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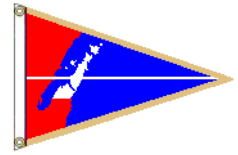


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IT'S CONFERENCE TIME

October 24—26, 2014

Door County Sail & Power Squadron is hosting our District 10 Conference at the Landmark Resort & Conference Center in Egg Harbor. Because it is on our home turf, it is important for our members to come and enjoy as many of the events as possible.

On Friday,:

1. 5:30 pm—**Fish Boil and Buffet** social hour begins in the pub area of the restaurant. The buffet will be set up in the State Room with a spectacular view across the bay to the lighted Menominee shoreline. Be there for the boil over and introduce yourself to someone new from another squadron.
2. 7:00—**Pirate Booty Game** in the State Room where you bring a wrapped white elephant gift for a wild exchange.

On Saturday:

1. 10:45 am—**Lighthouses of the Great Lakes** wonderful slide presentation is followed by a pasta lunch again in the State Room.
2. 1:30 pm—Meet in the resort lobby, to join Karen DeNoto and Patsy Stierna on an **Orchard Country Winery** visit and a trolley tour.
3. 3:30—5:30 pm—test your boating skills on a **Boating Skills Virtual Trainer** that is set up in the lower level of the restaurant. Test how you would react under a variety of boating conditions.
4. 3:30 pm,— John Hermann will lead a **Geology Hike** at the nearby Lautenbach Woods Nature Preserve.
5. 6:00 pm—Social hour begins in the Egg Harbor Room in the lower level of the restaurant. After dinner and awards, stay for a real treat—the **Dixieland music of Talk of the Town**.

Of course you will need to **complete the registration form on the next page and send it to Cynthia by October 10 with your check to cover your meals and the trolley tour**. The registration fee will cover everything else. Check our [website](#) for a full agenda and more information on the Virtual Trainer and the Great Lakes Lighthouse presentation.

Hope to see you at the Conference.

Bill Galligan & Dolores Hermann, Conference Co-chairs

60/40 RAFFLE

3 chances to win cash

1st prize 40%

2nd prize 15%

3rd prize 5%



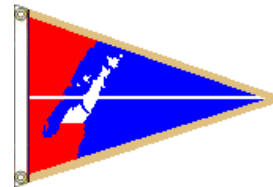
Tickets will be sold during the conference but you can get yours ahead of time—just send your check to Cynthia and tell her how many you want. All proceeds stay with our squadron.

\$1 per ticket 6 for \$5 25 for \$20





District 10 USPS
2014 FALL CONFERENCE
24-26 October 2014



LANDMARK RESORT & CONFERENCE CENTER

4928 Landmark Drive

Egg Harbor, WI 54209

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Friday Night Door County Fishboil Buffet (incl. Roasted Chicken & BBQ Ribs)	\$30	_____	_____
Saturday Pasta Bar Lunch	\$17	_____	_____
Saturday Dinner—Bacon-Wrapped Pork Loin	\$28	_____	_____
Chicken Cordon Bleu	\$24	_____	_____
Gnocchi Potato Dumplings	\$24	_____	_____
Registration Fee (incl. Sat./Sun. Continental Breakfast)	\$15	_____	_____
Scenic Door County Trolley Tour			
adult	\$14	_____	_____
Child	9	_____	_____
TOTAL AMOUNT			_____



Seminar topics at an addl. fee to be announced later (check the D10 website)

Squadron _____

Rank _____ Name _____

Rank _____ Name _____

Home phone _____ cell _____

Email _____ Is this your first time attending a district conference? _____

Make checks payable to: Door County Sail & Power Squadron

Registrations due before: 10 October (no refunds after this date)

Mail this form and checks to: Lt/C Cynthia Weis, AP

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Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

HOTEL REGISTRATIONS FOR THE LANDMARK RESORT - send in the Landmark registration form or call 1-800-273-7877

Ask for block "Door County Sail & Power Squadron" for special rates

2 night minimum

Good through **September 24**. All rooms have a full kitchen.

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Life can be unpredictable at times, and then you just have to go with it. You may recall last month we had brought the powerboat to life and were planning on using it into the fall. It is really a nice old boat, and I felt guilty about the lack of care and use that I was giving it. Well, when we got it running, I put an ad up on Craig's List in Green Bay, thinking someone might come by yet this fall but expecting to actually sell it in the spring. Lo and behold, I got a call the next morning, the fellow came out the next day and bought it on the spot, cash in hand, full price. We put it together that day and I watched the balance of my boating season roll down the road. Think it ended up with a good owner though.



Compromise, the sailboat, has had a void filled over the keel and the bolts retightened. It's odd, because it's never been crashed into the bottom. Probably all those many trips on the trailer, exploring strange new waters. However, to effect the repair, they had to pull up the floor, which the factory had fastened with 5200, so it came up in 2x2 bits and pieces. It's going to be one of those custom fit jobs, irregular shape that will have to be fitted in. Highly labor intensive, so I will do it rather than pay the yard. We elected to put it into the shed, and I will work on it in the spring, when I'm off the chemo and have more energy. I did have them winterize it though, as cuts can lead to infections which can be fatal with a compromised



The pink lines are leaks in the keel joint

immune system.

A few days ago, we had our lay-up meeting over at the yacht club. This was my chemo week and Friday is when things are most intense, or rather, when I'm the flattest. I got through dinner and the meeting ok, but then Patsy took over and steered me directly out the door as she could tell I was hitting the wall physically. I ended up sleeping a good part of Saturday, but did revive enough to enjoy the Packers win on Sunday. I am trying to finish up my term as commander this year, but it is time for me and the squadron to move on... I will continue to take an active part as I am able, but the organization needs to evolve. And this year there are a number of challenges for the nominations committee. We need help with bridge officers and public relations.

Years ago, I used to belong to a number of organizations, but just paid dues and thought I was doing some good. Ultimately, that became unsatisfactory, and I found I needed to make a serious commitment in an area where I had a passion. I chose USPS, and have spent a quarter of a century benefitting from the rewards of service to a cause greater than myself.

This volunteering thing seems to scare folks, that they can't imagine doing the jobs as well as the incumbents have done. Well, all of us start out that way. I've spent years in command of two squadrons and the district, and have held all the bridge jobs except Secretary and Treasurer. I've been an instructor, class chair, Vessel Safety Check Chair, and a number of other jobs. When starting out, I've always wondered how it was going to go. One thing I've found though, is that there is no need to do these things alone. There is lots of help and experience around, and much of the work is cyclical, from year to year. The most important thing is just showing up, and giving attention to the needful things. Talk to John Hermann or Bob DeNoto about how you can help.

One other small thing, this is the month of the District Conference in Egg Harbor. There are a couple of things you can do here. First, attend part of the conference. The agenda and activities are listed elsewhere in the newsletter. If you can't make all weekend, come for part of the activities, especially the lighthouses of the great lakes presentation on Saturday morning or the Saturday dinner with the "Talk of the Town" jazz/Dixieland band. We had this group at the Rendezvous in Sturgeon Bay a couple of years ago, and they provide a rockin' good time. I know you will have a great time. You will also get the opportunity to meet a bunch of fun lovin' folks and learn something about the squadron. You can also pitch in and volunteer for a bit of the action. Call Dolores Hermann or Bill Galligan to help.

Immediately after the conference, we will be traveling to Austin, TX for the winter season and babysitting our grandchild. Our daughter is anxious for the help.

Fair winds,

Bob

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

NEEDED – A SMALL PUBLIC RELATIONS TEAM

Please keep reading!

Public relations (PR) is vital to our squadron's success because PR:

- keeps the community aware of us, informed of our safe boating mission and our public presence on behalf of safe boating. (Institutional advertising)
- calls timely attention-and attracts students to-our education classes and seminars.
- calls timely attention-and attracts boaters and others- to our presence at public events such as boat shows, flare shoots, vessel safety checks and festivals.

Lots of literature of interest to boaters is available from USPS, mostly designed for tri-fold carriers in public places like marina boater lounges, hotels, bait shops, marine supply stores, yacht clubs, etc. We should place and maintain our publications in those locations and make sure our announcement fliers get there as well.

Not having members focused on PR, the Executive committee does it's best to write articles and announcements for the newspapers, prepare fliers and place them in public locations.

Clearly, a small, dedicated PR team could do a more timely, creative and complete job that would yield superior results.

What will it take for our PR to be most effective?

- Make our education and civic service events news worthy by writing and sending announcements and articles to local newspapers and radio stations. It isn't unusual for a news photographer to be sent. The Executive Committee is giving "stop gap" attention to the news outlets. More consistent, creative attention is called for.
- Create eye-catching fliers and posters in advance of classes, seminars and public events. Microsoft WORD and Publisher are the PC tools commonly used. *Use a PC, but not WORD or Publisher? The Executive Committee will help you get started and be the source of on-going information.*
- Timely distribution of fliers and up-to-date squadron literature leads to public interest, inquiries and participation. It will be very beneficial to have PR individuals who focus on their own set of marinas and/or other locations, where they get to know-and be known by- the managers. It leads to squadron announcements in marina newsletters, scheduling more safe boating classes, flare shoots and vessel safety check days.

The Executive Committee cannot do it all and still do it effectively. Your interest, participation and creativity are essential for success.

LAY UP DINNER MEETING AND PROGRAM

Twenty-six members met for dinner at the Sturgeon Bay Yacht Club on Friday, September 26. A brief meeting was followed by a very spirited presentation by John Bacon on the hoped for Grand Traverse Islands National Lakeshore. John received a letter of support on behalf of the Door County Sail & Power Squadron as a protected waterway extending from the Garden Peninsula of Michigan to the Door Peninsula will be of great benefit to our members who cruise these waters regularly.



FROM YOUR EDUCATION OFFICER

Hello fellow boaters! I

am excited to report that the weather course is underway. This is a very popular and useful course for all boaters as the weather plays a deciding role in every boater's life. Alan Wentworth and I will co-teach this course and we are both looking forward to it. The course is scheduled for Tuesday nights at NWTC, starting 30 September and running for 10 weeks. If anyone is still on the fence about taking the course, I can still get you materials. Call me if you are interested at (920) 743-5469.

I have prided myself in teaching navigation, so it is with a chagrined and humble heart that I can relate to you that I decisively navigated Windrover firmly upon Dunlap Reef the other day. Jeri was with me and suggested I use my cell phone to call Gerry Richter and Craig Weis for help. I thought that was a good idea since I was now standing in waist deep water trying my hardest to push the boat off the reef. After I called Gerry Richter, I wanted to make sure I kept the phone dry....so I put it in my pocket which was unfortunately underwater at the time. That makes two bonehead mistakes in less than two minutes!

Jeri spied a bass boat within shouting distance of us and hailed him over for a tow. Oh, I forgot to mention that when Jeri yelled over for help from the bass boat she told them in a loud shout that I am the Squadron Educational Officer for the Door County Sail and Power Squadron. Just her way of trying to recruit a new member I guessed. He tried to pull us off after I handed him a line (wondering all the while, does passing a line mean he is performing salvage, or does he have to pass me the line for that to be the case?). It didn't make any difference because after several minutes of churning up large waves while going nowhere – he informed me that his boat was expensive and he didn't want to damage it. That for sure would have been mistake number three.

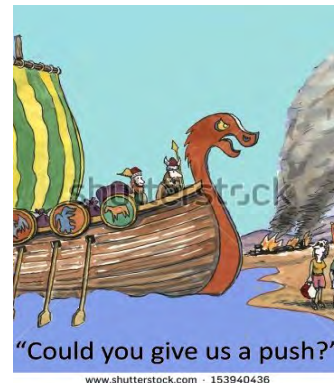
Meanwhile I continued to try to push and swing the boat in the water. Nothing was helping. Jeri then suggested we call the Coast Guard on the VHF. We did and they were very nice. They asked us for a cell phone number (which was of course toast), so they said they would call for a tow and that we should stand by. Now even though I have unlimited towing insurance with boat US, something snapped in my brain. The thought of being towed off the reef in full sight of the bridge, Stoneharbor, Bridgeport, and possibly Waterfront Mary's which rents sailboats to the world's most inept sailors was too much! My adrenaline went into overdrive and like Casey at the bat I gave the boat a mighty adrenaline soaked shove and budged it slightly. I figured a few more shoves like that would get us off if I could wear a groove in the gravel as I pushed us back and forth. Now my hope and adrena-

line was up. One, two three (and a good bounce for good measure) and we were free.

called the Coast Guard back after giving thanks to God and told them to cancel the tow. As I did this I heard a tow boat signaling the bridge. The bridge didn't open so I know the Coast Guard got the message. Since mistakes come in threes I have to tell you that the last mistake I made was to forget that I had kicked up the rudder so when I started the out-board I immediately gouged the rudder. No permanent harm done because I can fix that when I pull the boat.

Chuck Holtz told me at the layup dinner that we all go aground sometime. That's good advice for life as well as sailing. I'm glad that this time it was easy. Stay safe the rest of the boating season and watch out for any reefs.

Steve Rank



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

John Reichmann—9th

John Hermann—13th

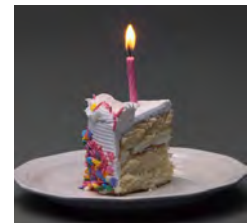
Markus Ritter—17th

Steve Mayheu—25th

Jim Walker—25th

Dave Smith—26th

Dan Balch—28th



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 November Scuttlebutt by October 30, 2014



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Schedule of Events

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



January 2015

6th—Executive Committee Meeting
16th—Squadron Annual Meeting



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