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

When: 13-15 November 2009

Where: Radisson Hotel, Hyannis, MA

See insert for details and registration form



V/C Robert J. Sweet, SN
National Educational Officer

Vice Commander Bob Sweet, SN serves as the National Educational Officer for USPS. He is responsible for the operations of the Educational Department and with the Assistant National Educational Officer manages the ten committees that make up the department. Bob joined the national educational organization by serving on the Basic Public Education Committee and shortly thereafter was elected Assistant Chairman and Staff Commander; he then served three years as ANEO before being elected to NEO in February 2009.

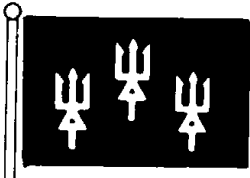
While a member of the Basic Public Education Committee, Bob led the effort to create a public GPS Seminar. He subsequently coordinated the development of new Piloting and Advanced Piloting courses. As ANEO, he was responsible for the development of the USPS Seminar Series, restructuring of most USPS courses, and initiating Boat Operator Certification. He was also tasked with a

variety of initiatives leading to cooperative programs with other organizations such as CPS and US Sailing, Boater's World, West Marine, and PassageMaker TrawlerFest.

Bob over the past eight years has been an author. He currently has four books and six guides to his credit. He is the author of *GPS for Mariners*, *The Weekend Navigator*, *Powerboat Handling Illustrated*, *Using GPS*, *Using VHF and SSB Radio*, *Onboard Weather Forecasting*, *Boat Handling Under Power*, *Using GPS with Charts*, and *Chart Symbols and On-the-Water Guide*. He is also a co-author of *The Instant Handbook of Boat Handling*, *Navigation*, and *Seamanship*.

Bob's professional background includes business consulting, restructuring companies and forming alliances and acquisitions. He began his career as system engineering manager designing radar and naval communications systems. From there, he transitioned into management. Bob was Director responsible for programs which included GPS, shipboard communications, a number of satellite ground systems. He then became President, CEO and board member of several high technology companies engaged in tracking systems, training equipment, avionics, shipboard systems, commercial manufacturing, and electro-optics equipment. Bob has BS and MS degrees in Electrical Engineering from Penn State and post graduate studies at MIT, Colorado and business training at Florida.





From the Commander...

D/C William R. Taylor, AP

By the time you receive this *MA-RI-NER* our Fall Governing Board meetings in Kansas City will be completed. Many of the meetings will be a continuation of the change-over to a more effective business structure. We can also expect continued progress in reaching out to the public. We are developing programs in order to gain members as well as provide new and expanded programs for our present members. We expect to report to you on this at our District 14 Fall Conference in November.

Our District 14 Fall Conference will take place in Hyannis Friday 13 November through Sunday 15 November. The Cape Cod Sail and Power Squadron will be the host squadron. This time we will be holding the conference at the Radisson Hotel across from the airport on Route 28. All members are encouraged to attend. As in the past, overnight accommodations are available at a reasonable cost, but many members live less than fifty miles away so commuting is an option.

Unfortunately, many members seem to have the impression that the District Conferences are only for Squadron and District Officers. This is not the case at all. The meetings are open to all members from the very day they join. A lot can be gained out of attending these District Conferences. Saturday is the best day for general members to attend. There will often be two meetings or events at the same time so one can choose which suits them best.

We had a very fine Summer Rendezvous this year which was held at the Taunton Yacht Club in Dighton. It was very well attended from all over the District. Among those that made it a success were Ellen and Wayne Cardoza, Claire and Lee Blackburn, Ray Farrow and others. Thank you all. You did a great job!



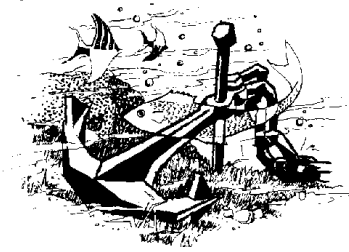
Bob Bedard, Head Chef and Bill Tokarz, Jr., Assistant



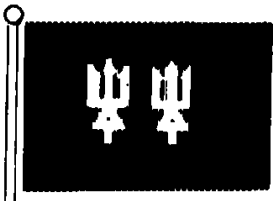
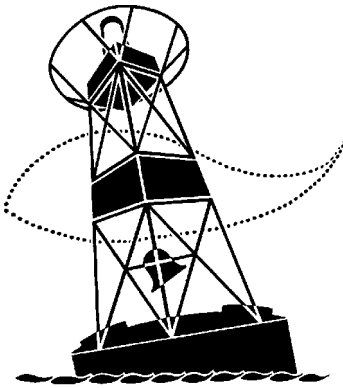
Delicious!



Carl and Judy Johnson NO, I can't eat any more!



Davey Jones and King Neptune



Executive Officer...

D/Lt/C David A. True, JN

As the late starting summer begins to draw down, we can look back on some very pleasant memories and an active boating season. Vessel safety checks; although, the numbers are not as high as last year, continue to be an area of high interest and importance with all squadrons turning in some VSC's. Remember, the year isn't over yet. Interest in Co-op Charting has dropped off as NOAA and NOS have removed the search for benchmarks from the list of activities and are contemplating removing the small craft facilities from the folio charts. I trust you all had a successful boating season, even though summer didn't arrive until after mid-July. At least the price of gasoline and diesel was in a more reasonable range. I look forward to working with all of you this coming fall and winter as we prepare for the 2010 boating year.



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



Summer 2009 is a memory. Now we are in the beautiful Fall boating season. You might expect that we would have wrapped up the District 14 Vessel Safety Check Program at this time and be closing the books. But we are not at that point. What has happened?

During the last month I have submitted to headquarters over 50 VSCs forwarded to me from all over our district. Look at the weather forecast for this coming weekend. Claire and I plan to be out there still enjoying the weather and the water and I expect that we will not be alone. The VSCs done now may only be “good” for the remainder of the calendar year but the message goes beyond that. As long as the water does not freeze, there will be people boating, fishing and hunting on it. There is no good reason to stop doing Vessel Safety Checks now.

We in District 14 have at least two Vessel Examiners in each of our 8 squadrons, 42 in all. So far these Vessel Examiners have checked 407 boats of all sizes and shapes from kayaks to trawlers, from dingys to sailboats, from inflatables to cruisers. Most important is not the type or size of their boat but the safety message and materials these captains of their own craft have received.

For an organization that believes in promoting recreational boating safety, the job is not done yet. Yes, boating has become safer and more people are aware of the risks but the job is still not finished. For your part, as a member of the United States Power Squadrons, if you own a boat, please have it checked. If you know someone who owns a boat, help them arrange to have their boat checked now. For example, just last week, I did a VSC on a boat that was coming out of the water for the season only a week later. Why bother? Because next year, Summer 2010, is coming, and for one thing, preparing for it helps while away the winter. A new inflatable life jacket, a set of flares or a bright orange whistle could make someone a nice Christmas present! Yes, Christmas is coming too.



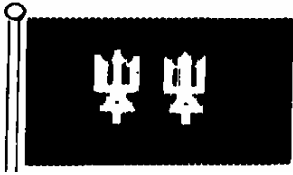
Cooperative Charting - P/D/C Ed Lewis, JN, District Chairman



September 5, 2009 - The Cooperative Charting year is now about half over!!! District 14 has had reports from Buzzards Bay, Newport, Mattapoisett and Taunton River. Please think about a facility report before you are involved in getting your boats ready to pull. The lack of reports now is disappointing. I would REALLY like at least one report from each Squadron to get D 14 on the Honor Roll this period. On the new edition out for Chart 13229 (# 30 of April, 2008), the Small Craft Facility list has been shortened, and has only 34 entries. Save your old lists, as many old facilities can be re-submitted as - NEW-, and may make the next new edition.

If you are having trouble on or with your computer making reports, remember that if you do the required legwork, I will give you help to get the report approved, but - will not do the legwork for you. It is best to make a paper copy for me to help you with. The D 14 website has a Cooperative Charting section with comprehensive instruction lists.





Educational Officer...

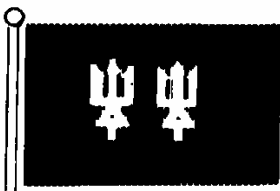
D/Lt/C Arthur F. Kimber, SN

What do you know!!! District 14 was one of three winners of the 2008-2009 Bowsprit Award. We scored 26 points over a variety of categories – one more than the cutoff of 25. Our educational effort played a major role in our success. Public boating registrations came in 108% above target for 6 points. Thanks to all the SEO's and course chairs who got their ED 27 completion reports in. It makes a difference. Advance Grades earned us 8 points. Thanks to those Squadrons who taught AG courses. Electives earned us 3 points. Of the 26 points earned the education programs accounted for 17 of them. We earned 5 points for Active Member Retention thanks to the two seminars on the subject presented by St/C Joan Croft, AP during our workshops in April and October, and timely follow-up by Squadron Bridge members at the time of dues renewal; and 4 points for Cooperative Charting shepherded by P/D/C Ed Lewis, JN. Nice Going !!!

While this is the final year of the Bowsprit program let's not rest on our laurels!! It should spur us on to new heights in USPS educational achievement in the coming year. By now Squadrons should have filed online HQ800 notices to register Boating Classes and Seminars for the Fall and Winter period.

USPS has created it's own "Education Stimulus Program". Go to the Education Department website for details. In short, any USPS member can take any one of the following courses between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010 and be eligible to win a prize: Seamanship (a handheld VHF radio), Piloting (a handheld GPS), Advanced Piloting (a set of navigational software), JN (a Chartplotter), Weather (a barometer), Marine Electrical Systems (a multimeter), Engine Maintenance (a multimeter). All you have to do is successfully pass the course exam before June 30, 2010 to be automatically entered in the drawing, which will be held at the Governing Board meeting in Seattle. Squadrons offering any of the above courses during the "Stimulus" period should post the availability of the course on the Squadron and District website and reach out to members of neighboring squadrons who may want to attend.

Please submit to me at afkimber@comcast.net any topical ideas you would like covered at the Education Meeting at the Fall Conference on Saturday, 14 November in Hyannis.



Administrative Officer...

D/Lt/C Raymond L. Farrow, JN

The new Bridge year was started with a very successful District Conference and change of watch in March with V/C Richard Peoples, SN representing the Chief. An April workshop and a June council meeting followed this. In August we were treated to a wonderful steak fry at the District Rendezvous hosted by the Taunton River Power Squadron at the Taunton Yacht Club. An overflow group of 85 enjoyed the great weather, wonderful food, and the installation of several 'Pilot Fish' by King Neptune & Davey Jones (including myself – a great surprise). In September several of us will travel to the Governing Board in Kansas City – I will be pleased to represent the District Commander. A workshop is planned for Saturday, October 3rd at White's Restaurant in Westport and our Fall Conference in Hyannis is set for 14-15 November at the Radisson Hotel. See the reservation form in this issue. We will once again hold our Founder's Day celebration at the Fireside Grille in Middleboro on February 13th – the 96th anniversary of USPS (number 100 is only a few short years away). We finish this bridge year with our Spring Conference & change of watch – scheduled for March 6th. A great year so far, with much more to come – thanks to the hard work and dedication of the many committee members in the Administrative Department.



On 13 June 2009 Lee and I had the privilege of attending the open house of Kimber Woods in honor of Arthur Kimber who is a Past District Commander of District 14. Art has long been an advocate for housing for those in the low income bracket. Below are some pictures of that event. As you can see the units are very nice and in keeping with the Cape Cod look.



Kimber Woods in West Barnstable

Some times we know but most often we have no clue as to what our fellow squadron members have done or still do in their work-day world. We had heard Art speak of his move to Cape Cod years ago and his involvement with the Barnstable Housing Authority. Then there was time spent with his church and more time with the Barnstable airport. Art is always busy. But on this day we found out that Art had a long, productive and involved career as an affordable housing advocate.

Since 1971 when he studied the rental housing market on Cape Cod, Art has been involved in trying to fix the problem of renters being told to leave for the summer to make room for the higher paying tourists.

His namesake, Kimber Woods is a neighborhood of new, affordable, rental homes built on a tract of land in West Barnstable many said was too difficult to develop. Bordered by the YMCA and Cape Conservatory, the 28 unit Cape Cod style homes will make anyone proud to live there. They serve as a tribute to a man who has dedicated his life to the service of others and has been an a life long advocate of affordable housing.

Final Program



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USPS® District 14 Fall Conference

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Friday, 13 November

1830 - 2130 Welcome - Hospitality Room

Saturday, 14 November

- 0800 - 0900 Registration
- 0900 - 0915 District Commander's Welcome
- 0930 - 1130 Using VHF & VHF/DSC Marine Radio Seminar (fee \$15, payable at the door)
- 0930 - 1200 Boat Operator Certification (BOC) Orientation and BOC Fire Extinguisher Training
- 1000 - 1100 Co-Op Charting w/NOAA - LtCdr Matt Wingate
- 1200 - 1330 **Buffet Lunch**
- 1330 - 1600 Education Department Session
- 1330 - 1600 Commander's Call
- 1715 - 1830 Hospitality Room
- 1900 - 2100 **Banquet and Speaker**
The Lightships of Nantucket Sound - Thomas Leach

Sunday, 15 November

- 0800 Registration
- 0900 - 1200 District 14 Fall Business Meeting
 USPS® Chief Commander's Message - V/C Robert Sweet, SN

Rooms

\$87 for a single or double, \$103 for a triple (prices are approximate). Contact the Radisson Hotel in Hyannis at 508-771-1700 before 31 October and reference the promo code "POWER" to obtain our D/14 group rate when making your room reservations.

Meals

Buffet lunch: _____ x \$15 = \$ _____
 Banquet:
 _____ Prime Rib x \$35 = \$ _____
 _____ Salmon x \$35 = \$ _____
 _____ Chicken x \$35 = \$ _____

Seminar / Training

VHF & VHF/DSC Seminar Yes ___ No ___
 BOC Fire Extinguisher Training Yes ___ No ___
 Co-Op Charting w/NOAA Yes ___ No ___

Name(s): _____

Home Squadron: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Total \$ _____

Please send the completed form and a check for the meals, payable to CCSPS, to Lt/C Michael Leyden, 18 Sparrow Way, South Yarmouth, MA 02664 before 31 October 2009.

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