

District 4 council meeting May 4, 2005
San Carlos Restaurant

1825 P/D/C Hank Griffin gave the invocation. Announced the Deaths of P/D/C Howard Ludlow, SN and ??? Fegan.

1830 P/R/C Ken Bolt lead the flag solute.
Roll Call, Jill Drummond announced that she would be looking for the hospitality suite at the Fall 2006 Governing Board meeting in New York City.

1930 Bill Delahunty, JN called the meeting to order.
Commander Delahunty announced a change to the teaching aid awards given at the Fall 2004 district 4 conference. Commander Meshulam asked DEO Florence Smith, SN to announce the award winners in place of P/C Charlie Delayo. The awards are as follows. 1st-Place City Island, 2nd Somerset, 3rd Northern NJ.

Commander Delahunty announced that DEO Smith announced the D4 selection for the Chapman award is Dennis Genovisi. His name was submitted to National. Nine squadrons submitted named.

City Island Len Pataglone
Northern NJ Arnold Mandel
Lackawanna William Robinson
Palisades Author Kriger
New York Jeff Prusi
Raritan Bay Richard Florentini
Saddle River John Echard
Shrewsbury Richard Morebutter

Tom Governo Staten Island, was awarded Senior Navigator (SN) designation

Commander Delahunty called for additions appointments to the D4 committees as follows:

Cooperative Charting	P/D/C Joseph Balbo, AP	Shrewsbury
New Squadron Development	P/C Andy DiLeo	Barnegat Bay
Aid to Admin officer	D/Lt Margaret Krupp	Liberty Harbor

Motion to accept new appointments made by P/D/C Carl Lee, AP, seconded and approve (unanimous)

Wednesday May 04 2005

Prior to the start of the dinner at 1830, **Stf/C Hank Griffin, SN** delivered the invocation.

P/R/C Kenneth J. Bolt, SN led the pledge Allegiance

In order, attendees stood and gave their name and Squadron affiliation.
D/C William Delahunty JN called the meeting to order at 1930. A quorum was present. Hearing no objections, the Commander changed the order of business to expedite the meeting.

Amend the Following Minutes: As per D/Lt/C Florence Smith, SN, Education Officer

Fall Conference 2004

Cdr Meshulam asked DEO Florence Smith to announce the Teaching Aids awards for Fall Conference

In Chairman Charlie Delayo absence.

1st place was City Island,

2nd place was Somerset

3rd place was Northern New Jersey.

Spring Conference 2005

1. DEO Smith then announced the District/4 selection for submission to National for the Chapman award was **Dennis Genovese** of Staten Island. He has been an active member for 31 years and has earned 27 merit marks. Nine squadrons offered submissions for the District Chapman Award. The competition was close & all candidates were qualified. The choice was most difficult. Seven members each of different squadrons were involved in the final decision The 8 finalists who were not selected should be proud of their accomplishment. Each will receive a certificate memorializing their selection. They are as follows: City Island-Len Battiglione; Northern New Jersey-Arnold Knadle; Lackawana-William Robinson; Palisades-Arthur Krieger; New York-Jack Prizzi; Raritan Bay-Richard Fiorentini; Saddle River-John Eckerd; Shrewsbury- Richard Mohrbutter.

2. **Tom Governo** of Staten Island was awarded Senior Navigator designation.

Not Tom Governale

Call for additions to APPOINTMENTS for the YEAR 2005 to District 4

Pursuant to D/4 Bylaws, Section 2.18 the following are appointed as District Lieutenants to serve as Chairmen of the named Committees reporting to the Executive Officer:

Cooperative Charting	P/D/C/Joseph Balbo, AP	Shrewsbury
New Squadron Development	D/Lt Andy Dielo, S	Barnegat Bay

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Aide to the Admin Officer **D/Lt Marjorie Maguire-Krupp, AP** **Liberty Harbor**

I need a Motion, second, discussion; all those in favor/opposed none/motion - carried and approved.

The 05 March 2005 D/4 Council Meeting minutes were reviewed, moved, seconded and approved.

The correction to the Fall Conference minutes were reviewed, moved, seconded and approved

Members of the District Council in attendance were:

District Bridge: D/C William Delahunty, JN; D/Lt/C Harold Oslick, JN; D/Lt/C Kathleen E. Bisogno, JN; D/Lt Florence E. Smith, SN; D/Lt/C Joseph M. Krupp, Jr. AP D/Lt/C Richard Zucchi, AP & P/D/C Dave Meshulam, AP
(np) not present.

Commanders - **Barneгат Bay:**()Cdr. Charles Flum, AP; () Cdr. Edmund Donovan, JN; **City Island:** ()Cdr. Marie Millilo, AP; **Lackawanna:** ()Cdr. Anthony Pisano, AP; **Lake Hopatcong:**() Cdr. Lisa Hirschfield, S; **Liberty Harbor:**()Cdr. Paul Sheganoski, P; **Long Valley:** ()Cdr. Prima Morales Cameron ; **New York:** ()Cdr. Rusi Patell,SN Cdr.; **North River:** ()Cdr. Robert Hodgson, AP. ; **Northern New Jersey:**()Cdr. John McAdams, JN; **Oritani:** ()Cdr. Thomas Smith, AP; **Palisades:** () Cdr. William Stephens, P ; **Raritan Bay:** ()Cdr. Donald Cook, P ; **Saddle River:** ()Cdr. Joan Mullin, SN; **Shrewsbury:** () Cdr. Alfred Rosamilla, P; **Somerset:** ()Cdr. Peter Wasco,P; **Staten Island:** ()Cdr. Louis Gloria, P; **Watchung:** () Cdr. Theodore Wallace, S.
(np) = not present

Reports of the Bridge Officers :

District Commander's Activity Report - D/C William Delahunty, JN

Executive Officer's Activity Report - D/Lt/C Harold Oslick, JN

Educational Officer's Activity Report - D/Lt Florence E. Smith, SN

Administrative Officer's Activity Report - D/Lt/C Joseph M. Krupp, Jr. AP

Secretary's Activity Report - D/Lt/C Richard Zucchi, AP

Treasurer's Activity Report - D/Lt/C Kathleen E. Bisogno, AP

Treasurer's Financial Report - D/Lt/C Kathleen E. Bisogno, JN

A complete Treasurer's Report, including details of all income and expenses during this period, and an actual to budget comparison is on file with the Secretary.

General Committees:

Auditing – P/C (no formal report delivered at this session)

Nominating Committee - P/D/C David I. Drummond, SN (no formal report delivered at this session)

Rules Committee - P/C Joel Jones, SN (no formal report delivered at this session)

Standing Committees:

Budget & Finance Committee – Marlene S. Oslick, S (no formal report delivered at this session)

Planning Committee: – P/C Carl E. Sorensen, AP (no formal report delivered at this session)

Officer Training: - P/D/C Joseph Balbo, AP (no formal report delivered at this session)

Educational Fund: - Lt/C Joan M. Tucker, S (no formal report delivered at this session)

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

Law Officers: - New Jersey P/C 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)

Merit Mark Committee: - P/R/C Jean Ruckdeschel, AP (no formal report delivered at this session)

Ad Hoc Committees:

Travel Coordinator: - P/C Maureen E. Maresca-Laurentino, AP (no formal report delivered at this session)

Manuals Committee: - Vacant

Radio Technology Committee: P/D/C Carlton E. Lee, Jr., AP

Home Security: D/Lt Joseph Miciak, AP

Voluntary-Emergency Medical Alert Program: Cdr Ted Wallace, P.

Committees Reporting to the Executive Officer: - D/Lt/C Harold Oslick, JN

Boat Show – D/Lt Robert Damato, S (NJ)
D/Lt Grant Hobson, N (NY)

Cooperative Charting Committee – P/D/C Joseph Balbo, AP (no formal report delivered at this session)

District Liaison Committee - P/C/C Raymond A. Finley, SN (no formal report delivered at this session)

Legislative Officers: - New Jersey Don Baker, JN. (no formal report delivered at this session)

New York P/C Dorothy Sutter, JN (no formal report delivered at this session)

Squadron Development: P/C Andy Dileo, S (Barnegat Bay)

Susan & I met with R/C Marilyn Rose Chairman of National Squadron Development and P/C Earl Rose

In Scranton Pa on 21 April 2005 with Dick Squitieri, he is a member of USPS in the State of Fl.

We discussed the formation of a provisional Squadron for that area in Pa. and if formed it will be affiliated

As a provisional Squadron reporting to District 4.

He was provided with all necessary information and he will try to start a Squadron in that area.

I advised him that District Bridge officers & Squadrons close to the area will assist.

Photographer - D/Lt Trisha Bolt, P (no formal report delivered at this session)

Public Relations - P/R/C Kenneth Bolt, SN (no formal report delivered at this session)

Newspaper Advertising- D/Lt Don Baker, JN (no formal report delivered at this session)

Safety Committee - D/Lt Harry Wagner, AP(no formal report delivered at this session)

Vessel Safety Check Program – D/Lt Harry Wagner, AP

Marketing Committee - P/R/C Robert Green, N

I want to bring up what I consider to be a very important matter concerning D/4 and USPS membership at the meeting. In the Friday, April 22, section of the

Asbury Park Press *Hook, Line & Sinker* section, there is a listing of Boating Safety Courses offered between April 23 and May 17 in the Monmouth/Ocean county area. The Auxiliary is offering 11 courses, Coast Boating School is offering 13, and an individual named Steven Magnola is offering 2. There is not one listing of a Power Squadron public boating course on the list, which is pathetic, especially since

we have the greatest potential for new members from the students in our boating classes. We have three squadrons in the area (Shrewsbury , Barnegat Bay and Raritan Bay) and each of them should commit to four courses during the summer, or a total of 12 classes, be they one day or longer. Other squadrons should do the same if USPS and D/4 is to grow. P/D/C Dave Meshulam has also taught courses at the Atlantic Yacht Club in Monmouth Beach, even though he is a member of Northern New Jersey. We really have to teach course when people are boating if we hope to expand our membership.

I'll also call on Hank to report on the extremely successful Educational Cruise. As usual, Hank did a great job and everyone loved the new \$7 million dollar vessel, Atlantis.

During a Marketing & Membership meeting with the USPS Bridge in Newport Beach, CA in March, I mentioned that there was a Coast Boating School in my area that offered many boating courses during the summer. I mentioned that I would like to meet with the owner and discuss a program where he would allow us to promote our advanced grade and elective courses to the students in his classes, since by passing a NASBLA approved course they would qualify as USPS members. In order to get the Coast Boating School to do this I suggested that we offer a "bird- dog fee" for each student who joined USPS. I asked John Alter, our national treasurer, what national could afford to give for this special program and he said ten percent (10%) or \$3.00. I'd like to get the squadrons involved to give \$7.00 for each student who joined their particular squadron, so that I can offer \$10.00 to the owner for each Person who joins USPS Obviously, the squadrons would have to agree to this

The Coast Boating School owner's name is Russ Binns and I just got off the phone with him. He's taught 30,000 students in the last 18 years and provides 190 classes in various parts of NJ and Pennsylvania. He has very bad feelings toward the CG Auxiliary but likes the Power Squadrons and after I discussed a \$10 per person fee which we would be to give him for each student who joins USPS, he said he would distribute our literature and encourage his students to join for advanced courses. He has one dozen instructors at the present time and occasionally teaches a class himself.

He's also very upset by the fact that the State Police teach the Public Boating Course and feels they should be spending their time on homeland security and not competing with his school and ours.

He said he will check his schedule and call me about getting together tomorrow or the next day.

1'11 propose that we have a Power Squadron member give a short pitch after his class or, if we can't get someone, that he pass out our literature. Hope the

squadrons go along with the \$7.00. If I have to I'll pay half the \$7 from the foundation but would rather get it from the squadrons.

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

Committees Reporting to the Administrative Officer: - D/Lt/C Joseph M. Krupp, Jr. AP

District Membership Committee - D/Lt Marie Hughes, P

National Administrative Officer V/C C. C. Maynard Jr., SN April 15, 2005

The following Squadron Member will be awarded the "Power of One Pin"

For their efforts in having a new member join the United States Power Squadrons

**Lackawanna Sail & Power Squadron
Lake Hopatcong Sail & Power Squadron
Oritani Power Squadron**

**Raymond A. Finley
Edwin E. Andrews
A. William Hagstrom**

Youth Activities- Vacant

Operations Training - D/Lt Joan Mullin, SN (no formal report delivered at this session)

Memorial Service Committee – P/R/C Kenneth Bolt, SN

Boating Activities - D/Lt S. Robert Phillips, SN (no formal report delivered at this session)

D/Lt Ronnie S. Phillips, SN

Harvey Collins Award: P/D/C Jane Sorensen, AP (no formal report delivered at this session)

Charles H. Leach Memorial Trophy: J.R. Baeche, SN (no formal report delivered at this session)

Member Involvement - D/Lt Marie Hughes, P (no formal report delivered at this session)

**P/C Maureen E. Maresca-Laurentino, AP
D/Lt Donna Grykien**

Port Captain - D/Lt Carolyn C. Markham, P (no formal report delivered at this session)

Meetings - D/Lt Vincene A. Aquilato, S (no formal report delivered at this session)

Meetings Publications - D/Lt Vincene A. Aquilato, S (no formal report delivered at this session)

Committees Reporting to the Secretary: D/Lt/C Richard Zucchi, AP

Computer Systems - D/Lt Bruce Borkowski, JN (no formal report delivered at this session)

District Directory - D/Lt Gregory F. Boyle, P Distribute District Directories
Hard Copy & Electronic Copies

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

District Historian - P/C Barbara Mandarano, JN (no formal report delivered at this session)

News Journal: D/Lt Robert Rosselot, AP(no formal report delivered at this session)

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

Publications - P/C Thomas Yeager, AP (no formal report delivered at this session)

Committees Reporting to the Treasurer: D/Lt/C Kathleen E. Bisogno, AP

Ships Store - D/Lt Mary E. Davis, AP (no formal report delivered at this session)

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

New York D/Lt Joseph Siragusa, S (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: None

New Business: **USPS (National) Awarded District 4**

Recreational Boating Safety Committee "Honor Roll Status"
For Superior Performance in Furthering Boating Safety Through Cooperative Action During the year 2004

Subject: Legal Action against a Squadron.

Motion, second, discussion; all those in favor/opposed none/motion - carried and approved.

Communications:

7 Commander Reports to the Executive Officer: - D/Lt/C Harold Oslick, JN

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Miscellaneous Announcement:

Charlotte Spring Governing Board June 01-05 2005

Raise your hands if you will be attending.

Uniform for the Saturday meeting is "**Uniform G**" -**Black Pants and White Short Sleeve Shirt**

There will be a Commanders Cocktail Party at Charlotte it will be in the Commander Room on Friday Evening.

I will need your Proxy if you are **not attending** that meeting. Each Squadron is entitled to one.

Dues Its that time of the Year. Please be sure to urge all members to write that check and do it as soon as possible

National Enclosure with the Dues Notice

Dear Fellow Member:

As you know, USPS will celebrate its centenary in just nine years. The Century Fund has been created in recognition of that accomplishment to ensure that there is an ongoing source of support for the activities of USPS, now and into the next century. Our goal is to raise ten million dollars in the ensuing ten years leading to January 2015. Investment income from gifts made to this fund will be used to fund initiatives that support strategic issues facing our organization.

The Steering Committee announces with great pleasure a pledge to the Century Fund of \$500,000 by a member who wishes to remain anonymous. Headquarters will receive his gift in April. Words cannot fully express our appreciation for the generosity of this individual

We have established four achievement levels for donations

The Century Club -With a donation of \$ 100 or more you will become a member of the Century Club. You will receive a distinctive pin to indicate that you are a supporter.

The USPS Memorial Walkway -With a donation of \$1,000 or more you will be entitled to an engraved tile that will be placed on the memorial walkway that will be established in front of our headquarters building.

The USPS Memorial Wall -With a donation of \$2,000 or more you will be entitled to an engraved brick that will be placed on the memorial wall that will be established inside the entrance to our headquarters building.

The USPS Memorial Plaque -With a donation of \$10,000 or more you will be presented at an annual meeting with a bronze plaque containing your name and chosen inscription. This plaque will hang on a wall within our headquarters building. A second, smaller plaque will be given to the donor.

The Century Fund Steering Committee

- None

Treasurer's Activity Report
4 May 2005

Since our last meeting on 5 March 2005, I have performed the following duties:

03/19/2005 – Attending the District 4 Memorial Service
04/02/2005 – Officiated at the Oritani Change of Watch
04/03/2005 – Attended the Staten Island Change of Watch
05/02/2005 – Attended the Barnegat Bay Change of Watch

Emailed all Commanders in reference to the Anniversary Billing.

Treasurer's Report
4 May 2005

As of 05/04/2005

USPS Reserve	\$20,000.00
Money Market	\$11,244.91
Checking Account	\$ 1,992.74

Since our last meeting on 5 March 2005:

Income	\$ 3,092.93
Expenses	\$ 870.20
Total:	\$ 2,222.73

Outstanding Bills:

There are no outstanding bills.

A detail report of transactions is on file with the Secretary

P/D/C Carl Lee reported on the Radio Technical committee. Carl reported that the USPS H.A.M radio club will have an exercise on the Battleship New Jersey, Camden NJ on 6/11-12, 2005. Carl and D4 is taking steps to register the USPS HAM club with FCC and ARRL.

Radio Technical:

This year's amateur radio special event station will be held here in New Jersey aboard the Battle Ship New Jersey in Camden.

We will also be manning a booth at the Dayton Hamvention in Dayton Ohio as part of the American Radio Relay League's Expo there. This year the ARRL is holding its National Convention at the Hamvention.

Fishing Tournament:

This years fishing tournament has started and we are looking for entries. Information is on the D4 web site.

1945 Ted Wallace, S Watchung reported on Emergency Medical Team who are trained to use the AED (Automatic Deliberator). The team can lend assistance at district and national conferences to any in cardiac distress. Frank Spera is looking for members trained to use the AED.

D/Lt Joe Miciak, AP reported on port security. Joe states he sits on a US Coast Guard committee that monitor New York/ NJ port , any incident/event that would effect boating will be reported to him and he will advise D4 members. Joe also said that the Coast Guard ask USPS to teach the boating course to local police marine division. Joe asked for volunteers to teach the courses.

1950 D/Lt/C Harold Oslick, Executive officer report. R/C Anthony Aquilato, AP gave a report for D/Lt Venceen Aquilato, S regarding the spring conference, (see attachments)

Anthony talked about the 2006 Fall governing board meeting in NYC. The committee is/will be doing some fund raising. The committee will need some help to work in the hospitality suite during the event.

1954 Robert Green gave a report on marketing committee. Bob referenced a page in the Asbury Park Press, newspaper that advertisements for 15 USCGA boating courses, 13 Coast Boating School, 3 Steve Magnolia boating school courses and only 1 Power Squadron course (Barnegat Bay). Green emphasizes the need for more USPS courses and a source of new members.

Green announced that D4 marketing committee will award \$500.00 to the Squadron who gets the most people from the boating course to take Seamanship.

Popeye and Olive Oil holding Sweet Pea all in life jackets will be USPS new posters the poster will say "around water keep kids in life jackets. USPS has cut a deal with King Features for merchandise. Boaters World is interested to put the slogan on their merchandise. Judy Renold, who runs the largest fishing tournament in the US wants USPS to bring Popeye and Olive Oil to the dock during the kids fishing day. There is a lot of promotional opportunities. .

Bob Green called Hank Griffin to talk about the training cruise. Hank stated that there were 230 students aboard the new Amberjack 2. Hank stated that everyone thanked him and stated they had a great time.

Legislative committee stated that the new boating Legislation committee has agreed to wave the requirement for background investigations.

The Coast Guard has recommend the USPS to teach Boating safety. Maritime Security group has asked USPS to train police departments in boating safety. Joe is looking for volunteers to run the courses. Jersey city will be the first police department to be trained.

D/C Bill Delahunty reported that he receive a telephone call from R/C Marilyn Rose, Chairman of the Squadron Development committee regarding starting a provision squadron the Scranton PA. Bill and Suzanne met with Marilyn and her husband in Scranton. D/C Delahunty agreed to have the Scranton provisional report to D4.

D/Lt. Harry Wagner Chairmen of Vessel Safety Check, Safety and Year Book committees report.

D/4 Council Meeting
May 4, 2005

Safety The deadline for all district safety reports is October 1, 2005. We have been awarded the National Safety Award for the past two years and I would like to make it three. I have placed the Safety Reports in the Commanders folders. Please either fill them out or give to your Squadron Safety Officer to complete. I must have them into National by October 1, 2005. As this is the last council meeting until September please get them in early. Thank You.

Vessel Safety Check There will be a district Vessel Safety Check class held on Saturday May 14, 2005. It will be held in Eatontown, which is just off the GSP. The class will start at 10AM and run until approximately 3:30pm.

We currently have about 6 students and can accommodate 6 more. If anyone is interested in taking the course please see me after the meeting.

We will try to hold Marina Vessel Safety Check days. Please go to your marina and see if we can schedule such a day. We then try to get as many examiners as possible to cover the day. Last year we had a little over 600 inspections. Two Squadrons had over 100 so the remaining 16 Squadrons had a total of 400. We would like to improve on this number and reach the 1000 level.

D/4 Yearbook The D/4 Yearbook as a success again this year and I would like to thank the committee, D/Lt/C Flo Smith, D/Lt/C Kathleen Bisogno and P/R/C Jean Ruckdeshel for their help. We brought in \$2,830.00 and the cost of producing the Yearbook was \$250.00. The profit for the Yearbook was \$2,580. For the first time we had all 18 Squadron Commanders in the book and 3 Squadrons took ads. My thanks for all the members that helped get ads for the book and I look forward to producing a more profitable Yearbook next

Educational Officer's Activity Report - D/Lt/C Florence E. Smith, SN

4/13 Educational Department Meeting

Additional activities throughout period of 3/5 – 5/4:

- ✓ Reviewed materials received from National concerning:
 - ✓ Open and Closed Exam orders
 - ✓ Boating course completions
- ✓ Submitted ED-80 (SEO & A/SEO nomination) and ED-1 (Local Board Chairs Nominations) forms to Headquarters
- ✓ Preliminary planning for Fall Conference
- ✓ Distributed Information on Course material Price Increases

Report of the District Education Officer
D/Lt/C Florence E. Smith, SN

I am saddened to report the death of another young person in a tragic boating accident last weekend. I am sure that you have heard of the young man lost at sea from the whale watch vessel off Cape May. An afternoon of fun turned to horror when the 'game' he was playing with several other teens went sour. Despite all attempts to recover him, he was lost. An adult who attempted to swim to him almost lost his life to hypothermia, by jumping into the frigid waters. We must find a way to get the word of boating safety to our teens. Contact your local high schools and middle schools and see if a summer safety expo or meeting is planned. If not, ask if you can help plan one.

Spring courses are well underway and many are ending or near the end. I hope that you had an opportunity to check out the new AP course and the Piloting course. Copies of my report are in the commander's folders and an electronic copy will be send to the SEOs in the morning.

Price Increases for Course Materials

Recently a broadcast email was sent out documenting price increases – across the board – for USPS courses. These increases are due to increased costs in printing the course materials and the lower quantities that are ordered. The latter allows to faster course updates and a reduced need for multiple errata sheets for the courses. These prices became effective on Sunday, 1 May 2005.

Piloting and Advanced Piloting

Instructors and students for these courses are urged to provide feedback. The Inland and Coastal Navigation committee wants to know what you liked and disliked about the courses. By providing this feedback, they can determine where is improvement needed and make the necessary modifications to keep these courses at the forefront of coastal navigation education.

The labeling standards for both courses and the tide and current calculation forms have been placed on the ICN webpage and are available for downloading.

GPS Seminar

New copies of the GPS Seminar are being provided to each squadron. Please use this seminar to entice boating course students to learn more about GPS and USPS, give your members background information for the new Piloting and AP courses, or just learn how to use that gadget that sits near their helm. The copies were made by Joe David of Staten Island, and I thank him very much for making them.

Ordering of materials

Please remember that you must allow 30 days when ordering course materials and exams. Several squadrons have experienced problems by waiting until just before the materials are needed. For course materials, such as for the boating courses, order more than you anticipate and return what you do not need. When you receive the course materials check to be sure that you have what you requested and that they are of the same edition. If there are different editions, contact Headquarters immediately, so that all of the students will have the same course editions. Not doing so, will impact the presentation of the material and the exam, as well.

New York/New Jersey Questions

Two questions were raised at the recent Educational Department meeting that I would like to address.

1. Are we expected to check or verify that the person taking the boating exam is who they say are?

No. We are not required to check IDs or verify that the person taking the course or exam is who they say they are. There is a certain expectation of honesty when dealing with members of the public classes.

2. There is a discrepancy between the New York boater's quiz and the addendum information

The addendum on the website which we were instructed to use is out of date. The booklets should be ordered from the state and that information is in the packets for the SEOs. The New York Boaters quiz is required for PWC users and youths 10 to 17 years or age. The course completion card is proof that the required course has been taken.

Conference Preparations:

At the April Educational Department meeting, a fair amount of discussion centered on the conferences. Based on a suggestion presented by Peg Morton of City Island, I am pleased to announce that the Fall conference will have a theme, GPS – Now What? Course chairs are being asked to find ways to highlight GPS, as it related to their course materials. The focus will be on providing demonstrations on how GPS will help you – and how to deal with it when it takes a vacation.

'I have one and can turn it on – Now what?', 'Besides Latitude and Longitude, What can it tell me?' , and 'How can I plan a cruise with my GPS' are some of the topics that Peg has recommended. Practical experiences and instruction for novices, intermediate users and advanced users will be the goal for the day. We might even had a GPS oriented scavenger hunt or game!

It is close the summer and most squadrons have only one or two more meetings before everyone hits the water and one or two more when things start up again in the Fall – please get the word out. Suggestions for specific topics or demonstrations may be sent to me , Anne McQuade and Peg Morton who will be assisting in the planning of the conference.

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

Mike	Cizek		EM102	Raritan Bay North
Lenore	Doxsee	AP	AP open book	River Lackawan na
Lawrence	Haber	P	EM 101	Lackawan na
Robert	Hall		ME101	Raritan Bay
Robert	Rafano Tomasiell	P	EM102	Lackawan na
Frank	o	S	EM102	

Educational Department: The next educational department meeting will be 15 June. Squadron Educational Officers, district course chairs are strongly urged to attend. These meetings are open to any one who wishes to attend. Notices are sent specifically to the SEO, A/SEO and district course chairs. If you would like to attend, send me an email and I will see that you receive the information.

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All SEO Nominations forms have been approved and filed with Headquarters.

A packet of information has been placed in the Commanders folders for the SEOs. Please see that this information reaches them as soon as possible. Included is a hardcopy of the price increase information, contacts for the New York state boating manuals and the New Jersey Boating Safety certificates, and the GPS Seminar CD.

Thank you,

Respectfully Submitted,



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

P/D/C Mike Sangeorgio said that Shrewsbury Squadron will pay for "N" courses if student submits the cost.

It was mention if USPS squadrons verify identity of public students.

Administrative Officer Joe Krupp, Power of one pins awarded to :

Ray Finley	Lackawanna
Ed Andrews	Lake Hopatcong
William Hagstrum	Oritani

Member Involvement - Tom Smith Needs information for membership tool kit manual.

Jill Drummond stated that 36 squadron had significant increases in their membership. National membership committee is looking into their success.

Secretary Report.

Gregg Boyal reported on the D4 Roster. 100 rosters were printed and are available. Thanks to D/Lt Harry Wagner for printing the 100 rosters. The roster in digital form was e-mailed to D4 commanders. Commanders should send it to squadron members,

8:45 Commander Delahunty talked about woman certificate holders. Woman certificate holders should get credit towards their 25 year pin for their service whild certificate holders.

Kathy Bisogno is looking for certificate holders so they can be recognized for their contribution.

P/D/C Dave Drummond stated he explored the woman certificate issue and found , due to a computer change National purged all certificate holders records

P/D/C Dave Meshulam made a motion to cancel resolution ??????

New business

P/D/C Dave Meshulam received a award from National.

Safe Boating Week is May 21 to May 27, 2005

P/D/C Dave Meshulam talked about informational sopuina

Motion to Adjourn

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

District/4 Meeting

D/4 Secretary