

# Minutes of D4 Council Meeting, 6 June 2007

San Carlo, Lyndhurst, New Jersey

- 1830 D/C Kathleen Bisogno, JN convened the meeting.  
P/R/C Henry G. Griffin, SN led the Invocation.  
D/F/Lt Harry Wagner, JN led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 1835 Introductions
- 1840 Dinner Break
- 1930 The meeting was reconvened.

**Quorum** Secretary D/Lt/C Gregory F. Boyle, P, confirmed that a quorum was present.

**Minutes Approval** The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted.

## Treasurers Report

**D/Lt/C Donald Kadlac, AP**

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## General Committees

- **Nominating Committee:** P/D/C David Meshulam, AP proposed P/C Richard Swackhammer, AP and D/Lt James Ulrich, SN as Elected General Members of the Governing Board. The nominations were approved by unanimous vote. D/C Kathleen E. Bisogno, JN was removed as an Elected Member since she is an Ex-officio Member as District Commander.

## Ad Hoc Committees

- **Homeland Security:** D/Lt Joseph A. Miciak, AP asked members to report anything odd or unusual, however small or insignificant, to the Coast Guard, Marine Police or Local Police. Commanders were asked to pass this message on to Squadron Members.

## Executive Officers Committees

**D/Lt/C Richard Zucchi, AP**

- D/Lt/C Zucchi noted that recent legislation relative to the Clean Water Act could require recreational boaters to have an \$800 permit for discharge of engine cooling water. NJ Legislative Officer D/Lt Don Baker, SN encouraged everyone to contact their legislators since the regulations were originally intended for commercial vessels, not recreational boats.
- **Lackawanna Sail & Power Squadron** Commander-Elect Joseph T. Lipowski, AP has moved out of the area due to job requirements. Cdr Arthur A. Epstein, AP was elected Commander.
- **Operation Children** brings children from Northern Ireland to spend the summer with US families. D/Lt/C Zucchi spoke with its founder, Dennis Mulcahey, who responded favorably when asked if the children would like a ride on USPS members, boats. A number of members expressed an interest in helping and D/Lt/C Zucchi will pursue this matter further.
- **NJ Boat Operator License.** D/Lt/C Zucchi noted a concern about the requirements for the NJ License. NJ Legislative Officer D/Lt Don Baker, SN suggested that the Boating Course FAQ on Raritan Bay's web site (rbps.org) will answer most questions. He added that the NJ web page and the manual were now up-to-date.
- **Educational Cruise:** P/D/C Henry Griffin, SN reported that the 6 May Educational Cruise had 140 students on board. The cruises are successful but are becoming more expensive. There was a \$900 deficit on the most recent cruise, so prices may have to be raised. Students from the Fall and Spring courses should be invited on the next Spring Cruise.
- **Boat Show:** D/Lt Grant Hobson, SN said that NJ Boat Show Officer D/Lt Robert N. Damato, S may have to be replaced due to his relocation from this area.
- **Cooperative Charting:** D/Lt/C Zucchi noted that recent statistics indicated that D4 was not doing well in this area. Cooperative Charting Chairman P/D/C Joseph Balbo, AP agreed.

- **Radio-Technical Committee:** P/D/C Carlton Lee, AP represented and promoted USPS at Ham Radio events in Dayton Ohio and on the submarine *Razorback* in Little Rock, Arkansas.
- **Squadron Commanders** were encouraged to respond to D/Lt/C Zucchi's e-mail regarding any reports they have for the District Council Meeting. There were no reports at this meeting.

#### Educational Department

D/Lt/C Anne McQuade, N

- **Seamanship Course** Chairman D/Lt James DiMeo, AP reported that the Seamanship Course Manual is now available.
- **A Boating Statistics CD** was included in the Commanders' materials.
- **Chapman Awards** information was in the Commanders' materials. Applications are due by 15 July. DEO, D/Lt/C Ann McQuade asked Commanders to get the information to her by 13 July if possible.
- **SEO Meeting/Picnic** will be at P/C Carolyn Markham's home, Shelter Cove, Toms River, on 14 July.
- **Fall Conference:** The Educational Meeting at the will be an open meeting about new courses and materials.
- **Teaching Aids:** Commanders are encouraged to have teaching aids in the contest at the Fall Conference. The D/4 winner is entered in the National Contest

#### Administrative Officers Committees

D/Lt/C Richard Fiorentini, SN

- **Legislative Contacts:** D/Lt/C Fiorentini noted that contact with legislators, such as that suggested by D/Lt Don Baker re the Clean Water Act, is encouraged, but it should be made as an individual, not as a USPS member.
- **Membership Committee:** D/Lt Jill Drummond explained the use of **credit cards** for membership payments. She has credit card vouchers from National. Squadrons may request the vouchers from her. They are for new members only, not for renewals. Squadrons should send the vouchers to National Headquarters. The full amount will be deposited in the Squadron's bank account. Squadrons should carefully safeguard the voucher information.

#### Boating and Squadron Activities

- **Tri-District Rendezvous:** P/C Bob Phillips reported that the committee visited Liberty landing Marina earlier in the day and that he is pleased with arrangements for docking, the cruise and the activities. The berths will be at Dock D or a nearby dock if D gets filled. 42 boats have signed up already. The cruise is on the Little Lady II. It is a commuter ferry with a capacity of 146, but the trip will be limited to 90 to allow for food set up and comfortable indoor seating. Since it has commuter seating, lunch will be at the seats rather than a table. There should be enough room with the empty seats. 74 people are already signed up so anyone interested should sign up right away to avoid disappointment. The activities include a Friday dock party, Saturday Flag Raising, Hudson River Cruise and Pot Luck Supper, and Sunday morning breakfast on the dock.. The hotel rooms reserved at the Marriott have been filled. Anyone who wants a hotel room should contact Stf/C Vincene Aquilato, S, to see if any more rooms can be made available.
- **Poker Run:** D/F/Lt Harry Wagner, JN notes that the Poker Run will be on Saturday 21 July. The winner will receive a \$50 West Marine gift card. There is one team per boat and the course is about 8 miles. Dinner will follow at The Pier (\$22.00).
- **Atlantic City Rendezvous:** 3-5 August at the Senator Frank S. Farley Marina. 33 boats have already signed up for the 45 available berths. The remaining berths will be available only till the end of June, so sign up soon. There will be a dock party at 16:00.
- **D/4 Raft-Up on the Toms River:** Sat 25 August, 12:00 to 17:00 at Money Island on the Toms River. Dinner 19:00 at The Pier (\$22.00).

#### Secretary's Committees

D/Lt/C Gregory F. Boyle, P

- **District Secretary** D/Lt/C Gregory F. Boyle, P thanked P/Stf/C Florence Smith, SN for her work in producing the D4 Directory. Printed copies were available at the meeting. D/Lt/C Boyle thanked D/F/Lt Harry Wagner, JN for printing the updated copies at no cost to the District.. Computer format copies will be e-mailed during the week. P/D/C David Meshulam, AP, was commended for producing another well-made and informative *Mark 4*. D/Lt/C Boyle also requested that reports be e-mailed to him to be included in the minutes

#### Treasurer's Committees

D/Lt/C Donald Kadlac, AP

- **Member Benefits Committee:** D/Lt/C Kadlac reminded everyone that P/C Richard L. Sendell, Jr., P has replaced Cdr Ted Wallace, P as Member Benefits Chairman. He asked that anyone who had items belonging to the district should inform **Properties Committee** Chairman D/Lt Joseph Reid. P/C Grant Hobson was asked to include the Boat Show Booth in the District property listing.

- **D/4 Directory on the Web:** D/Lt Robert Phillip, SN, asked about the D/4 Directory which appeared on a Squadron web site. D/C Kathleen Bisogno, JN noted that the Directory was posted without the knowledge of the Squadron or District Commanders and was immediately removed when D/C Bisogno contacted the Squadron. There was no malicious intent involved. D/C Bisogno also contacted Google to have the Directory removed from its cache.

Methods of making the directory available on the internet and still maintaining member privacy, such as passwords or selective access were discussed at length. Including a Privacy Statement or Disclaimer on the Directory was also mentioned. D/Lt Jeanne Sangiorgio, AP, a member of the Rules Committee, noted that there were privacy statements in the USPS By-Laws at all levels.

Other than an Insurance Solicitation being sent out at a Squadron level, no adverse consequences have been reported from the distribution of Directories.

The Planning Committee was given the task of addressing this issue. P/C Les Eslinger, AP, Chairman of the Planning Committee, accepted the challenge.

#### Unfinished Business:

- **Boat Show Booth:** D/Lt Robert Phillip, SN said that since the booth is oriented to new membership, it should include mention that the USPS Boating Course qualifies one for the Boating Certificate. P/D/C Harold Oslick, SN noted that the booth was designed to allow additions and changes to be made. P/Stf/C Florence Smith observed that there were no women pictured on the booth. P/D/C Oslick noted that the design went through many reviews and was approved before it was made.

#### New Business

- “Any **Riddlemakers** out there?” D/F/Lt Harry Wagner, JN asked for help in making the riddles for the Poker Run.
- A new **Governance Policy** will be voted on in Norfolk this September. P/C Kathleen Bisogno, JN noted that the Operating Committee cannot do anything without the approval of the Governing Board which meets three times a year. Urgent concerns, such as a leaky roof at Headquarters, could not be fixed before Governing Board approval was obtained. There will be a vote in Norfolk to allow a Board of Directors made up of the Bridge and Past Chief Commander to approve actions which do not change any by-laws. D/C Bisogno wanted the members to be aware of this upcoming vote so they could express their support or concerns.
- D/Lt Don Baker, JN, Legislative Officer, noted a number of items of interest.
  1. Recently proposed **EPA Regulations** regarding storage, disposal and cleaning, according to the National Marine Manufacturers Association, will place an unreasonable burden on small Marinas.
  2. Squadrons should improve their response to him for **Boating Course paperwork** and **Newspaper Ad** information.
  3. Recent statistics show that **USPS Boating Course graduates** were involved in the fewest boating accidents and deaths compared to Commercial, State and USCG Course graduates.
  4. The **Marine Police** will be particularly diligent in enforcing lifejacket regulations this year.
  5. He is strongly opposed to the \$25 USPS **initiation fee**, citing the low cost of joining as being a great asset to his Squadron’s large membership.
- D/C Kathleen Bisogno, JN distributed **Power of One** Pins to Richard F. Pfaff – Lackawanna, Hank Keller – Shrewsbury; Raymond Nardo – Watchung; Donald Roeske – Somerset; and Thomas Norman - Somerset

**Communications:** none

**Commanders’ Reports:** none

#### Old or Other Business

- The **Show Your Pride Contest** will have Squadrons compete for the best Power Point presentation. Details are on the flyer. Submission deadline is 1 Oct 07.
- P/D/C David Meshulam, AP honored the work of Lt/C Hank Keller, JN in welcoming back Shrewsbury Squadron member **John Gage** after his **round-the-world sail**. Gage will be at the TriDistrict Rendezvous, e Shrewsbury Squadron Picnic and the N Club of Shrewsbury Squadron. Info is on their web site.
- D/C Kathleen Bisogno, JN noted that Memorial Service for the mother of P/R/C Pat Governale, SN will be held on Saturday, 9 June in Stirling. Details have been e-mailed to members.

**Meeting Adjourned**

Submitted by D/Lt/C Gregory F. Boyle, P, District 4 Secretary

**REPORTS**

**Report 1** ..... **Treasurer's Report**  
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Respectfully Submitted, D/4 Treasurer Don Kadlac, P

**DISTRIBUTED MATERIALS**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Atlantic City Rendezvous flyer</li> <li>2. Barnegat Bay Poker Run Flyer, Rules</li> <li>3. Charles F. Chapman Award Information</li> <li>4. Commanders' Brunch Flyer</li> <li>5. D/4 Raft-Up on the Toms River Flyer</li> <li>6. District Directory Printed Copies</li> <li>7. Electronic Teaching Aid Award Information</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8. Governing Board information</li> <li>9. Mark 4</li> <li>10. Public Boating Courses Statistics (CD)</li> <li>11. Public Boating Courses Update (CD)</li> <li>12. Shrewsbury Annual Picnic &amp; Auction Flyer</li> <li>13. Staten Island Annual Picnic Flyer</li> <li>14. <i>Show Your Pride</i> Power Point Contest flyer</li> </ol> |
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**ATTENDANCE**

<p><b>Barnegat Bay</b>                  Cdr Janice Zucchi,                  D/Lt/C Donald Kadlac, P                  P/D/C Carlton E. Lee, AP                  P/C Tony Russo, AP                  P/C Jeanne Sangiorgio, AP                  P/D/C Michael Sangiorgio, SN                  D/Lt/C Richard Zucchi, AP</p> <p><b>Bronx</b>                  P/D/C William Delahunty, JN</p> <p><b>City Island</b></p> <p><b>Lackawana</b>                  Cdr Arthur Epstein, P                  P/C/C Ray Finley, SN                  Lt Peg Finley Paton, AP</p>	<p><b>Lake Hopatcong</b>                  Cdr R.L.Tonczos Sr. S</p> <p><b>Liberty Harbor</b>                  Cdr Thomas Delaney, AP                  D/Lt/C Gregory Boyle, P                  D/Lt Mary E. Davis, AP                  P/Lt/C Denise Jones, AP                  P/C Joel Jones, SN                  P/C J. Arlene Maresca AP</p> <p><b>New York</b>                  P/C Ernest Wasserman, SN</p> <p><b>Northern New Jersey</b>                  P/C Les Elinger, AP                  P/D/C Davis Meshulam, N                  P/C Joan Mullin, SN                  P/C Ronnie Phillips, SN                  P/C S. Robert Phillips, SN</p>	<p><b>North River</b>                  P/C Grant Hobson, N</p> <p><b>Oritani</b>                  D/Lt Michael Ganci, Jr., AP                  D/Lt Barbara A. Ritomsky, JN</p> <p><b>Palisades</b>                  Cdr. Burt Glaubinger, S                  D/Lt/C Anne McQuade, JN</p> <p><b>Rariatn Bay</b>                  Cdr Manny Alvarez, JN                  D/C Kathleen Bisogno, JN                  P/D/C David Drummond, SN                  D/Lt Jill Drummond, S                  D/Lt/C Richard Fiorentini, SN                  P/C Joe Miciak, AP                  P/R/C Jean Ruckdeschel, AP                  D/F/Lt Harry Wagner, JN</p>	<p><b>Shrewsbury</b>                  Cdr Joseph Balbo, AP                  P/C Bonnie Gingras, AP                  Stf/C Lucille Horowitz, SN                  R/C Michael Horowitz, JN                  Lt/C Henry Keller, JN                  Lt Tony Santoro, AP</p> <p><b>Somerset</b>                  Cdr Gary Mitchel, AP                  D/Lt Marie Hughes, P                  Lt/C Don Roeske</p> <p><b>Staten Island</b>                  R/C Henry G. Griffin, SN                  P/C Jim DiMeo, AP                  P/Stf/C Florence Smith, SN                  D/Lt James Ulrich, SN</p> <p><b>Watchung</b>                  P/D/C Harold Oslick, S</p>
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