



**DISTRICT 4  
UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS®**

SAIL AND POWER BOATING

*Barnegat Bay\* Bronx\* City Island\* Lackawanna\* Lake Hopatcong\* Liberty Harbor\* Long Valley\* New York\* North River  
Northern New Jersey\* Oritani\* Palisades\* Raritan Bay\* Saddle River\* Shrewsbury\* Somerset\* Staten Island\* Watchung*

**D/4 Council Minutes  
San Carlos Restaurant  
Wednesday February 2, 2005**

Prior to the start of the dinner at 1830, D/C David Meshulam, AP called upon R/C Hank Griffin to give the invocation. P/D/C David Drummond led the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by each attendee identifying himself & his squadron. D/4 Cdr. Meshulam called the meeting to order at 19:00. A quorum was present. Hearing no objections, the Commander changed the order of business to expedite the meeting. The minutes of the D/4 Council Meeting of December 1, 2004 were accepted as submitted with no deletions or additions as per a motion that was proposed, seconded, & approved.

**Members of the District Council in attendance were:**

**District Bridge:** D/C David Meshulam, AP; D/Lt/C D/Lt/C Florence E. Smith, SN; D/Lt/C William Delahunty, JN; D/Lt/C Joseph M. Krupp Jr., AP; D/Lt/C Harold Oslick, JN; D/Lt/C Kathleen Bisogno, AP; P/D/C Dan Jakovich, SN (**np**). (**np**) = not present

**Commanders - Barnegat Bay:** ( ) Cdr. Patricia Blake-Blum, P; **Bronx:** (**np**) Cdr. Joe Darwas, JN; **City Island:** ( ) Cdr. Jerry Simotas, AP; **Lackawanna:** (**np**) Cdr. William Robinson, SN; **Lake Hopatcong:** ( ) Cdr. Joe Gibbons, P; **Liberty Harbor:** ( ) Cdr. Paul Sheganoski, AP; **Long Valley:** ( ) Cdr. Susan C. Herring; **New York:** ( ) Cdr. Rusi Patell, SN; **North River:** (**np**) Cdr. Marvin Lipper, AP; **Northern New Jersey:** ( ) Cdr. Michael Levandoski, AP; **Oritani:** (**np**) Cdr. John Battaglia, S, AP; **Palisades:** (**np**) Cdr. Ralph Sloan, AP; **Raritan Bay:** (**np**) Cdr. Michael Gulya, P; **Saddle River:** (**np**) Cdr. Ruth L. Barnes, P; **Shrewsbury:** ( ) Cdr. Robert Dougherty, AP; **Somerset:** (**np**) Cdr. Robin Roberts, P; **Staten Island:** ( ) Cdr. Louis Gloria, P; **Watchung:** (**np**) Cdr. Rich Sendell, P (**np**) = not present

**Treasurer's Report  
2 February 2005**

**As of 01/31/2005**

USPS Reserve	\$20,000.00
Money Market	\$13,215.54
Checking Account	\$ 880.32

Since our last meeting on 1 December:

Income	\$ 1,655.10
Expenses	\$ 3,322.80
Total:	\$ 1,667.70

Outstanding Bills: There are no outstanding bills.

A detail report of transactions is on file with the Secretary

**General Committees:**

**Auditing** - P/C Michael Fabrizzi, SN (no formal report delivered at this session)

**Nominating Committee** - P/D/C William Medwin, SN (no formal report)

**Rules Committee**: - P /C Lawrence Brand ,AP (no formal report delivered at this session)

**Standing Committees:**

**Budget & Finance Committee** - P/C Dennis Lapiotis ,SN ( No Presentation)

**Planning Committee** – D/Lt Leslie Eslinger, AP(no report)

**Educational Fund** - D/Lt Joan M. Tucker, (no report)

**Merit Marks** - D/Lt Jean Ruckdeschel, AP(no report)

**Flag and Etiquette** - D/Lt Michael Fabrizi, SN (no formal report delivered at this session)

**Law Officers:**

**New Jersey** Cdr. William W. Farrar, SN (no formal report delivered at this session)

**New York** D/Lt Danforth W. Rogers, N (no formal report delivered at this session)

**Ad Hoc Committees:**

**Travel Coordinator** - P/C Maureen Laurentino, AP (no formal report delivered at this session)

**Year Book Committee** - D/Lt Harry G. Wagner, AP

D/4 Yearbook:

This will be our fourth year producing the Yearbook. We have turned over to D/4 over \$5,000.00 in our first three years and will continue to print the yearbook.

I have left booster sheets on each table and in the Commanders packets. If you can get boosters from your squadrons it will help us. If you can take an ad in the yearbook we can raise more money for our fund raising account. I will accept ads and boosters until February 15, 2005.

I still need the majority of the new Commanders pictures and bio's. If you want your squadron represented in the yearbook please E-Mail them to me by February 15, 2005. We have District & 2006 Governor's Board shirts for sale check the Ships Store @ the Spring Conference. 2006 Governor's Board Raffle tickets will also be sold @ \$25 each. The winner gets to stay free @ the hotel, a \$200 travel expense, & 2 tickets for every event.

**Manuals Committee**

**Radio Technology Committee-** D/Lt Carlton E. Lee, Jr. , AP (no formal report)

**Homeland Security - D/Lt Joseph A. Miciak, AP**

The boating course legislation is being revamped with the onerous background checks of USPS members eliminated. Don Baker & Joe Miciak have worked on this legislation & were accorded a round of applause for their efforts.

**Voluntary - Emergency Medical Alert Program - P/C Ted Wallace, P** (no formal report)

**Committees Reporting to the Executive Officer - D/Lt/C William Delahunty, JN**

The Orlando conference was very well attended. The National Executive Officer reports that we are still in the Co-op Charting program with the expectation that we will do better this year. The vessel inspection sticker is being redesigned. It is hoped that the alteration of the sticker that occurred previously will be eliminated. The goal is to have in excess of 32,000 vessels inspected this year. It appears that a family member of a squadron would be allowed to qualify to do vessel inspections. Please, I need your Change of Watch dates.

**Boat Show NJ – D/Lt Robert Damato, N**

**Boat Show NY - D/Lt Grant Hobson**

The New York Show was busy as usual. We need to upgrade our display, possibly lights & an audio-visual display for interaction. We must remember that all boat shows are a great marketing tool to increase membership. We must invest more money to become competitive at all the boat shows in which we participate.

**Cooperative Charting Committee – D/Lt Phillip Lloyd, SN** (no formal presentation)

**District Liaison Committee**

- P/C/C Raymond A. Finley, SN (no formal report delivered at this session)
- P/D/C Michael Sangiorgio, SN (no formal report delivered at this session)

**Legislative Officers:**

- New Jersey D/Lt Mildred Hargreaves, SN (no formal report delivered at this session)
- New York D/Lt Dorothy Sutter, JN (no formal report delivered at this session)

**Newspaper Advertising**

**Don Baker, JN Co-op Advertising**

- D/Lt Richard Zucchi, AP
- D/Lt Harry Wagner, AP

The good news is that 80% the boating courses are reflected on the website, this is up from 20%. However, Don Baker reminded all that advertising is expensive. He went on to say, "Please, when you get a copy to verify take a few moments to respond to the e-mail. Check that the time date, location & the contact person's phone # &/or e-mail address is correct. Recent responses are less than acceptable.

**Vessel Safety Check Program- D/Lt Harry Wagner, AP**

We have completed the year for Vessel Safety checks. We did not as well as I had hoped for but I would like to thank all of the VSE's who participated. If there is enough interest from the Membership I will hold a class in late April for new examiners. Awards will be presented to the top three squadrons at the Spring Conference. They are 3<sup>rd</sup> place Shrewsbury Power Squadron, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Raritan Bay Power Squadron and 1<sup>st</sup> place Barnegat Bay Sail and Power Squadron. Individual awards will be given for any examiner that reached 50 or more inspections.

**Marketing Committee**

**Stf/C Robert Green, N Stf/C Hank Griffin, SN ( no report)**

**Safety Committee - D/Lt Harry Wagner, AP (no report)**

**Public Relations - D/Lt Joseph Peck, AP (no formal report delivered at this session)**

**Photographer - D/Lt Trisha Bolt, AP**

D/Lt Bolt said that she has a number of extra photos that she has taken over the years for the District. Extra copies will be displayed at the Spring Conference, feel free to take some home.

**Squadron Development –D/Lt Richard Zucchi,AP**

**Mentor Program- D/Lt James Ulrich, SN (no report)**

**Committees Reporting to the Educational Officer - D/Lt/C Florence E. Smith, SN**

## **Report of the District Education Officer**

**D/Lt/C Florence E. Smith, SN**

It was sunny and warm in Orlando for a change!. As expected, the Educational Department meetings were a flurry of activity. I can't give you all the details tonight, for while Education is the spice of life, we would be here for a while. I like spicy food, but many don't. Copies of my report are in the commander's folders and an electronic copy will be send to the SEOs in the morning.

### **ORLANDO:**

#### ***Boating***

There will be a new edition of the boating course that will effectively replace the current Squadron Boating course, BoatSmart and ChartSmart. This two part course will allow squadrons to choose to give BoatSmart or the Squadron Boating course through the delivery of one or both parts. The BoatSmart NASBLA expiration in 2006 is driving this, although the existing supply of Squadron Boating course materials will be used until gone. More details on this will be coming from the upcoming national meetings.

MapTech will be shipping a copy of a new product to all squadrons for use in their boating courses. The well known Chart Kits are being repackaged with a CD-ROM that contains the same charts that are in the Chart Kit. The package will retail for \$49.95, but will include a coupon for Boating course students to be used to purchase the package online at 25% off, with 25% of that price to be rebated to USPS.

C MAP will also be providing a CD-ROM for use in the boating course, to demonstrate vector charts. There is also a discount program for the C MAP products.

#### ***Piloting***

Piloting has been on the shelves since September – as promised – demand is outstripping demand. There has been already been one reprinting of the course materials. Feedback from the fall course is driving the current revisions and there is an update on the Ed Dept web page.

#### ***Advanced Piloting***

It's Here! On the shelf since just after the Annual Meeting, Advanced Piloting 2005 is now the current edition. This course has undergone a complete re-write and change in philosophy, both in instructional methodology and course content. Electronic navigational methods involving the use of GPS, chartplotters,

radar, loran and the like are taught. Instruction will include waypoints, the selection of waypoints in route planning, following the selected route, and checking your progress along the way. This is not to remove or diminish emphasis on ‘paper and pencil’ chart work or the importance of the Seaman’s eye.

The course book is a commercially available text, a student guide with instructional material and exercises and instructor’s guide. The emphasis is be on the successful completion of exercises. Class sessions will first discuss the task, then explain – through exercises – how to do it. The students will be given time during the class to complete additional exercises. Homework will of course be – more exercises. The focus is on practice, practice, practice!

As with the Piloting course, a CD contained digital charts, among them the 1210TR training chart and the newly updated and geo-referenced Bowditch Bay is included. Maptech has also included the “Chart Navigator” software needed to play with the digital charts as well as a variety of ‘local’ charts so instructors can ‘make it real’. This CD is included with the new editions of the Squadron Boating course and Chart Smart.

Also, for those squadrons that may be running the old AP course, if there are any members who do not pass, It is vital that a decision be made on retests quickly. Please let me know as quickly as possible if there are any problems. Since the new course is now being used, it is expected that the exams for the old course will be removed from the database in the April/May timeframe. A special request will have to be made for these retests.

And a reminder **on inventory...** DON’T HOLD IT!!! While it is convenient and may make it easier to have it on hand and only order it when you need it, the expected frequency of course updates may leave you with outdates and unusable materials – not to mention the unnecessary loss of squadron funds. Please follow the procedures outlined for course material returns, and do it promptly. Tighter restrictions are expected concerning the use of outdated materials and some price increases may be incurred due to the smaller print quantities ordered by headquarters. We cannot allow our courses to be out of date any more.

### **Exam grading changes**

The grading of open book exams is changing with the new Advanced Piloting course. Since there is only an open book exam, the emphasis is on the student’s demonstration of the learned concepts. This means that work must be shown for all calculations. This is not the change. What is changing is that if the computer graded questions chows the correct answer and the work does not support it – or no work is shown – the question will be marked wrong.

The new Piloting course also has only an open book exam, contrary to what the answer sheet may say.

SEOs who attended last week’s Officers Training have received the consolidated Educational Department reports from the Annual meeting. All others will be receiving them shortly.

### **Conference Preparations:**

I need your help in getting the word out to your fellow members either at your next squadron meeting or via email. Here’s the tentative lineup so far:

Boating,	Piloting	Advanced Piloting	Instructor Development
Engine Maintenance	Cruise Planning	Marine Electronics	

And there will be an Open SEO/Education Department meeting that anyone may attend. General information will be covered and any questions concerning the courses, policies and procedures will be welcomed.

Your course chairs, who are in most cases the instructors of the courses, will be more important than ever during this conference and the coming conferences for both news involving previously described course changes and the need for feedback on the courses that have recently been released. Without this feedback, we cannot identify and document problems and issues with the course material or anticipate future needs. The members of the national committees are anxious to hear and respond to our comments. I ask you to reach out to your fellow members and get them to attend the upcoming spring conference.

**Accomplishments:** Congratulations to the following for passing their respective exams with a score of 100%:

Jones	Edward Howell	Barnegat Bay Sail &
Severini Sr.	Thomas S.	Barnegat Bay Sail &
Westby	Richard J.	Barnegat Bay Sail &
Delahunty	William	Bronx
Woodrow	Cheryl Suzanne	Palisades
Anastasio	Andrew A.	Raritan Bay
Cook	Donald Keith	Raritan Bay
Rafano	Robert C.	Raritan Bay
Wagner	Dane Paul	Shrewsbury
Woodworth	Clark	Shrewsbury
Barth	Robert H.	Somerset
Carlomagno	Marianne	Somerset

And to the following who all have reached the level of Educational Proficiency during the calendar year just ended:

Patricia J. Lyne	Lackawanna Sail &
William R. Bodwell	Long Valley
John E. Pollock	Long Valley
Anthony Robert Cappiello	Northern New Jersey
Edward Louis Nugent	Northern New Jersey
Joseph F. Morse	Shrewsbury
David A. Olson	Shrewsbury
Peter M. Wasko	Somerset
Joseph A. David	Staten Island
Bert Robles	Staten Island

**Educational Department:** The next educational department meeting will be 13 April. Squadron Educational Officers, especially those who are coming onto the bridge in the coming watch, and district course chairs are strongly urged to attend.

**Staffing:** District Course chairs are also being selected for the coming watch. If you know of someone who has a particular interest, passion, or talent in the Education Department, please let me know. We can always use help.

I am especially looking for chairs for the following sections.

Sail	Junior Navigation	Teaching Aids
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And a pitch for **the National Committees**...It is possible to make a difference and the Educational Department committees need your help. With the new course material being developed, the ideas for new seminars and learning guides, there are plenty of places where you can join in and be a part of the movement. If you or someone you know has a few hours that they can spare, let me know. It is a well known adage that says – “Many hands make light work!”

**ED-80**

SEO Nominations forms are now due to me...

As of my mail to day, the following squadrons have not submitted a form:

Barnegat Bay	Liberty Harbor	Long Valley
New York	North River	Oritani
Raritan Bay	Staten Island	Watchung

If you have misplaced the form it is available online on the Ed Dept webpage, or see me after the meeting.

Thank you,

Respectfully Submitted,



D/Lt/C/ Florence E. Smith, SN  
D/4 District Educational Officer

**Charlie Delayo - Teaching Aids** (no formal report delivered at this session)

**Committees Reporting to the Administrative Officer - D/Lt/C Harold Oslick, JN**

D/Lt/C Oslick needs to know how many attendees we can expect for the Fiberglass repair workshop. We will demo how to make minor repairs.

**Boating & Squadron Activities**

- **D/Lt S Robert Phillips, SN AP** (no formal report delivered at this session)

- **D/Lt Ronnie Phillips, SN** (no formal report delivered at this session)

- **Charles H. Leach Memorial Trophy** - (no formal report at this session)

**Harvey Collins Award** - **P/D/C Jane B. Sorensen, AP** (no formal report at this session)

**Meetings** - **D/Lt Vincene A. Aquilato, S,**

**MEETINGS' COMMITTEE REPORT**

**D/4 Council Meeting**

**2February 2005**

By this time you should all have received a copy of the Spring Conference announcements. Due to space limitations some information which may be of interest was not included.

For more information on the Fiberglass Workshop, or to register please contact D/Lt/C Harold Oslick. Information will also be included on the D/4 Spring Conference website.

Please note that the registration cutoff for hotel rooms is 15 February 2005. It is important to meet this deadline if you know that you will be coming and staying over.

The dinner meal selections for Saturday night are: **Beef**/Petit Filet Mignon, **Fish**/Herb Encrusted Salmon, or a Vegetarian Plate.

You may have taken notice that the prices of each of the events have been increased. This is due to a price increase across the board for all meals by the hotel. I would like to share the following information on how tickets are priced:

The cost of the Friday night tickets includes...meals, gratuities, centerpieces, door prizes.

The cost of the Saturday luncheon tickets includes...meals, gratuities.

The cost of the Dinner/Dance tickets includes...meals, gratuities, centerpieces, music.

Please note that when pricing tickets we work on an extremely thin margin or none at all.

Some of the expenses which are not passed on to the membership are the following:

Breakout room fees (when we do not meet our attrition rate for hotel rooms)

- Audio visual equipment, i.e. microphones
- Fire Permit (required by the municipality due to the fact that we sell items at the Ship' Store)
- Bartender fees
- Cost of meals for the National Representatives/spouses
- Plaques for outgoing Committee Chairman
- Attendance Awards
- Printing - Tickets - Breakout Room announcements
- Door prize tickets

If any of the aforementioned expenses were included in the price of a meal ticket, it would make the ticket pricing extremely prohibitive.

We ask your cooperation in helping us to meet our guarantees, both for rooms, as well as meals. If you choose to eat in the hotel restaurant rather than at the luncheon meeting, that negatively impacts us. When we negotiate contracts, the hotels only look at revenue generated by the contracted rooms and meals. Nothing else enters into the equation.

We ask you to return to your squadrons, talk about the conference, and bring along a long-standing member or a new member. We have some exciting things planned, and all we need is our members' participation.

On a related topic - for the first time (to my knowledge) a conference ran at a deficit. Due to low attendance at the Fall 2004 conference, the Meetings Committee had a shortfall of \$2350.43. Of that amount a subsidy of \$605, from the Yearbook Fund, is reimbursable to the Meetings Committee for members' meals. The balance of \$1745.43 was paid out of the Meetings' Committee reserve fund. As conference-related costs are on the rise, I would ask that the Council consider splitting the cost of the deficit for a total reimbursement to the Meetings Committee (including the subsidy) of \$1175.22. In that way, we will be able to retain a cushion going forward, thus enabling us to meet any unforeseen expenses related to future conferences.

Respectfully submitted,

D/Lt Vincene A. Aquilato, S  
General Chair  
Meetings Committee

**Meeting Publications - P/D/C William G. Chefalas, N** (no formal report at this session)

**Membership – D/Lt Marie Hughes, P**

I am happy to advise that in addition to the names already announced, the following members will be receiving Power of One awards in March: Anthony Pisano-Lackawanna; Peter Laue-Hopatcong; Fred Winkler-New York; Leonard Kalb and Robert Rafano-Raritan Bay; Kenneth Haxto and Helaina Ciaramella-Staten Island.

At the end of December 2003, District 4 had 2,454 active members. As of December 31, 2004, the active members total dropped to 2,322. Despite this downward trend, New York Squadron was up 5 members to 161; Oritani was up 4 to 58; City Island was up 3 to 174, Northern New Jersey was unchanged at 172, and Raritan Bay up 16 to 235. How did these four squadrons (as well as many in the country) manage to buck the trend? The membership committee especially,

Jill Drummond, is actively pursuing the answer to this question, and will be reporting on this at the March conference.

This spring, we will not have a separate workshop at the conference, but will make a short report to you during the Administrative session. At that time, we also plan to give you a tool that we hope your squadron can use. It came about as the result of a question posed by one of our committee members – "What do you do with a new member once you have him/her in the squadron?" Right now, we are calling it a "Proposed Roadmap for New Member Recruitment, Retention and Advancement". We hope that all Commanders and/or Executive Officers will be at the Administrative Workshop to get this new tool.

This evening, I placed in your commander's folder a communication from National regarding youth activities which may be of interest to some of you. The committee keeps working and we hope that some of our work has helped your membership rolls.

Marie Hughes  
District 4 Membership Comm. Chair

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**Sea Scouts -P/C Phil Lloyd, SN** (no formal report delivered at this session)  
**Memorial Service Committee – R/C Ken Bolt, SN D/Lt Trisha Bolt, AP**

Due to the early Easter, arrangements have been changed. The date for the Memorial Service is Saturday, March 19 @ 3PM. It will be held at St. Albans Episcopal Church , 76 St. Alban's Place on Staten Island. Directions are on each table & will be posted on the website. Parking is available. If a representative of any squadron will not be in attendance, then R/C Bolt should be notified about any members that were deceased in the past year. The outstanding service of Charlotte & Henry Griffin in running the Memorial service was highlighted & recognized by all. D/Lt Trisha Bolt asked that those who could help to setup arrive by 2PM, drop off food at 2:30. Any food, especially finger food such as sandwiches would be appreciated .

**Operations Training - D/Lt Joan Mullin, SN** (no formal report at this session)  
**Port Captain - D/Lt Carolyn C. Markham, P** (no formal report delivered at this session)  
**District Raft-Up –P/D/C Michael Sangiorgio** (no formal report at this session)

**Committees Reporting to the Secretary - D/Lt/C Joseph M. Krupp Jr., AP**

First of all I would like to commend Bruce Borkowski on the excellent job he has done in updating & upgrading our District website. He has brought it to a higher level than ever before. The Council responded with a round of applause.

District Historian, Barbara Mandarano, has requested that all squadrons should send to her an accurate list of all incoming & outgoing bridge members. In addition, if they could include the telephone numbers, both the e-mail & snail mail addresses & copy in Greg Boyle for the D/4 Directory & our incoming D/4 Secretary, Rich Zucchi then we really would be in position to serve the District Squadrons well. D/Lt/C went on to say that we are exploring the possibility of having a website based District Directory that may save costs by eliminating much of the hard copy expenses we now incur. In addition it would allow better communication with our members & hopefully increase member participation. D/Lt/C Oslick raised a security objection, that resulted in some debate . Cdr. Meshulam suggested that we bring the matter up at the next Council meeting allowing all parties to study the proposal

**The Ensign Correspondent - D/Lt W. Hunt Weaver, AP** (no formal report delivered at this session)

**District Historian** – D/Lt Barbara Mandarano, JN (no formal report delivered at this session)  
**Publications** – D/Lt Thomas Yeager, AP (no formal report delivered at this session)  
**District 4 News Articles** - D/Lt Robert H. Rosselot, AP (no formal report delivered at this session)

**District Directory** - D/Lt Gregory F. Boyle, P  
Greg Boyle encouraged all to send him their info for inclusion in the Directory..

**Computer Systems** – P/D/C William M. Medwin, SN (no formal report delivered at this session)

**Personnel Committee** - D/Lt/C Joseph M. Krupp Jr., AP (no formal report delivered at this session)

**Committees Reporting to the Treasurer** - D/Lt/C Kathleen Bisogno

**Ships Store** - D/Lt Mary E. Davis, AP(no formal report)

**USPS Insurance Liaison**

- New Jersey D/Lt Anthony Russo, AP (no formal report delivered at this session)

- New York D/Lt Joseph Siragusa, P (no formal report delivered at this session)

**Member Benefits**- D/Lt Robert Peirone, AP (no formal report delivered at this session)

**Property Committee** - D/Lt Joseph Reid (no formal report delivered at this session)

**Unfinished Business:**

Our resolution regarding recognition of Women Certificate holders of 25 years is being considered by the National Planning Committee. Every squadron should check their records for the names of those that are still active for submission to USPS when sought.

**New Business:**

A motion to pay the Meetings Committee \$570 as partial offset to their Fall Conference deficit was made, discussed & passed. The money will come out of the Year Book account.

A motion was made to expend \$350 to have a talking robot @ our Spring Conference so that a potential joint purchase decision could be more prudently made. The discussion following the motion led to a negative vote rejecting the motion.

P/D/C David Drummond reminded us that P/R/C Howard Ludlow passed away on January 3, 2005. He was also a P/D/C of D/4. In honor of Howard Ludlow, Raritan Bay purchased a full page ad in the Yearbook. If the squadrons or individuals would like to similarly honor him, flyers are on the table or you may contact P/D/C Drummond. Cdr. Meshulam authorized D/Lt/C Bisogno to contribute \$25 to the educational fund. Finally 2 tickets to the Atlantic City Boat Show, compliments of the Phillips' were given to our members..

**Communications:**

Cdr. Meshulam received a letter regarding the new quarterly marine electronics newsletter. This will be distributed in D/4 by P/D/C Carlton Lee.

**Commander Reports to the Executive Officer** - D/Lt/C William Delahunty, JN

**Barneгат Bay, Cdr Patricia Blake-Flum, P,** (no formal report delivered at this session)

**Bronx, Cdr. Joe Darwas, JN** (no formal report delivered at this session)

**City Island, Cdr. Jerry Simotas, AP,** (no formal presentation)

**Lackawanna, Cdr. William Robinson, SN, JN** (no formal presentation))

**Lake Hopatcong, Cdr. Joe Gibbons, P** (no formal report delivered at this session)

**Liberty Harbor, Cdr. Paul Sheganoski,P**

Liberty Harbor's very successful Founders Day auction has a few sports tickets & maritime articles that remain. Please see Joe Krupp, Arlene Maresca, or Cdr. Paul Sheganoski.

**Long Valley, Cdr. Susan Herringel,S** (no formal presentation)

**New York, Cdr. Rusi Patell, SN** (no formal presentation)

**North River, Cdr Marvin Lipper, AP** (no formal report)

**Northern New Jersey, Cdr. Michael Levandoski,AP,** (no formal report)

**Oritani, Cdr John Battaglia,S, AP** (no formal report)

**Palisades, Cdr. Ralph Sloan, AP** (no formal report delivered at this session)

**Raritan Bay, Cdr. Michael Gulya, P**

The Change of Watch is Saturday 26 February 2005 6:00PM-11:00PM The Forge, Woodbridge NJ Please contact Michael @ [mikeveal@aol.com](mailto:mikeveal@aol.com)

**Saddle River, Cdr. Ruth L. Barnes, P** (no formal report delivered at this session)

**Shrewsbury, Cdr. Robert Dougherty ,AP** (no formal presentation)

**Somerset, Cdr. Robin Roberts ,P,** (no formal report delivered at this session)

**Staten Island, Cdr. Louis Gloria ,P** (no formal report delivered at this session)

**Watchung, Cdr. Richard Sendell, P** (no formal report)

**Miscellaneous Announcement:**

Cdr, Meshulam said that the proposed increase in initiation dues is absolutely dead. He went on to exclaim about the unique & highly successful fundraiser of the Raritan Bay Squadron. Our own D/Lt/C Kathleen Bisogno's singing performance captivated the Orlando audience. Because of her efforts, Raritan Bay was awarded a power point projector & D/4 was the recipient of a free hospitality suite for 2005. Congratulations & thank you, Kathleen. Commanders, all of your "power of one" award recipients should be at the Spring Conference. Please make an effort to accomplish this.

**Good & Welfare:**

**Commander Meshulam's Council Farewell:**

My last Council Meeting, it's been a fun experience. Thanks to all the Bridge, Committee Chairs and Past District Commanders. I especially want to thank the people I work for, the majority members of the D/4 Council, the squadron commanders. I hope that my message, that the District is there for the squadrons & their members, (and works for them) came across. I look forward to continued participation in the District since my appreciation of the service and function of the District to the squadron has been reinforced as the result of my contacts with all of the squadrons in the last year. Thank you.

Upon the conclusion of Cdr. Meshulam's farewell, all present stood up & gave him a resounding applause in recognition of his outstanding service

**Motion to Adjourn**

The meeting concluded at 2105 with a motion to adjourn, moved, seconded, and approved.

**Attendees:**

**Barnegat Bay**

PC Donald Kadlac, P  
Lt/Cdr Charles Flum, AP  
Cdr Patricia Blake Flum, P  
D/Lt Richard D Zucchi, AP

**Bronx**

D/Lt/Cdr Bill Delahunty, JN

**City Island**

D/Lt Vincene Aquilato, S  
P/R/C Anthony Aquilato, AP  
Cdr Sunny Simotas, AP

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