meetings is specified because it is responsible for the business of the District. Current practice

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	has a Council meeting within 6 weeks of the Conference. The Council also necessarily meets in in the Fall to set the budget.
5.3 Virtual Meetings 5.5 Authorized for both the Council and Conference	Virtual meetings of the Council <i>and</i> Conference are specifically authorized. Note that Wisconsin state law is unclear about the legal effect of member (Conference) meetings so care would need to be exercised in selecting the agenda of a virtual conference meeting.
5.6.1 Text Messages	Notice of meetings using text messages is specifically authorized
5.10 Council Resolutions	Enables resolutions to initiate at the Council level to facilitate consideration and evaluation before action at the Conference
5.11 Notice of Adjourned Meeting	If in the event of a conference meeting is adjourned to be continued at another time and that time is announced before the meeting ends no further notice is needed.
6.3 Education Officer Qualification	National has removed the requirement to have the District education officer approved by National
7.2.1 Alternate Rules of Order 7.2.3	This provision allows the option to conduct meetings informally without adherence to the strident procedures of Robert's Rules. Few members are expert in the complex rules and the complexity of our activities does not justify complicated procedures.
8.1 Budget and Fiscal Years 8.2	Moving to a calendar year will significantly simplify the tasks of the treasurer. With the combination of secretary and treasurer this is helpful. Thus Tax (990), Budget and Fiscal performance values all relate to the same 12-month period.
8.2.1 Dues Assessment is still set by Council	This is in keeping with the principle that the dues assessment is a membership decision.
8.8 Financial Review/Audit	Given the modest financial transactions of a district watch year, a full-fledged Audit would not normally be warranted. Our practice has been to have a financial review. It is expected that practice would continue but be conducted with less formality by ad hoc reviewers. Our members with financial expertise could do this work without committing to a three-year term.

**D10 Slate of Officers For Election, 2024-25 as recommended by the
D10 Nomination Committee**



**USPS® DISTRICT TEN
Nominating Committee Report**



**District 10
Slate of Officers for Election, 2024-25**

Commander	D/C Jennine Fine, S	
Executive Officer	D/Lt/C Dennis Schultz, AP-CN	
Educational Officer	R/C Wesley Koplitz, JN-CN	
Assistant Educational Officer	Open	
Administrative Officer	Open	
Assistant Administrative Officer	Open	
Secretary	P/C Bernie Dohr, AP-IN	
Assistant Secretary	P/D/C William Dohr, SN-CN	
Treasurer	D/Lt/C Tracy Gustafson, AP-IN	
Assistant Treasurer	D/Lt DJ Delahousaye, S	
Immediate Past Commander	P/D/C Chad Lowney, AP	
		<u>Term Ending</u>
Rules Committee (3-year term)	Cdr. Amy Herstad-Einbu, S	2025
	Open	2027
	Open	2027
Planning Committee (3-year term)	P/D/C Kevin Wehrmann, S	2025
	P/C Bernie Dohr, AP-IN	2025
	P/D/C Chad Lowney, AP	2026
	Open	2027
	Open	2027
	Open	2027
Audit Committee (3-year term)	P/D/C Bill Dohr, SN-CN	2025
	Arthur Stickley, S	2025
	Open	2024
Budget and Finance Committee (3-year term)		
(Appointed by the District Commander and recommended by the Nominating Committee)		
	Lt/C Vickie Nordquist, P	2025
	Lt/C Rebecca Skelley, S	2026
	Open	2027

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			<u>Term Ending</u>
Nominating Committee (3-year term)	Open	Central Wisconsin	2027
	P/R/C Alan Wentworth SN-ACN	Door County	2025
	P/C Len Robinson, S	Duluth	2026
	P/C David Budde, AP	Green Bay	2025
	Open	Madison	2027
	Cdr. Roger Quinlan, S	M & M	2025
	Cdr. Thad Smyczek, SN	Milwaukee	2025
	P/D/C Kevin Wehrmann, S	Minnetonka	2026
	P/C Suzanne Carman, S	Oshkosh	2027
	P/D/C Kris Harmon, P	St. Paul	2025

Nominating Committee Alternates (1-year term)

Open	Central Wisconsin
Open	Door County
Open	Duluth
Open	Green Bay
Open	Hiawatha Valley
Open	Madison
Open	M & M
Open	Milwaukee
Open	Minnetonka
Open	Oshkosh
Open	St. Paul

Respectfully submitted,

 Recoverable Signature

X *Geoff Carman*

Cdr. Geoff Carman, N-CN

District NomCom chair

Signed by: Geoffrey C Carman

Central Wisconsin Sail & Power Squadron



Central Wisconsin Is starting our spring show season we had a booth at the Central Wisconsin Sports show that was staffed by our Sea Scouts. Thanks to Mike and Kim Wiedel for bringing a Boating Safety Trainer back from National so we had one to use at the show. Having the trainer in the booth helped draw people to us. We have found that it is hard to get an adult to use the trainer in front of other people. My thought is they don't want to risk possible embarrassment? But kids love the chance to use the trainer and that gives us time to give the parents our elevator pitch about Scouting and America's Boating Club.

This spring we had 2 ABC classes, one at the Central Wisconsin Sports Show on 2-10-24. I would like to thank Jim and Julie Pahl-Washa for their help teaching this one-day class. We presented a lot of information to the students and they all passed. We also had an ABC class at American Marine and Motorsports boat show on 2-24-24.



Jim Pahl-Washa teaching ABC class



Tim Wooldridge and Steve Seubert Central Wisconsin Booth



Ike Seubert running the Boater Trainer in the booth

National MIRA Award

Application Due to Jennine Fine May 15

[Click Here](#) to read more

(you will have to log in to the National Website first)



Administrative Department
Membership Committee

Selden Membership Retention Award



Finley Sea Scout
Award

Boat US Civic
Service Award

Selden

P/C/C William Selden, SN MIRA Award

The P/C/C William Selden, SN - **MIRA Award** (Member Involvement Retention Award) is presented to three Squadrons and to one District annually that demonstrate successful programs that increase Member Retention. Submissions must be received by the designated Chair by 15 May. Awards are presented annually at the Fall Governing Board.

Committee Members

R/C [James M. Milton](#),
JN

Stf/C [Connie J. Shay](#), S

National Boat Safety Week May 18-24, 2024

[Click here](#) for more reads



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

2024 National Safe Boating Week Offers Tips for All Boaters

CLEARWATER, FL – National Safe Boating Week will be held from May 18-24, 2024, reminding all boaters to brush up on boating safety skills and prepare for the boating season. This observance week is the annual kick-off of the Safe Boating Campaign, a global awareness effort that encourages boaters to make the most of their boating adventure by being responsible.

D10 Change of Watch with Minnetonka Celebration

12-14 April 2024

[Click here](#) for Information & Registration on the Minnetonka Website



D10 2024 Spring Conference & Joint COW
Register by April 7, 2024

Hotels
Click here to view hotel information

Workshops
Click here to view the workshops

Register Online
Click here to register online

Join Us

The District 10 Bridge and the Minnetonka Squadron invite you to a weekend full of fun, laughs, education and camaraderie!

Date: April 12-14, 2024

Location: Minneapolis Marriott West
9960 Wayzata Boulevard
St. Louis Park, MN 55426

QUESTIONS?

D/Lt/C Sandra Broekema

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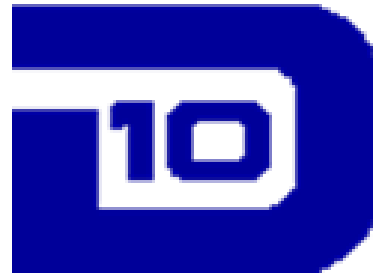


Reservations

Book your group rate for District 10 Spring Conference [HERE!](#) or CALL 952-544-4400 and ask for the **USPS D10 Spring Conference**

Additional rooms available at Courtyard/Marriott (connected)

[Courtyard Marriott Website](#)



D10 2024 Summer Rendezvous Aug 16-18 AmericInn - Chanhassen, MN

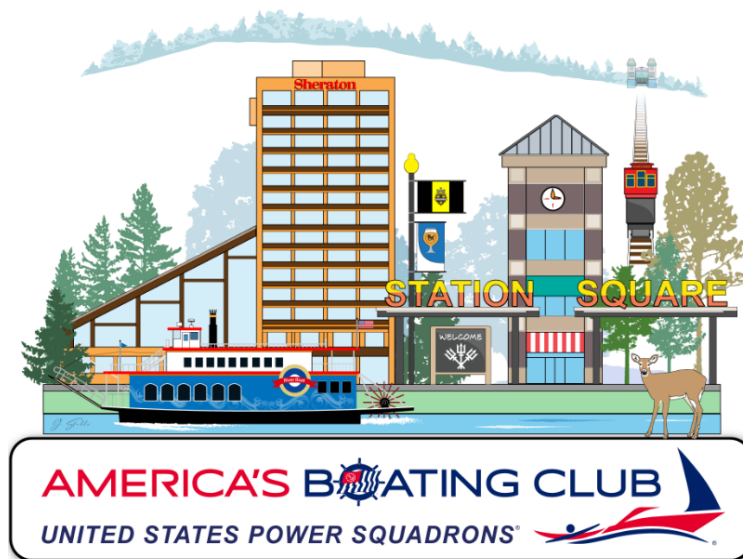
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Excelsior Bay Docks → Streeter Cove Hosted & Shuttles by Minnetonka

Squadron



Come Have Fun with Us at National



Fall Governing Board

September 24 - 29, 2024

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Sheraton Pittsburgh Hotel at Station Square

300 W Station Square Dr

Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Group Room Rate is \$189. It is good from 9/22/2024 - 9/29/2024.



D10 2023/24 Watch Year



Flag Lieutenant P/D/C David Fine, N Mtka
Chaplain D/Chpln Don Duncan, JN Mtka
Law Officer MN-P/R/C Greg Korstad, SN-IN Mtka WI-P/R/C Maury Rice, JN-IN CW
Law Committee & MN-P/R/C Greg Korstad, SN-IN Mtka WI-P/R/C Maury Rice, JN-IN CW

Squadron Membership

Council

Jennine Fine, S	D/C Mtka	Dennis Schultz, AP-IN	Cdr CW
Dennis Schultz, AP-IN	DXO CW	Bob DeNoto, SN-ACN	Cdr Door
Sandra Broekema, S	DAO Mtka	Amy Herstad-Einbu, S	Cdr Dul
Wes Koplitz, JN-CN	DEO Osh	Robert Rondou, AP	Cdr GB
Tracy Gustafson, AP-IN	D/T Mtka	Scott Norbeck, N	Cdr HV
Stacy Lowney	D/S Dul	Jim Pahl-Washa, SN-IN	Cdr Mad
Chad Lowney, AP	PDC Dul	Roger Quinlan, S	Cdr M/M
Geoff Carman, N-CN	Nom Osh	Thad Smyczek, SN	Cdr Milw
Greg Korstad, SN-IN	Rules Mtka	Paul Lemmerman, S	Cdr Mtka
Arthur Stickley, S	Aud Mtka	Geoff Carman, N-CN	Cdr Osh
Jim Pahl-Washa, SN-IN	Plan Mad	Kris Harmon, AP	Cdr StP

Rules Committee

2024	P/R/C Greg Korstad, SN-IN*	Mtka
2024	P/D/C Dick Baker, AP-IN	Mad
2025	Cdr Amy Herstad-Einbu, S	Dul

Planning Committee

2024	Cdr Bob DeNoto, SN-ACN	Door
2024	P/D/C David Fine, N	Mtka
2024	P/R/C Jim Pahl-Washa, SN-IN*	Mad
2025	P/D/C Kevin Wehrmann, S	Mtka
2025	P/C Bernie Dohr, AP-IN	CW
2026	P/D/C Chad Lowney, AP	Dul

Audit Committee

2024	P/C David Muscarella, N	HV
2025	P/D/C Bill Dohr, SN-CN	CW
2025	Arthur Stickley, S*	Mtka

Budget and Finance Committee

2024	P/C Onis Budde, AP*	GB
2025	Lt/C Vickie Nordquist, P	Dul
2026	Lt/C Rebecca Skelley, S	Mtka

Nominations Committee

2024	P/C Bernie Dohr, AP-IN	CW
2025	P/R/C Al Wentworth, SN-ACN	Door
2026	P/C Len Robinson, S	Dul
2025	P/C David Budde, AP	GB
2024	P/V/C Ben Coons, JN-CN	HV
2024	P/C Cindy Parisi, P	Mad
2025	Cdr Roger Quinlan, S	M/M
2025	Cdr Thad Smyczek, SN	Milw
2026	P/D/C Kevin Wehrmann, S	Mtka
2024	Cdr Geoff Carman, N-CN*	Osh
2025	Cdr Kris Harmon, AP	StP

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Assistant Admin Officer
D/Lt/C Suzanne Carman, S

Education Officer
R/C Wes Koplitz, JN-CN
Asst. Education Officer
Open

Secretary
D/Lt/C Stacy Lowney
Asst. Secretary
Open

Marketing Committee Open
Public Relations
Liaison Officer
Safety Chairman
Legislative Officer
VSC Officer P/C Dan Saniti, P Mtka
Homeland Security
Cooperative Charting D/Lt/C Sandra Broekema, S Mtka

Member Benefits
Boating Activities
Operations Training
Chairman Squadron Dev
Membership Committee
Member Involvement
Personnel Committee

Education Fund Rep
Chairman USPS Guides
Chairman USPS Seminars

Webmaster P/C Rob Gaddes, P Mtka
Roster
IT Chair/Contact P/C Rob Gaddes, P Mtka
Publications Editor D/Lt/C Jennine Fine, S Mtka
Ensign Correspondent
Photographer Open
Historian Open

Treasurer D/Lt/C Tracy Gustafson, AP-IN Asst. Treasurer D/1 st /LT DJ Delahousaye, S Mtka
Property Officer D/1 st /LT DJ Delahousaye, S Mtka
Ship's Store

Alternates Nominations Committee

2024	Open	CW
2024	Open	Door
2024	Open	Dul
2024	Open	GB
2024	Open	HV
2024	Lt Julie Pahl-Washa, P	Mad
2024	Open	M/M
2024	Open	Milw
2024	Open	Mtka
2024	P/C Carl Jansen, AP	Osh
2024	Lt/C Ed Manor, S	StP

* Committee Chair



2023/2024
Watch Year

Appointed Positions by D/C

Elected Positions

Updated 21 June 2023



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

- ⇒ D10 Administrative Officer & Assistant Administrative Officer
- ⇒ D10 Assistant Education Officer
- ⇒ Publications Editor
- ⇒ Rules, Planning, Audit, and Budget & Finance Committee Members

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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