



# D/2 NEWS



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## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

D/C Robert Shivokevich, SN

Well now that summer is here and I completed my first District Function duties as Commander, The Northern Trek, it is a time to step back and reevaluate our goals and set new ones. At the Spring Conference I asked everyone to "Rediscover" USPS, and rekindle some of that enthusiasm of old. In a time when my Squadrons are struggling to put together a Bridge, we need to find ways to rekindle the USPS Spirit. This is a time to invest in your Squadron. Our members are the assets of this fine organization. All levels of this organization have to Discover ways of investing in our members, by sponsoring events, giving awards, or scholarships towards USPS Courses. You need to Discover that by investing some of your treasury on the membership, we just might rekindle some of that enthusiasm. Let's Call it a STIMULUS Plan. We all know our new motto "Boating is Fun, We'll show you how!" What have you been doing to promote fun?? District promotes fun at the Summer Council, with plenty of games and Friendly Competition, which brings out the enthusiasm in most of us. This year's Summer Council will be on 25 July, make plans now to attend, and Discover the Spirit of USPS!! Check out the flyer! What is happening at the Squadron level? Do you promote friendly competition among members? Tell us about it! You tell me and I'll pass it to the other Squadrons. You'll find that friendly competition can Rekindle some of that Enthusiasm of old!!



USPS has so much to offer at all levels! National has developed many new Seminars and improved our elective courses. Have you checked them out lately? You just might be pleasantly surprised on how informative they can be! District sponsors many different events through out the year. District has helped defray the cost of attending the day sessions of the Conferences, by donating money to the host Squadron to help lower the lunch and meeting room costs. Did you know that if you wanted to just attend the meeting and not partake in the lunch, there is no cost for this? That's right Free! So, plan on attending the Fall Conference at Lake George on the weekend of 23-25 October, 2009. District has tried to put fun in their events. At the Northern Trek we had fun skits on Friday night and our Annual Fun Auction on Saturday night. Did you miss out? Plan to attend next year. At the upcoming Summer Council, after the meeting, and lunch we get into our friendly competition, many different fun and games to help build Comradery! Plan on being there. So now what are you doing at the Squadron level? Are you planning picnics, rendezvous, and courses?

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At this Summer Council we will be setting the agenda for the Fall Conference, discussing the proposed Budget, and other by-law proposals. I plan to have the "Southern" Squadrons give a brief report on their Squadrons. So, plan to be there.

Some Squadrons believe that they can survive without the upper levels (District and National). I truly do not believe that. The Squadrons are the grassroots level where the important ideas are born. Without the Squadrons there would be no District or National. You are the building blocks of this fine organization. But the Squadrons need the higher levels District and National to take your ideas and network them so others can benefit. The upper levels help cement the organization together. So we all need each other to make USPS work.

USPS is one of the Best Kept secrets to the non Boating world lets all help spread that secret, and REDISCOVER USPS for what it really is, A Great Boating Organization!!

Enjoy the summer, be safe, and remember you are USPS!

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**GET A VESSEL SAFETY CHECK!**



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## Please tell Sacandaga...

Would someone please tell Sacandaga that they are screwing up! In the worst economy in seventy years two out of four students, (50%), from their Basic Boating class joined their Squadron. The number would have been three out of four, (75%), but the third person was already a member. Then the little over achievers did Vessel Safety Checks at a local yacht club and signed up three more members. Going back to my years watching Sesame Street and my year as Treasurer, "three plus five is eight; eight new members." Haven't any of these people been told that these are tough economic times, money is tight, and USPS is losing members? Don't these people have televisions? Haven't these people been paying attention to our leaders? How are we going to lose members if we keep putting in new members? Perhaps this little dilemma can be tackled by the good folks up in Member Retention.

It's not just the Sacandaga people who are screwing up; it's a lot of people. My mother and father lived through the Great Depression and the image they created in my mind of soup lines did not look like the line of people I saw the other day at the Dairy Dip waiting to buy a \$4.00 ice cream cone. If we are going to have a Deep Recession or a Depression we are going to have to have participants who know how to act in a proper Depression, and standing in line for a \$4.00 ice cream cone talking on a cell phone isn't going to do it. What would work would be if they all wore muted colors and looked like they drove in from Oklahoma in a 1925 Chevy to pick lettuce. I hope these people get in tune with the news media and it doesn't come to the point where we have to hire skinny actors in large dusty overcoats to form a proper Depression Line for the six o'clock news.

Another infuriating example of a group of people who don't take direction well is illustrated by the fact that restaurants are full. In the worst economy since the Great Depression I have to spend 45 minutes at the bar drinking \$6.00 draft beer with an eight inch diameter pager in my pocket to get something at a table with a chipotle sauce. Can't these people go home and plant a garden? Americans are absolutely the worst stinkers at putting on a good Depression lately and now I have to add that Sacandaga isn't helping matters any. Can't we just call Sacandaga and tell them that USPS doesn't work? Isn't a Squadron with a Membership Award the last thing the country and D/2 need right now? MY GOODNESS Sacandaga, the time to achieve was years ago when the economy was percolating along just fine, and it was OK to succeed, not now when punishing success gets a standing ovation.

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**Celebrating the 400th  
Anniversary of the Exploration  
of the  
Hudson River  
Saturday, 6 June 2009**







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## DISTRICT 2

SUMMER COUNCIL 25 JULY 2009

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BRIDGEPORT, CT

### AGENDA



0800	<b>Registration</b>	
0930	<b>Call To Order</b>	D/C Robert Shivokevich, SN
	<b>Invocation</b>	D/Lt Peggy E. Howland, P
	<b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>	D/F/Lt Susan Darcy, JN
	<b>Introductions</b>	
	District Guests	D/Lt/C Joseph Lynch, AP
	District Bridge	D/Lt/C Frank DeBaggis, AP
	Past District Commanders	P/D/C Jeffery Gerwig, AP
	Past District Educational Officers	Stf/C Anne Peskin, SN
	<b>Roll Call of Council Members</b>	D/Lt/C George Ghirlando, AP
	<b>Determination of Quorum</b>	D/Lt/C George Ghirlando, AP
	<b>Reading of Minutes - Winter Council</b>	D/Lt/C George Ghirlando, AP
	<b>Reports of Officers</b>	
	Treasurer	D/Lt/C Mel Goldstein, AP
	Secretary	D/Lt/C George Ghirlando, AP
	Educational Officer	D/Lt/C Joseph A. Lynch, AP
	Executive Officer	D/Lt/C Frank DeBaggis, AP
	Commander	D/C Robert Shivokevich, SN
	<b>Reports of Committees</b>	
	Rules Committee	Lt/C Carl Filios, AP
	Law Committee	P/D/C Irwin Staple, AP
	Councils and Conferences	P/C Denise Terry, P
	Membership	P/C William F. Linke, SN
	District Safety Officer	P/D/C Harrison R. Valante, SN
	District Public Relations Officer	P/C Virginia Gedney, AP
	<b>Unfinished Business</b>	
	District Bylaw Change - Notification	Lt/C Carl Filios, AP
	Northern Trek	Stf/C Susan L. Darcy, JN
	Captain Harbor Name Change Resolution	Cdr Susan Ryan, AP
	<b>New Business</b>	
	Proposed 2005-2006 District Budget	D/Lt/C Mel Goldstein, AP
	Youth Poster Contest	Stf/C Susan L. Darcy, JN
	D/2 Fall Conference – Agenda Items	D/C Robert Shivokevich, SN
	Reports from Southern Squadrons	
	Captain Harbor	Cdr Susan Ryan, AP
	Darien	Cdr Thomas Thornton, S
	Housatonic River	Cdr Chris Linley, AP
	Lake Candlewood	Cdr Richard Birgler, SN
	Norwalk	Cdr Fred Zinsser, AP
	Penfield	Cdr Gavin McNamara
	Rowayton	Lt/C Heather Howard P
	Saugatuck River	Cdr Craig Burry, P
	Stamford	Cdr Gino Bottino, AP
	<b>Announcements</b>	P/C Eugene R. Boone, Jr., AP
	<b>Benediction</b>	D/Lt Peggy E. Howland, P
	<b>Meeting Adjourned</b>	D/C Robert Shivokevich, SN
1130	<b>Planned Program</b>	



# *D/2 Planning CALENDAR*

**2009**

4 July, Independence Day

**25-26 July, D/2 Rendezvous. & Summer Council. See Flyer for details**

7 September, Labor Day

**9-13 September, Governing Board, Kansas City, MO**

19-20 September, Rosh Hashana\*

28 September, Yom Kippur\*

3-4 October, Sukkot\*

10-11 October, Simhat Torah\*

12 October, columbus Day

**23-25 October, Fall Conference, Lake George, NY**

1 November, DaylightSavings Time ends

3 November, Election Day

11 November, Veterans' Day

26 November, Thanksgiving Day

12-18 December, Hanukkah\*

25 December, Christmas Day

26 December, Kwanzaa begins

\*Note: All Jewish holidays begin the evening before the date given.

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