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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

D/C Martin E. Feldberg, AP



I am writing this message from Alexandra's and my home in New Bern, NC, on our way to the Governing Board Meeting, which by the time you read this will be over. There are a number of important resolutions that will be voted upon at the meeting. I suspect the restructuring resolution will be approved at the meeting. District 2 has submitted a resolution that will be presented at the GB pertaining to placing more emphasis on "boating skills" in various USPS publications. This resolution is being spearheaded by P/D/C Fred Mangelsdorf. The results of the vote will be reported to you at the Fall Conference.

There has been a lot of confusion and unhappiness over the revised dues structure. A resolution with respect to dues, which I am sure will be approved, will be presented at the Governing Board. It will set the dues rate for a regular active member to \$35.40, the dues rate for the family unit (regardless of the number of family members) headed by a regular active will be \$53.10 and the dues for a family unit headed by a life member will be \$17.70. Of course, these are the National dues. You must add your Squadron dues and the D/2 dues to determine your dues for next year.

The Northern Trek held at the Melody Manor in Lake George in May was again a great success mostly due to the great work and planning by P/D/C Susan Darcy, JN. P/D/C Bob Zimmerman, SN, along with his wife, P/C Lani and many others, did an outstanding job during the evening auction. And of course, Alexandra along with the spouses of the District Bridge did a glorious job of providing refreshments both Friday and Saturday afternoon. Don't forget to send Susan a deposit for next year.

On 24 June, Alexandra and I attended the clam bake sponsored by the Rowayton Sail and Power Squadron. We would like to thank the members of the Squadron for their hospitality. I invited a personal friend to the clam bake who brought his son. They both had such a great time that if he owned a boat, he would have joined USPS on the spot. It is my personal opinion that events like this goes a great way in attaining membership retention.

The Summer Council and D/2 Rendezvous were held on 10, 11 and 12 August at Captain's Cove Marina in Bridgeport, CT. Kudos go to P/C Eugene R. Boone, Jr., AP, and P/C Rosemary E. Boone, P, for doing such a great job in organizing the weekend including setting up the meeting, arranging the games and seeing to it that the dinner was again terrific. As usual Gene spoke to someone *upstairs* to insure the weather was magnificent. Unfortunately, P/D/C Susan Darcy, JN, our contest coordinator, was unable to attend the meeting although she did a Herculean job of preparing everything for P/D/C Suzanne Nentwich, AP along with P/C Virginia Moore, P, who stepped up to the plate and stood in for her. As in the past P/D/C John H. Supple, AP, and P/C Diane Supple, AP, provided the use of their land yacht for Alexandra to set up and dispense her splendid refreshments. My thanks to all those who worked so hard to make the weekend a great success.

A few weeks ago I experienced what I believe the United States Power Squadrons is about (education and having fun). I thought you would never ask. Well, here it is. P/D/C Fred Mangelsdorf, SN, from the Mid Hudson Power Squadron, and the newly appointed Co-Op Charting Chairman, organized a Co-Op charting class on his vessel Young America. He managed to get P/D/C Walter H. Wiegert, SN, who is a member of the National CoOp Charting Committee to teach the class. We then went up the Hudson River on the boat to check for discrepancies on the chart for that area of the Hudson. I could tell you more but look further in this newsletter for an article by Fred.

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Executive Officer: D/Lt/C Jeffrey C. Gerwig, AP

You would think with the passing of Labor Day that D/2's outdoor activities would begin to subside. Not so! As you are reading this, the Norwalk Boat Show, is in full swing (9/20 – 9/23) or has just come to a close. (closed Ed.) Bill McGirr and his assistant Russ Patrick have contacted the Squadrons along the Sound and have arranged for coverage for the booth. As Bill told me, "The primary duty of those manning the booth is to engage & answer questions from the public, not chat unnecessarily among themselves" ; a good point anytime we represent USPS to the public.

An e-mail from National brought up a subject that I knew nothing about, "Storm Central". A website for emergency communications that can be found at <http://www.usps.org/national/natsec/stormcentral.html>. It is designed to function as a bulletin board for posting emergency messages that can serve several purposes such as: telling family and/or friends "where you are" in the event of evacuation; or providing information from members who are in need of a place to stay; or just asking for assistance and help. You can look at this as another way, we as an organization can support each other.

Included in this issue of the D/2 News is an excellent article entitled "CO-OPERATIVE CHARTING" written by P/D/C Frederick E. Mangelsdorf, SN, our Co-Op Charting Chairman. It is a must read, be sure not to miss it.

An interesting reference was made about our USPS and the Coast Guard Auxiliary vessel safety check program this summer by one of the local newspapers after a sailboat nearly sank. The newspaper's comment was that the sailboat's problem might have been avoided if they had availed themselves of our "Vessel Safety Check", since it was a malfunction that most likely would have been picked up during a safety check..

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

As your Administrative Officer, there are many committees that I am to oversee, most have to do with membership. As you probably already know, membership in the District is down. We are looking for ways to retain our members and how to entice new members. Did you know all the benefits that USPS members receive? How about up to 23% discount on your boat insurance! 20% for completion of all USPS courses and an additional 3% just for a Vessel Safety Check! Here are discounts from Sea Tow, West Marine, Maptech, Dell computers and more! To find out all the details just log onto www.USPS.org and scroll down and find member benefits and read about what else there is. What did your Squadron do for it's members this summer or this year? Why don't you share some of your ideas and events with me? I can pass them along to other Squadrons who might be in need of new fresh ideas. Remember we are a fellowship for all boaters, Squadrons have to help each other out. Without the many (members) there is not the one (USPS). So contact me at my e-mail shivokevich@hotmail.com and share your success stories. Who knows, maybe we can come up with a new award for the most influential help tip of the year for other Squadrons! As I have seen in some Squadrons, getting members on their Squadron Bridge can be a challenge! When was the last time your Squadron had a good Operations Training Class? Sometimes we just assume that the members know what they can do. We all must do whatever it takes to keep our membership numbers up, don't assume that it is someone else's job! It is everyone's job. So let's all help continue to improve USPS in anyway possible. I remember when P/D/C Harrison Valante, SN, became District Commander, and he said "There is Pride in Participation." I believe that is more important than ever, we must all take Pride in Our Participation in USPS, and do what ever possible to help make sure that this fine organization of ours does not fade away!! I am looking forward to seeing you at the Fall Conference in October.

Secretary: D/Lt/C James M. Silver, Sr., P

What is DB2000?; How does it affect me?; How can it help me?; How does it help my Squadron?; How does it help USPS?; Who uses DB2000?; And I am sure there are many more questions regarding DB2000.

I do not have all the answers to these questions, but I do have an opinion as to possible answers and I invite you to express your interpretations in an e-mail to me or any other means.

Now, "What is DB2000?" To me it is a collection of personal information (data) as it pertains to USPS and its members. You and I have access to this data through a computer software program called DB2000. This software is available to every member through the internet (usps.org). The website has links to help files, software, and the data. If you download and install the software, both DB2000 and MQSeries, you will then be able to download all your data as well as the rest of your Squadron and the entire District 2 Data with the proper passwords.

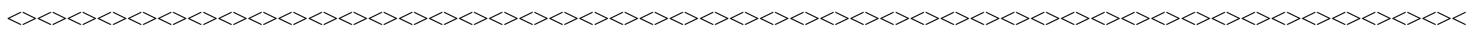
"How does it affect me?" When you join USPS you complete an application form which is sent to HQ where the data from your application is entered into a computer located in NC. As you take additional courses and hold offices your new data is added to the HQ data stored on the HQ computer.

"How can it help me?" In today's world the most efficient means of updating your personal data that would be stored at HQ is one of two methods. First you could call HQ and give them the changes to make. The second is basically the same, you just call your Squadron's DB2000 Administrator and give him/her the info. The DB2000 Administrator has the capability to upload directly to the HQ computer, the same as the person you would talk to HQ in the first method. If you wish to communicate with another member(s), using DB2000 is a very easy way to do it. You can easily select fellow members using the Query capabilities provided. If you download the latest Data from HQ (1-2 minute process) you will automatically get the most recent changes from every other member. This is only one example of the benefits of keeping your data current in DB2000.

"How does it help my Squadron, District, or USPS in general?" The potential benefits of this tool are many **provided the data is current**. The reports, query capabilities, forms completion/submission, Merit Mark processing, annual Squadron history update process, printing Member Directories, managing organization reports, manage e-mail/snail mail/telephone/cell lists/labels for events; newsletters; committee correspondence; and the list goes on and on. Use your imagination.

I believe DB2000 would be a very efficient tool for all members and in particular Bridge Officers/Committee Chairs/project managers in the administration of their duties. Its effectiveness depends upon each and every member insuring their data (name, address phone numbers, courses completed.... You know all that stuff) is current. Please make an effort to insure your DB2000 data is accurate.

Please e-mail me your thoughts (good and bad), ways you use the software or tasks you would like to be able to do, whatever. Thank you for taking the time to read this short introduction to DB2000 uses.



Photos from 2007 NorthernTrek
Lake George, New York



TREASURER - LT/C FRANK J. DeBAGGIS, AP

I am writing this in our hotel room in Norfolk, Virginia, after attending my first National Meeting. After reading through all of the National Bridge Officers Reports, the Committee Reports, the new National Bylaws and the 2008 National Budget, and looking over a sea of white during the Governing Board Meeting in the ballroom of the Marriot, I seem to be, with the innocence of a relatively new member with only five merit marks, coming to the conclusion that there are a lot of Old People in USPS and not a lot of Young People.

I think the above paragraph is rather profound, but my wife thinks I have to make a point. I think a person can get into a lot less trouble stating the obvious instead of making points.

So, the point is, something must have been fundamentally wrong, yes **wrong**, for a long time. How did nearly every one of these old people come to a meeting and not invite any young people. And apparently these old people have been doing this, or in this case, not doing this, for a long time. Quite frankly the Shakers, whose existence was doomed by their lack of progeny, had the sense to adopt orphans.

Now my wife says I have offended everyone in USPS. Maybe I can fix the pickle I'm in. I promise to get myself out of this hole I've dug myself into or to dig it deeper. Now just give me the shovel.

In my Squadron, Berkshire, times they are a changin'. Looking back at the 1970's and 1980's and into the 1990's, Berkshire had a good number of professionals with very nice power and sail yachts. In the early days there was no GPS so learning to pilot and navigate was necessary. These doctors lawyers and business professionals had a wonderful time sailing the East Coast, out to Bermuda in a race or on a whim, and chartering yachts in the Bahamas for, as the stories go, weeks on end. It must have been the Golden Age.

If that was the Golden Age, then welcome to 2007, the recycled aluminum age; the age where no one has time anymore; the age where kids are involved in everything because their parents are spending too much time at work; the age where all organizations are finding it hard to find volunteers; the age where everyone is being pulled in so many directions.

Berkshire now has only four members with non-trailerable boats who keep them in the salt water on Long Island Sound and Narragansett Bay. Two of those members I would classify as Older or Mature. One has his boat for sale. The days of the salt water Rendezvous may be ending. This year Berkshire held its first ever Rendezvous on Otis Reservoir in Berkshire County. It lasted one day, there were seven boats, all trailerable, and twenty Squadron Members and POTENTIAL MEMBERS had a wonderful time. Our Berkshire Commander recognized a need of trailer boaters and satisfied that need.

Wow. It just came to me in a flash:

Let's find out what boaters want and get it for them. Then some of them will join USPS, and this is where I come in, because then we'll have more money in the Treasury!

Thank you.



CO-OPERATIVE CHARTING

by P/D/C Frederick E. Mangelsdorf, SN

Most if not all of the co-op charting activity in D/2 in recent years has been through the recovery of geodetic marks. Almost nothing has been done by way of on-the-water observations that will lead to chart corrections.

However, the geodetic marks program has been discontinued within USPS. And there are only a few of us around who have done any on-the-water observations. Accordingly, we appealed for help from the National Co-op Charting Committee --, specifically the area representative who looks out for D/2. He is Walter Wiegert, Jr., SN, from the Saybrook Squadron in District 1.

On 19 August, Walter met with a small group from D/2 to show us how to do some on-the-water observations. Attending from D/2 were D/C Martin Feldberg, AP and his wife P/Lt/C Alexandra, P, (Storm King), Cdr George P. Ghirlando, AP, (Storm King), Donald Peterson, JN, (Penfield), Matt TenEyck (Mid-Hudson), and the D/2 Co-op Charting Chair, P/D/C Fred Mangelsdorf, SN.

The venue was the Mangelsdorf houseboat, YOUNG AMERICA, based at Connelly, NY (on the Rondout Creek off the Hudson River). Cdr Wiegert presented basic information about an on-the-water cruise, pointing out things on the chart we should look for. We then got underway and proceeded up the Hudson for about 10 miles, comparing the chart to the actual shoreline. Almost everything on the chart appeared to be correct, although we could not locate one stack shown on the chart on Esopus Creek. We believe it has been removed. Several new tanks and towers were observed, and we shall seek further information about these before reporting them to NOAA.

After returning to Connelly, Cdr Wiegert led us through the steps of what must be done to prepare a useful report to NOAA, and Cdr Ghirlando has undertaken the preparation of that report on our behalf.

Thanks to all from D/2 for attending. And special thanks to Cdr Wiegert for his assistance in helping us do some real co-op charting work. It was a great day with colleagues from the Squadrons, on the water, doing something useful as well as just having a great day because we were out on a boat. You should try it too.



From the left: Walter Wiegert, Fred Mangelsdorf, Don Peterson, Matt TenEyck, & Alexandra Digilio Feldberg



George Ghirlando and Walter Wiegert

Photos courtesy of
P/D/C Frederick E. Mangelsdorf, SN

**United States Power Squadrons
2007 DISTRICT 2 FALL CONFERENCE**



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6 pm Cocktail Party (cash bar)
7 pm Welcome Dinner

Saturday: 8 am Registration and full Continental breakfast
9 am Business Meeting Call to Order
11:30 Cocktails
12:30 Lunch
2 pm Business Meeting
6 pm Cocktail Hour (cash bar)
7:30 pm Dinner and Dancing **"A Celebration of
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REGISTRATION FORM

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Saturday Dinner: _____ Filet Mignon with mushroom demi-glace
_____ Poulette Stuffed Puff Pastry
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MEET OUR NEW CHIEF COMMANDER

Our new Chief Commander, Ernie Marshburn, SN is a familiar face to many of our USPS members having served on the National scene since he was elected District Commander of D/27 in 1994. Ernie's first position on the National Bridge was as Assistant National Secretary in 1996. He continued his involvement with the National Bridge as an aide to two Chief Commanders, as National Secretary in 1999, National Administrative Officer in 2002 and National Executive Officer in 2004. He is a senior sustaining member with 22 merit marks.

In addition to his involvement with National, Ernie continued to serve his Greenville, NC Squadron and his District focusing on selected educational and administrative committees as well as cooperative charting and vessel safety check activities. Ernie, the founder of the Power of One, Admirals Club program, has personally recruited more than 20 new members in 2005.

Our new Chief, a dedicated sailor, began boating in a Sunfish and Flying Scotts during the summers while working as a camp counselor. Ernie and his wife Dianne owned and sailed a Canadian Sailcraft 36 for 13 years. He raced for many years winning the North Carolina Sailing Championship in 1994. Still studying and improving himself, Ernie obtained his USCG Masters license for a 100 ton vessel with sailing and towing endorsements in 2000.

Ernie began to exhibit leadership qualities at an early age. As a Boy Scout, he attended the National Boy Scout Jamboree in Idaho, World Jamboree in Japan, and the Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. He attained the most prestigious awards in Boy Scouts including earning the rank of Eagle Scout and receiving the God and Country Award.

In his professional life, Ernie, who has his Masters Degree in Science, has an extensive background in information technology including high performance and research computing resource. His responsibilities included being Director of Academic Computing at East Carolina University for almost 20 years. Later he was promoted to Director of Strategic Technology Initiatives, then to a position as Special Assistant to the Chief Information Officer for Research and External Funding. In 2006, he was promoted to the Director of Strategic Initiatives in the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduates. Collectively, he has almost 30 years of experience in higher education and has helped raise approximately \$7 million in external funds for university projects in recent years.

When not tied up with USPS activities, Ernie enjoys cruising the waters of North Carolina and southern Chesapeake. He also enjoys scuba diving, tennis, golf, running, reading and photography and is an avid fan of football, baseball and basketball. In his community, our new chief has been involved with Children Miracle Network Telethon, Literacy Volunteers, United Way, and East Carolina University – Pirate Club.

P/C Dianne Marshburn, AP, has also been very involved with USPS. Dianne, who has completed all elective courses, served as her Squadron's Commander, Chairman of its Membership Committee, assisted with the Squadron's Boating Course and has been an active participant in the cooperative charting activities. On the National scene, she served as a member on the FAST team, Ship Store, Membership Committee and the National Social Committee.

With her Masters Degree in Nursing, Dianne has over 27 years of experience. She is currently Administrator of Nursing Research and Special Projects at University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina. She also holds an Adjunct Faculty position with East Carolina University School of Nursing. In connection with her field, Dianne is involved with several professional nursing organizations.

For fun, Dianne enjoys cruising in the waters of North Carolina and the southern Chesapeake. She has participated in several regattas including the Pamlico Sailing Club's Annual Women's Invitational. She has also obtained her USCG Masters License for a 100 ton vessel with sailing and towing endorsements in 2000. As time permits, Dianne enjoys scuba diving, golf, cycling, running, photography, gourmet cooking and reading. Fortunately, she shares Ernie's enjoyment of football and baseball.

As you can see, our new chief and his vivacious wife are an energetic team who have combined their careers happily with their love and involvement for USPS. Please welcome our new Chief Commander and his lovely wife Dianne at the D/2 Fall Conference.



**Norwalk Sail and Power Squadron
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 Funds Needed for Maintenance, Repairs and Dock fees**



Sea Scout Ship 6 is open to young men and women between the ages of 14 and 19 who are interested in learning all aspects of sailing and seamanship. The program focuses on teamwork, responsibility and leadership. Prior sailing experience is not necessary, or required, and beginners are welcome!

Ship 6 has a 41' IOR One Ton sailboat named Celebration that is kept at Norwalk Cove Marina. She was generously donated to us some years ago and is an exciting sailing boat originally designed for racing. During the years that Ship 6 has had the boat, her use has been adapted to include weekend trips and overnight cruises. Celebration is a great training tool in both sailing and maintenance. She has worked hard and needs more TLC every year. In addition, and for the first time ever, Ship 6 is now responsible for a significant portion of dock and winter storage fees at Norwalk Cove Marina.

Norwalk Cove Marina continues to be a primary contributor to the Ship 6 program and has generously pledged to match donations to the Ship 6 program. 100% of donations go directly to the running and upkeep of the Ship 6 Youth program, including dock fees.

For more information about the Ship 6 program, visit www.norwalkship6.org.

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D/2 Planning CALENDAR

2007

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.

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