



UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS®

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District 2 Secretary

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10 September 2018

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

**Subject: Call to the D2 Summer Council/Fall Conference
Friday & Saturday 26-27 October 2018**

The 2018 District 2 Summer Council and Fall Conference will be held at The Hyatt House, 100 Westage Business Center Drive, Fishkill, NY - 1-845-897-5757. For hotel rooms, call the hotel direct. If the Hyatt House doesn't have any rooms, enclosed is a list of area hotels.

Directions are included separately. The meetings are open to all members. The uniform of the meetings is USPS Casual or Polos or appropriate comfortable attire. For the Saturday meeting, the D2 Bridge will wear **Uniform G** which is a regulation short-sleeved, open-neck white shirt— no tie. The Chief's Rep will be R/C Carl Filios, Chair of the Information Technology Committee. As most know, Carl, although a member of D2's Berkshire Squadron now lives in South Carolina.

- Friday – 1600 – 1730 – Registration
1600 – 1730 – P/D/C and P/DEO Meeting in the Lobby
1730 – 1830 – Informal Meet and Greet hosted by D/C
1900 – ??? – Dinner & Summer Council Meeting
- Saturday – 0800 – 0900 – Registration and Continental Breakfast
0900 – 1200 -- Fall Conference - General Meeting and Workshops
1200 – 1330 – Buffet Lunch
1330 – 1630 – General Meeting, Awards
1730 – ??? – Informal Meet and Greet and group dinner (on your own)

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 **2017 Fall Conference** held in Fishkill, NY should be returned in order to be updated for later presentations. Certificates presented with the awards should be kept by the Squadrons.

Because of the changed deadline date for the Youth Poster Contest, judging will be done at the Spring Conference. The new Contest Theme will be announced as soon as possible. This gives Squadrons the opportunity to hold contests during the school year.

There will be an electronic seat packet on the District website for the Summer Council and Fall Conference by 10 October 2018. Any additional updates will be on line by 15 October. The link below is to the area where all the Council/Conference documents, directions, instructions will be located. The electronic seat packet will be published with How to Print for the entire packet or individual pages.

<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 meetings.

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,

David Wilkinson

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Attachments: *Summer Council/Fall Conference Registration (PLAIN & Fillable); Directions to The Hyatt House; List of Hotels in the area; Preliminary Agendas for the Council and Conference; Attendance Forms for both the Council and Conference with Instructions; D2 Statistics 02/28/18; Proxy Forms for both the Council and Conference with Instructions, Minutes of the 2018 Winter Council and 2018 Spring Conference.*



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D/2 Summer Council & D2 Fall Conference
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Reservations ***MUST*** be received by **20 October 2018** - Late Registration fee: **\$5.00**

Mail reservations and payment to: DC Susan L. Darcy, JN
7 Hutchinson Lane
Lenox, MA 01240-2217
Questions? Call (413) 637-2275 or sldarcy@roadrunner.com

CUT & MAIL

District 2 Summer Council/Fall Conference

Due Date 20 October 2018

First Registrant Name _____ Grade _____ Rank/Position _____

Second Registrant Name _____ Grade _____ Rank/Position _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Squadron: _____

Email: _____ Confirmation of reservations will be sent via Email.

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

___ No. Attending the Dinner & Summer Council on Friday

___ No. Attending the Fall Conference on Saturday

___ Friday night Meet & Greet & **Hot Entrée Dinner/Meeting: \$10.00 PER PERSON**

___ Lunch & Continental Breakfast: **\$45.00 PER PERSON**

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

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.
- **From: West.** Take Interstate 84 East. Take Exit 13 toward Poughkeepsie-Fishkill. At end of ramp, turn left onto US-9 N. Continue on US-9 N and at the fourth light turn left onto Merritt Boulevard. At first light turn left onto Westage Business Center Drive. HYATT House Fishkill/Poughkeepsie is on your right.

Friday – October 26, 2018 – Dinner Meeting at the Hyatt House Cost \$10 per person including Meet and Greet PDC/PDEO Meeting in the Lounge	
Saturday – October 27, 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	
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
Holiday Inn Fishkill Hotel	
545 Route 9	Marriott Hotels
Fishkill, NY	Marriott Residence & Springhill
1-845-896-1510	Residence - 1-845-896-7200 or Springhill - 1-845-896-8100
	500 Westage Business Center Dr.
Comfort Suites	Fishkill, NY
835 Route 52	
Fishkill, NY	Quality Inn & Suites
1-845-765-8668	849 Route 52
	Fishkill, NY
	1-845- 897-9300



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D2 Summer Council
Friday 26 October 2018
The Hyatt House
100 Westage Business Drive
Fishkill, NY 12524-2272
1-845-897-575



PRELIMINARY AGENDA

1600 – 1730 - Registration

1600 – 1730 – P/D/Cs & P/DEOs Meeting in Lobby

1730 – 1830 – Informal Meet & Greet Hosted by the D/C

1900 -- ???? – Dinner and Summer Council Meeting

Summer Council Call to Order

Invocation

P/D/Lt/C Melvin Goldstein, AP

Pledge of Allegiance

D/FI/Lt Alexandra Digilio-Feldberg, P

Introductions

D/C Susan L. Darcy, JN

Any Guest Introductions

D/C Susan L. Darcy, JN

Roll Call of Conference Members

D/Lt/C David J. Wilkinson, S

D2 Bridge; Immediate P/D/C & PDEO; Chairs of Rules; NomCom; & Auditing;
All Squadron Cdrs and All Squadron SEOs

Determination of a Quorum

D/Lt/C David J. Wilkinson, S

Financial Report

D/Lt/C John P. Pedersen, SN

New Business

D/C Susan L. Darcy, JN

Proposed Budget 2018-2019

D/Lt/C John P. Pedersen, SN

Announcements

D/C Susan L. Darcy, JN

Concluding Remarks

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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D2 Fall Conference
Saturday 27 October 2018
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PRELIMINARY AGENDA

0800 - Registration & Continental Breakfast

0900 – Fall Conference Call to Order

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

National Anthem

Canadian National Anthem

Introductions

Guests, P/D/Cs, P/DEOs, Governing Board

Emeritus Members

Introduction of the National Representatives

Chief Commander's Message – Q & A

Recognizing 50 Year Members

Workshops -- Concurrent

Educational Workshop and Roundtable

For Everyone Hints, Tips & Secrets

D/C Susan L. Darcy, JN

P/D/Lt/C Melvin Goldstein, AP

D/FI/Lt Alexandra Digilio-Feldberg, P

P/D/C Harrison R. Valante, SN

(If needed)

D/C Susan L. Darcy, JN

P/D/C Vincent J. Evans, P

P/D/C Jeffrey C. Gerwig, AP

R/C Carl E. Filios, SN

D/C Susan L. Darcy, JN

D/1st/Lt Andrew Cummings, JN

D2 Bridge without Educational Leaders

Noon - Lunch

1330 - Fall Conference Reconvenes

General Committee Reports

Rules Committee

Nominating Committee

Auditing Committee

Standing Committee Reports

Law Committee

Planning ?????

Other Committee Reports

Council & Conference Committee

Membership Status Report

Sea Scouts

VSC Committee

Marketing Committee/PRO

Financial Report

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

P/D/C Denise A. Filios, AP

P/C William F. Gratz, SN

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

P/D/C Howard A. Sklar, AP

P/C Robert J. Owens, P

D/Lt/C Robert J. Terry, P

P/D/C Susan P. Ryan, JN

D/Lt/C John P. Pedersen, SN



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Approval of the Spring Conference Minutes

D/Lt/C David J. Wilkinson, S

(7 April 2018)

Bridge Reports – Comments Only

Treasurer
Secretary
Administrative Officer
Educational Officer
Executive Officer
Commander

D/Lt/C John P. Pedersen, SN
D/Lt/C David J. Wilkinson, S
D/Lt/C Robert Terry, P
D/1/Lt Andrew M. Cummings, JN
D/Lt/C Andy Papademetriou, N
D/C Susan L. Darcy, JN

Proposed 2018-2019 Budget

D/Lt/C John P. Pedersen, SN

Awards

Shipping Over Awards
Mel Cohen Safety Awards
Mal Ochs Children Safe Boating Award

D/C Susan L. Darcy, JN
P/D/C Harrison Valante, SN
D/1/Lt Andrew M. Cummings, JN

Educational Awards (Individual)

D/1/Lt Andrew M. Cummings, JN
R/C Carl E. Filios, SN

Chapman Award – District Nominee

D/1/Lt Andrew M. Cummings, JN
R/C Carl E. Filios, SN

Educational Awards – Squadron Awards

Carl L. Plock Memorial Award
Greenwich Piloting Award
P/R/C Frank Gratz Memorial Award
D/2 Past District Educational Officer Award
Prince Henry Award
Stanley Stevens Memorial Award
Stamford-Doolittle Award

D/1/Lt Andrew M. Cummings, JN
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To: Squadron Commanders; Squadron Educational Officers; D2 Bridge; Assistant District Educational Officer; Immediate Past District Commander; Immediate Past District Educational Officer; Chairs of the Auditing, Rules and Nominating Committees

From: D/Lt/C David J. Wilkinson, S
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Subject: How to Use the Attendance Form

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Looking forward to seeing you at the Summer Council.

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

Voting Delegate?

NO ____ YES ____

SEMINAR/MEETING District 2 Summer Council DATE 26 October 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 <input type="checkbox"/>	REPRESENTING	_____

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To: District 2 Squadron Commanders

From: D/Lt/C David J. Wilkinson, S
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Subject: Proxy Voting at the Summer Council – 10-26-18

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 Summer 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 Summer 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, your SEO at the Summer Council.

David Wilkinson

Enclosed: 2018 Summer Council Proxy Form (Registration Copy – Copy for Squadron Records)



District 2 Summer Council
26 October 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 Summer Council
26 October 2018



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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 Members:

Again, I start with a BIG Thank You to all the Squadrons I have been invited to visit at their Summer events. I even got to attend three of my own Squadron's events and their Rendezvous. One event stands out a little since it was a learning experience for me – I know the secret to Dark 'n Stormy and I won't give it up!

For lobsters, if you get a chance to attend any of the Connecticut Squadrons' Lobster (or Lobsta) events jump at the chance. Yum, yum. Believe it or not, my Squadron, although far from the ocean, did a lobster event too. Ours was on a farm with 19 acres (15 are mowed), near a barn built about 1850. It also had a New England stone wall not made with found field stones, but stones carved or honed from an ice age boulder.

This Summer seemed to race by and now we are in the blue, blue skies and cool nights season before the four-letter word starting with 's' visits us. This is when we dream of days of boating and waters we haven't explored. Maybe we should ask someone to help plan next season's different rendezvous. Even Berkshire does ocean rendezvous – we've been to Stonington, Watch Hill, Montauk, Provincetown, Long Island, and the other Greenwich (Greenwich Bay, RI). Doing some fun and different things this Fall helps retain our members. A hare and hound or poker run in cars, movies, auctions, toys for tots with the Marines – the list goes on.

Attending the Fall Governing Board in Minneapolis was again a way to connect with distant friends and to make new ones but it also gave me the chance to find out about the courses and seminars and what's happening at USPS®. At our Fall Conference, we are privileged to have the chair of the Boat Handling Committee, R/C Chris Windeler, SN, who will fill us in on the Seamanship replacement course called Boat Handling, and other educational news. Our visiting suit is our own R/C Carl Filios, SN, chair of Information Technology, who will present the Chief's Message and have a short Town Hall after.

At this meeting, we will again do something a little different – we'll see how successful or not it will be. The planning on paper makes it look interesting, we'll see. 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 or the nasty old witch may attend – we'll see who shows up!

More at the Conference!!

Susan L. Darcy





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October 10, 2018

D2 Executive Officer report—Fall Conference, October 27, 2018

The Executive Department is on track with 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. The VSC activities have been in high gear through the summer while other activities and specifically the Boat Show ones took off with the coming of fall. Our public relations officer received a national PR Award for 2018. It was presented to our Commander Susan Darcy at 2018 Governing Board conference in Minneapolis.

Boat Show Officer – P/R/C George Hallenbeck, AP assisted by Lt/C Jim Dobbs, AP
Co-Op Charting – Lt/C Frank E. Palmieri, JN
Homeland Security – William J. Burbage, AP
Legislative Officer – P/D/Lt/C Melvin Goldstein, AP
Public Relations Officer – P/D/C Susan P. Ryan, JN
Radio Technical Officer – D/Lt/C Andy Papademetriou, N
Safety Officer – P/D/C Harrison R. Valente, SN
F.A.S.T Officer – P/D/C Gino Bottino, AP
Vessel Safety Check Officer – D/Lt/C Robert J. Terry, P
New Squadron Development – D/C Susan L. Darcy, JN

As the District Executive officer, I monitor the activities of the department, participate in the district meetings, and write articles for the D2 newsletter.

D/Lt/C Andy Papademetriou, N-IN
D2 Executive Officer

D/2 Administrative Officer Report Fall Conference 2018

As your new Administrative Officer 2018-2019, I want to thank you for your support in my election to this office. I hope I can do a good job for our district. I am getting acquainted with the aspects of the position. If you look at the D/2 website, you will see that there are openings as chair of several of the Administrative Committees. If you are interested in chairing one of the committees, or are interested in working on a committee, your help would always be welcome. Whether you choose an Administrative Committee or any of the many other committees, your district will be grateful for your help.

With our combining of the Friday night D/2 Summer Council with our Saturday Fall Conference, I hope to have more opportunity to meet with our many district members outside the meetings.

In my working with many of the safety committees in my own squadron for many years, it has been a challenge for me. I always thought that we had need of additional committee members to learn the aspects of the committee and be trained to eventually take the chair position of a committee that they were interested in. When you have a small squadron, without the influx of new members, we only seem to have the chair-person on the committees and no-one that you can train to take over when they feel comfortable in moving up to it.

As part of the Administrative Department I hope to learn more this year about how the interaction of the Member Benefits, Member Involvement and Operations Training can work together to bring in the new members from our ABC-3 Classes. I have not heard about any statistics of how the new Marketing Campaign promoting our organization as "America's Boating Club" is working for squadrons in our district. I hope there will be some information given out at our conference. See you there.



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2018 D2 Fall Conference

Marketing Update

Susan Ryan



National Award



Our 'Proven Marketing' presentation* given at D2 Fall Conference last year won the Carl C. Mahnken PR award.

We are particularly proud that NEO Craig Fraser shows the presentation around the country as an example of how to bring students into classes.

**Posted on the D2 website under Best Practices*



National has been placing ads in various boating publications around the country

A recent one was at the Newport Boat Show

Following are examples of their artwork . . .



Your PR Officer worked with National to put this ad in the 2019 CT Boaters Guide

It will include names of all CT squadrons that are paying for the ad



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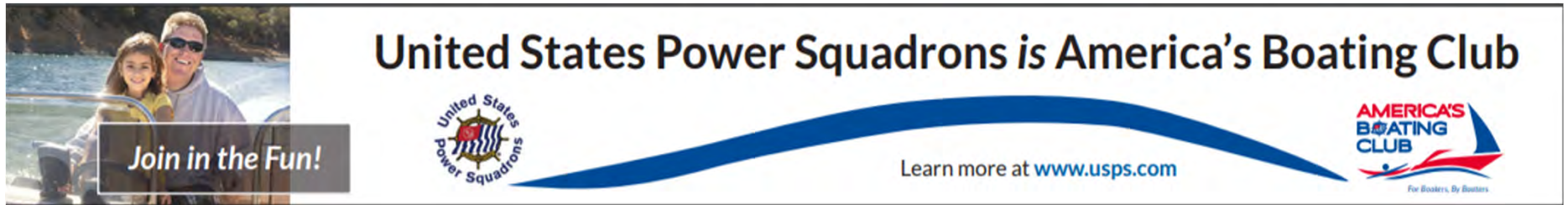
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Banner ad



A horizontal banner advertisement. On the left, a small photo shows a man and a young girl on a boat. Below the photo is a dark grey box with the text "Join in the Fun!". To the right of the photo is the United States Power Squadrons logo, which features a ship's wheel and the text "United States Power Squadrons". A large, thick blue wave graphic spans the width of the banner. Below the wave, the text "Learn more at www.usps.com" is displayed. On the far right is the "AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB" logo, which includes a stylized sailboat and the tagline "For Boaters, By Boaters".

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A vertical quarter-page advertisement. At the top, there are three small photos: a man steering a boat, a group of people on a yellow inflatable boat, and a man and woman on a boat. Below the photos is a dark grey box with the text "Join in the Fun!". The main text in the center reads "United States Power Squadrons is America's Boating Club". Below this text is the United States Power Squadrons logo. A large, thick blue wave graphic spans the width of the ad. Below the wave, the text "Learn more at www.usps.com" is displayed. On the right side, below the wave, is the "AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB" logo with the tagline "For Boaters, By Boaters".

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Quarter page ad



Some Reminders

- Put the America's Boating Club logo on your documents
- If you need templates for any of your publicity – banners, business cards, flyers, etc. contact Susan via *GreenwichSquadron@gmail.com*

Street Signs

These \$17 signs have brought many students to our safe boating classes



Apologies for poor
image resolution

If your squadron has not yet embraced the new branding, please take advantage of all National's advertising and consider being



D2 VSC Report for Fall Conference September 15, 2018

Allan B. Furtado included me in an e-mail in early September. He wrote "As we get near the end of the year, I would like to remind you of an important date. All Vessel Safety Check forms (ANSC7012 and ANSC7012A) must be submitted to the data base by November 30, 2018 to be counted for this year's awards".

"This information is very important. In addition to the awards, it is used to determine the number of decals to be issued next year. Please verify that your input submissions have been accounted for by viewing them on the USPS Website."

"If you are a VSC Chair remember to submit each newly qualified Vessel Examiner for a Merit Mark. In addition, any Vessel Examiner who completes 10 or more VSCs this year, should be submitted for a Merit Mark."

"I take great pleasure in thanking you for all of your hard work this year."

Sincerely, Allan Furtado



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As the D2 VSC Chair I want to pass on some observations on this year's VSC program.

I want to add something to Allan's message that there is still time to complete more 2018 VSC's and have time to submit them. In my area, much of the 2018 boating season is finished, especially if you boat in the "Great Sacandaga Lake". One of the requests from USPS HQ each year, is to please return any current year unused VSC decals back to HQ. There are many areas of the country that have warmer climates than ours, they have a chance to use those decals before the end of the year.

Looking over the 2018 VSC records on the USPS website, I see that there were 421 2018 decals sent out to our D2 squadrons. Of those sent, only 194 decals show that they have been used by our D2 squadrons. If your VSC program is completed for the 2018 year, please send the unused decals back to USPS HQ. As of this writing, this means there are 227 unused 2018 VSC decals out among our D2 squadrons.

As of this report, there is one VSC examiner, Brian Barnier from the Lake Candlewood Power Squadron that has completed 102 examinations in 2018. Of those 102, only 70 of them had passed. Only 3 of his Failed inspections came back to be re-inspected later. Maybe he can tell me later, what type of boat is 25' long, open, gas powered and has no HIN #? Great effort Brian, I guess we know what squadron and what VSC gets our VSC award for 2018. Current standing shows Sacandaga in 2nd place with 3 examiners completing 32 exams. Phil Roeber is in 2nd place individually with 22 exams.

D/LtC Robert J. Terry, D2 VSC Chair



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16 October 2018

To District 2 Members:

I do not have much to report on USPS/Sea Scouting for District 2. On the National level there have been some personnel and organizational changes. Also, the Sea Scouts are reporting an increase in new Ships being organized and increases in membership as well.

As you know I attended the Annual Meeting in February and expect to be there in 2019.

At the Annual Meeting, Ruth and I were presented with the P/C/C Raymond Finley Award for service to Sea Scouting and United States Power Squadron – a great honor for both of us.

Sorry we cannot make the Fall Conference – (we did not get a notice about it) – and we are attending a family event in PA.

Yours in Safe Boating,

Bob

P/C Bob Owens





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Boat Operator Certifications
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On-the-Water Training
2018

During 2018 the following D/2 members completed the steps leading to certification in the BOC program:

IN Certifier -- Joe Lynch

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Basic Power Boat Certifier --

Karl Wagner
Tony Reyes
Jon Ricci
Joe Lynch
Susan Ryan
Andy Cummings
Jim Hamren
Vince Evans

The following members taught the Basic Power Boat seminar and/or the Certifier seminar, and conducted on-the-water training and certification:

Frank Kemp
Jon Ricci
Karl Wagner
Fred Mangelsdorf

The following members maintained and provided classroom space and the boat used for OTW training and certification:

Barry Bosworth
Jim Dobbs

The Norwalk squadron provided classroom and on-the-water instruction to 22 students through the Basic Power Boat Handling program (previously POTW).

Submitted by:

Fred Mangelsdorf, Asst Regional Director for D/2, BOC Program
Karl Wagner, DEO for D/2 and SEO for Norwalk Squadron



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Minutes of the District 2 Winter Council
3 March 2018

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 0903 by D/C Susan L. Darcy, JN.

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

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

National Anthem: P/D/C Harrison R. Valente, SN, led the singing of the National Anthem.

Introduction of guests: D/FI/Lt Alexandra Digilio-Feldberg, P introduced guests in attendance.

Introduction of Past District Commanders and Squadron Education Officers: This was also made by D/FI/Lt Alexandra Digilio-Feldberg, P and displayed on the screen.

Determination of a quorum: Due to inclement weather, plowing, and related issues, the roll call and determination of a quorum was postponed temporarily as some expected attendees were still in transit. It was ultimately determined that a quorum was present. Unfortunately, Andrew Cummings, JN from Greenwich was unable to attend.

Rearrangement of the agenda: D/C Susan L. Darcy, JN, reserved the right to rearrange the agenda as needed.

Cell phone reminder: During the early part of the meeting, a cell phone rang and, in accordance with tradition, D/C Susan Darcy collected one dollar from the phone's owner and reminded attendees to put their phones on "vibrate" so as not to disrupt the meeting. The payment was turned over to the D2 Treasurer.

Unfinished Business: D/C Susan Darcy, JN, had submitted the D2 proposal to National. The proposed resolution was that a member with at least forty merit marks, a full educational certificate and having been a Commander become a Governing Board Emeritus member. The intent is to recognize members who have distinguished themselves in their USPS service. The D/C worked with the investigative committee and after deliberation, an amendment to the original resolution was adopted and passed at the Governing Board to recognize such

member for their service. The members may be awarded an appropriate designation, such as “Distinguished Past Commander” or “Distinguished Past District Commander”.

Approval of Summer Council minutes: Motion made by D/C Susan Darcy to approve same. Seconded by P/D/C Jeffrey Gerwig, AP. Motion passed.

Report of the Treasurer: D/Lt/C John P. Pedersen, SN, presented the Treasurer’s Report as of March 3, 2018, which included a comparison of actual versus budgeted income and expenses. It was also noted that the hotel required what might be considered a hefty deposit for the meeting rooms we reserved for the Fall Conference.

Committee Reports: Lt/C Virginia Schmidt-Gedney presented the Member Benefits report, which detailed the many benefits available to USPS members. D/C Susan Darcy urged folks to take advantage of the Office Max/Office Depot copy card, which results in significant discounts.

Everything you need to know to do a job: D/Lt/C John P. Pederson, SN, District Treasurer spoke about preparing an annual budget, which may be a tricky proposition. Drafting a budget involves research and creativity. The budget needs to be ready for presentation at the Summer Council meeting. D/C Darcy observed that as the Treasury goes, District and Squadron responsibilities are quite similar. Both involve the preparation and maintenance of financial statements. For the District, you need to prepare for council and conference meetings and anticipate what questions you may receive. You must also prepare the IRS not-for-profit forms annually and file them by August 15th. It is very important that these are filed timely each year. DEO Karl M. Wagner, JN, asked how many squadrons have a budget, either formal or informal, following which a discussion took place.

D/Lt/C David Wilkinson, S, District Secretary, discussed how the Secretary is responsible for keeping track of and maintaining the flow of information. As he is relatively new to serving in this position at the District level while serving as his squadron’s secretary, he is learning about who has what roles. He also noted that it is important to keep track of scheduled meetings and deadlines and anticipate needed information. It is also valuable to observe how tasks have been performed previously. D/C Susan Darcy also noted that the Secretary of a squadron may be responsible for seeing to it that the OD-2, ED-1, and Ed-80 forms are timely filed with District and National. Some squadron secretaries publish the newsletter and produce a directory, as well as keep track of attendance at events.

D/C Susan Darcy discussed the roll of the Administrative Officer. The Administrative Officer typically makes arrangements for meetings and events. It was suggested that new and different events be tried, such as auctions, regattas, predicted log races, “dragon boat” races which involve boats built by kids, and fishing tournaments. Maybe invite a paddle boater to give a presentation. When the Berkshire Squadron was in danger of folding, they started to deliberately reduce their treasury when arranging events but they managed to turn things around. Events have been well attended, with at least half of their squadron generally participating in events. Some events have been held in the afternoon, others at night. Berkshire uses a variety of contact and social media to let their members know what’s

happening. Other Squadrons use Constant Contact (an eMail service) and split the usage charge.

DEO Karl M. Wagner, JN, spoke about the role of the DEO. In short, it is to plan courses and fill them with students. At a minimum, the ABC course should be offered. Karl likes to keep his instructors busy, which helps to keep them motivated. You should be aware of holidays, meetings, and other potential conflicts when scheduling classes and he finds that students typically don't think about signing up for courses until about the second week in January. Also discussed how much to charge for classes and presented a cost versus income spreadsheet he uses to make this calculation. You should budget so that your courses, at a minimum, break even. Also talked about different pricing for members versus non-members which gives people an incentive to join. Promote classes at yacht clubs, boating stores, and through social and other media. Discussion took place about "Meet up" which can attract like-minded folks to classes and events. There is a cost of about \$90/year.

Also discussed was an on-the-water component of courses so students can "practice what you preach." You need to contact the USPS insurance agent through the Treasury Department to ensure coverage. It is also important to acknowledge receipt of student class registrations.

It was suggested that the Executive Officer "understudy" the Commander. The minimum Bridge needed to maintain a squadron is a Commander, Secretary, and Treasurer.

New Business:

Bridge Reports:

Secretary: No Report

Administrative Officer: No Report

Educational Officer: Some courses are being re-named and they will be using e-books, which will help squadrons save money. The price for the books is the same as the printed version but there are no shipping charges. Books come in PDF form and the squadron is charged only when the student downloads the book using a provided code, which is provided to the student when they pay for the course.

Executive Officer: No Report.

Reports of Committees:

General Committee Reports: The Nominating Committee presented for review their proposed slate of officers. The election will take place at the Spring Conference.

Standing Committee Reports: It was reported that the Planning Committee has completed its work and has disbanded for the time being.

Other Committee Reports:

Councils and Conferences Committee: D/C Susan Darcy presented a draft flyer for the Spring Conference. She noted that the Commander will treat you to dinner on Friday where a ticket bar will be available. The price for the Spring Conference is presently set at \$47. D/C Darcy led a discussion about whether to combine the summer council and fall conference or keep them as separate events. People might not want to give up a weekend of boating in the summer. It also seems to be difficult to get people to RSVP which makes it difficult to plan and budget the event. A consensus was reached to again hold these as one combined event.

Membership Status: No report.

Sea Scouts: No report

VSC Committee: Lt/C Robert Terry, S noted that he has a supply of NYS boating safety guides available for distribution as needed.

Memorials: P/D/C Jeffrey Gerwig noted that the committee needs current contact information and circulated a D2 list for review and annotation.

PRO/Marketing: A discussion took place about the concept of "America's Boating Club."

A motion to adjourn was made by D/C Susan L. Darcy, JN, which passed. This was followed with a benediction offered by P/D/Lt/C Melvin Goldstein, AP. Luncheon was then served, after which an Instructor Development and Recertification program was offered by D/Lt/C Karl Wagner, JN

Respectfully Submitted

David J. Wilkinson

District Secretary

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Minutes of the District 2 Spring Conference 7 April 2018

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 0914 by D/C Susan L. Darcy, JN.

Invocation: P/D/C Jeffrey Gerwig, AP gave the invocation.

Pledge: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by D/Lt/C Andrew Cummings, JN.

National Anthem: The singing of the National Anthem was led by P/D/C Harrison Valante, SN, following a lively discussion of the song's history.

Memorial Service: P/D/C Jeffrey Gerwig, AP and Lt/C Robert Terry, P led the memorial service for those members who have taken their final voyage. Those remembered were: Donald Wilson, SN – Lake Candlewood; P/D/C Cliff Schoonmaker, JN and Sharmen Fitchett, AP – Mid-Hudson; P/C Deborah Benedetto, AP – Stamford; P/C Harvey Fink, SN and P/C Charles FitzRandolph, AP – Westchester. As the service concluded, the musical selection known as “Taps” was played.

Introductions of Past District Commanders, Committee Members, and District Guests: P/D/C Jeffrey Gerwig, AP, introduced National officers present: Law Committee Chair R/C Michael D. Friedman, N; Information Technology Chair, Carl E. Filios, SN; and Educational Fund Trustee, Susan Darcy, JN. P/D/C Denise Filios, AP introduced Past District Commanders present: P/D/C Harrison Valante, SN; D/C Susan L. Darcy, JN; P/D/C Frederick Mangelsdorf, SN; P/D/C Jeffrey Gerwig, AP; P/D/C Susan Ryan, JN; and P/D/C Denise Filios, AP and Past District Education Officers present were introduced by R/C Carl Filios, SN. Past DEO's included P/D/Lt/C Edward C. Weber, SN and P/R/C George Hallenbeck, AP and R/C Carl Filios, SN. District guests introduced were R/C Michael D. Friedman, N; Ruth Witztum, JN; and R/C Chris Windeler, SN. All were from District 4. R/C Friedman, National Law Officer was serving as the Chief Commander's Representative. Although the Governing Board Emeritus members were not present, because of the honor of their having obtained at least 50 Merit Marks, their names were listed in the presentation: Clarkson Farnsworth, JN; Donald Gladstone, P; William Gratz, SN; Hubert Sebastian, SN; Harry Twitchell, SN; and Robert Ward, SN. Governing Board members present were introduced: Jeffrey Gerwig, AP; Karl Wagner, JN; and Susan Darcy, JN.

Chief Commander's Address: R/C Michael D. Friedman, N, National Law Officer delivered the Chief Commander's address. His remarks included a history of the United States Power

Squadron, from its formative days and outgrowth from a northeast yacht club, to its present designation as “America’s Boating Club,” complete with new trademarks and logos. (Squadrons are reminded that the new logos are to be used as-is and not changed.)

Determination of a quorum: D/Lt/C David Wilkinson, S called the roll and affirmed that a quorum was present.

Minutes from the 2017 Fall Conference: P/D/C Susan P. Ryan, JN made a motion to approve the minutes from the 2017 Fall Conference as revised. Motion was seconded by Lt/C Virginia Schmidt-Gedney, AP. Motion passed. This was followed by a question and discussion concerning District policy of approving minutes from two meetings ago at conferences and council meetings. Going forward, we will endeavor to publish meeting minutes within 30 days after a meeting has been concluded.

Education Department Report: D/Lt/C Karl M. Wagner, JN presented his report. Karl suggested that Instructors report courses taught so that they receive credit for courses taught. Also, they are encouraged to upload a copy of their course syllabus as a PDF to HQ800. Instructors should contact Karl if they have any questions. Karl likes to keep his instructors busy.

Presentation: D/1st/Lt Andrew M. Cummings, JN was presented with a Certificate of Achievement.

General Presentation: D/C Susan L. Darcy, JN offered a presentation involving a group exercise. In her scenario, participants are passengers on a sinking ship due to a fire aboard and must rank, in order of importance, the items from a given list that they would need. Rationale for the chosen correct answers followed with spirited discussion. Susan also offered a squadron internal review take-back exercise, as well as a presentation on how to retain new members, a technique she referred to as “E-4.” The Four E’s she referred to were: Enlightenment, Education, Empowerment, and Entrepreneurship. She also talked about ten ways to get the best out of your squadron. She then distributed CD’s with forms, information, and other valuable resources to squadron representatives.

Meeting Report: P/D/C Fred Mangelsdorf presented a petition he had received from P/D/C Robert Zimmerman which would enable “distinguished” squadron members (as recognized by National), to receive a silver star to be worn as a lapel pin. This item was discussed by Past District Commanders and Past District Education Officers and it was decided not to send this petition on to National but that it may be appropriate to recognize such members at the District level instead. In other words, the motion “died on the floor.”

Announcement: It was announced by the host District that 50/50 raffle tickets would be sold during lunch and attendees were encouraged to purchase tickets.

Past District Commanders’ Award: This award is presented for achievement in the area of member involvement. Third place was awarded to Storm King Power Squadron; second place to Berkshire Sail and Power Squadron; and first place to Sacandaga Power Squadron.

Bridge Reports:

Treasurer: Motion to accept provided report. Motion seconded and passed.

Secretary: *No Report*

Administrative Officer: No Report aside from the seat packet.

Educational Officer: No Report

Executive Officer: No Report.

Commander's Report: D/C Susan L. Darcy, JN thanked all who came to the conference and for their hard work during the year. She spoke about the next summer council meeting and she is interested in the possibility of combining a meeting with a cruise, for example, on the Hudson. Having a meeting during a cruise may not be the best plan since there is no way for people to leave once the boat departs. May be better to meet on land and then those that wish can participate in an on-the-water event. During the meeting, we could address areas that officers feel they need help with or skills that they wish to improve. Susan is looking for input and ideas about a summer council. Also, reach out to her if you would like to know more about National positions. Finally, Susan thanked the District for placing their trust in her for the past year.

Reports of Committees:

General Committee Reports: There were no reports at this time from the Rules, or Law Committees. The Auditing and Nominating Committee provided reports and the Nominating Committee's report was included in the seat packet. The Auditing Committee indicated that they were satisfied with the Treasurer's report and it was noted that D/Lt/C John P. Pedersen has done an excellent job. A question was raised about what percentage of the Capital Reserve is being used for operations. It was confirmed that none of these funds were being used as such.

Other Committee Reports:

Councils and Conferences Committee: No report.

Membership Status: P/D/C Susan P. Ryan, JN noted that the Membership Awareness Committee was started in 2016 and was pleased to report that Squadrons are really doing a great deal of work on membership. Members are being lost due to death, aging, disabilities, burnout, relocation, economics, and competition from on-line classes. Suggests we charge different course rates for members vs. non-members. Other suggestions included building a list of boaters who are not yet members for targeted communications and holding fun events in addition to classes.

Sea Scouts: No report

VSC Committee: No report.

Education Fund: No report.

PRO/Marketing: P/D/C Susan P. Ryan, JN noted that the new marketing guidebook is available, and it is included on the CD's distributed today. She also noted that refrigerator magnets, with the new logo, are available to be used as a marketing tool. New nametags are available from CPDean.com. Banners are available for \$56 plus shipping. There was also a discussion about the "Marketing Fund" and the "National General Fund" references that may appear on the renewal form.

We have been solicited to invest \$650 to establish a presence on “Wind Check “ (sp ?) as a means to recruit new members. Susan felt that this should not be pursued, as there are more cost-effective methods available, especially when this rather pricey proposal was not included in our budget in the first place.

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

Governing Board Emeritus (50 merit marks) – P/D/Lt/C Edward V. Weber, SN – Mid-Hudson Power Squadron

“Distinguished Past Commanders”: - Awarded for Service (40+ merit marks); Leadership (Past Commander); and Education (Full Certificate):

Leo O. Robillard, SN – Berkshire Sail and Power Squadron

John A. Lucchesi, SN – Lake Candlewood Power Squadron

Michael A. Brown, SN – Norwalk Sail and Power Squadron

Stephen H. Raffel, SN – Saugatuck River Sail and Power Squadron

Harvey Fink, SN – Westchester Sail and Power Squadron (*posthumously*)

“Distinguished Past District Commanders” – Awarded for Service (40+ merit marks); Leadership (Past District Commander); and Education (Full Certificate):

Richard P. Rutland, SN – Mohawk Sail and Power Squadron

Robert F. Zimmerman, SN – Mohawk Sail and Power Squadron

Outstanding Squadron Awards

Overall Outstanding Achievement Award: This award is given to the squadron with the best overall performance of all the objectives being judged including administrative functions. **A three-way tie** for the overall position: Darien Sail and Power Squadron; Greenwich Sail and Power Squadron; and Mid-Hudson Power Squadron. **Most Improved Category Award** presented to Westchester Sail and Power Squadron. **Outstanding Civic Service Award** was presented to Storm King Power Squadron; **Outstanding Educational Award** presented to Norwalk Sail and Power Squadron; and Saugatuck River Sail and Power Squadron received the **Outstanding Squadron Award for the Fraternity** category. Squadrons receiving **Honorable Mention** were Berkshire, Penfield, and Stamford.

Distinctive Communicator Awards:

For publications: Dredgings (Saugatuck River); Harbor Light (Greenwich); Windjammer (Sacandaga); and District 2News.

For web sites: Berkshire; Darien; Greenwich, Lake Candlewood; Mid-Hudson; Norwalk; Sacandaga; Stamford; and District 2.

Richard Moore/Operations Training: Storm King, Mid-Hudson; Stamford; and Westchester.

Vessel Safety Checks/Examiners:**Squadron Awards:**

Highest number of examinations: 1st place: Lake Candlewood – 72 examinations
2nd place: Norwalk – 58 examinations
3rd place: Sacandaga – 42 examinations

Individual Awards:

Highest number of examinations: Brian Barnier, Lake Candlewood – 72 examinations
Second highest number: Jack Cohen, Norwalk – 40 examinations
Third highest number: Philip H. Roeber, Sacandaga – 28 examinations

National Membership Growth Awards – Honorable Mention:

Division 1 – Squadrons with more than 114 members:

Westchester Sail and Power Squadron

Division 3 – Squadrons with 45 – 74 members:

Mid-Hudson Power Squadron

Stamford Sail and Power Squadron

Division 4 – Squadrons with 44 members or fewer:

Storm King Power Squadron

Life Member (25 Merit Marks):

Lt George A. Friend, P – Greenwich Sail and Power Squadron

Educational Fund Honor Roll:

Berkshire; Darien; Greenwich; Lake Candlewood; Lake George; Mid-Hudson;
Mohawk-Hudson; Saugatuck River; and Westchester.

A brief discussion took place about the use of Education Funds for “marketing” activities. D/C Susan Darcy indicated she would let the Fund Trustees know we felt that the D2 Educational Funds should not be used for non-educational purposes.

Nominating Committee Report: P/D/C Denise A. Filios, AP (Norwalk) presented the report from the Nominating Committee. The slate for Bridge year 2018 is as follows:

District Commander:	P/R/C Susan L. Darcy, JN – Berkshire
Executive Officer	D/Lt/C Andy Papademetriou, N – Westchester
Educational Officer	D/Lt/C Karl M. Wagner, JN – Norwalk
Administrative Officer	P/C Robert J. Terry, P – Sacandaga
Secretary	D/Lt/C David J. Wilkinson, S – Lake George
Treasurer	D/Lt/C John P. Pedersen, SN – Darien
Assistant Treasurer	P/D/C Martin E. Feldberg, AP – Storm King *
Assistant Education Officer	Lt/C Andy M. Cummings, JN – Greenwich

General Committees:**Rules:**

Lt Robert P. Kelly, SN – Westchester (2019)

Stf/C Carl E. Filios, SN – Berkshire (2020)

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

Auditing:

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

Nominating:

P/D/C Denise A. Filios, AP – Norwalk (2019 – Chair)
P/D/C Gino C. Bottino, AP – Stamford (2020)
P/D/C Vincent Evans, P – Storm King (2021)
Cdr Craig R. Burry, P – Saugatuck River
Lt/C Frank W. Isele, N – Mohawk-Hudson
P/D/C Harrison R. Valante, SN – Saugatuck River

* This nomination was made from the floor during the conference.

Submitted by:

P/D/C Howard Sklar, AP – Westchester (Chair)
P/D/C Denise A. Filios, AP – Norwalk
P/D/C Gino C. Bottino, AP – Stamford
P/C/C Harrison R. Valante, SN – Saugatuck River (Advisor)
Cdr Craig R. Burry, P – Saugatuck River

R/C Michael Friedman, N, National Law Officer, made a motion for the D2 Secretary to cast one vote for the proposed slate, as amended by nomination from the floor. D/Lt/C David J. Wilkinson, S, Secretary, did affirm that no other additional nominations had been received and did so cast a vote in the affirmative for the proposed slate.

Following brief break, P/R/C Susan L. Darcy, JN (Berkshire) was sworn in as D2 Commander by R/C Michael Friedman, N. The D2 Officers were subsequently sworn in, following which D/C Susan Darcy offered a few brief remarks. Susan promised that things were going to be fun this year but indicated to her officers that they would have to do a good job.

Susan also stated that she could use help packing equipment and related conference materials into her car, following which anyone interested could meet and discuss going out to dinner later that evening.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1515.

Respectfully Submitted

D/Lt/C David J. Wilkinson, S

District Secretary

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