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To: Squadron Commanders; Squadron Educational Officers; D2 Bridge; Assistant District Educational Officer; Immediate Past District Commander and Past District Educational Officer; Chairs of the Auditing, Rules and Nominating Committees

Subject: Call to the D2 Winter Council – Saturday 04 February 2017

The 2017 District 2 Winter Council will be held I-84 Diner, 853 Route 52, Fishkill, New York 12524. Directions are on the attached Registration Form. The Council Meeting is open to all members. The uniform of the day is USPS Casual or Polos or appropriate comfortable attire

- 0830 Registration
- 0900 Council Convenes
- 1200 Lunch
- 1300 "OT in 3"

The **"BOC Fire Extinguisher Skill Demonstration"** will be available for those needing the endorsement on their passport (See the Registration Form for more information). The District Treasurer will have an updated financial statement available at the meeting. If you have a resolution or recommendation to be put on the agenda, it must be filed with the District Secretary in writing before the Council convenes.

Under provisions of the D2 Bylaws, **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.

Squadron Proxy Voting and Attendance forms are provided as an enclosure but there will be additional forms when members check in.

All Awards from the 2016 Spring Conference held in Fishkill, NY should be returned in order to update the awards for the 2017 Spring Conference. Certificates presented with the awards should be kept by the Squadrons.

There will be an electronic seat packet on the District website for the Winter Council by 30 January 2017. Any additional updates will be on line by 2 February. The link below is to the area where all the Winter Council documents, directions, instructions, electronic seat packet with instructions on how to print will be available.

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

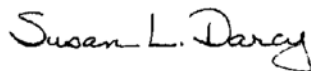
Don't want to print the seat packet? Simply download the file to your electronic device and view the documents electronically at the meeting.

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: Winter Council Registration (PLAIN & Fillable); Directions; Preliminary Agenda; Attendance Form and Instructions; Proxy Form and Instructions; Draft of the 23 July 2016 Summer Council Minutes.



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District 2 Winter Council
I-84 Diner
853 Route 52, Fishkill NY
PRELIMINARY AGENDA



- 0830 Registration
- 0900 Council Meeting Called to Order
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| Invocation | P/D/Lt/C Melvin Goldstein, AP |
| Pledge of Allegiance | D/FI/Lt Anne Mahoney, P |
| National Anthem | P/D/C Harrison R. Valante, SN |
| Introductions-District Guests | D/FI/Lt Anne Mahoney, P |
| Roll Call of Council Members | D/Lt/C Susan Darcy, JN |
| Determination of Quorum | D/Lt/C Susan Darcy, JN |
| Approval of Summer Council Minutes | D/C Vincent Evans, P |
| Officer Reports/Summaries | D/C Vincent Evans, P |
- 0930 Reports of Committees:
- | | |
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| Rules | Lt/C Frank E. Palmieri, JN |
| Conferences & Councils | D/C Vincent J. Evans, P |
| PRO/Marketing | P/D/C Susan P. Ryan, JN |
| Law Committee | P/D/Lt/C Robert P. Kelly, SN |
| Planning Committee | P/D/C Howard Sklar, AP |
| Membership Awareness | P/D/Lt/C John W. Steger, JN |
| Audit Committee | P/D/Lt/C Edward V. Weber, SN |
| Unfinished Business | D/C Vincent J. Evans, P |
- 1000 New Business:
- | | |
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| Nominating Report | P/D/C Howard Sklar, AP |
| Spring Conference | D/C Vincent J. Evans, P |
- 1045 Education Breakout
- | | |
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| AED Demonstration | DEO Karl M. Wagner, AP |
| Fire Extinguisher Cert. | D/1 st /Lt Andrew M. Cummings, JN |
| | P/D/C Gino C. Bottino, AP |
| | TBD |
- 1145 Meeting Reconvenes
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| Benediction | D/C Vincent J. Evans, P |
| Adjournment | P/D/Lt/C Melvin Goldstein, AP |
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To: District 2 Squadron Commanders and Squadron Educational Officers

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 Winter Council.

Enclosed: 2017 Winter Council Attendance Form

DISTRICT 2, UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS®

Voting Delegate?

Council/Conference/Seminar/Meeting Registration

NO ___ YES ___

SEMINAR/MEETING 2017 Winter Council DATE 04 February 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 Winter Council – 02-04-17

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 Winter Council, 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 Winter Council. 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 Winter Council.

Enclosed: 2017 Winter Council Proxy Form (Registration Copy – Copy for Squadron Records)



District 2 Winter Council – 04 February 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 Winter Council – 04 February 2017



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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: _____



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Minutes of the District 2 Summer Council 23 July 2016

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 0910 by D/C Vince J. Evans, P

Invocation: P/D/C Gino C. Bottino, AP gave the invocation

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

Introductions: P/D/C Gino C. Bottino, AP introduced the only guest present, P/Lt/C Alexandra Digilio-Feldberg, P, from Crystal River, D22.

Quorum: D/Lt/C Susan L. Darcy, JN determined there was a quorum with 6 Bridge, 8 Squadron Commanders and 5 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 28 members present and one guest.

Approval of Minutes: D/C Vince Evans asked for any corrections or additions to the distributed 2016 Winter Council. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve the minutes as distributed. Motion was made by P/D/Lt/C Virginia Schmidt-Gedney, AP and a second from Cdr Robert J. Terry, P. The vote was unanimous to approve the minutes as distributed.

Educational News: D/1st/Lt Andrew M. Cummings, JN presented the information on the classes held during the previous 2 or 3 years. His presentation is included in the revised Seat Packet for the Summer Council. There was a discussion of the advantages of holding the one-day basic boating versus the multi-day class. P/D/C Susan Ryan, JN and P/D/Lt/C John Steger, JN spoke about their experiences with one-day and multi-day ABC classes.

Andy also talked about all the seminars that have been given including the flare-up and the Tuesday night sails plus additional seminars which attract members. Some of the seminars that were given this year were: Basic Weather and Forecasting – Berkshire; Boating on Rivers, Locks and Lakes – Sacandaga and Mohawk Hudson; Commissioning and Decommissioning – Mid-Hudson; and many others in other squadrons.

One of the questions was about the new Seamanship course. Andy explained that at this time, the course is not ready but there will be more information available at the Governing Board in Pittsburgh, PA in late August.

Membership: P/D/Lt/C John W. Steger, JN presented the District 2 membership goal: To increase membership by 1%. This includes an emphasis on retention. The report is included in the revised Seat Packet for the Summer Council. John stressed the importance of selling the squadron and spoke of using the District PRO, P/D/C Susan Ryan, JN who has lots of hints and ideas to use to market squadrons. Engaging the membership promotes retention and when the membership is involved, others are attracted. Using USPS emblems on vehicles and clothing not only advertises USPS but also has the advantage of having the public ask questions.

Treasurer: D/Lt/C John P. Pedersen, SN – handed out the financial report for the watch year to date. A copy of the report is on file with the District Secretary.

Vessel Safety: Cdr Robert J. Terry, P – discussed the procedures for obtaining more VSC stickers. The Vessel Safety report is included in the Seat Packet.

Councils and Conferences: Stf/C Carl E. Filios, SN and P/D/C Denise A. Terry, AP informed the attendees that the Fall Conference will be held at the Maron Hotel and Suites in Danbury, CT on 7 and 8 October 2016. The Registration Form will be available shortly.

Unfinished Business:

- Stf/C Carl E. Filios, SN reminded the attendees to submit their teaching aids for the Fall Conference..
- A verbal report on the 2015 Norwalk Boat Show by Boat Show Chair, Lt/C Jim Dobbs, AP, Norwalk

New Business:

- **2016 Norwalk Boat Show (25th to 27th September) – Boat Show Chair, Lt/C Jim Dobbs, AP - Norwalk** is looking for members to sign up to help populate the booth at the Norwalk Boat Show.
- **Proposed 2017-2018 Budget:** D/Lt/C John P. Pedersen, SN presented the proposed 2017-2018 Budget to the attendees for discussion and as required, a vote to place the budget on the 2016 Fall Conference agenda for Conference approval. There was discussion about some of the budget item increases which would result in a dues increase. After explanations of the reasoning behind the budget, a motion to place the budget as presented on the agenda for the Fall Conference, was made and seconded and approved by the attendees.
- **Youth Poster Contest:** D/Lt/C Susan L. Darcy, JN displayed the 2016 Contest Theme: “Make It Personal! It’s Your Life ... It’s Your Lifejacket!”. The distributed 2016 Summer Council CD contains the submission and rules for the contest.
- **Workshops for Fall Conference:** D/C Vince J. Evans, P discussed ideas for the Fall Conference Workshops. Besides the traditional Educational Workshop, Vince will have a short presentation on using the District’s AED.

- **Educational Fund:** P/D/C Frederick Mangelsdorf, SN, Manager of the Educational Fund (Ed Fund) spoke about the changes in the collection of Ed Fund donations. HQ will still collect the Ed Fund donations collected with dues but will mail the collected amount back to the Squadron so then the Squadron will then send the donation directly to the Ed Fund.

Benediction: P/D/C Gino Bottino, AP offered the benediction including a prayer for a safe boating summer and a safe trip to home ports.

Adjournment: D/C Vince J. Evans, P asked for a motion to adjourn and there were many voices – motion passed unanimously. Adjourned at 1128.

After the adjournment of the meeting, some of the attendees met outside on the grounds of the Environmental Center for some social time and to partake of a wonderful Clam and Lobster Bake – additional choices of steak and chicken. The event was certainly enjoyed by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan L. Darcy



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January 31, 2017

Fellow Members,

I welcome you to your District Winter Council meeting. If you are unable to attend and you are reading my message that means that you recognize the importance of our meetings. I have recently sent to the Squadron Commanders and SEOs a Commanders Message, so I will keep this message to you on the brief side.

This meeting is important for several reasons. The first one is to keep you informed of what is happening throughout our District and to advise you what is happening on the District level. There have been several squadron newsletters published in the last couple of months to inform us of their activities and holiday parties. Some of the squadrons have continued to hold educational classes throughout the winter months. Kudos to them. On the national level, USPS Headquarters has been requesting information and planning for the National meeting that will take place in Orlando at the end of February. I will be attending this meeting, and I will relay to everyone, what I learn while I am there.

The Winter Council meeting is important as it gives the Bridge a chance to complete any old business held over from the Fall Conference and to present new business that may have developed. The nominating committee has been busy interviewing potential members for the District Bridge positions for the 2017 – 2018 year. The committee will present who they have chosen as your new Bridge. I would like to thank the nominating committee in advance, for their efforts. It is not an easy task.

There are a couple of educational presentations at this Winter Council meeting. P/D/C Gino Bottino, AP will be doing a presentation of the AED Defibrillator. DEO Karl Wagner, AP was planning to have a presentation using the Fire Extinguisher Simulator, but it was already loaned out to another Squadron. Karl has planned for something else instead. D/Lt/C Susan Darcy, JN will be giving a presentation on OT in 3, after lunch.

Our meeting on Saturday will be informative, provide educational reinforcement and a great time to socialize. I look forward to seeing everyone.

Best regards,

Vincent J Evans

D/C Vincent Evans, P



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Report to the 2017 District 2 Winter Council

There isn't much to tell about what I've done since the Fall Conference. Yes, for my other USPS jobs, there was a Leadership Class in Washington state and attendance at a meeting with the Board of Directors in Raleigh. On the fun side, the Tri-Squadron Holiday Party in Saratoga was really great and we were able to say goodbye to some of our moving members.

I was fortunate to be able to attend the Mohawk Hudson Change of Watch the end of January. Like most Squadrons, mine included, Mohawk Hudson had difficulty getting members to step up and take leadership roles but were somehow, they were successful and now have a full bridge. Stepping back a little, I began to think about the entire process.

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 the 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 black ink that reads "Susan L. Darcy".

Susan L. Darcy, JN



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District 2 is so important to me that I am leaving sunny Florida to attend the Winter Council...

Although I live about 8 miles away from the Crystal River Power Squadron, I have chosen to remain with the Storm King Power Squadron, one of the best Squadrons in District 2. Life here is much different than the area covered by District 2. There is almost no winter here. A cold day is considered when the temperature reaches the low 60's. Boating season here is 12 months of the year although not every day is a good boating day. There is no decommissioning or recommissioning.

There are also some downsides to the boating here. I live near both the Homosassa River and the Crystal River. Both rivers are relatively shallow which makes owning a propeller shop a great business to be in. The Gulf is very shallow for a long distance. For every mile that we go into the Gulf, the depth changes by about 1 foot.

There is always something going on in the area because I live within 10 miles of three communities. There are two major world tourist attractions. This time of the year, hundreds of manatees invade both the Homosassa and the Crystal Rivers. Because of the springs in the area, the water temperature is always 74°. Hundreds of people kayak and snorkel with the manatees and do not particularly care about the cool water. The manatees are very friendly and love to play with the people snorkeling. Alexandra and I did it last year and it was an experience we never will forget. The other major event is swimming and snorkeling for scallops which are in relatively shallow water. Tourists come throughout the summer just to go scalloping. Motels are difficult to find and the rental prices for boats go up. I have not regretted moving here. I also get to spend some time with my brother who I usually did not see or talk to for years at time.

Well, enough about my personal life. It is now time to tell you about the **State of the Executive Department**. I am happy to report the Chairpersons of the Executive Department Committees are all doing an excellent job. Working behind the scene they are keeping things moving within their Committees'. P/R/C George Hallenbeck, Boat Show Officer along with Lt/C Jim Dobbs did a magnificent job preparing for and manning the Norwalk Boat Show this past September. Safety Officer, P/D/C Harrison Valante is always keeping himself up to date with the latest safety regulations and notifying the Squadrons of important issues. As always, P/D/C Susan Ryan, Marketing/Public Relations Officer, does a relentless job of keeping the USPS in the public limelight as well as advising the Squadrons about her successes. Co-Op Charting is in limbo but, Chairman Lt/C Frank Palmieri has been keeping an eye on what is happening. Our Homeland Security Officer, William Burbage has been keeping up with the changes that Homeland Security keeps making. We can be thankful that everything in our area has been peaceful. But if notifications must be sent out, Bill will be taking care of it immediately. Anne Mahoney, our Liaison Chairperson is again in the process of contacting each Squadron to find out their accomplishment for the year. When the report is completed it will be distributed to each Squadron. As in the past, P/C Robert Terry is overseeing the activities of our Vessel Safety Examiners. I am very lucky to have such an able-bodied person making my job extremely easy. Stf/C Susan Darcy, a member of the National Nominating Committee and Chairperson of the New Squadron Development Committee is eagerly awaiting the opportunity to be able to help create, re-create and mentor new or old Squadrons.

D/Lt/C Martin Feldberg



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31 January 2017
District 2 Winter Council Meeting

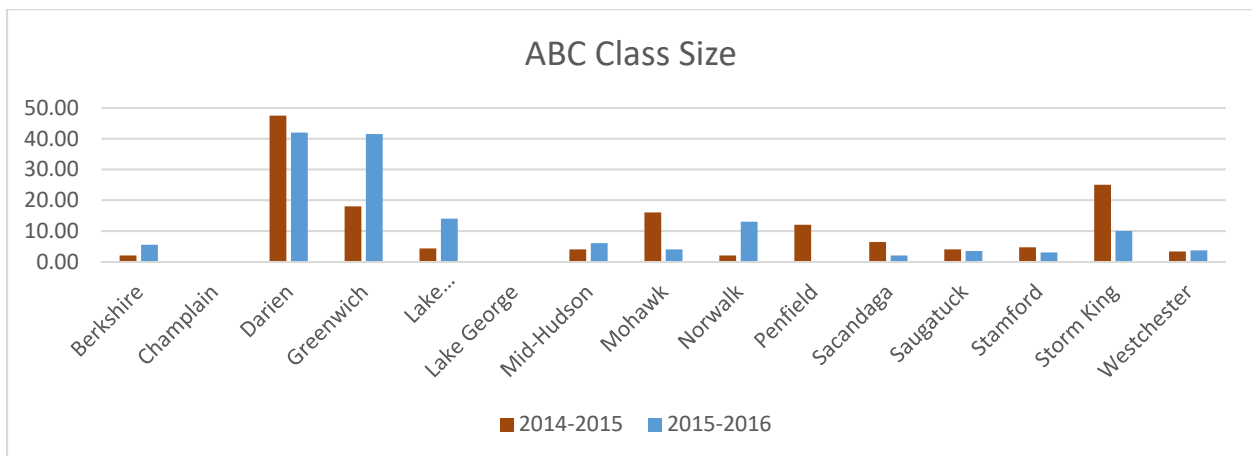
District 2 Members –

As I previously discussed, one of the primary methods we feed our membership pipeline is with students in *America's Boating Course* and other courses. Now is the time when people think about the upcoming boating season and we need to be ready to provide them with the boating education they want. If you haven't already planned your education schedule, now is the time to do it.

As an added incentive, the Hartford Boat Show starts Feb 9th and we have an opportunity, along with District 1, to showcase our courses to the boating public.

If you need assistance planning courses, determining what to charge, finding instructors, working with HQ-800, advertising classes or any other education questions, we are here to help. ***Please ask for assistance when you need it.***

As a reminder, our goal this year is to improve on average class size for ABC. The prior two years' data is shown below:



A good way to magnify the benefit of *America's Boating Course* is to offer a combination of *America's Boating Course* and member only *Practical-on-the-Water*. Students from ABC can get an 18-month membership for the price of 12 months and take POTW for free! USPS

National pays for POTW related costs and the squadron pays for food and beverage, but the squadron can accept voluntary contributions.

Lastly, the United States Power Squadrons meeting is February 19th through the 26th. Education updates and changes always feature prominently at the National Meeting and will be attending sessions on Thursday and Friday. Please send me any education questions or issues you would like me to bring up at the meeting.

National Meeting

Sincerely,

D/Lt/C Karl M. Wagner, JN