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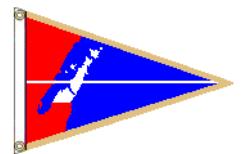


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DOOR COUNTY WINS THE PRINCE HENRY AWARD

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

On our way to Texas, I'm in Joliet, Illinois on our first day heading south. We needed to access a highway at a place which my GPS informed me was "inside" a highway cloverleaf. Well, it wasn't, we could see it but there literally was no access. The actual route required a loop back and around cross country, about five miles to go about 200 yards. Had to call the RV park to figure it out. Oink.

The squadron is coming off a spectacular success in hosting the District 10 fall conference at the Landmark in Egg Harbor. All of the pieces came together as a well-oiled machine. I received a pretty continuous string of complements on the venue, food, entertainment & organization. Our D10 Fall conference committee deserves the gratitude of all of us. All of them deserve a special "thanks". Our Co-Chairs Dolores Hermann and Bill Galligan and our Treasurer Cynthia Weis played large roles, but everybody pitched in to make it a success. I would like to thank our team: Michelle and Jerry Anderson, Bob and Karen DeNoto, Mary Welch, Terry and Julie Keating, Lou Pasquesi, Sandy King, Patsy Stierna and John Hermann. Alan Wentworth in his role as District Education Officer and Bob DeNoto as his assistant created a lot of extra excitement with the Virtual Boating Trainer. Every event was supremely well done. I couldn't be prouder of our conference committee.

Oh, and we won the Prince Henry Award (see photo above). Thanks to our SEO Steve Rank, and our very newest Junior Navigator, Robert Curran. (Graduation of a navigator is a prerequisite to compete for Prince Henry).

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This last week brought some news that I had been waiting for. The oncologist had ordered up another cat scan, and was able to tell me that the treatments are working. It's a big thing, the treatments work about two thirds of the time, and when they do the chances of a successful outcome go from 10% to about 75%. Some very good news for me. As things worked out, the conference occurred during my treatment week, so I was as flat as a pancake on Friday and Saturday. Fortunately, I was able to function when I had to and the support from the group was outstanding.

Now we move on with the other phase of our lives, traveling to Texas to be with family, especially grandchildren for part of the year. It's especially welcome this year as the oncology treatment creates some extreme sensitivity to cold – below 50 degrees my fingers feel frozen to the knuckles, and I'm told that many patients have to wear a breathing mask in the winter in this climate, so the warmth is welcome. As always, we will continue to keep in touch and conduct squadron affairs via the internet. In fact, much of the District is turning to remote learning and virtual meetings. The major topic for Sunday's morning at the conference was how to effectively use the "GoToMeeting" software we have been utilizing for our own meetings.

See you all in the spring, and again, a special THANK-YOU to our conference committee....

Fair winds, Bob

A TASTE OF THE DI10 FALL CONFERENCE



SANDY KING & CYNTHIA WEIS HELP KAREN DENOTO REGISTER



JERRY ANDERSON INSTRUCTS GARY KING & CRAIG WEIS ON HOW TO USE THE BOATING SIMULATOR



LEFT: PATSY STIerna TALKS WITH CLEIDA GAL-LIGAN ON THE TROLLEY AT A PENINSULA PARK OVERLOOK

RIGHT: TERRY KEATING & MARY WELCH WELCOME EARLY RISERS TO THE BOUNTIFUL BREAKFAST BUFFET TABLE



LEFT: D10 COMMANDER DALE PERRY SINGS A JAZZ NUMBER WITH THE DIXIELAND BAND

RIGHT: BOB DENOTO SELLS RAFFLE TICKETS TO DAVE & ONNIS BUDDE FROM GREEN BAY—DOOR COUNTY'S SHARE OF THE WINNINGS WAS \$220



LEFT: JOHN HERMANN LEADS A HIKE AT THE LAUTENBACH PRESERVE

RIGHT: GUESTS TRADE WHITE ELEPHANT GIFTS AT THE FRIDAY NIGHT PARTY — IT WAS ONE HOUR OF MAYHEM



ALAN WENTWORTH, BOB DENOTO, STEVE RANK AND BOB STIerna ACCEPT THE PRINCE HENRY



SANDY KING AND KAREN DENOTO TALK ABOUT THE DAY



JOHN HERMANN, JOHN WELCH, MICHELLE ANDERSON & MARILYN GROSE GET READY FOR THE FISH BOIL



CYNTHIA & CRAIG FINALLY RELAX ON SATURDAY NIGHT



D10 ADMIN OFFICER, KRIS HARMON PRESENTS A CERTIFICATE OF THANKS TO DOLORES HERMANN & BILL GALLIGAN REPRESENTING DOOR COUNTY S&PS



MARILYN GROSE WITH USPS ASST. EDUCATION OFFICER DON FIANDER



TERRY & JULIE KEATING WITH NANCY & ALAN WENTWORTH



GARY & SANDY KING WITH NANCY WENTWORTH



FROM YOUR EDUCATION OFFICER

Hello fellow boaters! I

The Door County Sail and Power Squadron is the proud recipient of the Prince Henry Award this year. There is a complicated scoring method for winning this award but the key factor is to have at least one student achieve a JN or N grade during the year. John Reichmann achieved his JN this past year. Congratulations to John and to us. The Prince will be on display at the Sturgeon Bay Yacht Club. Stop in and see it when you are in the neighborhood.

I can't believe that my sailboat is still in the water in "hurricane" winds and a sleet/snowstorm. I guess I should keep reading the Weather student manual to bone up on cold weather sailing. I thought that was called ice boating. . . Oh well, maybe we can sail once more before haul out. If you ever fall into really cold water remember that drowning occurs due to the involuntary gasping reflex we get in icy water. If you can cover your mouth and nose as you hit the water you can help prevent this reflex and give yourself a fighting chance.

The Weather class is going well coming up on its 5th week. Alan Wentworth and I are team teaching the course. I really like to incorporate multiple teachers in our courses so that we keep the perspective fresh for both the instructors and the students. I will be ordering tests for the course this week. All the students are doing well and should all pass the course with distinction.

We will be offering Cruise Planning, Seamanship, and tentatively Marine Electronics Part Three this spring- all using the multi instructor format. I hope you will consider joining us in our courses. All of our

courses undergo updating periodically. Even if you have taken one of the courses we are planning – or if it has been a long time since you took a course, you will be pleasantly surprised and challenged with the updated material and might want to consider taking the updated course.

Keep honing your skills this winter for a fun and safe boating season in 2015.

Steve



ITS HOLIDAY PARTY TIME

JOIN US AT

CROSSROADS AT BIG CREEK

FRIDAY 5 DECEMBER 2014

6—9 P.M. (1800-2100)

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE



NO CHARGE TO ATTEND

BYOB AND A DISH TO

SHARE AT THE HOLIDAY

BUFFET TABLE

THERE WILL NOT BE A

ONE-POUND AUCTION

THIS YEAR



SAFETY ON THE WATER AND ENGINE RELIABILITY

PAYING ATTENTION TO THE FUEL YOU PUMP

E-10, E-15, E-85

You are cruising in 2 to 3 foot waves when your gasoline engine quits. Will it become a safety concern if you can't get it running? Perhaps a lesser concern if you're in a sailboat or a twin engine power boat. This article looks into the status of ethanol regulations. The findings inform those concerned with vehicles on the road and small engines (chain saws, mowers, etc.) as well as boats on the water and on trailers.

THE REGULATIONS TODAY

While state regulations vary, the categories are:

E-10, up to 10% ethanol. Federally approved for all engines.

E-15, 11% to 15% ethanol. Federally approved for car and light truck engines after 2001, not for boat or other engines such as small engines, **for now**.

E-85, 51% to 85% ethanol. Federally approved for flex fuel engines only, depending on season and geography.

In 2005 Congress passed the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS), setting mandatory levels of renewable fuel that must be blended into domestically used gasoline every year.

As gasoline usage has dropped in the U.S. in the last few years, there are fewer gallons of gas to blend with the mandated amount of ethanol, causing a "Blend Wall." Additionally the RFS requires higher levels of renewable fuels to be blended each year. In order to comply with the growing mandate, the EPA approved the use of gasoline containing up to 15% ethanol for some engines, cars and light trucks 2001 and newer. E15 is now available in Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, North Carolina, North Dakota, south Dakota, Michigan and Wisconsin.

E15 was approved to be used in the marketplace in 2011, however, there are no marine engines in existence designed to run on this fuel. As a result of the potential for significant mechanical breakdowns from E15 and resulting consequences for human safety, BoatU.S. is seeking a reform for the RFS, to eliminate the current mandates requiring more volume of ethanol in our gas until research proves that higher levels of E15 or alternative renewable fuels are safe for marine engines.

RISK OF MISFUELING

Arguably of boater concern, mostly to trailer boaters such as fishermen, the potential for pumping E15 or higher concentrations of ethanol into car or light truck engines 2001 or earlier or small engines is of more concern to the broader population. In October of 2014 the U.S. Court appeals rejected a claim by the American Petroleum Institute and Engine Product Group against the EPA. The group had argued that the EPA's fuel pump labeling was ineffective, making it too easy for consumers to ruin incompatible engines by fueling with E15 or higher blends of ethanol.



E15 is already available at some stations in Wisconsin and will become more widespread. E85 is coming as well. As a consumer, become informed about the fuel you use for your boat. Pay attention to the various blends and terminologies at the pump. Read the pump labeling carefully. Many fuel docks and gas stations in areas with large boating populations offer etha-



The lawsuit alleged, in part, that this pump warning label does not do enough to warn consumers about the dangers of misfueling with E15 gasoline.

nol-free fuel. While more expensive, it is worthwhile in the long run.

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Safety Officer, John Hermann

From your Nominating Committee

Last weekend “your Little Squadron that could” hosted the District 10 Fall Conference at the Landmark Resort in Egg Harbor. Members from all 11 Squadrons in D-10 were present; as well as two National Officers: National Administrative Officer, Gary Cheney, representing the Chief Commander and Don Fiander, Assistant National Education Officer.

The weekend cooperated, providing splendid weather and our Conference Committee worked tirelessly to afford a seamless and fun weekend for all attendees. I didn’t hear one negative from anyone. On the contrary, what I heard was a lot of laughter and kudos to all. As I was saying goodbye to District Commander, Dale Perry; he was so pleased that he suggested we should have all Fall Conferences in Door County!! I reminded him that we were host in 2004, again in 2008, as well as hosting the Summer Rendezvous in 2011.

Thank you to all who worked so hard. I will now switch hats from “cheerleader” to Nominating Committee Representative.

We are a very unique Squadron in many ways. Not many organizations our size could do what we do repeatedly: From the cruises

and vessel safety checks to our social and educational programs to our community outreach and our partnerships. I would hate to see us lose our uniqueness through lack of sustaining **LEADERSHIP!** This will be Commander Sienna’s last watch. We ran this past year without an Administrative Officer and I need to step aside to allow for a new Assistant Educational Officer to step in. We can get creative in filling in the voids for just so long. We need new people to get comfortable in leadership roles.

That said; I am attaching the following link which describes Squadron Bridge Positions [Bridge Officers - Job Descriptions - Acrobat \(PDF\)](#). I’ve asked Markus to post this as well as job descriptions for all squadron positions on our Web Site.

Take a look. Don’t be intimidated. There are enough of us willing to coach you to be successful in your positions. All you have to do is say **YES** when John Hermann or I come a’ calling. Thank you.

Bob DeNoto

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

At the district ten Fall Conference hosted and put on by Door County Sail and Power Squadron, a Boating Skills Virtual Simulator was available to attendees for the first time at a district event. Special thanks from the district go to members of DCS&PS for their help in making this exciting tool available to members. To Bob De Noto for helping lug the large pelican shipping cases around, for storing them in his truck, and for helping set the simulator up. To Jerry Anderson for his tireless dedication to teaching folks with the simulator on how to drive a power boat correctly. To Bill Galligan, Craig Weis, and John Hermann for helping out with demonstration and teaching details. Once again, the machinery was exciting, but the people made it special. Thanks, gang!

And thanks to Dolores Hermann for the arrangements and special considerations that made this demonstration work.

Alan Wentworth, District Education Officer

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1—Quinn Brennan
- 4—Bill Galligan
- 15—Dick Grotta
- 15—Julie Keating
- 16—Bonita Balch
- 17—Sandy King
- 20—Cynthia Weis



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 November 30, 2014



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Schedule of Events

December 2014

2nd—Executive Committee Meeting—7 pm on-line
5th—Holiday Party



January 2015

6th—Executive Committee Meeting—7 pm on-line
16th—Squadron Annual Meeting
18-25—USPS Annual Meeting—Jacksonville, FL



February 2015

8th—Squadron Change of Watch
17th—Executive Committee Meeting
TBD—Cruise Planning Meeting



March 2015

20-23—D10 Spring Conference—Glendale WI
31—Executive Committee Meeting



April 2015

TBD—VSC Season Prep Meeting



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