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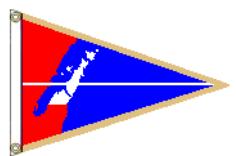


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## 60TH ANNUAL CHANGE OF WATCH



On Sunday, February 9, at noon, 21 DCS&PS members gathered at Stone Harbor to welcome the Door County Sail & Power Squadron 2014 Bridge Officers. Bridge Officers were sworn in by incoming D10 Commander, Dale Perry (far right in the photo). On the screen behind the Bridge Officers is a SKYPE version of Commander Bob Stierna. Left to right in the photo are Steve Rank, SEO; Marilyn Grose, Secretary; Cynthia Weis, Treasurer and John Hermann, SXO.

Missing is an Administrative Officer and this is a vacant position. Carrying out some of the responsibilities of the position are John Welch, in charge of Cruise Planning and Michelle Anderson, in charge of planning dinner meetings and socials.



D10 incoming Commander Dale and Vivian Perry at dinner



## CHANGE OF WATCH 2014



Cynthia Weis receiving the Commander's Award



Incoming D10 Commander Perry at the podium



Dolores Hermann receiving the Commander's Award



Dale Perry and Alan Wentworth



Alan Wentworth at the podium to keep the meeting running



Steve Rank, Bill & Cleida Galligan



Marilyn Grose, Cleida Galligan & Cynthia Weis  
What a great welcoming committee!



Jerry & Michelle Anderson, John & Nancy Reichmann



Gary & Sandy King with Judy Holtz

## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

March is a time of quickening. In the forest, the trees and bushes that have been bundled tight against the freezing conditions begin to swell in late February and throughout March. If you examine the buds, which are small and tight during November through January, you will find that they are swelling, waiting for that combination of daylight hours and moderating temperatures which tell them it is safer, though never safe, to open. Allowing that they may be a little slow this year as they too struggle against the brutal winter, in March they become ready to take advantage of the spring rains and sun. Alongside are some early season images of Tart Cherry blossoms as they go through their early season sequence. (M. Longstroth, Univ. of Mich. photos).



Late February and March will see those first forays under the canvass to see what must be done prior to launching, trips to the boat store, the ordering of parts and consideration of new electronics and other toys to dress up our baby. Out come the planning books and meeting with our squadron friends to make plans

Then too, we are beginning our organizational year, as various committees get underway with the tasks for the coming busy season. Our Change of Watch began our year and for those unable to attend, here are my remarks, which also address a new beginning:

## USPS BEGINS A NEW CENTURY

Well, here we are again. Another successful year behind us and a new chapter to be written. USPS is beginning its 2nd Century, trying to be relevant to a new and changing society. Every year the new District Commander has an organizing theme. This year it's "Building the next 100 years". If you've read any of my stuff, you already know that I talk a lot about change and adaptation. That's because for many years I was a member of the World Future Society. That experience tells me that there are some important things to keep in mind as we work towards a squadron that will be there for our members and the boating public here in Door County in the years to come.

## WE CAN LEARN FROM THE PAST

There is a saying, attributed to Mark Twain: "History never repeats itself, but it rhymes". We can learn from the past, but the future is going to be a mix of the familiar and the novel. Our core principles were established early on and express themselves today. In our earliest times, even before the USPS formally existed, there was talk of improving navigating ability, social intercourse, and utility to the Government (i.e. the Navy). These developed into our three great principles, **Self-Education, Fellowship, and Civic Service**.



I think it is clear that as long as there is a USPS, these will survive in some fashion. Along the way we jettisoned boat maneuvering drills, yacht club membership requirements, membership by sponsorship only, and male exclusivity. In fact, in 1985, at our very first change of watch, the Chief Commander came to Minnetonka to personally swear in one of the first female commanders. We built up a full education program over several decades. Other Civic service activities grew: public education as a civic service, Cooperative charting, Vessel Safety Checks, and a seminar series. What remained unchanged from the earliest days is our firm conviction that this ought to be fun, that we enjoy each other's company and wish to work and play together. Keeping those principles central, we can change those things which will help USPS and Door County Sail and Power Squadron adapt to our ever changing environment.

## WE MUST LOOK TO THE FUTURE

As we look to that future, we see a world increasingly running at digital speeds, intense demands placed on individuals, and strains in the social fabric, amongst other issues. To find our place we must pay attention to the evolving needs of our members and the general public. That is why we lead the way in the use of remote classrooms, online education and online business meetings, and practical on-the-water education. We evolve not only in response to our environment, but also trying to anticipate our needs and proactively better our services to each other and the public. That's the whole "Vision" thing. It's the purpose of all those District themes, to make us take another run into the future from a little different perspective.

## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE (continued)

So how about this next year, and our little organization? Well, first of all, let's enjoy each other's company. Fellowship and shared experience is the glue that makes all the other stuff possible. We are asking people to freely give of their time; in exchange what we ask needs to be enjoyable and of value.

This year promises to be pretty busy for us. For starters we will be hosting the District 10 Fall Conference up at the Landmark at the end of October. It's a big job and a major commitment for a squadron our size. Dolores Hermann and Bill Galligan are leading this up. A core committee has already met and plans are well underway. As the time approaches we are going to need a lot of extra help to pull it off, so please be ready to lend a hand.

The other major new thing is the development of a new squadron, the Marinette and Menominee Sail and Power Squadron across the bay. We need to support them in every way we possibly can. We would like to cruise, play and work with them as opportunities can be jointly

developed. What is critical is that every member make an effort to meet and befriend our new compatriots.

Finally, we are starting off the year minus an Administrative Officer, which spreads the work to already busy people, placing an extra burden on them. Be supportive and help out when asked. Or better yet, come and talk to me or any executive committee member about the Administrative Officers job.

Ordinarily every commander will look for new ways to use his organization to accomplish something special. This year, with this agenda on top of our normal activities, let us just resolve to do all of it well and with grace, a bit of style, lots of humor, and great fellowship.

Let's have a great year!

Bob Stierna, SN

## 2013 MERIT MARK RECIPIENTS

**Merit Marks are awarded for service which materially supports the objectives of USPS. Congratulations to the following:**

**Michelle Anderson  
Bob DeNoto  
Karen DeNoto  
Bill Galligan  
Marilyn Grose  
Dolores Hermann  
John Hermann  
Chuck Holtz**

**Gary King  
Mary Mayheu  
Steve Mayheu  
Mike Morrison  
Lou Pasquesi  
Steve Rank  
John Reichmann  
Nancy Reichmann**

**Markus Ritter  
Robert Ross  
Tom Schueppert  
Robert Snyder  
Bob Stierna  
Chuck Stone  
Craig Weis  
Cynthia Weis  
Alan Wentworth**



Terry Keating submitted this link to a video featuring the Paul R. Tregurtha heading out of Sturgeon Bay last year to begin a new shipping season. [Click here](#) to access the video.

## FROM YOUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER

This is my inaugural message as Squadron Executive Officer for the new watch year. Our previous XO, Alan Wentworth, SN, has taken on the responsibilities of the District 10 Education Officer. District is most fortunate to have Alan's knowledge and experience at national, district and squadron levels.

Having served on our Bridge as Administrative Officer, Commander and Member-at-Large, it is high time for me to focus on squadron "external affairs" as your XO. I came from the Skokie Valley squadron where I took classes, cruised across the pond, the Illinois River, Lake Winnebago and more while serving one term as Rules Officer. Skokie Valley was a cruising club for us and now with Door County Sail & Power Squadron it means even more. New members join DCS&PS for education and stay with us because of our cruises and our civic and social activities.

### Here are the XO's responsibilities

- Boat shows and booths
- Safety
- Radio technology and on board electronics
- Public relations
- Liaison
- Legislation
- Coop charting

The Executive Department has a lot to cover. The need for staffing grows with the size of the squadron. 2014 will be a challenging and exciting watch year. I'll touch on the first two responsibilities in this issue and the others in the future.

### Boat Shows and Other Public Events

The Vessel Safety Check (VSC) season kicks-off 7 June with a VSC "blitz" at Quarterdeck and Harbor Club. Squadron and Auxiliary VSEs will work the docks. We can use help in the covered pavilion to sign up captains, coordinate VSEs on the docks and hand out literature.

Our Flare-shoot and Fire Extinguisher Demonstration will take place 21 June at the Yacht Club. We need proctors to help folks learn

how to ignite and hold flares and to prompt them to try their hands with fire extinguishers.

The Executive Committee will soon decide if we will host a booth at the Wooden Boat Show this year. If so, we will appreciate having members take shifts as hosts in our tent, greet visitors, hand out literature and answer questions about the squadron. If we're at the show I would like to attract visitors by offering knot-tying instruction.

Our VSC season likely will end 6 September at the Sister Bay Marina-Based Festival. We will again have a booth with literature and offer VSCs as well as knot-tying instructions. Please volunteer to work shifts in the squadron tent.

### Safety

As Safety Officer our members have seen--and, hopefully, read--my articles in the Scuttlebutt. Safety information will be part of my XO message in the future.

Vessel safety checks are a foremost public program of the United States Coast Guard, the Coast Guard Auxiliary and the United States Power Squadrons and for good reason—to save lives. The squadron will focus on marinas in and around Sturgeon Bay every Saturday in June. Individual VSEs will address Sister Bay and continue to get to other marinas throughout the season.

A new and important safety initiative of District 10 is Electric Shock Drowning, or ESD. Electricity in the water around marinas is caused by faulty circuits in individual boats as well as marinas. This will be the subject of a special safety article in the near future.

A national initiative this year will be to promote the wearing of life vests by all boaters. Watch for the campaign to unfold and read about it in the Scuttlebutt.

Would you like to help in the Executive Department? My phone number and email address are in the last page of this paper.

John Hermann, AP

## 2014 FALL CONFERENCE UPDATE

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:

- John Hermann & Bob DeNoto—Materials
- Karen DeNoto & John Hermann—Activities
- Mary Mayheu & Mary Welch—Hospitality
- Cynthia & Craig Weis and Nancy Reichmann—Registration

As conference time approaches, we welcome many hands to help staff the hospitality rooms and help with activities. If you can help for a day or part of a day, please contact one of the Committee members. Thank you for whatever help you can provide.

### HELP NEEDED IN THESE AREAS

#### HOSPITALITY ROOM STAFFING

Friday 3—6 pm—attendees will come in for coffee & cookies and questions about the county.

Saturday 6:30—10 am (2 shifts)

Sunday 6:30—10 am (2 shifts)—continental breakfast is served both days—would involve set-up, making coffee, clean-up.

#### ACTIVITIES STAFFING

Friday night games—need helpers.

Saturday afternoon Orchard County Market—need hosts to join Karen and accompany the group.

#### DONATIONS

Cookies, apples and mini chocolate bars for the hospitality room.

## CRUISE PLANNING MEETING



On Saturday 22 February, it warmed up everyone to meet at Quarterdeck Marina for lively conversation and plan our Squadron cruises. Led by John Welch, a variety of cruises were planned for all types of vessels. Cruise planners included Michelle & Jerry Anderson, Dolores & John Hermann, Judy & Chuck Holtz, Sandy & Gary King, Karl May, Nancy Reichmann, Cynthia & Craig Weis, Mary and John Welch.



## 2014 SQUADRON CRUISES

**31 May—Paddle-craft Adventure—Kangaroo Lake—co-captains: Nancy & John Reichmann.** Additional paddle adventures will be announced later.

**14 June—Shakedown Cruise—Egg Harbor—co-captains: John Hermann & Bob Stierna.** Joint cruise with the M & M Squadron. VSEs available. Can be a day or weekend cruise.

**Late June—Anchoring/Rafting practice rendezvous—Chambers Island or Sand Bay—cruise captain needed.** Intended for anyone who seeks experience anchoring/rafting-off; especially for cruisers heading to the North Channel. Can be part of the Egg Harbor Cruise.

**July—2 weeks—North Channel Cruise—co-captains: John Welch and Terry Keating.** Seven captains plan to join this cruise, including fast and slow boats. Vessel captains will choose between anchorages and marinas and make their own slip reservations. Cruise allows for 3-4 weather days.

**July/August—Escanaba Cruise—2 nights—co-captains: Karl May & Tom Schueppert (tentative).** August dates would offer the UP County Fair.

**15-17 August—Squadron Rendezvous Cruise—Menominee—co-captain: Sandy King.** The Squadron's most popular cruise. We will invite the M & M Squadron to co-plan and join us.

## FROM YOUR EDUCATION OFFICER

Sail is scheduled for Thursday evenings from 10 April thru 29 May at NWTC and will include an on-the-water component in June assuming the ice is gone by then. We have several instructors who have expressed interest in co-teaching this course. That should make it nothing less than OUTSTANDING. This course will be really fun for everyone. Even if you have never sailed you will enjoy adding the sailor's perspective to your on-the-water enjoyment. Sailing is a world like no other. Join us!

ABC will be moved to June to attract students who are just out of school and are itching to get out on the water. Tentative dates are 10-13 June at NWTC with an additional on-the-water morning using Quarterdeck's whaler for some hands-on experience. I hope that by coordinating this course with the DNR and the Sturgeon Bay Police Department we will be able to attract more students than we have in the past. Parents will accompany their children when taking this course and I hope they will become interested in joining our squadron based on the experience. More info to follow as this unfolds.

### SUMMER SEMINAR SERIES

Sat 21 June **Rules of the Road**

Sat 12 July **Radar**

Sat 19 July **Knots, Bends, and Hitches**

Sat 26 July **Compass**

Sat Aug 5 **Emergencies on Board**

All seminars will be held at Quarterdeck on Saturday mornings from 0900 to 1100.

I read an interesting article on ice cover and water levels the other day. I thought that lots of ice means less evaporation and therefore higher water levels the next year. Apparently the most evaporation occurs in Sept. – Nov. The warmer the water at this time, the more the evaporation. If there is lots of ice the winter before and it melts later, then the evaporation level will be slower in the coming fall. Thus the ice this year will create higher water levels in 2015. Don't worry about 2014, though. We have tons of snow cover throughout the Great Lakes Basin to ensure higher water this year than last. This is a boater's silver lining to this miserable winter.

Steve Rank, AP

## District 10 Spring Conference

March 28 - 30

Lake Elmo, Minnesota

[Click here for registration information](#)

# USPS D10 2014 Spring Conference

## March 28-30, 2014



Holiday Inn & Suites

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651-714-8068

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**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

6th—Fred Hankwitz

6th—Dolores Hermann

17th—Patsy Stierna

17th—Craig Weis

22nd—Austin Hermann



## Schedule of Events

### March 2014

28-30th—D10 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

31st—Paddle-craft Cruise—Kangaroo Lake—Nancy & John Reichmann



### June 2014

TBA—Vessel Safety Checks every Saturday

10-13th—ABC Class—NWTC—6-8 pm

14th—Cruise to Egg Harbor—John Hermann & Bob Stierna

17th—Executive Committee Meeting

21st—Flare Shoot

22nd—Squadron Cookout

TBA—Anchoring/Rafting practice



### July 2014

18-20th—D10 Summer Rendezvous—Duluth S&PS

29th—Executive Committee Meeting

TBA—North Channel Cruise—John Welch



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 April Scuttlebutt by March 31, 2014



Send your comments, ideas and articles to:

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### August 2014

TBA—Escanaba Cruise—Karl May

15-17th—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



### October 2014

21st—Executive Committee Meeting

24-26th—D10 Fall Conference—DCS&PS—Landmark Resort



### November 2014

### December 2014

2nd—Executive Committee Meeting

5th—Holiday Party



## Scuttlebutt February Quiz Answer



This was an easy one but nevertheless an interesting view, submitted by John Reichmann, of the Pottawatomi day mark in winter. With four feet of ice, not even the freighters would use it now.

Have you entered Sturgeon Bay from Green Bay during the night? First, there is the mid-channel buoy light flashing the morse code SOS. Align your heading with this flashing day mark and head directly to the lighted red and green buoys that guide you into Sturgeon Bay.

### Here's a Change of Pace from the Monthly Quiz Call it: Scuttlebutt Crossfire

After a short background statement, a nautical-related question will be asked and responses sought. The idea is to raise questions of current interest that do not necessarily have right or wrong answers and may be controversial. Members are asked to "weigh in" via email to the Editor, who, with discretion, will publish answers in the next Scuttlebutt. If so instructed, the Editor will publish answers as "anonymous." If enough interest arises, a subject can be carried over to the next month.

### SCUTTLEBUTT CROSSFIRE FOR MARCH 2014

#### Background

The internet has become "ubiquitous," that is, present everywhere. All of us have seen or read about the increasing availability and use of on-line education courses. USPS offers the premier **classroom** nautical courses, with excellent graphics, content, instructors and, now, on-the-water components. USPS is working as quickly as quality permits to offer our courses on-line.

#### Question

In the on-line environment, will USPS courses continue to be "premier" in terms of student-learning and squadron growth?

**PRO-On Line Courses:** Look at the demographics. Boaters today are busier than ever and they are internet-oriented and proficient. USPS offerings must appeal to their needs and preferences.

**CON- On Line Courses:** Certain USPS courses are already offered on-line by at least one university. Rather than compete on-line, USPS should continue to distinguish itself with the best classroom and on-the-water training available for serious-minded boaters.

**Weigh-in via email to the Editor!**

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<b>Flag Lieutenant</b>	<b>F/Lt Craig Weis, S</b>
<b>Merit Marks</b>	<b>P/R/C Alan Wentworth, SN</b>
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	<b>P/LT/C Dolores Hermann, AP</b>
	<i>Executive Department</i>
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<b>Port Captain</b>	<b>Lt Markus Ritter, AP</b>
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