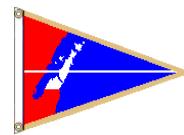


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BOB DENOTO TAKES OVER THE HELM AS COMMANDER

Twenty people attended the Door County Sail & Power Squadron's 61st Change of Watch at the Landmark Resort & Conference Center. Outgoing Commander Bob Stierena participated via SKYPE and announced awards given to Dolores Hermann for distinctive performance for USPS Publications and to Markus Ritter for excellence in USPS Web design. Lou Pasquesi received the Century Award for having completed over 100 VSC's in 2014. The Conference Committee received the Commander's Award for extraordinary effort and outstanding results in hosting the 2014 D10 Fall Conference. Alan Wentworth introduced incoming D10 Commander, Thad Smyczek, who installed our new Commander, Bob DeNoto, and the new bridge.



Commander Bob DeNoto speaks to the group



Bob DeNoto, Cynthia Weis, Steve Rank and John Hermann take the pledge as incoming officers



Alan Wentworth introduces D10 incoming Commander, Thad Smyczek, while Bob Stierena looks on via SKYPE



Lou Pasquesi receives the Century Award for 103 VSCs



Dolores Hermann receives the Distinctive Communicator Award as Scuttlebutt editor



CHANGE OF WATCH 2015

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

I'm BACK!! I wish to thank you all for having the confidence in me to have me as your Commander a second time. Whereas I thoroughly enjoy this job, I don't plan on keeping it forever. Thus, I will be looking to position my successor.

Change of Watch at the Landmark, early February, was a most pleasant and relaxing afternoon. Incoming District Commander, Ted Smyczek came up from Milwaukee to swear us in. Associate members, Ben and Marie Coons traveled from the Twin Cities area to be with us and we were able to Skype Bob Stierna in from Austin for his outgoing remarks. My sincere appreciation goes out to all of them for the support they brought to Door County and for all who attended.

Following is the first slide I used at COW. Interestingly, it is the first slide I used at COW '09 (my first tour of duty). So: In 2015, it's STILL all about members!!!



At the Annual Meeting in January, XO John Hermann led a discussion, which focused on roles, responsibilities and leadership (our crisis of). The discussion that followed gave us a lot of "food for thought". We are listening!

Having served at many levels within USPS; especially District-10 positions and Boat Operators Certification (BOC) training, I have been fortunate to get involved with and observe several Squadrons. My bottom line: Our "Little Squadron that could" is truly unique, special and worth keeping around. That said, my theme during this next watch year is: Trim and relax structure, protect and grow our future and continue to have FUN. We will reduce the number of meetings and take a team approach to certain Bridge positions. **Thanks to Lou Pasquesi, who signed up to be our Secretary, we only have to take the "team approach" in the Admin-instatutive Area.**

We have recently signed a contract with Door County Living magazine for a quarter page ad to run late April to Mid-June. We also

intend to ramp up exposure in the Pulse, Social & Business networks, PSAs, radio and Public Speaking. We need to get more aggressive about selling ourselves to our wonderful boating community!! I'm counting on all of us to take responsibility here: Talk to your friends.

Following is the last slide I used at Change of Watch:



Karen and I are currently vacationing at Tybee Island, GA. Our condo looks out onto the Tybee Knoll Cut and the Cockspur Island Light (below). The light acts as beacon for "Laker" size Container Ships transiting the 18 miles up the Savannah River to the Port of Savannah, the 4th largest container Port in the US. I'd like to think of the Door County Squadron as a beacon as well: "Guiding New Members." The District 10 Spring Conference is coming up the end of March. It's in Milwaukee this year, which is close enough for many of us. Why don't you plan on attending? (See page 3)



Next month I'll report on the conference as well as my "Take-a-Ways" from the annual meeting in Jacksonville. Until then stay warm and think DST, 8 March and then onto spring!

Your Commander Bob

D10 Spring Conference

Hosted by the Milwaukee Sail and Power Squadron

20-22 March 2015

Holiday Inn Milwaukee Riverfront

4700 North Port Washington Road

(Glendale) Milwaukee, WI 53212

414 962 6040

CRUISE PLANNING MEETING 2015

Saturday 7 March 2015

Come at 0930 AM

Planning Meeting is from 1000 to noon.

Keating Home, 3756 Glidden Dr., Sturgeon Bay, WI

Directions: Two miles north of the Bayview bridge, see Aurora Health on corner where County Highway T crosses Hwy 42/57. Go east on County T 4.5 miles. T turns into Glidden Drive at Lily Bay Boat ramp. Our gray house with blue front door is ½ mile north of the Lily Bay Boat ramp on the lake side of the road. Evergreen lane abuts our driveway and provides additional parking but carpool if you can.

RSVP to 743-4201 if possible so we order enough pastries and coffee for everyone

Bring along a map of areas of interest to you if convenient.

Be ready to suggest destinations and timeframes and offer to serve as a cruise captain.

Terry Keating



FROM YOUR EDUCATION OFFICER

Hello Cruisers,

I've decided what I want to give up for Lent ----WINTER! Last year we had the Polar Vortex while this year they call it the Siberian Express. To paraphrase Shakespeare, " A vortex by any other name would feel just as cold. Out! Out! Damn Vortex!". Actually, things could be much worse. We could be in Boston and buried under record snowfalls topping 100 inches – or upper Michigan, which is annually blanketed under that much snow or more. Since I usually see the silver lining in things, I hope the cold weather we have experienced will help to keep the evaporation rate low and the lake water level high as a consequence. If we have a wet spring, I can safely predict that the water will again be up for the coming boating season despite the comparative lack of snowfall we have experienced.

I am excited to report that we have five students taking Cruise Planning under the able tutelage of Chuck Holtz. Chuck is teaching the course at his house and will frequently pull out relevant gear and equipment from his closet and garage to illustrate what is being discussed. Judy Holtz often chimes in and adds to Chuck's stories with information of her own as do each of the students in the class. This is why our courses are so much fun and so interesting. The material is brought to life by instructors and students that "life test" the material being taught. I have sat in at all of the classes and have learned something new every time.

Five students are taking Navigation under the superlative leadership of Alan Wentworth using the Go-To-Meeting format, allowing students from different parts of the country to participate. This bodes well as a model we can use to teach future courses to a wider audience. This is a remarkable number of students taking Navigation for our or any squadron.

Four students are taking Junior Navigation under the expert teaching of John Welch in a classroom format at NWTC. I am thrilled at the large number of students taking N and JN. When I look at roster membership lists for ours and many other squadrons, I am led to the conclusion that the highest grade most often attained by members is Advanced Pilot. To see this many people moving up in navigational skills is absolutely thrilling to me. I encourage all of our members to consider upping their navigational skills as part of an ongoing process of being the best boaters you can be. Challenge yourselves. You won't regret it.

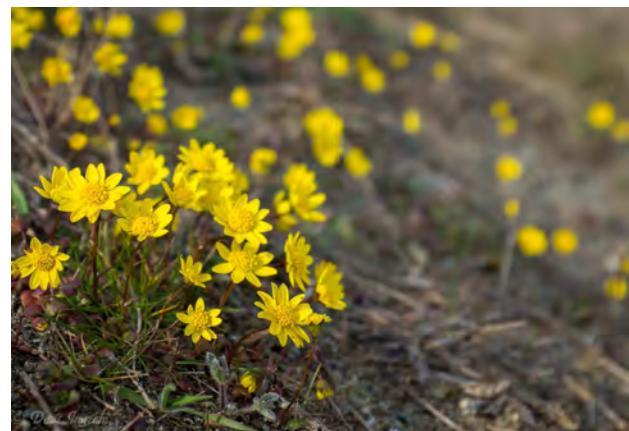
Finally we will be offering Electronic Navigation under Captain Chuck Stone starting 2 April at NWTC. This course will be focused on using your electronic equipment to supplement your navigational skills. Many people have equipment aboard their boats for navigation, but are not well versed in using that equipment to its best advantage. This is the Canadian version to be coupled with the first two parts of Marine Electronics we also offer. I hope many of you will join Chuck for this course.

Fair Winds and Following Seas,

Steve



THINK SPRING



COMING EVENTS

March

7—Cruise Planning Meeting—Keatings—0930

20-22—D10 Spring Conference—Brown Deer WI
(Milwaukee S&PS)

26th—D10 Instructor Recertification Seminar—1900 on-line

31—Executive Committee Meeting—1900 on-line



April

2—Electronic Navigation Class begins

18—Vessel Safety Examiner Season Prep Meeting—Quarterdeck



May

22—Fitting Out Meeting & Social



June

VSC's every Saturday—various marinas

8—ABC class begins

14—Squadron Shrimp Boil

20—Flare Shoot



July



August

1-2 Wooden Boat Show

21-23 Squadron Annual Rendezvous—Menominee

25-30—USPS Governing Board Meeting—San Diego



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 30, 2015.

Send your comments, ideas and articles to:



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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

6th—Dolores Hermann

17th—Patsy Stierna

17th—Craig Weis

22nd—Austin Hermann



The DCS&PS webmaster suggests that fellow members who have a Facebook account could help promote the following courses by posting the following text::

I. The United States Power Squadron's, Door County unit is offering an Electronic Navigation Course at the Sturgeon Bay Campus of the NWTC. Eight, two hour evening sessions start 2 April 2015. They cover the most essential skills of modern navigation including the use of GPS equipped Smart Phones. The course is open to the public and has no prerequisites. Check out the brief description below.

[Electronic Navigation Course](#)

2. The United States Power Squadron's D10 unit is sponsoring an on-line Recertification Seminar led by Alan Wentworth on 26 March 2015. Click below for more information.

[Instructor Recertification Seminar](#)

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

As I anticipate the squadron 2015 watch year, I join Commander DeNoto's commitment and enthusiasm for progress. It was my special privilege to host the open discussion at the Annual Meeting. I would like all of our members to know that your suggestions will be brought to bear as the Executive committee guides us through the watch year. Also, know that your views were made known to the District Commander before the start of the COW meeting. These same concerns are to be found in many squadrons.

The names and contact information of our three Members-At- Large are on the last page of each Scuttlebutt issue. Bill Galligan, Karl May and Alan Wentworth are eager to represent your questions and ideas to the rest of the Executive Committee. Feel free to speak with anyone on the Committee with whom you are most comfortable.

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