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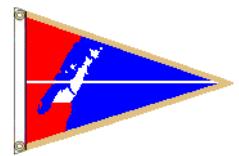


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MARKUS RITTER COMPLETES COASTAL NAVIGATOR CERTIFICATION

Markus Ritter completed [CN certification](#) with the Peace River Sail & Power Squadron while wintering in Englewood. He said it was a very delightful experience with a three-hour classroom session followed by lunch and then five hours on the water at the helm. The other person who came along was being certified as a CN certifier. The boat was a very beautiful Monk 36 (They don't make many like that anymore). After finishing the course on the water it was time for a picture of the delighted new Coastal Navigator and the certifier, P/C John Wuerz, SN-ACN.

Pictured below is P/C Wuerz, owner of the Monk 36, navigating in and out of the channel next to his home in Punta Gorda. Lots of great protected water nearby with many wonderful anchorages that the Ritters did not get a chance to enjoy the first time they went rushing through there in 1999 on their beloved Sankaty.

The Boat Operator's Certification (BOC) Program tests and recognizes boat handling and navigation skills at the levels of Inland (IN), Coastal (CN) and Advanced Coastal Navigation (ACN). Our squadron now has 8 members who have completed IN requirements, 5 with the CN certificate and one ACN certificate holder, Bob DeNoto, who is the only ACN in District 10.



COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

April, and the great migration to the north & home. Patsy is getting antsy, even though she enjoys the grandchild here. Tomorrow I will begin going through the rig, checking nuts and tires, pulling out the packing cases for the pottery that Patsy generates down here, and generally getting what I call "pre-work" out of the way. The RV is like having another boat to take care of. A quick trip down to San Antonio on Friday, and then the change-over from "living" to "traveling" mode on Saturday. The kids are bringing Rai out on Sunday to see the "Camper Choo-choo" depart, and hopefully to understand where grandma went.

I was able to attend portions of the Spring Conference virtually this year. The council meeting was virtual to begin with, so that was easy, and then D/C Dale Perry & I made an arrangement where I got the PowerPoint slides and a cell phone connection to the Commanders Workshop, to get the latest thinking from National and District. We actually had a pretty good discussion on remote learning and virtual meetings where our own experience was important. As you might expect, there was a membership discussion, and if we're going to meet expectations, we'll need to ramp up attendance at our Seminars and our ABC class, which generate many of our members. Also at the conference, P/R/C Alan Wentworth, SN was able to accept our 4 star squadron award for 2013, and Stf/C Bob DeNoto, JN invited the District to our Fall Conference in Egg Harbor this October.

We also had our last virtual Executive Committee meeting on the 1st. We had an active meeting as a lot of planning is taking place right now. One item of note, our Public Relations Officer, Lt. Mary Mayheu, is facing some serious health challenges now, so some of us divided up some of her important responsibilities until she can return. She has set up a website on Caring Bridge at www.caringbridge.org/visit/adjustingthesails, so stop by and wish her well.

I'm anxious to get home to start working on the boat. As all of us know....



there is nothing - absolutely nothing - half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats.

Fair Winds,,

Bob

FROM YOUR EDUCATION OFFICER

Sail is set to begin 10 April and promises to be really exciting. We will have several experienced sailors both as instructors and students in this course. We will have an on-the-water component aboard my sailboat, Windrover, to give a hands-on experience to what is taught in the classroom.

Sailing is a skill that always changes and refines itself because no two sails are ever alike. We are constantly being called on to adjust and refine our skills based on what the wind, weather, and our boats bring us each day. When we power along through life we tend to forget the old poem : "One ship goes east, the other west, by the self same winds that blow. Tis the set of the sail and not the gale that determines the way they go." We already have six students and I'm hoping more will find their way to us. Call me if you would like to join us.

Now that spring has finally arrived it looks like we will have at least a foot more water than last year. That is fantastic news and promises a better boating season than in several years. Higher water does have its price, though. I was talking to one of the bridge tenders in Sturgeon Bay yesterday. He told me one of the boats that left Sturgeon Bay got a hole in her from

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 2 **Emergencies on Board**

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

the five foot thick ice that is still out in Green Bay. He thought we might still encounter ice bergs in the lake in July. I guess I'll have to adjust my swimming patterns.

Steve Rank

FROM YOUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Commercial shipping is getting off to a slow start due to heavy ice on the Great Lakes. At the marinas, getting our boats out of storage and into the water will similarly be delayed by a few weeks due to the ice. Nonetheless, it is spring and we are eager to get ready for the boating season.

What's on your commissioning checklist?

- Are your GPS/chart-plotter and radio set up for DSC/Rescue 21? If they are, have you obtained a MMSI number?
- Once on the water you will want to test your VHF radio by calling our Sea Tow Automated Radio Check using channel 27.

In the Executive Department we're getting ready to provide vessel safety checks. This year the USCG has issued instructions for a mandated VSE workshop. Once the workshop has been completed 26 April, our VSEs will be recertified to perform VSCs. It's important that we keep our knowledge and skills up to date. The VSE workshop 26 April is at Quarterdeck Marina from 1000—1200.

Our VSEs will concentrate on Sturgeon Bay marinas, and also Egg Harbor, Sister Bay and Fish Creek, in June and move around in response to demands here and elsewhere throughout the season.

Here's the schedule thus far:

- 7 June. Quarterdeck and Harbor Club along with USCG Auxiliary.
- 14 June. Center Pointe and Egg Harbor (Shakedown Cruise destination).
- 21 June. Bay Marine and Sturgeon Bay yacht Club (Flare shoot location).
- 28 June and throughout season. VSEs move around. Respond to requests.
- 6 September. Sister Bay. Squadron booth at marina-based festival.

The Flare Shoot and Fire Extinguisher Demonstration 21 June has been successful in attracting public attendance in past years. If you haven't personally handled flares, this is the time to learn how. If you're experienced with flares, come and assist those who are learning to ignite and hold them.

The squadron tent was a popular stop for visitors at the sister Bay Festival last year. There was a steady flow of folks interested in knot tying, who visited with us, took our literature and requested VSCs. **Please mark your calendar for 6 September and plan to cover a two-hour shift at the tent.** Call me with any questions.

John Hermann

2014 FALL CONFERENCE UPDATE

24—26 OCTOBER

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, Sandy King —Registration

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

Thank you for whatever help you can provide.

Bill Galligan and Dolores Hermann
Conference Co-chairs

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.

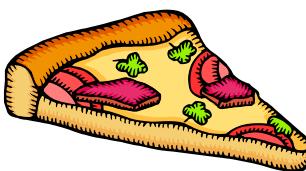
JOIN YOUR SQUADRON FRIENDS
AT OUR FITTING OUT PIZZA & SURPRISE NIGHT
(and a short meeting)

**Friday 17 May
1800 (6:00 pm)**

**Bertschinger
Community Center**

Egg Harbor

**Click here
for a google map**



ENJOY SONNY'S PIZZA

**Cost: \$15 per couple
\$ 7:50 single**

**Bring a salad or dessert to share & your
adult beverage of choice. Sodas will be
provided.**



**Celebrate the return of boats to
our beautiful Green Bay & Lake
Michigan waters**

**Share boating adventures and
HAVE FUN!**

SEE YOU THERE!!!!!!

RESPONSES

SCUTTLEBUTT CROSSFIRE – MARCH ISSUE

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

RESPONSES: The four respondents have taught USPS courses and/or seminars. Three are senior USPS members while one has been a member for several years. All have thorough knowledge of the USPS triangle and are leaders in squadron activities. Names are not provided here.

PROS

- Nationally, there is a growing reluctance to join or commit. On-line provides an easy format for students to “wade in.”
- Courses can be taken at the student's leisure.
- On-line courses can reach a far-flung audience.
- Boaters need to gain knowledge. On-line is better than nothing.
- The population of potential students is diverse with varying needs and preferences. On-line can meet needs such as avoiding distance travel and scheduling constraints.

CONS

- As an on-line content provider, it will be difficult for USPS to distinguish itself from others.
- It will be difficult for USPS to protect its' on-line, intellectual assets from unauthorized redistribution.
- On-line courses would appear to contradict the USPS direction toward OTW components.
- On-line students miss out on the interaction with instructors and class mates, such as spontaneous questions, answers and experiences.
- Personal contact is not available or very limited, i.e., the kind needed to develop relationships that encourage membership.

COMMENTS FROM RESPONDENTS

- Discussions of experiences among students and the instructor, as applied to course material, add a wealth of information.
- It is hard to compete with state and other low cost offerings. Perhaps we should offer on-line for the basic course (ABC) or other most basic information and promote our relevant, instructor-led classroom courses and OTW components.
- USPS may cheapen itself marketing classes. What is likely to be gained in terms of income and new members? Might members be lost? History will tell us.
- USPS has to have an on-line, education presence. Perhaps a simple quiz, to show the student or visitor that he has a lot to learn about sail or power boating and that there is a squadron nearby.
- Squadron growth should not be seen as solely dependent on education. Squadron appeal, health and growth depend on other factors as well.

- Successful teaching comes from the interactive exchange of information between people; in person, from books or via the internet. A variety of approaches is required. USPS is on the right track by developing “premier” on-line content, continuing “premier” classroom work and expanding OTW education experiences.
- A larger palette of education opportunities will likely result in fewer students in classrooms. Our adaptation would be to introduce distance learning technology in order to consolidate students in classes. This would not interfere with on-line classes and we would continue to encourage OTW experiences.

MODERATOR'S NOTE

It is necessary to edit responses to Crossfire for the sake of space and clarity and my hope is that the presentation is satisfactory. Our thanks is to the respondents who had the interest and took the time to express themselves concerning on-line education at USPS.

John Hermann
Scuttlebutt Crossfire Moderator

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

4th—Tom Voegele

6th—Jerry Anderson

20th—Steve Rank

21st—Andrea Kinsey-Jauquet

24th—Bob King

25th—Pete Anast



Schedule of Events

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 adventure

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—Rules of the Road Seminar—9-11 am
21st—Flare Shoot
22nd—Squadron Cookout
TBA—Anchoring/Rafting practice

July 2014



12th—Radar Seminar—9-11 am
19th—Knots, Bends & Hitches Seminar—9-11 am
18-20th—D10 Summer Rendezvous—Duluth S&PS
26th—Compass Seminar—9-11 am
29th—Executive Committee Meeting
TBA—North Channel Cruise—John Welch & Terry Keating

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.



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August 2014



2nd—Emergencies on Board Seminar—9-11am
TBA—Escanaba Cruise—Karl May
15-17th—Squadron Annual Rendezvous—Menominee MI—Sandy King

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

2014 SQUADRON CRUISES

31 May—Paddle-craft Adventure—Kangaroo Lake— 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.

CRUISE UPDATES

Paddle-craft adventure—May 31—John and Nancy Reichmann are moving to Indiana and will be unable to captain this cruise. Is anyone interested in coordinating this cruise and possible future paddle cruises? Please contact John Welch if you are available.

North Channel Cruise—July—several boats have indicated interest in participating in this cruise. If you would like to join the group and are not currently on John Welch's cruise list, please call or email John at 920-746-1179 or jandmwelch3@gmail.com.

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