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Holiday Greetings from the Executive Committee



Although the lakes aren't frozen yet to support an igloo like our cover photo depicts, it won't be long before winter envelopes us. However, it's a lot easier to get through it all because of the holidays. Family, friends, a bit of shopping, and good food are the order of the day.

Thanksgiving launches the holidays, this past week, so the Harbor Lights Holiday editors reached out to all members of the Bridge as to how they spent their Thanksgiving weekend.

Commander, Cindy Parisi and husband, Dick Baker were with family this holiday as most of us were. However, much of their time was spent at the hospital. Please keep Cindy's Dad in your prayers, who is currently hospitalized.

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Cindy Parisi is the longest serving Commander in the History of the Madison Sail & Power Squadron

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It's been a good year for MSPS so far, with lots of exciting stuff planned for the future. Check out the schedule elsewhere in this issue for the events and dates. I would like to talk a little about the next event, our annual Holiday Dinner at Rex's in Waunakee. This will be the third year we have done this a little differently than years past. The money you would normally pay for your meal goes to the Second Harvest Food Bank, and the squadron pays for the meal. This is one of the ways MSPS fulfills the overall mission of USPS, specifically the "civic service" side of the USPS triangle.

We're constantly working to offer things to our membership

from the other sides of the triangle too. We plan to offer Seamanship in January and Piloting in March. Please let Steve Bruns know if you are interested in Seamanship, or David Miran if you would like to take Piloting.

There are always opportunities to get "fraternal" also. Besides the above mentioned holiday party, our upcoming Annual Meeting, our Third Thursday events, and the Fish Fry Fridays all provide opportunities to get together with our MSPS friends.

You're really not going to want to miss the 2012 D10 Spring Conference March 23-25, 2012. This conference will be hosted by us and will be held in Middleton at the Marriot. We have live

music both nights; a Dance Instruction Seminar; and many other fun and educational offerings planned. As always, your help will be very much appreciated, even if you only have a couple hours to give. Please contact Event Chair Jim Pahl-Washa, or anyone else on the bridge if you can help out. This event will also mark the beginning of the watch year for our own Richard Baker, who will be sworn in as District Commander. Don't miss another historic conference hosted by Madison!

I really hope to see you at one of our upcoming events. Kick off the New Year right, and come on out!

MSPS will host "The Big Dance" March 23-25, 2012

It's time for a shameless plug for the next conference in line, the 2012 D10 Spring Conference, to be held March 23-25 in Middleton, Wisconsin. We're calling it "The Big Dance", because we're presenting live music on both nights of the conference.

We're having a great band on Friday night called **Primitive Culture**; check them out on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FvfHA-W5rCk>.

On Saturday evening we'll have a Big Band style orchestra called **Dimensions in Sound**. And for those of you who haven't been on the dance floor in a while, we have a dance instruction seminar planned Saturday morning to help dust off those cobwebs and sharpen up those steps.

If you're anything like me, you've spent

about half your life watching other people have fun on the dance floor, wishing you could participate. Now is the time to change all of that. Our instructor is Terry Enge, a local instructor who got his start with Arthur Murray many years ago, and now teaches at the Waunakee Community Center, among other places.

Terry delights in telling us that what we pay for in six weeks at the Community Center equates to just one lesson at Arthur's. You'll be getting it for free.

You can see Terry try to teach some of our squadron members the finer points of line dancing at last January's annual Business Meeting on our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Madison-Sail-and-Power-Squadron/178914748833733>.

Please keep in mind that any perceived lack of ability is not Terry's fault!

By offering music on Saturday night, the typical Saturday Night Change of Watch ceremonies will be drastically condensed, so that the evening is mostly dinner and music. Swearing in the new Bridge will happen Saturday afternoon at the Conference meeting. We're taking a page from National to move most award presentations to special time either Friday or Saturday afternoon.

We've also secured great room rates at the Marriot for the weekend at \$99.

Check out the attached flyer that was handed out at the Fall Conference.

Holiday Greetings continued from page 1

Cindy and Dick also added a new member to the family just prior to Thanksgiving. Rocky, a white schnauzer puppy, was rescued from a local shelter and will join Savannah on future boating trips.

"All we could do was stare out the window at our boat and wish that we could take it for a ride while we ate Thanksgiving Dinner"

Lt/C Caroline Fritsch, P

We hope to see all of you at our Squadron's Holiday Party at Rex's Innkeeper in Waunakee on December 9th. It will be even more enjoyable knowing that all the proceeds from this party will be sent to "Second Harvest" to help other families enjoy their holidays.

Executive Officer Lt/C Caroline Fritsch

and husband Dave enjoyed Thanksgiving with 15 family members at their home on Winnequah Road in Monona. Caroline and Dave keep their Larson Cruiser on the canal year round. Caroline stated that all we could do was to stare out the window at our boat and wish we could take it for a ride.....

Lt. Jan Norman, Member-at-Large

Lt. Cdr. Greg Norman, Treasurer

The Norman's wish all members of Madison Sail and Power Squadron a very happy holiday season. We plan on spending some quality time over the holidays with our daughter, son, their spouses and our five grand-children. Christmas is so much fun, especially with all the excitement generated by the children. It's always such a treat to watch them get up on Christmas morning and come to see all their gifts around the Christmas tree. Can't wait!

Education Officer Lt/C David Miran

Wishing everyone a happy holidays, and I would like to remind everyone that the primary mission of the United States Power Squadrons is boating safety through education. Next spring we are offering both Seamanship (all about handling your boat safely) and Piloting (all about using charts and GPS to get there and back safely). These are the basic courses every boater should take before going beyond your local lakes and rivers.

If you haven't taken them yet, please consider signing up. If you have other boating friends whose safety you value, encourage them to sign up as well. Remember, USPS courses are open to everyone. The public can take any course, since membership is no longer a requirement.

National Christmas Tree Comes from Wisconsin



Schroeder Award Winning Tree

Did you know that the official White House Christmas tree this year comes all the way from Wisconsin.

Tom and Sue Schroeder of Neenah traveled to Washington, D.C. on Friday November 25th to present the tree to first lady Michelle Obama. The 18½-foot-tall balsam fir was cut down at the Schroeder's tree farm in Marquette County.

The Schroeder family won a national contest through the National Christmas Tree Association to have their tree displayed in the Blue Room of the White House. The contest winner has provided the official White House Christmas tree since 1966.

White House officials say the tree will be seen by as many as 100,000 people throughout the

holidays.

This is the seventh tree to come from Wisconsin. Tom Schroeder stands besides the tree as it is delivered to the White House.



Calendar of Events

December

- Friday, Dec 9, 2011. MSPS Holiday Dinner and fund raiser for Second Harvest Food Bank at Rex's Innkeeper in Waunakee (see insert to right).
- Monday Dec 12th 1900-2100 hrs. Executive Committee Meeting at the Waunakee Community Center, 333 S. Madison St.

January

- Monday Jan 9th at 1900-2100 hours. Executive Committee Meeting at the Waunakee Community Center, 333 S. Madison St.
- January 19th, Third Thursday Social event to be planned and hosted by Jim & Julie Pahl-Washa.
- January 21: Leadership Development Workshop , preregistration is required. One-day workshop will be held in Stevens Point, WI (see article for details).
- January 22-30th. USPS National Meeting at the Hyatt Riverside in Jacksonville, FL. 225 East Coastline Drive. Registration form on page 11.

February

- Saturday, February 4, 2012: Madison Change of Watch Dinner at the Mariners Inn. More details will follow.
- Monday Feb 13th at 1900-2100 hours. Executive Committee Meeting at the Waunakee Village Community Center, 333 S. Madison St.
- February 16th, Third Thursday Social event to be planned and hosted by Dave and Caroline Fritsch.

March

- Monday Mar 13th at 1900-2100 hours. Executive Committee Meeting at the Waunakee Village Community Center, 333 S. Madison St.
- Mar 24-26, 2012 District 10 Change of Watch, "The Big Dance" will be hosted by Madison Sail & Power Squadron at the Marriott West in Middleton, Wisconsin. This is a "must attend" event for all of us to support the installation of our next District Commander, Dick Baker.



The MSPS Holiday Party

Friday, December 9, 2011 at Rex's Innkeeper

Social Hour 1800 and Dinner 1900

Dinner will be family style chicken and fish... There will be no charge, however we request a donation to Second Harvest Food Bank. Recommended \$15-\$20 per person. Please write the check to Second Harvest Food Bank

RSVP: Cindy Parisi, 6097 Hellenbrand Road, Waunakee, WI 53597

Waunakee ABC3 Student District 10 Youth Poster Contest Winner in Age 12-14 Bracket



Taylor Bradley (third from left) is the District 10 Youth Poster Award Winner. Accompanied by her father Mark on the far right, Taylor was one of seven students in our May 2011 America's Boating Course. We incorporate the poster contest as a teaching aid with each basic boating course for kids. The theme for this year's contest, now in its 14th year, was "Be a Survivor—Wear It". More details regarding the contest can be found at the national USPS website at <http://www.usps.org/national/membership/youth/poster.htm>.

Taylor's winning poster will now be taken to the National Meeting in Jacksonville Florida for judging against all other Districts. Three National award winners have come from District 10 in the last three years. Let's hope that Taylor becomes one of the next ones. Congratulations Taylor and Good Luck!

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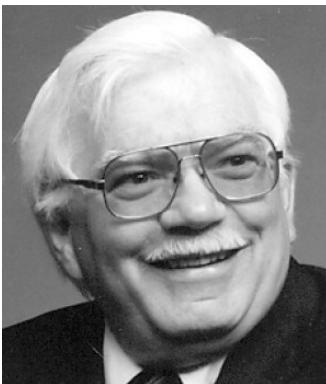
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The Last Horizon



Patrick J. "Pat" Kennedy, age 80, passed away on Monday, Oct. 31, 2011, at his home in Madison. He was born on Sept. 1, 1931 in Wausau, the son of Joseph and Ruby (Barlow) Kennedy. Pat served in the Army during the Korean War. He worked for the University of Wisconsin Press for 30 years retiring in 1988. He was a member of the U.S. Power Squadron and Boy Scout Troop 11 and participated in many scouting activities. He was a kind generous person and always willing to give of his time and himself to help others.



Charles "Les" Lescrenier, Founder and CEO of Gammex, Inc. died peacefully on May 7, 2011. Initially Lescrenier worked as a hospital radiological physicist, primarily at the M.D. Anderson Hospital (Houston, Texas) and the Medical College of Wisconsin (Milwaukee). Lescrenier founded Gammex in 1969 to manufacture patient alignment devices using the newly invented laser, an application he developed. Revolutionary at the time, laser alignment is now the norm in most radiation oncology and diagnostic imaging departments.



William R. Douglass, age 82, of Spring Green, passed away peacefully at the Hospice Care Center in Fitchburg on Monday, June 27, 2011. Bill was born on Aug. 12, 1928, to Genevieve (Rodange) and William O. Douglass in Milwaukee. He lived his life to the fullest as a gandy dancer on the railroad, airplane mechanic, health club owner, and for owning and operating the family piano business, Douglass Pianos until it closed in 2008 after 88 years in business. Sailing was his passion as he was a celebrated member of the Madison Power Squadron, having crossed the Atlantic Ocean on several occasions. Bill was a Charter Member of the Squadron and was honored at the 2010 Change of Watch that celebrated the Squadron's 50 year anniversary.

*All of these fine gentlemen will
Be dearly missed*

Leadership Development Workshop Planned

by D/Lt/C Dick Baker, AP

Leadership Development Training is open to all USPS members!

In DAO Marie Coons' most recent article that was published in the Fall D10 Communicator, Marie captured the value of the Leadership Development Workshop open to all USPS members:

This LDW program is valuable for everyone. It offers a wonderful opportunity to learn leadership skills for home, business and community. The LDW initiative aims to spread leadership skills to all USPS members. Better-trained leaders will motivate our members to take more pride in USPS membership and to assume leadership roles in both our organization and the community. This is an intensive, practical 1 day state of the art workshop designed for members who currently are in leadership positions and others who would aspire to be among the corps of leaders.

The next Leadership Development workshop will be held January 21 at the Anderson Law Firm, 1257 Main Street, Stevens Point. This is a one day workshop that includes a webinar session in the week leading up to the on-site training session. Box Lunches are available. This is a great chance to learn from the best. The original offering was a two day class, so the current offering should be easier on your schedule and pocketbook.

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No better class is available to help you "Make a Difference" in your personal life and with your squadron.



Leadership Tips

I'm in the remodeling business and as such I subscribe to many industry newsletters. I have become aware of a guy named Mark Richardson from the Case Institute of Remodeling. Mark has a series of videos that address many of the problems people in the industry face. The following tips can be used in either business or personal goals:

1. **Stop asking when things will get better.** As soon as you stop asking this, things are already getting better. This allows you to start looking for opportunities, rather than sitting on the sidelines.
2. **Eliminate the negative attitude.** Studies show that optimism creates a level of positive result. Mark says if there are people with a negative attitude in your business, you need to send them home. For us, that is not possible, but we can lead our people in a positive direction. See #3
3. **Make appointments with yourself.** This talks about the need for you, as the leader, to take the time to stretch your long term muscles, to dream about what your organization will look like two years or so down the road, since success requires a long term view. For us, all squadrons should have an active Planning Committee.

New MSPS Members for 2011

Paul Horvat of Mineral Point

Patrick & Ruth Wasson of Waunakee,

Kevin & Nancy Doyle of Madison

Tony & Pam Truog of Madison



Dubuque Railroad Bridge History

The marina where we keep our boat in Dubuque is about a mile upstream from a rather unique railroad bridge. I passed under the bridge several times before I realized something about the situation. The bridge runs across the river, of course. But on the Illinois side, the end of the bridge is maybe 100 feet from a limestone cliff, so there is no room for the trains to turn north or south. So, where do they go? The answer, we discovered, was that the trains go into a tunnel. The only way you can see it is to pass under the bridge very slowly, and be looking at the shore at precisely the right time.

The bridge is a swing bridge, meaning a large section of it moves horizontally, "swinging" open or closed from a central pivot point. An operator sits in a small shack on a stationary portion. The whole thing is an amazing structure, especially when you consider how old it is. I decided I needed to know more about it, and what follows is some of what I found out.

The bridge has a long and interesting history. In the mid 1800's, westward expansion was very slow because the railroads could not cross the Mississippi. They needed railroad bridges, and the first to be built was the bridge at Rock Island in 1856. The end of the Civil War allowed the pace of construction to increase, and the second bridge was built at Clinton Iowa in 1865. The Dubuque bridge would be the fifth railroad bridge to cross the Mississippi. It was built by Keystone Bridge Company, which was created from the Piper and Shiffler Bridge Company in 1865 by Andrew Carnegie, who was vice president of the new firm. Carnegie and chief engineer Walter Katté arrived in Dubuque in 1868 to try and convince the directors of the Dunleith and Dubuque Bridge Company, which was the organization created to finance, construct, and operate the proposed bridge, to allow him to build their bridge. Carnegie was distressed to find that the directors had already decided to award the contract for construction of the bridge to the low bidder, Lucius B. Boomer of Chicago. Boomer, who was the owner of the Stone and Boomer Bridge Company, was one of Carnegie's main rivals for the business of building railroad bridges. Carnegie, who had not gotten to where he was by being timid, embarked on a campaign to get Dunleith and Dubuque to retract the contract and award it to his company. His argument was that the material he used, wrought iron, was superior to the cast iron used by Boomer. Carnegie claimed that upon impact, his bridge would probably bend, whereas a cast iron bridge would break.

The possibility of bridge failure was of more concern than cost. Railroad bridges were failing at an alarming rate. The Rock Island Bridge, a wooden trestle bridge with a swing span, had

been damaged and rendered briefly unusable shortly after completion as a result of being struck by the *Effie Afton*, a steamboat on its maiden voyage out of St. Louis. That collision prompted a lawsuit from the owners of the boat against the railroad that owned the bridge. The railroad was defended by a young upcoming Illinois lawyer named Abraham Lincoln. The suit contended the railroad bridge should be removed, since it was an unauthorized (by the Federal government) obstruction to navigation. The railroad eventually prevailed, and the bridge stayed in place. Several boats and barges had also struck the Clinton Bridge, though without the same catastrophic results as at Rock Island. The directors were also aware that the 1855 collapse of a Boomer-built bridge over the Gasconade River near Hermann, Missouri, had killed 43 people and injured another 70.

The directors of Dunleith eventually agreed to award the contract to Carnegie, but only if he agreed to the same price Boomer had agreed to. The contract was signed on 25 January 1868 for \$283,550. The bridge was completed one month ahead of schedule in December, 1868.



The bridge has been altered several times. The original wooden approach sections on the western end were replaced with iron ones in 1872, but they only lasted till 1887, when Dubuque filled in the sloughs that the approach spans bridged. Those seven spans were sold off to other railroads and governments, and the last one left service in 1999, which certainly showed the quality of the design and construction of these spans.

The bridge was significantly remodeled again in 1899, the result being substantially what we see today. That it still exists at all after well over a century is truly remarkable.

Sources for this article:

1. *Extant Spans of the Dunleith and Dubuque Bridge*, Robert W. Jackson
2. *Upper Mississippi River History*, Captain Ron Larson

Third Thursday Recap of 2011

by P/D/C Jim Pahl-Washa, JN

The Madison Sail and Power Squadron social calendar included a new event this year, "Third Thursday". These informal gatherings provided a variety of different venues that included the following:

- ◆ March 17th gathering at Monona Gardens Restaurant to celebrate St. Patrick's Day
- ◆ April 8th Fish Fry at the Waunakee American Legion
- ◆ May 13th pot luck dinner party hosted by Kris Stone at her restored Pumpkin Hollow School, where members got some free line-dancing lessons. Check out these future line dancing champions at the Madison Sail and Power Squadron Facebook page.
- ◆ On June 16th , Dave and Caroline Fritsch hosted our Third "Third Thursday" that we used to celebrate the retirements of Cindy Parisi and Jim Pahl-Washa from State Service.
- ◆ Martha Alberti hosted our next gathering at her home on Lake Wisconsin on July 14th. Martha has a beautiful lake home with a spectacular patio/deck surrounded by several gardens. Martha is a tremendous gardener to go along with her boating prowess.
- ◆ One of the highlights of the summer was the August raft-up on Lake Monona that was organized by Dave and Caroline Fritsch



- ◆ Once again on September 22nd, Kris Stone organized a backyard barbeque at her home off Hoepker Drive.



Cindy relaxing with Gloria and David Conrad June 16th at Carol & Dave Fritsch dock side patio. Cindy & Jim pose with cake



The August Third Thursday Raft-Up on Lake Monona near Olbrich Park Launch

Madison Sail and Power Squadron Class Schedule

Lt/C David Miran, SN

Squadron Educational Officer

MSPS 2012 Spring Classes

Seamanship will be offered beginning 16 January 2012

Seamanship will cover marlinspike (knots) and safety issues and the unique responsibilities of the skipper. We will cover boat-handling in various weather and wave conditions. We will look at techniques for towing, docking, anchoring, rafting and mooring. We'll discuss dinghies and cruising. We'll even look into boating emergencies and ways to prepare for them. We'll discuss the difference between towing and salvage. We will check out some nautical customs and etiquette.

If you are interested in taking Seamanship, please contact Steve Bruns at 271-9266 (evenings) or 271-8616 (daytime) or email him at sbruns@brunsinc.com to register and for information on class location. Please do not use the on-line registration button. The price for Seamanship is \$47 which includes the necessary manuals.

Note - Membership in the Madison Sail and Power Squadron is NOT required to take this class but people taking the class will be encouraged to join the MSPS.

***** Registration deadline 21 Dec. 2011 so we can order manuals *****

Piloting will be offered 15 March 2012 through 17 May 2012

The emphasis of this class is on using charts and GPS for planning a cruise and safely navigating your boat. You will learn to use charts, aids to navigation such as buoys and lighthouses, and electronic assistance such as GPS to plan and monitor your course. Classic piloting techniques such as taking and plotting bearings to determine your position are taught as back-up methods. If you have not had piloting or you had the old course and you boat anywhere more challenging than a small local lake you should consider taking Piloting.

If you plan to take Piloting please contact Lt/C David Miran, SN, at 274-0765 (or demiran@wisc.edu) as soon as possible. The class cost of \$61 includes the manuals and plotting tools. Please do not register on-line - contact the instructor.

Note - Membership in the Madison Sail and Power Squadron is NOT required to take this class but people taking the class will be encouraged to join the MSPS.

***** Registration deadline 20 February 2012 so we can order manuals *****

MSPS Web site – www.madisonsquadron.org

The MSPS web site is our primary site to let members know about upcoming events. You might find it useful to check it at least every other week. You can find out about squadron events like meetings, about social events like third Thursday, about upcoming classes, and much more. Please visit the site and let us know what you think. If you have any suggestions for improvement or correction or if you have anything that you would like added to the web site please notify the webmaster David Miran (demiran@wisc.edu).

Make a Difference at the 2012 D10 Spring Conference



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CHANGE OF WATCH

Mark your calendars for the 2012 District 10 Spring Conference next March. The annual Change of Watch weekend will be hosted by the Madison Sail & Power Squadron at the Marriott Hotel & Conference Center, located on the far west side in Middleton, Wisconsin. Since the conference coincides with the NCAA basketball tournament, the theme for the weekend is the...

MARCH 23 – 25, 2012

“Big Dance”

The weekend will feature two nights of great music for your dancing entertainment. The weekend kicks off Friday night with the music of **PRIMITIVE CULTURE**. David Hecht and the Neviaser brothers (Bruce, Don and Jerry) bring a funky mix of reggae and blues. This ensemble brings various genres together in a blend of music that will make you think that you're in Key West or the Caribbean. A classic Big Band takes stage Saturday night after dinner with **DIMENSIONS IN SOUND**.

The Marriott Hotel & Conference Center is located at the intersection of Greenway Cross Blvd and John Q Hammons Drive, at the entrance to the Greenway Station Shopping Center. There are lots of shopping opportunities, besides countless other places of interest within a short drive or walk.



PRIMITIVE CULTURE

The Spring Conference Friday evening entertainment will feature the funky blues & reggae sounds of Primitive Culture. Think Tropical!



Marriott Madison – West

\$99/night

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Middleton, WI 53562

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Highway 12, exit 252

www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/msnwe-madison-marriott-west/

Jacksonville

USPS 2012 Annual Meeting 22-30 Jan.

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E-mail address			First time attending a national meeting?		

Wednesday, 25 Jan.

0900-1500 Made In Jacksonville

Savor the tastes and smells of downtown Jacksonville, Fla. Can you smell the coffee brewing at the Maxwell House Production Center? Head off to enjoy the sweet taste of Jacksonville's own Peterbrooke Chocolatier in San Marco. This state-of-the-art chocolate production center gives fun and informative tours. Samples are included of course! After lunch, take in the exquisite décor of the homes of San Marco as you cruise by the Swisher Estate, home of the creator of Swisher Sweets cigars. End your tour at the Anheuser-Busch Brewery where an open-air brew hall awaits. During a tour of the gallery, you'll discover the wonders of a century-old brewing process. Marvel at high-speed packaging lines that fill thousands of bottles and cans per minute. Midway through the tour, relax in the hospitality room and enjoy a tasting of the refreshing brews.

Quantity _____ @ \$70

Total _____

Thursday, 26 Jan.

0900-1500 St. Augustine Historical Tour

Start your trip into St. Augustine with an unusual beginning—by picking up a hitchhiker! Don't be alarmed if your driver pulls over to allow this disoriented stranger to board the coach. It's only Ida Alice Shouard Flagler, the oil and hotel baron's second wife; she'll teach you about the area and its history and give you the dirt on Mr. Flagler. Your tour of the city will include the Mission of Nombre de Dios, the birthplace of Christianity on this continent. When you arrive at the Castillo de San Marcos, you will be invited to step off for a few moments to walk around this fort, the oldest national monument. Next, you will see the heart of the city with its magnificent Spanish Renaissance architecture. Now that you've been steeped in more than 400 years of history, go shopping on St. George Street. This shopping mecca has more than 240 gift shops, ice cream parlors and restaurants along a four-block pedestrian street. Get something to eat, shop or just relax until it's time to board the coach once more for your return trip.

Quantity _____ @ \$74

Total _____

1830-2230 Shipwreck Party

Enjoy an informal indoor party with seafood, a traditional dinner buffet, cash bar, creative costumes, a DJ and lots of dancing. Weather permitting, we will open the doors to the riverfront and take the party outside.

Quantity _____ @ \$41 before 22 Dec. (\$45 after) Total _____

Activity reservations must be secured or postmarked by 22 Dec. 2011. After 22 Dec., call or email for instructions. Refund requests made after 22 Dec. will be honored only if the tickets are resold. All tickets must be picked up at the activities registration area no later than one hour before the event, except for social luncheon, members luncheon and banquet tickets, which must be picked up by 1000 Saturday, 28 Jan. Agenda and additional details may be found at usps.org/nat/ann/natmeetings.

Our meeting hotel is Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront. Reserve online at <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/usps2012>, or call 888-421-1442. Use group Code EPOW to request the USPS rate of \$132 plus tax per night.

Friday, 27 Jan.

0900-1400 Cummer Museum and lunch

A docent will give your group a private tour of this outstanding art museum, which features traveling exhibits and European gardens. The museum and its award-winning education center, Art Connections, occupy adjacent buildings overlooking the three-acre Cummer Gardens. The museum campus is situated on the banks of the St. Johns River. Be sure to leave time to browse its exquisite gift shop before boarding your transportation back to the hotel. Your group will also enjoy a private luncheon at the museum.

Quantity _____ @ \$92.00

Total _____

Saturday, 28 Jan.

1200-1400 Members Luncheon (cash bar 1200-1230)

Enjoy lunch with your fellow USPS members and guests

Quantity _____ @ \$30 before 22 Dec. (\$35 after) Total _____

1100-1400 Ladies Luncheon—Others Welcome

Our circle of USPS friendships will widen as we enjoy a lovely lunch together. Each guest will have a beautiful gift to take home as a remembrance. Our theme is Asian Inspiration.

Quantity _____ @ \$36 before 22 Dec. (\$38 after) Total _____

1830-2200 Change of Watch Reception and Banquet

Enjoy a wonderful meal and fellowship with USPS members and guests. Come and meet the new USPS bridge officers for 2012.

Quantity _____ @ \$54 before 22 Dec. (\$56 after) Total _____

Meeting CD

CD includes presentations, handouts and PowerPoint slides from all committee meetings. Pick up CDs at activities registration desk along with your tickets.

Quantity _____ @ \$5

Total _____

Total no. tickets & CDs: _____ Total amount due: \$_____

For RV information, visit usps.org/lc/highwaymariners.

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5-7 August, District 10 Summer Rendezvous in Door County

One of the biggest District-wide events each summer is the Rendezvous that was hosted this year by the Door County Sail & Power Squadron (DCS&PS) in Sturgeon Bay this year. Several of our Madison members attended this year's event, which started with a Friday night sunset dinner cruise.

The weekend coincided with the local Maritime Museum's Annual Wooden Boat Show, which is one of the area's most attended celebrations.

Door County Squadron members organized a City-wide Art Walk, a Dock Walk, an Art Raffle, great live Dixie-land music on Saturday night, topped off by fireworks and a boat parade on the canal.

The weekend concluded with a Sunday morning omelet breakfast prepared and served by DCS&PS mem-



Lt/C Claudia Miran dancing with D/Lt/C Bob Denoto from Door County and Vivian Perry from St. Paul at the Summer Rendezvous in Sturgeon Bay.

