

D4 Council Meeting October 5, 2005

1830 Invocation – P/D/C Hank Griffin

1930 Treasurers Report (see below)

D/Lt/C Joe Krupp talked about the Educational Fund. Report on “Power of One” Program named 5 D4 members who won the award.

Lt/C Joe Misack reported on Coast Guard sponsored power boat race in New York Harbor. Americas Waterways Watch Program. Speaker will be at the Fall conference. Joe will also coordinate a boating course for New Brunswick Police Department.

D/Lt/C Harold Oslick reported that VSC forms are not being sent to the VSC chairman. (See VSC report below). Commanders report CDR. Flum BBSPS invited council to BBSPS holiday party. CDR North River, invited council to NRPS Founder’s Day.

DEO report D/Lt/C Florance Smith. Charts can be downloaded free from the national web site. (see report below)

New Business

Grant Hobson request that the council consider a proposal to purchase a new display booth to be used at boat shows. Discussion among attendees. Grant Hobson was asked to put together a Proposal. For discussion at the fall conference.



# United States Power Squadrons District 4

## Treasurer's Report 05 October 2005

### As of 10/05/05

USPS Reserve	\$20,000.00
Money Market	\$17,293.64
Checking Account	\$ 2,211.21

09/01/2005-10/05/2005

Income	\$ 342.00
Expenses	\$1,090.48

Postage for Call to Meeting - \$770.34  
Cdr. National Meetings - \$315.34  
Copies - \$4.80

Total: - \$748.48

Outstanding Bills:

There are no outstanding bills.

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### **Safety**

I would like to thank all of the squadrons for submitting their 2005 safety reports. This is the third year in a row that District 4 has had 100% participating. I would like to thank the past three District Commanders for allowing me to serve the District as Chairman of the Safety Committee.

### **Vessel Safety Check**

The Vessel Safety Check Program is winding down for 2005. There are still many squadrons who have not submitted any safety check forms. I have discussed this with their respective chairmen and have been assured that they would get the forms to me as soon as possible. Currently, the top three squadrons are Raritan Bay with 173 inspections, Barnegat Bay with 133 inspections and Shrewsbury with 62. The top inspector is from Raritan Bay, Catherine Early, with a total of 105 inspections.

Respectfully Submitted  
D/Lt. Harry G. Wagner  
Chairman, Safety Committee

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

9/7-11 Fall Governing Board  
Educational Department Leadership Meeting  
Closed DEO Meeting  
Open Educational Department Meeting

Additional activities throughout period of 8/30 – to 10/4:

- ✓ Reviewed materials received from National concerning:
  - ✓ Open and Closed Exam orders
  - ✓ Boating course completions
  - ✓ Educational Year Statistics and Boating course statistics
- ✓ Fall Conference planning

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

It was beautiful in Portland and the gas was certainly cheaper out there. As expected the meetings brought great news of new benefits for our members and continued work to improve our educational courses and all the materials that represent opportunities to learn.

### ***News from the Portland Governing Board:***

#### **Marine Bookstore:**

Looking for books on nautical topics? Want a better discount than Amazon.com? Check out the new Marine Bookstore available from the Educational Department Home page. Clicking on the link will take you to a special online store featuring McGraw-Hill and International Marine books and that is only available to USPS members. The prices are discounted 35%, which is more than you can get from Amazon.com. Please note, however, that books that are already being sold through the USPS squadron materials catalog are not available through this outlet.

#### **MapTech:**

Once again, MapTech and USPS are partnering to bring the best to USPS members. Effective on or about October 1, members of USPS will be able to download NOAA raster charts for use with their electronic charting software – *at no charge. Yes that's FREE!* These charts may be used with most electronic chart software, such as Nobletec and The Captain, in addition to the MapTech programs. This is not available to the public – only USPS members!

#### **Boating Courses:**

Beginning with the shipment of the fall boating course materials, a special edition of the Ensign is being included in the package. If you have not seen it, The Ensign is wrapped with a cover that contains a letter from C/C Johnson and a special membership

application. Please make sure that these are distributed to your boating course students. It will give them information about USPS and why it is an organization that they should join.

Safe Boating Week 2006 will be a period of special safety events for all boating organizations and a special public relations blitz for USPS. To emphasize the need for safe boating education, all squadrons are asked to present a special session of their boating course – whether it is a full Squadron Boating course or BoatSmart or even the newly approved ABC classroom edition. It does not have to be completed during the week, but should be started during that time frame.

This will require some planning, so start early. Remember to early your materials early and look for new and innovative ways to advertise both this special course and National Safe Boating Week.

#### HQ-800 and ED-27

Changes have been made to both programs that automatically send information to the appropriate state authorities, notifying them of our courses and the course results. It is critical that all squadrons submit this information electronically. The changes will be discussed in detail at the upcoming Educational Department meeting next week.

In addition, the Boating Course Assistant had been upgraded and will submit the ED-26 information directly to headquarters. The software for this program is included on the one of the disks that your SEO will be receiving next week.

#### Instructor Development

A special seminar will be held at the Orlando Annual meeting called “It’s Cool to be an Instructor”. This session represents the roll out of the new recertification seminar and will be open to any one wishing to attend. Those in attendance will receive a card for the next 4 years. Remember as of 1 January 2006 it is expected that all boating course instructors will be certified by having taken the Instructor Development course or having been ‘grandfathered’ in through the initial certification process. In either case, the certification is for four years and must be renewed through the recertification seminar every four years.

#### Chapman Award

At the national level, and beginning with 2007, the award will be changed from a sextant to a projector. This should give you the incentive to submit your best instructor for the Chapman Excellence in Teaching award next year. *You gotta be in it to win it!*

Work is proceeding on the new editions of the Boating and Seamanship courses. Both courses are expected to be released in mid to late spring, so they will not be available for your Spring courses. JN and Engine Maintenance are also being worked on, but release dates have not been announced for them yet.

#### ***Conference Preparations:***

The conference preparations are well underway and the listing of workshop topics was included in the conference flyer and at the last meeting I put a special flyer in each commander's folder. Please get the word out to all of your members of what we will be doing at the conference. Talk about it at your meetings this meeting and email reminders to your members. I am sure that you will be able to get some new people out to the conference this time.

***Teaching Aids:***

Each year at the fall Educations Conference, we hold a teaching aid competition. All squadrons are invited – encouraged to participate. Any thing used by an instructor to 'illuminate' an idea, demonstrate a concept or technique or just plain make it easier for the students to learn qualifies. It is a chance to share what works for you and your instructors and get ideas for your squadrons.

So...

Get'em out, spruce'em up and show'em off!

***Accomplishments:*** I am please to announce that district 4 has a new Senior Navigator. He is John McAdams of Northern New Jersey. His plaque will be presented to him by V/C Spencer Anderson at the upcoming Fall Educational Conference.

SEO and A/SEO nominations forms (the ED-80 form) should be in the hands of the commanders soon. Please make sure that this form is passed on to the chair of you Nominating committee as soon as possible. Remember that these forms must be submitted 60 days prior to your squadron elections. It is particularly important if your squadron will be having a change in these positions for the coming watch.

***Educational Department***

The next District 4 Educational Department meeting will be 12 October, at San Carlo's. Squadron Educational Officers, Assistant SEOs, and district course chairs are strongly urged to attend. At that meeting, we will be going over in detail the information from the Governing Board meeting. Please encourage and urge your SEO or Assistant SEO (or both) to attend this important meeting.

The Educational Department meetings are open to any one who wishes to attend. Notices are sent specifically to each squadron's SEO and A/SEO, as well as district course chairs. If you would like to attend, send me an email and I will see that you receive the information.

Copies of my report are in the commander's folders and an electronic copy will be sent to the SEOs in the morning.



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

## **D/4 Council Meeting**

**5 October 2005**

### **MEETINGS' COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Fall Conference is scheduled for the weekend of 4-5 November, 2005.

Flyers

were sent out in early September, and reservations are coming in at a steady rate.

Please check website for up-to-date information regarding workshops and a guest speaker.

Please make sure to call in your room reservations at the Hilton before the cutoff date

listed on the conference flyer, and to send your conference reservations in by the

postmark date listed.

For those who are planning on having hospitality rooms, please be discreet in bringing

food and beverages into the hotel. Please make sure that items are boxed, sealed and

labeled teaching materials.

Respectfully submitted,

D/Lt Vincene A. Aquilato, S

General Chair

Meetings Committee

### **Attendance**

#### **Barnegat Bay**

CDR Charles Flum AP

P/C Donald Kadlac P

D/Lt/C Richard D Zucchi AP

#### **Bronx**

D/C William Delahunty JN

Susan Delahunty

#### **City Island**

Absent

**Lackawanna**

PC/C Raymond A Finley SN  
D/Lt Carry Markham P

**Lake Hopatcong**

P/C W Hunt Weaver AP  
P/C William Hirschfield P

**Liberty Harbor**

Tom Delanes S  
D/lit Gregory Boyle p  
Lt/C Mary E. Davis AP  
P/C J Arlene Maresca AP  
P/C Joel Jones SN  
P/Lt/C Denise M. Jones AP  
D/Lt/C Joe Krupp AP

**Long Valley**

Cdr Prima Morales Cameron S

**New York**

Absent

**North River**

P/C Grant Hobson N  
CDR Robert Hodgson AP  
Lt/C Mary Hodgson S

**Northern NJ**

P/C Robert Peirone AP  
CDR John A McAdems SN  
P/D/C Dave Mesculm AP

**Oritani**

Lt/C Bruse Borkowski P  
Lt/C Thomas M Smith AP  
Cdr John Battaglia P

**Palisades**

CDR Bill Stephens P  
ADEO Anne McQuade JN

## **Raritan Bay**

D/Lt Harry Wagner JN  
D/Lt/C Kathleen E Bisogno JN

## **Saddle River**

Cdr Joan Mullin  
P/D/C Carl Lee, AP

## **Staten Island**

P/D/C Hank Griffin SN  
Stf/C Florence E Smith SN  
Cdr Lou Gloria AP

## **Shrewsbury**

Absent

## **Somerset**

D/Lt Marie Hugues P

## **Watchung**

CDR Ted Wallace S  
Lt/C H Butler P  
D/Lt/C Harold Oslick JN