



# D/2 NEWS



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## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

D/C Denise A. Terry, AP

I attended the 2014 United States Power Squadrons® Fall Governing Board meeting in Arlington, VA 7-14 September. As I had never been to Washington, DC nor ever ridden on a subway (the Metro), I went for the full week so that I could play tourist for a few days before getting down to business.

I was able to go to the National Zoo, tour the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum, and saw a few exhibits of the Museum of Natural History and the Smithsonian Information Center and The Castle. Outside of The Castle, is a statue of inventor Joseph Henry. Joseph Henry is from Galway, NY and the elementary school that my husband and son attended is named after him. He was the first Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution and one of the founding members of the National Academy of Science. He is also responsible for the network of weather reporters that eventually became what we now know as the National Weather Service.



A day of touring some of the National Monuments, such as the WWII, Lincoln, Vietnam, and Korean War Memorials was very moving and informational. Arlington Cemetery's Changing of the Guard Ceremony is very moving. If you have never visited our Nation's Capital, I would suggest it and maybe someday, I will get back there to see things that I didn't have time to see.

Now, down to business. You will find in this issue, the registration form for the upcoming District 2 Fall Conference to be held on 18 October, 2014 at the Albany Ramada Inn Plaza. It is a convenient location just off I-90 between exits 23 and 24 of the NYS Thruway. Our Chief Commander's Representative will be R/C Robert A. Keller, SN, Chairman of the National Committee on Rules. R/C Keller and his wife, Jan, are members of the Boca Ciega Sail & Power Squadron in Florida. Let's make Bob and Jan feel a great District 2 welcome by attending the Conference. This will also be a great opportunity to talk to Bob about the current model bylaws for Squadrons and for Districts. There are no formal dinners associated with this Fall Conference. There will be an informal dinner with the Kellers at a local restaurant which will be determined by the number of people who wish to participate on Saturday evening. Attendees of this will pay for their own dinner. The District has taken over hosting of the Fall Conferences going forward as there are no Squadrons volunteering to host. The preliminary Agenda and Call to the Meeting are already posted on the District 2 website under Squadron and D/2 Events, Confirmed District Meetings. This is also where you will find the online seat packet like what was used for the D/2 Summer Council held on 20 September. The documents will be available approximately two weeks prior to the meeting. Information regarding the happenings at the Fall Governing Board will be discussed in my Commander's Report as well as at the Fall Conference itself so plan on attending and learn what is happening and how both District and National can help.

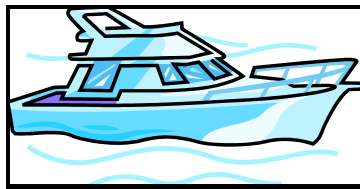
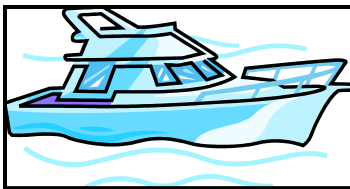
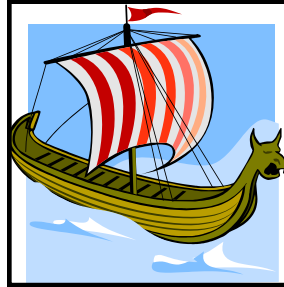
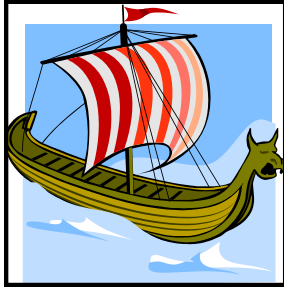
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The Fall Conference is also where the following year's budget is presented for approval by the District Treasurer, John W. Steger, JN.



The District Nominating Committee is working diligently in filling Bridge and Committee positions, so if contacted, please consider helping your District grow and evolve in these ever changing and difficult times of membership decline, organization wide.



**Choose your vessel!**

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## Why Education?

Education is one of the cornerstones of our organization. Let's consider some of the reasons why members would want to take courses. First, we take courses to gain knowledge. We may or may not expect the knowledge be useful to us in the future, but it's part of our desire to be lifelong learners. As an example, I don't expect to find myself out at sea using a sextant, but that hasn't stopped me from taking Junior Navigation and Navigation.

Second, we take courses for the social interaction of a classroom with a number of students. We get to meet Squadron member and sometimes non-members if they're enrolled in the class. It's a way to make new friends, and sometimes it provides us a way to learn from other students in the class, as well as from the instructor.

Third, we may be taking courses so that we can teach them someday. Some of us acquire knowledge so that we can share it with others.

Fourth, we wish to have current knowledge. Maybe you took Piloting twenty years ago before GPS was part of the course. Maybe you should retake the course to see how things differ today from what you learned. How are you going to learn about chart plotters, or all those interesting items now being sold? Maybe you'd like to connect your GPS to your VHF radio so that if you start broadcasting a distress message, it will contain your current latitude and longitude. Maybe you'd like to learn about AIS so that you can figure out who all those boats are that are showing up on your display.

Enthusiasm is contagious. If your Squadron isn't offering courses because most of your members "took everything already", find a couple of friends and encourage your SEO to start offering courses, whether some of the new seminars or something you've taken years ago. Put some life back into your Squadron.

I've just returned from the Governing Board, held in Arlington, VA. There I got to hear about some of the courses that are being rewritten. ABC3 has to be updated to conform to the updated NASBLA standards. This is a process which happens every three years. There are a number of seminars being adapted to the new on-line format. Those are available through the BoatUS® web site. If you'd like to share your knowledge, consider joining a committee that's tasked with updating the materials in a course area that interests you.

Is your Squadron interested in participating in the Brunswick® Boat Dealer Advantage (BDA) Program? I should receive in the near future a list of dealers that are possible participants.

Wouldn't it be nice to have a partner that does the advertising for your ABC3 classes, and all you have to do is show up and teach? There are dealers like that out there. Let's see if we can use the new list to help us fill classes.

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



My wife and I completed an ASA instructional sailing cruise in the Caribbean this past July. It was a 7 day cruise aboard a 44 foot Dufour sloop. We crewed with another person and the captain. We sailed from the island of St Vincent to Mystique, Tobago Cays, Union Island and back. We moored overnight at each island. One day we sailed in 8 to 10 foot waves. It was a great learning experience and was just what I had anticipated. I completed the tests for ASA100, ASA103 and ASA104.

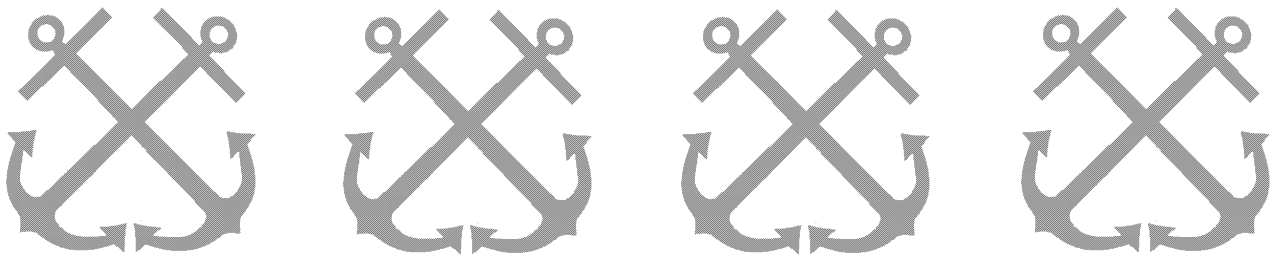
I attended the USPS Governing Board Conference at Arlington on 11-14 September. As a first-timer, I was introduced to members from across the U.S. and Canada. I sat in on an Education Outreach seminar. The main topic was the explanation of the collaboration between USPS and BoatUS. BoatUS provides a team of marketing, graphics designers and web designers to transfer the standard USPS courses from book version to online usage. There are four courses online at this time, one is currently being developed and six more have been selected to be created as online courses. As the courses are developed by BoatUS, they are turned over to USPS for accessibility by members and the public. Cost sharing information was not available to the attendees.

USPS National has been working with a web hosting company to redesign the current web site to be more user friendly. However the web design company abruptly stopped working on the site and efforts to contact them have been thwarted. USPS is now taking steps to legally pursue the company.

Several items were on the agenda to be voted upon by the attending members. A count of 451 members attended the Conference. A vote to approve an increase in dues by \$ 6.00 over the next 3 years was accepted. This is partially due to a declining total in membership. There has been a decrease of 4.4% from last year to this year. A "New Member Packet" has been produced to be distributed to Districts and Squadrons. Current members will receive new plastic membership cards to replace the current paper type. The new cards are designed to be issued less often as a means to reduce costs.

Storm King Sail and Power Squadron chartered a cruise on the Hudson aboard the River Rose on 17 September. Invitations were sent to the District Bridge, and Commanders of other Squadrons located on the Hudson River. Members and guests totaling 63 persons enjoyed a beautiful evening cruise from the Newburgh Landing to West Point and back. Food and beverages were provided for everyone. A great time was had by all, and may become a yearly event. Unfortunately one of their members had passed away a few days before the sailing. A memorial service was held for P/R/C M. Dick Winchell SN with prayerful ceremony. I read a eulogy, taken from USPS National, and dispersed the flowers upon the water. It was a fitting observance for Dick, who had spent so much of his life on the water and 44 years as a member of USPS.

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## ***'With a Click of the Shutter'***

**By Lily Solmssen Moureaux, Greenwich Sail & Power Squadron**

As a photographer and a sailor, I was especially delighted when P/D/C Susan Ryan, JN invited me to offer a Photo Workshop this past August to the enthusiastic Young Mariners taking part in her summer program at the Greenwich Boys and Girls Club.

Spread over two sessions, the first began with an indoor class designed to help these eager 11- and 12-year olds expand their awareness of how photographers think about a subject before they even click the shutters on those cameras so conveniently included in these Young Mariners' cell phones. As they gathered around my computer screen, they learned the pros and cons of horizontal vs. vertical formats, close-ups vs. distant views, the value of foreground images in landscape images, and landmarks to identify a location. Then I encouraged them to be creative with what they photographed.

With these concepts in mind, cameras in hand and a beautiful scene before us, the air was electric with excitement as we all walked over to Grass Island. As their instructor, it was deeply gratifying to watch these enthusiastic Young Mariners set out on their own, focus on their chosen images, share their results, and throughout, demonstrate that they had absorbed the concepts introduced to them. Indeed, one enthusiast who claimed his cell phone was waterproof (!) was knee-deep in the water focusing on close-ups of the rippling water. Others looked for details in sand formations, shells washed ashore, as well as the harbor's spectacular views. A pair of clamshells became an angel in the mind of one young mariner – creativity indeed!

To conclude the workshop, Susan asked these Young Mariners to hone their discriminating eyes by selecting and sending her their best images for the final session of the workshop on 12 August. On that rewarding day, the joy and pride of these Young Mariners was palpable: from holding the personal copies of their own prints that Susan had prepared, to gathering around my computer to share the results of everyone's creative efforts at Grass island. The air was filled with high fives, big smiles, and a round of applause for everyone.

Most touching of all was to witness these students proudly turn their prints into greeting cards. Inscribed on the back of each were the words *'Greenwich Harbor, Photographed by a Young Mariner.'*

It was a perfect ending to an impressive experience that clearly proved the power of a camera in advancing the mission of the Young Mariners Program: helping children develop respect for themselves and their environment.

It was an honor to help make it happen.

### ***Postscript from Susan Ryan***

*Membership: While the main purpose of this summer program is to help the young sailors, the instructors involved enjoy their experience. Offering a variety of activities to the boating community helps the Squadron attract new members and maintain the enthusiasm of members such as Lily.*

*If you would like to help with next year's program in Greenwich, or if you are from another Squadron and would like ideas on how to involve children in boating, please email us: [GreenwichSquadron@gmail.com](mailto:GreenwichSquadron@gmail.com)*

### **Young Mariner's Photos**



**The following photos were taken by  
Paul Zengara, P. a member of  
Westchester Sail & Power Squadron**



**On the way to Charles Island, near Milford, CT**



**Coecles Harbor, in Shelter Island, NY**



**At Brewer's Marina, Mystic, CT**



## D2 Fall Conference October 18, 2014 Hosted by District 2



**Albany Ramada Plaza 3 Watervliet Avenue Ext. Albany, NY 12206**  
**518-438-8431**

Day	Time	Event
Friday	1500 – 1700	Early Registration
Oct. 17	1730 – 1900	Meet and Greet the Chief's Rep and Conference Attendees
	1900 – 2200	Dinner (Uniform Blazer)
Saturday	0800 – 0900	Registration and Continental Breakfast
Oct. 18	0900 – 1200	General Meeting and Workshops
	1230 – 1400	Lunch
	1400 – 1630	General Meeting, Awards

Although this is a one day event, the District has negotiated with the hotel a room rate of \$84 plus tax (not tax exempt) for anyone wanting to stay at the hotel. You must make your own reservations thru the hotel (Call the hotel direct at 518-438-8431 use the rate code "USPS").

Members arriving on Friday are invited to attend a Meet and Greet with the Chief's Rep. followed by an informal dinner at a local restaurant (separate checks).

Anyone staying Saturday evening is invited to get together after the meeting.

**Directions: NOTE IF USING A GPS SYSTEM YOU MUST INCLUDE "EXT" IN THE ADDRESS OR YOU MAY BE DIRECTED TO AN INCORRECT LOCATION!**

**From the North:** Take I-87 South to I-90 East. Take Exit 5 Everett Road. Turn right at light at end of ramp. Turn left at first light onto Watervliet Avenue Ext.

**From the South:** Take NYS Thruway north to Exit 24. Go straight onto I-90 East. Take Exit 5 Everett Road. Turn right at light at end of ramp. Turn left at first light onto Watervliet Avenue Ext.

**From the West:** Take NYS Thruway east to Exit 24. Go straight onto I-90 East. Take Exit 5 Everett Road. Turn right at light at end of ramp. Turn left at first light onto Watervliet Avenue Ext.

**From the East:** Take the Berkshire Spur to I-90 west exit 5 Everett Road. Turn left at light at end of ramp. Turn left at second light onto Watervliet Avenue Ext.

### REGISTRATION FORM

First Registrant Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Rank/Position \_\_\_\_\_

Second Registrant Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Rank/Position \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Confirmation of reservations will be sent via Email.

**Make Checks Payable to: USPS District 2.**

**Cost for the day (including continental breakfast, lunch, breaks) is \$46 per person Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_**

**First Time Attending a District 2 Meeting? Check Yes or No**

**Will you join us on Friday for the Meet and Greet with the Chief's Representative? Check Yes or No**

**Mail with payment by October 4 to: R/C Susan Darcy, JN  
Late Registration Fee \$5 7 Hutchinson Lane  
Lenox, MA 01240-2217**

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This registration form with the program and directions information may be downloaded and printed from the D2 website.

Goto: <http://www.usps.org/d2/d2event.html#District>

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

### **2014**

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.  
17-24 December, Chanukkah\*  
25 December, Christmas Day.  
26 December, Kwanzaa begins.

### **2015**

1 January, New Year's Day.  
18-25 January, USPS 2015 Annual Meeting.  
19 January, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.  
14 February, St. Valentine's Day.  
16 February, Presidents' Day.  
18 February, Ash Wednesday.

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

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