



UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS®

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1 March 2017

To: District Bridge; Assistant District Educational Officer; Squadron Commanders; Squadron Educational Officers; Squadron Delegates; Past District Commanders; Past District Educational Officers, General Members of the Governing Board and Governing Board Emeritus Members; Chair Rules Committee; Chair Nominating Committee, Chair Auditing Committee

Subject: Call to the D2 Spring Conference – Saturday 1 April 2017

The District 2 Spring Conference will be held March 31-April 1-2, 2017, at the Williams Inn, 1090 Main Street, Route 7 Williamstown, MA 01267-2620.

The meeting will convene at 0900, recess for lunch at 1200 and reconvene at 1330.

After the Chief Commander's message, we will have demonstrations of the Fire Extinguisher and the Digital Media Library given by our District Educational Officer, Karl M. Wagner, JN and Assistant District Educational Officer, Andrew M. Cummings, JN.

If you have any *Resolutions* or *Recommendations* to be put on the Conference Agenda, please help expedite them by mailing a preliminary copy to the District Secretary at the address above by 18 March, 2017. If that is not possible, submit them in writing to the District 2 Secretary prior to the meeting Call to Order at 0900 on 1 April, 2016.

To simplify the Squadron Roll Call, please bring the enclosed *Squadron Attendance* form with you. You can also complete and print a fillable version from the District 2 website. Squadron representatives are asked to complete the *Squadron Attendance* form provided as well and turn into the Conference Registration Desk prior to the start of the meeting at 0900.

Under the provisions of the D2 Bylaws, Section 5.8.3: In the absence of a squadron commander or squadron educational officer, a designated squadron member may act (proxy authorization) for the purposes of voting at a district meeting, and in the absence of an officer for whom there is an elected assistant, the assistant may act for the principal. We have had electronic seat packets since the Summer Council, 2014. There have been requests for directions on how to find them on the D2 Website.

This is the link to the Confirmed District Meetings page where you will be able to access the e-seat packet and instructions on how to print the entire packet or just the pages you would like to have with you. You can also download and save the file to your tablet or computer and view all of the documents at the meeting on your electronic device. The e-seat packet will be available on or before 18 March, 2016 at the following link.

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

Under the provisions of District 2 Bylaws, Section 6.1: Candidates for elective offices to be voted on at the spring conference shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee or by written petition signed by a total of at least 10 voting members in good standing from each of at least three squadrons. Such petition

shall be sent by first class mail or delivered to the secretary at least 15 days before the date of the election. At least 10 days before the date of the election, the secretary shall forward the names of those nominated by petition to each member of the Conference (other than delegates).

Squadron Commanders shall notify delegates representing their squadrons. Electronic notification shall be considered effective provided the conditions of Section 5.6.1 are met. The proposed slate of Officers and Elected Committees is attached as presented to the Winter Council 4 February 2017.

We will continue the change that was made for the presentation of awards at the Spring Conference. Any individual award, where the recipient is not present, shall not be presented at the Conference. The Squadron Commander will need to pick up the award at the end of the meeting for presentation to the award winner at a squadron event. This procedure will facilitate a shorter award presentation time which has been requested by attendees in the past.

Dress code for the Conference weekend is as follows:

Friday: Business casual or other appropriate attire.

Saturday Meeting: Uniform F (white long sleeved shirt and tie, black trousers/skirt or appropriate attire).

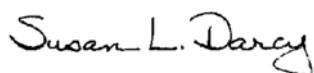
Saturday Evening: Uniform A with bowtie or other proper attire; Women formal or semi-formal attire is appropriate.

Please share this information with your Squadron Bridge and Members.

If you have any questions or need more copies or information, please let me know.

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Respectfully submitted,



D/Lt/C Susan L. Darcy, JN
District 2 Secretary

Attachments: Spring Conference Registration, Directions; Preliminary Agenda; Attendance Form and Instructions; Proxy Form and Instructions; Nominating Report to the Winter Council; Membership & Delegate Numbers; 2016-10-02 Draft Minutes of the Fall Conference.



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District 2 Spring Conference Change of Watch

Hosted by Berkshire Sail & Power Squadron

*Williams Inn 1090 Main Street, Route 7
Williamstown, MA 01267-2620
413-458-9371*



1 April 2017

Preliminary Agenda

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| 0800 | Registration Opens | |
| 0900 | Spring Conference Call to Order | D/C Vincent J. Evans, P |
| | Invocation | P/D/Lt/C Melvin Goldstein, AP |
| | Pledge of Allegiance | D/FI/Lt Ann Mahoney, P |
| | National Anthems | P/D/C Harrison Valante, SN |
| | Memorial Service | P/D/C Jeffrey C. Gerwig, AP |
| | Introductions | |
| | National Officers &
Governing Board Emeritus | P/D/C Gino C. Bottino, AP |
| | D2 Members of the Governing Board | P/D/C Gino C. Bottino, AP |
| | Past District Commanders | Stf/C Howard A. Sklar, AP |
| | Past District Educational Officers | P/R/C George Hallenbeck, AP |
| | District Guests | D/FI/Lt Ann Mahoney, P |
| | Chief Commander's Address | |
| | Determination of a Quorum | D/Lt/C Susan L. Darcy, JN |
| | Approval of the Minutes of the 2016 Fall
Conference – Posted on the D2 Website.
Please read prior to the meeting. | D/Lt/C Susan L. Darcy, JN |
| 1000 | Breakouts – Run consecutively so
everyone gets to attend them | |
| | Educational Department Demonstrations | D/Lt/C Karl M. Wagner, JN |
| | Fire Extinguisher Unit | D/1 st /Lt Andrew M. Cummings, JN |
| | Short Video Modules | |
| 1130 | Social Hour | |
| 1200 | Luncheon | |
| 1330 | Spring Conference Reconvenes | |
| | Electronic Communication – Home Run or
Strike Out? | D/Lt/C Susan L. Darcy, JN |
| | Information Technology Q & A | To Be Determined |

D2 Spring Conference Preliminary Agenda (Cont'd)

1400 Bridge Officer Reports

Treasurer
Secretary
Administrative Officer
Educational Officer
Executive Officer
Commander

In the Electronic Seat Packet –
Updates only.

D/Lt/C John P. Pedersen, SN
D/Lt/C Susan L. Darcy, JN
D/Lt/C Leslie A. White, AP
D/Lt/C Karl M. Wagner, JN
D/Lt/C Martin E. Feldberg, AP
D/C Vincent J. Evans, P

General Committee Reports

Rules
Auditing

Cdr Katherine Somogyi, AP
P/D/Lt/C Edward V. Weber, SN

Appointed Committee Reports

Law
Councils & Conferences
Public Relations
Planning
Membership

P/D/Lt/C Robert P. Kelly, SN
P/C G. Richard Stidger, SN
P/D/C Susan P. Ryan, JN
Stf/C Howard A. Sklar, AP
P/D/Lt/C John W. Steger, JN

Unfinished Business

Financial Report

D/Lt/C John P. Pedersen, SN

1430 Awards

General Awards

New Life Members (25 MM)
Outstanding Squadrons
Past District Commanders
Distinctive Communicator Awards
 Publications
 Web Sites
Richard Moore Operation Training
Vessel Safety Check/Examiners

D/C Vincent J. Evans, P

D/Lt/C Susan L. Darcy, JN
P/D/C Denise A. Terry, AP

P/D/C Suzanne P. Nentwich, AP

Lt/C Frank E. Palmieri, JN
Cdr Robert J. Terry, P

Educational Awards

Educational Proficiency
Educational Achievement
Educational Department
Educational Fund Honor Roll

D/Lt/C Karl M. Wagner, JN
D/1st/Lt Andrew M. Cummings, JN

P/D/C Fred E. Mangelsdorf, SN

D2 Spring Conference Preliminary Agenda (Cont'd)

District Commander's Final Remarks	D/C Vincent J. Evans, P
Dismissal of All Appointed Officers	D/C Vincent J. Evans, P
Change of Watch	
Nominating Committee Report	Stf/C Howard A. Sklar, AP
Election of District Officers	D/Lt/C Susan L. Darcy, JN
Installation of District Officers	
District Commander's Presentation	D/C Susan L. Darcy, JN
New Business	D/C Susan L. Darcy, JN
Recognition of Host Squadron	Lt/C David L. Trudeau, JN
Presentations	D/C Susan L. Darcy, JN
Announcements	P/C G. Richard Stidger, SN
Benediction	P/D/Lt/C Melvin Goldstein, AP
Adjournment	D/C Susan L. Darcy, JN



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To: District 2 Squadron Commanders and Squadron Educational Officers;
Past District Commanders; Past District Educational Officers;
Governing Board Emeritus Members; Delegates and All Other Attendees

From: D/Lt/C Susan L. Darcy, JN
District 2 Secretary

Subject: How to Use the Attendance Form

The Attendance Form is a fillable document with two parts. When you fill out the top half, the bottom half fills in automatically. Print off the form, keep one half for your records and bring the other filled in half to turn in at the meeting.

Have many members coming to the meeting? Simply print off a bunch of copies and have the members fill them out – we'll have scissors to separate the forms at the registration desk.

If you have any questions or need an additional form, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Spring Conference.

Susan L. Darcy

Enclosed: 2017 Spring Conference Attendance Form

DISTRICT 2, UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS®

Voting Delegate?

Council/Conference/Seminar/Meeting Registration

NO ___ YES ___

SEMINAR/MEETING 2017 Spring Conference DATE 01 April 2017

SQUADRON _____

NAME _____ GRADE _____ CERT # _____

eMAIL ADDRESS _____

CURRENT BRIDGE OFFICER, D/2 [] CURRENT D/2 NOMINATED DEPARTMENT _____

USPS NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE [] Past District 2 Commander [] Past District 2 Educational Officer []

SQUADRON BRIDGE POSITION SQUADRON COMMITTEE under DEPARTMENT DISTRICT 2 COMMITTEE

Registration form with checkboxes for positions: COMMANDER, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, Lt/C EDUCATIONAL OFFICER, Lt. Assistant Educational Officer, Lt/C ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, Lt Assistant Administrative Officer, Lt/C SECRETARY, Lt Assistant Secretary, Lt/C TREASURER, Lt Assistant Treasurer, SQUADRON MEMBER. Includes checkboxes for GUEST and REPRESENTING.

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To: District 2 Squadron Commanders

From: D/Lt/C Susan L. Darcy, JN
District 2 Secretary

Subject: Proxy Voting at the Spring Conference – 04-01-17

Based on the District 2 By-Laws Section 5.8.3, proxy voting is allowed at both Councils and Conferences. If you and/or your Squadron Educational Officer (SEO) are not able to attend the upcoming Spring Conference you are permitted to designate proxy voters for both positions. A proxy voter can be any member of your Squadron (Section 5.8.1) but only has one vote even if holding multiple positions.

Enclosed is a form to assist you if you need to designate a proxy voter for the Spring Conference. When filling out the form, please **print** the voter's name and certificate number.

If you have any questions or need an additional form, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Looking forward to seeing you and your SEO at the Spring Conference.

Enclosed: 2017 Spring Conference Proxy Form (Registration Copy – Copy for Squadron Records)



District 2 Spring Conference – 01 April 2017



Proxy Form

Squadron: _____

Name of Commander: _____

The following member(s) is(are) designated to serve as proxy voters for the following position(s):

Proxy Voter for the Squadron Educational Officer:

Name: _____ Certificate No. _____

Proxy Voter for the Squadron Commander:

Name: _____ Certificate No. _____

Signature of the Commander: _____



District 2 Spring Conference – 01 April 2017



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Name: _____ Certificate No. _____

Signature of the Commander: _____



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**Minutes of the District 2 Fall Conference
8 October 2016**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 0900 by D/C Vincent J. Evans, P

Pledge: P/C Anne Mahoney, P led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance

National Anthems: P/D/C Harrison R. Valante, SN led the attendees in the singing of the National Anthem and the Canadian National Anthem.

Invocation: P/D/Lt/C Melvin Goldstein, AP gave the invocation.

Hearing no objections, D/C Evans reserved the right to change the order of business as necessary.

National Officers & Emeritus Members of the Governing Board: P/D/C Jeffrey C. Gerwig, AP read the names of all the **National Officers** from District 2. P/D/C Gerwig also read all the names of the **Governing Board Emeritus Members** and introduced the latest District 2 Governing Board Emeritus Member present, Hubert J. Sebastian, SN – Saugatuck River Sail & Power Squadron.

District Guests: P/D/C Denise A. Terry, AP introduced the **District Guests** present. From the Canadian Power and Sail Squadron/ Kingston Power & Sail Squadron, guest speaker; P/D/C André Dubois and Sheilagh Dubois; District 3/Patchogue Bay D/Lt/C Ann Frenz, SN; District 3/Great South Bay D/1st/Lt Luann Kazanecki, SN; District 4/Lackawanna D/C Elaine Pfaff, JN and R/C Chris L. Windeler, SN; District 4/City Island Vincene A. Aquilato, S; District 22/Crystal River, Lt Alexandra D. Digilio-Feldberg, P.

Introductions: P/D/C Gino C. Bottino, AP introduced the **Past District Commanders** present: P/R/C J. Kelson Weber, SN; P/D/C Harrison R. Valante, SN; P/R/C Susan L. Darcy, JN; P/D/C Frederick E. Mangelsdorf, SN; P/D/C Martin E. Feldberg, AP; P/D/C Jeffrey C. Gerwig, AP; P/D/C Susan P. Ryan, JN; and P/D/C Denise A. Terry, AP.

Stf/C Carl E. Filios, SN introduced the **Past District Educational Officers** present: P/D/Lt/C Hubert J. Sebastian, SN; P/D/Lt/C Edward V. Weber, SN; P/R/C Anne S. Peskin, SN; P/D/Lt/C Joseph A. Lynch, JN; and P/R/C George R. Hallenbeck, AP.

Chief Commander's Message was introduced by D/C Vincent J. Evans, P. After the video, D/C Evans asked for questions. Cdr Andy Papademetriou, N – Westchester asked about Honorary Membership as mentioned by the Chief. How is it awarded – what is presented. Both D/C Evans and D/Lt/C Darcy described the procedure and the award.

Workshops:

The AED Demo was cancelled because the device wasn't operating.

The Educational Workshop was presented by R/C Chris L. Windeler, SN the Educational Representative of V/C Craig Fraser, SN. This presentation focused on "The On-the-Water" programs available with the individual courses. He also explained about the "Boat Operator's Certification (BOC)" program. The presentation is included in the seat packet. There are downloadable On the Water Guides for Seamanship, Piloting, Advanced Piloting, Junior Navigation and Navigation available on the web. R/C Windeler is looking for Certifiers for the BOC program. He is also looking for Squadrons to offer more POTW.

General Committee Reports:

There were no reports at this time from Rules, Nominating and Auditing Committees. P/D/Lt/C Edward V. Weber, SN (Auditing) said his report will be at the Spring Conference.

Standing Committee Reports:

There were no reports at this time from the Law and Planning Committees.

Other Committee Reports:

Councils & Conference Committee: P/D/C Denise Terry, AP reported at this time there are no dates for the 2017 Winter Council and Spring Conference. She also reported that she and Carl Filios will be moving to South Carolina after January 1st but plan on staying involved in District 2.

Membership Status Report: P/D/Lt/C John W. Steger, JN reported on the status of membership in District 2. His report focused on four squadrons showing their statistics. John emphasized the following points:

- Increase marketing for classes – Think of new approaches
- Intensify follow-up on dues delinquent members – Contact them more than once
- Request assistance for marketing or membership strategies – Outside thoughts sometimes help

Sea Scout Committee: Liaison, P/C Robert J. Owens, P provided a report included in the seat packet.

VSC Committee: Cdr Robert J. Terry, P provided two reports and spoke about the new method to obtain VSC stickers. The reports are included in the seat packet.

Marketing Committee/PRO: P/D/C Susan P. Ryan, JN presented the new Marketing Briefing shown in Pittsburgh, PA. The presentation, included in the seat packet, ends with one of the marketing pictures of a dog in the bow of a boat.

Financial Report: D/Lt/C John P. Pedersen, SN presented the Current Budget vs. the Actuals to date. There were no questions on the report.

Bridge Reports: Since the Bridge reports were included in the seat packet and there was a time crunch, the Bridge reports were skipped.

Quorum: D/Lt/C Susan L. Darcy, JN determined there was a quorum with 6 Bridge, 9 Squadron Commanders and 6 Squadron Educational Officers or their proxies in attendance as well as the Chair of the Auditing Committee plus the immediate Past District Commander and Past District Educational Officer present. Total attendance was 45 members present and ten guests.

Approval of Minutes: D/C Vince Evans asked for any corrections or additions to the distributed 2016 Spring Conference. There were two corrections – a correction on a Squadron name and an incomplete sentence. Hearing no other corrections, he asked for a motion to approve the minutes as modified. Motion was made and seconded. The vote was unanimous to approve the minutes as modified.

Proposed 2017-2018 Budget: Presented by D/Lt/C John P. Pedersen, SN. The proposed 2017-2018 Budget was distributed. There were questions on some of the items that were increased. After discussion, D/C Evans asked for a motion to approve the proposed 2017-2018 Budget as presented. The motion was made and seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the budget as presented.

Fall Conference suspended for the social hour and lunch.

Fall Conference Reconvenes

Presentation: Costa Concordia Sinking by P/D/C André DuBois – CPS - Introduction by P/D/C Denise A. Terry, AP. An excellent presentation on the things that were wrong that caused the Costa Concordia to sink.

Awards:

Youth Poster Contest Winners – (Chair D/Lt/C Susan L. Darcy, JN) – There were only three submitted posters all from Greenwich, so all were winners and will be taken to Orlando for judging. The winner names are: Age group (9-11) – Winner Marisol; Age group (12-14) – Winners Emma & TJ.

50 Year Membership Awards – presented by D/C Vincent J. Evans, P to Richard Brooks, SN (Penfield), 27 MM and P/R/C J. Kelson Weber, SN (Norwalk) 39MM. Other winners but not present: John M. Burgess, AP, (Darien) 28MM; F.L. Schweitzer, Jr., (Norwalk) 32MM; Edward E. Garlick, P (Saugatuck River) none; Nicholas E. Sachuk, JN (Stamford) 9MM; Eugene N. Belkin, AP (Westchester) 6MM.

Shipping Over Awards – presented by D/Lt/C Susan L. Darcy, JN recognizes those Squadrons who do an excellent job in retaining their members. Honorable Mention to: Mohawk Hudson (89.5%) and Berkshire (89.6%); 4th Place: Mid-Hudson (90%); 3rd Place: Norwalk (92.2%); 2nd Place: Lake George (93.4%); 1st Place: Saugatuck River (94.3%).

Mel Cohen Safety Award – presented by P/D/C Harrison R. Valante, SN recognizes those Squadrons who have made valuable contributions to the District Safety Program. Honorable Mention: Lake George – P/C Armand Canestraro; Mohawk Hudson – Cdr William Greenwald; Sacandaga – Cdr Robert Terry; 3rd Place: Penfield – Cdr Donald Peterson; 2nd Place: Stamford – P/D/C Gino C. Bottino; 1st Place: Darien – Cdr Peter Adler.

Mal Ochs Children Safe Boating Award – presented by P/D/Lt/C John W. Steger, JN in recognition of a Squadron which promotes safe boating education for children. The 2016 Winner is Darien Sail & Power Squadron.

Educational Awards

Individual Awards D/Lt/C Karl M. Wagner, AP & D/1st/Lt Andrew M. Cummings, JN presented the Educational Achievement Award (members who have completed all the requirements for a Full Certificate (SN)). This year there are three new full certificates: Marie Genteal – Greenwich; Jonathan Ricci – Norwalk; Chris Winalski – Darien.

Chapman Award – District Nominee was announced by D/Lt/C Karl M. Wagner, AP as P/D/Lt/C Edward V. Weber, SN from Mid-Hudson.

Squadron Awards – presented by D/Lt/C Karl M. Wagner, AP & D/1st/Lt Andrew M. Cummings, JN to the following Squadrons

Carl L. Plock Memorial Award – Champlain Sail & Power Squadron

Greenwich Piloting Award – Sacandaga Power Squadron

P/R/C Frank Gratz Memorial Award – Westchester Sail & Power Squadron

Lake Candlewood Award – Westchester Sail & Power Squadron

D/2 Past District Educational Officer Award – Darien Sail & Power Squadron

Prince Henry Award – Darien Sail & Power Squadron

Stanley Stevens Memorial Award – Darien Sail & Power Squadron

Stamford-Doolittle Award – Teaching Aids – Chair – Stf/C Carl E. Filios, SN. There were three entrees: Greenwich, Stamford and Penfield. The winner was Penfield. The winning teaching aid will be taken to the Annual Meeting in Orlando to be judged.

Announcements – None

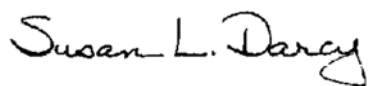
Concluding Remarks: D/C Vincent J. Evans, P, thanked everyone for attending and thanked the two guest speakers for their excellent presentations: R/C Chris Windeler, SN, and P/D/C André Dubois.

Benediction – P/D/Lt/C Melvin Goldstein, AP gave the benediction asking for safe passage to our homes.

Adjournment

D/C Vincent J. Evans, P

Respectfully submitted,



District 2 Secretary



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DISTRICT 2



NOMINATING COMMITTEE
Slate Bridge Year 2016-2017 February 4, 2017

District Bridge Officers

District Commander	P/R/C Susan L. Darcy, JN Berkshire
Executive Officer	P/D/C Martin E. Feldberg, AP Storm King
Educational Officer	D/Lt/C Karl M. Wagner, AP Norwalk
Administrative Officer	Cdr Andy Papademetriou, N Westchester
Secretary	VACANT
Treasurer	P/C John P. Pedersen, JN Darien
Ass't. Educational Officer	Lt/C Andy M. Cummings, JN Greenwich

General Committees

Nominating Committee

P/D/C Howard A. Sklar, AP Westchester (2018)
P/D/C Denise A. Terry, AP Sacandaga (2019)
P/D/C Gino C. Bottino, AP Stamford (2020)
Cdr Craig R. Burry, P Saugatuck River
Lt/C Gordon L. Updegraff, P Greenwich
P/D/C Harrison R. Valante, SN Saugatuck River

Rules Committee

R/C George R. Hallenbeck, AP Stamford (2018)
Lt Robert P. Kelly, SN Westchester (2019)
Stf/C Carl E. Filios, SN Berkshire (2020)

Auditing Committee

P/C William F. Gratz, SN Westchester (2019)
P/C Edward V. Weber, SN Mid-Hudson (2018)

Respectfully submitted by,
P/D/C Howard A. Sklar, AP Westchester (*Chair*)
P/D/C Denise A. Terry, AP Sacandaga
P/D/C Gino C. Bottino, AP Stamford
P/D/Lt/C John Steger, JN Westchester
Lt/C Gordon L. Updegraff, P Greenwich
PDC Harrison R. Valante, SN Saugatuck River



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Audit Committee
Report for Spring Conference

March 11, 2017

The records of District 2 Treasurer, John Pedersen, JN have been audited.

The books have successfully passed the audit.

P/D/Lt/C Edward V. Weber, SN (2017)

P/C William F. Gratz, SN (2018)

CC: John Pedersen, JN, Treas
D/Lt/C Susan L. Darcy, JN Sect'y



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April 01, 2017

Greetings Fellow D2 Members,

I would like to thank all of you, who have taken the time and effort to join us for this Spring Conference. It doesn't seem that a year has passed already and that I was newly nominated to be your Commander for District 2. A one year term barely allows the person to promote an agenda, yet a two year term can be an ardent task to fulfill. I started as an Administrative Officer, then Executive Officer, so I had two years to learn the ropes. I was fortunate that many of you who had already held officer positions on the Bridge, offered assistance and guidance to aid me during my term. My fellow Bridge members have been mentors to me as well.

One of the tasks that I set for myself was to visit each Squadron in the district at least twice during the year. At first I thought that it would be a fairly easy task to do. It would just take some perseverance and scheduling on my part. I learned after a few months and a few visits to some of the squadrons, that it was going to take more time than I had anticipated. However, I was determined to stick to the commitment. Over the course of this year I was able to complete about 85 percent of the task. I had the opportunity to visit with most of the squadrons twice, either attending social events, Change of Watches (COW's), or Holiday parties. I fell short on attending events for two of the squadrons and for that I am truly sorry. I have a few more COW's to perform this month and one after the Spring Conference.

The most gratifying aspect of the Commander's position is being introduced to many of the members that I would not have had the opportunity to meet. Some of the members are solid boating enthusiasts. Some are spouses of members who have passed on, but still enjoy the companionship and events that the Squadron offers. There are quite a few reasons to be a member and meeting fellow boaters is one of them. If you are reluctant to approach another boater regarding the squadron, just remember how rewarding it has been in your life. I also urge you to attend a District or National meeting if you have the opportunity. The people that you could meet are generally fascinating and come from all walks of life.

The last subject that I would like to address is membership. In some of the squadrons they are doing well. They are retaining their membership base and adding a few new members. Some of the squadrons in the district are just maintaining their membership base or are losing a few each year. I know that most of the squadrons are actively trying to expand, but are unable to do so. I ask all the squadrons not to become disillusioned. Keep offering America's Boating Course (ABC) classes, they are the introduction to new members. Some of the squadrons are offering Practical On-The-Water Training (POTW) classes tied to the ABC class. This is a positive step in the right direction. USPS National will be advertising at major venues, boat shows and other events this year to promote the USPS branding initiative. Try to use it to your advantage.

Remember that this D2 Spring Conference is for your benefit and enjoyment. If you would like to discuss any aspect of the conference with me or the Bridge, please feel free to do so. It has been my privilege to serve you this past year. Although I will not be available this next year, I am planning on keeping in touch as much as I can.

Respectfully yours,

D/C Vincent J Evans. P





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The District's Executive Department is responsible for the "general supervision and coordination of squadron activities" within the District which include the following:

- Boating show committee
- Cooperative charting committee
- Homeland Security
- Liaison committee
- Legislative committee
- Public relations committee
- Safety committee

It has been a pleasure serving the past year as your District 2 Executive Administrative Office. I thought it would be difficult doing my job from Florida but the latest technology that was not around when I was previously on the Bridge, it has not been a problem. I want to thank everyone that gave me the opportunity to serve. Alexandra and I have enjoyed spending time with many of the members of D/2 Squadrons throughout the year. We thank you for the hospitality, friendship and extended to us throughout the year.

I had an excellent staff to help accomplish all the Executive Department had to do this year. In addition to a great staff, we had support from the other departments, such as the Secretary's Department and D/C Vince Evans. I especially want to thank my wife, Alexandra for her support throughout the year. And of course, I could not have accomplished half of what I did without the help and advice of Stf/C Susan Darcy,

I was truly fortunate to have the following dedicated D/2 members make my job this year quite easy:

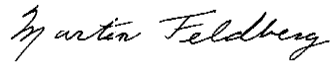
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New Squadron Development - Stf/C Susan L. Darcy, JN

I would like to personally thank the Chairmen and the Squadron members that worked so hard and helped me throughout the year. I had a very enjoyable and rewarding year and am looking forward

to serving you again, if elected, as your Executive Officer.

During the past year, I was able to attend the District Conferences, Councils, the National Annual meeting in Orlando, the Governing Board held in Pittsburgh and a number of Squadron events.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Martin E. Feldberg".

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Report to the 2017 District 2 Spring Conference

How can I say THANK YOU to every member of District 2 except THANK YOU? I had a great year as Secretary – and am so flattered to be nominated for District Commander – what an honor! I will do my best to serve the Squadrons and their membership!

As I look around the outside, I'm reminded that Spring started on the 20th. You definitely wouldn't know it by the amount of snow on the ground. Hopefully, the Spring Conference in Williamstown will be the first Conference Berkshire has hosted where there wasn't any snow!

As a lot of you know, I offered "Operations Training in 3" the afternoon of the Winter Council. The members who stayed for the seminar, said they enjoyed it and refreshed their knowledge or learned some new information. The Winter Council version of "OT in 3" is included on the CD.

I was flattered to be asked to officiate at two Changes of Watch and thank the members of Mid-Hudson and Storm King for according me the honor of swearing in their respective new Bridges.

Why do people want to do things? There are probably tons of small reasons but maybe one of the biggest is to be part of a group who do things together which makes it fun. I hate the phrase that says "when I was..." but in this case, I think back to when I joined Berkshire and USPS. There was a core group of us who signed up together and we took all the classes together. We had a great time. Novices all but we stuck it out.

We also were asked to help out with other things in the Squadron – some on committees, some to help at events, and some to serve on the Executive Committee. I even got to run a bus trip to the New York Boat Show! What is my point?

My thought process is that WE must re-institute that feeling of camaraderie – as our Chief Commander says, we have to "Grip and Grin". Making people feel at home – maybe the old mentor program would help or just sitting with people you don't know at events. No matter what, we must do something – how about inviting a fellow boater to one of your Squadron's events or rendezvous or invite them to take a seminar or course? I think if I had my boat at a marina, I would ask the VSC people to come down and inspect all the boats – and of course give packets of the Federal Requirements, state requirements and a list of our courses and seminars. Of course, being Berkshire's membership chair, I would give them an application for membership too!

But then, I'm the glass (or cup) is half full – and I really don't want it to become empty. Bet you didn't realize this was philosophical when you started reading it. But the bottom line is I'm willing to help anyone work to revitalize their squadron and which eventually helps the District. What can I do? Presentations on lots of stuff including leadership, USPS software, and anything I can, to start the rejuvenation process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan L. Darcy".

Susan L. Darcy, JN

From the Desk of D/Lt/C Leslie G. White, AP

A Reminder of Why We Are Devoted to Being Out on Our Boats

“...In river travel today, perhaps nothing is finer than arrival in the center of a town without having to undergo those purgatorial miles of vile sprawl, hideous billboards, and reiterated franchises where we become fugitives of the ganged chains in an endless surround of no-placeness, where the shabbiest of architectural detritus washes up against the center of town. To come by canal or river is to see a genuine demarcation between country and city, and to fetch up in the historic heart of things the way travelers once did when towns had discernable limits, actual edges, and voyagers knew when they had entered or departed a place...”

From the book “River Horse”, by William Least Heat-Moon



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District 2 Liaison Report

September 2016 to January 2017



Berkshire Sail and Power Squadron, MA

- ❖ Berkshire SPS maintains a public Facebook page and a *Phone Information Line*. They teach community CPR/First Aid Courses, conduct Vessel Safety Checks and have a Geodetic Marking Program.
- ❖ Berkshire holds community Raft-Ups and cook-outs at local Marinas. They have a cooperative relationship with the local school in which they teach various USPS Courses.

Champlain Sail and Power Squadron, NY

- ❖ Champlain Sail and Power Squadron were not involved in civic or community activities during this period of time.

Darien Sail and Power Squadron, CT

- ❖ Darien holds a Sunday Speaker Series, featuring various guest speakers. They also run an annual Boat/Camp with a 100+ Campership kids, 21 volunteer boats and a full on-shore team.
- ❖ Darien SPS works with Noroton Yacht Club, Person-to-Person, Darien Boat Club, and the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Norwalk Seaport Association, and Darien Marine Police units, Noroton Fire Department, SoundWaters and US Coast Guard Station Eaton's Neck.
- ❖ DSPS teaches the USPS ABC3 to Noroton Volunteer Fire Department.
- ❖ Darien conducts a hands-on Flare-Up and an annual Boating Refresher Program, "Practice What We Teach."

Greenwich Sail and Power Squadron, CT

- ❖ Greenwich has a cooperative relationship with the United States Coast Guard. USCG gives presentations, shares books, videos and other marine material with the Squadron. Greenwich SPS also gives presentations at USCG events. Greenwich SPS continues to have a good working relationship with Greenwich Town Marine Police, Norwalk Maritime Museum, Bruce's Seaside Museum and they participate regularly in Town events.
- ❖ GSPS work s with community leaders who provide educational presentations to their Squadron, such as, 'How to Sell your Boat' by Prestige Yacht Sails, etc.
- ❖ They began and continue to run a Young Mariners Program for local children. This is a six-month educational program, covering Boating Safety, First Aid, Coastal Ecology, Weather, etc. This Program is now part of the SoundWater Organization.
- ❖ In September, GSPS along with Norwalk Power Squadron organized and ran the USPS booth at the Norwalk Boat Show. The Show had: on- the- water demonstrations; boat handling; food; vendors; educational booths, etc. The public had the opportunity to be at the helm of the Virtual Trainer at the Booth. Greenwich signed up 50 names of potential students for upcoming USPS courses at the show.
- ❖ GSPS conducts seasonal public Tuesday Night Sails on Long Island Sound. They provide free hands on experience to beginners and seasoned Sailors. After the sail, the group gathers for a social; to review what they've learned and to discuss USPS.

Lake Candlewood Power Squadron, CT

- ❖ Works with the Department of Environmental Protection, Lake Candlewood Authority and Western Connecticut State University on various civic projects.

- ❖ Lake Candlewood PS has an ongoing working relationship with the Town and helps at a number of community events.

Lake George Power Squadron, NY

- ❖ Lake George held an October Rendezvous featuring Executive Director of Lake George Parks Commission as the guest speaker.
- ❖ In September, LGPS manned the USPS both at the Big E Fair (Eastern States Exhibition) in Springfield, MA. The Big E Runs from September 16 through October 2nd and is the largest New England Fair
- ❖ LGPS has a good relationship with one of the local churches where they hold their membership meeting.
- ❖ Lake George holds public Squadron Educational Meetings at member's homes and local restaurants awareness of available outlining and explaining all the USPS courses and seminars.
- ❖ Lake George has a very active Vessel Safety Check Program
- ❖ Lake George participated in the 3 day September Tugboat Roundup. The Roundup included: a Tugboat Parade, historic vessels, and line throwing contest, music, vendors, exhibits, family activities, live music, fireworks, boat rides and boat tours.

Mid-Hudson Power Squadron, NY

- ❖ Mid-Hudson Power Squadron sponsors Sea Scout Ship 1, Area 300
- ❖ They partner with Poughkeepsie Yacht Club for various marine related activities.

Mohawk Hudson Sail and Power Squadron, NY

- ❖ MHSPS conducts joint activities with the Tri County Yacht Club, Schenectady Yacht Club and the Troy Motor Boat and Canoe Club on various projects, i.e. Equinox Party, Paddle Smart Seminars, etc.

Norwalk Sail and Power Squadron, CT

- ❖ NSPS has an active Cooperative Charting Program.
- ❖ Norwalk sponsors Sea Scout Ship 6.
- ❖ Norwalk along with Greenwich Power Squadron organized and runs the USPS Booth at the 4 day annual Norwalk Boat Show.
- ❖ NSPS invites community speakers to their General Membership Meetings.

Penfield Power Squadron, CT

- ❖ Penfield has been working to sponsor the local Sea Scouts in their Squadron. PPS invited the Leader of the Southport, CT Sea Scouts and representatives of the Norwalk US Coast Guard to their January 24th General Membership Meeting. An agreement was reached with the groups and they will continue to meet to discuss each organizations mission and help each other achieve their separate but common goals of teaching and practicing safe boating.
- ❖ Penfield Power Squadron also continues to work with the local Marine Police unit, the Town of Fairfield, Department of Energy and the Department of Environmental Protection on various projects.

Sacandaga Power Squadron, NY

- ❖ SPS begins each year working with the Eastern NY Marine Trades Association (ENYMTA) Spring Boat Show, also known as the Great Upstate Boat Show (GUBS). They have cooperatively worked with this organization for over 25 years. Sacandaga PS organizes other Power Squadrons to staff the booths, display safety materials and notification of local USPS courses offerings at this event.

- ❖ Sacandaga Power Squadron works with the Southern Saratoga Chamber of Commerce. They hold ABC3 boating courses at their facility in Clifton Park. Chamber officials are invited to the Squadron meetings and have given presentations to the Sacandaga PS members. The Squadron continues to display USPS information at all of the Chamber public events. Some of which include: The Saratoga County Fair, the Waterford Canal Fest, the Tug Boat Round Up and other sponsored public events.

Saugatuck River Sail and Power Squadron, CT

- ❖ US Coast Guard contributes a column in Saugatuck River SPSs newsletter, *Dredgings*.
- ❖ SRSPS has an agreement Westport Town Hall where they hold their Executive Board Meetings. Members of Saugatuck River provided assistance to the local Marinas for the pre and post preparation/effects of a near hurricane that hit their area.

Stamford Sail and Power Squadron, CT

- ❖ Stamford sponsors the Young Mariners Program for underprivileged children.
- ❖ SSPS march in the local town parades.
- ❖ Stamford SPS mans a United States a table at West Marine.

Storm King Power Squadron, NY

- ❖ Has a very active Vessel Safety Program.
- ❖ Storm King PS partners with Cornwall Yacht Club, holding their classes, meetings, dinners and public presentations at the Yacht Club.
- ❖ SKPS regularly requests various agencies and groups from the Hudson Valley region to give presentations at their General Membership Meetings. This fall and winter, Storm King had representatives from the Department of Environmental Conservation, US Coast Guard; other Squadrons speak at their Meetings.
- ❖ Members of the Squadron attend the Hudson River Yacht and Boat Club Association meetings.

Westchester Sail and Power Squadron, NY

- ❖ Westchester runs a very popular public Thursday Night Sail program. They have gotten many new members as a result these Sails. The group gets together after these at a local restaurant to discuss their adventures.
- ❖ WSPS and USCG Auxiliary work cooperatively by doing joint presentations and supporting each other at their individual Meetings.
- ❖ Westchester SPS sponsors and attends regular Meetings of the Hudson River Sail and Yacht Club Association. The HRSYCA monitors all activities on the Hudson River, environmental, legal, civic events, marinas, Marine Trade Association.
- ❖ Members manned the USPS booth at the 4 day Norwalk Boat Show.
- ❖ WSPS invites community leader to give presentations at their monthly General Membership Meetings.

**Respectfully Submitted,,
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Squadron Commanders

The Vessel safety Check program is 17 years old. During that time we have performed over 425 thousand vessel safety checks. It is unknown how many lives may have been saved by our efforts.

I'm asking all of you to renew your efforts and support this initiative to increase the number of examiners and VSCs by 20% in 2017.

New members can take the required training and immediately start as a Vessel Examiner and continue to make our waters a better place.

Will you please help?

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Louie".

Louie