



D/2 NEWS



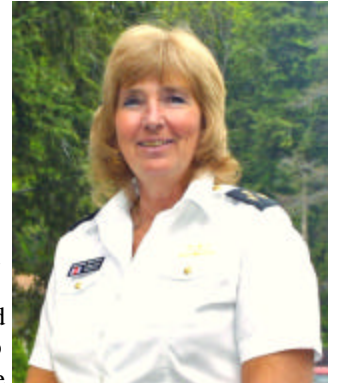
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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

D/C Suzanne P. Nentwich, AP



Greetings from the Bridge: So much has happened in the months of July and August, I thought a "special issue" of the D2 News was necessary to keep you all informed. First I want to thank Gene and Ro Boone for all of their hard work in making the Summer Council another great event. If you missed coming to Bridgeport you missed a lot. The day began with breakfast, we had our meeting and set the agenda for the upcoming Fall Conference (among many other important items), enjoyed a hot dog lunch (or a boat ride), played ALL the games, imbibed in a cocktail party and finished it off with a fantastic lobster dinner. My point is that at our "meetings" so much more happens and there is definitely something for everyone. I would also like to thank P/C William F. Linke, SN, who did his presentation under difficult conditions and still did a wonderful job. Thanks too to P/D/C Susan L. Darcy, JN, who helped once again with the Poster Contest and all the games and prizes that go along with the event. It is a big job and I do appreciate her dedication and help. Thanks to the Supples for the use of their "land yacht" and all their help as well. Ask anyone of the 68 attendees if they had fun and I bet the answer is yes...so here's some advice—save the date (usually the end of July, on a Saturday) in 2007 and come to the Summer Council. By the way, congratulations to the DeBaggis family who brought the youngest guest, their 12 day old grandson.

In addition to the Summer Council we were fortunate to have the National Governing Board in NYC in August. I think during the five days I counted about 60 members of D2 in attendance. Special thanks to Pam and D/Lt/C Robert P. Kelly, JN, for transporting the goodies for the suite and to Susan Darcy for also loading up her car and storing stuff in her room, and to my Flag Lt Virginia P. Moore, P, for all of her help in setting everything up. Thanks again to Pam Kelly for being the D2 hostess for the train trip to the Botanical Gardens. I would be remiss not to thank Vincene, S, and P/R/C Anthony J. Aquilato, AP, for believing NYC was the place to host a GB and they were so right. Everything was fantastic. They spent so much time and devoted such effort it was because of them this was one of the best—thank you both.

In addition to the meetings hosted by National during the day, I took a group of 24 people to dinner and a tour of Bronx Night Court. These same brave souls (or at least 9 of them) followed me the next night on the subway to Chinatown for dinner and Little Italy for dessert. We had a ball both times. It didn't cost a fortune to either and I think and hope they will remember their visit to the Big Apple and smile. Thank you all who took the time to come into "town" and visited with us at the suite. I will be first to admit I enjoyed living in Manhattan for those few days, taking the dinner cruise on the Hudson River with so many USPS friends and enjoying the Taste of New York dinner on Saturday night. In my book it was a winner.

There will be another chance to tell you about the happenings at this Governing Board at our upcoming Fall Conference (see flyer attached). There just isn't enough space to write it all down here so I will deliver my message in Albany and be available for your personal comments/questions. Speaking about the Fall Conference—your "r" word for this month is RESPONSIBILITY. It is your individual responsibility to attend, support and otherwise make the time to join the D2 Bridge and members at our events. We work hard for you and all I ask in return is for your support by attending these affairs. Fall boating classes are starting—when is the last time you helped sign up new students or proctored for a night--???—if you can't remember when, IT'S TIME YOU START AGAIN. Because of space concerns I must close here but hopefully will see you all soon. Stay well, happy and involved in D2.



United States Power Squadrons ®

2006 DISTRICT 2 FALL CONFERENCE

Hosted by

Mohawk-Hudson Sail & Power Squadron

Established in 1939, as one of D2's original founding squadrons



October 20-22, 2006

The Crowne Plaza

State and Lodge Streets, Albany, NY

(518) 462-6611

www.albanycityct.crowneplaza.com

Directions:

From the South or West - NYS Thruway north to Exit 23, I-787 to Exit 4. Left at traffic signal, right onto Broadway, left onto State Street, right onto Lodge Street.

From the North - Northway (I-87) south to I 90 east, Exit at I-787 south, exit at Clinton Ave. At the light turn left onto Broadway. Go 3 blocks, take right onto State Street, right onto Lodge Street.

From the East - I-90 West to I-787 south, exit at Clinton Ave. At the light turn left onto Broadway. Go 3 blocks, take right onto State Street, right onto Lodge Street.

Friday: 1500-2100 Early Registration
1600-1800 Hospitality Suite Welcome Get Together
1800-1900 Cash Bar
1900-2100 Welcome dinner

The Parking Garage is **complimentary** to all Conference attendees.

Saturday: 0830-1000 Registration and Continental Breakfast
1000-1200 Business Meeting Call To Order
1200-1330 Cocktails and Lunch
1330-1700 Business Meeting
1800-1900 Cocktail Hour
1900-2300 Dinner and Dancing "A Prom for Grown-Ups"
Uniform A, formal or semi-formal attire.

Guest Program	
Tour of the NYS Museum featuring the 911 Exhibit	
PLUS a Tour of the NYS Capital Building	
Cost TBD on transportation needs	
Lunch will be at the Crowne Plaza Hotel	

The Hospitality Suite will be available to all attendees throughout the Conference.



Registration Form

First Registrant: Name: _____ Grade: _____ Rank/Position: _____ 1st Time at D2 Meeting? _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____ Squadron: _____
 Second Registrant: Name: _____ Grade: _____ Rank/Position: _____ 1st Timer? _____

Luxury Hotel Room (double or king): Fri ___ Sat ___ nights @ \$ 105.00 = _____
 Friday Italian Buffet Dinner: _____ @ \$ 35.00 = _____
 Saturday Continental Breakfast & Luncheon _____ @ \$ 29.00 = _____
 Saturday Dinner: _____ Sliced Roast Sirloin
 _____ Chicken Francaise
 _____ Pan Seared Salmon
 Total Saturday Dinners _____ @ \$ 50.00 = _____
 Late fee if received after September 18 \$ 10.00 = _____

Room reservations received after this date will be handled on a space and rate available basis.

Most rooms are non-smoking; If you need a smoking room, Please check here: <input type="checkbox"/>
2 Double Beds _____
1 King Bed _____

TOTAL REGISTRATION FEE: _____

Please make checks payable to Mohawk-Hudson Sail & Power Squadron and mail with this form to:
P/C Susan Spring, AP, 17 Brickley Drive, Albany, NY 12205-3021
Email: slspring@nycap.rr.com phone: (518) 469-4381

COMMANDERS/SQUADRON OFFICERS MEETING

SATURDAY 16 SEPTEMBER, 1000 to 1500
AT THE I-84 Diner.

Contact: D2 Secretary Jim Silver for additional information.

Hot buffet lunch \$15. Please RSVP by 9/12/06

District Educational Department
D/Lt/C Robert P. Kelly, JN & D/1st/Lt Joseph A. Lynch, AP

Report to the Summer Council, 2006

Want to go (back?) to college? USPS is in the process of establishing the USPS University. It is focused on recruiting new members (by highlighting the visibility of USPS and offering reasons to join [not the least of which is our extensive listing of member benefits!])

It will also, as you might expect, be focused on retaining current members, by its ongoing efforts to provide quality, useful programs, and offering reasons to stay (once again, expectedly, emphasis is on member benefits).

What has been / is being done?

-National Safe Boating Week Campaign, during which each squadron in the country was encouraged to offer at least one public boating course.

-Partnering with outside companies, most notably McGraw-Hill (publishes USPS books and provides discounts for members on all "marine-related" titles), MapTech (free NOAA charts, Harbor Chart Co-op program, discounts to members), GMap (training materials, charts, chartplotter discounts), Boater's World (promotion and seminar opportunities), West Marine (can use their stores to hold seminars), Army Corp of Engineers (online programs, charts).

-Publication of USPS Guides, available for sale to the public.

-Boat Operator Certification Program, aspiring to become a recognized credential in the boating world with four levels of proficiency and certification (inshore, coastal, advanced coastal, offshore).

-Seminars - There were 6 new seminars produced this year, with plenty more in various stages of production:

- GPS
- On-Board Weather Forecasting
- Boat Handling Under Power
- How to Read a Chart
- VHF/Marine Radio
- Knots, Bends & Hitches

For the latest in information from the USPS Education Department, visit <http://www.usps.org/national/eddept/main.htm>.

THINKING OF YOU; OUR BEST WISHES TO
P/R/C CAROL COHEN -CHARITAN, SN, FOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY.
GET WELL SOON...XOXOXO

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D/2 Planning CALENDAR

2006

23 Sep Rosh Hashanah ¹

2 Oct Yom Kippur ¹

7 Oct Sukkot ¹

9 Oct Columbus day

20-22 Oct D/2 Fall Conference - Mohawk-Hudson, Albany

25-29 Oct CPS Annual Meeting, Vancouver

29 Oct Daylight Saving Time Ends

10 Nov Veteran's Day

14 Nov Election Day

16 Dec Chanukah ¹

¹ Note: Sukkot lasts 8 days.

All Jewish holidays begin the evening before the date given.

(NOTE: PLEASE ADVISE THE EDITOR IF YOU NO LONGER WISH TO RECEIVE A HARD COPY OF THE D/2 NEWS.)

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