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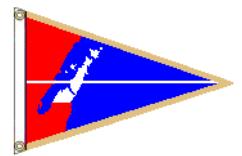


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## 60TH ANNUAL CHANGE OF WATCH

**Sunday 9 February 2014**

**Stone Harbor Resort & Conference Center**

**107 North First Avenue**

**Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235**

**NOON**

### Lunch Buffet Selections

*Baked Salmon*

*Burgundy Beef Tips*

*Stuffed Shells w/Marinara*

*Mixed Green Salad*

*Steamed Vegetables*

*Roasted Rosemary Baby Red Potatoes*

*Freshly Baked Rolls*

*plus coffee, tea and dessert*

**\$24**

### Order of the Day

*Noon Social Hour w/cash bar*

*1:00 p.m. Luncheon Buffet*

*2:00 p.m. Change of Watch Ceremony*

*honoring the installation of incoming*

*Commander Robert Stierna, SN*

*and Officers*

### RSVP

*Dolores Hermann*

**743-1675**

## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

I studied for my MBA at St. Thomas in St. Paul during the 1980's. Apparently it was a lucrative program for the school, since shortly after I competed the program, they built a new, quite elegant campus in Minneapolis. On a visit back, I was struck by a statue in the courtyard called 'The Entrepreneur' created by Dean Kermit Allison. It depicts a blindfolded man chiseling himself out of stone. The artist describes his work thusly:

*As if brought to life by sheer will, the Entrepreneur must free himself from the common stone that entraps him. Blindfolded, he must trust his instincts, almost sensing his way through. Although wounded from missed strokes of the hammer and chisel, permanent reminders of his own mistakes, his progress has been masterful. But will his aggressive pace be his own undoing? His next stroke could be decisive. Will he free his leg to take that next giant step forward, or will this risky thrust be the one that cuts him off at the knees? His future rests solely in his own hands. But he would have it no other way.*

As we finish out a watch year and begin another, it's well to contemplate how well the chiseling is going in our little organization here in Door County. Here is an excerpt from the Annual Report I had Alan Wentworth deliver at the Annual Meeting.

### 2013 ANNUAL REPORT

**The primary method of measuring squadron effectiveness over the year is the District 10 Star Squadron program**, which started here in District 10 and has been widely copied across USPS. It measures results across a large number of factors, grouped into 5 major categories: Membership, Civic Service, Education, Member Involvement, and the national "Do it Right" program. Unless I made a mistake in the submission, we should rate at least 3 of the 5 stars, with the one star given for succeeding in the National "Do it right" program undecided as I do not recall seeing the criteria this year.

**The star we failed to receive was membership.** We began the year with 78 members and ended with 67. There is more to it than just raw numbers, but we lost the battle for the star early in the year. While there can be a number of factors which can contribute to a decline, I think that our primary problem this year was a National directive to charge uniform national pricing for our seminars, which we were providing free to the public in the past. **A decline in Seminar attendance, as well as a decline in boating class students reduced the public's exposure to our educational offerings to very low numbers.** As our class offerings and seminars are a major source of new members, normal attrition caused our numbers to decline. We addressed this issue at our Fall District Conference and the new interpretation is that we can charge what we wish, namely zero. Any publicized price would be at the Uniform rate, but we simply will not mention price in our advertising, but respond to the question as people contact us. **We now offer our seminars without materials, which would be optionally available with a charge.**

Organizationally, we have had to cope with loss of our Administrative Officer part way through the year. P/Lt/C Dolores Hermann, AP did a wonderful job of filling in, but the position is open going into next year. Dolores will have her hands full as co-chair of the 2014 District Fall Conference Committee in addition to Scuttlebutt Editor. The District had a lottery for Fall Conferences some time ago, and we came up for this year, with Dolores and Lt. Bill Galligan, AP as co-chairs. I don't think we could be in better hands. However, **the squadron faces a major challenge in operating without an Administrative Officer.**

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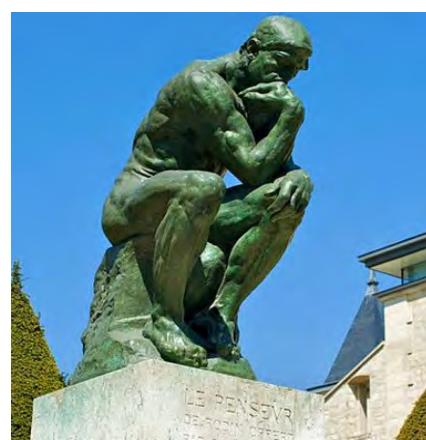
Beginning at the Squadron Rendezvous last year, our squadron has been involved in helping our friends in Marinette-Menominee organize a new squadron. They will be awarded a charter at the USPS Annual Meeting and we are looking forward to working and playing with them this year.

Again, a major bright spot this year has been the innovation and creativity I have seen in our programs. This year we have seen the squadron continue adopting remote learning technology; prepare for a second Automated Radio Check System at the Maritime Museum in Gills Rock; take on a new civic service task at Marina Fest in Sister Bay, and regularize on-line conferencing to conduct business while I'm in Texas. Sometimes leading edge, sometimes bleeding edge, our troops have been willing to try a lot of different things with grace and good cheer. "

**So looking forward, now what?** Being Commander for several years has advantages in that the terrain is familiar, but that in itself is a danger. You can stop seeing needful changes and fall back on the easy path of simply going through the motions, or you can take another swing, perhaps freeing a leg, perhaps smashing a hand. Something to think about between now and Change of Watch.....

Fair Winds,

Commander Bob



*The Thinker by Auguste Rodin*

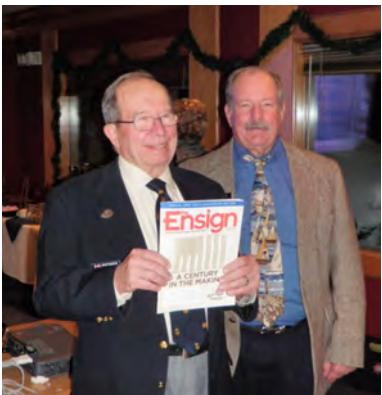
## THE ANNUAL MEETING



Nice job, Ben and Marie Coons, we enjoyed hearing about your trip!



Alan Wentworth presides over the business meeting in the Commodore Room.



Executive Officer Wentworth, with Craig Weis, highlighting the USPS Ensign

Twenty-two members enjoyed drinks and dinner at the Sturgeon Bay Yacht Club. Following a business meeting that included election of officers for 2014, new associate members, Ben and Marie Coons, presented an overview of their trip from Red Wing, MN to Sturgeon Bay via the Mississippi and Illinois rivers to Lake Michigan on their 42" power boat, O'My Marie.



John Hermann thanks Michelle Anderson for offering to organize our social and dining events for the coming year. Thank you, Michelle!

## FROM YOUR EDUCATION OFFICER

Seamanship is canceled due to a lack of students. If anyone would like to take this course it can be taken on-line from the University of South Florida. We can order the test, proctor it, and send it in from our squadron. I have suggested this to the only student who expressed interest in the course. If anyone else is interested, let me know so we can set it up for you.

Sail is on schedule for a start date of 10 April. We will include an on-the-water component to this course that I am excited to offer. My trusty sailboat, Windrover, will be available for this.

Bob DeNoto and I have decided to change the date of the ABC course to June instead of April. After talking to the DNR and the police ,we have come to believe that offering

the course in June will allow us to include an on-the-water training session to the course. We can use the whaler from Quarterdeck for this. Kids are out of school at this time and are anxious to get on the water. I am excited about the possibilities for more students in the course. As you know, in recent years enrollment in the ABC course has dropped dramatically. On-the-water training may be just what the doctor ordered.

This summer, I am scheduling four seminars that will be needed for the Advanced Costal Navigator endorsement and for fun. These are Emergencies on Board, Marine Radar, Compass, and Knots, Bends, and Hitches (for fun). Times will be announced soon.

Lt/C Steven Rank, AP, SEO

## District 10 Spring Conference

**March 28 - 30**

**Lake Elmo, Minnesota**

[Click here for registration information](#)

## D10 FALL CONFERENCE

**OCTOBER 24-26**

Hosted by our Squadron, we have a wonderful opportunity to welcome other squadron members in the district to our beautiful Door County. Co-chairs of the Conference are Bill Galligan and Dolores Hermann. Committee members are Bob and Karen DeNoto, John Hermann, Mary Mayheu, Nancy Reichmann, Cynthia & Craig Weis, and Mary Welch.

As conference time approaches, we welcome many hands to help staff the hospitality rooms and direct people to their conference rooms and dining areas. If you can help for a day or part of a day, please contact one of the Committee members.

**WE NEED YOU!**

# USPS D10 2014 Spring Conference

## March 28-30, 2014



**Holiday Inn & Suites**

**8511 Hudson Blvd, Lake Elmo, MN**

**651-714-8068**



**Hosted by St. Paul Sail and Power Squadron**

**Join Us**

### **Friday**

**D10 Bandstand.** Dance to your favorite DJ songs from the 50's, 60's, & 70's. Dress for the era.

### **Saturday**

During lunch listen to a "Generations Panel" discussion.

Following dinner and the Change of Watch the "Cease and Desist Small Big Band" will provide music for your listening and dancing pleasure.

**and much more...**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

5th—Bob Stierna

6th—Judy Holtz

7th—Jeff Johnson

20th—Mary Welch

23rd—Marie Coons

25th—Pamela Anast



## Schedule of Events

### February 2014

6th—Seamanship—cancelled

9th—Squadron Change of Watch—Stone Harbor—noon



18th—Executive Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—on-line

22nd—Squadron Cruise Planning Meeting—9:30—Quarterdeck

### March 2014



28th-30th—District 10 Spring Conference—St. Paul S&PS

### April 2014



1st—Executive Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—on-line

10th—Sail begins

26th—Vessel Safety Examiner Season Prep Meeting

### May 2014



6th—Executive Committee Meeting

16th—Fitting Out Meeting & Social

### June 2014

TBA—Vessel Safety Checks every Saturday

TBA—ABC Class



17th—Executive Committee Meeting

21st—Flare Shoot

22nd—Squadron Cookout

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 28 2014



Send your comments, ideas and articles to:

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### July 2014

29th—Executive Committee Meeting



### August 2014



22-24th—Squadron Annual Rendezvous—Menominee MI

### September 2014



6th—MarinaFest—Sister Bay

7-14th—USPS Governing Board Meeting—Arlington, VA

16th—Executive Committee Meeting

26th—Lay-Up Dinner Meeting

## Scuttlebutt January Quiz Answer



Where in Door county was this picture taken?

The picture is of the new marina at Chambers Island. The boat belongs to our friends, Jim and Judi Blahnik who have a home on the island.

Nobody replied with an answer. Too busy, or simply didn't know?

## FEBRUARY QUIZ



You shouldn't have to work so hard for this one. Where was this taken?

Send your answers to the Scuttlebutt Editor [dolores.e.hermann@gmail.com](mailto:dolores.e.hermann@gmail.com).  
Correct answers will appear in the next issue.

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