



# Lead Line

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## D28 FLAG HERALDRY

By: P/D/C Frank Fitzgerald, AP

District 28 of USPS is made up of squadrons from Arizona and California. The D-28 flag design is based on combining elements and symbolism from the state flags of those two states.

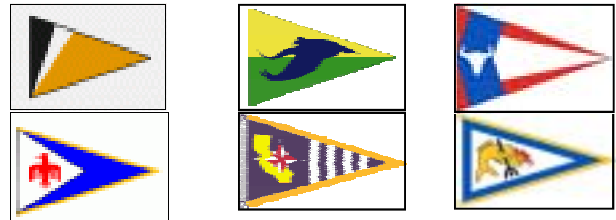
The white background on the top half of the D-28 flag with the five pointed red star on the top left area comes directly from the California state flag, having the same proportion and placement. *(Historically, The Lone Star Flag of California contained a single red star on a white background.)*

The copper star on the top right area comes from the center of the Arizona state flag, but reduced in size to match the red star and is placed symmetrically to the red star. *(The copper star of the flag identifies Arizona as the largest copper producing state in the union.)*

The red horizontal stripe on the bottom is taken directly from the California flag. It is placed on the blue horizontal stripe taken from the Arizona flag. The blue and red stripes on the bottom are separated by a white line, symbolizing the Colorado River between the two states.

The gold twenty-eight stars in an array around the center of the flag designates that this is the flag of District twenty-eight of the USPS.

The flag and its heraldry were approved by the national Flag and Etiquette Committee and announced at the USPS Annual Meeting, 21 February 2009.



Plan to Attend the District 28  
Fall Conference in Irvine, CA.

## District Commander's Report

By D/C Connie Johnson, SN



**A**s we approach another Fall, I thought of all the things I could or should write about for my article. I kept coming back to one thing, **MEMBERSHIP**. We are all struggling this year, both to retain and to gain new members. **EDUCATION** seems to be moving right along. Squadron **ACTIVITIES** seem to be thriving.

There I am, back again to square one. None of this matters without members. Oh sure, we could teach classes to the general public. We could invite friends to our activities. But if we don't ask them to join, where is the organization really going?

We are all noticing the aging of the members. With no new membership, eventually there would be nobody to teach or nobody to socialize with. We are using the same old people over and over until they become worn out and quit their membership just so they don't have to say yes again. They want to be replaced! But again without new members we have no replacements to offer them.

Nominating committees have problems getting people to serve in bridge positions. The same old reasons seem to keep popping up – I'm too busy, or I don't want to be in leadership, or (*usually this one isn't spoken*) there have been some past officer comments made about how hard the job is, or they have previously been criticized for doing something differently.

Where is our **ENTHUSIASM** going?

Just take a step back and consider how and why you joined the squadron you belong to. There are probably a couple of reasons. Education is a big one. Squadrons do a great job of educating. Insurance reduction is another. These people usually don't participate in much as a member, but contribute their donation annually. The third is for social reasons. They knew someone who asked them to an outing or meeting. They were well received by the friendly members and decided to join.

Now take a look at what makes you stay a member. **EDUCATION** is again a big reason. Some just can't get enough. This is great, but what happens when all the classes have been taken? There are new seminars and **BOC** which have been introduced to solve this problem. Another is to invite this person to become an instructor. Who best to teach a class than someone who just took it? There is great personal satisfaction in giving your knowledge to someone else. The insurance reduction member is still hanging in there. Who doesn't love a discount nowadays more

than ever? By far the main reason for staying is the friends you have made in the group. Count how many new friends you have at your squadron level. There are some really close relationships that have been built over the years. Count how many more friends you have at the District level. Next, count them on the National level. During the recent Haboob in Phoenix, Bill and I heard from people in San Diego and North Carolina, making sure we were ok. These were some great members we have met in both the District and National meetings.

If you really read this with an open heart, you are sure to have caught the bug of enthusiasm again. Now that we have the enthusiasm back – we need to go out and tell others about the reasons we are members.

We need to help out our nominating committees by showing positive enthusiasm to members in doing our bridge jobs (*even after we leave the job*). Nobody wants to take a job that someone just said was hard. None of these jobs are really hard. (*take it from someone who is in the middle of her 8<sup>th</sup> year in a bridge position*) Some more time-consuming than others, but definitely not hard. Time-consuming jobs can be made easier with assistants. Nobody says you can't have assistants. The too busy excuse doesn't cut it. The most organized and productive person is a busy one. That and a little enthusiasm is all that is needed to do these jobs. We need to mentor new leaders, not attack them. Just think where we would all be today if everything was done the same way it was when it was first invented! Isn't that a scary thought? Sometimes change is a good thing!

Now that we have gone back, remembered why we are here, pondered where we need to go, let's go out and do it with **ENTHUSIAM!**

## District Executive Officer's Report

By D/Lt/C Mark Kelter, AP



**H**ello to all and I hope the boating season is in full swing and no one ran into a snow storm on the way to your lake or river. As we know, one of the main functions of the **USPS** is to teach **SAFE boating**.

On July 3, 2011 in the Sea of Cortez off the coast of San Felipe, Mexico, a 105 ft charter fishing boat with over 20 fishing men, most from Northern California, aboard, sank within three minutes with a loss of 7 lives. Go to Google.com and type in "*the sinking of the Erik*".

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This tragedy is lesson on what not to do from the start. The skipper was warned that a storm was on the way and he still went to sea. The boat was top heavy with pangas. There were not enough PFDs aboard for the guests. All the crew had PFDs on and it was every man for himself. The boat was taking waves on the port side rather than heading into the waves, etc. etc. You can get more information at [www.wonews.com](http://www.wonews.com) and read the story by **Pat McDonell**. This is something that can be used in the basic boating class or any boating class.

The guest speaker at the Fall Conference Saturday morning is going to be **Justin McChesney** with **SAILANGLE**. Justin is going to present a **Basic 101 course on SAILANGLE** with handout. Justin's presentation will last about 1 hour including questions and answers. I have invited Justin to join us in the Commander's break-out meeting to answer any other questions you may have. **I am inviting ALL D/28 members to attend this presentation as National USPS is using SAILANGLE as its means of communicating with all members.**



**HELP HELP HELP...** The District is in need of a person that has Public Relations experience to help promote the Squadrons and District in Newspapers, Boating Magazines, TV, Radio, Internet or any other means. This is a good job for a retired person that is looking for something to do and also help the District. I know that there are several members that fill the requirement and would like to help us, so PLEASE contact me. My contact information is in the roster.

The **Vessel Safety Check** program is going a little slower than we would like to see, so let's get out and try to catch up with **Wes Heusser**. To date, August 12, Wes *only* has 525 inspections.

Wishing all a happy summer and SAFE boating ventures.

These are perennial questions that we should consider and discuss in squadron and district meetings.

My analogy of the District is with the support department of a company. The company's support (read "district") is the point of contact for the customer (read "squadron") for any product (read "Courses, Seminars, OTW, BOC, Co-op charting, etc.) questions they might have. The district support is through its departments, its website, and more. The district also provides leadership for new directions; an example of that would be the USPS University, introduction of **On-The-Water (OTW)** to standard USPS courses, **Boat Operator Certification (BOC)**, training extended to the public, etc. The district organization is in close contact with all national departments and committees. It is a channel for communication between national departments and squadrons, ensuring uniformity of action by squadrons.

Another important function is to help squadrons with high non-renewal rates, not offering public education courses, not recruiting new members, inability to fill bridge positions, inability to provide an educational program for its members or inability to carry out the objectives of the USPS.

All these functions would provide value to the squadrons if they were used! Are the squadron's Bridges use the valuable information P/R/C **Bob Schloeman**, JN includes in the D28 website or in the **Sailangle D28 Group File Cabinet**? My own observation is that there is a reasonable flow of info to and from district and squadron bridges. However District 28 councils and conferences are experiencing poor attendance from the squadron bridge members - SEOs, SAOs, SXOs, etc.

**D28 Admin Department** should be providing support and leadership to the squadron's Administrative Departments. But how many of the squadron **Administrative Officers - Balboa's Dave Thomas, Lake Mohave's Sharon Weller, Phoenix's Dan Sheen, San Diego's Karen Glaze, San Luis Rey's David Copenhaver, and South Bay's Susan Johnson** attended 2011 D/28 meetings?

One of the responsibilities of the **DAO's Membership/Member Involvement Committees (D/Lt/C Russ Lyman, AP)** is to train and inform squadron membership committee personnel, through meetings and seminars at district conferences and council meetings. Could this be done?

How many of the squadron **Membership Chairs - Balboa's Wes Heusser, Lake Mohave's Dawn Pierce, Phoenix's Bill Johnson, San Diego's Ed Bowler, San Luis Rey's Jan Follestad, and South Bay's Don Johnson**, attended the D/28 meetings?

The same questions could be asked in relation to the **Membership Involvement Committee - Balboa's Wolfgang Kutter, Phoenix' Chuck Davis, San Diego's Shaun McArdle, San Luis Rey's Russ Lyman, Lake Mohave's Sharon Dack, and South Bay's Don Johnson.**

## District Administrative Officer's Report

By D/Lt/C Van Diehl, SN



**Is the District important, or relevant to the life of the squadrons? Are the squadrons getting their money's worth from the District?**

## District Educational Officer's Report



By D/Lt/C Cida Diehl, JN

**USPS** has been changing very quickly in the last 5 years. It is innovating and adapting to the world of technology. The USPS that you knew a couple of years ago is not there any more. It is changing for the better.

Now there is one member category; a **member** is just that, a member, with all the rights and responsibilities of any other member. Before this, as an example, family members could do volunteer work, pay their dues, take classes, but could not vote or take a leadership position.

Last winter the new **HQ800 system** was upgraded and became a great educational tool. Now it is easy to use the system to publish all your classes and seminars, to make changes, and to file the report of class completion, just by a click of the mouse. The HQ800 is an amazing tool for the squadron educational department. With it you can sign up new members, file the class and seminar reports, print certificates, and wallet cards. It has the capability to do all these tasks and more.

You, as SEO, must take the time to figure out the program, and start using it. Sometimes patience is required to get things going at first, but after you play with the HQ800 system for a while, each class you publish and each report you file is straightforward. So even if you are not skilled using computers, you can use HQ800, and I am here to help and answer your questions.

Today USPS is paperless; all the educational reports that you used to send with a post card, now are done online.

Squadrons now have the opportunity to open up their courses for non-members. With good publicity your squadrons could get more students signing up for classes, instead of teaching them just for a few members.

The USPS Educational Department has been offering the **ABC** online with a 6 months free membership trial. The 6 months membership trial was extended for the **America Boating Course (ABC)** taught in the classroom. The squadrons have the chance to continue to offer the free membership trial to all the students that successfully complete the course.

A fundamental change in the way boating education is offered by USPS is the addition of **On-The-Water training (OTW)** to our courses. Today we have OTW training for **Powerboat Handling, Sail, and Coastal Navigation. The Boat Operator Certification (BOC)**, after a slow start, is up and running. It is a major step forward towards certifying members, and eventually the public,

on their theoretical and practical skills. **Inland and Coastal certification** is available now. **Advanced Coastal** is expected in 2012. The BOC program is a beauty. It gives people confidence in the operation of their boats, because they completed the on-the-water skills training! One thing is theory, but practice is another, you can tell the students all day long how to operate a boat in and out of a slip, but if the students don't do it themselves they will never know how.

To be released shortly is the **Practical Powerboat Handling** seminar, developed with a **US Coast Guard** grant. It will be available to members and the public. The grant also funded the lease of a powerboat and trailer for running the training up and down the East Coast. If the program is successful it will be extended across the nation.

It is time for the **SEOs/ASEOs** to plan the **2012 Educational Calendar**. Set up a calendar that will appeal to your members, as well as the public. A good calendar of classes should include public boating courses - at least three **ABC courses** and four **seminars, Advanced Grades, and Electives courses**. Remember to include the **Instructor Certification** course, **Instructor Re-certification**, as well as **Leadership Development and Operations Training** for new bridge officers. Include in your 2012 Plan all the **IN** and **CN** prerequisites, including the **OTW** classes for **IN, CN** and **Sail**. I would suggest you appoint one **BOC Coordinator** just to deal with this program.

SEOs and ASEOs should plan to attend the 2011 D/28 Fall Conference. The Fall Conference Education meeting is a place to learn what is new, and how to use the latest tools. One of the topics would be training, both present and upcoming SEOs/ASEOs who are not familiar with the HQ800 system, on how to use it. All SEO/ASEOs must be able to use the system to have an easy and productive year. I will be also reporting on what I learn at the Governing Board meeting in September. Send me agenda topics you might be interested to discuss at the Education meeting and let me know if you are coming. If you have any questions now, do not wait for the meeting. Just call or e-mail me.

The USPS Educational Department just released two new seminars: **Emergency On Board** and **Fuel and Boating**. Both are available to order.

Thanks to all SEOs/ASEOs, and the D/28 Educational Committees Chairman for all the work that you done for USPS.

It is a good thing to get new members with free 6-months memberships, but it is another thing to keep them. Get them to pay for their membership, get them involved and interested in the educational program. The squadron now has 6 months to inspire these new members to become paying members. *Follow up and mentoring* are the keys to making those members renew their membership after the free 6 months trial expires.

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The first online class, the Webinar on Weather, was presented recently. . . the webinar is now available on SailAngle.com. It was well-attended with 123 paid attendants from all over the country.

Another development was the introduction of the **DEOs Teleconference**. It is a major step forward in reaching out to the district education officers.

Now, through the Internet (*as long as USPS has your valid email address*) you receive your **Merit Mark** certificate, creating significant savings for the USPS.

## BOAT OPERATOR CERTIFICATION

By D/Lt/C Van Diehl, SN

I am happy to report that the **On-The-Water (OTW)** and **Boat Operator Certification (BOC)** programs are progressing all over the nation. These new directions will bring a brighter future to the USPS.

## BOAT OPERATOR CERTIFICATION

The **Coastal Navigation** certification kit has been available now for a few months. Several San Luis Rey members already have the kit and are starting to fill out their CN passports. P/D/C **Adriaan Veldhuisen**, SN, SLR BOC chairman has already completed the CN OTW skill exercises... I designed the exercises, modeled after the CN OTW requirements, to be run in San Diego South Bay and Glorietta Bay.

The Coastal Navigation OTW exercise includes route navigation using GPS and or Chartplotter and by Dead Reckoning, using just the boat's compass, knotmeter, depth sounder, a watch, and paper charts. In the navigation exercise, the candidate wishing to be certified, plans and plots a route consisting of, at least, six legs, labeling each leg with their magnetic course, distance and speed. Having planned the route, the navigator inputs the route waypoints and waypoints of places he/she wants to avoid - shallow areas, rocks, restricted areas, etc., to the GPS or Chartplotter. Now the navigator is ready to navigate the route. The first part of the exercise consists of navigating using the boat navigation electronics. Under way, an electronic failure is simulated, GPS or chartplotter are turned off. Now, navigation must proceed by Dead Reckoning. The OTW exercise is a lot of

fun and puts into practice what was learned in the classroom.

In September I will be instructing and testing several members. If you are interested in doing the CN OTW exercises, contact me at [dbftours@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dbftours@sbcglobal.net).

**CN** certification requires the completion of four seminars: – **Anchoring, Rules of Road, Compass, Tides and Current**. To expedite the obtaining of the CN certification, SLR will be offering the CN candidates the four seminars on one Saturday, with a discounted price for CN certification candidates.

For the remainder of 2011 and for 2012, I would like to ask all squadrons to include **OTW** and **BOC** at all their boating events. I will help you to get them up and running.

## ON-THE-WATER (OTW) TRAINING

District 28 has been ahead of National in including **OTW** to our classroom classes. San Luis Rey added OTW module to **Piloting** and **Advance Piloting**. These modules that I designed received approval from National and were even the subject of an **ENSIGN** article.

Just recently I updated the **OTW Piloting** module to satisfy the CN requirements. P/C **Dave Allocco**, SN also designed an OTW module for the **Sail** course.

It is my opinion that the National Education Dept. should add OTW boating skills. I was thus very happy to see that two OTW modules have been introduced by National to **Seamanship** and **Sail**.

Two teaching guides are available:

The "**Seamanship On-The-Water Teaching Guide**" can be accessed at [http://www.usps.org/eddept/s/files/seamanship\\_ow\\_ta\\_guide.pdf](http://www.usps.org/eddept/s/files/seamanship_ow_ta_guide.pdf) and the "**Sail On -The-Water Teaching Aid Guide**" can be accessed at [http://www.usps.org/national/eddept/sa/files/sa\\_otw\\_teaching\\_guide.pdf](http://www.usps.org/national/eddept/sa/files/sa_otw_teaching_guide.pdf)

These OTW modules are presently not required for course credit.

Please encourage your instructors of the **Seamanship, Piloting, Advance Piloting** and **Sail** classes to use the SLR and National OTW modules to promote "**Boating is fun-we'll show you how**". .

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**D28 Membership and Member Involvement** (D/Lt Russ Lyman, AP), has been busy promoting mentor programs, one of the most important member retention tools. To retain members you need to get them involved, knowing more about their squadron, district and the national organization. Now it is more important than ever with the ABC 6-months free membership program.

Here are the retention numbers (Data from P/R/C Bob Schloeman, JN)

## 2012 Star Program Retention As of 7/31/2011

Squadron	Members	Members	New Since	Retention	Star Points
	1/31/2011	7/31/2011	1/31/2011		
	C	A	B		
BALBOA	143	131	3	89.5%	2
LAKE MOHAVE	23	25	4	91.3%	2
PHOENIX	139	121	0	87.1%	1
SAN DIEGO	125	123	7	92.8%	3
SAN LUIS REY	100	97	16	81.0%	0
SOUTH BAY	23	19	2	73.9%	0
DISTRICT 28	553	516	32	87.5%	

**Operations Training and Leadership Development** (P/D/C Elaine Keller, AP). Up to July no squadron had taught the Leadership Development, and Balboa, Phoenix, and South Bay had not taught the Operations Training Seminars.

**USPS Educational Fund** (P/D/C Duane Leathers, AP). Make sure you do not miss the deadline for this important contribution. D28 was listed in the Honor Roll in 2009 and 2010.

**Member Benefits** ( Lt/C Susan Johnson, AP). Are you informing your members of the extensive list of benefits listed at the USPS website: Life Insurance, USPS Wireless Center, On Call International Medical and Travel Assist, Identity Theft Protection, Sears Commercial Market Place, USPS Prescription Savings Card, USPS Lifeline Screening, Long Term Care Insurance, USPS Cruises Only, USPS Vacation Center, rebates on Wyndham Hotels, Avis, and Budget Rental cars.

**Fall Conference 2011** (Stf/C Lou Loth, AP) - 8 October 2011, Hilton Irvine/Orange County Airport. More info at <http://www.usps.org/d28/ConferenceGenInfo3.pdf>

**Spring Conference 2012** ( Cdr Jo Ann Waller). Lake Mohave.

**GOAL: TO MAKE D28 ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT MORE RELEVANT TO THE SQUADRONS, PROVIDING MORE VALUE; FIND OUT MORE ABOUT ITS NEEDS AND WHERE THE DISTRICT CAN HELP; WHAT SHOULD WE ADD TO D28 MEETINGS TO GET BETTER ATTENDANCE FROM THE SQUADRON'S ADMIN DEPARTMENTS TO D28 COUNCIL AND CONFERENCES; INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITY OF WEBINAR MEETINGS. PLEASE, SEND ME YOUR INPUT.**

*My sincere thanks to Russ Lyman, Elaine Keller, Duane Leathers, Lou Loth, and Jo Ann Waller.*

## FALL CONFERENCE PLEA FROM THE DISTRICT COMMANDER

*The cut off date for hotel registration at the group rate is **September 16**. There is a full hotel that weekend. If you haven't made your reservation please do it now.*

*Balboa SPS is quite concerned about making its budget with the hotel. Only half of the rooms are reserved, compared to last time they held a conference there. Please come out and support Balboa and your District.*

*Get those reservations in **now**. We will have the Sail Angle GuRu **Justin McChesney** showing us all how to run this program. Any questions you have about Sail Angle - bring them and get your answers from the pro. We will also have the National Executive Officer and his wife in attendance (soon to be Chief Commander). And a Special guest host for dinner will be **Ray Tsuneyoshi**. Ray is always entertaining. Don't miss it.*

*Again, help Balboa meet their quota. Get those reservations in now!*

## Secretary's Report



By Lt/C Ed Bowler, AP

If you do not participate in the activities of your squadron, District, or National US Power Squadron you do **not** receive all the wonderful benefits available.

## District 28 Calendar

# 2011

### "You Snooze, You Lose"

#### OCTOBER

7- 8 USPS District 28 Fall Conference, Irvine Hilton, CA.

An upcoming event to become more active in, is our **District 28 Fall Conference**. Remember, District 28 consists of six Southern California and Arizona Sail & Power Squadrons; **Balboa, San Luis Rey, San Diego, South Bay, Phoenix, and Lake Mohave**. Everyone from any one of the squadrons is encouraged to attend.

The fall conference for District 28 will be held at the **Hilton Hotel in Irvine, California, Friday and Saturday, October 7 and 8**. It will be hosted by **Balboa Sail and Power Squadron** and is shaping up to be an excellent meeting.

Our **guest speaker** is scheduled to be **Justin Mc Chesney** from **SAILANGLE**. He will be giving us a presentation on the "**Effective use of SAILANGLE**". He has an informative Power Point presentation everyone will enjoy. This is an exciting topic as it will increase communication at the local, district and national levels. He will make everything regarding computers simple, fast and easy, so that we can grow our squadrons.

Besides excellent guest speakers at meetings **we are introduced to wonderful members** having the same interests that we have, boating. Through **social functions** within our organization we learn new boating ideas and what is going on in the various other squadrons. Meeting new boaters can lead to life long friendships. We have had the good fortune to sail and travel with other members to **Maine, the British Virgin Islands, Mexico, the Gulf of Mexico, British Columbia** and even across the **Atlantic**. Come and see who you can meet.

At US Power Squadron meetings and conferences we can **share our ideas** and contribute to the growth and smooth running of our organization. I am sure you have great new ideas that will improve our outstanding organization. We cannot put them into effect unless we hear them. Be at the meetings and let us hear from you.

**If you miss, you will lose, your squadron will lose, and everyone who attends loses, because you are not there with your ideas. Remember each and every member is our most important asset.**

**See you all there. Make your reservation now.  
You will not be disappointed.**

#### DECEMBER

3 D28 Winter Council Meeting –Southwestern Yacht Club.



# 2012

#### MARCH

4-5 D28 Spring Conference— Hosted by Lake Mohave Sail & Power Squadron—Riverside Resort, Laughlin, NV

## DISTRICT 28 FALL CONFERENCE 2011



### CONFERENCE DATE – 8 OCTOBER 2011

**Location** – Hilton Irvine/Orange County Airport, 18800 MacArthur Blvd, Irvine. 1-800-445-8667 for reservations. **Group Code =**

**D28CON**. Room night is \$99.00 + tax. Hotel entrance is from Douglas Street, less than three minutes from the MacArthur exit from I-405, towards the water. Discounted self parking is \$5.00 per overnight with multiple in/out. **Individual (make your own)**

**Reservations Required**. Complimentary shuttle service from OC Airport and within 3 mile radius.

### FRIDAY ACTIVITY

- Afternoon and Evening at bayfront home of **BSPS** member **Joan Williams**, 812 Harbor Island Dr., Newport Harbor—cruise from her dock, buffet dinner. An alternate address is 33d 36m 40s N by 117d 53m 44s W from Chart 18754 All this for a “cover charge” of \$5.00.
- Plan to be at Joan’s at 1500 for maximum fun and camaraderie. Boat cruises should continue until 1700 – 1730, when buffet dinner will be served. Earlier arrivals get best parking. Drinks available, but the selections will be limited on the Harbor Cruise. Times are approximate. **Reservations are a must**. Joan’s home is about a twenty minute drive from the hotel. Your Reservation Form should be submitted promptly so the Conference committee can plan for your enjoyment. Don’t delay in making direct hotel reservations

### SATURDAY ACTIVITY

#### **Spouse**

· A walking tour of beautiful Roger’s Gardens and Fashion Island, led by **Lynne Keltner** and **Priscilla Leathers**. Many places to view, shop, and luncheon. Approximate time is 1000 – 1600. Transportation provided.

#### **Member**

- All activities are at the Hilton, except for lunch which could be a short walk/drive away. More on this later.
- A D/28 Registration Table will be set up in the Hilton Lobby, staffed Friday 1500 – 1800 and Saturday 0800 - 1000. Times are subject to change.

***This general Information was updated August 9, 2011.***



## District 28 2011 Fall Conference Schedule and Registration

Rank	First Name	M.I.	Last Name	Grade
Address			City	State Zip
District No. Squadron		Telephone		Email

DATE	EVENT	NUMBER	COST EACH	TOTAL
Friday 7 October	Potluck and Cruise at the bayside home of Joan Williams		\$5.00	
Saturday 8 October	Continental Breakfast (hotel)		\$12.00	
	Spouse Activity (transportation provided)		Guided	
	Member Lunch (local restaurants)		On your own	
	Conference Dinner (hotel)			
	Pre-Dinner hospitality (hosted)			
	Dinner:			
	Chicken Picatta		\$44.00	
	Grilled Salmon		\$44.00	
	Post –Dinner hospitality (hosted)			
	Raffle Ticket Books (12 tickets for \$10)		\$10.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>				

Please make checks payable to: **Balboa Sail & Power Squadron**  
 Send check and Registration form to:  
 Cdr Boris Buzan, AP, 23826 Birch Lane, Mission Viejo, CA 92691-3011

**Make hotel reservations directly with the Hilton/Irvine at \$99.00 (plus taxes) per night.**

**Parking: \$5.00 per night (unlimited in and out)**

Phone 800-445-8667  
 Group Code D28CON

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Power boating handling skill learning is being strongly promoted by the **US Coast Guard**, because of the large number of reported accidents. USPS has received a USCG grant to develop a **Practical Powerboat Handling** combined classroom and OTW seminar. The OTW maneuvers are about the ones for IN certification. The in-class seminar PowerPoint includes a detailed video demonstrating the maneuvers. This seminar will be offered both to members and public. The grant also included funds for the lease of an appropriate powerboat and trailer. Initially the equipment will be available to run the training all over the East Coast. Depending on the program success there, we can expect to get similar equipment later.

## An example of a successful Boating event with OTW and BOC

**Earlier on, I asked your help for the OTW/BOC program by including them in your Boating events. This is part of my OTW/BOC plan for 2011-2012. Here is an example of how that was incorporated in District 16:**

Cida and I were invited to participate in the **Northwest Region BOC School**, in Poulsbo, Washington State, from June 22 to 25. Poulsbo (47° 43.94'N, 122°39.2'W) is located at Liberty Bay, one of the numerous inlets of Puget Sound, near Seattle. The program was part of the annual **D16 Rendezvous**, at Poulsbo; sixty boats took part in the event.

The BOC School was organized by my colleague in the BOC Northwest Region, Director **L.D. Brown**, SN with the support of the National BOC Committee Asst. Chairman Stf/C **Chris Brown**, SN and the NEO **Bob Sweet**, SN. The objective was to graduate and gain additional **IN** and **CN Certified Trainers**,

The BOC School started Wednesday, June 22, training and qualifying IN and CN Certified Trainers. Thursday and Friday, June 23 and 24 were dedicated to the training and certification of IN and CN Certifiers, as well as to train and certify IN and CN candidates on the OTW maneuvers required to obtain the certification.

Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup>, was dedicated to the soon to be released public **OTW Practical Powerboat Handling** seminar, developed by NEO **Bob Sweet**, and funded by a **USCG** grant. The seminar was presented to 13 students that recently completed the ABC class. NEO **Bob Sweet** did the seminar lecture; the OTW training was done by the certifiers.

**Cida** and **I** contributed significantly to the event, helping with the training, classroom and OTW, for both IN and CN. Cida had a lot of fun setting up the buoys for the IN exercises, every morning at 0700.

**The BOC school results:** 8 IN Certifier Trainers, 8 CN Certifier Trainers, 6 IN Certifiers, 6 CN Certifiers, 19 IN OTW, 13 CN OTW, and 13 for the public Practical Powerboat Handling OTW training. A total of 73 certifications. Isn't that wonderful?

I need your help to have the program active in all squadrons. Please **appoint a BOC/OTW chair for your squadron and schedule an OTW and IN/CN certification at each one of your boating events**. Currently, only **San Luis Rey** has an OTW/BOC chair. P/D/C **Adriaan Veldhuisen**. Adriaan has done a great job of promoting the program by writing monthly columns for **The Mariner's Needle**, and by scheduling IN and CN OTW events. Phoenix P/C **Dave Allocco** organized a BOC event and did a good job reporting it in the **Bos'n's Pipe**.

# National Officer to Headline Fall Conference

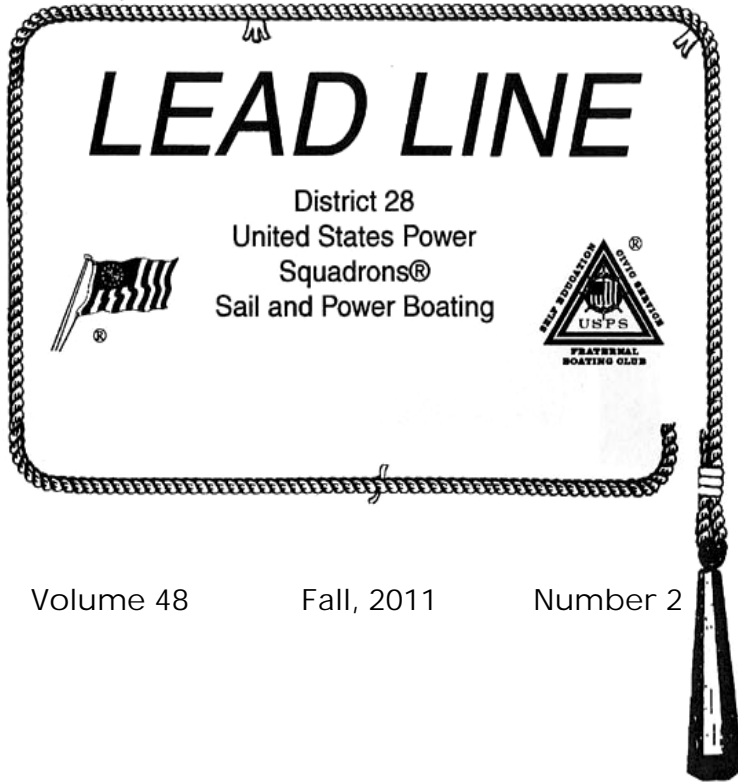


V/C **John Alter**, SN, National Executive Officer, will be the Chief Commander's Representative at the D28 Fall Conference in Irvine, CA.

John and his wife, Judy, live in Whispering Pines, NC, and are members of the **Raleigh Sail and Power Squadron** in D27. Both are natives of Toledo, Ohio. John joined the **Toledo Squadron** (D29) in 1970, and seven years later transferred to Cleveland and became a member of the **Rocky River Power Squadron** (D7). Throughout his squadron career, he has taught Basic Boating, Seamanship and Piloting courses. John is a graduate of Xavier University with both bachelors and masters degrees in business administration. He is a life member with 27 merit marks.



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