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District 26

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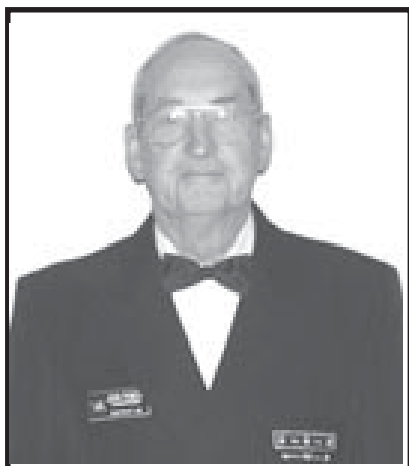
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THE DISTRICT COMMANDER
D/C John Powers, SN



2008 National USPS Meeting in Dallas

We have just completed discussions with agreement for D/26 and D/27 to jointly operate a Hospitality Suite at the USPS Annual meeting. This will offer economic advantages for both Districts and we hope will be the beginning of future joint functions. D/Lt/C Bob Boal who is D/26 Liaison Officer with D/27, will be the point person as we move forward with this planning.

Protocol Manual

We have started on work to update the Protocol Manual. We intend to add some new sections in the Manual, such as, a section on awards and a section related to hosting national officers attending our events. I would appreciate receiving your comments on other issues that might be appropriate for inclusion.

Once the Manual is defined as to size and content we will ask out Web Master, Lt/C Kathy Redford, AP, if it could be housed in our website for convenient access.

Goal

Our **Goal** this year is to earn the **Bowsprit Award**. This National award is based on District wide performance in six categories.

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| Membership | Member Retention |
| Boating Registrations | Educational Program Graduates |
| Vessel Safety Checks | Cooperative Charting Credits |

The program dates are from 1 July through 30 June . We are currently establishing our data from last year to identify our starting position so that we can establish individual squadron goals in cooperation with each new squadron commander. This program will take advantage of each squadron's strong points and identify those areas that need mentoring or additional training.

I wish to conclude by restating that our theme this year is Communication, Coordination and Cohesion. It is my view that these responsibilities define the role of a USPS District Command. Your district bridge does not establish policies or

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Our theme this year is Communication, Coordination and Cohesion and we have a number of initiatives under way with which to start.

Meeting Facilities

As the result of several Squadrons having difficulty in developing suitable contracts with facilities holding District Conferences and Councils, we have enlisted two of our most experienced members to assist the District Administrative Officer and the Squadrons in the negotiation of these type contracts. P/D/C Dick Erler, AP, and P/C Nettie Dumais, AP, have had considerable experience in this field and have agreed to assist when requested.

It will be the host Squadron's responsibility to request their assistance prior to selecting a facility for the District event. The Squadron can request assistance through the Administrative Officer or go directly to Dick or Nettie. The key to making this successful is to contact one of these people early on during the planning phase.

To further facilitate the host Squadrons, D/Lt/C Eric Pearson, SN, has undertaken a substantial effort to revise the Meetings Manual. All members of the bridge have provided input for this revision and the result is expected to provide a very useful and current manual.



Executive Department

D/Lt/C Ronald S. Osburn, SN



Secretary's Department

D/Lt/C Edwin G. Kridler, SN

A new year begins! Many thanks to the Hilton Head Squadron for their hard work on the Fall Conference and the D/26 Change of Watch. From the meetings to the banquet and everything in between, all was well organized and ran like clock work. Hilton Head even made sure there were plenty of Dolphins for the viewing pleasure of the spouses on the Dolphin Cruise. Barb and I enjoyed seeing old friends and making new ones. Thanks again Hilton Head for a job well done.

Below is the list of Committees and the folks who will be heading them.

Cooperative Charting CoCh	- Donald G. Funderburk, SN, Tybee Light
Assistant	- Donald Redford, AP, Golden Corner Lakes
Legislative , GA & SC	- Verna Clayton, P, Thurmond Lake
New Squadron Development	- Frank Clayton, SN, Thurmond Lake
Photographer	- Horst Boettge, SN, Golden Corner Lakes
Assistant	- Lowell G. Ward, SN, Hilton Head
Public Relations	- Michael H. Zafoot, AP, Lake Murray
Safety	-Tom E. O'Neill, AP, Thurmond Lake
Computer Systems	- William F. Mullin, AP, Long Bay
Vessel Safety Check	- Peter Stevenson, AP, Lake Hartwell

I want to thank all those who have volunteered to work with me as my committee chairs and assistants in the coming year.

We are proud that District 26 is one of the few that continues to show membership growth. I know that we can continue this trend in the year ahead.

As your new Executive Officer, I am looking forward to working with you and making this a fun and productive 2008.

We are beginning a new watch year for our district, and I appreciate the opportunity to work on the district bridge. I am looking forward to an interesting and productive year.

The members of the Hilton Head Sail and Power Squadron deserve a big thank you for hosting a fun-filled weekend. The arrangements made for our Fall District Conference were superb, and attendance at the function was very good. Thank you again for your hard work.

Your Secretary's Department includes a number of talented members serving in a variety of positions. Leading the department for this year are:

Assistant Secretary	D/1 st /Lt William Woodward, SN Beaufort
Editor, 026° True	P/C Paula LeMond Thurmond Lake
Assistant Editor	D/Lt Tom E. Courneya, SN Thurmond Lake
Historian	Lt/C Robert Gulbrandsen, P Lake Hartwell
Ensign Correspondent	P/C Randy Hodge, AP Lake Murray
Publications	P/R/C Edward Bush, SN Hilton Head
D/26 Directory	P/D/C Archie Trawick, SN Lake Murray P/C Debra Allen, P Lake Murray D/1 st /Lt William Woodward, SN Beaufort

Many thanks to all who have agreed to work in this department.

As noted above, P/C Paula LeMond, P, will be editing our district newsletter. She will be taking over this position from Barbara Pearson, AP. Barb has done an outstanding job in editing our publication for several years, and deserves the thanks of all members of the district. She will be working with Paula to make this transition work smoothly.



Educational Department

D/Lt/C Eric W. Pearson, SN



Administrative Department

D/Lt/C Betty Walton, AP

I would like to thank the D/26 membership and their delegates for their vote of confidence to allow me to serve as your District Educational Officer for another year. It was gratifying to see such a large crowd at the D/26 Fall Conference and COW. Hilton Head Squadron did an excellent job putting together this activity.

We should also welcome back the rest of the D/26 educational team: ADEO D/1st/Lt Joe Warren, JN, Tybee Light; and committee chairs — Boating Course, P/C David Price, AP, Lake Murray; Advanced Grades, P/C Larry Byrd, SN, Long Bay; Elective Courses, P/C William O’Neill, SN, Thurmond Lake; Teaching Aids, D/Lt Cindy Kridler, AP, Charleston; and America’s Boating Course, D/Lt Huub Bakx, SN, Lake Hartwell. This is really an outstanding group and I thank each for agreeing to serve.

The D/26 Educational Department recognizes a number of individuals and squadrons for outstanding achievements at the Fall Conference. First, five squadrons honored instructors by nominating them for the D/26 Charles F. Chapman Award for Excellence in Teaching. Each nominee received a framed certificate acknowledging their achievement. The nominees were:

P/Lt/C Stephen C. Kromer, AP, Charleston Power Squadron; Lt Patricia E. Rodgers, AP, Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron; Lt Robert A. Arneson, P, Lake Murray Power Squadron, P/C Charles W. Schuler, SN, North Strand Sail and Power Squadron; and Joseph S. “Ted” Holladay, JN, Savannah River Sail and Power Squadron.

D/26 is proud to have P/Lt/C Kromer as its nominee for the USPS Chapman Award. Steve demonstrated the dedication and enthusiasm that makes the Power Squadrons educational program a valued and informative experience for its members. We wish Steve the best of luck in the USPS judging. Congratulate these dedicated teachers when you see them.

The second recognition was for the annual Teaching Aid competition. We had 11 entries that included both traditional and electronic teaching aids. The squadrons with winning entries received \$50, \$30 and \$20 for educational materials. Lake Murray won third place, Tybee Light second and North Strand took first place honors.

The Change of Watch for D/26 was such a success. Thanks to all who had a part in making it one of the best. I am looking forward to serving as your District Administrative Officer during the coming year. The following members have accepted the chairmanship of the duties in my department:

- Auxiliary Advisor.....P/C De Rettew, SN ,
Lake Hartwell
- Boating Activities.....P/C Charles A. Borrmann, Jr. AP,
Beaufort
- Ass’t.....Cdr. Kay Summers, AP,
Beaufort
- Leadership Development.....D/Lt/C Ed Kridler, SN,
Charleston
- Membership Committee.....TBA
Ass’t..... TBA
- Membership Benefits.....P/C J.B.Thornton, AP,
Tybee Light
- Membership Involvement
& Youth Activities.....P/C Linda Boyette, AP,
North Strand
- National Meetings Coordinator..D/Lt Barbara Pearson,
AP, Lake Murray
- Operations Training.....P/R/C Lowell Ward, SN,
Hilton Head

Thanks to all of you for accepting these positions. Let’s work together and make it a most successful year.

If there is any way that I can be of help with any of the 13 squadrons in D/26, please feel free to contact me either by Phone 843-686-6794, e-mail gmx8@roadrunner.com or fax 843-686-3389.

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Commander's Message

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set requirements for the squadrons in our District. This authority is reserved for the USPS Governing Board and the squadrons themselves.

What we will do at the district level is work very hard this year to facilitate your communications with Headquarters, the District, and each other. We will endeavor to offer coordination wherever it can lighten the load for individual squadrons. As a result of communication and coordination support provided by your District Bridge, I hope to maintain the excellent record of achievement for which District 26 is well known. We on your District Bridge will do every thing that we can to enhance the cohesion and camaraderie that makes our efforts to achieve USPS objectives both enjoyable and effective.

D/26 TRUE Newsletter Gets New Editor

This is my last edition as Editor of the 026 TRUE newsletter. This has been a very educational experience and I have truly enjoyed being your editor and getting to know more of the people in other squadrons in D/26 and our "District" folks.

P/C Paula LeMond, P, of Thurmond Lake has agreed to take over as editor. She is very talented and she will do an excellent job for the district. Paula is no stranger to the district and many of you have already met her at various district functions.

During my tenure, I have had the opportunity to learn that each squadron has its unique personality. I can say that this position has given me the opportunity to meet some really special people from all the squadrons and districts.

It is time for me to move on and I have joined the National Publications Committee, which is still "right up my alley." I will still continue to see you at all the district and national functions.

I look forward to seeing you in March at Spring Conference or in Dallas at the Annual Meeting.

D/Lt Barbara Pearson, AP

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Educational Department

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I hope to see all of these Teaching Aids and more from D/26 in Dallas for the USPS TA competition in February. Every D/26 squadron should have a Teaching Aid at the USPS Annual Meeting exhibition 21-22 February. For 23 years D/26 had every squadron represented at the Annual Meeting until last year, so let's get your district back on the right track.

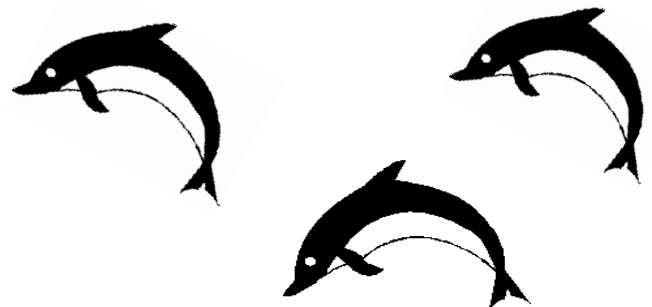
It was a pleasure to recognize 10 members for achieving Educational Proficiency. USPS gives this award to members who complete the Advance Grades of Seamanship, Piloting and Advanced Piloting plus three Elective Courses. Educational Proficiency should be goal of every Power Squadrons member. Congratulations to these members:

Michael Hix, Beaufort; Ross Burgess and Nelson Hicks, Charleston; Bryant Blakeslee, Michael Drake, Andy Hyman III and Michael Verdone, Lake Murray; Daniel Hassell, Jr., Long Bay; and Bruce Ebert and Frank Wiedman, North Strand.

It was additional pleasure to present the USPS Educational Achievement Award to D/Lt/C Ron Osburn, SN, of Golden Corner Lakes. This award is presented to those members who have completed all Advanced Grade and all Elective courses.

In our D/26 USPS Educational Department seminar we covered many of the changes taking place in USPS education. USPS University continues to expand the number of seminars available. The Boat Operator Certification program is described by those involved as "a work in progress," but it is making progress. Check with your SEO for the latest details.

Take a course, or teach a course, so we can all Boat Smart!



Wear It! Your Life May Depend On It

It's too hot! It doesn't look cool. I know how to swim. Nothing is going to happen to me. These are just some of the many reasons people claim that they do not wear their life jackets. But with approximately 700 people drowning each year from recreational boating accidents, it is imperative for you to wear your life jacket at all times while you are on the water.

Life jackets are no longer the orange, hot and bulky vests that are commonly associated with on the water safety gear. New innovations and developments in life jackets have produced a smaller, sleeker, and much more comfortable version of a life jacket, leaving you with no reason not to **WEAR IT!!**

Much like a helmet to a biker or skateboarder, life jackets are an essential part of your boating safety equipment and should be worn at all times while on the water. In 2004 of the 676 recreational boating fatalities 90% of those victims not wearing their life jackets.

Life jackets are now lighter, less obtrusive and more attractive than ever before. The new inflatable life jackets or Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) allows you the mobility and flexibility that you need when boating, fishing, paddling or hunting and are much cooler in the warmer weather.

There are many different varieties of inflatable jackets ranging from those that inflate instantly when you

hit the water to those that are manually inflated. All are designed to be more comfortable and wearable than the traditional life jacket.

Accidents can happen at an alarming speed anyplace or anytime you are on the water. Although many boaters stow life jackets on their boat, very few choose to wear it. There just isn't time to grab a life jacket and put it on properly before you are in the water.



If you are faced with a strong current or unfavorable weather conditions you will not only have trouble making sure you are safe and secure in your life jacket, but you will be unable to help your friends, relatives, children or passengers that have accompanied you in your boat.

Wearing your life jacket will allow you to be safe in case of an accident and will also allow you the ability to assist others that may be in danger

This boating season remember to practice safe and responsible boating, always wear your life jacket, and be alert and aware while on the water. By practicing these simple steps you can save your life as well as the lives of the people boating with you.

Life jackets are now more comfortable and lightweight than ever, with many new styles to fit the style you want. Safe boating saves lives.

(Article from National Safeboating Magazine)

USPS 2008 Annual Meeting Coming Up

The 2008 USPS Annual Meeting is coming up 19-24 Feb, 2008. If you haven't made it to a National meeting maybe now is the time. It really gives you more insight into the organization. There will also be several seminars.

You can take this opportunity to turn this into a short vacation since you will also have the opportunity to tour the John F. Kennedy museum, plus a cultural overview tour of Dallas historic homes.

There is something for everyone. Take the time and sign up to go to Dallas. See your Ensign for further details.

USPS Names Marketing Head

United States Powers Squadrons recently named Tom Kemp manager of marketing and development services.

Kemp has more than 20 years' experience in developing successful marketing strategies and redirecting marketing efforts to help organizations remain relevant in a changing environment.

In his first year, Kemp will concentrate on developing a long-range marketing plan to help USPS grow. He will also focus on membership recruitment and retention and USPS product promotion.

2008 District 26 Spring Conference

“Join Us for March Madness”

Get out your school sweater, t-shirt or jacket and join Golden Corner Lakes Sail and Power Squadron for the D/26 Spring Conference, 28-30 March 2008 in Anderson. We guarantee you'll have a great weekend as you show off your favorite team's colors and support District 26. The fun starts Friday 29 March at 1500 at the LaQuinta Inn in Anderson. Our Hospitality Room will be open and Silent Auction items will be available for your perusal.

We'll kick off the weekend with a Tailgate Party on Friday evening. Wear those team colors and be prepared to have fun. We'll enjoy traditional stadium food - hot dogs, hamburgers and all the fixings as well as some special treats. Cocktails start at 1800, with tailgate food beginning at 1900. Games and laughter will follow!

The district meeting starts at 0900 on Saturday at the LaQuinta. Lunch will be served around noon and the meeting will continue after lunch. The Hospitality Room and the Silent Auction will open at the conclusion of the meeting.

Spouses are invited to lunch and a jewelry show/sale on Saturday. Our special guest is Marge Altonen who lived in China for many years and returns to visit and shop twice a year. Marge will show us pearls and other jewelry that she brings back to the US to offer for sale at *very* reasonable prices. So ladies, and gents, be prepared for a real treat. And don't forget your checkbook! The jewelry is too good to pass up.

Saturday evening we'll enjoy cocktails at 1800 at Tucker's restaurant in Anderson. Your choice of four entrees will be served at 1900. Please remember to select your dinner selection on the application form.

Sunday morning you are invited to brunch at the Western Carolina Sail Club on Lake Hartwell. We guarantee a tasty breakfast with a lovely lake view.

Our goal for this conference is to make this weekend fun yet affordable for all D/26 members to attend. We have arranged rooms at the LaQuinta Inn, 3430 Clemson Blvd, Anderson, SC for \$55 per night, including breakfast. To get to the LaQuinta Inn, come to Anderson on Interstate 85, exit at Exit 19A (Clemson Blvd). Go approximately 3.4 miles and the LaQuinta Inn will be on your left (next to the Red Lobster). Call them for your reservation today!

Early event registration for GCL sponsored events (by 1 Feb 2008) will place you in a drawing for a D/26 flag. Regular registration ends 1 March 2008.

Get out those school sweaters, pom poms or anything in the color of your favorite school and join us for March Madness. GCL Squadron knows how to party! Don't miss this D26 conference.

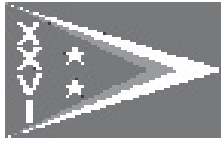
Move to Expand Educational Opportunities

United States Power Squadrons (USPS) and US SAILING have signed a memorandum of understanding that outlines how the two organizations can share educational resources, including instructional programs and course materials. The move allows each organization—each of which is a leader in the field of recreational boating education—to tap into the other organization's particular expertise; this type of collaboration is highly encouraged by the United States Coast Guard, in the hope of ensuring a higher level of competency and safety amongst boaters in the United States.

USPS will complement its classroom instruction with US SAILING courses in on-the-water powerboat skill instruction and demonstration. US SAILING will now be able to incorporate the extensive advanced navigational course materials developed by USPS into its training programs.

One of the key US SAILING courses USPS will offer to its members is the Safe Powerboat Handling Course. This two-day, hands-on, on-the-water course was originally developed to serve US SAILING constituents who used powerboats but lacked formal training in handling these types of craft. The original target audience for this program included sailing instructors, coaches, and race committee personnel who needed a high level of proficiency in powerboat handling in order to perform their jobs on the water.

United States Power Squadrons is known worldwide for its quality navigation programs from inland and coastal to offshore using both electronics and celestial tools. USPS has even trained navigators for the Navy during times of war. USPS has become a leader working with industry to understand and influence emerging navigation technologies thus assuring training in the latest techniques, equipment, and software.



District 26 Spring Conference 2008

28-30 March 2008

Reservations



Last	First	MI	Rank	Grade	Squadron	Email
Address		City	State	Zip	Phone	Spouse/Guest Name
<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u># of People TOTAL</u>			
Friday 28 March 08						
1300-1700	Registration/La Quinta, Anderson					
	Hospitality Suite Open					
1800	Cocktail Hour	Cash Bar				
1900	Tailgate Party	\$15.00/person				\$_____
	La Quinta Stadium					
	(School Colors Encouraged)					
Saturday 29 March 08						
0830	Registration/La Quinta, Anderson					
0900-1500	District Meeting					
1200	Member Lunch	\$15.00/person				
1300	Continue Meeting					
1800	Cocktails at TUCKER'S Restaurant (Cash Bar)					
1900	District Banquet	\$32.00 / Prime Rib				
		\$32.00 / Rib Eye				
		\$30.00 / Salmon				
		\$27.00 / Monterey Chicken				
Spouse/Guest Program						
1200-1430	Jewelry Show	\$20.00 / person				
	with Lunch					
Sunday 30 March 08						
0900—1100	Brunch/Western Carolina Sailing Club					XXXXXXXXXX
Total Price					\$_____	

Please make checks payable to the Golden Corner Lakes Sail & Power Squadron (by March 1, 2008). Mail this reservation form and check to P/C. S.R. Pietrowicz, N, 115 Blackston Ct., Fair Play, C 29643 (864) 972- 2701.

Late registrations unfortunately cannot be accepted due limited facilities.

Registration before February 1st earns a chance in a drawing for the new District flag.

Please make your room reservations at the La Quinta Inn, 3430 Clemson Hwy., Anderson, SC 29621. Reservations can be called in to the La Quinta Inn, mention the USPS Meeting: 1-800-531-5900 or 864-225-3721. The room rate is \$55/night plus tax; this includes breakfast.

Be ready with a Credit Card and make your smoking or non-smoking preference known.

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Coming Events

2008

12 Jan	Swamp Fox COW	Florence
19-24 Feb	USPS Annual Meeting	Dallas, TX
28-30 March	D/26 Spring Conference	Anderson
6-8 Jun	D/26 Summer Council & Cruise/Rendezvous	North Strand
3-8 Sept	USPS Fall Governing Board	Detroit, MI
10-12 Oct	D/26 Fall Conference & COW	Lake Murray

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Golden Corner	Cdr A. G. Caldwell, P	Lt/C Marlyn Stroven, AP
Golden Isles	Cdr Charles Wilsdorf, SN	Lt/C Audie Holmes, JN
Hilton Head	Cdr Atlee Compher, P	Lt/C Helen Kola, P
Lake Hartwell	Cdr Ken Kuszmaul, P	Lt/C Chris Rose, SN
Lake Murray	Cdr Elaine Price, AP	Lt/C Andy Hyman, AP
Long Bay	Cdr Bob Roseman, S	Lt/C Paul Soucy, AP
North Strand	Cdr Bob Candiano, P	Lt/C Charlie Schuler, SN
Savannah River	Cdr DeMetrice Allen, P	Lt/C Paulette Harris-Holmes, JN
Swamp Fox	Cdr Robert Henegar, JN	Lt/C, Gordon Cole, S
Thurmond Lake	Cdr Richard Pugh, AP	Lt/C William O'Neill, SN
Tybee Light	Cdr Lee Wilber, S	Lt/C Ken Scherz, JN