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(Don't have a Pirate tattoo?
Contact the Lima Power Squadron)

D/29 Fall Conference
"Pirates of the Caribbean"

31 Oct - 2 Nov, 2008

Civic Center & Wingate Inn

175 W. Market Street

Lima, OH 45801

Hosted by the Lima Power Squadron

Registration form on page 7

Three new seminars are available from Headquarters

Anchoring – Covers selection of anchor, rode and components; anchor selection for sea conditions and bottom characteristics; deployment and recovery of anchors. Includes tables for sizing anchor and components and information for determining loads under various conditions. Includes USPS Anchoring Quick Guide by Bill Gladstone, and Student Notes with copies of the slides.

Anchoring (03-66-009) Student Kit - \$20.00

Anchoring (03-66-010) Instructor Kit - \$20.00

Knots, Bends, and Hitches will be released as soon as we receive the knot kits and **Trailer**ing is in the process of finalizing the Instructor CD for duplication.

Paddle Smart® Seminar is available in the Ed Dept Catalog.

Marine Radar – Covers how radar functions, radar selection, operation of the radar under various conditions including setting of controls, display interpretation, basic navigation and collision avoidance using radar. Includes Radar book written by Kevin Monahan (\$25 retail) and Student Notes with copies of slides.

Radar (03-92-005) Student Kit - \$25.00

Radar (03-92-006) Instructor Kit - \$25.00

Hurricanes and Boats – This is mini-seminar. It covers how to select a location and prepare your boat for a hurricane. Includes Student Notes with copies of the slides.

Hurricanes (03-66-011) Student Kit - \$5.00

Hurricanes (03-66-012) Instructor Kit - \$7.50

Greetings from your D/29 Commander

Greetings,

If you haven't heard by now, District 29 is having a membership contest. We are hoping that we are offering a terrific incentive for some squadron to win a teaching aid of their choice, to the tune of \$750.00. As you know attendance at our council and conference meetings has been declining the past few years. We have a number of new members that have not been to a district meeting and do not know the fellowship and camaraderie that exist when we attend one of these functions. We get to meet new people from the district and renew acquaintances with our older friends.

If you are a newer member, please attend our summer council meeting and enjoy the fellowship and help your SQUADRON WIN!!!!



D/C Al Hess, AP
District Commander

District 29 Member Involvement Contest

Rules and Requirements

Revised July 12, 2008

- 1 Contest will be based on Squadron individuals **in attendance** at Summer and Winter Council meetings, Fall and Spring Conference meetings. All points will be awarded to Squadrons.
- 2 Attendees must be pre-registered even if lunch or dinner is not desired. Members must have lunch and or dinner plus all applicable fees if any, paid 14 days before event occurs, and must be in attendance at district business meeting.
- 3 If all Squadron delegates are in attendance, the Squadron will be awarded a bonus of 25 points. Individual delegates will not be counted. Example: If the Squadron has 6 delegates and all 6 are in attendance, the Squadron would receive 25 bonus points.
- 4 Each bridge member (CDR, XO, AO, Sec., Trea. and SEO. in attendance will be awarded 25 points each. If all bridge members are in attendance a bonus of 25 points will be awarded. Maximum total points that can be received for bridge members is 175.
Bridge members would have to be members on or after January 1, 2008 and be sworn in as an official bridge member to qualify.
District bridge and PDC's are not counted unless they are presently on their Squadron Bridge rosters.
- 5 Non-delegate members in attendance that have been members prior to January 1, 2007 will receive 50 points each. The individual does not receive the points. The Squadron does.
- 6 Non-delegate members in attendance that have been members on or after January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007 will receive 75 points. The Squadron receives all points awarded.
- 7 Members in attendance that have been members on or after January 1, 2008 will receive 100 points.
- 8 Delegates will be based on membership prior to June 1, 2008.
- 9 The prize of \$750.00 will be awarded towards the purchase of an educational teaching aid. (such as a lap top computer, projector or other instrument) Proof of purchase for verification purposes will be required by the winner.
- 10 Squadron Commanders will be responsible for reporting their members present.
- 11 P/C Pamela Yarletts will be Chairman for the contest and be responsible for overseeing the contest. The District Bridge will be the deciding voice in any disputes that may arise during the contest.

Report from the Executive Officer

Nobody can actually put their thumb on the problem of declining membership. Across the land, as I have mentioned in previous writing, every fraternal organization is experiencing the membership decline or the lost interest to participate within. Patricia and I have dinner once a month with "our group" of which one couple owns the most immaculate 23' Lyman on the lake. But can I get this couple to join? I run right into a wall, so I know how frustrated you, my fellow squadron members, are with same problem.

The National has torn down all the barriers, removed the fences, and plowed the road for individual squadrons to increase membership. Squadrons have a green light to "Get R Dun" anyway they can, less posting bail for someone. The National has also proposed ideas to get the ball rolling. If you have an idea of getting new membership, try it. If it works, let me know. Just **"DON'T GIVE UP THE SHIP!"**



NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK

MAY 17-23, 2008

"WEAR IT"

Each District 29 Squadron should have put together a Safe Boating Class, a Seminar, or held safety demonstrations for the public that was executed during the Safe Boating Week. Was your local newspaper contacted to cover the event(s) that your squadron hosted? Did you invite your local government officials to participate: There is no better way to get the newspaper photographers on site than have a government official participate. (Fuel for thought for next year). **Send in your Safety Report to:**

District Safety Officer
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VESSEL SAFETY CHECK

"Get R Dun"

National has reported that this program has topped its goal set for last year by 3500 with a total of 33,904 VSC's across the board and over 200,000 since its conception. Last year District 29 was credited with 877. At the time of this writing, the District has 42 qualified Vessel Examiners with **Mary Kathryn Nesser** and **Dennis Ladd**, both of Port Clinton, out front with 115 and 111 examinations, respectfully. The District total is 720 examinations with 646 passed. Contact the District VSC Officer if you need more VSC material.

District Vessel Safety Check Officer
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HOMELAND SECURITY

"Beware"

The hottest tickets are for squadron dinner meeting programs when there is an invitation for state or national officials to clear up the Canadian-American boating/fishing confusion. Can we fish in Canadian waters or not ... without checking in with Customs on both sides of the border?

The *latest* answer is yes, as long as the boat or anyone of the boat's party does not touch any land (or dock) on the Canadian side. I just couldn't imagine cruising to Lake Huron via the Detroit and St. Clair River without crossing the invisible border line several times. Just remember, if you do boat to Canada and check-in with their customs, you need to check-in with the American customs on your return. There are more rules and regulations on this subject that it would take another page. For updated information, *search* Ohio Boat Operator's Guide: Federal Regulations on the internet. (It's easier and quicker to use the search than use the www address). There should be brochures available on this subject at the Summer Council.

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CO-OP CHARTING REPORT

Submitted by P/C Don Stein, JN
District Co-Op Charting Officer

April is the traditional start of the boating season and it's the beginning of a new COOPERATIVE CHARTING year. The co-op year ending in March was moderately

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Report from the District Education Officer “What’s new with USPS Education?”

USPS Education is in high gear. So what’s new? We will review America’s Boating Course, the new seminars, new and updated courses, and Boat Operator Certification.

“America’s Boating Course – 3rd Edition” is the name of the new boating course. Since the Coast Guard Auxiliary has withdrawn from the ABC consortium, USPS is the sole owner of that program. The ABC name has wide recognition and it has been chosen for our new unified public boating course. It will be available late spring or early summer as the supplies of the Squadron Boating Course become exhausted. The course can be presented in an 8-hour format like Boat Smart or the 12-hour format like the Squadron Boating Course. It will come in one book with two parts. The first part will look a lot like Boat Smart, but use the graphics from ABC. The second part will provide the fundamentals of coastal and inland navigation using electronics.

Ultimately the course will be delivered with a DVD including the courseware for home study much like the current ABC Course with animations and narration. The DVD also will include the Maptech Digital Chart program and charts. The instructor tools will include a CD with PowerPoint slides including excellent graphics and animations. The graphics in the presentation will match the book which will match the DVD provided to the students. For the first time, all of our courseware will match, even the internet – starting next year. Everything will have the same look and feel.

We will continue to offer the current ABC Course for our classroom use until the supply is exhausted. We will also offer the current internet course for the remainder of this year. In 2009, we will replace the on-line internet course with the same book used in our classrooms. In this way, someone could decide that the internet is not the way to go and join in one of our classroom courses with exactly the same content.

Seminars represent the most significant new initiative in our offerings in many decades and they have been a major success. We have 6 titles about to go to 12 shortly. We are also adding mini-courses which consist of several seminar sessions, but are still shorter than our courses. Ultimately, these mini-courses may be merged into new courses.

Seminars attract ‘experienced’ boaters. Many of these people are not inclined to take a public boating safety course, but they want the information contained in the seminar. The seminars also represent an opportunity to re-engage our existing member base.

The seminar titles that have been available are How to Use a Chart, Using GPS, Using VHF and VHF/DSC Marine Radio, Onboard Weather Forecasting, Boat Handling, and Sail Trim. Upcoming seminars include Paddle Smart, Marine Knots, Anchoring, Marine Radar, Hurricanes and Boats, and Trailing.



D/Lt/C Thomas P Jagucki, SN
Education Officer

We are also adding our first mini-course, Powerboat Handling. It is a 3-part seminar designed to be completed in 6 hours. Subjects include Close Quarters Maneuvering, Stability and Seas, and Operating at Sea. It is meant to prepare the boater to understand what his or her boat is doing and why.

Others soon to be released are Emergencies On Board, Heavy Weather Sailing, Diesel Engine Care and Repair.

We are also working on a host of other titles including Marine Compasses, Partner in Command Series (Skipper Saver II), Marine Maintenance Series, River Boating and Locks, Using Chart Plotters and Digital Charts Series, Autopilots, Depth Sounders and Fish finders, Navigation Rules, Coast Guard License Prep Series, and Crew Overboard.

Report from the District Secretary

I know everyone is very busy now with the boating season, but I want you all to take time to think about an important issue facing the District 29 - communication.

In my position as secretary, I have made this a priority and I know the other Bridge officers agree. Without good two way communication between District and Squadrons, all of us as members do not feel like we are part of the whole team, and without all of us members there is no whole team, just fragments. Remember, we are all in this together for the betterment of our Squadron, D 29 and USPS.

With this in mind, I would like to ask all of you to help. One method we have is our District Website. D/Lt Jason Snook is our webmaster, but he can only make the website as good as the information you give him. I ask all Squadrons to send in their calendar of events, along with a contact person as soon as the event is known. If dates change they can be easily updated. An educational calendar important for this website, finding nearby courses or seminars of interest can be very helpful.

If you have other information you would like to see posted, notify myself or Jason. His email is jjsnook@yahoo.com and mine is agilcher@aol.com.

Information will also be sent to the Squadron Commanders and news letter editors about upcoming events

Dbase 2000 is the USPS database of current members. I do not know how many of you use this powerful tool, for membership rosters, mailing labels, and merit marks, but it contains a lot of useful information.

There is going to be a seminar on using Dbase 2000 presented at the Summer Council meeting. I would like your help, from all of you that already use this database, your tips on use. For all of you who do not use it, but need this information, I would like to know the problems stopping you from using this database, what questions do you have about it. The seminar will cover the basics of Dbase 2000, how to request a roster, import it into the program, how to update, and



D/Lt/C Anne V. Gilcher, SN
Secretary

how you can use the information for your Squadron.

Remember it is also important that the Squadron Secretary or their designee keep this roster up to date between dues notices when members address or other data changes.

Please email or call with your suggestions for this seminar agilcher@aol.com or 419-626-9053.

I am looking forward to working with you this year, and remember working together makes all things possible

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CO-OP CHARTING *from page 3*

successful for District 29, but very successful for Toledo Power Squadron. P/C Haynes Lee initiated a series of Maumee River cruises with the Toledo Squadron resulting Honor Roll status for their squadron and four members.

I would like to remind all D-29 squadrons that we can begin this Cooperative Charting year with a desire to help the National Ocean Service update our charts which means electronic and paper. A good beginning is to make a report on your own marina or launch ramp by filling out a Small Craft

Facilities report and turn it in to your Cooperative Charting Chairman or send it to me. We can then encourage you to further your reporting skills through the CCWEB site and develop points and goodwill for you, your squadron and UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS.

NEED A VHF MARINE RADIO LICENSE?

Excerpt from *USCG Local Notice to Mariners*
Week: 28/06

If your boat is less than 65 ft, (20 M) you are not required to have a license to transmit with

your VHF marine radio in the USA.

However, if you are visiting Canada or any other foreign port, such as The Bahamas or British Virgin Islands, and wish to transmit legally on your VHF marine radio you are required to have a valid ship's license and an operator's license. Listening is free.

If you would like to purchase or renew your license, you can go to the website <http://wireless.fcc.gov/marine> and download the necessary forms.

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USPS District 29 Fall 2008 Conference
"Pirates of the Caribbean"
 Hosted by the Lima Power Squadron
Friday to Sunday, Oct 31 to Nov 2, 2008
at the Wingate Inn, Lima OH



*"Wear your Pirate Tatoo
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 or
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 (Don't have a Pirate tatoo?
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There is no fee for the conference, but registration is required.

The only fees are for Saturday Lunch & Dinner

Friday evening - Pirate Party!

Saturday Activities -

Delegate Meeting

Seminars & Classes (schedule to be announced)

Lunch: Cold Cut Tray & Cheese Slices, Assorted Breads, Broccoli Raisin Salad and 7-layer Salad, Soup, Chips & Cookies, Coffee, Tea, Lemonade. **Cost \$17.00**

Dinner: Roast Pork & Turkey Breast, California Blend Vegetables, Sweet Potatoes, Romaine Lettuce, Lemon & Pear Parfaits, Rolls, Bread & Butter, Coffee, Tea, Lemonade. **Cost \$25.00**

Hotel Reservations

Wingate Inn - 175 West Market St - Lima, OH 45801 - 419-228-7000

Rooms are \$82.00 plus tax, single or double occupancy.

Make your own reservations directly with the hotel by Sunday, October 12

Please mention you are with the USPS District 29 Conference

Detach and Send this form with payment by Sunday, October 12 to:

P/C Armin Diller, SN
 8787 Ada Rd
 Harrod, OH 45850
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D/29 Fall 2008 Conference Registration Form

1. Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____
 Address _____
 Address _____
 Squadron _____ Email _____ Is this your first conference? _____
 Are you a delegate? Yes No If so, are your meals paid for by your squadron? Yes No

2. Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____
 Address _____
 Address _____
 Squadron _____ Email _____ Is this your first conference? _____
 Are you a delegate? Yes No If so, are your meals paid for by your squadron? Yes No

Lunch \$17.00 x _____ = \$ _____
 Dinner \$25.00 x _____ = \$ _____
 Lunch paid by squadron x _____ = \$ _____ 0.00
 Dinner paid by squadron x _____ = \$ _____ 0.00

Total enclosed = \$ _____

Deadline for reservations is Sunday, October 12, 2008

There is a late fee of \$5.00 for reservations received after October 12.

Newly updated courses include Navigation '08, which is presently in beta testing, and Weather '08, which will soon be released.

Navigation will include Advanced Celestial Navigation, Navigating offshore with Electronics, and The CAPN software and Charts.

Weather has been beta tested and the books are in the final stages of preparation.

In the Works is Marine Electrical Systems '08, which is the first in a 3-course series emanating from the existing Marine Electronics Course. The two courses to follow are Marine Communications Systems and Marine Electronic

Navigation Systems. These should both be available by next year.

In addition, the Instructor Development Course and the Recertification Seminar are being rewritten. Sail is presently being recast into a single book with updated material.

Finally, the Boat Operator Certification program is nearing release.

As you can see, there are many courses and seminars being made available. The primary goal of USPS is to educate and the national office is providing us with good material. Now it's up to us to make it available to our fellow boaters.

Get on the District's Email List

If you would like to receive notices of District 29 information via email, please send an email to annelu@aol.com with your name, your squadron, and the format(s) in which you want to receive information: (1) .pdf (2) .txt (3) .html (4) .doc

Note: A .pdf file is the smallest file to send and is available to everyone with a free download of Adobe Reader from the internet.

This will not take the place of any current publications, but will be an "extra" way to get information to you quickly and timely.

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