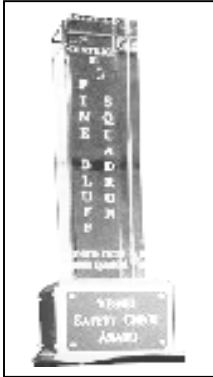


DISTRICT 31 PINE BLUFF POWER SQUADRON
VESSEL SAFETY CHECK AWARD
SPRING



This award was established in 2003 to honor one of our six original squadrons who chartered and helped form our district in 1973. Pine Bluff Power Squadron was chartered in 1971 and contributed much to our district in the way of leadership and service before its dissolution in 2003. The award is a regal trophy donated by Pine Bluff Power Squadron to District 31 for the purpose of establishing a district award in their name. The trophy consists of a 10-inch tall, optical crystal top, bearing the name of Pine Bluff Squadron prominently inscribed along with District 31 and United States Power Squadrons. The solid clear crystal top is mounted on a genuine American Walnut base. A blue facing plate attached to the base of the trophy is engraved with the current title of the award. The trophy has its own attractive, compact, wooden carrying case. This trophy shall be

awarded at each District Spring Conference to the winning squadron who will retain possession of it for one year and return it to the District the following Spring.

The original purpose chosen by the District Council for the District 31 Pine Bluff Power Squadron trophy established a District 31 Vessel Safety Check Award. This new award was selected to energize our squadrons to encourage their members to enroll in the Vessel Safety Check Program and become certified Vessel Examiners who would then perform as many vessel safety checks as possible each year on all boats used on our lakes, rivers, and other bodies of water. The Vessel Safety Check Award was chosen as the original purpose for this trophy with the stipulation that it will be re-evaluated in five (5) years to see if it is still viable. If not, then the Vessel Safety Check Award will be discontinued. Another award purpose for this trophy will be chosen and the award shall be renamed with the name of Pine Bluff Power Squadron retained in its title. The facing plate inscribed with the old award name shall be removed from the trophy and a new facing plate is to be engraved with the new award name and affixed to the trophy base.

The District VSC Chairman shall determine the winner of this award using official statistics published in the USPS Final VSC Report for the evaluation year and USPS Membership statistics published for December of the evaluation year. These statistics may be posted on USPS National Committee websites or published in National statistical reports. The evaluation period shall be one calendar year to coincide with the joint USPS-USCG Auxiliary VSC Program. The District VSC Chairman shall verify the VSC statistics published by National with each squadron participating in the VSC Program and secure additional data from the squadrons for the other elements listed in the worksheet criteria. If there is a discrepancy between the final VSC statistics published by National and those recorded by the squadron, then squadron VSC statistics will be used in award calculations, only if copies of all VSC forms submitted by the squadron to National for credit are provided to the District VSC Chairman. USPS members eligible to participate in the VSC Program to become certified Vessel Examiners are Active, Additional Active and Family members who are 18 years or older. Results of the computations for this award shall be forwarded to the District Awards Chairman. This award shall be presented annually at each District Spring Conference, by the District VSC Chairman to the squadron earning the most points during the evaluation period. The first presentation of the District 31 Pine Bluff Power Squadron Trophy and Vessel Safety Check Award was made in 2004 for achievements accomplished in 2003 by the winning squadron.

**DISTRICT 31 PINE BLUFF POWER SQUADRON
VESSEL SAFETY CHECK AWARD WORKSHEET**

Instructions: To determine the winner of the D31 Pine Bluff Vessel Safety Check Award, circle one value for categories 1, 2, and 3; then calculate the values for categories 4, 5, and 6 using official end-of-calendar year Membership statistics for Total Active (Active and Additional Active) and Family Adult* members and final VSC statistics for the evaluation year. Combine point values and calculated ratio values to obtain total score for each squadron active in the VSC Program.

	<u>Point Values</u>							
	0 pt	1 pt	2 pts	3 pts	4 pts	5 pts		
1. Number of Vessel Examiner Training Classes completed during the calendar year with 5 or more trainees (may be held jointly with CGAux**)	No. Classes	0	1	2	3	4	5	
2. Number of Special VSC events held during the calendar year (proof of event needed; the event may be held jointly with CGAux***)	No. Events	0	1	2	3	4	5	
3. Number of years the Squadron has participated in the VSC program (designed to give advantage to squadrons with less time in the VSC program)	<u>No. Years</u>	N/A	5+	4	3	2	1	
		0						
							Point Value Total _____	
4. Number of Vessel Examiners (Total VEs ÷ Total Active & Family Adult members = ratio of VEs to Members)							_____	
5. Number new Vessel Examiners certified during the calendar year (New VEs ÷ Total Active & Family Adult members = ratio of new VEs to Members)							_____	
6. Number of VSCs performed during the calendar year (Total VSCs ÷ Total Active & Family Adult members = ratio of VSCs to Members)							_____	
							Ratio Point Total _____	
_____ Squadron	Score (Combined Ratio and Point Value Total)						_____	

* Only Family members who are 18 years and older are eligible to become certified Vessel Examiners.
 ** To count joint sessions or events with CGAux, VSC inspection forms completed by members must be turned in to the squadron.
 *** Proof of VSC Event shall be supporting documentation sent to DVSC Chairman, such as advertising in local newspaper, flyer, the sponsoring marina's notice of event, squadron newsletter notice of event or article describing event, etc.

XYZ Squadron – Example Using Simulated Stats

Total Active & Family Adult Membership (End of Calendar Year) Dec 2003 = 120

Number of Classes:	1 = 1	Number of VEs:	10	10 ÷ 120 =	0.0833
Number of Events:	2 = 2	Number of New VEs:	6	6 ÷ 120 =	0.0500
Number of Years:	1 = <u>5</u>	Number of VSCs:	54	54 ÷ 120 =	<u>0.4500</u>
Point Value Total	8	RatioTotal			0.5833

Score (Combined Point Value & Ratio Total) 8.58