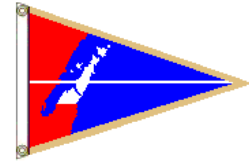




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## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Sometimes, you just have to go with the flow! Early last summer, Patsy informed me that the next couple of winters would be spent getting to better know our new grandson in Texas. You don't get to 45 years of marriage by debating the point, and honestly, I enjoy getting away and traveling. We've learned to be FLEXIBLE with each other.

In a bit of a coup, Patsy wriggled us into a very small campground, the only one right on the shore of Lake Travis, just outside of Austin and 20 minutes from our new grandchild. There are only one or two openings for snowbirds a year here, so we're indeed fortunate. The only downside is that the kids loaned the boat we were going to use to someone and the keys are lost. Plenty to do here anyway, as long as we're FLEXIBLE.

I just finished a book, Plutocrats, by Chrystia Freeland. In the conclusion, she talks about Venice, and how by innovative business and political leadership, they became the dominant economic force in the 14th Century. They lost their way when the entrenched interests cut off innovation and creativity in order to preserve power and advantage to themselves. They lost vitality and flexibility and went into decline. We just had our first online Executive Committee meeting last evening, and it was a bit bleeding edge. We had set it up in Skype, and while I had worked with two or three folks in small groups on Skype video calls, 8 participants and 6 video connections overwhelmed the technology. We turned off the cameras, but still were dealing with echoes and dropped participants for most of the meeting. We did manage to transact the business we needed to, but the technology base for the next meeting is definitely going to be reviewed. Under the circumstances, we adapted, and managed ok, even though in the words of one participant, it was "painful". Again that word, FLEXIBLE.

It's that time of year when the squadron nominating committee is actively building the squadron leadership for the coming year. This last year we suffered through a few holes in the organization chart, but had a banner year as people filled in as needed. They were

### Commander's Message (continued)

FLEXIBLE. As we fill those slots, you may be asked to participate, please remember that to maintain our leading role in USPS, we need the fresh outlooks and creative energy of people who are taking on new challenges. Above all, remember that all the officers had to learn their jobs the first time, and be flexible and positive in your assessment of your strengths.

Below you will find a list of those persons we have recommended to receive, and have been approved for, a Merit Mark. A Merit Mark is our only form of payment for all the work done by squadron members. Congratulations to all of our awardees. If you think you may have been overlooked, please bring it to my attention, and we'll see if you qualify, as there is still time to recommend additional marks.

May you all have a Merry Christmas and a very blessed new year.

### MERIT MARK RECIPIENTS—2012

Door County Sail & Power Squadron congratulates the following who have contributed significantly to the work of the Squadron throughout this past year. Over one-third of our membership was involved in making our squadron a success. We invite you to help us do the same next year by volunteering your time when asked to assist in some way.

Jerry Anderson	Steve Rank
Michelle Anderson	John Reichmann
Dave Baumann	Nancy Reichmann
Bob DeNoto	Markus Ritter
Karen DeNoto	Bob Ross
Bill Galligan	Tom Schueppert
Marilyn Grose	Chuck Stone
Fred Hankwitz	Craig Weis
Dolores Hermann	Cynthis Weis
John Hermann	John Welch
Gary King	Mary Welch
Paul King	Alan Wentworth
Sandy King	George Wilson
Mike Morrison	Bob Stierna

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**P/C John Hermann, AP**

**Lt Bill Galligan, AP**

**Open**

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#### *Commander's Department*

**Chaplain** Lt Mary Welch, P

**Flag Lieutenant** F/Lt Craig Weis, S

#### *Executive Department*

**Public Relations** Lt Mary & Steve Mayheu

**Vessel Safety Checks** P/C John Hermann, AP

**Port Captain** Lt Markus Ritter, AP

#### *Education Department*

**Asst. SEO** Lt Steve Rank, AP

**Public Boating Classes** Lt William C. Galligan, AP

**Adv. Grade Courses** Cdr. Robert Stierna, SN

**Elective Courses** Lt John Welch, SN

**ABC Representative** P/C Robert DeNoto, JN

#### *Administrative Department*

**Membership** Lt/C Dolores Hermann, AP

**Day Cruises** Lt John Reichmann, AP

**Boating Activities** Lt Michelle Anderson

**Entertainment** Lt Mary Welch, P

#### *Secretary's Department*

**Newsletter** Lt/C Dolores Hermann, AP

**Webmaster** Lt Markus Ritter, AP

#### *Treasurer's Department*

**Ships Store** Lt/C Cynthia Weis, AP

## FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



### It's Holiday Party Time

FRIDAY 9 DECEMBER

6—9 PM CROSS-  
ROADS AT BIG CREEK



No charge to attend but BYOB and bring a dish to share at the holiday buffet table.

Also bring a surprise gift for the one-pound auction. This can be a pound of anything that strikes your fancy and beautifully wrapped to disguise the contents. This is our annual fundraiser, so be prepared to bid wildly. Then relax and have some fun!!!!

## COMING SOON

### THE ANNUAL MEETING

Friday 11 January (note this is a new date)  
At The Log Den (south of Egg Harbor on Hwy. 42)

Social Hour—5 p.m. Dinner—6:p.m.  
Meeting and Program—7:p.m.

#### MENU SELECTIONS

14 oz. prime rib, w/rosemary au jus, Baby Reds—\$30

Broiled Whitefish, w/toasted almonds, Rice Pilaf—\$26

Chicken Pasta Calla braise, — \$24

All entrees include salad, rolls & butter,  
dessert & coffee

Following the meeting there will be a slide presentation of squadron boating and other activities throughout the year.

## FROM THE EDUCATION OFFICER



**Seamanship** started 18 September with 6 students. Three of our students came to us through our recently promoted SailAway package. The final exam was administered Tuesday, 6 November. Three students wrote the exam. The remaining three intend to take it at a future date.

A special thanks goes out to Paul King for another stellar instruction effort.

**Boat Operator's Certification—On the Water Training:** As a result of all the on the water activities we conducted this past September, we have two new Coastal Navigators: Myself and Alan Wentworth. In addition, I was able to qualify as Coastal Navigator Certifier. CN's in queue are: John Hermann, Steve Rank and Bob Stierna. I'd like to thank all who participated and for your support in this program. Congratulations to our "new" CNs.

We also have a "new" Inland Navigator as well: Markus Ritter. Congratulations Markus! It was fun getting you out of your 6 knot world and into the high speed slalom! P/D/C, Jim Pahl-Washa from the Madison Squadron, joined us on the water and was also qualified as an Inland Navigator.

**The BOC/O-T-W Program** is one of the most fun things our organization has done in a long time. I'd really like to expand this program in 2013 under your new SEO, Steve. So: If you want in, please give either Steve or me a call.

**Piloting and Marine Communication Systems** are in queue for winter 2013. Piloting starts 16 January and MCS starts 5 February. Please go to the calendar on our web page for full schedules: [www.usps.org/door](http://www.usps.org/door). An e-mail will go out shortly to candidates for both Piloting and MCS. Even if you have taken the old Marine Electronics course, you might consider MCS, as it focuses mainly on the Marine Radio.

## NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION—SUNDAY 11 NOVEMBER



Thanks to Alan and Nancy Wentworth who hosted the recent New Member Orientation and to Mary and Steve Mayheu who attended and are seated here with Karen DeNoto. Jean and Dave Baumann, Cleida and Bill Galligan, Bob DeNoto, Cynthia and Craig Weis were there to provide information and great conversation. We congratulate the Mayheu's on agreeing to share responsibilities of the PR role.

## VESSEL SAFETY CHECK PROGRAM

The VSC program for 2012 concludes in December. My thanks to our VSEs for their efforts to promote safe boating by providing free vessel safety checks to the public. This is an important and very visible service to a major boating community here in Door County.

All of our VSEs contributed to our total of 138 completed VSCs. Every squadron seems to have an outstanding examiner and Bill Galligan is our's, having submitted 42 VSCs. Door County lost two examiners with high numbers in recent years. We are very happy to have added Mike Morrison this year and, recently, new member Bob Snyder from Green Bay who brought his VSCs to our squadron.

Here's our report for 2012.

Quinn Brennan	6	Mike Morrison	5
Bob DeNoto	18	Bob Snyder	17
Bill Galligan	42	Bob Stierna	20
Alan Wentworth	10	John Hermann	20

Total 138

District 10 turned in 1,176 VSCs. The largest quantity, 167, came from Central Wisconsin. Door County is in 4<sup>th</sup> place, not so far behind the D-10 leaders. Attention Door County Skippers! VSC plans for 2013 will appear in the Scuttlebutt starting in April. Be sure to get a vessel safety check from us rather than the USCG.

John Hermann, Safety Officer

### SCUTTLEBUTT MONTHLY QUIZ

The Quarantine flag signals that:

- A. The vessel requests clearance into a foreign port and that there may be a contagious illness aboard.
- B. The vessel is healthy and requests clearance into a foreign port.
- C. International Regs. No longer call for the Quarantine flag.

Submit your answer to the Editor. The correct answer will be printed in the next Scuttlebutt.

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 January Scuttlebutt by December 31, 2012

Send your comments, ideas and articles to:

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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

*Changes & Updates are done monthly.*

### **December 2012**

7th—Holiday Party—Crossroads at Big Creek—6—9 p.m.

9th—Hannakah begins

25th— Merry Christmas to all

A HAPPY  
NEW YEAR



### **January 2013**

8th—Executive Committee Mtg.—via Skyp

11th—Annual Dinner Meeting—The Log Den—5—8 p.m.

16th—Piloting Begins

16-20th—National USPS Mtg. Jacksonville, FL



### **February 2013**

5th— Marine Communications Systems begins

9th —Squadron COW

TBA—Cruise Planning Mtg.

26th—Executive Committee Mtg.— via Skyp

### **March 2013**



22-24th—D10 COW- Lakeville, MN

### **April 2013**



2nd—Executive Committee Mtg.—via Skyp

TBA—Vessel Safety Examiner Season Prep Mtg.

TBA—ABC Class begins

### **May 2013**



7th—Executive Committee Mtg.—SBYC—2 p.m.—all are welcome

17th—Fitting Out Meeting and Social