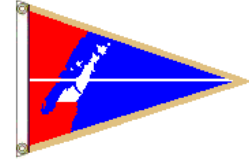




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Happy Thanksgiving

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Having recently returned from the District 10 USPS 2011 Fall Conference in downtown St. Paul, MN, I was impressed with the level of enthusiasm exhibited by the member attendees – even in these trying economic times.

Upon arrival in St. Paul on Friday, the 28th, we were treated to an evening of entertainment and “riverboat gambling” while partaking in a generous casino buffet dinner. Saturday was a hot breakfast followed by workshops for the various Bridge officers. Then it was our own Dr. Alan Wentworth who took the attendees through the well-received Weather Forecasting seminar. Lunch was followed by the District Conference – business meeting – where reports on Squadron accomplishments complemented individual awards, future District 10 plans (see Executive Officer Bob Stierna’s excellent recap in this issue) and resolution of necessary business items, such as the 2012 budget.

Saturday evening saw us enjoying a hospitality gala followed by a delightful sit-down dinner, where good food complemented a competitive auction and additional awards presented to deserving members and squadrons. Sunday saw another hot breakfast followed by the opportunity to participate in a round table discussion with the USPS Chief’s Representative, V/C Robert J Sweet, SN, together with our District-10 Bridge officers. We moved from that – too short – discussion to a spirited Town Hall meeting on education. I defer to our DEO, Bob DeNoto, on detailing the exciting educational opportunities in front of us.

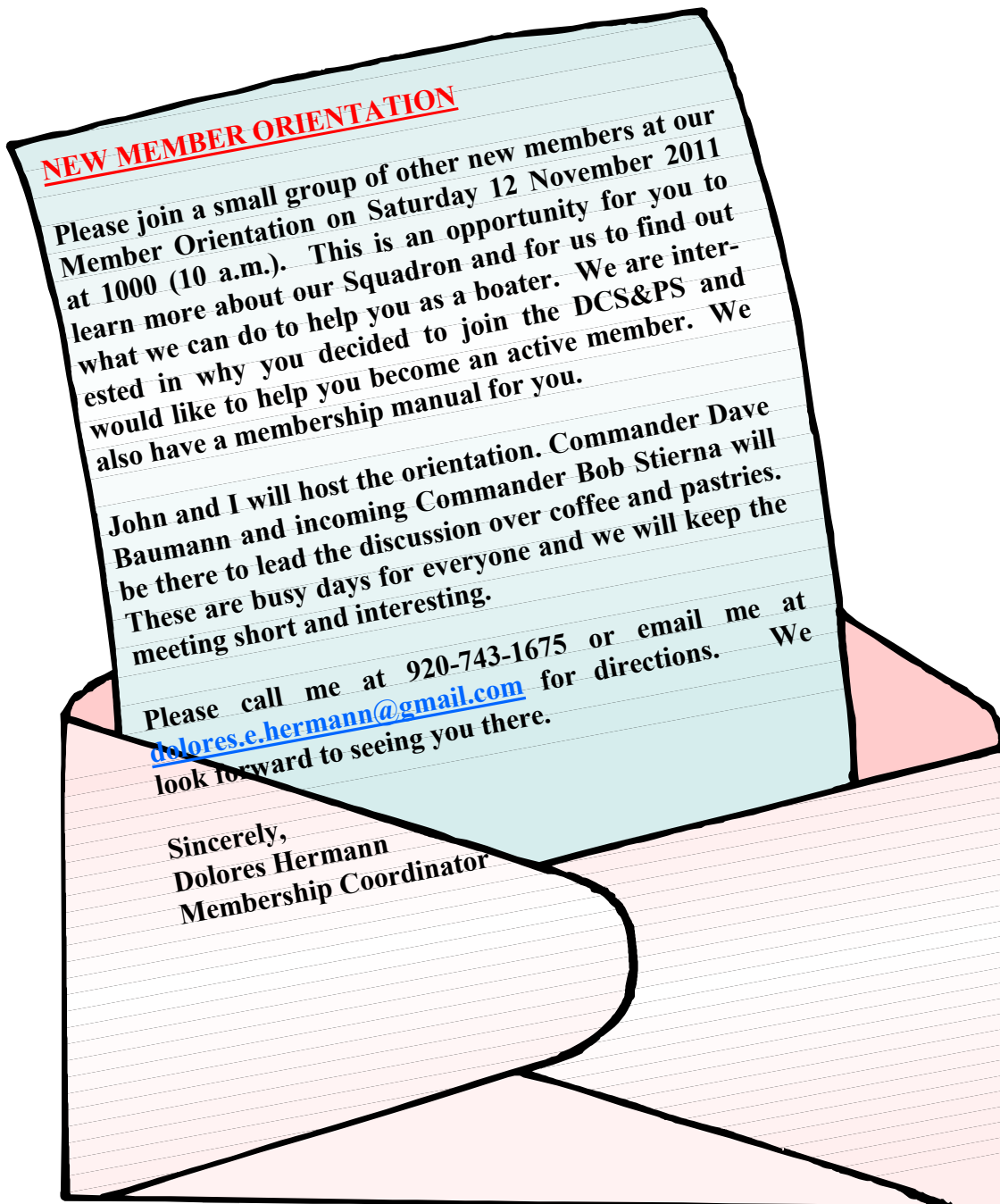
It was on Sunday’s educational note that I bid *adieu* to St. Paul, MN, and journeyed back home to Door County, replete with good memories and happy to have, once again, reconnected with old and new friends. I would encourage all our members to advantage one of these spring or fall conferences, particularly if you want to get the flavor of being part of a first-class, “core team.”

Prior to the aforementioned D-10 conference, the “gales of November” arrived a bit early in Door County . . . allowing *most* of our DCS&PS captains to execute their seasonal lay-ups with a bit less angst. And speaking of lay-ups, our annual Lay-up Dinner Meeting at the Sturgeon Bay Yacht Club was well attended – complete with good food, new

member invocation and, thanks to Dolores and John Hermann, a presentation on the past seasons Northeastern Lake Michigan Cruise.

So, with November upon us – and my “gale-damaged” roof repair almost complete – I want to thank everyone for, what has surely been, a season full of fun, friendship, challenge, accomplishments and excitement. My wife, Jean, and I wish you *all* the contentment that comes with counting your blessings on this coming Thanksgiving. Have a peaceful and blessed holiday.

Fraternally,
Cdr Dave Baumann, P



FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



The Lay-up Dinner Meeting was at the Sturgeon Bay Yacht Club, Friday, October 14th. There were 37 members who attended. John and Dolores Hermann gave a presentation of the Summer Cruise to Michigan.

Mark your calendars for the Holiday Party. The date is Friday, 3 December, from 1800 to 2100 hours. It will be held in the Boaters' Lounge at Center Pointe Marina. This is a buffet, so please bring a dish to share: appetizer, salad, hot dish or dessert, plus your own beverage. The Squadron will supply coffee, plates, cups, etc.

Once again it is time for the annual auction. Please bring a wrapped item that is unusual, interesting or tasty. It is always fun if the wrapping gives no clue as to what is inside. This is our annual fundraiser, so please bring your checkbook. All proceeds will benefit our education and safety programs.



Sandra King, P

FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER



I've always been a late season boater, trying to find that one last day for a glorious outing, even if one had to bundle up to enjoy it. It was somehow cheating if there wasn't something serious in the forecast or a snowflake or two in the air.

It was easier when I lived in Minnesota, as I could watch my boat in front of the house, take it out at the Marina down the block, and put it in the backyard for storage. It meant that I might be able to sneak into the first couple weeks of November before I had to face reality. This year due to an impending hospital stay, I had to pull early. It was really weird for me to have my boats put away in September, but I did manage to miss the sustained 40-50 knot winds that created a lot of havoc in and around Door County.

From the Fall Conference in Saint Paul, I can highlight the following:

- On-The-Water training is becoming a huge initiative. Practical experience is becoming a major component of all our courses and the Coastal Navigator Certification Program is off and running in our district. This is the second leg of the Boat Operator Certification Program.

Additionally, there is new Public OTW coursework which will be a large challenge to communicate and manage over the next year or two.

- The national organization is showing growth for the first time in years, with the increases coming in cyber squadron memberships. A couple of statistics: Two-thirds of free 6-month memberships from the online ABC class are converting to paid members. Surprisingly, two-thirds of those are remaining in the cyber squadron rather than converting to a local squadron. The national organization is studying how to create value for this group and to understand the phenomenon.
- Social media continue to grow rapidly in importance. Seven squadrons are now on Facebook, where we were an early adopter. Additionally, we need to be studying how we can have an impact using Twitter, You Tube, & Linked-in. I think it's important to pick our battles going forward so as to not disrupt our efforts with a very good website and building Facebook presence.
- Thanks in large part to a grant from Citrix, District has been making use of the Webinar format to hold Council and other meetings. The district is studying reconstituting the Winter Council as an electronic meeting. For many years, Winter Council provided critical training and planning before officers assumed their duties, and its loss has had a notable impact on officer readiness. I hope we can work this one out; it would be a material improvement in our own ability to hit the ground running at the beginning of the watch year.
- Due to the need to maintain critical activities in the face of increased costs and a revenue decline, a District dues increase of \$5 was approved. There was strong sentiment in the room from both the council and the squadron delegates that services be maintained.

I would like to thank all those folks who sent well-wishes during my residency at Door County Memorial Hospital and subsequent recovery. Those were real day brighteners. I can pass along that the doctors are reasonably optimistic that they got everything.

Robert Stierna, SN

VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS



We did 131 examinations. Our goal was 158 exams. It seems we did too well last year and not as well this year. The goal for next year will be easier for those involved. More examiners would make the job easier. Thanks to all that contributed.

I will do exams for the Squadron, but a new Chair needs to be identified for 2012.

Tom Fox, AP, VSC Chairman

FROM THE EDUCATION OFFICER



"Today's forecast is bright and sunny with an 80% chance that I'm wrong," an honest weatherman

I suppose, like the weatherman, I can be wrong once in awhile. Therefore, I'm changing my forecast, as we've decided to move the **Weather** course, which was originally scheduled to begin November 9th, and start it on Wednesday, May 16th, 2012. This decision accomplishes many things. Students and instructors eliminate any scheduling dilemma over the holiday season, and snowbirds will have an opportunity to take the Weather course that traditionally has been given in the winter. This will be a new approach, as we'll offer the first six sessions from May 16th until June 20th. At that time, we'll take a six-week break and resume on August 8th, finishing up in mid-September. During the six-week break, students will be able to practically use the skills they learned in the first half of the class, returning with a better understanding of weather. And, of course, with this schedule, the students will be "excused" from class during the height of the boating season.

The Weather course will be taught by Dr. Alan Wentworth, SN, who is an extraordinary instructor; and I hope that you all will be excited to take it at this new time of year and in this new format because weather knowledge is vitally important for safe boating. In fact, when I want to check the weather, I ask my dogs; so I said to Yogi, "What's going on outside?" He replied, "It's raining cats and dogs," and Lambeau piped up with, "I know, I just stepped in a poodle!"

Our first course of 2012 will be **Marine Electrical Systems** beginning in early February, with a firm date to be determined. MES is a new course, along with Marine Communications Systems and Marine Navigations .

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These three stand-alone courses replace the old three-module program. There are no prerequisites for these courses, and they may be taken in any order; however, the subject matter tends to build on the MES/MCS/MNS progression. Therefore, I plan to give the second and third courses in that order at later dates.

I'm pleased to welcome Chuck Stone, AP, as an instructor for our Squadron. Chuck, who will teach Marine Electrical Systems, brings with him a wealth of knowledge; as he has been a member of USPS and has been involved with education in other squadrons for many years. MES is presented in seven chapters over nine weeks and starts with an explanation of what electricity is, followed by discussions on boat electrical wiring, DC and AC electrical systems, galvanic and stray current corrosion, lightning protection, and ending with troubleshooting of boat electrical problems. The course includes detailed instructions on how to use a multimeter, how to solder and crimp electrical wiring circuits, and how to read electrical wiring diagrams. MES can be used as a reference guide for anyone interested in properly maintaining his or her boat electrical system.

Marine Communications Systems is an in-depth, nine-chapter review of those systems available to the recreational boater and runs seven weeks. Radio history and spectrum definitions are presented, along with definitions of radio circuits that the student should learn in order to choose the best communications method for his or her situation. One chapter is devoted to the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) and another to FCC Rules and regulations to set the stage for instruction of radiotelephone operating procedures (both voice and digital). The remaining chapters cover High Seas radio (MF/HF and satellite communications) and other systems, such as Family Radio Service transceivers. MCS concludes with a chapter on troubleshooting of radio installations.

Marine Navigation Systems is the third course in the Marine Electronics series and is currently under development. It will contain information on electronic navigation instruments, such as depth sounders, radar, and GPS, and on display systems that will include chart plotters and personal computers.

Our current ongoing courses, **Piloting** and **Advanced Piloting**, will wrap up before Thanksgiving. Thanks to Piloting instructors Bob Stierna and Bob DeNoto and to AP teacher Steve Rank. And speaking of Thanksgiving, I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving – and make sure you watch the Packers beat the Lions on turkey day (or for JoAnne, tofu day)!

Editor's note:

Thank you to all of the members who contributed articles and pictures. Please take no offense if your article was somewhat changed or if your picture was not included in the Scuttlebutt. Changes, exclusions and inclusions are made based on space.



Submit articles and pictures for the December Scuttlebutt by November 30, 2011.

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Markus Ritter, Webmaster

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Bill Galligan, our “ambassador at large,” will be giving our promotional PowerPoint presentation to the Breakfast Rotary Club on Tuesday, November 8th. This is the second time Bill will present this to a Rotary organization at the Sturgeon Bay Yacht Club. The first presentation was in July to the lunch group and was very well-received, so we were asked to do it again.

The 2012 seminar program is being finalized, and I should have seminars and dates available in the December *Scuttlebutt*. And speaking of seminars, District Education Officer Bob DeNoto congratulated our Squadron on leading the district in seminar productivity for the year ending 6/30/11. We had 65 member attendees, which was nearly 1/3 of the 200 member attendees from the combined 11 squadrons in District 10. The 65 number does not include the people who attended and later joined our Squadron, nor does it include the large number of non-members who took the seminars. Those three new members and the seminars that they attended would add 10 to each above number, bringing our member numbers to 75 out of 210, a more than 35% share. A big thank you goes out to all who supported our seminar program, and I hope for an even better 2012. And, of course, a huge pat on the back for our fantastic instructors and helpers.

And the countdown continues, only seven months until boating season.....

Until next month...
Jeff Rosenfeld, AP

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy birthday to our members born in November: Quinn Brennan (1), Judy Ritter (3), Bill Galligan (4), Kathryn Bratkowski (8), Mike Clumpner (10), Julie Keating (15), Leah Zielke (15), Nicholas Zielke (16), Sandra King (17), William Welter (18), Bill Klein (19), Cynthia Weis (20) and Karen Haen (27).



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

November 2011

- **New Membership Orientation**
See page 2 for more info.
- **29th-Executive Committee Mtg.**
Sturgeon Bay Yacht Club
600 Nautical Drive
Sturgeon Bay, WI
All members are welcome.



December 2011

- **9th-Holiday Party**
See page 3 for more info.



January 2012

- **10th-Executive Committee Mtg.**
Sturgeon Bay Yacht Club
600 Nautical Drive
Sturgeon Bay, WI
All members are welcome
- **20th-Squadron Annual Mtg.**
Information to follow in the next issue.
- **25th-29th-USPS Annual Mtg.**
Jacksonville, FL



February 2012

- **25th-Using VHF & VHF/DSC Marine Radio**
Quarterdeck Marina
705 Quarterdeck Ln.
Sturgeon Bay, WI
Jeff Rosenfeld 920-559-7520
- **Change of Watch—TBA**
- **Marine Electrical Systems—TBA**



April 2012

May 2012

- **16th-Weather Class Starts**

June 2012

July 2012

August 2012

September 2012

- **2nd-9th-Governing Board Meeting**
Detroit, MI

October 2012

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November 2012

December 2012

