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*All District 14 squadron members are invited to attend, participate and enjoy the fellowship*

**When: 12 February 2010, Founders' Day Celebration**

**Where: Fireside Grille, Middleboro, MA**

**When: 5 March 2010, Spring Conference and Change of Watch**

**Where: Waypoint Event Center, New Bedford, MA**

*See insert for details and registration*



P/C/C Creighton C. Maynard, Jr., SN

P/C/C Creighton C. Maynard, Jr., SN, of Fort Worth, Texas, joined the Fort Worth Power Squadron in 1969. Creighton attended high school in Beaumont, Texas. He is a member of the class of 1955, Texas A&M University, where he received a BBA degree before entering the military. He completed law school in 1961, receiving LLB and JD degrees from Baylor Law School. He has practiced law (continues to attempt to get it right) since 1963 in Fort Worth, Texas.

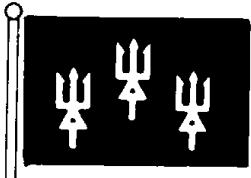
He has served in most squadron positions and was elected Squadron Commander in 1991. He is active in his squadron's and district's Cooperative Charting efforts, has taught, served on numerous squadron and district committees, and was District 21 Law Officer for several years. He was elected District 21 Commander in 1996 after having served the District as its Executive and Administrative Officer.

At the National level, he is the junior Past Chief Commander after serving 2 years as the Chief Commander, 2 years as the National Executive Officer and 2 years as the National Administrative Officer. Additionally, he has also served as a member of the Member Involvement Committee, Committee on Rules, Legislation and Government Relations (Assistant Chairman), Committee on Nominations (Chairman), and Operating Committees for 6 years. He has been an aide to Chief Commanders Farr, Jensen, and Smith and is a Life Member.

Creighton has been active in several volunteer organizations, but with his present involvement in USPS, not anymore. He has skippered a boat of some kind since 1951, both sail and power. He presently has a 29' Sea Ray. He is married to Glenda Woods Maynard. Glenda attended the University of Texas, Austin, receiving a BS degree and is a former elementary teacher. She is active on the National Ship's Store and Social Activities Committees. She does volunteer work with the American Heart Association, the March of Dimes Mother's March, the St Jude Children's Research Hospital and the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition. She enjoys reading, gardening, crossword and Sudoku puzzles.

Time permitting, Creighton and Glenda enjoy as many boating activities as possible. They have a combined family of six children, five grandchildren and one great grandchild.





**From the Commander...**

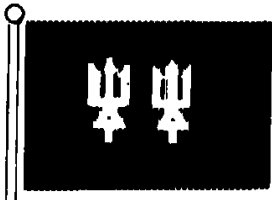
**D/C Dave True, JN**

As I write this, Christmas preparations are in full sway with people hustling to and fro as they shop. Boats are on the hard safely out of the water for another season.

Our season too has changed. Squadrons are in their winter teaching mode and ABC courses and USPS University Seminars are being scheduled and run in preparation for the next boating season. New to this effort is the six month free membership that accompanies each ABC course. Students are assigned to a “cyber squadron” and the names sent to each squadron within hailing distance that there’s a member out there waiting to be invited to your squadron.

In August, the District had a successful rendezvous at the Taunton Yacht Club with the Taunton River Power Squadron hosting. A fine steak dinner was enjoyed by the 50 members present. The Fall Conference at White’s of Westport was moderately successful. Thirty plus members and guests enjoyed a fine buffet dinner and an interesting presentation on small boat safety in the vicinity of large ships by Capt. Raymond Romano of NBPS.

Our upcoming events of interest are The Founders’ Day Celebration on 12 Feb at the Fireside Grille in Middleborough and the Spring Conference at the new Waypoint Event Center in New Bedford on 5 March. Please add these events to your calendar and plan to attend. Have a wonderful and safe holiday season.



**Executive Officer...**

**Raymond L. Farrow, JN**

The holiday season is winding down and we can now return to thoughts of an early spring AND getting our boats ready to go. As I write this article, my last as District Executive Officer, I want to thank all my committee chairs – Paul Brown (Public Relations); Leroy DeCesare (Safety); Tom Simmons (Legislative); Ed Lewis (Coop Charting); Bob Pardi (Liaison); Lee Blackburn (Vessel Safety); & Dave Rugg (Squadron Development) for all their efforts. As we move into a new year and a new watch year, I can only hope that many more of our members step up to the plate and accept all the vital assignments needed to keep USPS the premier boating organization in America – both at the Squadron and District level. It has been a pleasure to serve as D/Exec – thank you once again and have a great New Year.





## Cooperative Charting - P/D/C Ed Lewis, JN, District Chairman

Hi to all my enthusiastic reporters! Happy 2011!! I hate to remind you that the CoCh year does not end for three more months - and I still need reports to get D14 on the Honor Roll. On another item, you may notice that NOAA has cleaned up the "Small craft reports previously submitted" page by removing most reports more than two years old. This does not mean they are removed from the charts. You can still report them as "Updates". By the way - Chart 13229 has been updated as of Sept. 2010. I have not yet seen a new edition (# 31).



## Vessel Safety Check – P/D/C W. Lee Blackburn, SN, District Chairman

The District 14 Vessel Safety Check Program had a very active year in 2010. There were 42 Vessel Examiners who checked a total of 569 boats of which 513 passed and were awarded a 2010 VSC decal. That is good news and we all should be proud of the efforts put forth by our D14 Vessel Examiners. Unfortunately the Narragansett Bay Squadron did not participate.

Fourteen of these Vessel Examiners will receive a Certificate of Appreciation, at the Spring Conference, for matching or exceeding the national average for the number of VSCs done by a Vessel Examiner. The national average was 15 VSCs. Five squadrons are represented by these fourteen VEs. Additionally there are awards for the top 3 individuals.

The Certificate of Appreciation represents an outstanding accomplishment by a third of our Vessel Examiners. As always, there are those who needed only a few more VSCs to get the certificate. I realize that not all members have the same amount of spare time to devote to these activities thus it is with heart felt appreciation that I thank all those VEs who were able to do any VSCs . . . every single one counts toward the goal of 1 more safe boater out there.

With the passing of Art Kimber we lost a good friend and a very active Vessel Examiner. He was, and still is the only VE in this district to do 100 VSCs in a single year. As a matter of fact, he did 21 VSCs this year. The First Place Award will continue to be awarded honoring Art Kimber.

The top individual Vessel Examiners are:

First Place (The Arthur F. Kimber Award) – David W. Carter – Greenwich Bay – 61 VSCs

Second Place – Raymond E. Horbert – Greenwich Bay – 42 VSCs

Third Place – Kenneth E. Amaral – Taunton River – 41 VSCs

Honorable Mention –

18 VSCs – William G. Brosseau – Buzzards Bay      23 VSCs – John A. Rossi, Jr. – Buzzards Bay

19 “ - David A. Atwood – Cape Cod                      17 “ - Paul P. Brown – Cape Cod

21 “ - Arthur F. Kimber – Cape Cod                      20 “ - David R. Van Wye – Cape Cod

26 “ - James R. Arpin – Greenwich Bay                      25 “ - Mark A. Shammass – Greenwich Bay

15 “ - Elie Cohen – Newport                                      33 “ - W. Lee Blackburn – Taunton River

26 “ - Phillip G. Spenard – Taunton River

Once again the Greenwich Bay Squadron will receive the District Commanders Bowl, for having the highest percentage of certified Vessel Examiners to the total squadron membership. The national average is 5.7%. That is about 1 of every 18 members nationwide is a VE. We have 3 squadrons; Cape Cod, Newport and Taunton River who’s VEs range from 5 to 6% of the membership. But, at 19.7% Greenwich Bay stands out as almost 1 of every 5 squadron members is a Vessel Examiner. Greenwich Bay’s involvement in the VSC program is to be commended. As a matter of fact, they will again receive national recognition, by meeting the requirements of

having 10% or more of their members as qualified VEs and performing sufficient VSCs to equal or exceed their number of members.

As far as volume of VSCs is concerned, we have 3 squadrons who's VEs combined did over 100 VSCs; Greenwich Bay – 217, Cape Cod – 135 and Taunton River – 113.

During the year we lost some VEs and gained others. By the end of the year we had 42 VEs, the same number as last year, however, we had 8 who did not do at least 5 VSCs, the minimum required to remain qualified unless this is their first year. Altogether we did 18 more VSCs than last year. That is truly an accomplishment for all involved in this program.

District 14 will host a Vessel Examiner's Class and Refresher on Saturday 30 April 2011 at the Rhode Island Yacht Club in Cranston, Rhode Island. Please watch the D14 website for further details. Each squadron is urged to send members who might like being a Vessel Examiner. Also, this is a good review and update for qualified Vessel Examiners. They will benefit by attending.



**Educational Officer...**

**D/Lt/C John S. Marsden, Jr., AP**

As we start a new year, a new 800 Course Tracking System is on line. It was installed on the USPS web server on Thursday 6 January. A 4 page description of its functionality and most importantly its impact on users of BCA, WBA and the current 800 System can be found at the following address:  
[www.usps.org/national/eddept/tools/SEO/800-System-announcement.pdf](http://www.usps.org/national/eddept/tools/SEO/800-System-announcement.pdf)

Please read at least the first 2 pages, this will impact you and you may have some work to do in the timeframe given. If you are an outgoing SEO please pass this on to your successor. I have been notified by the following squadrons using the 800 Course Tracking System and I thank them for using it.

<u>Squadron</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
Buzzards Bay	Compass	Woods Hole Campus	09 Feb 2011
Buzzards Bay	Charts	Woods Hole Campus	05 Mar 2011
Cape Cod	ABC	Orleans Yacht Club	11 Jan 2011
Cape Cod	Basic Coastal Navigation	Cent/Ost Fire Station	15 Feb 2011
Cape Cod	Piloting	Cent/Ost Fire Station	15 Feb 2011
Cape Cod	On Board Weather Forecasting	Cent/Ost Fire Station	16 Feb 2011
Greenwich Bay	ABC	Warwick, RI Knight Camp	16 Feb 2011
Greenwich Bay	GPS	Quonset Davisville Yacht Club	16 Feb 2011
Greenwich Bay	GPS	Quonset Davisville Yacht Club	19 Feb 2011
Taunton River	ABC	Bristol-Plymouth Voc. Tech.	02 Mar 2011

## D-14 Nominating Committee – 2011-2012

In accordance with D-14 By-Laws the Nominating Committee proposes the following slate for 2011-2012.

Commander	D/C Raymond L. Farrow, JN	Buzzards Bay
Executive Officer	D/Lt/C Denis E. Moonan, Jr., AP	Narragansett Bay
Educational Officer	D/Lt/C John S. Marsden, Jr., AP	Cape Cod
Administrative Officer		
Secretary	D/Lt/C Claire E. Blackburn, P	Taunton River
Treasurer	D/Lt/C John A. Murphy, SN	Taunton River
Asst. Educational Officer		
Asst. Secretary		
Asst. Treasurer		
Auditing Committee	3 yrs. W. Lee Blackburn, SN	Taunton River
Rules Committee	3 yrs. David A. Rugg, JN	Buzzards Bay
Nominating Committee	1 yr. Elke F. Moonan, P	Narragansett
	3 yrs. Gerald Daly, AP	Buzzards Bay
	3 yrs. William J. Curren, SN	Taunton River
Planning Committee	3 yrs. William R. Taylor, AP	Buzzards Bay
	3 yrs. Steven Crook, AP	Mattapoisett

Respectfully submitted, P/D/C William R. Taylor, AP, Chairman  
P/D/C W. Lee Blackburn, SN, Cdr Wayne Cardoza, AP, D/Lt/C Denis E. Moonan, Jr., AP,  
P/Stf/C David A. Rugg, JN, P/C Judy E. Johnson, AP and P/C Forest B. Golden, SN.



### Thoughts about attending the District 14 Spring Conference . . .

Never been to a conference, went once, why should I go again . . . if these thoughts are in your mind let me offer you the following comments. Claire and I will be there from Friday evening on and we will not be alone. We'll have a good time, enjoy the company of others, learn a few things and eat well. We might even stay Saturday evening. New Bedford is a new venue for D14.

As I write these thoughts, in no real order, it occurred to me how fortunate we are to have as the Chief Commander's Representative, the immediate Past Chief Commander Creighton Maynard. There is probably no better person with whom to discuss USPS matters than him. Not only will he present the Chief's message but I'm sure he will answer and discuss questions both in formal and informal sessions. He and Glenda, his wife, have been here before, so it's not like we are strangers to them! I suspect that we will get the inside scoop and any thoughts or questions from us will be brought back to Raleigh for proper consideration.

This is a one-day conference of short duration to conduct the District's annual business . . . and it will move quickly. Some District 14 awards will be presented and we urge all members to help us recognize (cheer on) those individuals whose efforts earn these awards. There will be coffee available in the morning, good food at lunch time (in the same room) and good company throughout the day. We'll find out what is going on locally and at national as brief reports are offered. An election will take place and a new bridge will be sworn in during the afternoon. They need our support – let them know they have it.

If your USPS Instructor Certification needs to be updated, stay a little longer. Dave Atwood, SEO of the Cape Cod Squadron, will be offering an Instructor Re-certification Program immediately following the afternoon conference meeting. Don't know where you stand? Contact District Educational Officer John Marsden for more information.

P/D/C W. Lee Blackburn, SN



**DISTRICT 14**  
**97th Founders' Day Celebration**  
*12 February 2011*  
**Fireside Grille**  
**30 Bedford St., Middleboro, MA**



**Cocktail Hour 1800** with assorted cheese, crackers & fresh vegetable crudité  
**Dinner 1900**  
**Brief Council Meeting**

*Menu: Salad*  
*Choice of Entrée:*

*Traditional Baked Haddock*  
*Traditional Baked Stuffed Chicken*  
*Marinated London Broil*

*Served with: potato, vegetable, rolls & butter*

*Dessert: Apple Crisp*  
*Coffee or Tea*

**RAFFLE**

*It is requested that each Squadron provide an item for this event.*



**After Dinner Speaker:**  
**Rick Lewis, Underwater Photographer**  
 Presenting 'The Underwater World'



**A Visit from King Neptune and Davey Jones**



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I plan to attend the 12 February 2011 Founders' Day Celebration at Fireside Grille, 30 Bedford St., Middleboro, MA. My choices are the following entrées at \$26.00 per person all-inclusive.

_____	Traditional Baked Haddock	@ \$26.00 ea. =	\$ _____
_____	Traditional Baked Stuffed Chicken	@ \$26.00 ea. =	\$ _____
_____	Marinated London Broil	@ \$26.00 ea. =	\$ _____

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

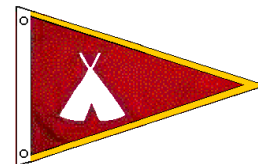
Squadron \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail **no later than 3 February** a check payable to **District 14** to:  
 D/Lt/C Denis E. Moonan, Jr., 1139 Plainfield St., Johnson RI 02919 Tel: 401-944-3382



Saturday 5 March 2011

Waypoint Event Center at Fairfield Inn & Suites  
185 MacArthur Drive  
New Bedford, MA 02740  
1-774-634-2000



*Friday 4 March evening hospitality hosted by  
Taunton River Power Squadron at the Fairfield Inn*

**DISTRICT 14**

**SPRING CONFERENCE AND CHANGE OF WATCH**

**Saturday Agenda**

- 0830 Registration
- 0900 Opening Ceremonies:
  - Invocation
  - Pledge of Allegiance
- 0930 Presentation of Awards
- 1000 Break (coffee provided)
- 1015 Conference Meeting
- 1200 Refreshments and Buffet Lunch
- 1315 The Chief Commander's Message
- 1345 Change of Watch
  - Conclusion of Conference
- 1430 Instructor Re-certification Program-David Atwood



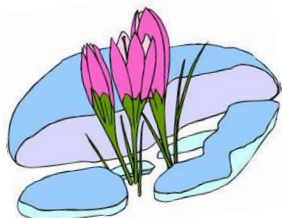
Room Rates at the Fairfield for this event are:  
 \$101.00 plus tax for Seniors (62+)  
 \$119.00 plus tax regular rate

Call 1-774-634-2000 to make reservations. When you call, be sure to mention USPS to get the above rate(s).

**Dress is USPS blazer or appropriate business attire.**

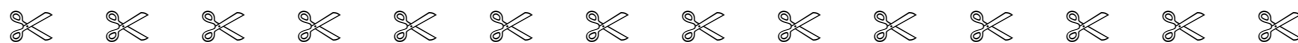
**Luncheon Deli Buffet Cost \$21 Per Person and Includes:**

Assortment of seasonal fruit, crisp Caesar salad, German potato salad, Mediterranean pasta salad, imported & domestic cheeses, assorted cold cuts, assorted breads and accompaniments fresh baked cookies & beverages



Complete the meal reservation form below  
Make checks payable to: **District 14**

Mail to: D/Lt/C Denis E. Moonan, Jr., 1139 Plainfield St., Johnston, RI 02919. Tel: 401-944-3382  
No later than Saturday 26 February, 2011



No. of luncheons: \_\_\_\_\_ at \$21.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Squadron: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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