



# D/2 NEWS



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## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

D/C Denise A. Terry, AP

My first month as District Commander has gone by so fast. Just to get everyone up to date, as you know, P/DEO Joseph A. Lynch, AP, was nominated and elected as the ADEO at the Spring Conference on 12 April. The election for the contested position of DEO was held and Carl Filios, JN, was re-elected as DEO. At the end of the meeting, Joe Lynch handed me his letter of resignation as ADEO. His letter was accepted and submitted to the District Secretary on 12 April. This leaves the position of ADEO vacant. We will fill this vacancy at the Summer Council. I would also like to open the positions of Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Secretary at the Council meeting as this takes the members of the Council to do so. Nominations for these 3 positions will then be taken from the floor. The reason for opening these positions is to train possible future District Treasurers and District Secretaries so going forward, we have members with some experience in the position, for consideration by the Nominating Committee.

The 2014 Summer Council meeting will be held on (tentatively) 20 September 2014 at a location not yet confirmed. The Fall Conference date and location are still being negotiated and will be announced soon. The reason for the lateness of the Council is due to the new District Bylaws stating that there cannot be more than 40 days between the Council and Conference. In case you aren't aware, the District has taken over hosting the Fall Conferences as there are no Squadrons willing to host it. This is being done by the new Councils and Conferences Committee, headed up by R/C Susan Darcy, JN and P/DEO Ed Weber, SN.

Wishes for a speedy recovery go out to Jr. P/D/C Howard A. Sklar, AP who was involved in a motor vehicle accident on 3 May. As of this writing, he is slowly on the mend from his injuries.

I just want to take this moment to say Thank You for the support of so many that attended the Spring Conference this year and the words of encouragement that I received from those that couldn't attend. I want to see District 2 continue to move forward and increase personal communication with fellow members. Let each of us remember the new USPS motto of "Come for the Education, Stay for the Friends". It's a great way to get new members as well.

I have had the privilege of officiating at the Change of Watch at Norwalk in April and attending the Darien and Sacandaga Flare ups in May.

If you have any questions or issues that you would like to discuss with me, please contact me at 518.649.6303 or email to [celticfun2@gmail.com](mailto:celticfun2@gmail.com). Please remember that I work during the day so I will get back to you as soon as I am able.

Photos from Spring Conference,  
2014, thanks to  
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D/C Denise A. Terry, AP with  
V/C Louie Ojeda, SN



Jr. P/D/C Howard A. Sklar, AP with  
D/C Denise A. Terry, AP



P/D/C John H. Supple, AP and  
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It is that busy time of year again, especially for boaters.

Not only is it the time a year when everybody wants to have a meeting, get reports of work done, set goals for work, have the many spring holidays; but as boaters we need to get our crafts ready for the new season. USPS is like a ship too, and we also get our Squadrons ready for a new year with our change of watches, and a new season of education and events.

I went to Norwalk's COW, then a week later had my own in Stamford. Coming soon is the Darien flare up, followed by Stamford's 2 weeks later. The Memorial Day parade is coming up and some new classes just started. Safe Boating Week starts the 19<sup>th</sup> and we all have plans for that. Things just could not be busier!

One main goal of mine, is to spend more time visiting Squadrons in the District and listening to what members have to say. Especially what they feel is needed for their Squadron, or thoughts on the District, and if I can help.

Obviously I will do my best to support my Commander in her goals for the year and help out with all the Bridge Officers in any way I can.

As EXEC, I will also communicate with the department heads under me, and discuss their goals and what we can do for them. I have already contacted them, and asked if they wanted to continue in their position for the year, and had an initial talk with them.

Our Boat Show Officer is P/C Frederick Zinsser, AP. I have asked Fred to see an updated listing of all the local shows in D/2 on the Web. What would you all think of us having a D/2 Boat Show trailer to take around to all the shows like they have for D/5? Is that an idea that would help your Squadron? Email me and tell me!

Co-Op Charting is a topic I am interested in. The reason why is that I like being on the water with something to do other than just tooling around. Also I believe that we at USPS need to do more of the Public Service part of our Triangle. P/C Frank E. Palmieri, JN, The Cooperative Charting Chairman, is going to help us develop more activity in the District. I will work with Frank to make that happen. Since it is going back to checking geodesic marks, the program should be invigorated.

Our Legislative Officer is P/D/Lt/C Melvin Goldstein, AP. He has been doing a great job. Recently we have been discussing what Squadrons can and cannot do in their area visa vie political action regarding waterway use and city involvement. It is complicated. So if you have any questions about this he will be glad to answer them.

The Liaison Officer (P/C Anne Mahoney, P, is responsible for assuring good relations between D/2 and the State and Local Boating communities of the areas in which D/2 operates. Under her duties is news and communication with State Government. This is like a Governmental Affairs Committee (that national has) under her, for the 2 people that are going to NYS and CTS Boating Safety Boards. Did you know that we did this monthly? If you would like to hear what is happening or suggest an action, call them!

Our Public Relations Officer is Cdr Paul K. Okura, S. Paul has been at it for the last several years and really needs some help. I hope someone out there who wants to be involved, reads this and joins his committee. This is an important issue for all Squadrons, and we need to work together for the common good and USPS goals.

We all know and love P/D/C Harrison R. Valante, SN, the District Safety Officer, who has been doing a great job for many years. Currently National has asked that F.A.S.T. (First Aid Support team) be instituted for District Meetings and I have asked Harrison to do this under him. This really is not much of a change as we have a D/2 medical kit which we bring to the meetings each time to keep us all safe!

Also under safety is the new Partner Visitation program that is just starting. I am taking the course on line myself and would like to help get this started for D/2 and the Squadrons. Basically, what it is about is teaching us to go to our local stores and boating associations and interact with them; but now you will get credit for this job!

Our Vessel Safety Check Officer – P/C Robert J. Terry, P. Robert has really stepped up to the plate and has great success in getting more participation in the District, for which we won some National awards! He will continue to support us this way and if any problem arises with VSC, just call him.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve this year and do not hesitate to email me with any questions. Also, invite me to join your Squadron for any event, and I will do my best to come.

**Educational Officer: D/Lt/C Carl E. Filios, JN**



It's hard to believe that a year has passed since I was first elected DEO. During that time I've attended a lot of events and visited some Squadrons I've never been to before. I've also learned a lot of things I never knew while I was ADEO.

I've been fortunate to officiate at a number of Squadron Changes of Watch, and would like to thank Champlain, Mohawk Hudson, Sacandaga, Penfield, Darien, and Storm King for the opportunity to participate in some manner.

I attended a number of holiday parties, including the Tri-Squadron hosted by Mohawk Hudson, Westchester and Mid-Hudson, as well as the Lake Candlewood Anniversary Celebration. These events provide the opportunity to make new friends and see what's going on with the Squadrons. I also attended the Sacandaga Flare-up.

I was fortunate to have an excellent ADEO in P/D/Lt Karl Wagner, P. He and I both attended the Governing Board meeting in San Antonio and the Annual Meeting in Jacksonville. Having two of us there gave us the opportunity to attend more sessions by splitting up.

We made a lot of progress on the educational front. The fall awards were replaced by plaques, which are easier for Squadrons to manage than some of the original awards. We had greatly increased participation in the Teaching Aid competition.

Two of our Squadrons received cash awards and plaques at the Annual Meeting in Jacksonville for their participation in the Brunswick program (Sacandaga – first, and Mohawk Hudson – second). Westchester's Teaching Aid tied for third in the competition in Jacksonville. Some of these will be hard to top this year, but there's still room for improvement.

I've been working with Squadron SEOs to provide whatever assistance they requested, and I believe I've now met all of them.

In closing, thank you for the opportunity to serve District 2, and I'm looking forward to another successful year.

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**More Photos**



**P/D/C Susan E. Ryan, JN and Michael Ryan**



**Linda L. Mangelsdorf, AP and P/D/C Fred. P Mangelsdorf, SN**



**Mrs. Heggy Wagner and P/1st/Lt Karl M. Wagner, AP**

## Administrative Officer: D/Lt/C Vincent J. Evans, P



First of all I want to thank the Nominating Committee for having selected me for the position of Administrative Officer. I promise to assert myself to become involved in the duties associated with the position, and the accomplishments of past officers. I look forward to working with the new Bridge, as we have our first Go-ToMeeting scheduled for Monday evening. I will be open to all suggestions and input from District members, as I know. I have a lot to learn.

I will be contacting a few committee chairs to get some insight into their particular functions. I am very interested in gaining knowledge about our involvement in the Sea Scout program. Membership in general and current Member Involvement will continue to be a priority, as it has been in the past.

I will be attending Westchester Sail and Power Squadron's monthly meeting on 29 May, at the Mamaroneck Beach & Yacht Club. Scott Croft, Assistant Vice President at USBoat, will be giving a presentation on National Issues Facing boaters, from the Government's standpoint. There will be a Q & A following the presentation. Contact P/C Frank Palmieri, JN, for details.

Westchester Sail & Power Squadron is hosting a POTW training seminar on 7 June and 14 June. I will be volunteering and observing the program for future reference. My wife will be attending as a student, to improve her skills.

Finally, I am promoting a bus trip for Storm King Sail & Power Squadron, either to the Newport Boat Show, or the Norwalk Boat Show in September. I would like to extend the offer to other Squadrons in District 2, once I have firm details.

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### Still more photos



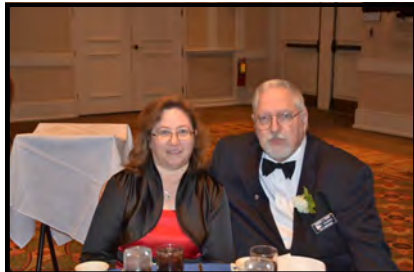
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**Mrs. Grace W. Hallenbeck and  
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**Submitted by P/C Robert J. Terry, P  
D/2 & Squadron VSC Chair**

**Reminder Notice to all VSC Chairs & Examiners**

The 2014 Re-Training Deadline for all VSC Inspectors is fast approaching. If you have not attended your 2014 VSC Update Training by **30 June 2014**, and have this training reported to USPS Headquarters, you will be taken off the active VSC listing. No inspections can be credited to your record after 30 June 2014, until you attend this new training, and have the training reported properly to Headquarters.

You can take your update VSC training with your own Squadron or by attending with a neighboring Squadron. If you wish to have your name put on a list to take your training as part of the next "Go-To-Meeting" session with District 2's DEO Carl Filios, JN, please contact Carl or me as soon as you can. We will be holding at least one more session before the 30 June 2014 deadline.

If you have lost your VSC Certification within the last 5 years you will need to complete your 2 supervised examinations and have submitted proof of your 2014 Re-Certification Training. If it has been more than 5 years you will have to repeat the initial training program as well as the update training. A VSC examiner that does not attend the 2014 VSC Update Training by the end of 2014 will be declared uncertified, to complete VSC examinations in 2015.

The Squadron allotments of 2014 VSC decals are now being controlled differently. Squadrons will need to show usage of half or more of their Squadron's initial shipment of 2014 decals before more can be re-ordered. Squadrons received 150% of 2013 decals usage for 2014. Use half or more of that number before re-ordering more. If your Squadron does certify new examiners this year, you can request 10 more decals per new examiner. That is 5 for the certifier, and 5 for the new examiner.

Another change for 2014 is in the reporting of the loaner red inflatable life jackets. This requirement of collecting inventories of these jackets is now the responsibility of the District VSC Chair. As that Chair, I am requesting this information now. As our boating season is starting, it is an excellent time for cleaning out your boats, preparing for the start of the new boating season. When you find your Squadron's loaner vests, inspect them and give the inventory information to your VSC Chair or your Squadron Commander. Once you have your inventory completed get that information to me. If you find that some of them have been damaged during storage or use, contact me. I can explain how to receive new replacement equipment. Squadrons will only be charged for shipping them from USPS Headquarters to your Squadron. If you need to know your Squadron's last reported inventory, please contact me.

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**Submitted by D/Lt/C Virginia Schmidt-Gedney, AP**

## **DEEP Announces Expansion of Community Fishing Waters in Connecticut 11 Urban Ponds Will Now Be Stocked for Fishing Season**

Connecticut's Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) today announced that it will be stocking 11 lakes and ponds in urban areas for the 2014 fishing season under an expansion of its Community Fishing Waters program.

At a Community Fishing Waters Summit in Hartford today, DEEP said it is adding six locations to the five urban water bodies it has been stocking under the program, which was launched in 2006. As part of the Community Fishing Waters initiative, urban water bodies are stocked with trout in early spring and channel catfish by early summer to provide a year-round opportunity for anglers of all ages.

“With the expansion of our Community Fishing Waters program we will put enough fish in 11 urban lakes and ponds to create memorable fishing on Opening Day – and beyond – at these convenient locations,” said DEEP Commissioner Rob Klee. “Over the past seven years, we have seen an increase in angler participation and the number of fish caught by local residents at the urban ponds we have been stocking. Our research also showed that 97 percent of the people fishing in these waters traveled less than five miles, sometimes using public transportation, to get there. This is certainly a success story that we want to build on.”

### **The five original waterbodies in the Community Fishing Waters program are:**

- Bridgeport            Bunnell's Pond
- Hamden                Lake Wintergreen
- Hartford                Keney Park Pond
- Norwich                Mohegan Park Pond
- Waterbury              Lakewood Lake and Upper Fulton Park Pond

### **The six new waterbodies in the Community Fishing Waters program are:**

- Bristol                    Birge Pond
- Manchester              Center Springs Park Pond (stocking will occur after dam repairs are final in 2015)
- Meriden                   Mirror Lake (Hubbard Park Pond)
- Middletown              Rowan's Pond (Butternut Park Pond)
- New Britain               Stanley Quarter Park Pond
- New Haven                Beaver Park Pond/Lagoon

DEEP is currently preparing for the opening of the 2014 fishing season on 19 April by stocking 100 lakes and ponds as well as 200 rivers and streams with just over 500,000 trout and before the season ends, will have released close to 750,000 total trout.

Visit DEEP's fishing website at: [www.ct.gov/deep/fishing](http://www.ct.gov/deep/fishing) and our electronic anglers guide at: [www.ct.gov/deep/anglersguide](http://www.ct.gov/deep/anglersguide) for information on how to purchase a fishing license, regulations governing angling in Connecticut, best locations to fish, and other information on this topic.

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*Sail and Power Boating*



## ***D/2 Planning CALENDAR***

### **2014**

17 May, Armed Forces Day.  
17-23 May, Safe Boating Week.  
26 May, Memorial Day.  
4-5 June, Shavuot\*.  
14 June, Flag Day.  
15 June, Father's Day.  
21 June, First Day of Summer.  
4 July, Independence Day.  
1 September, Labor Day.  
23 September, First Day of Autumn.  
25-26 September, Rosh Hashanah\*.  
4 October, Yom Kippur\*.  
9-17 October, Sukkot\*  
13 October, Columbus Day.  
31 October, Halloween.  
2 November, Daylight Saving Time Ends.  
4 November, Election Day.  
11 November, Veterans Day.  
27 November, Thanksgiving Day.

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

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