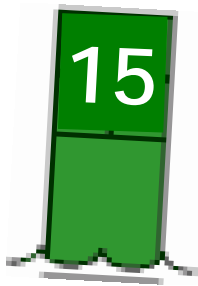


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## Stand Up and Be Counted

D/C Cheryl Jarrell, AP

We are boaters. We use our boats to cruise, race, sail, fish, and some of us are even in good enough shape to ski; but we're not just boaters. We are students and we are teachers. We care about safety on the water, the condition of our boats, the quality of our waterways and the correctness of our charts. We enjoy socializing with other boaters. Membership in USPS offers us the opportunity to do all of these things.

If education is near and dear to your heart then take a course, or even better, become a certified instructor and teach a course. Your squadron probably needs someone to teach those new seminars – volunteer your services.

Are you interested in boating safety? There are many opportunities within your squadron to help make everyone's time on the water safer. Participate in the Cooperative Charting program. With all of the hurricanes that have come in along the gulf coast over the last few years, there is certainly a need for updates and corrections to nautical charts and Coast Pilot publications. Become a vessel examiner, offer Vessel Safety Checks at nearby marinas and boat launches. Help your squadron implement an environmental project such as recycling or cleaning a beach.

Attend D/15 councils and conferences. These meetings are an enjoyable way to meet fellow boaters from around the district. Travel to

***P/R/C Glenn Daughtridge, AP  
to be the C/C's Rep at  
D/15 Spring Conference***

*See page 2 for complete story.*

national meetings and meet USPS members from around the country. Find out that we all share a love of fishing, cruising, a concern for safety on the water, or just messing around with our boats. You don't have to be a squadron officer or past commander to attend, you just need a desire to get involved.

Whether we are interested in education, boating activities, helping out in the community or building lasting friendships, there is a place for each of us in USPS.

*Pass it on...*

Unfortunately, membership in USPS has been dropping. In the past, all of our new members were recruited from the public boating courses; and for many years that worked well. We didn't keep all of those new members, but there was always another boating course and always a new crop of members.

Recently, this has begun to change. New boaters are often more interested in meeting licensing requirements than in learning to plot a course on a chart or forecasting weather while onboard their vessels. Squadron boating courses are now smaller with fewer people to recruit from. (In 2006, attendance in USPS boating courses dropped by nearly 2000 students.)

The educational department of USPS is moving in several new directions. Seminars of interest to the experienced boater were rolled out in 2006; the first level of the USPS University Boat Operator Certification will be available next month; a temporary three-year suspension of the educational requirement for membership has been approved.

Now it is up to us as squadron members to get to work.

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## P/R/C U. Glenn Daughtridge, AP to Attend District 15 Spring Conference

P/R/C Glenn Daughtridge, AP is a member of the Rocky Mount Squadron in D/27. He became a USPS member in 1978 and recently received his 25th Merit Mark. Glenn has been active at Squadron, District, and National levels. He is a former National Flag Lieutenant and has served on the OT, Planning, and Member Benefits Committees. He is a past R/C of the Committee on Nominations.

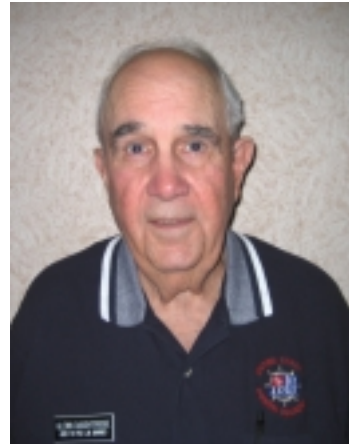
Glenn is retired from the

telecommunications industry and his wife, Patricia, is a retired teacher. He is the founder of

Humor With A Purpose, Inc. and travels through the country as a humorist, keynote speaker and seminar leader for businesses and associations.

Glenn and his wife Patricia live in Tarboro, North Carolina. They have two married daughters and three

of the greatest grandsons to ever draw breath on the planet earth (according to Glenn).



### D/15 Members in Jacksonville

EJ Sacks,  
 Dick Reddy,  
 Robbie Jarrell,  
 Iris Reddy,  
 Pat Brewer

Marie Gibson,  
 Roger Gibson,  
 Glenn Roy



## News from around USPS and District 15

USPS is looking for a few good men and women. Fill in a resume at <http://www.usps.org/national/comnom/> and list 3 committees you would like to work on. The rear commander of one of those committees will contact you within a couple of weeks.

The three-year educational exam waiver for membership in USPS, was approved by more than a 2/3 vote at the Annual Meeting in Jacksonville in February.

**USPS grades and Coast Guard Auxiliary courses, Coast Guard licensing equivalencies:** CGAUX *Boating Skills and Seamanship* or *Sailing Skills and Seamanship* will receive credit for the USPS Seamanship course; *Basic Coastal Navigation* will earn Piloting; *Advanced Coastal Navigation* will earn Advanced Piloting; Coast Guard Six-pack will receive credit for Seamanship. A Master's license (up to 50 tons) will receive credit for USPS Seamanship, Piloting and Advanced Piloting. Any other credit will be based on a level of experience provided to the NEO for review and approval. Contact assistant DEO Ron Swope if you have a member who qualifies for this program and he will help.

**From the National Law Officer:** As part of the Pension Protection Act of 2006, non-profits with gross income under \$25,000 will now have to file in electronic form, with the IRS for tax years beginning after 2006. IRC Section 6033(h) reporting requirements include: Organization's legal and DBA name, Mailing and Website address, Taxpayer ID, Officers name and address, and Gross receipts. The IRS is attempting to monitor an organization's existence and use of the gross receipts exemption. **Squadrons - this means you.** If you have questions contact your squadron law officer or a tax

attorney.

Harry Hebb, SN of Pensacola Sail and Power Squadron is the new staff commander of the Operations Manual Committee. Richard White, AP of Mobile Sail and Power Squadron has moved up to rear commander of the Cooperative Charting committee. Congratulations to Harry and Richard, and all of the other D/15 members who were re-elected to serve in our national organization.

Fairhope, Lake Pontchartrain, Mobile, New Orleans, Pensacola, Perdido Bay and St Andrew Bay participated in the Co-Operative Advertising Program over the past year. Payment requests totaled nearly \$1700.00. Squadrons can get 50 cents for every dollar spent, up to the district's allocation, for advertising their good name and deeds. Keep supporting this fine program. Details for this year: <http://usps.org/national/pr/ideas3.html>

Five members of the district have earned 25 merit marks. Our new Life Members are D.D. Smith, III, AP and William Crosbie, SR, P of Baton Rouge; Mitchell Cash, SN of Fort Walton; Hubert Ward, Jr, SN of New Orleans; James Pappas, SN of St Andrew Bay. They will be awarded Life Membership in USPS at the D/15 Spring Conference in New Orleans 20-22 April 2007. (See conference information on page 7.)

There is a world of information about getting and retaining members on the national website. Check it out: <http://www.usps.org/national/membership/>

**Safe Boating Week is 19-25 May 2007.** The USPS Marketing/PR department will have nationwide

PSAs. This year, instead of holding a Boating course during SBW (which is near Memorial weekend and a bad time for a class), have a signup for a June class.

Assistant DEO Ron Swope, SN of Pensacola, is a Chapman Award winner. Ron recently received his awards, which included a sextant and LCD projection system, from C/C Ernie Marshburn, SN at the USPS Annual Meeting. Thanks to Ron for all of the work he does for Pensacola and D/15.



(For those of you who don't remember, the Chapman Award was won several years ago by Stf/C Harry Hebb, SN, who also just happens to be from Pensacola Sail and Power Squadron.)

D/15 has 144 certified instructors, but half of them need to be recertified in 2007. If your squadron needs help with this, contact Bruce Peters of Baton Rouge of the district educational department. Fort Walton Sail and Power Squadron won two awards in Jacksonville for their training aids; these will also be presented at the conference.

Fairhope Sail and Power Squadron has voted to dissolve after 51 years. Their charter will be returned to the district and USPS. Their members will hopefully transfer to one of the nearby District 15 squadrons.

The Fall Conference will be hosted by Perdido Bay at the Hilton Garden Inn on the beach. The dates are 26-28 October 2007. Details coming soon.

## Nominating Committee Report

Pursuant to Article 6 of the Bylaws of District 15, the following members are nominated for the specified positions.

Commander	Ronald Everett, AP
Executive Officer	Glenn Roy, AP
Educational Officer	Richard Gercak, AP
Administrative Officer	John Wilkes, AP
Secretary	Peggy Larkins, P
Treasurer	Larry Rathbun, AP
Asst Educational	Ron Swope, SN
Asst Secretary	Sal James, SN
Asst Treasurer	Al Hoffman, AP

### Nominating Committee

- 1 year ... Richard White, AP
- 1 year ... Dixon Allen, S
- 2 year ... Karen Gercak, AP
- 2 year ... Blanche White, AP
- 3 year ... Cheryl Jarrell, AP
- 3 year ... Sylvia White, AP

### Rules Committee

- 1 year ... Blanche White, AP
- 2 year ... Keith Dellsperger, AP
- 3 year ... Barbara Merrick, P

### Auditing Committee

- 1 year ... Nolan Haro, SN
- 2 year ... Joahan McDole, S
- 3 year ... Stanley Carver, JN

### Planning Committee

- 1 year ... Charles Chapman, SN
- 1 year ... Debi Gould, S
- 2 year ... William Dietrich, AP
- 2 year ... James Van Court, AP
- 3 year ... Bob Burton, AP
- 3 year ... Dean Hoffman, P

Submitted by  
Stf/C Harry Hebb, SN, for the committee

*(Note: All 3 year committee members are new; 1 and 2 year members are continuing in their previously elected positions.)*

***Volunteers are not paid -  
Not because they are worthless,  
But because they are priceless!***



## CALL TO CONFERENCE



In accordance with District 15 bylaws, Article 5, Section 5.5, this constitutes official notice to the membership of District 15 of call to meeting, containing the agenda and other pertinent details for the 2007 Spring Conference.

The meeting will convene at 0900 on 21 April 2007 at the Marriott New Orleans, Metairie at Lakeway located in Metairie, Louisiana.

All members of D/15 are encouraged to attend the Conference and may request the privilege of the floor, in accordance with bylaws Article 5, Section 5.8.

Each squadron commander is entitled to vote. Delegates shall be selected by each squadron on the basis of one delegate for each 25 active members in good standing, or major fraction thereof, as of the preceding 1 March, with a minimum of two delegates per squadron.

Voting members of the Conference are: District Commander, District Lieutenant Commanders, Chairmen of the General Committees, Squadron Commanders, Past District Commanders who are active members of District 15 squadrons, and the delegates.

Uniform at the Conference meeting for the District Bridge will be USPS uniform G. The uniform for other members and guests will be uniform G or appropriate attire.

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Do you have any marina acquaintances that might make good members? Have you met an avid boater on a trip to West Marine or Boaters' World? Were you impressed with the skills and knowledge of a boat owner taking advantage of a VSC? Did the people attending the new GPS seminar express an interest in additional educational offerings?

All of these people are now eligible for membership in your squadron. There is no need for these experienced boaters to take a course or pass a test. You can sign them up immediately and get them involved in the workings of your squadron. Maybe one of them is a diesel mechanic; the new *Diesel Engine Care and Repair* is coming soon and you are going to need an instructor. Suppose one of them is a journalist, editor or web designer. How great would

that be to find someone interested in working on your squadron newsletter or web page?

Remember, when you get someone involved quickly they are more likely to continue their membership.

And that's a good thing for your squadron and USPS.

## Spring Conference Agenda 21 April 2007

Uniform 'G' (Black trousers and short sleeve shirt)

### 0800 Closed Meetings

Commanders and Executive Officers ..... D/Lt/C Ron Everett, AP  
No Closed Educational Department Meeting

### 0900 Conference Meeting

Coffee and Lunch Break at suitable times

Call to Order ..... D/C Cheryl Jarrell, AP  
Presentation of Colors ..... Stf/C Stan Warner, SN  
Pledge of Allegiance ..... D/Lt/C Ron Everett, AP  
USPS Pledge ..... D/Lt/C Glenn Roy, AP  
Invocation and Necrology ..... Stf/C E. J. Sacks, SN  
Roll Call and Introductions ..... P/D/C Robbie Jarrell, AP  
Establishment of a Quorum ..... D/Lt//C Pat Brewer, P  
Change Order of Business ..... D/C Cheryl Jarrell, AP  
Clarification of Voting Delegates ..... P/D/C Robert G. Fries, JN  
2006 Fall Conference Minutes Approval ..... D/Lt/C Pat Brewer, P  
Host Squadron's Welcome ..... Cdr Keith Dellsperger, AP

Chief Commander's Message ..... P/R/C Glenn Daughtridge, AP

Treasurer's Report ..... D/Lt/C Carl Hutto, AP  
Secretary's Report ..... D/Lt//C Pat Brewer, P  
Administrative Officer's Report ..... D/Lt/C Glenn Roy, AP  
Educational Officer's Report ..... D/Lt/C Dick Gercak, AP  
Executive Officer's Report ..... D/Lt/C Ron Everett, AP  
Commander's Report ..... D/C Cheryl Jarrell, AP

### GENERAL COMMITTEES

Nominating Committee Report ..... P/D/C Harry Hebb, SN  
Educational Fund Report ..... P/D/C Luther O'Brien, SN  
Conference Planning Committee ..... D/Lt Dorothy Warner, P

Unfinished Business ..... Presentation of Awards  
New Business

### 1400 Seminars/Discussions - TBA

Possible Subjects: Membership, PR/Marketing, DB2000

Dismissal of the Bridge (Secretary excepted) and the District Commander

Benediction ..... Stf/C E. J. Sacks, SN  
Retire the Colors ..... Stf/C Stan Warner, SN

Conference is Recessed

## Prince Henry the Navigator

*Compiled February 2003 by then R/C Patricia Governale SN. It was taken from the USPS Educational Department HomePage and included in the Fall 2005 issue of Can 15. That issue was at a printing company in the New Orleans area when Hurricane Katrina came ashore. Since that issue never made it to the members of D/15, the article is being reprinted here.*

In the early 15 th century Prince Henry started a school of navigation in Sagres, Portugal to advance the science of navigation. Prince Henry, like other European mariners, wanted to find an alternative to the passage to the lucrative trade in the Orient. The obvious passage was through the Mediterranean, but hostile Islamic powers and the equally hostile Venetian empire made it difficult to follow this route. So Henry proposed to go south around Africa to reach the Orient. A minor problem however was that in those days the coast of Africa had not been charted and no one knew how far south the African continent extended.

Unlike other navigators of the day, such as the Vikings and Spaniards that basically sailed east and west, the Portuguese needed to sail south if they were to round the tip of Africa. To do this they needed to be able to find their position through Celestial Navigation. As a result much advancement in Celestial Navigation took place. Henry began to send Portuguese sailors south to chart the coast of Africa. These sailors came back to Portugal and increased the data base at the Prince Henry School of Navigation. Henry did not live long enough to see his dream accomplished. He died in 1468 and the Portuguese did not reach the tip of Africa until 1488. <sup>2</sup>

In the early 1960s the government of Portugal, at the embassy in Washington D.C., discussed creating an award in honor of Prince Henry the Navigator

commemorating the 500 th year of his death. In 1965, P/R/C James D. Paris, SN, then commander of District 4, was approached by the Portuguese agency in New York.

Ultimately the Portuguese government awarded an alabaster replica of Prince Henry to each of the Districts of USPS. After presenting the Award to District 4, Commander Jose Cabral, representing the Portuguese government, accompanied Jim to present the award to 20 USPS districts at their conferences. The deed of gift gave each district the authority to establish its own criteria for earning the award.<sup>3</sup>



Several years ago, D/15 member, P/C James Van Court, AP of New Orleans Power Squadron, visited Portugal where the original of the statue is located. The next time you see Jimmy at a squadron or district function, talk to him about it.

District 15 has one of the original 20 alabaster reproductions of Prince Henry. A coveted award, it was presented each year to the squadron with the most JN and N course graduates. When last seen, Henry was in a place of honor at the Mobile Sail and Power Squadron homeport. Perhaps it is time to revive the competition among D/15 squadrons for Prince Henry the Navigator.

<sup>1</sup> Photo courtesy of D/28

<sup>2</sup> Excerpt from SanduskyPSLookout 3/95

<sup>3</sup> Interview with Jim Paris by P/C Michael Frigano. SN

### District 15 Rendezvous

Memorial Weekend - 25-28 May 2007

**Raft Up at Marker 51 in the Sound**

Hosts: Dick and Karen Gercak

**Friday** Arrive and raft up.

**Saturday, Sunday and Monday Morning**

0900 Breakfast. Bring something to share.

**Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday**

**Afternoon** Hors d'oeuvres and cocktails, followed by a Pot Luck Dinner on a vessel.

**Tuesday** Break up and on your own.

Contact Captain Dick at: [CaptainDick1@aol.com](mailto:CaptainDick1@aol.com)

Check the web for more details, Lat-Longs and a chart

[http://www.usps.org/localusps/d15/D15\\_REND.pdf](http://www.usps.org/localusps/d15/D15_REND.pdf)

### 2006 Newsletter and Web Awards

Congratulations to the editors and webmasters from the following squadrons who won awards for 2006.

#### Distinction in Journalism - Newsletters

Baton Rouge *The WindScoop*

Mobile *Four Blasts*

New Orleans *Topside Talk*

Pensacola *Lazy Log*

Perdido Bay *Lost Bay Treasures*

Singing River *The Bilge*

D/15 *Can 15*

#### Website Award for Excellence

St Andrew Bay Power Squadron

#### Website Award

Mobile Sail and Power Squadron



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<b>Friday Hospitality</b>	<b>TBA</b>				
<b>Saturday Luncheon</b> (Members, Guests & Spouses)	<b>1200-1330</b>	<b>\$24.00</b>	<b>\$27.00</b>		
<b>Saturday Dinner Dance</b> Change of Watch Uniform A	<b>1900-2300</b>	<b>\$48.00</b>	<b>\$51.00</b>		
<b>Sunday Morning SendOff</b>	<b>0830-1030</b>	<b>N/C</b>			
<b>For Room Reservations, Contact:</b> New Orleans Marriott - Metairie at Lakeway 3838 N Causeway Blvd Metairie, Louisiana 70002 888-236-2427 (Golfers-if you plan to arrive on April 19th, please call 504.836.5253 to make your reservations, or confirm 20-21 through the toll free Marriott number then call Robbie to put you on the list for the 19th.) <a href="http://marriott.com/property/propertypage/MSYMM">http://marriott.com/property/propertypage/MSYMM</a>			<b>Total</b>		

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**Golfers of D/15:**



Arrangements have been made for our Spring 2007 D/15 Golf Classic. We will play at Oak Harbor Golf Club, 201 Oak Harbor Blvd in Slidell, Louisiana, (985-646-0110) on Friday, 20 April 2007. Entry Fee is \$74.00 and participants are asked to be at the course by 0800. First tee time is 0900.

The course is on I-10 East Exit 261, approximately 33 miles from the hotel.

If driving on I-10 from the West this is the first exit after crossing Lake Pontchartrain. If driving on I-10 from the East, this is the last exit before Lake Pontchartrain.

Looking forward to seeing all you spirited members at this time.

(Because

the date of the conference was moved, V/C Robert Baldrige is free from C/C Rep duties and will be able to participate.)

Please make your check out to **District 15** and send to:

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