

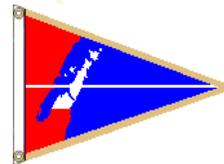


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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

I'm hoping all had a Happy Thanksgiving. We are winding down son Jason and bride Melissa's visit from Denver. While they were here, we visited the Maritime Museum. It was noisy, as Roen Salvage was driving the pilings for the Maritime Lighthouse Tower. Roen will complete the pilings the first week of December, then Boldt comes in to construct the tower. The grand opening is anticipated in early September 2020. The groundbreaking ceremony, 13 November was the culmination of 18 years of planning and fundraising.

I feel fortunate to be on the BOD of the Door County Maritime Museum and to serve as Secretary. Another of our members, Gary King, is also on the Board. DCMM has been our valued partner for several years, hosting both of our Automated Radio Check systems.

The tower's focus will be Maritime Education & STEAM: from 7 to 70. Each level of the tower will have a different theme, ranging from Shipwrecks on Level 2 to Our Maritime Environment on Level 9. The theme of Level 4 will be: Recreational Boating. Our "Little Squadron that Could" donated the BSVT unit pictured left.



District Notes

Dave Fine leads District 10 as Commander. I want to share Dave's Thanksgiving wishes that I recently received.

"Just a quick note to wish each of you a safe, healthy, and happy Thanksgiving. As I reflect on the things, I am thankful for, I count high on my list the dedication and passion that each of you bring to our organization. I believe District 10 is the best in the nation and your leadership is the reason we have been so successful. Please pass along my thanks to your teams. I know that without the support of so many good people, our organization could not be successful in making our communities and waters a better place for all of us."

I admire Dave and enjoyed being his Executive Officer, District Watch Year '18. I also agree with his assessment of District 10. But for leaders like Dave, we wouldn't be close.

Implementation Team: I'm still looking for a member (or 2) to Go Forward with the Task Force Implementation Team and work on fulfilling, enriching, maintaining and retaining members. Past District Commander, Kris Harmon has been asked to facilitate the Implementation Team. Here's what Kris recently sent:

The 13 Root Causes we'll be addressing share a common thread: VALUE.

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COMMANDERS MESSAGE (continued)

- What is America's Boating Club's Value Proposition for current members? Begin to solve this, and we strengthen the member involvement leads to retention leads to involvement leads to retention cycle.
- What is America's Boating Club's Value Proposition for the community, non-members and prospective members? And how do we increase our skill, comfort and effectiveness marketing/communicating value to this audience? Begin to solve this, and we begin to succeed in our "prime directive" to increase boater safety AND to attract the new members that we need to survive and thrive as local organizations
- We need energy and commitment! With those two ingredients, the success of the Task Force Implementation Team's initiatives will be swift and its tenure brief.

CLASS NOTES FROM STEVE RANK

We have decided to postpone Weather until fall due to Alan Wentworth's ongoing JN instruction to nineteen students throughout District 10 via Go-To-Meeting.

Instead we will be offering a brand new course —Boat Handling that will replace Seamanship. We are excited about this course and recommend it to everyone even if you have already taken Seamanship. It will be taught in a module format combining seminars and classroom instruction allowing students to choose what parts of the course they want to learn about. It does not include redundant Seamanship material, such as terminology, hull and engine types and equipment requirements, already covered in the ABC course.

BOAT HANDLING

NEW COURSE OUTLINE

- Rules of the Road: A Practical Approach
- Confidence in Docking and Undocking: Slow-Speed maneuvering
- Boating with Confidence: Handling Your Boat Underway
- Anchoring with Assurance: Don't Get Carried Away
- Emergencies on Board: Preparation for Handling Common Problems
- Knots and Line Handling: The Knots You Need to Know

We will again offer Sail in mid spring to conclude just in time for the new sailing season. Even if you have a powerboat, consider Sail as a way to enjoy the water we all love in a new way.

Finally we will be offering three seminars this summer to coincide with the Boat Operators Certificate proving your proficiency by demonstrating boating skills on the water. We will be rolling out this course in late January.

Your SEO Steve and I will be meeting shortly to hammer out the educational offerings for 2020. We are hoping that Boat Handling 2019 will be ready for prime time in the spring. Boat Handling is replacing Seamanship, which is now considered a legacy course. (See Steve's course description in his Classnotes below.) I'm looking forward to helping instruct, as well as taking this new course. Stay tuned. More to come from Steve.

Lastly, Take advantage of this wonderful holiday season. Reflect but gaze forward. Embrace and hug the ones you love. Most of all, have fun and enjoy.

Your Commander, Bob

MERIT MARK RECIPIENTS

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. Merit Marks can be earned at the rate of one per year and we believe that they are very important. Listed here are the recipients for 2019:

Dan Balch

Bob DeNoto

Austin Hermann

Dolores Hermann

John Hermann

Terry Keating

Gary King

Sandra King

Lou Pasquesi

Janelle Peotter

Rex Pope

Steve Rank

Bob Ross

Craig Weis

Cynthia Weis

Mike Wember

Alan Wentworth

Total 17 in all

Thanks to all who sent in the information necessary to submit for the 17 deserving members!

Alan Wentworth

FROM YOUR EDUCATION OFFICER

Ahoy Everyone,

I am writing this as the day before Thanksgiving storm, Dorothy, is raging in Sturgeon Bay. Just a little to the northwest of us a snowstorm raged dumping up to 13 inches of snow. We received an inch or so of rain but that was not the big story. The wind suddenly shifted to the northwest and pounded us with 40 mph winds for a little over twelve hours. This caused the water to be pushed into the "V" of Sturgeon Bay flooding the western shoreline as the water piled into the narrow part of the "V". I have never seen the water higher than today. The yard and driveway flooded as well as part of the road leading up to our house. I bring this up because this is fall when the water normally recedes. Granted that this flooding is created by a super low pressure cell and high winds so that the water will recede when the wind dies down but what about next time? I can only pray that the record breaking precipitation will calm down next year.



The most powerful and destructive force of nature is water. How ironic that water is also the source of life and the thing we boaters value the most. I saw a Coast Guard boat with blue lights flashing go past my window as I am writing. It had a sixteen foot row boat on its stern. The boat moved slowly and methodically searching the water in a grid pattern like it was cutting the lawn. They continued this for fifteen minutes or so. I wondered if they were searching for a body. Since there had been no reports of any missing boaters and since the huge winds had died down the night before, I assume they were just being prudent. No one in their right mind would have gone out in that storm in a row boat. While high water can be a blessing for increased cargo being han-



dled by shipping companies it can be a beast of destruction for lake-front property owners. Another huge storm has been predicted for Thanksgiving weekend. The winds are expected to gust to 35 mph but this time they are predicted to blow from the east/northeast. This will mean flooding on the eastern shore of Door County but should spare the west shore. Since Door County is a peninsula extending north easterly into Lake Michigan, we will not be spared flooding somewhere in the county whenever high winds are predicted until the ice keeps the lid on the floods so to speak. Meanwhile I am asking contractors about building a berm along the lagoon and about sandbags.



This eagle and crow are a reminder that even enemies can come together in the face of adversity.



Fair Winds,

Steve

HOLIDAY PARTY

Twenty-six members and two guests arrived at the holiday party bringing tasty food and enjoyed good conversation and friendship. Bob DeNoto introduced new members Sue and Mike Bruno and welcomed guests Diane and Jeff Feuerstein, our friends from the coast guard auxiliary. Terry Keating shared his collection of photos from the summer cruise to St. Ignace, Sault Ste. Marie and as far as DeTour, with a little help from Gary King. It was a wonderful evening with boating friends.





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| 21 | Jan | Executive Committee Meeting |
| 7 | Feb | Squadron Annual Meeting |
| 9-15 | Feb | America's Boating Club National Meeting – Ponte Vedra, FL |
| TBD | Feb | Squadron Cruise Planning Meeting |
| 13-15 | Mar | D10 Spring Conference & Change of Watch - Minneapolis |
| 24 | Mar | Executive Committee Meeting |
| TBD | Apr | Vessel Safety Examiner Season Prep Meeting |
| 15 | May | Fitting Out Social and COW - Friday |
| 26 | May | Executive Committee Meeting |
| 4 | Jun | Vessel Safety Checks – every Saturday |
| 19 | July | Cookout Social |
| 21 | July | Executive Committee Meeting |
| 14-16 | Aug | Squadron Annual Rendezvous – Menominee, MI |
| 22 | Sep | Executive Committee Meeting |
| TBD | Oct | District 10 Fall Conference |
| 17 | Nov | Executive Committee Meeting |
| 4 | Dec | Holiday Party - Friday |

Boat Systems Committee Seeks Writers

Are you frustrated with overly technical manuals for your boat's electronics? Have you often thought, "Gosh, I can explain this so much easier!?" Are you willing to share your knowledge? The Boat Systems Committee is looking for content writers to help develop new and update existing courses and seminars. Interested? Let me hear from you! Email: Charles Tremaine

Read more: <https://www.usps.org/index.php/departments/13000/13000-educational-committees/13270>

Great Gifts!

Your Ship's Store Committee wishes the happiest of holidays, and remember, should you find yourself in a gift-giving mood, we have great gift items waiting for you just a click away in the Ship's Store! Email: Claire McDonald

Read more: <http://store.shopusps.org>

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Thank you to all of the members who contributed articles and pictures. Please take no offense if your article was somewhat changed or if your picture was not included in the Scuttlebutt. Changes, exclusions and inclusions are made based on space.

Submit articles and pictures for the January Scuttlebutt by December 30, 2020.

Send your comments, ideas and articles to:

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