



# D/2 NEWS



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## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

D/C Susan L.. Darcy, JN

*From the desk of the D/2 Commander,*

It's been over a month since I became the District Commander and I have one word for all: **RETAIN!!** The most important task for all of us right now is to **retain** our **MEMBERS**. If we don't retain our membership, we don't have our Squadrons. Without our members, we don't have any new ideas, or students or friends to cruise, party or just have fun with.

**How do we retain our members?** It might be as simple as the personal touch! We can get the list of our members who are due to renew or have just missed renewing (available at the National Treasurer website). Maybe it would take a phone call or a simple email or postcard reminder to the members. In our hectic lives, we sometimes need that personal touch.

Yes, I know we should be doing this all year long but what with work, children, and even grandchildren (and boating?), we sometimes run out of time to do the personal touch. We know a lot of our membership renew in June, so this is a good place to start.

How about doing this: write a cheat sheet for your phone or even face to face conversation. You can include information on your future events and classes. It would be nice also to include how important their membership is to the Squadron. Sometimes we forget the members who no longer have a boat – these members are the ones who do a lot of the work behind the scenes.

As for other things, have I got good news for you! A new benefit for Squadrons is from FedEx. It works like TechSoup – each Squadron sets up an account at FedEx. Once the account is available, everyone in the Squadron can use it. But the best is you can buy one of the new foldup “Welcome to the neighborhood” signs, (I like the golden retriever myself – but the Boston terrier is cute too). Plus good deals on other things that the FedEx offices have and all the members can use. Another item for your cheat sheet when talking to your members. I think the two benefits I use the most are TechSoup and copying – right now at Office Depot/Office Max although I drive an hour to use them. If my FedEx office has copying – YIPPEE!

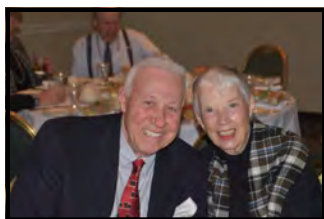
Someone asked me what my theme for the year is going to be, and it is two-fold and it is all about **US!**

***Be YOUR Best and Have Whales of Fun in USPS!!***

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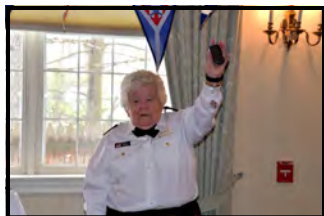
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**Life Membership Certificate  
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**Incoming D/2 Bridge**



**Incoming District Admin,  
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**Member Delegation from  
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## Get 40% off banners and other FedEx copy center products

United States Power Squadrons announces its FedEx national account, which includes discounts of approximately 40% on Welcome to the Neighborhood banners as well as other copy and print center products purchased online and in local stores.

To take advantage of these discounts, Squadrons and Districts should designate one person to sign up for an online account using the instructions shown below. Once they have received a FedEx account number, which takes two to three days, they can sign up for online access to our Print Online Corporate portal, which includes access to the USPS DocStore Catalog from which Welcome to the Neighborhood banners can be purchased.

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Go to <https://psg.kinkos.com/participate> and choose **Open FedEx Office Account**

1. Read and accept the terms of the participation agreement with our company's participation code: **2017USP021**
2. Enter your contact information and be sure to specify **United States Power Squadrons** in the *Company Name* field
3. Make sure to click the **I agree** button at the bottom of the page.
4. Complete the FedEx Office Account application on the next page and click the **SUBMIT** button\*

### **To sign up for online access**

After receiving your FedEx account number, visit [bit.ly/polcuser](http://bit.ly/polcuser) to sign up for online access using that number. Although limited to one account number, Squadrons and Districts can share that number with all members.

When purchasing online, Squadrons should put their FedEx account number in the **Apply a discount** box when checking out. To get discounts at a local store, Squadron members should share their account number with store personnel when ordering.

After signing up, email Tammy Brown at ([brownt@hq.usps.org](mailto:brownt@hq.usps.org)) to let her know your District or Squadron has registered.



## D/ Lt/C Martin E. Feldberg, AP, Executive Officer



As I am writing this report, I am sitting on our boat, the Shalom, which is docked in New Hamburg, New York. We arrived here from Florida about two weeks ago, anticipating reasonable weather in order to commission the boat.

It is important to me to have all the washing and waxing done before the boat is launched because I get very lazy and do very little once it hits the water. We did not anticipate this cold, windy and uncomfortable weather but work must go on because living on the boat while on land is not much fun.

Congratulations to Susan L. Darcy, JN, for becoming our District Commander and also the Rear Commander of the Nominating Committee at National. If you have any interest in participating on the National level, Susan is the one to contact for an interview. I was recently honored to become a Staff Commander on the National Meetings Committee. My job is to make arrangements for the agenda at the National meetings and to serve at the pleasure of D/2's longtime friend, Rear Commander Vincene Aquilato. Congratulations also goes the rest of the D/2 Bridge and the Nominating Committee for the excellent choice of Bridge Officers. I was also fortunate that virtually all the Committee Chairpersons of the Executive Committee are returning this year. Because they have the experience from the past year, they are all up and running at full speed.

National is continually making changes to streamline the organization by cost cutting and by trying to make our jobs a little easier. They are going forward with a new advertising campaign, a more casual looking organization and are trying to make USPS more recognizable and appeal to a larger audience by using the adjective "America's Boating Club" and "Boating is fun... We'll show you how".

Member Benefit Partner, HeartSine Technologies, has its 350P (\$945) and 450P (\$1,345) **Automated External Defibrillators** (AEDs), at unpublished prices for USPS until June 30. These are priced significantly below the price available on any website. The 350P & 450P AEDs have the best rating for marine use, are lightweight and economical to maintain. The USPS Safety Committee has recommended that every District and Squadron follow the lead of the national organization and have a First Aid Support Team (FAST) program to respond to medical emergencies. An AED is a critical part of FAST program supplies. For additional information visit the USPS website and look for Member Benefits. At the Member Benefits web page, in addition to the AED, USPS members can now get discounts from an increasing number of vendors including hotel and motel chains, various medical benefits, car rentals and much, much more.

The new Cooperative Charting Nautical Reporting System is up and running. It's as easy as 1, 2, 3. Here's what you need to do after you have concluded your day on the water and wish to submit a Cooperative Charting Nautical Report: 1. Gather all of your data, 2. Log on to USPS website, and 3. Go to the Executive Department's Cooperative Charting Committee's website and enter your reporting information. It's that easy.

As a reminder, if you would like to participate on a National Committee, please complete the online resume form. It is located on the Nominations Committee website (found under General Committees). After you finish with your resume, visit the Membership Benefits page as the Committee is continually adding vendors that provide discounts to USPS members. If you take advantage of some of the benefits, you will save way more than the cost of your dues!

### More photos from the D/2 Fallconference



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## D/ Lt/C Karl M. Wagner, JN, Educational Officer

### *The Power of Multi-generational collaboration for USPS Education*

Recently, I was asked to say a few words about education at the joint Norwalk Saugatuck River Change-of-Watch (COW). This was a last minute agenda change and I really didn't have time to prepare formal remarks. In retrospect, it was a chance to reflect on the accomplishments achieved, celebrate the new friendships and find out more about my fellow members. I found it to be one of the best COW experiences in my tenure as DEO.



But first, a little history. When I became active in Norwalk, the Squadron was struggling to put together a Bridge and had discussed disbanding. My long time sailing friend Mike Brown dragged me - a long time lethargic USPS member who just paid his dues each year - into my first Bridge meeting which was shortly followed by a role as Secretary. In the following year I replaced Mike Brown as SEO. A year later, the District XO came to me at a D/2 Meeting and asked if I could talk to Harrison Valante about *America's Boating Course*. I said yes, having little idea what was about to transpire. I shortly learned that Saugatuck didn't have any certified instructors as required by the State of Connecticut to teach the ABC course and the idea was that Norwalk and Saugatuck would teach a joint class with a certified instructor from Norwalk in the room. That would help them fulfill the by-law requirement of offering a boating course at least once a year as well as meet the State requirements. Saugatuck said that they had two people willing to teach, but they just needed some help. Being a bit naïve and impulsive, I said yes on the spot, we could have a joint class. As a new SEO, I was naive in that I didn't think I needed to ask my Bridge and I didn't think my Bridge would have misgivings about a joint class.

The next Bridge meeting I announced that I had agreed to having a joint class and the entire Bridge was, "You did what? That can't work, there are too many problems." I calmly said it would work fine and on the fly answered all of their questions. Of course I was bluffing. I had no idea if it would work or not, but I was going to try it. Besides, I said Saugatuck is going to have two instructors and we'll have two instructors, so it will be half as much work for us. The Norwalk Bridge agreed to give it a try. I think secretly, they all thought I was bucking tradition and that it wouldn't work. Nevertheless, my fellow Bridge officers supported me in my craziness.

It did work. We held a joint planning meeting with both Squadrons and worked out the kinks in the process. Both Squadrons promoted the course. We registered students in one course using HQ-800 and then later moved half of the students to a second class, so that each Squadron got an ABC course credit and 6 month members. The class forced me to really learn how to use HQ-800 as well as Boating Course Assistant (BCA). I have since simplified the process and have eliminated BCA.

It worked so well, we did it again the next year. And the next year after that. And we kept on doing it each year. We expanded our cross Squadron collaboration to include advanced courses and electives. We had Piloting and Advanced Piloting courses with an instructor from each Squadron. We expanded to other close by Squadrons with a Weather class in Greenwich, with two instructors - one from Norwalk and one from Saugatuck. The more we worked together teaching classes, the more our friendship grew between the two Squadrons - and continues to grow. And yes, to answer the original question, those two original instructors in Saugatuck did get their certification reinstated by teaching the ABC classes - but we still teach joint classes anyway.

My first time teaching an ABC class - I was still Squadron Secretary. There was only one class per year with about 10 students per class. Today we teach four or five ABC classes per year and we try to get at least 12-15 students per class. We also teach at least four advanced courses and electives. This year we additionally taught two specialty courses, Instructor Development and Vessel Safety Check Examiner classes. Our teaching repertoire includes Seamanship, Piloting, Advanced Piloting, Junior Navigation, Marine Electrical Systems, Marine Engine Maintenance, Electronic Navigation, Sail, Cruising and Cruise Planning, Instructor Development and Vessel Safety Check Examiner.

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We don't teach every course every year, but we have the depth of instructors to provide what our local boating community wants.



When I was jotting down notes for what to say at our joint Norwalk Saugatuck COW, I was stunned when I realized at the progress WE (Both Squadrons) had made collaborating together. The hard work, encouragement, patience, honest feedback and support from both Squadrons enabled our success.

When I look around at different Squadrons, I see different styles and cultures, as well as different boating challenges and needs. I also see people who have been friends for multiple decades - 20, 30, 40 and even 50 years. I see members whose children have had their high school proms together and the children are now adults. These members have been friends for decades. Those life-long friendships are often the bonds that keep Squadrons going through tough times and declining membership. These relationships are really reflected in our tagline: *"Come fo0r the Education, stay for the friends."* In the unfortunate circumstance when a Squadron dissolves, many of the active members end up dropping out, rather than joining a new Squadron, because they don't have the same, decades long friendships in the new Squadron. In essence, they don't have the same sense of identity and belonging with the new Squadron.

However, with collaboration rather than merging, Norwalk and Saugatuck have not lost our individual identities. We're still Norwalk Sail and Power Squadron as well as Saugatuck River Sail and Power Squadron. We've started forming what I hope to be more multi-decade friendships between members of both Squadrons, but we are still separate.

I work in Information Technology and I think more than some other fields, we experience more ageism. People don't naturally think a 60 year old IT person can invent a cool new mobile application for your SmartPhone. But in reality, this is a stereotype. I know many teenagers and young adults who can't find a gas station with their SmartPhone or respond properly to a text or e-mail. I know many 50 and 60 year old people who run tech startups and are changing how the world uses technology. From a mathematical viewpoint, the problem with stereotypes is that the variance outweighs the average. I enjoy working with people from other generations because it gives me a different perspective and helps me refine ideas and improve. Working across Squadrons helps me bridge the generation gap - and enriches my life.

If it had not been for the collaboration with Saugatuck River, I would not have met some of the most interesting people, who I call friends. Many of whom are one or two generations beyond me in years and this has given me a new insight and perspective into those generations. I've seen how people transition from being full time parents to empty nesters. I have learned about the challenges of retiring and losing close friends. I've also gotten to know some of the most talented and heroic members of our country. At the recent joint COW - unknown to me and most others - we honored four World War II veterans. Their stories and experiences are remarkable and I feel privileged to be able to hear it frm them first hand - something that I am sad to say that my children may miss. And beyond the World War II veterans, I enjoy (and learn from) other members as artists, musicians, teachers, doctors, engineers, veterans of other wars and many other endeavors.

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What next? Intuition tells me that we can apply the collaboration framework we use for education, to other areas as well, such as speaker events, raft-ups, VSC and possibly more. We'll try new things, keeping those that work, modifying those that need improvement and discarding the ones that don't work out. It might be a little embarrassing when something doesn't work or perhaps costs a little money, but if we don't try new things we'll never improve.

Not only is my life enriched by this multi-generational collaboration effort, but we educate countless boaters, introducing them to one of the best recreational activities on the planet. Collaboration gives us the critical mass of resources to grow our education program. Participation across generations gives us the perspective and advice we needed to succeed. New friendships give us the sustenance to continue collaborating. I am honored and humbled to work with so many talented and committed individuals - both within Norwalk and Saugatuck /River as well as other Squadrons, District and National USPS.

Now I ask something from you. Tell me your stories of collaboration in your education programs. I always strive to do better and I want to hear from you on how you use collaboration, so that I may learn more.

Happy Boating.

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Submitted by David Gary Martin, JN, VSC Chair, Norwalk SPS:

As Power Squadron members, we all believe that education is the most important factor in staying safe on the water. Knowing what to do in an emergency and having the correct training and equipment on board can save lives.

In the past few years, I have become more aware and concerned that many boaters want to take quick fix courses to obtain their boating license. Next they are off enjoying our waters with very little experience and in many instances on vessels poorly equipped and without the knowledge to save themselves when a distress strikes. The courses that we provide as the United States Power Squadrons to new and seasoned boaters, and on the water training programs, supplemented by the Vessel Safety Check program, are an excellent resource and really stand out amongst the other options available.



As Vessel Examiners, we care greatly about safety on the water through education.

We are a very important tool in the safety awareness program. We make sure that each vessel we examine, every boater that we interact with, is a little more knowledgeable and safer out on the water. We do however need many more emissaries out there educating our boating community.

With that said, I am proud to announce that Norwalk Sail and Power Squadron and Saugatuck River Sail and Power Squadron jointly ran a successful Vessel Safety Check training course on 8 April 2017. We had eleven members attending from Squadrons including representatives from Darien, Greenwich, Mid Hudson, Norwalk, Penfield, Stamford and Westchester.

All eleven students passed the exam successfully. Five of the students are now fully qualified and six students are in the process of completing the required five vessel checks to qualify as VE's. Congratulations to all of the 2017 class.

Next year we hope to expand our Norwalk Sail and Power Squadron classes and qualify another large group of Vessel Examiners.

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable season out on the water.

We are at your service if you need a vessel inspection. Don't hesitate to contact your local Squadron VE's for a complimentary, judgment free vessel safety check.

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## D/ Lt/C Andy Papademetriou, N, Administrative Officer



Becoming the Administrative officer for the District is an honor that I am fortunate to be accorded. As an officer of the District I feel that I should champion at least one of the major issues we are faced with and hopefully make some progress towards resolving it.

Of the many issues we face, membership decline is probably the one most urgent. Are we on death spiral, a vicious circle that we cannot get out of? I have participated and overheard many a discussion of doom predicted by many for our organization. Some, seem to have resigned to the idea that the inevitable is around the corner. Some days it feels as that is the case but occasionally, especially when I hear the news of some squadrons growing and growing organically, I wonder what they are doing right or what special circumstances are there for them to grow.

Unfortunately, these questions are very difficult to answer. Sometimes, even the catalysts themselves are not fully aware of which of their actions are responsible for which results. Their explanations are oftentimes mistaken or incomplete, and that is why it is almost impossible to replicate success. Many things have to come together for a successful outcome, just one is usually responsible for failure!

What is needed for us to understand what are the corrective actions necessary for the much hoped for uptick in membership is an in-depth scientific study by appropriate scientists--anthropologists, sociologists, etc., who through statistical analysis and research can provide the insights we need for corrective action to be taken. Behavior including choices we make, whether we are human or animal, is only understood through in depth study and observation.

If you share these thoughts and would like to help with such an initiative please drop me a note. I would like to form a group of like-minded individuals to champion this cause.

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### To All Our D-2 Commanders and VSC Examiners

As written previously, our Squadrons should have planned for your National Safe Boating Week Kick Off on May 20. Our Chief Commander Louie A. Ojeda, SN asks us to increase our VE numbers by 20% this year. He has suggested to have some of your regular members go out with a Vessel Examiner and help do the "Vessel Safety Check." The perfect opportunity for this to happen is during National Safe Boating Week. This opportunity for members to see the VEs at work would give them a better understanding of the Vessel Safety Check program. Remind the VE's that we are aiming at Quality inspections not Quantity.

One item I would like to remind all of our VSC examiners is the correct procedure to report VSC examinations after a failure. When you complete a re-examination on the failure, it does not count as 2 examinations unless it is completed on a separate day. Re-examinations on the same day only count as one exam.

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Submitted by DPRO Susan P. Ryan, JN

A New Way to Market your ABC3 Class?



A new type of publicity this year has been effective for Greenwich. Chief Commander Louie Ojeda has asked me to publicize this as widely as possible. When Emily's Bill was in the works and prompted by Frank Kemp, I contacted three representatives who all came to lunch, bringing Senator Scott Frantz who introduced the Bill. This was the first time I met State Representative Mike Bocchino. Met him again when testifying in Hartford with Frank Kemp and George Hallenbeck for the Bill. Sat with him at a Lions Club pancake day a few months ago and he said, 'If I can help at all, send me something I can eBlast to the town. Boating safety is so very important and I want to help the Squadron.' He sent the eBlast below before both our May and June classes.

Squadrons always say to me they don't have enough time to spend on marketing, but this blurb I wrote for Bocchino took all of 20 minutes. It was recycled for various newspaper articles, a radio interview and for the Greenwich Boat Show's brochure etc.

My message to Squadrons is that it's possible to get on this kind of list even by cold contacting a representative; after all, I cold called him for our original lunch. I wrote the blurb to put in his notice as we all know this is the key to getting something published. I included a better picture, but his office came up with this one. That's fine – hey – we got the word out!

Squadrons have asked me for details behind the 65 students we got to our May class, and it boils down to this:

Half came from various newsletters (from the police, two yacht clubs, the Town's Parks Dept, and Bocchino.)  
A quarter had seen our roadside signs  
The others came as a result of knowing past students, or someone on our Constant Contact lists.  
Two came from the interview with the Sentinel newspaper, and one from the radio interview.  
Three of our members put 200 flyers around town, and I'm sure this was worthwhile but haven't measured it.

Greenwich has benefitted greatly from ideas from other Squadrons, and I hope that this reaching out to town/state representatives is something new that might help your Squadron. Please continue to send me what works for you. The District Marketing Plan is on the D/2 website under 'Best Practices' and is worth following; we have the results to prove it.

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P/D/C Susan P. Ryan, JN, becoming a Vessel Check Examiner.  
Receiving her certificate from David Gary Martin, JN.



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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As residents of a coastal community, boating safety is something we must take seriously. The Greenwich Squadron of the United States Power Squadrons is dedicated to boating education, great group activities, and community service. **The next safe boating class will**

**be held on Saturday, June 10.**



Each year the statistics on boating accidents and fatalities tell the same story about the thousands of accidents nationwide. The four most striking similarities are:

- Most accidents involve open boats 24-foot and under.
- Over 85% of boating deaths are due to drowning.
- Over 85% of drowning victims were not wearing life jackets.
- Over 80% of boating fatalities involved those who had **not taken a safe boating class.**

The Squadron believes that boater education will lead to decreased boating-related injuries and fatalities nationwide.

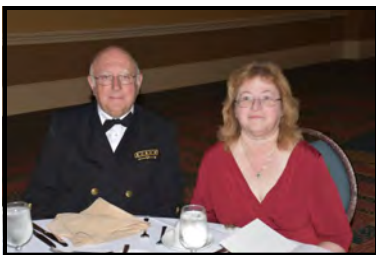
Expert instructors from the Greenwich Sail and Power Squadron will give the **one-day class for CT Boating Certification on June 10 at the Greenwich Police Headquarters.** Please encourage your family and crew to attend. The cost is \$80 per student and includes a text book, refreshments and a sandwich lunch. For details, contact lead instructor Andy Cummings at GreenwichSquadron@gmail.com. Please check out the website at [www.GreenwichSPS.org](http://www.GreenwichSPS.org).

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Best Regards,

*Mike Bocchino*

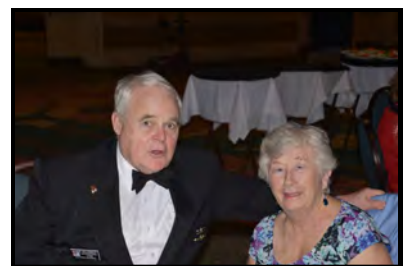
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# UPDATE FOR VESSEL EXAMINERS AND BOAT OWNERS

## SIRIUS SIGNAL LIGHT

Vessel Examiners should be aware of the capabilities and approvals of the SIRIUS SOS C-1001 electronic distress light. This light is acceptable as a nighttime visual distress signal. SIRIUS has included a daytime distress flag in the SOS C-1001 packaging so that it can market the package as a solution for a combined day/night signal, and as a replacement for flares. As long as the SIRIUS Signal Model SOS C-1001 is carried in conjunction with an acceptable daytime distress signal, this satisfies the daytime/nighttime signaling requirement.

When conducting a vessel safety check, all Auxiliary Vessel Examiners (VEs) and Power Squadron examiners are to check/verify this piece of safety equipment in accordance with the Vessel Safety Check Manual, COMDTINST M16796.8A. Any further questions or concerns regarding this equipment should be routed appropriately via the chain of leadership and management.

## Notes from your National Safety Committee

To all VE's:

Now that we are starting to ramp up our VSC work, I would suggest that you use the Mustang life Jackets that were given to all VE's in 2008. By using your life jacket as you conduct your VSC you can impress the desirability of wearing a life jacket on the water.

I also suggest that being the life jackets are now 9 years old you inspect them making sure that they are all serviceable. See the ***Mustang Owner's Manual for model MD3003. DO NOT PULL THE TAB TO INFLATE!!!*** That is unless you have replacement CO2 cylinder kit MA7113. This kit is a replacement to the one mentioned in the owner's manual. To inspect the vest, first check for grease and/or mildew:

Being that our Mustang life jackets are 9 years old, I am stressing that perhaps it is time we take a good look at them. I have been told that some of them do not hold air now. That would be a disaster if someone was wearing one of the Mustang life jackets out on the water and really needed to rely on it in an emergency. Please perform the inspection on every one of the life jackets in USPS position.

As squadrons start planning for your National Safe Boating Week Kick Off on May 20, our Chief Commander Louie A. Ojeda, SN asks us to increase our VE numbers by 20% this year. How do we do that you ask? One way is to have some of your regular members go out with a Vessel Examiner and help do the "Vessel Safety Check." The perfect opportunity for this to happen is during National Safe Boating Week. This opportunity for members to see the VEs at work would give them a better understanding of the Vessel Safety Check program. Remind the VE's that we are aiming at Quality inspections not Quantity.

With the general members overseeing the operation, it gets them up close and personal with the boating public. This is a perfect opportunity for members to meet and greet the boating public and see the interaction between VEs and "VSC Customers" hopefully this will encourage some of the members to join the VE program. Please use the DAP (Decal Awareness Plan) poster to post at prospective VSC locations.

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“Come for the Boating Education.....Stay for the Friends”<sup>SM</sup>

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

### **2017**

29 May, Memorial Day.  
31 May-1 June, Shavuot\*.  
14 June, Flag Day.  
18 June, Father's Day.  
4 July, Independence Day.  
4 September, Labor Day.  
10 September, Grandparents Day.  
21-22 September, Rosh Hashanah\*.  
30 September, Yom Kippur\*.  
9 October, Columbus Day.

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

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