

Commander's Report Cdr. David Robertson, JN

It has been a very busy spring to say the least. Attending the Changes of Watch at the different squadrons has been a pleasure and a rewarding experience for me. As I said at the Change of Watches I want to continue the camaraderie of the squadrons by attending the other squadron's activities and getting to know the other members that may not attend the district events.



Speaking of district events we

have a great one coming up soon, the weekend of July 18-20, 2014. The District Administrative Officer D/Lt/C Jeff Lagrew, SN and his host squadron Bluegrass have put together a fun filled weekend for us. There is going to be a murder mystery, a cruise, great food, and wonderful people. What more could you ask for. The details are in this newsletter, so make your reservations early.

On the National level the 2014 Governing Board meeting is September 7-14, this year. The Governing Board meeting is in Arlington VA. This is a very important meeting for the squadrons, as quoted from the Operations Manual Chapter 2 paragraph 2.1 "The Governing Board serves the members of USPS." As provided in the bylaws, it reviews the policies and management of USPS and approves changes to the dues and by-laws. I'm encouraging all of the Squadron Commanders, (GB Members ex officio) to attend with as many of your squadron members as you can get to attend. This is the meeting were you get to exercise your vote. Not only that, they also have a lot of fun.



I also want to remind everyone that it's the time of year that a lot of the membership renews their membership. It's also the time of year that the squadrons start seeing their non-renewal reports. I would like every squadron membership chairman or other member to contact each non-renewal if for no other reason than to invite them to rejoin, or to politely ask if the squadron could have offered a class or something different. Sort of a critique of why they are leaving.

And while we are talking members have you made an effort to contact your active but inactivate members. You know who they are, they were active at one time but have quit showing up at the meeting or rendezvous but continue to pay their dues. Don't get me wrong, I just want you to work on building a stronger core group. Sometimes folks will miss an activity and no one says anything and the next thing you know they are not showing up at all. They may just need a nudge to get them involved again.

I have some news to share, I received a letter from P/D/C Dick Remski, SN, and it's his official letter of resignation from his district offices. He and Julie are moving to Denton, Texas to be near their older son and his family. But our lost will be the Fort Worth Sail and Power Squadron's good fortune, as Dick says he will associate with them in District 21. Dick sends his fondest wishes to everyone in the district. Dick and Julie are wonderful people and great friends and I will miss them very much.

I hope this finds everyone in good health and enjoying safe boating. I look forward to seeing everyone at the D24 Summer Rendezvous and Council.

D/C David Robertson, JN

SPECIAL NOTICE — CALL TO THE MEETING

In accordance with District 24 By-Laws Article 5; Section 5.4;5.4.2 and Section 5.5 this shall serve as the official notice that the **District 24 Summer Council Meeting** will be held at SMUGGLER'S COVE MARINA, CRAIG'S CREEK, WARSAW, KY; Sunday, 20 JULY 2014 at 0900.

D/Lt/C Andrew Terry Prather, AP - Secretary









United States Power Squadrons

D-24 Summer Rendezvous Lodging Information July 18th and 19th, 2014

Smuggler's Cove Marina - 859-567-7601

Boat slip rental - \$1.25/ft. Uncovered \$1.50/ft. Covered Trailers and Trailer/Motor home spaces are available for rent. Call Tina at Smuggler's Cove for reservations

(These are located behind the restaurant with a view of the river)

Snuggler's Inn - 859-567-7601 Rooms are available - \$89. Call Tina at Smuggler's Cove for reservations Mention US Power Squadron for Rate

Belterra - Florence, IN – 812-427-7941 \$189 / Night

Fairway Inn - Florence, IN (adjacent to Belterra) - 812-427-4100

Free Continental Breakfast Friday - \$89 / Saturday - \$99 Mention US Power Squadron for Rate Approximately 6.5 miles from Smuggler's Cove

Holiday Inn - Carrollton, KY – 502-732-6770 \$109 / Night

Hampton Inn - Carrollton, KY – 502-732-0700 \$95.00 / Night Contact Melissa Mention Smuggler's Event



United States Power Squadrons D-24 2014 Summer Rendezvous and Council Schedule of Events

Bluegrass Sail & Power Squadron Cincinnati Sail & Power Squadron Cincinnati Sail & Power Squadron

Evansville Bend Sail & Power Squadron

Hoosier Sail & Power Squadron

Wabash Valley Sail & Power Squadron

Friday - 18 July 2014

1700 - Social Hour (Games will be available)
1900 - Dinner - Hosted by Bluegrass and Hoosier
2030 - Twilight Cruise on Craig's Creek
(Must RSVP for this activity to determine number of boats required)

Saturday - 19 July 2014

1000 - Ohio River Cruise and Raft-Up - Pick up box lunches under tent - Safety Briefing - Board boats (Must RSVP for this activity to determine number of boats required) Lunch hosted by Cincinnati and Dayton

1530 - All boats return from Cruise and Raft-Up
1600 - Game Time
1800 - Social Hour
Introduction of "Cruising for Murder" Cast Members
1900 - Dinner - Hosted by Evansville Bend, Louisville and Wabash Valley
2030 - "Cruising for Murder" with an All-Star D-24 Cast

Sunday - 20 July 20134

0900 - D-24 Summer Council Uniform: USPS Casual (logo'd polo shirts)

1100 - Clean-up

Coffee available under the tent Saturday & Sunday mornings All meals will be catered by the Sunset Grill. Hosting consists of serving if necessary and clean-up.

USPS D-24 Member Summer Rendezvous & Council 18-20 July 2014 Smuggler's Cove Marina- Craig's Creek - Warsaw, Kentucky									
Name Squadron									
Address									
City			S	tate	_Zip	Phone			
Email									
Hamburgers/ Brats/ Hot Dogs/ Chips/ Pasta Salad/ Baked Beans A – M Please bring appetizers N – Z Please bring desserts									
#Adults @ \$10# Children @ \$8 TOTAL (for Dinner) \$									
Friday Night Small Craft Twilight Cruise # Adults attending cruise # Children attending cruise									
Will you be willing to volunteer your pontoon or runabout for the cruise? Yes or No If yes - how many total passengers can you carry?									
Saturday Box Lunch – July 19 Choice of Sandwich and Salad/ Chips/ Fruit/ /Deluxe Condiments									
		SANDWICHES					SALADS		
	Sandwiches on Fresh Bakery Roll	Ham & American	Roast Beef & Swiss	Tuna Salad	Chicken Salad	Cole Slaw	Potato Salad	Pasta Salad	
	Number								
	# Adults	_@\$10	# Children _	@	\$8 ТОТ	AL (for L	unch) \$ _		
Saturday Ohio River Cruise, and Raft-Up									
# Adults attending cruise # Children attending cruise									
Will your boat be available for the cruise? Yes or No If yes - how many total passengers can you carry?									
Saturday Dinner- July 19 Chicken/ Pork Ribs/ Baked Potato/ Corn/ Slaw/ Dinner Rolls A – M Please bring appetizers N – Z Please bring desserts Pop, beer, wine and water will be available for purchase.									
# Adults @ \$20 # Children @\$15 TOTAL (for Dinner) \$									
Registration Fee: Number of Adults @ \$5 TOTAL \$ Number of Children @ \$5 TOTAL \$ FINAL TOTAL \$									
Please make checks payable to D24 Rendezvous. Mail your check to: Lt/C Carol Woods Send your reservations in by 4 July 2014 4217 Ridgewater Drive Questions: e-mail cgwoods2@twc.com or call 859-269-2890 Lexington, KY 40515									

All aboard for an arousing adventure filled with peculiar passengers and conspiring crewmembers.

CRUISING FOR MURDER

After a luxurious week at sea, all those onboard the *Mystery of the Seas* are ready for a night of ro-mance and intrigue at the Captain's Cocktail Reception—an extravagant affair to top all others.

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Adrift on the ocean, there is no better place to escape your troubles...or for a murderer to strike.

MYSTERY OF THE SEAS Could the killer be the commanding captain who has found his personal life out of control? A seething spouse who has discovered the dastardly deception of their darling? Or possibly a conniving contestant who will do anything to be crowned ambassadress by the cruise line?

Trapped at sea, no one is safe and everyone is a suspect. As secrets are revealed, everyone's innocence will come into ques-tion as the assassin tries to appear angelic. Sharpen your sleuthing skills, for that's what you will have to rely on to call out the killer!

CHECK YOUR BAGGAGE AND SET SAIL FOR A SINUOUS NIGHT OF SECRETS, SCANDALS AND SEAFARING SCOUNDRELS.

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WELCOME ABOARD!

Captain Stubling, his Officers and Crew take pleasure in welcoming you aboard the extraordinary *Mystery of the Seas*. We will make every effort to make this a memorable experience.

A FEW WORDS ABOUT THE CAPTAIN'S COCKTAIL RECEPTION

As our voyage together is approaching its end, the Captain and Crew would like to invite all of the passengers to enjoy this extravagant affair to celebrate our week together. We look forward to sharing this wonderful evening with you all:

Chelsea Stubling — Captain's wife and passenger. Served with divorce papers, is Chelsea aboard to make amends or make the Captain pay?

Wanda Wed — Passenger. While Wanda booked the cruise as an anniversary present to her husband, she may have gotten more than she bargained for.

Wilbur Wed — Passenger. Celebrating their anniversary on this cruise, Wilbur has many surprises in store for his wife. And a few she won't see coming. Penny Drop — Ambassadress Contestant. Aboard the ship in hopes of being awarded a spokesperson contract, Penny will use her beauty, her charm and her connections to gain an advantage at any cost.

Kristy Marie — Ambassadress Contestant. A vicious competitor, Kristy's strategy relies not only on promoting herself, but exploiting others.

Samantha Simpson — Ambassadress Contestant. After threats of elimination, Samantha has a lot to prove if she wants to win the competition.

Ship's Officers and Cruise Staff

Captain Stubling — Captain. With the captain's estranged wife aboard this voyage, the captain has more to worry about than where the ship is sailing.

A.J. Service — Purser. In charge of guest relations, A.J. has grown close to a number of the passengers, but are their dealings legitimate?

Tom Collins — Head Barman. Tom is accustomed to complying with many requests, but there is a line that even Tom won't cross. Or will he? Candy Cann — Showgirl. As a seasoned entertainer, Candy is skilled not only in the art of theatrics, but also in deceit.

Buddy Call — Towel Boy. Skilled in towel folding and flattery, Buddy will do just about anything for money. Where that money goes, only Buddy knows.

Officer Bullet — Port Authority. As the primary law enforcement on the boat, Officer Bullet will take control if anything gets out of hand.

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More Ship Announcements

Tonight's Activities: Captain's Cocktail Reception

Tonight's Dress: Formal

Tonight's Show: Candy Cann

> Congratulations to Wilbur & Wanda Wed Celebrating Their 10th Wedding Anniversary.

Ambassadress Winner Chosen This Voyage!

Get to know your contestants- Penny Drop, Samantha Simpson and Kristy Marie- and help pick the *Mystery of the Seas* ambassadress!