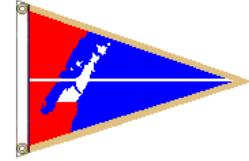




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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Happy New Year, I hope you've had a great holiday season. We've had a really blessed time here in Austin. We flew our son John down for Christmas week and had our whole family together for Christmas for the first time in several years. Our new grandson Rai is now about 9 months and literally changing by the day. When we arrived in November he didn't yet crawl, now he's "hell on wheels", as his parents try to keep the house arranged ahead of his rapidly expanding abilities.

One of the great blessings of this time of life is having the time to observe a youngster like Rai intently study his environment and begin mastering it. Patsy was babysitting yesterday when Rai took off, climbed two flights of stairs (grandma following), went to the bathroom, and stood up by the bathtub and clearly expected his bath. Not bad communication for not yet speaking.

Unfortunately we can't be in two places at once, and we do miss our home and friends. Life is always a series of choices, with every decision with its positive and negative aspects.

As we come up to our Annual Meeting, I'm pleased to report that it has been a very good year, even with some holes in the organization chart during the year. Without giving my whole report here, I can say that we executed a full program with solid results. This is a result of many members who took on a little extra responsibility to cover some extra activity. As a group, your Executive Committee performed exceptionally, I couldn't be prouder of them or the service we provide our members and the community at large. Alan Wentworth will be filling in for me at the Annual Meeting and give my report. I always enjoy our get-togethers and know that you will have a good time, so be there if you can.

Our nominations committee is hard at work filling out a slate of candidates for the elections. One of the benefits of belonging to an organization like this is being able to "give back" to the community in a variety of interesting and fun ways. I joined USPS originally

with this in mind, and the knowledge that I could "Make a Difference" has sustained a personal long term commitment to what we do. Remember, ultimately, we save lives. You will never know who it is that you have touched that is alive today because of your efforts, but the effects are clear when you look at the statistics. Whether your interest is social, educational, or civic service, we need and value your contribution. If you have an interest in any aspect of the organization, please contact John Hermann, Bob DeNoto, or me. We'll find a way for you to express your talents.

Fair

winds and friendly seas.

Cdr. Bob Stierna, SN

FROM YOUR SQUADRON SAFETY OFFICER RESCUE 21

Most of our squadron members know that Rescue 21, the Coast Guard's advanced communications and rescue system is now operational here, in the western great lakes. Some of our captains have connected their newer VHF radio and GPS and obtained a Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMMSI) number. However, the Coast Guard estimates that possibly 90% of the installed systems on recreational boats are incorrectly wired and do not work properly. Therefore, testing installed systems is imperative.



With our boats "on the hard," this is a good time to investigate Distress Signal Calling/Rescue 21. Do you need a new radio and GPS? Is the wire connection complicated? Or are you ready to register for a MMMSI? Would you like to be ready to test your DSC implementation at the start of the upcoming season?

The BoatUS web site provides for MMMSI registration and offers a DSC tutorial that includes wiring instructions and radio use procedures.

www.BoatUS.com/Magazine/VHF

At top, hover cursor over *Safe and Clean Boating*

In drop down menu, click either *MMMSI Registration* or *DSC Tutorial*.

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From The SEO

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. Congratulations go out to Robert Curran, Janelle Peotter and Tom Scheuppert.

Again: Thank you Paul King for your instruction.

Boat Operator's Certification: The third level of **BOC-Advanced Coastal Navigator** is being selectively rolled out. I will be completing this level and be certified on-the-water, at St Simons Island on my way back from the National Meeting in Jacksonville, later this month. The intent is to get **ACN** certifiers in place, then do a full roll out.

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 Rank. 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. Two notices have gone out for Piloting. There's still room. A notice for MCS candidates will go out shortly. Even if you have taken the old Marine Electronics course, you might consider MCS, as it focuses mainly on the Marine Radio.

Futures through the eyes of your DEO: As we move forward into the 2013 Educational Year, there are a couple of thrusts that will move to the front:

The Brunswick Reload: The Brunswick Corp. sells more brands of boats to the recreational boater than anyone else. Brunswick has partnered with USPS to offer our courses and seminars at their dealerships, through their Brunswick Dealer Advantage (BDA) program. They will do the promoting and marketing and will feed leads through the District Educational Officers. DEOs then will contact the appropriate Squadrons, who have to be at the ready to make contact with the Dealer and rotate in your **"best at bat"** instructors. We will need more Certified Instructors.

More On-the-Water activities: Two factors are influencing this.

1. Many of our courses now contain an on the water component. Cdr. Stierna and I recently wrote the one for Piloting.
2. USPS Education is moving toward a more "Blended Learning" approach. This will incorporate on-line, classroom, distance learning and on-the water (fun). We will need more "training boats": Brunswick dealers could provide.

This upcoming year should prove to be very active and exciting! Stay tuned.

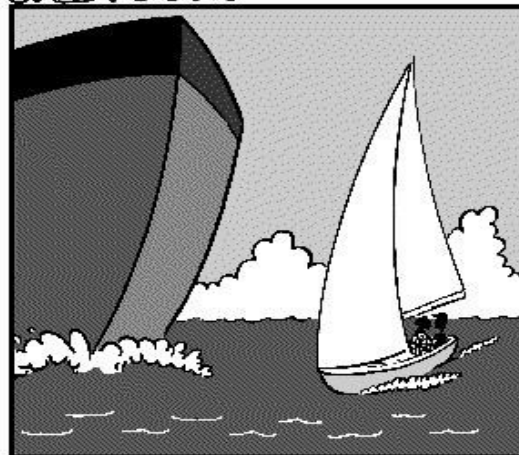
As we approach our Annual Meeting this month and our Change of Watch in February; we still need to fill a few positions. Positions in the leadership of DCS&PS are very rewarding. If you are interested in learning more please contact myself, John Hermann or Cdr Bob and we'll be happy to talk to you.

We've had another great year in Door County! Thank you for all your support and Happy New Year.

Bob DeNoto, JN

SAILTOONS

by Michael Mazzone



Don't worry... according to the rules
they have to give way to us.

THE ANNUAL MEETING

At our Annual Dinner Meeting we will approve the 2013 Budget, review the year just ended and elect new officers for the coming year. Please join us for fellowship and this important meeting.

Friday 11 January
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.

Following the meeting we will show a slide presentation of squadron boating adventures and other great activities from throughout the year.

MENU SELECTIONS

14 oz. Prime Rib, hand rubbed with signature herbs, served w/rosemary au jus, Baby Reds -\$30

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

Chicken Pasta Calla braise, (penne pasta tossed with Chicken, Asparagus, Red Bell Pepper, Onion, Mushroom, Artichokes, finished with infused garlic olive oil and white wine — \$24

Entrees include salad, rolls & butter, dessert & coffee

Please contact Dolores Hermann at 920-743-1675 or dolores.e.hermann@gmail.com to pre-order your meal by Friday 4 January.

CHANGE OF WATCH

Saturday 9 February
Landmark Resort
(south of Egg Harbor)

Social Hour—6 p.m.
Dinner—7 p.m.
Change of Watch Ceremony
8 p.m.

This is the formal introduction of the 2013 Executive Committee. Please join us to welcome them as we enter a new year of Squadron activities.

MENU SELECTIONS

Grilled North American Salmon topped with Pineapple-Pepper Relish, Wild Rice,—\$30

Grilled Bacon-Wrapped Pork Loin, Baby Reds—\$30

Four-Cheese Stuffed Pasta Shells topped with tangy Marinara Sauce—\$25

All entrees include chef's choice vegetable, mixed green salad, rolls & butter, dessert & coffee

Contact Dolores Hermann at 920-743-1675 or dolores.e.hermann@gmail.com by Friday 1 February with your menu selections.



2012 COW photo of Commander Stierna and D10 commander Dick Baker

SCUTTLEBUTT DECEMBER QUIZ
ANSWER

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The Quarantine flag signals that:

B. The vessel is healthy and requests clearance into a foreign port.

After crossing into foreign waters and approaching the closest port, the captain is required to proceed to the customs dock and fly the yellow Quarantine flag until the vessel is cleared by a customs officer. Only the captain is allowed to go ashore to request clearance.

The Hermann's crossed from Lake Champlain into Quebec on the Richelieu River. The current and a strong northwesterly wind kept our attention while our yellow flag remained in the cabin. After the customs officer caught our line and assisted us in docking, I apologized for not having flown the Quarantine flag. Seeing her puzzlement I described the yellow flag. "Never heard of it," she said.

The yellow flag is not used between Canada and the US except, perhaps, at ocean ports.

The Scuttlebutt Editor heard from John Reichmann who had the correct answer.

SCUTTLEBUTT MONTHLY QUIZ
JANUARY

US recreational vessels cruising in Canadian waters are required to have a:

- A. VHF station license only.
- B. Radio operator's permit only.
- C. As in US waters, neither is required.
- D. Both are required.

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 February Scuttlebutt by January 31, 2013

Send your comments, ideas and articles to:

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
Changes & Updates are done monthly.

January 2013

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

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

31st—Deadline for the February Scuttlebutt

February 2013



5th— Marine Communications Systems begins

9th —Squadron COW—The Landmark
6—10 p.m

TBA—Cruise Planning Mtg.

26th—Executive Committee Mtg.— via Skyp



March

22-24th—D10 COW- Lakeville, MN

April 2013



2nd—Executive Committee Mtg.—via Skyp

TBA—Vessel Safety Examiner Season Prep Mtg.

17th—ABC Class begins

May 2013



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

17th—Fitting Out Meeting and Social

June 2013



TBA—Vessel Safety Checks—every Saturday

18th—Executive Committee Meeting

23rd—Squadron Cookout



John Hermann, Craig Weis & John Welch waiting for guests to arrive

The 2012 Holiday Party at Cross- roads



Julie Keating, John Welch, Bill Galligan, Terry Keating & Mary Welch catching up on summer boating stories.



Gary King, Mary and Steve Mayheu and Bob King enjoying the party.



George Wilson, where is your red sweater? Sharing a laugh with Alan Wentworth and Jerry Anderson.



SEO Bob DeNoto plays Santa.

Sharing
Stories and
Experiences
over great
food and a
bit of wine
made for an
enjoyable
evening for
all!



Nancy Wentworth, Michelle Anderson and Karen DeNoto—three Christmas belles.



Thanks, everyone, for bidding on all those gaily wrapped treasures. With your help, we raised a total of \$483.00 to benefit our education and safety programs. More than the money, this was a relaxed, warm and engaging group of squadron friends.



Jerry Anderson—how many Green Bay Packers flags did you get in that box?