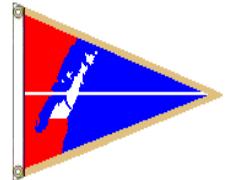




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BOB DENOTO AT THE USPS ANNUAL MEETING IN JACKSONVILLE

Where do you think the following was taken?



The answer is on the last page of this issue



Carrington Pub at
The Landmark

Having just returned from the USPS Annual meeting in Jacksonville; I thought I would share my "take - aways" from an educational perspective:

The Brunswick reload is alive and well. USPS and Brunswick are officially partnered through the Brunswick Dealer Alliance (BDA). Over 80 Squadrons have stepped up to conduct Courses and Seminars at Brunswick dealerships. Door County is one of them. The marketing division of BDA announced our partnership to their dealer network on Jan 19th. Dusty McCoy, Chairman & CEO of Brunswick flew their corporate jet to Jacksonville, to address the Saturday attendee members and express his grati-

tude and excitement over the launch.

The second major thrust in 2013 and forward is our partnership with BoatU.S. BoatU.S. wants to offer all our courses and seminars on line.

Partner in Command is in development and scheduled to be available late February. Seminars to follow are: Marine Radio, Boating on Rivers Locks and Lakes, Radar, Basic Weather and Forecasting and Trailering. First course to launch is Seamanship; then Marine Communication Systems.

BoatU.S. has 525,000 members reaching out to 70 million North American boaters. The intent here is to "Target Boaters We Never See". If you are a

BoatU.S. member and have received your Jan/ Feb issue of their Magazine, turn to page 38 for an impressive article on " Advanced Boater Training". You may recognize the boat as the one we had here in September.

Bottom line is: Through these two major partnerships USPS will no longer be the best kept secret in town (finally). Neither will we be cheap. **Brunswick has requested a "standard pricing" approach be applied to all dealerships under their umbrella. So: Those "Free" seminars we gave at Quarter Deck are a thing of the past.** Student materials and Quick Guides will be included, however. This is a good thing in my opinion.

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Change of Watch Saturday 9 February 2013 Carrington Pub at The Landmark

Social Hour—6 p.m.

Dinner—7 p.m.

Change of Watch Ceremony
8 p.m.

Contact Dolores Hermann at
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by Friday 1 February .

MENU

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

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

SELECTIONS

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

Annual Meeting in Jacksonville (continued)

The energy in the meeting rooms in Jacksonville was higher than I've ever experienced. Following is an excerpt from a follow-up communication I recently received from National Education Officer, Bob Brandenstein:

"While we will be devoting major attention this year on the Boat US on-line courses and on ramping up the Brunswick Dealer Advantage arrangement, please keep your attention also on continually improving and updating our classroom-based offerings."

We may be seeing fewer people coming into our classrooms, but those who do deserve the very best product we can offer."

"With our collective talents directed toward producing and marketing the industry's finest recreational boating material, in a year in which the economy is slowly improving, I'm expecting a great year for USPS here in 2013."

Boat Operator's Certification (BOC): The third level of BOC-Advanced Coastal Navigator is being selectively rolled out.

The intent is to get **ACN** certifiers in place, then do a full roll out. While returning from Jacksonville, I hung a right in Georgia out to St. Simons Island, to complete my On-The-Water training and certification. Once all the paperwork is complete, I'll be at the ACN level and certified to train others at that level. Here is a picture of Morning Star Marina that we trained out of (night navigation). Not a bad way to spend a Sunday evening in late January!!

The **BOC/O-T-W Program** is one of the most fun things our organization has done in a long time. I'd like to lead and expand this program in 2013 under your new SEO, Steve Rank.

Go to :

www.usps.org/national/eddept/boc/main.htm#CN_Regts

to find out a lot more about this program. Then give either Steve or me a call.

In Closing: This is my last Scuttlebutt article as your SEO. I intend to continue to report periodically as your District Educational Officer. That said, I wish to thank you all for your

support during my tenure. The Door County Educational Program is the number 1 program in the District as evidenced by our retention of the SEA Award. We also are at the front in the BOC Certification Program. This is all your doing. I am confident you will keep up this intensity under your new SEO: Steve. Congratulations Steve!

Bob DeNoto, JN



LOW WATER! WHERE DO YOU LIKE TO CRUISE?

A Few Facts

As of January 25, Lake Michigan-Huron is 17 inches lower than one year ago and is forecast to drop another inch in February. A few additional reference points are contextual. (Source: Army Core of Engineers Great Lakes Water Level Update

- -29 inches below long term monthly average of January.
- -64 inches below highest monthly average of record for January in 1987.
- -2 inches below lowest monthly record for January in 1965.
- -18 inches below chart datum of 577.5 feet.

What To Expect

While a wet and colder winter is still possible, if not probable, we are well advised to prepare for lower water levels. Geologists have described our Green Bay as a "hanging valley" that drops into Lake Michigan at the strait we call Death's Door. The lake has its cautions, for sure, but the bay has dangerously shallow waters where we cruise as well as where we tie up. Some of our marinas may well keep deeper draft boats from some of the slips. Those of us who enjoy cruising within clear sight of the Door County shoreline should take some precautions.

An Action Plan

Boats "on the hard" and snow flying! Now is a good time to open the charts and get ready for the cruising season.

- Mark isolated hazards and hazardous regions on the chart. Cruising to Waypoint Marina? Use extra caution in Little Sturgeon Bay.
- Cruising to Fish Creek or beyond? Mark the hazardous region surrounding Strawberry Islands, especially north of R 6 buoy. Mark the shoal south of Hat Island. The Red "Hi" buoy may not be in place.
- Cruising to Fred & Fuzzies or Sister Bay? Mark the Sister Shoals and the inside of the Sister Islands.
- After marking the chart, set up avoidance waypoints and danger circles in your GPS.

There will be plenty of water for the cruising season. Advance planning, attention to the chart and GPS along with a forward lookout will help assure an enjoyable cruise.

John Hermann, Squadron Safety Officer

WE MADE A DIFFERENCE IN 2012—from the Commander

This time of year gets to be pretty hectic for a Squadron Commander. There is a lot that goes into the Annual Meeting & Change of Watch, even when I'm far away. For example, this year I ended up doing the program, which is an 8 page affair. In years when the commander "Rolls Over" there are both end of year and new year activities taking place. On one hand it's hectic, on the other it's a labor of love.

As a squadron, we truly fulfilled the District 10 theme for the year and "Made a Difference". Thanks to you all for your efforts.

Looking forward to Change of Watch, we're going to attempt an online remote hook up so I can join you for the meeting portion of the event. Alan and I will be doing a tag-team event. So far as I know, no other squadron has ever attempted quite this flavor of event in the past, although once in Minnetonka we did have to swear in a Commander from a hospital bed via telephone. Just in

case, Alan will have the materials available to conduct the Change of Watch meeting in its entirety and I can patch in via cell phone for swearing in. I think it will be an interesting experience for everyone.

At the annual meeting, I made four basic points (and thank you to Alan Wentworth for delivering my message):

- 1. On measures of effectiveness, our squadron is doing very well.**
- 2. Membership declined a bit, from 86 to 78.**
- 3. We coped well with the organizational openings we had, and member services weren't impacted.**
- 4. Our willingness to experiment and create was off the charts great.**

very latest. I'm sure our new SEO, Lt/C Steve Rank, AP, will be putting together a list of candidates for the certifications as well as our classroom opportunities coming up. Be sure you're on it.

Our civic service events such as the flare shoot and vessel safety checks provide a lot of opportunities to serve. There is more demand than we can fill, so if you like to get intimate with a lot of different (and some pretty snazzy) boats, there

is a real opportunity to learn and serve in the Executive Department.

Finally, there will be a full calendar of events, parties, and cruises coming up again this year. Our new Administrative Officer, Lt/C Tom Schueppert, P is busily organizing the department and putting his own stamp on events. It should be a great time again this year. This is a squadron that knows how to Party!

I look forward to seeing everyone at Change of Watch.

Cdr. Bob Stierna, SN

HAPPY FEBRUARY
BIRTHDAY TO

Pam Anast

Judy Holst

Jeff Johnson

Commander Bob Stierna

Mary Welch



Upcoming classes

Piloting started Wednesday, 16 January at NWTC with 3 students. Steve Rank is the lead Instructor.

Marine Communication Systems was scheduled to start Tuesday, 5 February. We moved the class to Thursdays starting 21 February, to accommodate Instructor and Student needs. Our instructor is Chuck Stone. This is going to be quite the class. We have 12 signed up to date: Alan and myself included.

Sharing photos—From the Webmaster—Markus Ritter

One of our members expressed an interest in letting other members of our squadron view pictures of his boat and also in finding where he could view the pictures of other member boats.

I had kind of a mental block and pointed him to the photo gallery on our web site. After a few weeks it dawned on me that SailAngle is the perfect venue for those objectives.

First you have to log in to usps.org (need certificate number and a PIN number) and then click on the Access SailAngle icon on the usps Home page.



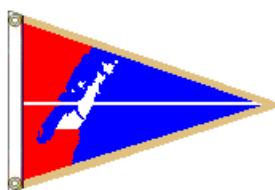
This should bring you right to your personal home page.

Click [here](#) to learn how to edit your profile page.

Click [here](#) to see how to up load your own photo.

Click [here](#) to find members in Groups or Forums.

To see what members are posting check out the DCS&PS group. It has some members who have profiles and a few who have added several photos in albums. The DCS&PS group is using the burgee as its icon .



The DCS&PS group can be seen in the D10 group in SailAngle.

Usually the single biggest stumbling block is finding your certificate number and one of your latest invoices from usps that has a PIN number listed. It is important to select your security questions in case you forget the PIN number.

Additional [SailAngle videos](#) on Youtube.

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 March Scuttlebutt by February 26, 2013



Send your comments, ideas and articles to:

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Schedule of Events

February 2013



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

TBA—Cruise Planning Mtg.

21st—Marine Communications Systems begins

26th—Executive Committee Mtg.— via teleconference—7 p.m.

March 2013



22-24th—D10 COW- Lakeville, MN

April 2013



9th—Executive Committee Mtg.—7 p.m.
TBA—Vessel Safety Examiner Season Prep Mtg.
16th—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
15th—GPS Seminar—Quarterdeck Marina
18th—Executive Committee Meeting
23rd—Squadron Cookout

July 2013

13th—Basic Weather Forecasting Seminar—Quarterdeck Marina

27th—Anchoring Seminar—Quarterdeck Marina

August 2013

10th—Man Overboard Seminar—Quarterdeck Marina
24th—Compass Seminar—Quarterdeck Marina

ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

January 11, 2013



Commander Pro Tem Alan Wentworth



Bob DeNoto and incoming SEO Steve Rank



Terry & Julie Keating with incoming SAO Tom Schueppert & Mac



Treas. Cynthia Weis—always a welcoming presence



Secy. Marilyn Grosse, Judy Holst & Cleida Galligan

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John & Nancy Reichmann with Bob DeNoto



Dolores & John Hermann, Nancy Wentworth & Michelle Anderson



Gary and Sandy King

Scuttlebutt January Quiz Answer

- US recreational vessels
cruising in Canadian waters
are required to have:
- A. A VHF radio station
License.
 - B. A radio operator's per-
mit.
 - C. As in US waters neither
is required.
 - D. Both are required in
Canadian waters

Correct Answer is D

USA requires both the
station license and opera-
tor's permit for vessels
cruising in international
waters, including Canadi-
an waters. Several years
ago we cruised in the
North Channel with the
Squadron. In prepara-
tion, I contacted the Cana-
dian Power Squadrons.
They reported no such
requirement on the part of
Canada.

Scuttlebutt February Quiz

Based on the Safety Article in this issue, Hazard Avoidance
Methods

All of these Piloting tech-
niques require use of a
GPS? True or false?

- A. Danger radius
- B. Cross-track error

- C. Avoidance coordi-
nates
- D. Danger bearing
- E. Virtual navigation
aids.



Location of the light pictured on Page 1

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