

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB®

For Boaters, By Boaters™



Door County Squadron



Members Manual

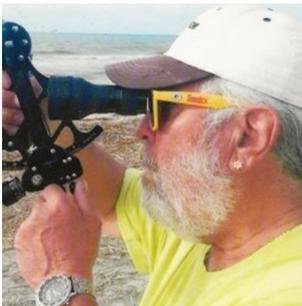
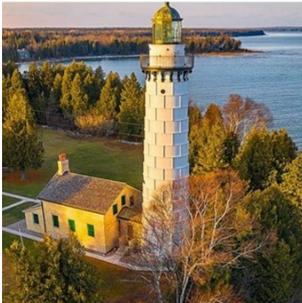
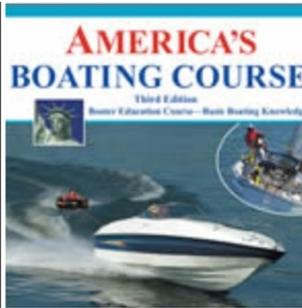
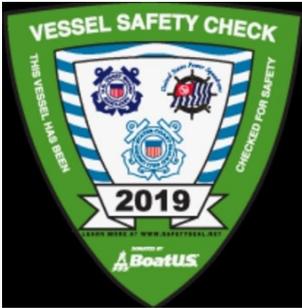


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STRAWBERRY MOON RISING AT CANA

What is America's Boating Club?

America's Boating Club is the world's largest private, nonprofit boating organization. Our members are boating families who contribute to their communities by promoting safe boating on the water and in the classroom. It is a unit of United States Power Squadrons with a rich history of maritime service since 1914.

Sharing our Knowledge



Members enjoy more than 30 classroom, on-the-water, seminars and self-study courses in marine subjects from seamanship and piloting to GPS and celestial navigation.

The ABC Boating Course meets educational requirements for boat operation in all states.

Network of Friends and Fun

Enjoy friendship and camaraderie on the water and off with fellow members who are skilled in boating.

Cruises and rendezvous highlight on-the-water activities and complement shore-side events. So much fun!



Giving Back to the Community

Every squadron offers boating safety courses and seminars to the public.

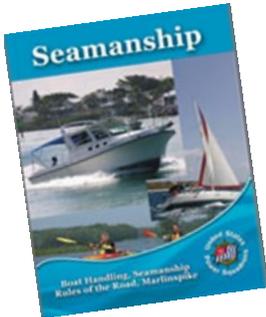
Squadron members trained and certified as Vessel Examiners perform free vessel safety checks at marinas and private locations in the community.

USPS members help the National Ocean Service keep nautical charts up to date via the Coop Charting Program.

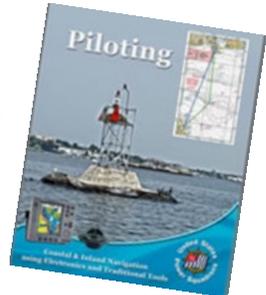
WE PROVIDE

The Knowledge and Know-How that saves lives on the water

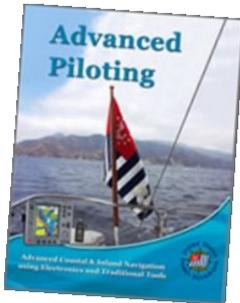
ADVANCED GRADES COURSES



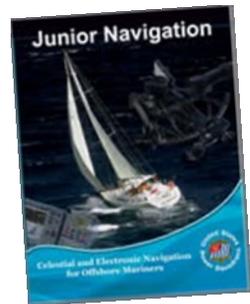
Seamanship—Docking and line handling, anchoring, rules of the road, knots.



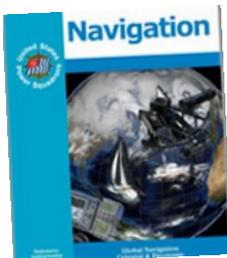
Piloting—Using nautical charts, navigation, course plotting, location fixes.



Advanced Piloting—Adjusting for wind, currents and tides, importance of paper charts along with electronic chart plotters.



Junior Navigation—Celestial navigation for off-shore cruising guided by the sun.



Navigation—Using a sextant and theories of celestial navigation guided by sun, moon and stars.

Two-Hour Seminars

Boat Handling

Rules of the Road
Docking and Undocking
Anchoring
Emergencies on Board
Knots and Lines
Boating on Rivers, Locks, & Lakes
Sail Trim & Rig Tuning
Paddle Smart

Navigation

Using Paper and Digital Charts

Marine Environment

Onboard Weather Anticipation
Hurricane Preparation
Tides and Currents

Boat Systems

Using VHF/DSC Marine Radio
Using GPS, Multi-Function Displays
Using Marine Radar
AIS Electronics for Boaters
Propane Systems on Your Boat

Cruising & Cruise Planning

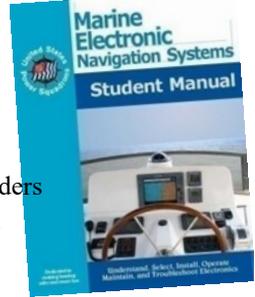
Boat prep and provisioning
border crossing and VHF radio protocols.



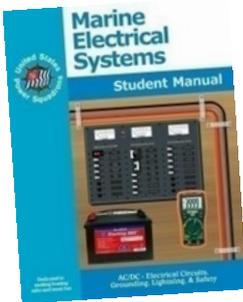
ELECTIVE COURSES



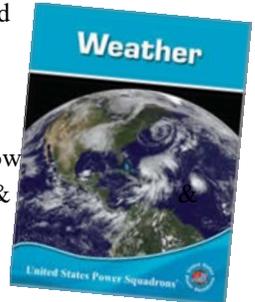
Engine Maintenance—How to diagnose problems and do routine maintenance on a boat's engine—gas and diesel



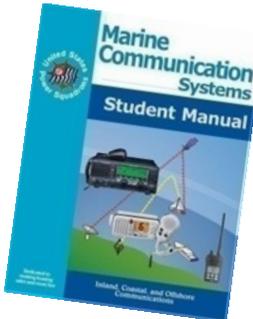
Electronic Navigation—Using VHF radio and GPS, chartplotters, radar, depth sounders & their associated components.



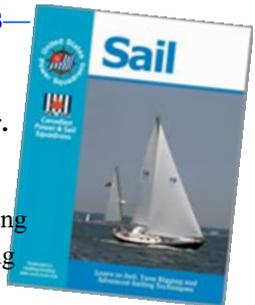
Marine Electrical Systems—Understanding a boat's electrical systems, how to diagnose & repair electrical problems, and onboard electrical safety.



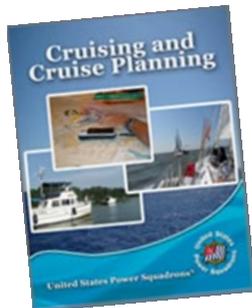
Weather—Understanding how weather systems form, behave & interact.



Marine Communications—Learn how to select, install, operate & troubleshoot your shipboard communications gear.



Cruise Planning—Everything you need to know when planning a cruise.



Sail—Learn sailing forces and techniques, marlinspike, helmsmanship, and handling difficult sailing conditions.

OPTIONS FOR LEARNING

On-line courses—Webinars and safe boating videos

Convenient

At your own pace



Classroom—Courses and Seminars—can use Go-To-Meeting format



Certified Instructors

In-depth answers to your questions

Group learning & interaction

Realistic simulators

On the Water—Boat Operator's Certification and Jump Start for new Boater's

Hands on training

Skills development

Certifications:

Inland

Coastal

Off Shore



FRIENDSHIPS



America's Boating Club Door County Squadron plans social activities for its members providing opportunities to meet other members and share boating experiences in an informal way.

We enjoy picnics and other outdoor events, pot luck socials with short business meetings, chili cook-offs and an annual holiday party at Crossroads.



CRUISES



Cruising with friends is how we put education into practice. A variety of cruises are planned throughout the boating season. Foremost among these is the Squadron Rendezvous to Menominee, Michigan in August to which we invite other Squadrons and the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary (USCGA).

Cruising takes—

Planning—so we study charts and mark a route to our destination.



Leadership—we decide on cruise co-captains who will lead planning meetings before and during the cruise, call ahead to reserve slips at marinas at our ports of call and learn where to buy gas and groceries along the way.

Focus—are there life jackets for everyone? Are electronics set and working? Are supplies on board and safely stowed? Has everyone agreed on a calling channel?



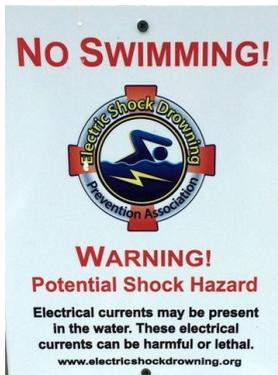
CIVIC SERVICE

Vessel Safety Checks



The Vessel Safety Check Program provides training to members who will work with individual boaters to ensure a safe and reliable vessel.

Our Examiners work closely with the US Coast Guard Auxilliary and with the local Coast Guard station to promote our work.

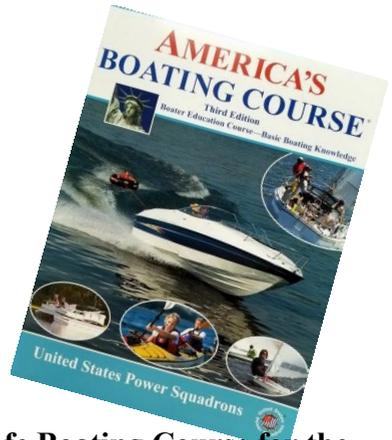


Swimmer education to prevent electric shock drowning.

GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY



• Annual flare shoot and fire extinguisher practice



Safe Boating Course for the community

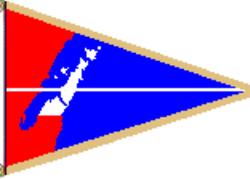


Participation in boat shows and boat related festivals



Instruction in boating skills during Safe Boating Week

MEET USPS AND AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB DOOR COUNTY SQUADRON



USPS was founded in 1914 out of the Boston Yacht Club and has a membership of 25,000 in 30 districts. We are a part of District 10.

The Door County Sail and Power Squadron was chartered on 7 July 1954 as the Sturgeon Bay Power Squadron. In 2001 our squadron's by-laws were amended to change our squadron's name to the Door County Sail and Power Squadron. Now, we are known as America's Boating Club Door County Squadron.

Our squadron's burgee shows a white peninsula in a field of blue water with the neighboring portions of Wisconsin in red. A thin white line passes through the burgee representing the 45th parallel of latitude. In 2004, in celebration of our 50th Anniversary, DCS&PS added a gold border to the burgee. A burgee may be purchased by any member through the Treasurer.

Our Newsletter, The Scuttlebutt, keeps members informed about Squadron events, as well as information from District 10 and USPS. We have received a "Distinction in Journalism" Award from USPS.

Our website continues to evolve and is the first place many of our members learned about us. We have an active Facebook account featuring current events relating to boating interests that is updated daily. Members can post pictures and comments concerning boating interests.

We have been awarded the top two District 10 Educational Awards—The Prince Henry and The Squadron Educational Achievement (SEA) Award.



The SEA Award

We welcome new members.. New energy and ideas are critical if we are to continue to achieve the mission of promoting safe boating throughout the Door Peninsula.



The Prince Henry

HOW OUR SQUADRON IS ORGANIZED

Bridge Officers and their Responsibilities

We select officers who provide leadership to our various activities and events. They meet every other month and meetings are open to members who wish to attend. Officer positions are:

The Commander presides over all of our meetings and leads as we move our organization into the future.

The Secretary is our record-keeper with responsibility for making sure our Communications, newsletter, website and facebook reflect the values of USPS.

The Treasurer manages all financial transactions of the Squadron, sets the budget, manages the squadron facebook pages and updates the roster .

The Executive Officer is responsible for the external functions of the organization including our vessel safety check program, boating safety events, and public relations.

The Administrative Officer is responsible for all of the internal functions including cruises, social events and member involvement.

The Education Officer is responsible for the entire educational program including member courses, the ABC public boating course, seminars and instructor development.

Our officers comprise the Bridge. The addition of voting Members-at-Large makes up the Executive Committee.



How Can You Help?

New members are very important to our squadron. They provide the new life and energy that our organization needs to thrive. In addition to enhancing your knowledge of safe boating by taking member courses, it is expected that you will become active in our social events and prepare to take on leadership responsibilities in the future. We hope that you will decide to serve your community in one or more of our squadron's civic activities.

How We Acknowledge Our Members' Efforts

We show our appreciation for the efforts of any member who substantially furthers our cause by recommending that the USPS Chief Commander issue a Merit Mark to that member. Since we have no other way of rewarding that member for his or her service, we believe that Merit Marks are very important.

Merit Marks can be earned at the rate of not more than one per year. They are not awarded automatically and they are neither hard nor easy to earn. A member's efforts must be worthwhile and reasonably substantial to receive the award, and all the work the member does throughout the year is considered.

When a member has earned five Merit Marks, he or she becomes a Senior Member and will receive a certificate. After earning 25 Merit Marks, a member will become a Life Member, at which point the member is exempt from paying further national dues. We hope you will help us while having fun educating yourself and others.



Enhancements to Your Membership

USPS has expanded services for its members over the years. One of the most important enhancements to your membership today is our boat insurance program. Special terms, coverage for older boats, and personal service are just some of the benefits of the USPS insurance program. Also available are discounts for airline reservations and auto rentals.

Save More: enjoy discounts and select benefits

Boat Insurance discounts

Travel discounts – car, hotel, vacation and assistance

Shopping discounts – boat, home, office and more

Give More - Get More: have fun, meet other boaters and make a difference in your community

Local, district and national leadership opportunities

Teaching and mentoring opportunities

Community involvement – environmental, service, safety, youth outreach and more

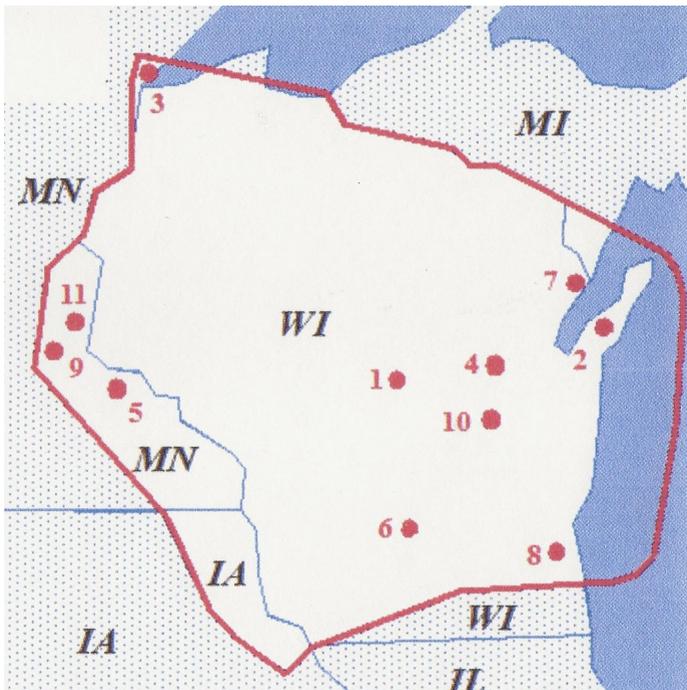
On-the-water fun – cruises, raft-ups and more

Meetings and social events



We Are a Part of District 10

The Door County Squadron is one of 11 Squadrons that comprise District 10. D-10 Squadrons are based in Wisconsin & Minnesota. There are four Minnesota Squadrons and seven Wisconsin Squadrons. The Marinette & Menominee Squadron has members in the U P of Michigan as well. At the end of 2018, District 10 had approximately 900 members.



THE BURGEES OF DISTRICT 10



GREEN BAY



MADISON



DULUTH



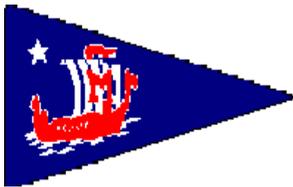
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VALLEY



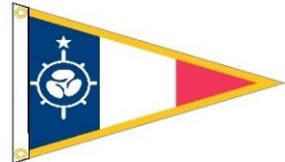
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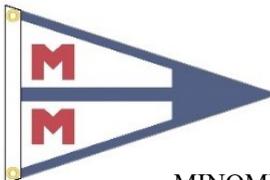
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ST. PAUL



MILWAUKEE



MINOMINEE MARINETTE



DOOR
COUNTY

The Pledge of the United States Power Squadrons

I do solemnly pledge to:

- abide by the bylaws of the United States Power Squadrons;
- promote high standards of navigation and seamanship;
- maintain my boat and operate it legally;
- render assistance whenever possible; and
- conduct myself in a manner that will add prestige, honor, and respect to the United States Power Squadrons.



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