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7 March 2018

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 7 April 2018

The District 2 Spring Conference will be held April 7, 2018, at the Hyatt House, 100 Westage Business Center Drive, Fishkill, NY 12524-2272. Registration will be at 0830 with a continental breakfast. The meeting will convene at 0900, recess for lunch at 1200 and reconvene at 1330. Our Chief's Rep is the National Law Officer, R/C Michael Friedman, N accompanied by his wife and fellow lawyer, Ruth Witztum, JN. Both are members of D4 and the New York Power Squadron.

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 25 March, 2018. If that is not possible, submit them in writing to the District 2 Secretary prior to the meeting Call to Order at 0900 on 7 April 2018.

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 25 March 2018 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 3 March 2018.

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 is as follows:

Friday: Blazer or business casual or other appropriate attire.

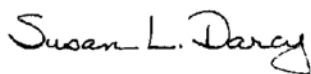
Saturday Meeting: Bridge to wear white long or short sleeve shirt and no tie; Members can wear USPS polos or business attire.

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,



For the District 2 Secretary
D/Lt/C David J. Wilkinson, S

Attachments: Spring Conference Registration, Directions; Preliminary Agenda; List of Area Hotels; Attendance Form and Instructions; Proxy Form and Instructions; Nominating Report to the Winter Council; Membership & Delegate Numbers as of 28 February 2018; 2017-10-14 Revised Draft Minutes of the Fall Conference.



D2 Spring Conference 7 April 2018

Hosted by District 2
Hyatt House 100 Westage Business Center Drive
Fishkill, NY 12524-2272
1-845-897-5757



Day	Time	Event
Friday	1500 – 1700	Early Registration
April 6	1600 – 1700	P/D/C-P/DEO Meeting in Lobby with Appetizers & Ticket Bar
	1700 -- 1830	Meet & Greet with Chief's Rep & other Conference Attendees with Appetizers & Ticket Bar
	1900 – 2200	Dinner (Uniform Blazer) – local restaurant on the D/C. Order from the Menu – D/C takes the check
Saturday April 7	0800 – 0900	Registration and Continental Breakfast
	0900 – 1200	General Meeting and Workshops (Bridge long or short sleeve white shirt, no tie; others, USPS shirts or business casual)
	1200 – 1330	Lunch
	1400 – 1630	General Meeting, Awards

This is a one day event and did not reserve a block of rooms at the Hyatt House. You *MAY* be able to reserve a room directly at the hotel. In case you cannot make a reservation, a list of nearby hotels is enclosed. Please make your own reservations.

Members arriving on Friday or in the area, are invited to attend an informal Meet and Greet in the Lobby with the Chief's Rep and other Conference attendees (appetizers & ticket bar provided). Following the Meet and Greet, there will be an informal dinner at a local restaurant (Order from the menu and the D/C takes the check). Anyone staying Saturday evening is invited to get together after the meeting.

General Directions:

- **From: South.** Take the NY State Thruway (Interstate 87) North to Exit 17 (Route 17K) – follow the directions from the West below.
or
Take the Taconic State Parkway to Interstate 84 W – follow the directions from the East below.
- **From: North.** Take the New York Thruway (Interstate 87) South. Take the Route 17K exit, Exit 17 toward Newburgh/Stewart Airport. Merge onto Interstate 84 East. Follow the directions from the West below.
- **From: East.** Take Interstate 84 West. Take Exit 13N toward Poughkeepsie. At end of ramp, turn right onto US-9 N. Turn left onto Merritt Boulevard. At the next light, turn left onto Westage Business Center. HYATT House Fishkill/Poughkeepsie is on your right.
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REGISTRATION FORM

1st Registrant Name _____ Grade _____ Rank/Position _____
 2nd Registrant Name _____ Grade _____ Rank/Position _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Squadron: _____
 Email: _____ Confirmation of reservations will be sent via Email.

Make Checks Payable to: USPS District 2.

Cost for the day (including continental breakfast, lunch, breaks) is \$47 per person

Total Enclosed _____

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

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

**Mail with payment by March 31 to:
Late Registration Fee \$5**

**D/C Susan Darcy, JN
7 Hutchinson Lane
Lenox, MA 01240-2217**

Questions? 413-637-2275 or sldarcy@roadrunner.com

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 Order from Menu – D/C gets the check
 P/D/C Meeting in the Lounge**

**Saturday – April 7, 2018 – Meeting at the Hyatt House
 Large Meeting Room with adjacent room for lunch buffet**

**Hyatt House
 100 Westage Business Center Drive
 Fishkill, NY
 1-845-897-5757**

Hyatt House	Holiday Inn Fishkill Hotel
100 Westage Business Center Drive	545 Route 9
Fishkill, NY	Fishkill, NY
1-845-897-5757	1-845-896-1510
Courtyard by Marriott	Homestead
Route 9	25 Merritt Blvd
Fishkill, NY	Fishkill, NY
1-845-897-2400	1-845-896-2616
Hampton Inn	Ramada Inn
594 Route 9	20 Schuyler Blvd
Fishkill, NY	Fishkill, NY
1-845-896-4000	1-845-896-4995
Holiday Inn Express	Hilton Garden Inn
14 Schuyler Blvd	25 Westage Business Center Drive
Fishkill, NY	Fishkill, NY
1-845-896-4001	1-845-896-7100
	1-845-897-2813

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District 2 Spring Conference Change of Watch



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7 April 2018

Preliminary Agenda

0800 Registration Opens

0900 Spring Conference Call to Order

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

National Anthems

Memorial Service

D/C Susan L. Darcy, JN

P/D/Lt/C Melvin Goldstein, AP

D/FI/Lt Alexandra Digilio-Feldberg, P

P/D/C Harrison Valante, SN

P/D/C Jeffrey C. Gerwig, AP

Introductions

National Officers &

Governing Board Emeritus

D2 Members of the Governing Board

Past District Commanders

Past District Educational Officers

District Guests

P/D/C Gino C. Bottino, AP

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P/D/C Howard A. Sklar, AP

R/C Carl E. Filios, SN

D/FI/Lt Alexandra Digilio-Feldberg, P

R/C Michael Friedman, N,

National Law Officer

D/Lt/C David J. Wilkinson, S

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Chief Commander's Address

Determination of a Quorum

**Approval of the Revised Minutes of
the 2017 Fall Conference – Posted on
the D2 Website. Please read prior to
the meeting.**

**1000 Breakouts – Run consecutively so
everyone gets to attend them**

Educational Department

Demonstrations

General Presentation

D/Lt/C Karl M. Wagner, JN

D/1st/Lt Andrew M. Cummings, JN

TBA

**Spring Conference Suspended for
Social Time & Luncheon**

D2 Spring Conference Preliminary Agenda (Cont'd)

1330 Spring Conference Reconvenes

1400 Bridge Officer Reports

Treasurer
Secretary
Administrative Officer
Educational Officer
Executive Officer
Commander

General Committee Reports

Rules
Auditing

Appointed Committee Reports

Law
Councils & Conferences
Public Relations
Membership

Unfinished Business

Financial Report

1430 Awards

General Awards

New Governing Board Emeritus (50 MM)
Introducing Distinguished Commanders
New Life Members (25 MM)
Outstanding Squadrons
Past District Commanders' Award
Distinctive Communicator Awards
 For Publications
 For Web Sites
Richard Moore Operation Training
Vessel Safety Check/Examiners

Educational Awards

Educational Proficiency
Educational Achievement'
Educational Department Awards

Educational Fund Honor Roll

**In the Electronic Seat Packet –
Updates only.**

D/Lt/C John P. Pedersen, SN
D/Lt/C David J. Wilkinson, S
D/Lt/C Andy Papademetriou, N
D/Lt/C Karl M. Wagner, JN
D/Lt/C Martin E. Feldberg, AP
D/C Susan L. Darcy, JN

P/R/C George R. Hallenbeck, AP
P/D/Lt/C Edward V. Weber, SN

P/D/Lt/C Robert P. Kelly, SN
P/D/C Howard A. Sklar, AP
P/D/C Susan P. Ryan, JN
P/D/C Susan P. Ryan, JN

D/Lt/C John P. Pedersen, SN

D/C Susan L. Darcy, JN and
R/C Michael Friedman, N

D/C Susan L. Darcy, JN
P/D/C Fred E. Mangelsdorf, SN

P/D/C Suzanne P. Nentwich, AP
D/C Susan L. Darcy, JN
Lt/C Frank E. Palmieri, JN
Lt/C Robert J. Terry, P

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

P/D/Lt/C Edward V. Weber, SN

D2 Spring Conference Preliminary Agenda (Cont'd)

District Commander's Final Remarks	D/C Susan L. Darcy, JN
Dismissal of All Appointed Officers	D/C Susan L. Darcy, JN
Change of Watch	R/C Michael Friedman, N
Nominating Committee Report	P/D/C Howard A. Sklar, AP
Election of District Officers	D/Lt/C David J. Wilkinson, S
Installation of District Officers	
District Commander's Presentation	D/C Susan L. Darcy, JN
New Business	D/C Susan L. Darcy, JN
Announcements	D/C Susan L. Darcy, JN
Benediction	P/D/Lt/C Melvin Goldstein, AP
Adjournment	D/C Susan L. Darcy, JN



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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; Past District Commanders; Past District Educational Officers; Governing Board Emeritus Members

From: D/Lt/C David J. Wilkinson, S
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.

David Wilkinson

Enclosed: 2018 Spring Conference Attendance Form

DISTRICT 2, UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS®
 Council/Conference/Seminar/Meeting Registration

Voting Delegate?
 NO ___ YES ___

SEMINAR/MEETING District 2 Spring Conference DATE 07 April 2018

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

COMMANDER	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
EXECUTIVE OFFICER	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Lt/C EDUCATIONAL OFFICER	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Lt. Assistant Educational Officer	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Lt/C ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Lt Assistant Administrative Officer	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Lt/C SECRETARY	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Lt Assistant Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Lt/C TREASURER	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Lt Assistant Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
SQUADRON MEMBER	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____

GUEST REPRESENTING _____

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Lt. Assistant Educational Officer	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Lt/C ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Lt Assistant Administrative Officer	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Lt/C SECRETARY	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Lt Assistant Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Lt/C TREASURER	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Lt Assistant Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
SQUADRON MEMBER	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____

GUEST REPRESENTING _____

DISTRICT 2 STATISTICS AS OF 28 FEBRUARY 2018

SQUADRON	CHARTERED	ACTIVE MEMBERS	DELEGATE
BERKSHIRE	26 JANUARY 1974	39	2
CHAMPLAIN	13 JUNE 1949	5	2
DARIEN	12 OCTOBER 1953	174	4
GREENWICH	9 JUNE 1984	131	3
LAKE CANDLEWOOD	20 MAY 1963	56	2
LAKE GEORGE	2 JUNE 1947	44	2
MID-HUDSON	26 JUNE 1926	46	2
MOHAWK HUDSON	31 MARCH 1939	48	2
NORWALK	10 DECEMBER 1935	73	2
PENFIELD	7 SEPTEMBER 1969	47	2
SACANDAGA	4 OCTOBER 1951	15	2
SAUGATUCK RIVER	29 MAY 1957	50	2
STAMFORD	10 NOVEMBER 1928	69	2
STORM KING	10 JUNE 1978	46	2
WESTCHESTER	9 FEBRUARY 1937	112	3
DISTRICT 2 TOTAL ACTIVE MEMBERS		953	34

No Jr/AP/SC Members are included in Active Member Totals



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To: District 2 Squadron Commanders

From: D/Lt/C David J. Wilkinson, S
District 2 Secretary

Subject: Proxy Voting at the Spring Conference – 04-07-18

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, your SEO and your delegates at the combined Spring Conference.

David Wilkinson

Enclosed: 2018 Spring Conference Proxy Form (Registration Copy – Copy for Squadron Records)



District 2 Spring Conference
07 April 2018



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
07 April 2018



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Name: _____ Certificate No. _____

Signature of the Commander: _____



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To District 2 Members:

How can I say thank you to all the people who have not only helped but also encouraged me during the past year? It has been informative, scary, fun, sometimes even mesmerizing. But I have renewed friendships, made new friends, done lots of driving and represented the District at two national meetings.

There have been some bad and sad times – losing long-time friends, attending memorial services and trying to say words of comfort for their loved ones. But that is the blessing of being a member – we become a family – we learn about others –we learn the dynamics of our Squadrons – making friends and connecting with one another.

Celebrations were many – especially at the USPS Annual Meeting where our own P/C Frank Kemp, JN won a National Charles Chapman Award for teaching. We also celebrated Bob and Ruth Owens being awarded the P/C/C Raymond Finley Sea Scout medals. P/D/C Gino Bottino also accepted an award from Sea Tow. So lots of District 2 shining achievements.

At both the meetings in Orlando and Dallas, the District hosted Meet and Greets giving us the opportunity to talk to lots of members from all over the country. It also allows us to connect with the leadership of other Districts and the National organization. It probably is more important to connect with these individuals in an informal situation. I also discovered that my recipe for meatballs beat the Minneapolis' recipe! I'll have to figure a way to let you all taste them. If you're going to Minneapolis, you can check out the recipes.

I envy the districts who boat all year – although when you talk to them, they seem to cut down on boating from Thanksgiving thru either the New Year or the Annual Meeting. National will soon be creating three Centers of Excellence which will be doing a combination of lectures and on the water training. Where will they be? Of course, in areas that boat all year. Initially, one in Florida, one in Texas and the last in California – stayed tuned for more information.

At this meeting, we will do something a little different – probably looking back to my old facilitator days. We'll see how successful or not it will be. It will be something different. No matter what it will be an experiment and hopefully give all of us some entertainment. Maybe there will be prizes? Who knows the good-time fairy may be there – I'll put in the request.

More at the Conference!!

Susan L. Darcy





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District Lieutenant Commander Andy Papademetriou, N-IN
41 N Ridge St, Rye Brook, NY 10573
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25 March 2018

D2 Administrative Officer report—Spring Conference, 7 April 2018

The Administrative Department continued its activities for the year in support of the District vision to “provide leadership, training, resources and act as a center of excellence to assist squadrons achieve their goals”.

I would like to thank the committee chairpersons for their dedication and commitment in ensuring that the various committees are supporting the district initiatives and activities:

Membership – P/D/Lt/C John W. Steger, JN
Operations Training – Lt/C Frank E. Palmieri, JN
Ch/Councils and Conferences – Stf/C Howard A. Sklar, AP
Assist Ch/Councils and Conferences P/D/Lt/C Edward V. Weber, SN
Member Involvement – P/D/C Susan P. Ryan, JN
Member Benefits – P/D/Lt/C Virginia Schmidt-Gedney, AP
Conference Memorial – P/D/C Jeffrey C. Gerwig, AP
Outstanding Squadron/ Shipping Over Awards – D/C Susan L. Darcy, JN
Sea Scout Liaison – P/C Robert J. Owens, P

As the District admin officer, I monitored the activities of the department, participated in the district conferences, the USPS annual meeting in Orlando, and wrote articles for the D2 newsletter.

The annual meeting in Orlando was informative and well run. Of great importance and impact are the Educational department changes in course naming and content structure, as well as the branding initiative and the new America’s Boating Channel launch (training Videos).

Respectfully submitted

D/Lt/C Andy Papademetriou, N-IN
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kelly.r.esquire@att.net

Report of the Law Committee 2018 District 2 Spring Conference April 7, 2018

As no legal issues were presented to the Law Committee during the 2017-2018 Bridge year, we have nothing to report.

Respectfully submitted,

P/D/Lt/C Robert P. Kelly, SN
Chairman



Membership Report to District 2 Spring Conference April 7, 2018

From Susan Ryan, America's Boating Club of Greenwich

In 2016 John Steger formed a Membership Awareness Committee of four officers from different squadrons. At every District meeting he gave each squadron their membership figures and the Committee gave a complete 'How to' presentation with tools to increase membership. The basic idea was that if you are aware of how and why members join and leave you can use the tools offered to improve your statistics. The informative presentations covered the gamut from marketing on how to bring students to classes, what events to offer to retain members, to how to pursue non-renewals.

In March 2018 I contacted each squadron asking what one key factor was behind their plus or minus figure since 2016 and was amazed at the depth of awareness they had about their membership as well as the efforts they went to in order to stem the outflow. One commander said he was having dinner with a 'non renewal' that very night to try to keep him in the fold.

The fact of the matter, however, is that despite a great deal of effort on behalf of almost all squadrons, D2 has lost 90 members since 2016. Below is the grid.

It was a great help to my understanding of D2's challenges to read the detailed responses from the squadrons. Where I have seen a potential to offer them an idea, I have done so privately. Where a squadron has had a good tool for membership, I'll mention it to others. One from Mohawk-Hudson is attached. Good branding, Mohawk-Hudson!

Here I will simply put these into main categories, from most important to least. There are no surprises.

Death ≈ Aging/Disability ≈ Burn-out ≈ Relocation ≈ Reducing expenses
 Competition from on line classes ≈ Not contacting non renewals

There are four squadrons who have increased their membership. Here are the keys:

- Having a huge database of nonmembers as well as members to market classes/events
- Holding many classes and seminars in the year and using database for communication
- Charging nonmembers a differential equal to membership fee
- Having weekly sails in summer & vigorously pursuing participants

Squadron	2016	2017	2018	Plus/Minus
Berkshire	48	45	40	-8
Darien	251*	203	197	-54
Greenwich	110	141	147	37
Lake Candlewood	78	70	61	-17
Lake Champlain	17	11	5	-12
Lake George	46	46	44	-2
Mid-Hudson	50	44	48	-2
Mohawk Hudson	57	49	48	-9
Norwalk	77	83	78	1
Penfield	51	48	47	-4
Sacandaga	22	17	15	-7
Saugatuck River	55	53	52	-3
Stamford	70	68	71	1
Storm King	61	47	46	-15
Westchester	113	102	117	4
All District	1106	1027	1016	-90

**2016 figure is inflated by 6 month free memberships, now stopped*

The United States Power Squadrons®
 (Boiled Down)

As a recruiting aid, the Mohawk-Hudson Sail and Power Squadron boiled down a description of what we do and why. We share it with readers of The Ensign. It's a discussion between a new boater Lee, and a vessel safety inspector, Skip, just as Lee's boat is ending a successful inspection.

Lee: Skip, I can't help noticing the "United States Power Squadrons®" on your shirt. What is it?

Skip: We're boaters across the country who enjoy improving boating skills. The national organization consists of hundreds of local squadrons. The Mohawk-Hudson Sail and Power Squadron is one. Others in and near New York's Albany County are the Sacandaga and Lake George squadrons. And just over the Massachusetts border is the Berkshire squadron.

What do the Power Squadrons do?

Skip: **We learn, practice, certify, teach, promote and improve effective and efficient skipper skills.**

That's a mouthful. Here's a reminder sketch I carry to keep me on course.

Lee: Who's a skipper?

Skip: Anyone who operates, or helps operate a boat powered by current, muscles, wind or motors.

Lee: So that includes kayaks and row boats.

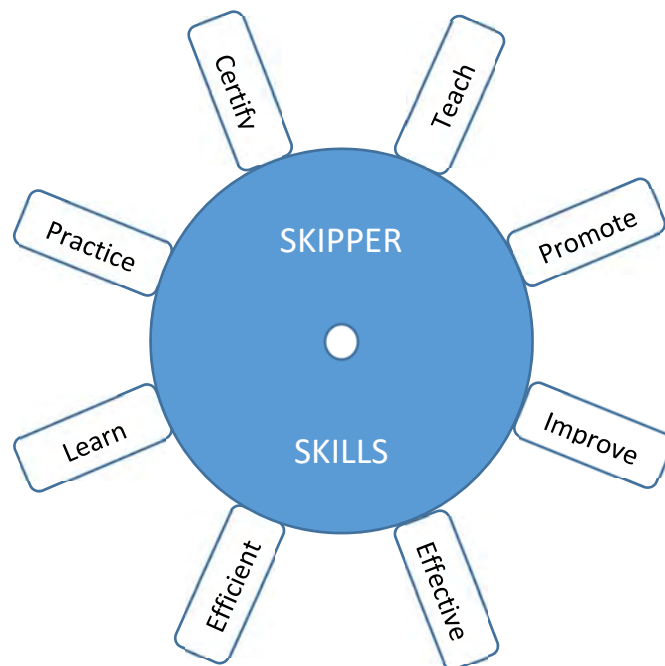
Skip: Yup.

Lee: What do you mean by skill?

Skip: A skill is a mix of knowledge and muscle memory. When you use it, you get a good result.

Lee: And skipper skills?

Skip: They're the skills needed to: obtain and maintain a boat;
 prepare for an outing or trip;
 leave the dock, cast off the mooring or weigh the anchor;
 navigate where you want to go;
 live aboard along the way; and



securely dock, anchor or pick up your mooring when you get there.
 There are thousands of useful skipper skills. No one has them all. We focus on proven skills that are effective and efficient.

Lee: Can you give me an example?

Skip: Here's a simple one. When docking you often have to tie up to dock cleats. Surprisingly, there are a lot of inefficient or ineffective ways to do this. We'll show you how to tie a cleat hitch which will not slip (effective) and which is quick to tie and to untie (efficient). You, however, will have to practice until the cleat hitch is a habit. When it is, you no longer have to think about it and you have the skill. By the way, The Ashley Book of Knots (the bible) lists over 3,000 knots. You can do very well with about a dozen.

Skip: Here's another example, not so simple. You're 400 nautical miles off the east coast of the United States. Lightning destroyed your electronics a day ago and the sky has been overcast since. You've been keeping a dead reckoning log so you know roughly where you are. You also know the latitude of your U.S. home port. You have a sextant, and the Nautical Almanac for the year. It's late morning and the overcast has lifted. Can you plot a course that will get you home? With skills learned and practiced from the Power Squadrons you can.

Lee: OK. I get the skills part. But what about certification?

Skip: Well, we just finished a vessel safety inspection of your boat. You passed and put a sticker on your port windshield that says so. That certifies you know and have the safety equipment required to legally operate your boat. Within the next few days, the United States Power Squadrons® national office will have a record of that certificate.

For members of the Power Squadrons, we also keep records of courses you have passed. Since each course is built on a group of skipper skills, there's a record of when you gained those skills.

And, when you demonstrate the appropriate skill sets, you can be certified as an Inland Navigator, a Coastal Navigator, an Advanced Coastal Navigator, or an Offshore Navigator.

Skip: (Reminiscing) A few years ago, I was turned down when trying to rent a sailboat on an Austrian lake. But when I showed my Instructor's certificate from the United States Power Squadrons®, the rental was approved. Certification is becoming important.

Lee: How much are you paid to promote skipper skills?

Skip: Nothing, we're all volunteers.

Lee: (Laughing) Then why do it?

Skip: Because it's very satisfying, intellectually, physically and socially. The skills offered by the Power Squadrons require effort to learn; mastery provides mental satisfaction. Teaching and improving skills reinforce that satisfaction and foster friendships. The physical reward comes largely when practicing skills: the smooth handling of your boat, the confidence of being prepared for contingencies, and a deeper awareness and understanding of water, weather, sky and wildlife.

Skip: If you want to improve your boating skills and share them with others, we'd love to have you join us.

Will you?



UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS®
DISTRICT 2



NOMINATING COMMITTEE
Slate Bridge Year 2018-2019
3 March 2018

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District Commander	P/R/C Susan L. Darcy, JN Berkshire
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P/D/C Vincent Evans, P Storm King (2021)
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P/D/C Harrison R. Valante, SN Saugatuck River

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Stf/C Howard A. Sklar, AP (2021)

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Respectfully submitted by,
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D2 VSC Report to D2 Spring Conference March 2018

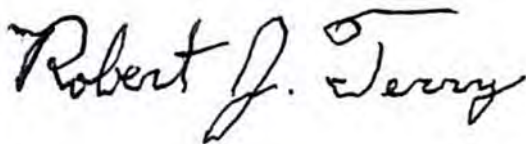
By D/Lt Robert J. Terry, D2 VSC Chairperson

Dated 22 March 2018

The 2017 Final VSC Report is dated January 3, 2018. I have found the following information for 2017. The highest number of reported VSC examinations for all D2 Squadrons, is Lake Candlewood SPS with VSC 72 examinations. In 2nd place is Norwalk SPS with 58 VSC examinations, and in 3rd place is Sacandaga PS with 42 VSC examinations. Also based on information from this report for highest D2 individual VSC exams in first place is Lt Brian Barnier of Lake Candlewood SPS with 72 examinations. In 2nd place is Lt Jack Cohen from Norwalk SPS with 40 VSC examinations. In 3rd place is Lt/C Philip Roeber from Sacandaga PS with 28 examinations.

Our district with 29 certified examiners for 2017 has recorded a total of 318 VSC examinations. In 2016 D2 had 25 certified examiners who completed a total of 330 VSC examinations. Thanks go out to Greenwich SPS, Norwalk SPS and Penfield SPS for their participation in the 2017 VSC program. 3 of the 4 newly certified examiners have completed enough examinations to be recertified for the year 2018. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert J. Terry". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent loop at the end of the last name.

Robert J. Terry, P



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**Minutes of the District 2 Fall Conference
14 October 2017**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1003 by D/C Susan L. Darcy, JN.

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

Pledge: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by D/FI/Lt Alexandra Digilio-Feldberg, P

Determination of a quorum: D/Lt/C David Wilkinson affirmed that a quorum was present.

Boating Activity Survey: A survey was conducted, by a show of hands, as to the number of times those present ventured onto the water this past season.

Approval of the Spring Conference Minutes from 1 April 2017: Motion was made to approve the minutes. One question was raised about the result of a motion made by Robert Zimmerman intended to get younger people more involved with the Governing Board.

Introduction of The National Representatives: D/C Susan Darcy introduced R/C Chris Windeler, SN-ON from District 4's Lackawanna Sail and Power Squadron, as well as R/C Paul Mermelstein, SN-IN – of District 5's Rockville Sail and Power Squadron.

Chief Commander's Message: R/C Paul Mermelstein presented the Chief Commander's video message, which is available from the National web site. Notable highlights are that membership is on an upswing following a period of decline and that our finances are ship shape; we presently have no debt and are experiencing a surplus. Discussion and questions followed.

Marketing Video Presentation: A new video to be used to market the Power Squadron was presented for review. Also presented was a membership recruiting video tool, which was prepared by P/D/C Marty Lafferty, JN – (D5 - Kent Narrows Sail & Power Squadron) is expanding efforts to market the squadron through the use of dual branding and new logos and videos, which are available for individual squadrons to use. We are "America's Boating Club."

A discussion followed about the issue of uniforms which may go against our warm and welcoming/fun approach to recruitment. Uniforms should not be worn, for example, when representing USPS at boat shows.

Bridge Reports:

Secretary: No Report

Administrative Officer: No Report

Educational Officer: No Report

Executive Officer: Merit Marks are due November 15th. Commanders need to get their recommendations to the Merit Mark reviewer, P/C/C Robert Woods, SN as soon as possible. Consider everyone in your squadron who has done something for you. Squadron Commanders should be sending their own accomplishments to D/Lt/C Martin Feldberg immediately so that the District is able to submit recommendations for them to the reviewer.

Reports of Committees:

General Committee Reports: There were no reports at this time from the Rules, Nominating, or Auditing Committees.

Standing Committee Reports: D/EO Wagner delivered a report from the Planning Committee, which met via conference call. Consensus reached that we need to reduce the number of meetings and there is a concern about low attendance at district meetings. Discussion ensued. We used to offer seminars after meetings. Issue of value of seminars versus cost was discussed. It also would be helpful to know what is currently going on more in advance of meetings. What would encourage someone to come to a meeting? Might be helpful if more training was offered to individual squadrons. Also, it would be helpful if "the rules" were more widely shared. Finally, the Planning Committee will need to add two new committee members going forward.

Other Committee Reports:

Councils and Conferences Committee: No report.

Membership Status: No report. D/Lt/C Andy Papademetriou from the Westchester Squadron offered a presentation about the "last mile" of the recruiting process. He noted that some squadrons are experiencing significant membership gains.

Sea Scouts: No report

VSC Committee: Robert Terry presented a report to be included in the next D2 News and provided a copy to the Secretary.

Education Fund: P/D/C Fred Mangelsdorf (for Ed Weber) noted that the deadline for contributing to the Education Fund is the end of November. The suggested contribution is based on squadron membership as of November 30, 2016. Contributions can be made either on-line or by check. A lively discussion took place. A question was raised as to why a grant from the Education Fund was made to support advertising efforts. P/D/C Mangelsdorf noted that the role of the United States Power Squadron is to teach boating skills. In order to teach skills, you need to have students to teach them to. The Trustees of the Education Fund deemed it appropriate to put funds toward advertising with the goal of increasing membership and hence, providing more potential students. P/D/C Mangelsdorf recalled a similar occasion in the past where it was deemed appropriate for the Education Fund to be used for the purchase of

education-related equipment, for example, a digital projector. Concern had been expressed as to whether the removal of the check-off option on dues collection forms had impacted the level of contributions from squadrons to the fund. Analysis revealed that the impact was significant as many squadron members, such as life members were not included in the solicitation for contributions, and it was decided that a return to prior methods was in order, whereby squadrons were “assessed” based on their membership size. Susan Ryan suggested it might be prudent to change the name of the Education Fund to perhaps more closely represent what the funds have been used for, as of late. Further, she asked if data was available about what proportion of squadron dues payments go towards the education fund. This information did not seem to be available at this meeting. Kathy Somogy asked for clarification as to whether squadrons need to vote as a group to contribute to the fund. Fred noted that it was intended that contributions to the fund come from squadrons, and not from individual members. Another opinion expressed was that it may be a question of language/semantics. We are marketing an educational organization, i.e. using the fund to support an organization which has education as one of its goals. Finally, it was suggested that a more positive way to encourage contributions from squadrons would be to remind them of what the education fund is used to accomplish, as opposed to “shaming” squadrons into not being dropped from the honor roll.

PRO/Marketing: P/D/C Susan P. Ryan, JN suggested distributing flyers where boaters tend to go at least once a week, such as the local coffee shop. Other suggestions included a stuffer in West Marine’s newsletter and street signs/sandwich boards. Offer activities to keep people who are no longer boating meeting together. If you need any help on marketing courses, contact P/D/C Ryan.

Proposed 2017-2018 Budget: D/C Susan Darcy asked if there were any questions about the proposed .2017-2018 Budget. None were asked.

A blessing was offered just before suspension for lunch by Chaplain Goldstein.

Fall Conference reconvenes.

Awards: Following a social time and lunch, the Conference reconvened at 1400, at which time the following award presentation were made:

Youth Poster Contest: No entrants.

Shipping Over Awards: Honorable Mention: Lake George (91.1%) and Mid-Hudson (91.5%); 3rd Place: Saugatuck River (94.1%); 2nd Place: Storm King (95.7%); 1st Place: Sacandaga 100%).

Mel Cohen Safety Award: Honorable Mention: Mid-Hudson, Norwalk, and Stamford. 3rdPlace: Westchester; 2ndPlace: Darien; 1st Place: Greenwich. Also discussed was the Designated Skipper program and the disposal of expired marine flares.

Mal Ochs Childrens’ Safe Boating Award: -- Greenwich Sail & Power Squadron

Educational Awards:

Educational Achievement Award (SN): – Lt/C Vingie Gengo, SN-- Storm King Power Squadron

Carl L. Plock Memorial Award–Champlain Power Squadron
P/R/C Frank Gratz Memorial Award– Berkshire Sail & Power Squadron
Lake Candlewood Award– Greenwich Sail & Power Squadron.
D/2 P/DEO Award – Champlain Power Squadron
Prince Henry Award– Norwalk Sail & Power Squadron
Stanley Stevens Memorial Award– Greenwich Sail & Power Squadron
Greenwich Piloting Award– Sacandaga Power Squadron
Stamford-Doolittle Teaching Aids Award– Mid-Hudson Power Squadron –Lt/C
Robert P. Reilly, AP Submitter
“N Club” Sextant Award– Greenwich Sail & Power Squadron

D2 Charles Chapman Award Nominee: P/Lt/C Frank B. Kemp, JN -- Darien Sail & Power Squadron

50-year Membership: 50-year of USPS Membership awards were presented to: P/D/C Jeffrey C. Gerwig, AP– Darien Sail & Power Squadron and posthumously to P/R/C Clifford Schoonmaker, JN – Mid-Hudson Power Squadron.

New Business:

Seamanship: R/C Chris Windeler, SN (D4 – Lackawanna Sail & Power Squadron) presented information about the pending revisions to the Seamanship course. Chapters 1 & 2 will be dropped as they tend to repeat material covered in Basic Boating. The course will consist of a power point presentation combined with videos to teach practical skills as opposed to only reading a textbook. The course will evolve into a series of seminars. E-books for the course should be available soon. No charge to the squadron until the student downloads the book.

The Darien Squadron may have the opportunity to acquire a vessel to be used for on-the-water training. Input on the pros and cons of this issue are needed.

Accessibility: D/C Susan Darcy shared an excerpt from a video presentation about accessible teaching facilities and conformance with the A.D.A. and local regulations. Good things to keep in mind as we plan future courses. Need to come up with “reasonable solutions,” not necessarily the absolute best solutions.

New York State Boater’s Guide: D/Lt Robert Terry advised those present, who teach courses to include NYS boating regulations. He is now responsible for procurement of the guides. Let him know how many you need.

General Discussion: Discussed was combining future council and conference meetings, whether to offer a training session at the Winter Council.

Agenda items: It would be helpful if proposed items for inclusion on the agenda at District meetings be submitted not later than 10 days before the meeting so that they may be placed on the distributed agenda and included in the power point

Winter Council Meeting: The Winter Council will take place at the I-84 dinner. Date is TBA.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1500.

Respectfully Submitted

David J. Wilkinson

District Secretary

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March 26, 2018

Fellow USPS members

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
- Co-Operative Charting Committee
- Homeland Security Committee
- Legislative Committee
- Public Relations Committee
- F.A.S.T. Committee
- Safety Committee
- Squadron Commanders
- Vessel Safety Check Committee
- New Squadron Development Committee

It has been a pleasure serving the past year as your District 2 Executive Officer. I 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 this year. We thank you for the friendship and hospitality 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 Administrative Department, Secretary's Department and the Treasurer's Department. D/C Susan Darcy's advice and support was invaluable to me as always. I especially thank my wife, Alexandra, for her support throughout the year. And of course, I was truly fortunate to have the following dedicated D/2 members make my job this year quite easy:

- Ch/Boating Show Committee - P/R/C George Hallenbeck, AP
- Ch/Co-Operative Charting Committee - P/C Frank Palmieri, JN
- Ch/Vessel Safety Committee - P/C Robert Terry, P
- Homeland Security Officer - William Burbage, AP
- Legislative Officer - P/D/Lt/C Melvin Goldstein, AP
- Public Relations Officer - P/D/C Susan Ryan, JN
- Safety Officer - P/D/C Harrison R. Valante, SN
- F.A.S.T. Officer - P/D/C Gino Bottino, AP
- Ch/New Squadron Development - D/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 helping those that request my help.

The Nominating Committee has done an excellent job this year and has picked some excellent people that will be coming onto the Bridge.

As you know by now, the Board of Directors has approved an additional logo for our use, associated with America's Boating Club™. You should be using the new logo in your squadron marketing materials and website. The new logo can be found via the Marketing Committee page at USPS.ORG. The USPS Ship's Store is now selling clothing with the new logo. It has become very popular and much of what was at the Ship's Store in Orlando was sold out. (don't worry it has been replenished).

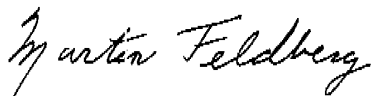
USPS now has a new website for people interested in boating. It is called "America's Boating Club" and can be located on the web by searching for America's Boating Club or go to <https://beyondboating.org>.

If you are not receiving the "USPS Monthly News Blast" or the "USPS Compass" e-mail reports from National, please sign up by signing into the USPS Members website and then clicking on "managing your profile". While you are there, I suggest that you review your profile and make any corrections or additions that are necessary.

During the past year, I was able to attend the District Conferences, Councils, the National Annual meeting in Orlando and the Governing Board held in Dallas.

Respectfully submitted,

D/Lt/C Martin E. Feldberg, AP

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Martin E. Feldberg". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.