

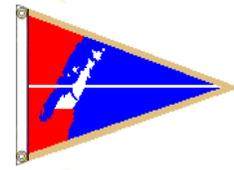


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## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

### Remember this?



In August of 2011 your "Little Squadron that Could" hosted the District 10 Summer Rendezvous. What a great time! We probably still hold the attendance record (+150).

Well, it's time to party again! I and your Executive Committee have committed us to host the District Summer Rendezvous in 2021. This date should dovetail well with the Door County Maritime Museum Tower completion, and the 4th level Recreational Boating Exhibit, featuring BSVT as its anchor. What could be better for rendezvous attendees to experience? Maybe Bill Galligan will be looking over us as he was Terry and Dave in the photo above.

August 2021 sounds a way off. I assure you it's not. These events are wonderful opportunities for member involvement. The good news is that we have the template from 2011. How do you want to contribute? Expect our call.

### District 10 news and notes

Several times in the past, I've used this platform to applaud the leadership qualities displayed by District 10. I'm going to do it again.

Mary Paige Abbott is the incoming national Chief Commander. Yes, the first female Chief! When I joined this organization in the mid-1970's, women were associate members. We've come a long way! Mary Paige recently sent a short questionnaire to the District Commanders. I've highlighted two of her questions. D/C Dave Fine's answers are in red.

The first bit of input requested is what your district prefers as a "name" to go with your district number. **Please use "Upper Midwest" for D10.**

The second asks about consolidating small districts into fewer larger districts or a regional organization nationally (5-7 Regions)? **I would support this concept.** This sounds like D10 to me and predicts Mary Paige's Watch focus.

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### JOIN YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS

OF AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB DOOR COUNTY

## IT'S A SOCIAL EVENT

FRIDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2020

AT THE STURGEON BAY YACHT CLUB

600 NAUTICAL DRIVE

STURGEON BAY

MEET AND GREET AROUND THE BAR—5 PM

DINNER IN THE DINING ROOM 6 PM (order off the menu)



CALL DOLORES HERMANN AT 743-1675

**COMMANDERS MESSAGE (continued)**

I've tried to keep you abreast of my participation in the D-10 "Restructure Task Force Team". The team is now in the implementation phase. We started out thinking consolidating squadrons and ended up with a focus on marketing our mission, member needs/expectations, member involvement and value-adds.

A short survey is being developed, to be used by squadron commanders to tease out the "member" elements. Kevin Shutes, District Marketing Chair and D/C Dave Fine are pulling together a grant application to the USPS Marketing Committee and/or the USPS Educational Fund. The intent is to generate a pool of \$\$\$ that all D-10 Squadrons could tap into, to help market our mission. This includes website assistance and printed materials, from banners to flyers, local advertising, customizable pop-up tent panels, etc., etc.

It's still "All about Members," member value and not being the best kept secret in town.

**Stepping Down**

In closing, at last week's executive committee meeting, I advised the Committee that I need to step down as your Commander. This is a very difficult decision for me to make, but a necessary one. It truly has been a joy leading this group, watching it grow and excel at so many things that only "A Little Squadron That Could" do. Thank you for all your support. I'm certain you will be as generous with my successor.

Your Commander, Bob

**CRUISE PLANNING MEETING**

**SATURDAY 15 FEBRUARY**

**9—11 AM**

**AT THE KEATINGS**

**3756 GLIDDEN DRIVE**

**STURGEON BAY**

**COFFEE, JUICE, SWEETS**

**Bring your good ideas for our summer cruising schedule**

**Paddlecraft, sailboat, power cruisers big and small—all are welcome**

**Questions: Call Terry and Julie at 920-743-4201**



## FROM YOUR EDUCATION OFFICER

Ahoy Everyone,

In the middle of January I attended a seminar on flooding and the record high water levels in the Great Lakes. Representatives from the United States Corps of Engineers, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Door County Emergency Management, the State National Flood Insurance Coordinator and Wisconsin Sea Grant Institute. Water levels were projected to be 6 inches higher this coming June than a year ago. Considering the flooding and coastal erosion we had last year, this is not good news. Concerns of people in the audience focused on two different concerns: shoreline erosion and water rising over the banks causing flooding on floodplains and non-floodplains alike.

Shoreline erosion is the main worry of property owners living along the banks on the shore of Lake Michigan. The solution to stop the cave-in of the shoreline is the correct placement of armored stone on the shore and planting deep rooted vegetation at the top of the bank. This can be very expensive but is better than losing one's house. The problem with armoring your shoreline is that if your neighbors to the left and right don't do the same, their property will experience worsened erosion than if the armored stones weren't put in place by you. This is a time when cooperation might be the best bet and could save money because the contractor wouldn't have to bring all the equipment and materials out separately to do different jobs.

Storm surges flooding over flood plains are the other problem people wanted to know about. The use and placement of sandbags was discussed but they must be privately purchased and filled if a flood event (i.e. emergency) has not been declared. The Corps of engineers has several publications about how to build with sandbags. The message I got was plan ahead before an emergency is declared. I contacted a surveyor to give me a plan to build a berm and drain system to protect our house in the event of continuing

rising water. The real problem is that when a storm comes the water rises sometimes a foot higher than its normal level during that low pressure event. So that means I need to plan for levels at least a foot higher than the projected highs. The scary thing is that no one knows when the water will cycle down again.

If global warming is in any way driving this, I would expect both warmer and wetter weather to continue. The last two years have been the wettest on record. I can only pray that this year doesn't continue the cycle.

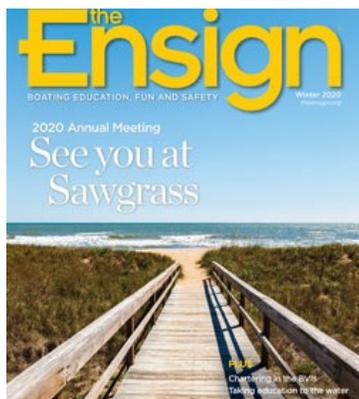
Contact Daniel Kane 920 746-7195 for Preparedness and Emergency Aid information. Contact Sarah Szabo 715 416-3827 for Emergency Shoreline Protection DNR.

### Upcoming class:

Beginning in April of this year we will be holding a sail course on Go-to-Meeting. This will be held at NWTC and will include members of Marinette-Menomonie squadron. They will of course join us in the Go-to-Meeting format. The course will run until the end of May giving us good weather to practice our skills on the water. This is exciting because the course will be a joint venture with another squadron. More info to follow as we get closer to course time.

Fair Winds,

Steve



CONGRATULATIONS to our member, Dan Balch, whose article, "Gale on the Bay—Sailing the Door Peninsula" was published in the Winter Issue of The Ensign.

[Click here](#) to find the article.

CONGRATULATIONS to Associate Member, John Reichmann,



who was recently presented with the Senior Navigator Certificate by the Atlanta Squadron where John serves as Treasurer. John is pictured here at the USPS booth at the Atlanta Boat Show. John joined the Door County Squadron in 2010 after seeing an ad for Paddlesmart in the Advocate. "At the time our two kayaks were the only things we owned that floated." Most of his classes were taken through DCS&PS.



**USPS DOOR COUNTY  
SQUADRON  
2020 EVENTS CALENDAR**

- 7 Feb Squadron Social
- 9-15 Feb America's Boating Club National Meeting – Ponte Vedra, FL
- 15 Feb Squadron Cruise Planning Meeting
- 13-15 Mar D10 Spring Conference & Change of Watch - Minneapolis
- 24 Mar Executive Committee Meeting
- 18 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



United States Power Squadrons®  
**Member News**

**Doing Business as America's Boating Club**

All comments from members have been taken into consideration, and we are moving forward. The Board of Directors has endorsed the plan and is now beginning to implement some of the initiatives that will transition the organization to America's Boating Club. Change to an organization that has been successful since 1914 is very challenging. The proper course must be well defined for future success while maintaining our valued heritage. The Planning Committee has been aggressively encouraging the BOD and departments to implement the plan as rapidly as possible to assist the districts and squadrons in their move to doing business as America's Boating Club in their communities. The Planning Committee is in the process of working with the national officers, departments, and committees for actions toward implementation. Some of the items being addressed are simplifying model bylaws, eliminating reports, and modifying meeting requirements. More of these changes will be discussed at the annual meeting in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida.

Copied from the February issue of the USPS Member News

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- 2nd Susan Leupold
- 6th Judy Holtz
- 17th Dennis Pearson
- 20th Mary Welch
- 23rd Marie Coons



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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 March Scuttlebutt by

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Send your comments, ideas and articles to:

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