

(Commander's Message continued from P. 1)

As we "NAVIGATE NEW HORIZONS" let us all attempt to get a new member to join the USPS. The advanced courses are being brought up to date by including more electronic equipment, which most boaters are now using and which require a proper education for their use. The USPS University is a bold move to help increase our membership. I am sure you all know that at the last Governing Board meeting held in New York City, a new and simplified dues structure was approved. This also is an attempt to increase our membership. We must give these ideas a chance and support them in order for them to work.

This year the Summer Council and D/2 Rendezvous will be held on 10, 11 and 12 August at Captain's Cove Marina in Bridgeport, CT. The information and registration for the meeting is contained elsewhere in this newsletter. I expect to have a surprise special presentation given by a very special guest. If you miss it, and hear about it later, I know you will be sorry you did not attend the meeting. P/C's Gene, AP, and Rosemary Boone, P, who have been chairing this event for more years than I can count, have some special events planned for the afternoon of the 11th including a number of on the water events.

I would like to attend as many Squadron functions as my time allows. It therefore, is important that each Squadron e-mails or snail mails me the information. I review every Squadron newsletter that I receive which helps me to know what is happening in our Squadrons. Unfortunately I am only receiving a few Squadron newsletters. If cost is a factor, I would appreciate if they could be e-mailed to me.

Lastly I would like to address the Squadrons that find their membership dwindling and also finding it difficult to find dedicated Bridge members. I know there had been some talk about combining the members of two or more Squadrons. If the Squadrons are contemplating such a change, please be advised that your District Bridge and many knowledgeable P/D/C's are willing to help. Just give me or one of your District Bridge officers a call.

Looking forward to seeing all of you.

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According to the local Marine Police, Memorial Day weekend was quite busy. People were upset, some damage was done but fortunately no lives were lost. What does this report have to do with the Executive Department you ask? Everything. The District Safety Officer, Vessel Safety Check Officer, Public Relations Officer, Co-Op Charting and the Boat Show Officer are all members of this department.

District 2 has just completed its participation in The National Safe Boating Week with safety promotions, demonstrations and classes on boating safety. P/D/C Harrison Valante, SN, hvalante@optonline.net, our Safety Officer's message as well as National's is "**Life Jackets, Wear them**". With the new less bulky jackets, there is no reason not to wear them. Children and PWC riders must, why shouldn't everyone? If you see a boat with children on-board, without their jackets, it's not an intrusion if you mention to them it might be a good idea for them to put their jackets on.

P/C Virginia Gedney, AP, vegedney1999@yahoo.com, District 2 Public Relations Officer, is reminding all members of D/2 that money is available to the squadrons from National for reimbursement of their advertising costs. There is very little participation from D/2 in this reimbursement process. It seems requests for reimbursement are put on the back burner and never get processed.

We all pushed to advertise and hold classes for Safe Boating Week and now is the best time to submit the requests for reimbursement of funds spent. The paperwork must be to Virginia by mid September so they can be in National's hands in October (we can always submit additional requests later).

Our District Vessel Safety Check efforts are under the leadership of P/C Lacey M. Williams, Jr. AP. This group of dedicated inspectors is quite busy at this time of year and the public has been very receptive to their efforts now that they know we're just trying to look out for their well being. Should you need to contact Lacey for questions and answers or materials, he can be found at [laceym@nycap.rr.com](mailto:lacey@nycap.rr.com).

Co-Op Charting is under the leadership of P/D/C Fred Mangelsdorf, SN, fmangelsdorf@aol.com, and I am sure he would appreciate knowing of all the changes you find not only locally but in your travels. Fred is in the process of having a vessel built for extensive travel and I am sure doesn't want to find uncharted changes.

Boat Shows are here and additional ones are coming. If you can assist with an hour of your time or a commitment of time by your Squadron, please contact P/C Bill McGirr, AP, goldcoastbill@hotmail.com, or his assistant P/C Russell H. Patrick, AP. Not only will you have access to the show but you will also be spreading the word of USPS, and maybe in time the Marine Police won't have such busy weekends.

Administrative Officer: D/Lt/C Robert Shivokevich, SN

I would like to thank the District in showing their support for me by electing me your new Administrative Officer. I am proud and humble to be in such a position. This is the first time that anyone from the Champlain Sail and Power Squadron has been elected to be District 2 Admin Officer, again thank you! Last week I e-Mailed all the Squadron Commanders and Admin Officers, asking for a list of your summer events. The purpose for this is to have an updated list of all D/2 Squadron events. This will allow members of the District Bridge to attend some of your fine functions. I look forward to attending some of these events and meeting the great people of District 2.

May there always be wind in your sails and fuel in your tanks!

EDUCATIONAL OFFICER - Joseph A. Lynch, AP

As part of my report I have included three recent e-mails I have received. The first one is most disturbing and opens with the following statement.

“One of the local USPS instructors is telling other USPS instructors that USPS classes do not need to give the 10 question state exam.”

To say the least this was a shock. We are all aware of the requirements of the MOU with NYS. We must teach the NYS regulations and ask the 10 state questions on our exams. By way of this report, I am notifying all SEO's of D/2 to remind you of the requirements of the MOU and that you should be abiding by them. This type of behavior, if true, could result in USPS being suspended from teaching in NYS. By the way this does not only apply to New York but to Mass. And CT as well.

Subsequent to that e-mail I was part of the second National DEO's telephone conference. Although I wasn't able to participate in the conference the following are some of the highlights.

1: Since the new courses have become available and students are getting ready to take the exams, we have noticed that some Squadrons are getting the wrong exams. This situation appears to apply to those new courses that have changed from a module approach back to a single integrated course, such as Seamanship and Engine Maintenance. If you are ordering the exams for the 2007 Seamanship or Engine Maintenance courses (these are the new courses back in one volume), make sure that you mark your order with the correct course material date and course name (S or EM). On the ED-33 Exam Order Form, it says to order each module separately and some Squadrons, used to S and EM being 2-module courses, order for SE101 and SE102 or EM101 and EM102 for the new material. Instead, be sure to indicate S or EM (without a module number) if you are ordering exams for the new courses, and be sure to use the correct date/edition of the material. The exams for the old course materials/modules will remain available until 2008, but they cannot be used with the new course materials.

2: We are developing our approach to offering our Boat Operator Certification and programs to the outside world so that it will help us recruit new members and open up our programs more fully to the public as a service, a means of growth, and a way to generate revenue in the Squadrons to cover operating costs.

3: We will have two more seminars available within a couple of weeks: Boat Handling under Power, and Sail Trim. A number of others are near completion and will be available by fall: Heavy Weather Sailing, Paddle Smart, Hurricane Preparation, Second in Command (replaces Skipper Saver), Radar. Trailering will be available shortly thereafter.

4: We also are going totally paperless in reporting boating classes so the paper exam sheets (ED-26) will no longer be sent to HQ. Instead everyone will report student data via the Workbook, or BCA. We also expect everyone to post classes using the on-line HQ-800 and post results (ED-27) via the on-line system. This is the only way we can comply with the state MOUs to inform them of upcoming classes and then the results.

Lastly, I have been receiving e-mails from some SEO's with comments regarding the lack of notification if an instructor recertification has been approved or not. I am in contact with National Instructor Training Committee Chair and working to correct the situation. Thank you for sending me copies of the paperwork. It saves time to have the documents in hand. To each of the SEO's who have contacted me, please bear with me I'll have an answer shortly.

If anyone has a question or comment please contact me at jalynch22@aol.com.

TREASURER - LT/C FRANK J. DeBAGGIS, AP

There are two very good reasons, from my perspective as the D/2 Treasurer, why all Squadrons in District 2 should elect to participate in Voluntary Headquarters Annual Billing or VHQAB. The first reason is purely selfish. It would save me from billing each Squadron not on VHQAB, the D/2 assessment. The second reason is not selfish at all and is founded on my experience in a business my wife Tena and I own where we have several hundred customers who have a recurring payment with us, much like Power Squadron members have a recurring payment with their Squadron, District and National. What is true in our business is that people who are given the opportunity to pay with a credit card are more likely to pay than those who are asked to pay cash or write a check, and they remain customers for a longer period of time.

Why would that be? I don't know. If analysts in my industry tell me that people who pay with a credit card are more likely to pay and for a longer period of time, then my response is, "Sign me up." In my estimation, after accepting credit cards, are the analysts correct? Yes. Why? I still don't know. I have a whole bunch of ideas as to why it could be true but I'll never, never never ever mention any. You can even attempt to ply me with gifts and beverages and whatnot at the Summer Council on August 11, at Captain's Cove Seaport, 1 Bostwick Avenue in Bridgeport, Connecticut, and I will never tell.

And so, after much consideration I will venture out on this limb, or yardarm, or plank perhaps. "It is my prediction that Squadrons on VHQAB will retain a greater percentage of members than those asking members to write and mail a check".

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Date: 11 June 2007
To: District Bridge, Chairperson Rules Committee, Immediate P/D/C, Immediate P/D/E/O,
Squadron Commanders, Squadron Educational Officers
From: D/Lt/C James M. Silver, Sr., P - District 2 Secretary
Subject: "Call to the Meeting" – Notice of 2007 District 2 Summer Council

The 2007 District 2 Summer Council will be held this year on 11 August 2007 at the *Captain's Cove* Seaport, 1 Bostwick Avenue, Bridgeport, CT, in conjunction with the Annual D/2 Rendezvous. It is not necessary to attend the *rendezvous* in order to attend the Council Meeting. The Council Meeting will be held on the second floor of the Seaport's Restaurant complex, on the boardwalk. For early arrivals the snack bar will be open for light breakfast. Uniform Of The Day: Team Casual (e.g. USPS polo shirt, khaki slacks/skirts or similar attire. Please use the enclosed *D/2 Summer Council Registration Form* and return it to **D/C Martin Feldberg**, AP, at 25 Thomas Ave., Fishkill, NY 12524 or email – martinfeld@optonline.net prior to July 26,2007.

0845 - Registration
0945 - Council Meeting Convenes
1145 - Council Meeting Concludes

Captain's Cove Seaport is located off Exit 26 of Interstate 95 in Bridgeport, CT. Please register for the rendezvous now using the enclosed *D/2 Rendezvous Registration Form*, as the deadline for registration is 14 July 2007. Send your reservations to **P/C Eugene R. Boone, Jr.**, AP, 498-B Niantic Lane, Stratford, CT 06614.

If you have a resolution or motion to be put on the agenda, it must be filed in writing with the D/2 Secretary before the Council Meeting is called to order. Under the provisions of the D/2 Bylaws, Section 5.7.3: if the Squadron Commander is unable to attend the Council in person he/she may be represented by the Squadron Executive or Administrative Officer. To simplify the Roll Call, please bring the enclosed Squadron Attendance Record Forms with you to the Council. Prior to the start of the meeting fill out both copies and, keeping one for your squadron's records, submit the other to the District Secretary.

Please pass this information on to your Bridge, Committees and Members.

D/Lt/C James M. Silver, P
District 2 Secretary

Join the Fun at the 2007 D/2 Rendezvous



CAPTAIN'S COVE SEAPORT, BLACK ROCK HARBOR, BRIDGEPORT, CT
FRIDAY THE 10TH, SATURDAY THE 11TH, AND SUNDAY THE 12ST OF AUGUST
RAIN OR SHINE!

FREE DOCKAGE FOR USPS MEMBERS, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY!

Note: The free slips do not have power or water. Some slips with full service may be available. Call Gene Boone to make arrangements. Do not call Captain's Cove.
CALL THE CAPTAIN'S COVE DOCKMASTER ON VHF CHANNEL 18 UPON ARRIVAL AND IDENTIFY YOURSELF AS A USPS RENDEZVOUS PARTICIPANT.

If you can't come by boat, then walk, fly or travel by car, but please join us for the Council on Saturday morning, followed by The Games, hospitality and shore dinner.
Captain's Cove is just off I-95 exit 26 (follow the signs).

EVENT SCHEDULE

Friday Evening: Restaurant available for dinner. Cover charge will be waived for USPS members for the evening band entertainment starting at 2100.

Saturday Morning: 0945 -- D/2 Council

Saturday Afternoon: Let the Games Begin: (will do boating events, depending on weather)

Kite-flying, Hula Hooping, Frisbee throwing and for the first time ever on water boating events including sail boat race ,canoe tour ,kayak race and nautical treasure hunt. Many Prizes -- BRING CHAIRS -- BIG PARTY hosted by D/C Martin Feldberg, AP, Alexandra and the D/2 Bridge with help from the Supple traveling bar. Enjoy the Marina – Snack bar, outdoor deck, bar, ice cream and boardwalk shops in miniature New England colonial and Victorian style buildings, featuring gifts and delectable edibles.

Saturday Evening: 1800 cash bar and 1900 Shore Dinner on the restaurant open-air upper deck. (Reserved exclusively for USPS. Will be moved inside in case of inclement weather.)

SATURDAY SHORE DINNER MENU:

Choice of lobster (\$45) ribs(\$32)or chicken (\$32), plus clams, mussels, corn, potatoes, salad, and dessert. (Please note that the lobster price is higher than last year due to the anticipated shortage of Long Island Sound lobsters.)

Children's Menu available (Call Gene for details)

RSVP – Reservations and payments for dinners are required by 29 July 2007. Please make all reservations with check payable to USPS D/2 and mailed to >>>>>>>>>>>>

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DISTRICT 2 RENDEZVOUS RESERVATION

Name: _____ Squadron: _____

Slip required? Yes _____ No _____ Boat name: _____ LOA _____

NOTE: PLEASE CALL GENE AT 203-380-9964 TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SHORE POWER LIMITED AVAILABILITY)

NUMBER OF LOBSTER SHORE DINNERS @ \$45. _____ TOTAL: _____

NUMBER OF CHICKEN SHORE DINNERS @ \$32. _____ TOTAL: _____

NUMBER OF ½ RACK RIB DINNERS @ \$32 _____ TOTAL: _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

D/2 Planning CALENDAR

2007

04 July Independence Day

6-8 July Tri-District Rendezvous, Liberty Landing Marina, Jersey City, NJ

10-12 August D/2 Summer Council & Rendezvous, Captain's Cove Seaport, Black Rock Harbor, Bridgeport, CT.

03 September Labor Day

4-9 September Fall Governing Board, Norfolk, VA

13 September Rosh Hashanah*

22 September Yom Kippur*

12-14 October D/2 Fall Conference—Norwalk/Penfield/Rowayton & Saugatuck Squadrons, Danbury, CT

27 September Sukkot*

08 October Columbus Day

04 November Daylight Savings Time ends

12 November Veterans Day

22 November Thanksgiving

05 December Chanukah*

25 December Christmas

*Note: 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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