

D26 2018 Spring Conference Schedule

Friday, March 16	Meeting Room 1	Meeting Room 2	Meeting Room 3
1230 - 1330	Sqd Cmdr Roundtable	Secy/Treasurer Meeting	
1230 - 1400			SEO/ASEO Meeting
1335 - 1435	D/C, D/X/O, Cdr/XO Mtg	Admin Officer's Meeting	
1400 - 1530			Open CPN
1445 - 1545	VSE Meeting	Coop Charting	
1530 - 1700			Instructor Recertification
1555 - 1700	DNR Presentation	P/D/C Roundtable	

Saturday, March 17	Meeting Room 1	Meeting Room 2	Meeting Room 3
0830 - 0930	Squadron Revitalization	Membership	Operations Training Overview
0940 - 1040		Boating Activities	
1050 - 1200		Council Meeting	
1330 - 1630		Spring Conference	

D26 2018 Spring Conference Seminar/Workshop Overviews

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1230 - 1330	<p>Squadron Commanders' Roundtable - Moderator TBD Intended for Squadron Commanders to allow a free exchange of ideas, comments, views and opinions. The Chief Commander's Rep traditionally visits the last 30 minutes to discuss matters of mutual interest.</p>
1230 - 1330	<p>Secretary/Treasurer Meeting - D/Lt/C George Theriault, AP and D/Lt/C Barb Sommers, AP A general meeting for all Squadron Secretaries and Treasurers to discuss matters pertinent to their responsibilities</p>
1230 - 1400	<p>SEO/ASEO Meeting - D/Lt/C Jack McKinnon, SN Intended for Squadron Educational Officers (SEOs) and Assistant SEOs (Instructors and Public Relations Officers welcome) - This meeting will provide (1) an update on educational issues discussed during USPS's Annual Meeting in Orlando; (2) a review of key online tools for planning and managing educational programs; and (3) a face-to-face forum for squadrons to discuss issues and opportunities for working together to better meet the education needs of members and the boating public.</p>
1335 - 1435	<p>D/C - D/X/O roundtable with Sqd Cdr's & XO's - D/C Roy Stevens, SN and D/Lt/C Jim Wilkins, AP Intended for District Commander and District XO meeting with Squadron Commanders. This meeting will allow squadron commanders to address issues that have been discussed during Sq. Cdr GTM sessions.</p>
1335 - 1435	<p>Administrative Officers Meeting - D/Lt/C Braxton Sorg, AP Intended for DAO, Squadron AO's and Chairpersons of Membership-related committees - This meeting will allow all present to address Membership and all matters within the Administrative Department.</p>
1335 - 1530	<p>Open CPN - D/Lt/C Jack McKinnon, SN OpenCPN is an advanced marine navigation program, available to both the recreational boater and the professional skipper. Through a standard NEMA hookup, OpenCPN interfaces with AIS and GPS. Other features include exporting routes for transfer to GPS, and tides and currents displays.</p>
1445 - 1545	<p>Vessel Safety Examination Meeting - P/D/C Andy Hyman III, SN Intended for all Squadron Vessel Safety Examiners and anyone who would like to be - This presentation will provide an overview of the availability of decals, how to re-order, reporting requirements and process to become an Examiner</p>
1445 - 1545	<p>Coop Charting Reporting - D/Lt Pete Stevenson, AP and D/Lt/C Jim Wilkins, AP This seminar is designed to familiarize USPS members with the procedures for filing Cooperative charting reports directly on the National website, a process that has been slightly modified since last year's Conference.</p>
1530 - 1700	<p>Instructor Recertifications - D/Lt/C Jack McKinnon, SN The revised 2011 Instructor Recertification Seminar focuses on new technologies and techniques for presenting to adult audiences. It is a fun and audience participative program designed to renew enthusiasm and enhance presentation skills. It covers the benefits and pitfalls of using PowerPoint as an aid, as well as the value of manual aids.</p>
1555 - 1700	<p>DNR Presentation - Moderator TBD DNR will present an overview of their activities relative to the rivers, lakes, and coastal areas of South Carolina and will answer questions from the attendees.</p>
1555 - 1700	<p>P/D/C Roundtable Intended for Past District Commanders to exchange observations and experiences that can be provided to the District as suggestions for improved efficiencies and accomplishments.</p>

Saturday, March 17, 2018

0830 - 0930	Membership - D/Lt Bert Baxter, AP This will be an abbreviated version of the extensive sessions included in the last two Conferences. It will give an overview of key Membership areas such as: Recruitment, Involvement, Development, Retention, and Benefits of Membership.
0830 - 1040	Squadron Revitalization Case Study - Long Bay Sail & Power Squadron - L/C Mary Gilliam, P Long Bay developed a way to increase their membership, improve member involvement, and financial stability. This seminar should be of benefit to all squadrons by being made aware of the steps taken by Long Bay to accomplish their achievements.
0830 - 1040	Operations Training - P/D/C Ed Kridler, SN This two hour workshop will suffice for the attendees to be certified as having completed Operations Training which is vital for participants to have a more thorough understanding of USPS's organization and operations.
0930 - 1040	Boating Activities - D/Lt Bert Baxter, AP This seminar will concentrate on defining how to update the Inter-Squadron Boating Activities Calendar and how to correctly complete the revised Boating Activities Report

1050 - 1200	D26 Council Meeting
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1200 - 1330	Lunch
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