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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

D/C Frank J. DeBaggis, AP

Hello Everyone,

First on the agenda, chronologically, is the USPS Annual Meeting, 2-5 February at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort in Buena Vista, FL. Reservations may be made online at USPS. Org. There were a few questions on the procedure for sitting at the D/2 tables at the Saturday Evening Dinner and Reception. To sit with us at the D/2 tables simply sign up for the event. USPS will take note of your District and seat us together.

We had a wonderful turnout last year at Disney and I hope to see each of you there again. We will have another great time. Don't miss out.

Second on the agenda is the Winter Council, on 26 February, in Poughkeepsie, at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center, formerly the Mercury Grand Hotel, formerly the Best Western, formerly the Camelot Inn, and formerly the Ramada Inn. One of the many highlights of this event will be the appearance of R/C Jack Fletcher, SN, the Rear Commander of the Boat Operator Certification, (BOC). Jack will give an informative presentation on the BOC and will answer questions.

Having Jack attend our Winter Council is comparable to having the U.S. Secretary of the Navy show up at your Squadron Summer Picnic and I know, many of you are wondering if there is any end to what your District Commander is capable of accomplishing for you this year, and the answer is, "No."

I am also planning a short afternoon program of fun and learning that will eclipse anything that USPS has been capable of conceiving. (Keep in mind that, when put to the test, the mind altering seminar Susan Darcy and I presented at the 2010 Fall Conference in Albany entitled, *Boating is fun...we'll show you how!*, resulted in every student in Berkshire's most recent ABC3 class joining Berkshire Sail and Power Squadron.) The details of this afternoon of fun and learning will be forthcoming through e-mail. Stand by.

Third on the agenda is the Spring Conference weekend in Saratoga Springs from 1-3 April, where D/Lt/C Lacey M. Williams, Jr., AP, will take hold of the wheel and lead District 2 onward through the waters of a new D/2 Bridge Year. I will miss holding on to the wheel.

Interspersed, chronologically, among these events will be your Squadron's Changes of Watch. I have several of them already in my calendar. Please let me know the date and time of your Change of Watch as soon as you know, and I will put it on my schedule. You can contact me at: fdebaggis@aol.com or at 413 822 5353.

What a great future we have in District 2. I'll see you there.



**Photos from Berkshire Rendezvous
At Essex, 11 September 2010**



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Next year is just around the corner which is kind of amazing to me, as it seems that this year only started a few months ago.

There has been a lot of detrimental conversation flowing through D/2 about many things, but primarily about the delay in getting members certified for the B O C program. Without going into exquisite detail, the process last year was not a huge success despite the valiant efforts of D/Lt/C George R. Hallenbeck, AP.

Last year George attempted to do certifications at three District meetings. The District events turned out not to be a good venue and for that we do apologize. He also made himself available on nine weekends to do certifications, but only one Squadron took him up on his offer.

After much discussion George and I decided to contact R/C Jack Fletcher, SN, who is in charge of Boat Operator Certification for the USPS. I sent Jack an e-mail message describing our plight and received the following answer:

Lacey,

All you will have to do is pick a date. Let us know when that is and we will assign a certifier(s) to show up at your event. We have found that combining BOC with a Rendezvous has worked well but do not wait for that if an opportunity presents itself sooner. If you are training Inland Nav. certifiers for your district we will need a boat for group of 4. For the Coastal Nav level we will need a boat for a group of 2. The time it takes for training a certifier is approximately 2 hours each.

While we are there, we should be able to Certify members as well in each of or both levels as well. As we train a certifier we will use him/her immediately to begin to certify your members. You will find that getting members to volunteer their boats will be your most difficult task. Start now to get commitments for this and we will support you in any way we can.

R/C Jack Fletcher, SN

OK, that is the easy part, now comes the fun part (I hope). We have a group of very interested members being led by P/C Frank B. Kemp, JN, of the Darien Sail & Power Squadron working on setting up a "Certifier Event" to be held in April or May of 2011 at one or more of the following locations: Rowayton Town Dock, a private dock in the Five Mile River, Norwalk or Norton Y C. Information on this event will follow as the problems are ironed out.

Please note that the event will have George Hallenbeck working hand in hand with Jack Fletcher's people to get as many people certified as humanly possible.

If we can generate enough enthusiasm, and the "Event" turns out to be as successful as we hope we will work on holding more such events during the spring and summer. Remember that George will make himself available to do certifications as requested.

With help from D/Lt/C Susan P. Ryan, AP, we have formed an ad hoc committee to glean information as to why we have so much trouble getting our membership to attend district functions, and what we could do to correct said problems. This committee is being chaired by Cdr Gino C. Bottino, AP, of the Stamford Power Squadron. They will gather the information, sort it out and put together a list of items that they feel need to be changed or introduced at District functions. This list will then be submitted to the District Bridge for consideration and implementation where possible.

Now is the time to stop the detrimental talk about the lack of help of any kind from District. If you are willing to point out your concerns and discuss possible ways and means to correct them, I am willing to listen and help if possible.

Administrative Officer: D/Lt/C Susan P. Ryan, AP

Speakers

The Goal:

To find good and varied speakers at no cost for monthly meetings in order to attract new members, retain current members and increase the vigor of a squadron.

Where are the speakers?

What are YOU interested in hearing about? Ask members what THEY are interested in, and then find a dynamic personality to speak on this subject.

Keep an 'Ideas' file – put in newspaper articles about local boaters, events, anything nautical. I read something on the 12 Meter Yacht Foundation. Three names were mentioned in the article and I researched all three until I was able to reach Patrick Sikorsky. While his main aim was to raise money for his Foundation, he was prepared to give us a fascinating talk and even offered a very fancy venue for this so we could see one of the America's Cup boats up close. Later a neighboring Squadron invited him as one of their speakers. Copying is the best form of flattery.

When wanting a speaker, as with many problems, the solution may be very close to home. Go through your membership and remember the woman who crewed as a novice from Virginia to Tortola; remember the man who designed the Mari Chai IV; see if the member who works at West Marine would ask the boss to talk about latest electronics; has a member built his own boat? If it's the end of summer and you have a member who everyone admires for the way he winterizes his boat, ask him to speak about this; have him bring practical handouts

Reach further afield.

Members are pretty eclectic and interested in a wide range of subjects, so think out of the box to bring in different subjects which will attract the spouses or children. Examples may include:

- Photographer or painter of seascapes or anything nautical.
- Check out the library; are there any nautical books written by anyone in your area?
- Do you have an Audubon branch nearby? Ask for a speaker on water birds.
- Do you have an aquarium or observatory in the vicinity?
- Is there a dive shop? I've never known a diver who has not taken wonderful photos.

Some golden rules:

- Prepare the speaker ahead of time by letting him/her know the approximate size of his audience, and give him a strict schedule for the evening.
- Make sure he has the equipment he needs and that it's set up as he likes.
- Keep all presentations to one hour – and that includes Q and A.
- Ask him for a paragraph to describe himself in order for you to introduce him.
- Thank him by either taking him to dinner before the meeting, or giving him the squadron burgee, and always send a 'thank you' note.

Tight on time?

If you need a speaker in a hurry and have drawn a complete blank, let me know and I'll look into my 'Ideas' file to work something out for you.



**Red Rock Country
Near Las Vegas, NV**

**Photo credit
D/Lt/C Melvin Goldstein, AP**

Educational Officer: D/Lt/C George R. Hallenbeck, AP

ACTIVITIES SINCE LAST REPORTED TO YOU

I attended the National Meeting in Bellevue in September, and I was asked to co-chair a portion of the National meeting of DEO's. Here are highlights from the National Meeting:

There has been a National agreement signed with the Brunswick Corporation, the major boat manufacturing company in the US. The specific terms of the agreement will be in a formal announcement, but you can read of several features in the Fall 2010 copy of The ENSIGN, as part of the V/C Bob Sweet, SN, article. Starting with 40 sites in a pilot program this fall, National hopes to reach most of Brunswick's 1,600 dealers during the next few years. One of the 40 sites is within this District. We will discuss this further at our Educational breakout session.

The Boat Operator Certification (BOC) team has released the manual for the 2nd Level of certification, which is "Coastal." The "Coastal" level will require completion of Level 1, "Inland," as a prerequisite.

The new printing of ABC3 is being released in shrink-wrapped packages, including new software. Rosepoint Navigation's "Coastal Explorer" viewer, with a complete set of NOAA charts, will now be included with all ABC3 courses.

A new video clip, prepared by the USCG in support of safe boating, is being distributed.

Expansion into on-line education continues to be a high priority, with the opening of courses to non-members. Broward College now offers Seamanship and Sailing as complete on-line courses, with the introduction of more on-line courses planned. The USPS Educational Fund that each of us contributes to annually has funded several major efforts:

- New courses, seminars
- Boat Operator Certification
- On-the water instructor training
- Fire extinguisher internal training system (laser based trainer is available upon request)

USCG: A DVD has been developed, as part of a joint effort; it is now in beta testing. The topic is Small Boat Skills, for on the water training. Brunswick loaned two matching Boston Whalers for the shoot in June. Topics that are covered include close quarters maneuvering, open water slalom and running forward and backward ranges: all of these techniques are parts of the BOC Level 1 – "Inland" Certification.

Look for further information on our Partnering efforts with these organizations: Boat US, ABYC, US Sailing, Canadian Power Squadron, and Trawler Fest.

Rewrites are now under way for: Cruise Planning and Instructor Development. Marine Systems, the third of the Marine Electronics series, has been delayed for a rewrite, so as to better meet a changing environment.

There are now 18 Seminars available, each with Companion Guides.

Member logon: Squadron ID and zip code or Pin

Pin Numbers: Two levels of service are available: basic services if one uses the zip code, and more complete services with the use of user defined pin number

SailAngle: Continued expansion and transition of Squadron Communications are being made. A new D/2 SEO group on SailAngle is now open to all D/2 SEOs for exchange of information and educational needs. There are nine (9) online training videos and "how to" lessons available under SailAngle "help."

There are more than 800 D/2 members linked into SailAngle. Individuals and Squadrons who have not yet logged in and established their profiles are encouraged to do so. Contact me if you need help.

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Assistant Educational Officer: D/1st/Lt Carl E. Filios, AP

My First Few Months as ADEO

I wasn't quite sure what to expect as ADEO. In general, it's been my experience that the DEO is much more visible, and I wasn't sure what I had to do except help out. DEO George R. Hallenbeck, AP, provided me a long list of duties, but I haven't gotten to do all of them yet. I've attended a Boating Law Administrator's Conference, one Annual Meeting (before becoming ADEO), and one Governing Board Meeting, in addition to the D/2 Conferences and Councils. I'll be attending the upcoming Annual Meeting in the Orlando area in February. The meetings are interesting, in that one gets to meet a lot of the people who are active in doing everything from writing books to working on policy. In case you run short of things to do, these events are places to pick up more jobs. I've attempted to establish communication with the SEOs from the New York Squadrons. I have acquired a good supply of Mass. and NY Boater's Guides, in case you need some. I've gotten to learn more about the Educational Awards that we give each year. I plan on becoming more active in Boat Operator Certification, and will be attending a training course in Orlando. One of my more important jobs will be trying to match up Squadrons who would like to offer courses, but need instructional assistance.

(DEO message continued from P. 5.)

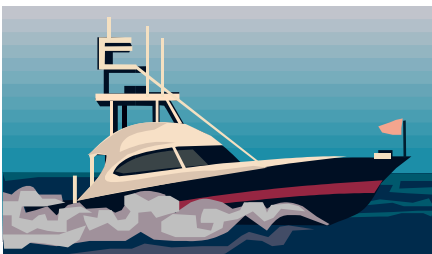
Educational programs continue to be updated. The effort is to expand ways to reach boating public:

- o All programs open to public
- o Outreach to Marine dealers
- o New venues, new media
- o Partnering to reach broader audience
- o Transition to more hands-on-training

Goal: build our membership!

As Bob Sweet, our National Educational Officer, has told us: "Our approach is to have you as DEOs take the lead for USPS. In many cases, there are multiple Squadrons within proximity of a pilot dealer in your area. Obviously, the best approach is to coordinate and share resources from those Squadrons when working with the dealer.... This partnership [Brunswick] is an outstanding opportunity for us to reach out to the boating community and those customers of the dealers. The dealers are looking forward to us helping bring more people into their dealerships. We will set up web resources for you and Squadrons, for dealers, and for dealers' customers.

This is a learning process, so we are looking for feedback and want to hear from you as to what is working and what needs fixing. This is new for both us and Brunswick and we want it to succeed.





UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS®

D/2 Winter Council

Saturday 26 February 2011

Held at the CLARION HOTEL *formerly Mercury Grand*
2170 South Road, Poughkeepsie, New York



The cost for the day is \$ 20 - includes Continental Breakfast and complete Buffet Lunch.

General Directions

From: South. Take the NY State Thruway (Interstate 87) North. Take Exit 17 (Stewart Airport, Route 300, Route 17K, Interstate 84 Newburgh). Take Route 300 North to Interstate 84 East. Take Interstate 84 East to Exit 13 (Fishkill, Poughkeepsie, Route 9, Peekskill). At the end of the exit ramp, turn left onto Route 9 North. The Clarion Hotel is approximately 9 miles on the right just past the Olive Garden.

From: North. Take the New York Thruway (Interstate 87) South, Exit 18 (New Paltz, Route 299, Poughkeepsie). At end of ramp, turn right onto Route 299 East, to end turn right onto Route 9W South. Take 9W South about 2 miles, follow Route 44/55 East to Mid Hudson Bridge (toll).

After crossing the bridge, take first exit on right to Route 9 South. The Clarion Hotel is approximately 4 miles on the left.

From: East. Take Interstate 84 West. Take Exit 13 (Fishkill, Poughkeepsie, Route 9, Peekskill).

At the end of the exit ramp, turn right onto Route 9 North. The Clarion Hotel is approximately 9 miles on the right just past the Olive Garden.

From: West. Take Interstate 84 East. Take Exit 13 (Fishkill, Poughkeepsie, Route 9, Peekskill).

At the end of the exit ramp, turn left onto Route 9 North. The Clarion Hotel is approximately 9 miles on the right just past the Olive Garden.

Registration will begin at 0800

Reservations must be received by 12 February 2011 - Late Registration fee: \$5.00

Mail reservations to:

D/Lt Alexandra Digilio
25 Thomas Ave

Fishkill, New York 12524
Questions? Call (845) 896-6644

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District 2 Winter Council

26 FEB. 2011

NAME _____

SQUADRON _____

ADDRESS _____

RANK/GRADE _____

SPOUSE/GUEST _____

PHONE _____

SQUADRON _____

RANK/GRADE _____

BREAKFAST/LUNCH \$20.00 PER PERSON

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: **USPS DISTRICT 2**

Form Date 16 Dec. 2010



D2 Spring Conference



April 1-3, 2011

Holiday Inn 232 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866
518-584-4550

Hosted by:

Mohawk-Hudson Sail & Power Squadron

Date	Time	Event
1 April 2011	1500 - 1700	Early Registration
	1730 - on	Reception for the Chief's Rep & Conference Attendees Buffet Dinner to follow (Uniform Blazer)
2 April 2011	0800 - 0900	Breakfast Buffet
	1000 - 1600	Guest Program
	0900 - 1200	General Meeting & Workshops
	1200 - 1330	Deli Bar Luncheon Buffet
	1330 - 1630	General Meeting, Awards & Change of Watch
	1800 - 1930	Reception
	1930 - Late	Dinner Dance (Uniform A or suitable evening attire)

Guest Program: With all of the things to do and see in Saratoga Springs there will be no formal guest program. For your pleasure there are Racino, Antique Car Museum, Racing Museum, Museum of Dance, Saratoga National Park & Cemetery. Also 50 plus Specialty Shops and Restaurants within walking distance. The hotel will provide free shuttle service to most locations.

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REGISTRATION FORM

First Registrant Name _____ Grade _____ Rank /Position _____

Second Registrant Name _____ Grade _____ Rank/Position _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Phone: _____ Squadron: _____

E-Mail: _____ A confirmation of reservations will be sent via e-mail.

First Time Attending a D/2 Meeting? **Circle Yes or No**

Friday Night Buffet Dinner 1 April _____ Number Attending @ \$38. Total _____

Saturday Buffet Breakfast & Luncheon 2 April _____ Number Attending @ \$24. Total _____

Saturday Dinner Dance 2 April _____ Number Attending @ \$49. Total _____

Menu Choices:

Prime Rib _____ Baked Salmon _____

Corn Bread Stuffed Chicken _____ Vegetarian Available on Request _____

Rooms Friday ___ Saturday ___ No. of Nights ___ Cost per night \$105 Total \$ _____

No. of People _____ All Rooms are Non-Smoking

Grand Total \$ _____

Directions on reverse side.

Reservations must be received 23. February 2011 at the latest to insure availability of room rate.
Reservations & payment to MHSPS sent to P/C Susan Spring 54 Meadowview Drive Schaghticoke,
NY 12154. Questions call 518-469-4381.

Form Date 5 December 2010

D/2 Fall Conference 22 October 2010, Albany NY



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SAVE THE DATES

April 1-3, 2011

D2 Spring Conference

Holiday Inn 232 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

518-584-4550

Hosted by

Mohawk-Hudson Sail & Power Squadron

One high point will be the raffling of this Deacon Storage Bench made for this occasion and donated by P/R/C Richard P. Rutland, SN



Tickets will be \$5.00 each or 3 for \$12.00

Tickets will be sold at the Conference. If you can't make the Conference you can buy your tickets from Janet Williams, 16 Mayfield Dr, Clifton Park, NY 12065. Make your tax deductible donation check payable to MHSPS. The winner need not be in attendance as the bench will be delivered at no charge to anyone in the D/2 physical area. The same promise goes to any winner in attendance without the means to transport the bench as long as they reside in the same area.

This is your opportunity to acquire a great piece of furniture for a very small cost. If you don't need one, imagine the thrill of surprising some member of your family with a beautiful gift that will last a life time. This bench as been produced by a master craftsman.

Respectfully submitted by D/Lt/C Lacey M. Williams, AP, Executive Officer.

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**c/o Lt/Cdr Virginia P. Moore, P
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Address Correction Requested



Sail and Power Boating



D/2 Planning CALENDAR

2011

- 1 January, New Year's Day.
- 17 January, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
- 2-5 February, USPS National Meeting, Buena Vista, FL.
- 21 February, Presidents' Day.
- 26 February, D/2 Winter Council, Poughkeepsie, NY.**
- 9 March, Ash Wednesday.
- 13 March, Daylight Savings Time Begins.
- 17 March, St. Patrick's Day.
- 20 March, Purim.*
- 1-3 April, D/2 Spring Conference & Change of Watch, Saratoga Springs, NY.**
- 17 April, Psalm Sunday.
- 19-26 April, Passover.*
- 22 April, Good Friday.
- 24 April, Easter Sunday.
- 8 May, Mother's Day.
- 13-15 May, D/2 Northern Trek, Lake George, NY.**
- 21 May, Armed Forces Day.
- 30 May, Memorial Day.

*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.)