

Welcome to the
United States Power Squadrons
and the
Door County
Sail & Power Squadron



*Your New Friends Who Promote
Safe Boating Through Education
“Safe Boating is Fun! Let Us Show You How”*

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What is USPS?

United States Power Squadrons is the world's largest private, nonprofit boating organization. Our members are boating families who contribute to their communities by promoting safe boating on the water and in the classroom.

Sharing our Knowledge



Door County Instructor

- USPS members enjoy more than 30 classroom and self-study courses in marine subjects from seamanship and piloting to GPS and celestial navigation.
- The USPS boating safety course (ABC-3) meets the educational requirements for boat operation in all states.
- USPS University is a 2 to 3 hour seminar series covering a variety of topics of interest to members and the boating public.
- The Boat Operator's certification program will certify members at various levels of proficiency.

Network of Friends and Fun

- Enjoy friendship and camaraderie on the water and off with fellow members who are skilled in boating.
- Cruises and rendezvous' highlight on-the-water activities and complement shore-side events.
- Members are able to network with fellow members throughout the USA, Canada, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, and USPS Port Captains help visiting members with route planning and local knowledge.
- USPS looks after the rights and desires of members in the Congress and state legislatures.



Door County Members Cruise the North Channel



Door County Vessel Safety Examiners

Giving Back to the Community

- Every squadron offers boating safety courses and seminars to the public.
- Squadron members trained and certified as Vessel Examiners perform free vessel safety checks in the community.
- USPS members help the National Ocean Service keep nautical charts up to date.
- USPS has been honored by three U.S. Presidents for civic contributions and for educating more than 14 million boaters in the last half-century.

Becoming a member of USPS requires approval by our squadron's Executive Committee. If the candidate has not completed a safe boating course, the expectation is that a class will have been completed within one year. A wealth of USPS and Door County Sail and Power Squadron information can be found at our web sites.

National web site: usps.org, District 10 web site: usps-d10.org, Door County web site: usps.org/door

Door County Sail & Power Squadron

The Door County Sail & Power Squadron is a unit of the United States Power Squadrons, located in District 10, which includes all of Wisconsin and northeastern Minnesota.

Squadron Educational Program

Many new members join USPS to take advantage of the courses that are offered to the membership. The Door County Sail & Power Squadron prides itself in being a “center of excellence” in education.



Prince Henry Award

- In 2006, Door County was awarded the top two District 10 Educational Awards: The Prince Henry and The Squadron Educational Achievement (SEA) Award. We were awarded the Prince Henry again in 2008.
- Starting in 2007, based upon USPS University, we introduced a series of 2 -3 hour seminars to the public.
- In 2006 and 2008, Door County was “First In Nation” in educational excellence at the national level.
- A two-year forward-looking class schedule is made available at the end of June each year to assist members in planning their educational curriculum.

Fraternal Boating Club

The Door County Sail & Power Squadron has social activities for its members that give opportunities to meet other members and share boating experiences in an informal way.



Chef Roberto
Corn & Shrimp Boil

- Dinner-with-program meetings include the Annual Meeting and Change - of-Watch, the Fitting-Out Meeting in May, and an October Lay-Up Meeting. Meetings usually begin with a social hour, followed by dinner and a very short business meeting. We usually conclude with a brief program or presentation of an enjoyable boating experience by one of our members. Change-of-Watch is a time to recognize past leadership and welcome the new Bridge.
- In addition, members enjoy our Squadron Picnic, a fall corn and shrimp boil and the December Holiday Party.
- A variety of cruises are planned throughout the boating season. Foremost among these is the Squadron Rendezvous to Menominee, Michigan in August to which we invite other Squadrons and guests.

Civic Service

Members of the Door County Sail & Power Squadron have an opportunity to serve their community.

- Many members of our squadron are Vessel Safety Examiners and work in cooperation with the USCGB.
- Members attend local Waterways Commission meetings and work closely with the Door County Maritime Museum at the Wooden Boat Show.

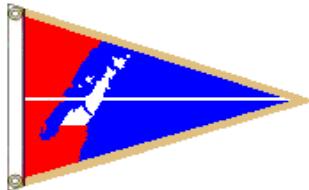


Water Front Clean-up Crew

- We distribute safety information in conjunction with Safe Boating Week and at area boat shows.
- We participate in the Cooperative Charting program where omissions and chart errors are reported. DCS&PS was ranked the #1 squadron in the nation in Cooperative Charting for 2004 and 2005.
- Members participate in water front clean-up, flare and fire extinguisher demonstrations.

A Brief History

The Door County Sail and Power Squadron was chartered on 7 July 1954 as the Sturgeon Bay Power Squadron. It was originally sponsored by the Green Bay Power Squadron and was the fifth squadron to be chartered in District 10. Currently it is the fourth oldest squadron in the district of eleven squadrons.



In 2001 our squadron's by-laws were amended to change our squadron's name to the Door County Sail and Power Squadron. Our squadron's burgee was also altered to a white peninsula in a field of blue water with the neighboring portions of Wisconsin in red. A thin white line passes through the burgee representing the 45th parallel of latitude. The original burgee had a red dot locating Sturgeon Bay. These changes were approved by National in January 2002. In 2004, in celebration of our 50th Anniversary, DCS&PS added a gold border to the burgee. A burgee may be purchased by any member through the Treasurer.

Our Newsletter, [The Scuttlebutt](#), keeps members informed about Squadron events, as well as information from District 10 and USPS. We have received a "Distinction in Journalism" Award from USPS.

Our roster in 2010 stands at 80 members and is growing each year. New energy and ideas are critical if we are to continue to achieve the mission of promoting safe boating throughout the Door Peninsula.

Welcome Aboard!



How Our Squadron is Organized

The Bridge

Day-to-day management of our squadron is accomplished by a group of officers called "The Bridge." These officers are elected by and responsible to all of the members. The Bridge consists of the Commander, Executive Officer, Educational Officer, Administrative Officer, Secretary and Treasurer. Officers of the Bridge, plus additional elected Directors, form the Executive Committee. This Committee meets regularly to review and approve everything our squadron does.

The Executive Committee is responsible to all of our members to see that things are done properly. Its meetings are announced in our newsletter, and you may attend them as they are open to all members.

The Bridge officers are elected at our Annual Meeting, installed at our Change-of-Watch and serve until our next Change-of-Watch. Usually, our **SEO** serves for three consecutive, one-year terms, but other Bridge members usually serve one or two one-year terms.

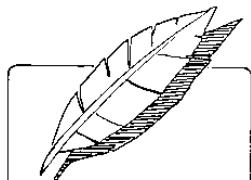
The Commander



One officer presides over all of our Membership and Executive Committee meetings and performs all of the other tasks normally accomplished by the president of any corporation or similar group. To provide a nautical sort of recognition and honor to the office of our chief executive, he or she holds the office of "Commander," (Cdr) and receives a special flag to fly.

Each of the following officers is a Lieutenant Commander (Lt/C). See Appendix A – Officer's Flags.

Secretary



The Secretary is our records-keeper. In addition to taking and distributing the minutes of our member and Executive Committee meetings, the Secretary is responsible for safeguarding legal documents, such as our Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. In addition this department is responsible for communications with our members and the public. The Secretary's Department includes the following:

- **Newsletter.** Our award-winning newsletter, the Scuttlebutt, is published regularly and is our primary method of communicating with our members. Since June 2006 the Scuttlebutt has been distributed via email. Members who do not receive email receive a hard copy. Be sure to open and read it as soon as you receive it so you do not miss out on something you will wish you had seen or done.
- **Web Site.** In 2003 our squadron Web Master developed our award winning web site. It is kept up-to-date and contains information of interest to members and non-members alike. Our web site is a "must see" and is a useful information tool. In addition to squadron education, social events and other announcements, the site provides on-line links to USPS, weather and a host of other information. The site's address is: <http://www.usps.org/door>.
- **Historian.** A dynamic organization, Door County Sail and Power Squadron will add or change our procedures and activities to maintain freshness and interest. Although we are always open to suggestions, the Historian's job is to make sure changes are in line with our history and the goals of USPS. The Historian maintains a scrapbook of squadron activities that includes narratives and photos.

Treasurer



The Treasurer manages all the financial transactions of the squadron, keeps the books, receives and pays invoices from our vendors and files any required tax returns. Our Treasurer receives all membership applications, submits them to National, maintains the membership database and issues the membership roster. A primary task is to make regular reports to the Executive Committee about how we stand financially. The Treasurer's Department includes the following:

- **Budget.** The Budget Committee looks over the Treasurer's reports and makes educated projections about what our income and expenses will be in the coming year. With this information, we can plan our activities and make sure we avoid jeopardizing our non-profit status under Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code.
- **Roster.** Our squadron roster is distributed via email and we issue it whenever several additions or changes have accrued. Members who do not receive email receive a hardcopy. The roster includes the name, address, phone number, boat name and other important information for each active member. You will find this booklet a handy way to contact other members. (We all prize our privacy and request that you don't publish or give away any of the information our roster contains or use it for personal gain.)

Executive Officer



The **SXO** (Squadron Executive Officer) is our "senior vice president." Second in command, the **SXO** performs the Commander's duties when the Commander is unavailable. The **SXO** is responsible for the *external* functions of the squadron. Departments under the **SXO** are the following:

- **Vessel Safety Check (VSC).** The **annual** Vessel Safety Check (VSC) program was originally a U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary program. Now, USPS and the USCGA share these responsibilities. Many USPS members have been trained and are certified Vessel Examiners (VE's). Each boating season you should have your boat inspected by one of our V.E.'s. Consider becoming a Vessel Examiner. Complimentary safety checks are an important civic service, a great way to meet other boaters and to become familiar with various types of boats and equipment.
- **Cooperative Charting.** Our squadron provides a civic service by helping to maintain the accuracy of the charts, light lists, etc. in our area. Since charts and related publications are important safety and information items, this is an important activity. Discrepancies and errors on the charts are reported to the National Ocean Survey (NOS), the Coast and Geodetic Survey (C&GS), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and/or local agencies.
- **Boat Shows.** Each year, companies that build and sell boats and related equipment put on one or more exhibits to display and sell their products to the public. These are opportunities to tell people about the squadron and our motto: "Safe Boating Through Education." We cooperate with the Green Bay Sail & Power Squadron to set up and staff a booth at the Green Bay boat show and set up our own booth at the Wooden Boat show and other boat shows in Sturgeon Bay to distribute our literature, talk to boaters and prospective boaters about safety and education, and publicize our safe boating classes. Our vessel examiners offer vessel safety checks at the boat shows.
- **Safety.** Our Safety Officer is selected on the basis of an interest in marine safety. He or she helps to present informative programs throughout the year, during our meetings, classes, and cruises, and distributes safety bulletins, posters, literature, etc. We participate in National Safe Boating Week, and a major task for this officer or committee is to help us observe and promote it to the public as another form of our civic service.

- **Public Relations.** We present solid educational and informational opportunities to the public. The purpose of public relations is to publicize and promote our classes and safety activities such as vessel safety checks, fire extinguisher demonstrations, etc. and to strengthen our ties to other organizations and companies in the community. PR promotes boating safety.
- **Radio Technical.** Boaters need to be aware of the capabilities of marine electronic equipment. In addition they need to be aware of the technical requirements and regulations associated with equipment installation and operation. The Radio Technical Officer keeps us informed of new or enhanced communications capabilities along with FCC and Coast Guard regulations.
- **Legislative.** Many laws, rules, and regulations affect our recreation and boating safety. These are proposed and enacted by federal, state, and municipal authorities. This committee is responsible for maintaining our awareness of these bills and laws so that we can comply with them and, where necessary, contact our elected and administrative officials with comments and suggestions.

Administrative Officer



The **SAO** (Squadron Administrative Officer) is responsible for all of the *internal* functions of the squadron. The **SAO** is responsible for involving members in squadron activities; arranging for membership meetings, programs and entertainment and setting up cruises. The Administrative Officer's Department includes the following:

- **Boating Activities.** Let's go boating! This is the committee that arranges our squadron's cruises and rendezvous'. These events always involve social activities and meals together. It is an opportunity to put newly learned boating skills into practice in the company of experienced friends. Every cruise group appoints a Cruise Captain to organize the cruisers, destinations and waypoints.
- **Port Captain.** USPS has set up a very special network of individuals from each squadron who are ready and willing to provide information about their squadron's area to USPS members from other parts of the country. The list of the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of these Port Captains may be downloaded from the USPS web site. Our Port Captain learns as much as possible about our area: marinas, fuel docks, pump out stations, good restaurants, and so on, and is then ready to tell anyone who asks, everything they want to know. He or she also stays aware of our squadron events in order to invite any travelers to join us and make new boating friends.
- **Meetings and Entertainment.** We make a special effort to get together on a regular basis and spend time with fellow members. We plan dinner meetings at which our Bridge officers tell us about their respective departments' activities, giving the rest of us an opportunity to question, suggest, and vote on things that need membership approval. That's the business part. Our meetings begin with a social hour and dinner and include a speaker, display, or something else that's interesting and entertaining. We often have members give a slide or PowerPoint presentation of their cruises or other travels. We also plan purely social events; i.e. a summer potluck, fall corn and shrimp boil and a holiday party. Be sure to read your newsletter for announcements of these events. You won't want to miss out.
- **Change of Watch.** This special dinner event in February signals a change of leadership. We have an opportunity to thank the retiring Bridge and welcome the new members of the Bridge who will provide leadership for the coming year. This is our most formal occasion to which we invite Commanders of other Squadrons and the District 10 Bridge.
- **Member Involvement.** Member involvement means recruiting willing workers to undertake a responsibility within the squadron. This can include being a Cruise Captain, Vessel Safety Examiner, or Course Instructor. It can also mean a smaller commitment like presenting your cruise at a dinner meeting, grilling at the picnic, taking telephone calls for a squadron event. We are all volunteers and this distributes the work among many. We hope you volunteer or, when you get a call, we hope you'll be ready to respond and pitch in.

- **Operations Training.** Operations Training (OT) is a program that tells you everything about the administration of the United States Power Squadrons, from top to bottom. It is available to all members and is especially useful to those considering or accepting a role on the Executive Committee. We encourage you to take this short program when it is offered. It will make your involvement in USPS and our squadron a lot more interesting.

Educational Officer



The **SEO** (Squadron Educational Officer) is responsible for the entire educational program of our squadron. The **SEO** is responsible for planning and supervising our award-winning educational program, both the courses offered to the public and those for our members only. Departments under the **SEO** are the following:

Member Courses

A member course presents specific material to students over a period of some time. Usually, students do homework, and courses always end with a proctored examination that is graded at USPS National headquarters. The two categories of these courses are Advanced Grades and Elective Courses. While these courses have been restricted to members, they may be open to non-members under certain circumstances and at significant additional cost.

Advanced Grade Courses

A major element of safe boating is knowing your responsibilities as well as knowing how to move your boat from one place to another, whether across the marina or around the world. Our Advanced Grade courses provide a progressive series of information on topics important for your and your passenger's safety and to get where you're going with enjoyment, avoiding many of the hazards of boating. We recommend that you take them in the following order, but you may take them as they become available, if the instructor approves. The instructor will ensure that you have sufficient background to absorb the material without delaying the progress of other students in the class.

Our Advanced Grade Courses are:

- **Seamanship.** **S** is our boat-handling course. It covers your responsibilities as a skipper. You will learn boat handling in wind and waves, the basics of anchoring, line use and handling, rules of the road, and marlinspike seamanship, i.e., some basic knots, bends, and hitches; more than those taught in our public courses.
- **Piloting.** Your primary course in navigating your boat within sight of land, **P** will show you how to get from where you are to where you want to go, safely and directly. You will learn how to plot your course and position on a chart, the various types of charts available, the different types of aides to navigation and how to use a compass effectively.
- **Advanced Piloting.** After completing Seamanship and Piloting, you'll want to take **AP** to complete your near-shore cruising education. You will learn sophisticated methods of finding and plotting your position, including compass, GPS and RADAR. You'll also learn how to avoid dangerous-water conditions, figure out if there'll be enough water to enter your port of call, too much water to get under the bridge, or if the current is too strong for your boat to get through the pass quickly.
- **Junior Navigation.** When you've completed your near-shore cruising education, it will be time to learn how the more adventurous seamen travel the high seas. **JN** is the course that will introduce you to celestial navigation; finding your way using only the stars and planets. *Or, what to do when the batteries die.* Also, much time is given to plotting your offshore course using celestial lines of position and all the plotting skills learned in Piloting and Advanced Piloting.

- **Navigation.** And now, the full dose of celestial navigation! In **N**, you will learn nearly everything there is to know about finding your way using only a sextant and celestial bodies. In fact, you'll even learn how to find where you are in emergency, lost-at-sea situations when you don't even have a sextant. When you take navigation, you will learn not only how to use celestial navigation, but its theory and why it works.

Upon completion of an Advanced Grade Course, you will receive a certificate and the right to add the appropriate course designation after your name in the roster. Through the USPS website, you may also purchase an emblem of educational rank to affix to a jacket or shirt pocket. See Appendix B – Emblems of Educational rank and Merit Marks.

Elective Courses

Elective Courses may be taken in any order you wish. You can self-study any or all of these courses, but we encourage you to take them with other student-members. Students always bring their own experiences to the classes and share them, so you will learn things not found in the texts. You will also develop lifelong friendships with your fellow students stemming from our shared love of boating. Our Elective Courses are:

- **Cruise Planning.** **CP** discusses everything you need to know about planning for a cruise, whether it will last hours, days, months, or years. Take **CP** with family members with whom you will cruise; including them will be fun and informative for all of you.
- **Instructor Development.** Learn how to make an effective presentation to other people in every part of your life; at work, at home, in any public or private gathering, as well as in a classroom. The course covers preparation of your presentation and use of aids to help you make your point. Members who teach public courses or seminars or member courses must complete **ID** and hold a certificate from USPS.
- **Engine Maintenance.** **EM** will teach you how to do routine maintenance on a boat's engine and related equipment. Equally important, it will teach you how to be a problem detective. You will learn how to diagnose problems so that you can more intelligently assess the work that needs to be done and discuss it with those you select to do it.
- **Marine Electronics.** Today, there is more electronic equipment aboard small boats than on large naval ships a half century ago; VHS radios, RADAR, Loran, global positioning systems, sonar, weather display systems, and others. We need to know a little about how they work and a lot about how to use them. **ME** is the course that provides this information to you.
- **Sail.** When you take **SA**, you will learn about different kinds of wind--true, apparent and boat--and you will learn about different kinds of sail boats--sloops, ketches, yawls, etc. You will also learn how to make the wind, sail configuration, and weight of your boat produce the fastest and/or most comfortable ride for you and your passengers.
- **Weather.** Here is your opportunity to become familiar with the problems meteorologists encounter. Learn how they determine what the weather is most likely to be at some time in the future--tonight, tomorrow, next week, next month. Boating is really a "know before you go" activity, and knowing what the weather will be doing can be critical to your safety and fun. **WX** will teach you what you need to know.

Members who complete Seamanship, Piloting, Advanced Piloting and any three Elective Courses have earned the Educational Proficiency Award. When you have completed all of the Advanced Grades and all of the Elective Courses, you will have earned the Educational Achievement Award, known as a Full Certificate, and have acquired a classroom-level nautical education equal to that from any military or service academy. See Appendix C – Education Certificate.

Inland Navigator Certification

This is the first in a series of USPS Boat Operator Certifications (see p.) and is designed to achieve national and international recognition of boating proficiency. To become an Inland Navigator, a candidate must complete the following:

- Instruction from our traditional course offerings (4-8 weekly sessions); including a National Association of Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) approved safe boating course, Seamanship, Engine Maintenance, and Marine Electrical Systems.
- Seminars (1 to 2 hour sessions); including How to Use a Chart, Onboard Weather Forecasting, Using GPS, Marine Radio.
- Skills Demonstrations; including basic power boat handling and use of a fire extinguisher.
- Endorsements; such as Canadian, European, Mexican waterways, Inland waterways (locks, dams, river currents, etc.), Sail and Paddleboats.

Other Certifications to be offered in the future include Coastal Navigator, Advanced Coastal Navigator and Off-shore Navigator. When the series is complete, Squadron members can expect one of the premier boating education experiences in the world.

Public Courses and Seminars

Twice annually our squadron offers America's Boating Course-3rd Edition (ABC-3). This boating safety course is open to the public and can be offered in an eight or twelve hour format as desired. ABC-3 is the basis of an on-line offering for those unable to attend the instructor-led classroom training.

The USPS University Seminar series is a rapidly expanding series of 2-3 hour short topics meant to be taught both to our members and to the public. Many of them have a place in the Boat Operator Certification Program. These include:

Advanced Power Boat Handling	Mariner's Compass
Anchoring	Mastering the Rules of the Road
Basic Coastal Navigation	Onboard Weather Forecasting
Boat Handling Under Power	Paddle Smart
Boating on Rivers, Locks and Lakes	Partner in Command
How to Use a Chart	Sail Trim and Rig Tuning
Hurricanes and Boats	Trailering Your Boat
Knots, Bends and Hitches	Using GPS
Marine RADAR	Using VHF/DSC Marine Radio

Additional seminars are nearing completion and will be available soon: Knots for Mariners, Onboard Emergencies, Using Digital Charts and Heavy Weather Sailing

Educational Department Staff

Putting together a first-rate educational program requires the help of many volunteers. In addition to an Assistant Squadron Educational Officer (**ASEO**), the Educational Department Staff can include the following:

- Chairmen of the local Public Boating Courses, of the member Advanced Grades Courses and of the member Elective Courses.
- A Class Chairman for each specific course.
- Instructors for some or all of the topics in each course.

- Proctors who aid instructors by helping the students; grading homework; arranging teaching aids; setting up and breaking down classrooms, etc.
- Teaching Aids Chairman, who works with course instructional teams to think up and build aids to help the students better understand the subject matter.

Committees

Each officer is responsible for a number of Committees. This includes an Audit Committee to verify the Treasurer's work; a Nominating Committee to propose candidates for squadron offices; a Rules Committee to ensure that we adopt, amend, and follow our Bylaws correctly; a Planning Committee to help us project what our squadron will be in the future and propose steps to attain our goals; a Law Officer who helps us meet all legal requirements, and a Property Officer who maintains the inventory of squadron property.

You are Important to Us

New members are very important to our squadron. They provide the new life and energy that our organization needs to thrive. In addition to enhancing your knowledge of safe boating by taking member courses, it is hoped that you will become active in our social events and prepare to take on leadership responsibilities in the future. We hope that you will decide to serve your community in one or more of our squadron's civic activities.

How We Acknowledge Our Members' Efforts

Throughout this manual, you have read about some of the important things we do to further the cause of Safe Boating through Education. We believe it's important for these things to be fun to do, but we also believe that, when someone actively participates in furthering our cause, his or her efforts should be acknowledged. United States Power Squadrons is a non-profit organization and every member is an unpaid volunteer.

We show our appreciation for the efforts of any member who substantially furthers our cause by recommending that the USPS Chief Commander issue a Merit Mark to that member. Since we have no other way of rewarding that member for his or her service, we believe that Merit Marks are very important.

Merit Marks



Merit Marks can be earned at the rate of not more than one per year. They are not awarded automatically and they

are neither hard nor easy to earn. A member's efforts must be worthwhile and reasonably substantial to receive the award, and all the work the member does throughout the year is considered.

What type of activity is considered? Attending classes or meetings is a privilege of membership and is not considered to be an effort made on behalf of USPS. However, teaching or assisting at a class, arranging for meetings, being the featured speaker at a meeting, volunteering to work at the Squadron table at one of the boat shows, being a cruise captain, etc. are considered contributions to the Squadron.

Senior and Life Members

When a member has earned five Merit Marks, he or she becomes a Senior Member and will receive a certificate. After earning 25 Merit Marks, a member will become a Life Member, at which point the member is exempt from paying National (only) dues. We hope you will help us while having fun educating yourself and others. We will reward you with the Merit Marks you earn.

Enhancements to Your Membership

USPS has expanded services for its members over the years. One of the most important enhancements to your membership today is our boat insurance program. Special terms, coverage for older boats, and personal service are just some of the benefits of the USPS insurance program. The Membership Enhancement Committee can also provide information on discounts for airline reservations and auto rentals. We have our own USPS credit card for members who enjoy using that convenience.

The Pledge of the United States Power Squadrons

I do solemnly pledge to:
abide by the bylaws of the United States Power Squadrons;
promote high standards of navigation and seamanship;
maintain my boat and operate it legally;
render assistance whenever possible; and
conduct myself in a manner that will add prestige, honor,
and respect to the United States Power Squadrons.

We Are Part of District 10

Door County Sail & Power Squadron is a member of USPS District 10 which is composed of 11 squadrons in Wisconsin and Minnesota. The list includes Milwaukee, Duluth, Green Bay, Oshkosh, Sheboygan, Madison, Minnetonka, St. Paul, Central Wisconsin, and Hiawatha Valley.

A History of District 10

District 10 grew out of District 9. Originally, District 9 was composed of Duluth, Milwaukee, Green Bay, and Winnebago, in addition to squadrons in lower Michigan. District 10 was formed on 11 November 1940 incorporating the Duluth, Milwaukee, and Green Bay squadrons.



The Green Bay squadron was instrumental in forming the Fox Cities, Sturgeon Bay, Fond Du Lac, Menominee-Marinette, Oshkosh, and Central Wisconsin squadrons. Milwaukee sponsored the Sheboygan and Madison squadrons. Duluth sponsored the Minnetonka and St. Paul squadrons. Fond Du Lac and Fox Cities' charters have since been recalled. Hiawatha Valley was added to the district in 2000. Milwaukee was also instrumental in forming squadrons in Kenosha, northern Illinois, and the Quad Cities which went on to form District 20 in 1956.

We share ideas about how to improve the things we do. We cooperate in the advertising we do to attract students to our public courses. If a member wishes to take a course that is offered by another squadron in the district, the same credit will be given. We take cruises together. We attend parties together. We attend one another's meetings and events when we can. We get together at Spring and Fall Conferences to learn more about the things that all of USPS is doing, and to have a dinner party or two while we're at it. In the summer we have a District Rendezvous which is entirely an informal, social event. All members are eligible to attend these district events and they are publicized in the Scuttlebutt and in the District 10 newsletter, District 10 Communicator, available on our web site. If you'd like to enlarge your circle of boating friends, participating in some of our district functions is an outstanding way to do that.

In July 2002, the Door County Squadron hosted a very successful summer rendezvous that was attended by national officers as well as 280 members from around the district. In 2004, to celebrate our 50th anniversary, we hosted the District 10 Fall Conference here in Sturgeon Bay, and again hosted the District's Fall conference here in Sturgeon Bay in 2008.

Our District Management

Our district has the same officers, by title, as our squadron does, but preceded by the word District, such as the District Commander. Their functions are similar to those of our squadron officers, but their work is not quite the same. For example, the District Educational Officer (DEO) and the assistant (ADEO) don't actually plan, set up, and run courses as do our SEO and ASEO. But, they coordinate and guide the work of the SEOs so that everyone gets the job done without conflicts.

All of our district officers are members of squadrons in our district. Usually, they have been officers in their squadrons and have earned several merit marks. This means that they know how to do their jobs well and are better able to help us do ours with the least effort and greatest result. Our District Bridge changes at the district Change-of-Watch which takes place at the Spring Conference.

District 10 Web Site: <http://www.usps-d10.org>

United States Power Squadrons

History of USPS

Before 1900, most recreational boats were sail-powered; everything relating to recreational boating was geared to sailing. Those few steam-powered boats required large crews. Shortly after the turn of the century, gasoline-powered craft became available and power boating became popular.

Since skills and education were directed to sailing, power boaters found themselves in a skill and knowledge gap. In 1912, Roger Upton decided to fill that gap by forming an unofficial Power Boat Division of the Boston Yacht Club. A year later, that division became "The Power Squadron," which went on to receive considerable media attention. Interest spread. During 1913, over 70 power-boat clubs and owners' associations met at the New York Yacht Club. At the second meeting of this group, the United States Power Squadrons was officially formed.

Desiring unique identification, this new group designed the ensign including a fouled anchor, encircled by 13 stars on a red field with 13 vertical, blue and white stripes, as shown here.

To protect the USPS Ensign, Roger Upton applied for and received a United States design patent, issued in April, 1914, which expired in 1928. To permanently protect the flag, trademark and copyright registrations were obtained, both of which have been maintained ever since.



Originally, USPS was an all-male organization. Women were eligible to take courses, but were issued "Woman's Certificates" to show their affiliation with the organization. In 1982, a special "meeting of delegates" adopted changes to the USPS Constitution and By-Laws to make our membership "genderless".

Thus, from the club-within-a-club beginning of USPS at the start of the 20th century evolved the largest private, fraternal, self-supporting, non-profit, non-governmental, and non-military organization of power boaters and sail boaters in the world. Over the years, USPS has expanded throughout the United States and the Caribbean. We even have a squadron in Tokyo, Japan. Now, you are one of 40,000 members in 400 squadrons organized into 33 geographically-related districts in USPS.

USPS – Excellence in Education

On 6 April 1917, Charles F. Chapman sent a letter to the Navy Department, offering the services of the USPS instructional program to train men for the Naval Coastal Defense. Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, formally accepted the offer. Over 5,000 students attended these classes and entered the military. As a result of their USPS training, many earned commissions in the U. S. Navy. During both World War I and World War II, USPS supported the war efforts by training many naval navigators.

Our educational courses for recreational boaters have been continuously developed, improved and expanded since USPS' early days so that they remain relevant. Each of those courses is available for you to take when and where you choose with members of your own squadron, members of other squadrons or independently.

Beginning in 2007, USPS embarked on a grand plan for expanding that educational base through an outreach program known as USPS University. Like a university, a broad variety of topics and practical skills demonstrations can lead to a recognized credential: Boat Operator Certification.

Educational needs for boating on a local lake or river are vastly different than those challenges facing a boating family setting out for several days and many miles of coastal cruising. In addition there are special needs for education in sail racing, offshore cruising, cruiser navigation, various paddle sports and trailering. We no longer can assume that a "one size fits all" boating class will do the job for all boating enthusiasts. With the Boat Operator's Certification Program, USPS will certify USPS members at various levels of recreational boating proficiency. We expect that these certifications will be recognized across the boating community, both domestically and interna-

tionally.

In the United States, the Coast Guard (USCG) has asked Congress to authorize the Transportation Secretary to establish requirements for standards of proficiency for recreational boaters and we intend to have USPS certification accepted as proof of the above and be accepted as the national certificate for the USA. Internationally, USPS plans to have certain certifications meet or exceed the requirements of UN Resolution 40, "International Certificate for the Operation of Pleasure Craft." Under this resolution, boaters holding national certificates will be able to obtain international certification, much like licensed drivers can obtain international drivers licenses.

USPS currently plans four levels of Boat Operator Certification: Inland Navigator, Coastal Navigator, Advanced Coastal Navigator and Offshore Navigator. As of July, 2010, the program for Inland Navigator is fully developed and awarding certifications. Coastal Navigator is nearing release and the general criteria for Advanced Coastal Navigator and Offshore Navigator have been established. Criteria for each certification level consist of several parts: Classes from the traditional education program; seminars filling in specific needs; on-the-water instruction and demonstrations; and endorsements (Optional extra instruction for specific needs).

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National USPS Management

In order to achieve the common goals of USPS members and squadrons, we elect a national body, called the Governing Board, and national officers. The officers' positions are essentially the same as those in our squadron and district, but their titles are a little different.

For example, our national commander has the title Chief Commander and the other five officers on the national Bridge are Vice Commanders. Chairmen of the national committees, which also correspond to those we've discussed in our squadron, have the title Rear Commander, and their assistant chairmen are called Staff Commanders.

Of course, the work done at the national level is also somewhat different. For example, in the National Educational Department, committees are responsible for developing, writing, and publishing our courses and programs. Course committees are also responsible for creating and grading examinations.

Similarly, in the other national departments, the work done is not the same "front line" work we do in the squadrons and districts. Rather, squadron members working at the national level provide leadership, guidance, and struc-

ture. This helps us to ensure that all of the important work we do to achieve our common goals is accomplished in a uniform and legal manner throughout USPS

The main operating body of USPS is the Governing Board, i.e., our national board of directors. The Governing Board (GB) elects our national bridge officers and other national officers. The GB meets four times each year--spring, fall, and twice at the same time as the members' Annual Meeting, usually in January. Every member is welcome at any of these meetings, and you will find reservation forms and a great deal of information about them in our national magazine, The Ensign. The spring and fall GB meetings are held at different locations around the country, giving those who attend an opportunity to visit interesting places, and those who live in the vicinity of one of the meetings an opportunity to attend without having to travel far. Official delegates to any National or District Conference are usually eligible for a federal income tax deduction on expenses of housing, meals, and transportation.

USPS WEB Page

The USPS Web page contains information about educational courses, National committees, upcoming National meetings and much more. The address is: <http://www.usps.org>. You will need your certificate number to log onto the members' page. Our district's web address is <http://www.usps-d10.org> and our squadron's address is <http://usps.org/door>.



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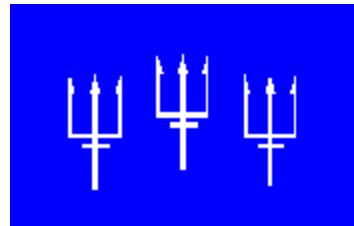
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APPENDIX A

BRIDGE OFFICER FLAGA

COMMANDER



LIEUTENANT COMMANDERS

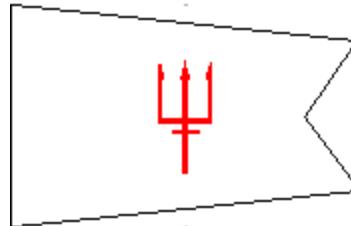
Executive Officer
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Administrative Officer
Secretary
Treasurer



COMMITTEE FLAGS

LIEUTENANTS

Committee Chairmen



APPENDIX B

MERIT MARKS

SENIOS MEMBERS (FIVE OR MORE MERIT MARKS)



APPENDIX C

RANK EMBLEMS

DENOTES COMPLETION OF ADVANCED GRADES COURSES

SEAMANSHIP (S)



JUNIOR NAVIGATOR (JN)



PILOTING (P)



NAVIGATOR (N)



**ADVANCED
PILOTING (AP)**



**SENIOR NAVIGATOR (SN)
(Full Certificate)**



**EDUCATIONAL
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