



**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 Spring Conference Minutes
Parsippany Hilton, Parsippany N.J.
Saturday March 5, 2005**

The Conference was called to order by D/C David Meshulam @ 0900. The Colors were advanced by the Staten Island Power Squadron.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by D/F/Lt Lawrence, AP. D/Lt Herbert M. Groce, S gave the invocation. D/C Meshulam welcomed all to the Conference & stated that the District's primary goal was to help its' 18 squadrons. We need your insights & participation. Please give us your ideas & ask any questions that may arise as we visit the Workshops. Thank you for attending today.

R/C James Atcheson, SN was unable to join us as the Chief Commander's representative. In lieu of R/C Atcheson, our own P/C/C Ray Finley will represent the Chief Commander. D/4 Cdr. Meshulam went on to review the long & distinguished USPS career of P/C/C Finley. At that point Cdr Meshulam introduced the head table.

Representing the Chief Commander Leslie Johnson is P/C/C Raymond Finley, SN

District Executive Officer	D/Lt/C William Delahunty, JN
District Educational Officer	D/Lt/C Florence E Smith, SN
District Administrative Officer	D/Lt/C Harold Oslick, JN
District Secretary	D/Lt/C Joseph M Krupp Jr., AP
District Treasurer	D/Lt/C Kathleen E Bisogno, JN

The Cdr then called upon P/D/C David Drummond, SN to introduce our guests from other Districts & our P/D/C.

D/2

D/Lt/C Fred Manglesdorf, SN	Mid-Hudson
Linda Manglesdorf	Mid-Hudson

D/3

R/C ED BAUER, SN	SOUTH SHORE
D/C ANGELO GIOVANNIELLO, SN	GREAT SOUTH BAY
D/LT/C JANET TAYLOR, JN	PATCHOGUE BAY
D/1 ST LT JAY SOLOW, AP	SOUTH SHORE

P/R/C ROBERT HOLUB, SN
P/D/C JOHN BRADLEY, SN
D/Lt/C Ron Friedmann, AP
D/1st/Lt Richard Bradle, SN
Lt/C Patricia Blanchard, P

JONES BEACH
Great South Bay
Neptune
South Shore
Peconic Bay

P/D/C'S

P/C/C RAYMOND A. FINLEY, JR., SN	LACKAWANNA	1976-77
R/C HENRY G. GRIFFIN, SN	STATEN ISLAND	1984-85
P/D/C WILLIAM G. CHEFALAS, SN	NEW YORK	1986-87
Stf/C Michael Horowitz AP	Shrewsbury	1991-92
R/C ANTHONY J. AQUILATO, AP	CITY ISLAND	1994-95
P/D/C CARLTON E. LEE, JR. AP	SADDLE RIVER	1995-96
P/D/C JANE B. SORENSEN, AP	SOMERSET	1997-98
P/D/C Joseph Balbo, AP	Shrewsbury	2000-01
P/D/C DAVID I. DRUMMOND, SN	RARITAN BAY	2002-03

Special Guests

Capt. Glenn A. Wiltshire
Laurie Barden
Jorge Cardellios

United States Coast Guard
Liberty Science Center
West Marine

District Commander then asked Stf/C Anthony Aquilato to present the C/C message.

C/C MESSAGE FOR THE D/4 FALL CONFERENCE

District Commander Meshulam, District Bridge, Members and Guests:

C/C MESSAGE TO THE SPRING 2005 CONFERENCES:

I bring you greetings from C/C Les Johnson. Squadron activities begin to increase during the spring. There are classes to promote and teach, boats to get ready for the summer cruises and installation of officers at our changes of watch. It is an exciting time of the year. The chief hopes your district and its squadrons have plans in place for promoting boating education.

THE PUBLIC BOATING SAFETY CLASS - OUR MOST IMPORTANT PRODUCT

The Chief made the public boating safety class the highest priority for his first year and it will be the same in this year. Did you know that a public boating class was taught on Wednesday and Thursday night at the Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida?

More than 40 members attended and 7 joined. Three of those seven were sworn in by the chief at the Saturday meeting. As a matter of fact, the meeting was interrupted for the new members with the message that there is no other squadron business more important than giving a new member

pledge to a student who just took the time to take the class, pass the class and make the decision to join USPS.

SQUADRON BOATING COURSE - THE TOOL TO INCREASE MEMBERSHIP

Lets review the experience of Darien Sail and Power Squadron. This is a quote, "We have been blessed with success in the presentation of the (squadron) boating course in Darien, Connecticut, this last few years. We regularly have 60 to 70 students in each of our two presentations and have an excellent conversion to membership. We have become the largest squadron in D/2."

The quote goes on to say that teaching the full course with an emphasis on local charting is what works for them. They are looking forward to adapting optional chart work to the Maptech software. Perhaps your squadron can rethink exactly what it is teaching at your boating course and adapt some ideas to your local needs.

There is a combination that will work for you. You could try a new location and also some squadrons are trying summer classes. BoatU.S. shared with USPS that they receive the most phone inquiries about available classes in the months of May and June.

CONTRACT WITH MCGRAW-HILL

USPS signed a contract with McGraw-Hill at the 2005 Annual Meeting. Quality USPS educational material will be displayed and sold at book stores throughout America. The first of a series of learning guides to be published this spring by International Marine is Marine Amateur Radio. The American Radio Relay League (ARRL) contributed several illustrations and plans to offer this book to its members. The second learning guide offered will be the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) with a Digital Selective Calling (DSC) demonstration CD-ROM. Now the public will learn USPS' name, and it will be synonymous with quality boating education. In addition, our books sold to the public will provide an additional source of revenue for USPS and no inventory at headquarters is required.

BOATING COURSE ASSISTANT

The Boating Course Assistant (BCA) program is worth mentioning - it is saving time and effort for squadrons that need to both print materials and report data for the public safe boating classes.

The biggest plus for all squadrons to use this program is that it will provide USPS with a current and correct database of individuals who take our public class.

POWER OF ONE

The Power of One is working - there were over 90 awards made at the 2005 Annual Meeting. This translates to the introduction of more than, 1300 members into USPS membership. It was fun to watch San Juan collect their “wheelbarrow load” of awards - the hats were stacked up higher than the member carrying them was tall.

MEMBERSHIP MANUALS

There are five Membership Manuals (*Handbook for Interviewers, Membership Guidelines, New Member Orientation Guidelines, Retention Guidelines and Involvement Manual*) are all now contained in one Membership Committee Manual on CD-ROM. The most important item is that the single manual is available on the membership website and can be downloaded on demand (page by page if required.)

FIRST TIMERS

More than 100 members attended the 1st timers meeting in Orlando. We want to thank the McGriff, Seibels & Williams Agency and St Paul Insurance for hosting the meeting. 1st Timers really appreciate the recognition at our annual meetings.

COOKBOOK

The Auxiliary Advisory Committee’s cookbook, “BY LAND OR BY SEA, CUISINE OF THE UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS” is a successful project. We have now sold more than 800 copies and the cookbook is available through the Ship’s Store.

SQUADRON DEVELOPMENT - A REAL SOURCE OF SUCCESS

During 2004, the 25th, 26th and 27th newest squadrons were chartered since the Provisional Squadron Program began in 2000. The new squadrons are Northern Neck (VA) D/5, Portland Head (ME) D/19 and Monterey Bay (CA) D/25. The 12 Districts that have chartered new squadrons since 2000 include districts 5, 8, 9, 10, 13, 16, 19, 26, 27, 30, 31, and 32.

The most interesting statistic about these new squadrons is the fact that 78 percent of the members are new. Only 22 percent were members from other squadrons. Areas interested in starting a provisional squadron include Alaska, Venezuela, Mexico, Redding (California), Anacortes (Washington), Vermont and West Central Texas. USPS is truly an organization on the move.

COOP CHARTING

As of November 2004, Door County (D/10) was in first place, Lake Charles (D/21) was in second, Greensboro (D/27) was in third, Fort Worth (D/21) was in fourth place and Galveston Bay (D/21) was in fifth place. Five districts made honor roll, 29 districts participated, 120

squadrons were on honor roll, 1,055 members participated, 510 members were on honor roll and a total of 429,302 credits were awarded to USPS members.

A team of NOAA and USPS members conducted a study of the use of Depth Wiz and how the system is used to collect data. The result of this meeting will be an improved quality of Depth Wiz submissions. The requirements for submitting a Depth Wiz report will soon be placed on CC WEB.

NEWS FROM OUR DIGITAL CHARTING PARTNERS

Maptech announced products that put digital charting in the price range of every boater. "Waterproof Chart Books" and "ChartKit" books will now include a CD-ROM with digital versions of the same charts shown in the book and "Chart Navigator Lite" software for planning and live navigation. These multimedia charting products will create a great demand, and USPS is poised as the primary educator for digital charting. Maptech will provide copies of its new products to every squadron for demonstration and training. To promote public use of charts, Maptech will provide a 10 percent discount coupon to our public course attendees for direct internet purchase. Maptech will make a substantial donation to USPS for each purchase. Again this provides an alternative to stocking and reselling products under the squadron dealer program. C-Map is shipping demonstration copies of their PC Planner software containing sample charts and a vector version of our Bowditch Bay chart to each of our DEO's and SEO's. In addition, they have agreed to provide copies of these CD-ROM to any AP student who wants one. A coupon will be provided to every AP student who can then send it to C-Map for direct shipment of the CD-ROM to the student.

VESSEL SAFETY CHECK COMMITTEE MEETS ITS GOAL FOR THIS LAST YEAR

The VSC decal distribution used this year was well organized. With the help of the Educational Fund and USPS members, we exceeded our performance goal by conducting more than 32,000 vessel safety checks last year. This is quite an accomplishment thanks to you members. This year the program is open to family members 18 years of age or older. It is a good thing to see that the USPS and USCG Aux have their logos back on the VSC "stickers."

NEW AND EXCITING CHANGES FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEETINGS AND ANNUAL MEETING

The Operating Committee adopted the Century Fund at the November 2004 meeting. The goal of the fund is to establish a \$10 million endowment fund by the end of our 100th Anniversary (9 years from now.) The main reason for the fund is the perpetuation of USPS into its second century. The monies in the fund would be restricted, with only the interest and earnings available for projects. The fund will provide support for

initiatives that further the goals of the organization. One possible goal being discussed is a two day professional seminar for incoming commanders - similar to the programs used by Rotary and Kiwanis. At the Charlotte GB Meeting, we will vote on the Members Fund and the current Endowment Fund being rolled into the Century Fund. Members will have an opportunity to make a contribution during the dues renewal time.

THE ENVIRONMENT - USPS IS IN IT!

R/C Jean Hamilton SN has been interviewing members and molding the shape of her ad hoc Environmental Committee. She gave her first report at the 2005 Annual Meeting. If you are a member who would like to work on this committee, it is not too late to get your name to her and be included. If you volunteer, you must be prepared to work - this ad hoc committee will be converted to a national committee shortly and it will be one of our most active committees in the future.

USPS 90TH ANNIVERSARY - A YEAR-LONG PUBLIC RELATIONS OPPORTUNITY

USPS sure had a good experience with its 90th Anniversary activities. The New York Yacht Club meeting, the district celebrations, and all of the squadrons that also had events to recognize the squadron experience since 1914. I hope your individual squadrons were part of the celebration. Now it is upward and onward as we look forward to the 100th Anniversary in 2014.

PLANNING COMMITTEE CD PART OF THIS REPORT

The Planning Committee has had a heavy load of projects in recent times, beginning with the Strategic Plan, which has been initiated and is being tracked. The planning involved with the Strategic Plan has contributed much change to our present systems.

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NATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEEDS RESUMES FROM INDIVIDUALS WHO WANT TO BE INVOLVED ON NATIONAL COMMITTEES

The Committee on Nomination is now our resource for members with special skills. All committees contact the Committee on Nomination for this information. For example, if you have skills in grant writing, fund raising, accounting and/or budgeting, etc., please fill out the resume and list your skills. There is another important part of filling out the resume. You must be willing to volunteer to provide the skills!

INTERESTING INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS

R/C Jerry Grofman (New Chairman of the Committee on Nomination) shared an interesting observation. It appears to him that national committees are doing a better job marketing USPS outside the squadrons. He noted that at the 2005 Annual Meeting some of our partners know more about our accomplishments than members. He thinks that we need to get the same message to members, and I agree.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION MADE - ANNUAL MEETING IN ORLANDO

R/C Joe Mesenburg, SN, made a recommendation for a dues increase at the 2005 Annual Meeting. Part of his report contained the following: The entire bridge, the budget officers and committee chairpersons have all been contributing in an outstanding effort to cut expenditures. However, our revenue expectations have continued to lag. (chief's comment - a large part of our income - dues and educational sales - have both decreased.)

There was a discussion of the dues increase at many meetings in Orlando and one approach that had support was an incremental increase each year for five years. The amount of the increase would be somewhat less than \$2.00 per year. To quote the finance officer, "This is not a major increase that will be a get-fixed-quick type dues increase, but neither will it have an adverse effect on our membership renewals. It will be a dollar amount somewhere close to annual inflation that should keep USPS in parity with the economy in which we live."

I would expect that the income for USPS will continue to be discussed through the Governing Board Meeting in Charlotte. By then we will have had member participation and ideas shared to the extent that we should be able to make a seat packet recommendation for a vote at the 2005 Fall Governing Board Meeting in Portland.

ABC DEVELOPMENTS

We conducted a search engine optimization program for www.americasboatingcourse.com. The result will be that ABC will pop up high in the rankings when a search engine is used with key phrases for finding boating education and/or boating course.

**(IN THE INTEREST OF TIME - SHARE ONLY THE STATES FOR THE AREA YOU
ARE VISITING)**

Online exams will be offered for the following 27 states: Alabama, Arkansas, California, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nevada, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina,

Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia and Washington. We have completed the development process for 27 different state online exams that incorporate “generic” questions developed from the Americas’s Boating Course instructional material as well as state specific questions that test a students knowledge of their state’s boating law. The ABC website will provide links to refer students in states that do not accept the online exams to United States Power Squadrons and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary for the opportunity to take an exam.

ONLINE TESTING

Presentations have been made to the D/C’s and D/X/O’s in the last few years. The 27 states that are using online testing are actually using the technology already used in university and college testing. Good seminars have been provided at the International Boating and Water Safety Summit on this subject. The Operating Committee has discussed online testing in the past two years and it is a subject that is on the agenda for our February meeting. In the future it is assured that all courses of study both inside and outside educational institutions will be tested online.

NEXT GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Do you know that the attendance at the Annual Meeting in Orlando was the highest in recent times? We had 900 members signed in at the Saturday meeting and there was also outstanding attendance at the Saturday evening dinner. It sure would be great to have an equal turnout this June. The next Governing Board Meeting will be held June 1-5, 2005 in Charlotte, North Carolina. I hope all of you will be able to attend.

After thanking R/C Aquilato, Cdr. Meshulam introduced Capt. Glenn A. Wiltshire, USCG who gave a well received power point presentation entitled, “ Update on Homeland Security in the New York Area.”

After thanking Capt. Wiltshire, D/C Meshulam called upon D/Sect. Krupp to announce the procedures for signing the attendance sheet & completeing the delegate form. This being done Cdr Meshulam called upon DEO Florence Smith, SN who made the following announcements.

District 4 Spring Conference 2005 Morning Announcements

Good morning and on behalf of the District 4 Educational Department - Welcome! The excitement in the educational department continues, with the release of more new course materials and plans for future releases well underway.

On your seats the fourth issue of the District 4 Educational Department newsletter. Please feel free to share it and other information from the workshops with your fellow squadron members. Our conferences are for sharing ideas, learning new techniques, and for meeting or renewing

acquaintances. Enjoy the day!

Being the District Educational Officer requires commitment to the educational process, concern that our members and the public are successful in their quest to be safer boaters and a willingness to try new things, to question and to accept new ideas. I now have the honor of introducing those who have been District 4 Educational Officers, and are present this morning:

List of Past D/4 DEO's

(Read only the names of those in attendance)

Herman J. Ritscher, SN	(Bronx)	1969-1975
Leroy Crookes, SN	(Raritan Bay)	1986-1989
Thomas J. Brincka, SN	(Barnegat Bay)	1992-1995
Kenneth J. Bolt, SN	(Staten Island)	1995-1998
S. Patricia Governale, SN	(Somerset)	1998-2000
Christine E. Zitniak, SN	(Raritan Bay)	2000-2003

- ❖ We have quite a few workshops this morning, here's the lineup:
 - Boating
 - D/Lt Don Baker has information on the proposed mandatory safe boating education legislation. Also there is a pending revision to the course materials for the boating courses. Please make sure that your squadron is represented there for this discussion.
 - Piloting
 - D/Lt Mike Ganci is looking forward to feedback from the Fall Piloting classes, the first using the new course material. He has sent a good deal of time reviewing the materials is ready for your questions and comments. Please make sure that someone from your squadron is there to learn about the new course material plans.
 - Advanced Piloting
 - D/Lt Jim Ulrich will be reviewing the just released Advanced Piloting materials. Some squadrons may already be using them; if so we want you comments, questions and concerns.
 - Cruise Planning
 - Back by popular demand – it's Cooking for Cruisers. YUMMY!
 - Engine Maintenance
 - D/Lt Rich Fiorentini will be discussing your feedback on this course. The national committee wants and needs your feedback
 - Marine Electronics
 - Join D/Lt Gary Mandarano for continuing discussions concerning the Marine Electronics materials. If you've taken the course or taught the course, please be there. We need your comments and questions.
 - Open Educational Department meeting
 - A general overview of what is happening in the Educational Department, including the new course materials and plans in the works for some of the other courses, ways to bring enthusiasm back into your educational program and of course if that's not enough, you can play 'Stump the DEO'.

❖ All Course Chairmen, please pick up your Attendance Sheets from DEO aide Jean Ruckdeschel, AP who is in the back of the room. Please return the folder containing the original and the carbon of the completed sheets to her following the completion of your workshop. She will be in the hallway area near the Ship's Store. Please be sure that the information on the sheets is legible.

❖ ADEO Anne McQuade, AP and I will be visiting the Workshops and Expo and will be happy to address any questions or concerns you may have concerning the Educational Department.

❖ And our favorite announcement - All Educational Department Workshop Chairpersons need to submit 32 copies of their minutes within 10 calendar days of the Conference. This means they must be in my hands, no later than Tuesday, 16 March. District 4 has the reputation of providing excellent documentation from our meetings and the national course chairs have come to look forward to and appreciate the questions and comments that come from our conference. Please get these copies to me as quickly as possible, so that I can get into the hands of the national committees.

I also ask everyone to please respect the time contracts this morning by arriving at your workshops as quickly as possible and adjourning your workshop at the designated time. There is

a limited amount of time to cover the material that will be presented this morning. And there is a lot of material – trust me.

One additional reminder for the Commanders and the nominating chairs for the following squadrons... SEO nominations forms are due to me 60 days prior to your squadron's elections. If you have not submitted one yet, please get it in as quickly as possible. I have copies here if you need one.

Barnegat Bay Liberty Harbor North River Watchung

This concludes my morning announcements, Commander.

Cdr Meshulam then called upon Administrative Officer Harold Oslick who stated that 36 copies of the minutes from the workshops should be sent to him within 10 days.

Cdr. Meshulam thanked Co-Chairs D/Lt Vincene Aquilato & R/C Anthony Aquilato & the members of the Meetings Committee for their work in arranging another successful conference. After mentioning that the luncheon will start @ 1300 & the conference will re-convene @ 1430, he placed the conference in recess @ 1000.

At 1300 the luncheon was initiated with grace being said by Bishop Groce. Cdr. Meshulam then asked all present who held a position on the National level to stand & be recognized.

Cdr Meshulam requested Executive Officer Wiliam Delahunty to introduce the Squadron Commanders. D/Lt/C Delahunty then called the squadron commander roll call as follows:

Squadron Commanders

Barnegat	Patricia H. Blake-Flum
Broxn	Joseph Darwa
City Island	Jerry Simotas
Lackawanna	William Robinson
Lake Hopatcong	Joe Gibbons
Liberty Harbor	Paul Sheganoski
Long Valley	Susan C. Herrigel
New York	Rusi Patell
Northern NJ	Michael Levandoski

North River	Marvin Lipper
Oritani	John T. Battaglia
Palisades	Ralph E. Sloan,
Raritan	Donald Cook
Saddle River	Ruth L. Barnes
Shrewsbury	Robert Dougherty
Somerset	Robin Roberts
Staten Island	Louis Gloria
Watchung	Richard L. Sendell

Cdr Meshulam then called upon DEO Florence Smith.

Spring Conference

Afternoon Announcements

SEO INTRODUCTIONS

Within each squadron, there is a person who has made a commitment to the education of their fellow members. They are a dedicated group of individuals who deserve a lot of praise and recognition. Their hard work and dedication to their squadron's educational programs ensures our success and has provided D/4 with much well deserved recognition. The Squadron Educational Officer (SEO) is the most demanding and yet rewarding job in the squadron and they have earned and deserve our appreciation.

As I make the introductions, I ask that the SEOs stand and remain standing until all are announced. I ask you to please hold your applause until all the SEOs have been introduced.

The District 4 Squadron Educational Officers serving at the present time are:

Barnegat Bay	Lloyd Monroe, AP
Bronx	Frank Hoppe, SN
City Island	Peggy Morton, AP
Lackawanna	Christopher Windeler, SN (leaving)
Lake Hopatcong	William Tanner, AP (leaving)
Liberty Harbor	Steve Delaney, S
Long Valley	William Bodwell, AP
New York	Christine Behrens, SN (leaving)
North River	Kim Lobach, JN

Northern NJ	Peter Scudder, AP
Oritani	Gerard Kiely, N
Palisades	Chris Preftes, AP
Raritan Bay	Kevin Wagner, JN
Saddle River	Barbara Ritomsky, JN (leaving)
Shrewsbury	Henry Keller, JN
Somerset	Kenneth Crossner, AP
Staten Island	Norman Condit, SN
Watchung	George Mossay, JN (leaving)

To those who are completing their watch and moving on I would like to thank you for your service and give my best wishes. To all the SEOs thank you for your time and dedication.
(Applause)

Teaching Aids

Teaching aids simplify and demonstrate concepts to students. They may be as simple as an orange showing longitude and latitude, or as complicated as an electrified board showing the lighted buoys of a channel. District 4 was well represented at the National Teaching Aids Exhibit in Orlando, with a total of 22 entries. Of these, Watchung submitted 19 teaching aids, including one in each category which qualified them as a winner of the 'All Courses' Award.

The Teaching Aid winners from District 4 this year were:

First Prize

Watchung Cruise Planning

Watchung Engine Maintenance

Second Prize

Watchung Junior Navigation

Third Prize

Watchung Marine Electronics

Shrewsbury, Somerset and City Island also exhibited teaching aids at the exhibit.

The effort of these four squadrons is appreciated and I hope that other squadrons will take up the gauntlet to beat out Watchung's 2005 clean sweep.

Again congratulations to all of the D/4 squadrons who participated and to those who received awards.

EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT RECIPIENTS

No greater educational grade may be attained by a USPS member than that of Senior. Navigator. To those who have 'made it', it is more than three stars surrounded by piping on a uniform. It is more than a symbol to be included in correspondence, and it is more than the plaque provided by headquarters that will be presented. It is an acknowledgment that a member has chosen to set a goal for him or herself to acquire the greatest amount of boating safety and navigational knowledge and skills that is available through USPS. It provides confidence to reach any destination.

Along with this knowledge is the added benefit of the feeling of pride that is shared by fellow members. It takes time, it takes study and effort, but I am sure that those who have reached this plateau will say it was worthwhile; and the confidence gained has greatly enhanced the pleasure of their boating experiences.

Today, I am proud to present Sr. Navigator plaques to an individual in recognition of his learning accomplishment. Would he please come forward, or in their absence, would their SEO or squadron commander come forward to accept his plaque?

Thomas Governo of Staten Island.

HARRY KERN AWARD

At our Fall Conference, I announced the District 4 nominee for the National Chapman Excellence in Teaching Award. This year's selection was an extremely difficult one, but in the end, we were able to select one instructor from our district who has "gone the extra mile" to further the educational goals of USPS.

The 2001 D/4 Chapman Award Nominee was P/Lt/C Dennis Genovese, SN, from Staten Island Power Squadron.

Dennis' name was submitted to National and included in the selection process along with instructors from the other districts within USPS. While Dennis was very highly qualified and we feel he is the best, the national committee did not select him. He is District 4's best instructor and we are very proud of him.

At this time, I would like to ask Bill Hagstrom of Oritani Power Squadron, A/DEO Anne McQuade and Dennis to come forward for the presentation of the Harry Kern Memorial Trophy.

Thank you and congratulations again to Dennis.

Commander: that concludes the presentations for the Education Department.

Thank you.

Cdr. Meshulam then presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Capt. Wiltshire, USCG & Jorge Cardellios of West Marine .

The **Life Member Awards** went to **Robert Barkalow of Barnegat Bay; Chris Windeler & R. Foster Newick of Lacawanna; Jack Prizzi & Dennis Lopotis of New York; Franklin Rosenbush & Lawrence of Northern New Jersey; Robert Rice of Somerset & Kenneth Bolt & Donald Heap of Staten Island..**

Pat Governale announced that **Raritan Bay** won the **Prince Henry Award**. Florence Smith let the conference know that **Dennis Genovese of Staten Island** won the **Harry Kern Memorial Award**. The **John Burns Safety Award** was won by **Raritan Bay**. P/D/C Jane Sorensen stated that the **Harvey Collins Award** had wound up in a tie between **New York & Somerset**. D/Lt/C Harold Oslick handled the presentation of **Charles Leach Memorial Trophy**. The winner was **Staten Island** with 58.83 points, second was **Long Valley** with 56.31 points followed by **City Island** with 46.14 points. D/Lt Vincene Aquilato announced the **Attendance Awards**. For the highest % of active members in attendance, the winner was **Long Valley** with 20.6%, followed by **Liberty Harbor** with 17.4% . In third place with 13.3% was **Oritani**. The gross member attendance was taken by **Raritan Bay** with 20 followed by **Staten Island** with 19. Third place was a tie between **Northern NJ & Barnegat Bay**, each having 14.

Vessel Safety Awards were announced by D/Lt Harry Wagner. In first place with 126 was **Barnegat Bay**, in second place was **Raritan Bay** with 100 & third place was **Shrewsbury** with 93. There was one individual with over 50 inspections---Harry Wagner!!

He did a lovely job.

Cdr. Meshulam mentioned that a take away plaque should have been awarded to the past recipients of the **George Ruckdeschel Memorial Award..** This oversight was rectified by plaques distributed to the past winners:

D/Lt Frank Corrado

P/R/C Robert Green

D/Lt Vincene Aquilato

D/Lt Harry Wagner

Stf/C Henry Griffin

This year there were dual winners; **Don Baker & Joe Miciak**

Power of One Awards were announced by D/Lt Marie Hughes. They were:

Robert Peirone, Ntn NJ
Anthony Pisano,(Hat)
Vincent Savage Palisades (Jacket)
Peter Lane Lake Hopatcong
Frederick Windler NY
Leonard Kalb Raritan
Robert Rafano Raritan
Kenneth Haxton Staten Island
Helaina C Iaramella Staten Island

Publication Awards:

Barnegat Bay Old Barney's Horn
City Island CIPS
Lackawanna Totem
Long Valley The Valley Voice
New York Crows Nest
Palisades Echo
Raritan Bay Relative Bearings
Saddle River Breeze
Shrewsbury Twin Lights
Staten Island SIPS Beacon

Website & Website Excellence Award

District 4
Barnegat Bay
Lackawanna
New York
North River
Northern New Jersey (Excellence)
Shrewsbury
Somerset
Staten Island (Excellence)

Education Fund Awards

All **D/4** squadrons participated.

Plaques for Committee Service:

P/C Michael Fabrizi Auditing
P/D/C William Medwin Nominating
P/C Dennis Lapiotis Budget/Finance

P/C Les Eslinger
D/FI/Lt Larry Brand
D/Lt Philip Lloyd
D/Lt Charles Delayo

Planning
Rules
Coop Charting
Teaching Aids

A plaque memorializing **Tom Governale's of Staten Island Senior Navigator** designation was presented to him.

Cdr Meshulam asked DEO Florence Smith to announce the Teaching Aids awards in Chairman's Charlie Delayo's absence. In 1st place was City Island, 2nd place was taken by Somerset & 3rd place was won by Northern New Jersey.

DEO Smith then announced the District's 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.

Captain Wiltshire then presented the Coast Guard Challenge Coin to D/4 Cdr. Meshulam & D/Lt Joe Miciak.

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Cdr Meshulam reconvened the Conference @1300 & confirmed with D/Lt/C Krupp that a quorum was present.

In order to expedite the meeting, Cdr. Meshulam changed the order & asked that the Minutes of the February Council Meeting be approved as distributed. Upon hearing no objections, the minutes were approved.

Cdr. Meshulam then asked the Chairman of the Planning Committee, D/Lt Les Eslinger, AP. If there had been any resolutions that came out of the Workshops. D/Lt Eslinger replied affirmatively & gave way to D/Lt/C Harold Oslick to read the resolution authored by him.

“ **Whereas**, United States Power Squadron (USPS) has as its principal objective the

promotion of safe boating; and **Whereas**, to accomplish this, USPS desires to increase its membership; and **Whereas**, in order to meet its objectives and maintain its programs for boating safety, USPS seeks increased revenue sources;

*Then it is **Resolved** that USPS open enrollment in its Elective Courses (e.g. Engine Maintenance, Marine Electronics, Weather, Cruise Planning) to members of the public who are not members of USPS.”*

After discussion among the delegates, the motion to submit the resolution to National for their consideration was carried.

Treasurer’s Report presented by D/Treasurer Kathleen Bisogno,JN

As of 2/28/05 the District had \$20,000 in the USPS Reserve Account, \$11,226.14 in the D/4 Money Market account, & \$1018.98 in the D/4 checking account for a total of \$32,245.12. Since our last Council Meeting, we had income of \$222.45 & expenses of \$2084.63 resulting in a negative cash flow of \$1862.18. A detailed report of the transactions is on file with the Secretary.

There is one outstanding bill from the Educational Dept. that puts them over their budget by \$194.95. This overage was caused by the extensive revamping of both the Piloting & Advanced Piloting courses. As per her suggestion, a motion was made, seconded, & carried so that \$70 was transferred from the Treasurers Dept. & with the District to pay the remainder.

Auditing Committee Report Presented by Committee Member D/Lt Marlene Oslick, S
D/4 Audit Committee Meeting
February 20, 2005

Audit Committee Report

In compliance with Section 2.16.2 of the D/4 Bylaws, the Audit Committee is reporting on the review of the books of the Treasurer completed on February 20, 2005 for the period covering March 1, 2004 to February 28, 2005.

The District 4 Audit Committee examined the District 4 financial records on February 20, 2005 for the year March 1, 2004 to February 28, 2005. Examined were the receipts and disbursements transactions together with their supporting documents.

All financial transactions of the Treasurer are maintained on a Quicken Software Program. These financial transactions were examined and compared with the budget and found to be in order.

The Assets in these records of District 4 are as follows:

Receivable from the 2006 National Governing Board.....	\$5,000.00
Reserve Account with USPS National.....	20,000.00
Bank of America.....	1,018.98
Money Market Accounts.....	11,226.14
Total as of February 20, 2005.....	<u>\$37,245.12</u>

The committee presents its report with the following recommendations:

- The expense of D/4 conference mailings to the General Membership should be sub-categorized under the miscellaneous category of the D/4 Budget.
- All expenses should be submitted to the Treasurer on a timely basis.
- All committees should report their financial transactions to the Treasurer.
- The loan of \$5,000 to the D/4 Committee for the 2006 National Governing Board should not be shown as an expense, but as a receivable.

Accordingly, with the scope of the review being limited to the Treasurer, the financial records of any other committees having not been reviewed, an opinion cannot be expressed on them.

Respectfully submitted,

P/C Michael A. Fabrizi, Chairman SN P/C
Joseph Peck, AP Lt Marlene Oslick,S

A motion to accept the audit report as submitted was carried.

Cdr. Meshulam then dismissed the Bridge & all elected and appointed Officers, Aides and Committees with the exception of the Secretary & the Nominating Committee.

Stf/C Aquilato then called upon the Nominating Committee for their report. P/D/C David Drummond submitted the following report for Chairman P/D/C Medwin.

To: D/4 Council
From: D/4 Nominating Committee
Date: 1 December 2004
Subject: Nominating Committee Report

Pursuant to Article II, Section 2.16.1 of the Current District 4 Bylaws, the Nominating Committee submits the following nominees for the District Bridge, Auditing Committee, Rules Committee and Nominating Committee to serve during 2005-2006: All persons are members of USPS in good standing and have stated that they would serve if nominated and elected.

District Bridge Officers:

- District Commander D/Lt/C William Delahunty, JN (Bronx))
- District Executive Officer D/Lt/C Harold Oslick, JN (Watchung)
- District Educational Officer D/Lt/C Florence E. Smith, SN (Staten Island)
- District Administrative Officer Harbor D/Lt/C Joseph M. Krupp, Jr., AP (Liberty)
- District Secretary Bay) D/Lt Richard Zucchi, AP (Barnegat)
- District Treasurer D/Lt/C Kathleen E. Bisogno, JN (Raritan Bay)
- Assistant Educational Officer D/1st/Lt Anne H. McQuade, JN (Palisades)

Auditing Committee:

(to serve)

- Three Years Robert Peironne, AP (Northern NJ)
- Two Years * D/Lt Marlene Oslick, S (Watchung)
- One Year (Chairman) * P/C Joseph Peck, AP (Shrewsbury)

Rules Committee:

(to serve)

- Three Years Richard Fiorentini, SN (Raritan Bay)
- Two Years * P/C Theodore Wallace, S (Watchung)
- One Year (Chairman) Harbor) * P/C Joel Jones, SN (Liberty)

Nominating Committee:

(to serve)

- Three Years D/C David J. Meshulam, AP (Northern NJ)
P/C Vincent Savage, JN (Palisades)
- Two Years * R/C Patricia S. Governale, SN (Somerset)
* Cdr James Ulrich, SN (Staten Island)
- One Year (Chairman) * P/D/C David I. Drummond, SN (Raritan Bay)
* P/C Joel Rosenfeld, P (New York)

* **Previously elected to office; term continues.**

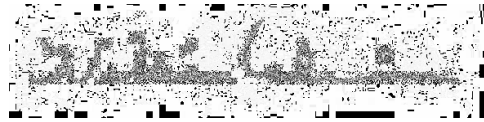
Respectfully Submitted,

R/C Patricia S. Governale, SN

P/C James Ulrich, SN

P/D/C David I. Drummond, SN

P/C Joel Rosenfeld, P



P/C Leslie J. Eslinger, AP

P/D/C William Medwin, SN
(Chairman)

The Secretary reported that there was no correspondence regarding nominations.

There being no other nominations a motion was made & passed to accept the nominations as submitted, the Secretary cast a single ballot indicating the unanimous election of the nominees. The Pledge was then administered to the new Commander, William Delahunty, by Stf/C Aquilato.

Cdr. Delahunty, in turn, swore in the new Bridge . The new Commander then told the Conference that the District & its members were important to him. He pledged that he would do his best & would not permit USPS to be a “secret.”

There being no further business, Cdr Delahunty called for a motion to adjoin the conference. This being made & approved, the Cdr caused the Colors to be retired & adjoined the Conference @ 1450.

District 4 Council Meeting March 5, 2005

The Council Meeting was called to order by D/C Delahunty at 1509. Secretary Krupp attested that a quorum was present. D/4 Cdr Delahunty called for any objections to change the order of business to expedite the meeting. Hearing none, he then asked for the previously distributed minutes of the February 2005 Council Meeting to be approved as submitted. This carried with a unanimous vote.

D/C Delahunty then called upon District Treasurer Bisogno for a resolution to authorize bank account signatures to the Treasurer, & the new D/C, X/O, while maintaining the account @ the present depository . The motion was made, seconded, & passed. Due to the change in the site of the Memorial Service the expenditures will exceed expectations by \$200. A motion to pay this excess was passed.

The D/C then stated that pursuant to District 4 Bylaws, section 2.2.5,217 and 2.18 all Council Members have been given a list of appointments to standing committees, Aides to the District commander, and committee appointments to the various bridge officers and AD HOC committees.

District Commander Delahunty then called for a motion to accept these appointments. A motion was made, seconded, & passed. The D/C then called for a motion to accept the 2005-2006 District Calendar which had previously been distributed to all Council Members. The requested motion was made , seconded, & passed.

D/C Delahunty then reminded all attendees of the Memorial Service to be held on Saturday March 19 at St. Albans Church, 76 St Albans Place, Eltingville, Staten Island The service starts @ 1500 , lasting around 45minutes immediately followed by a buffet. Food should be dropped off @ 1430. Directions are on the D/4 website. Ample parking is available.

A motion was made by newly elected D/4 Secretary Zucchi that only 100 Directories be printed this year with the remainder e-mailed either directly or through each Commander's squadron e-mail list.. After some discussion, the motion passed.

Cdr. Delahunty thanked Vincene & Anthony Aquilato & their Meetings Committee for arranging another successful Spring Conference. He then called for a motion to adjoin the Council Meeting which was made & passed, concluding the meeting @ 1544.

Attendees:

Barnegat Bay:

Cdr. Pat Blake-Flum, AP
Lt/C Charles Flum, AP
P/C Donald Kadlac, P
D/Lt Richard Zucchi, AP
P/Lt/C Janice Zucchi, P
P/R/C Tom Brincka, SN
P/C Phillip Lloyd, SN
Renate Lloyd
P/C Robert Barkalow, AP
P/Lt/C Joyce Barkalow, P
Tom Simonton

Kathy Kadlac
Al Jezek, AP
Mollie Jezek

Bronx:

D/Lt/C William Delahanty, JN
Susanne Delahunty,S

City Island:

Cdr. Jerry Simotas, AP
1Lt Susanna A Taylor, AP
P/C Jeffery Taylor, AP
R/C Anthony Aquilato, AP
D/Lt Vincene Aquilato ,S
Emily Attard
P/C Edward Shimansky ,SN
Lt/C Gary Bieniewicz ,JN
P/C Gary Mandarano, JN
Delius Wilson,JN
P/C Barbara Mandarano,SN

Lackawanna:

Cdr. William Robinson ,SN
P/C Larry Brand,AP
P/C/C Ray Findlay, SN
P/C Arthur Epstein, AP
D/Lt Herbert Groce,P
Diane Lipowski
Joe Lipowski
Lt/C Anthony Pisano, AP
Lt/C Carleton Riker,P
Marvin Raber, P

Lake Hopatcong:

Cdr. Joseph Gibbons, P
P/C Bill Hirschfeld, P
Lt/C Lisa Hirschfeld, S
Lt/C Jo Trull, S
P/C Hunt Weaver, AP
P/C Ed Audrean, AP
Mary Horton, S

P/C Jeff Horton, AP

Liberty Harbor:

Cdr. Paul Sheganoki, S
D/Lt/C J. Krupp, AP
P/C Joel C. Jones, Jr. SN
P/Lt/C Denise Jones, AP
P/C J Arlene Maresca, AP
Marjorie Krupp, AP
D/Lt Mary Davis, AP
P/C John Dineen
Jean Dineen

Long Valley:

D/Lt. Carolyn Markham, P
Cdr. Susan Herrigel ,P
P/C Hunt Herrigel ,P
P/C Rob Thompson, JN
P/c Diana Thompson, P
Lt/C R. Cameron
Lt/C Prima Cameron

New York:

Cdr. Rusi Patell, SN
P/C Joel Rosenfeld, P
P/R/C Jean Ruckdeschel, AP
P/D/C William Chefalas, N
Margaret Chefalas
Lt/C Darwin Richmond ,S
P/C Dorothy Sutter ,JN
P/C Frederick Winkler, SN
Lt/C Ernest Wasserman, SN
P/C Dorothy Sutter, JN

North River:

Cdr. Marvin Lipper, AP
SEO Kim Lobach, JN
Bob Hodgson, P

Northern New Jersey:

D/C David Meshulam, AP
Lt Anthony Cappiello, AP
P/C Les Eslinger, AP
Jim Kasser
P/C Robert Peirone, AP
P/C Tony Russo, AP
Lt/C William Cinque, SN
Lt/C Robert Montgomery, JN

Aide Gail Meshulam
Lt/C John A McAdams, JN
Lt/C Arnold Knadle, SN
P/C Joanne Dzula, JN
SEO Peter Scudder, AP

Oritani:

Cdr. John Battaglia, P
P/C William Hagstrom, AP
D/Lt Joan Tucker, S
D/Lt, SEO Bruce Borkowski, JN
D/Lt Barbara Ritomsky, JN
D/Lt Michael Ganci, Jr. AP
P/C Eugene S Darwin, JN
Lt/C Tom Smith, AP

Palisades:

D/1stLt Anne McQuade, JN
P/C Vincent Savage, JN
P/C Florence Savage, JN
Lt/C Roy Hali, P
Lt/C Burt Glaubinger, S
P/C Robert Gorman, SN
Lt/C Arthur Krieger, N

Raritan Bay:

P/C Harry G. Wagner, AP
D/Lt/C Kathleen E. Bisogno, AP
Cdr. Mike Gulya, P
P/D/C Dave Drummond, SN
Lt/C Jill Drummond, S
N/Lt Chub Varga, AP
P/C Frank Spera, S
D/Lt Don Baker, JN
Lt/C Kevin Geray, JN
Lt/C Joseph A Nellioa, AP
Lt Serenella Stakl, AP
D/Lt Richard Fioentini, SN
P/C Robert Stahl, AP
P/D/Lt/C Christine Zitniak, SN
P/C Roy Zitniak, SN
Martha Wagner
Lt Mellody C Cob, P

Saddle River:

Cdr. Ruth Barnes, P
P/D/C Carlton E. Lee, Jr. AP
Lt Jane Lee,S
P/C Joan Mullin,SN
P/C Edward Carter,P
Lt/C Thomas Mullin, AP
P/C S. Robert Phillips, SN
P/C Ronnie Phillips, SN
SEO Bryan Babitz,S

Shrewsbury:

P/C Bonnie Gingras, AP
SEO Henry Keller, JN
Stf/C Michael J Horowitz, JN
P/C Lucille Horowitz, SN
P/D/C Joe Balbo, AP
P/C John Baechle, SN

Somerset:

P/D/C Jane Sorensen,AP
P/C Carl Sorensen, AP
D/Lt Marie Hughes, P
Lt/CPeter Wasko, AP
John Hitchcock, P
R/C Pat Governale, SN
P/C Tom Norman, AP
Anita Norman, N
Anna Wasko, Ap

Staten Island:

R/C Henry G. Griffin, SN
D/Lt/C Florence Smith, SN
Cdr. Lou Gloria, P
P/R/C Ken Bolt, SN
D/Lt Trisha Bolt, AP
P/C Sam D'Adamo, S
D/Lt James Ulrich, SN
Lt/C Joe David, AP
Phillis Corrado, S
P/C Gary Podolak SN
P/C Hank Mertens, SN
P/Lt/C Don Farrell, AP
P/C Joseph Battiato, P
SEO Norman Condit, SN
Lt/C Dennis Genovese, SN
Charlotte M Griffin, AP

D/Lt Don Heap, JN
Joe Lombardi, SN

Watchung:

Cdr. Richard Sendell, P
D/Lt/C Harold Oslick, JN
P/C Ted Wallace,S
Lt/C Marlene Oslick, S
P/C C. Delayo, AP
Lt/C William Alderson,AP
P/C Richard Swackhamer, AP
Lt/C Herman Butler, AP
Lt M Risberg, SN
Lt Ruth J Delayo
P/Lt/C Don Young, SN

Respectfully Submitted

Joseph M. Krupp, Jr.
District 4 Secretary

**Minutes for Administrative Workshop
D4 Spring Conference 5 March 2005**

The meeting commenced@ 1035

D/Lt/C Delahunty talked about the USPS drive for new membership, We get most of our new members from the public Boating courses. USPS members should display flags and burgee to get the USPS name into the public sector. USPS feels that each USPS member should be responsible to recruit one new member. Also talked about members helping other members to become better members, mentor program.

D/C Dave Meshulam introduced U.S Coast Guard Port Captain, Capt. Glen A Wiltshire and PC/C Ray Finley

Florence Savage asked Capt. Wiltshire if the Port of NY could publish a monthly newsletter, regarding security measures in NY Harbor. Capt. Wiltshire remarked that he thought that was a good idea and he would look into it.

Kathleen Bisogno talked about anniversary billing for the dues of new members beginning 2005. Also USPS is now excepting credit card as a way to pay dues. Bisogno also mention that all D4 Squadron has taken the anniversary billing system option. Although, USPS accepts credit cards, they have not found a method for credit card payment for new members joining at the end of the public course.

Marie Hughes, membership committee, introduced a notebook titled, "Tips on recruiting new members " Prepared by the Membership Committee. Hughes handed out notebooks to all squadron commanders present.

Jill Drummond talked about National Membership Committee. Reviewed a survey that was sent to all commanders. Jill mention that the survey showed that squadrons, who use table proctors during the public courses have a higher membership recruitment rate.

Marie Hughes thanked Harold Oslick, Jill Drummond and Lisa Herischfeld for the work on the membership committee and their help on putting together the Tips Notebook.

Pat Blake-Flum commented on the notebook A great Idea!

Rich Zucchi commented on Squadron Development Committee. Stated that he sent a letter attached to a survey, provided by national, to all Squadron Commanders in October 2004, but only receiver 2 of 18 back.

Harold Oslick introduced a resolution making elective courses available to non-members.

Discussion:

Jane Sorensen, asked if students decide to join after taking several courses, will they be credited with the course by national. Harold stated his resolution is a concept, if approved, national O-Com would work out the details.

Harold stated that the resolution did not include advanced grade courses.

Pat Blake-Flum stated that, as an education organization we must offer more courses to the public.

Majority present approved of the resolution to be voted on by the D4 counsel and passed to national.

1113 Meeting adjourned.

In attendance:

D/lr Harry G Wagner JN	Raritan Bay
Cdr Ruth L Barns P	Saddle River
Lt Tony Caoiello AP	Northern NJ
D/Lt/C William Delahunty	Bronx
Cdr Marvin Lipper AP	North River
Bob Hodgson P	North River
Mollie Jezek	Barnegat Bay
Suzan Herrige p	Long Valley
D/Lt/C Joseph Krupp AP	Liberty Harbor
Cdr, Tom Smith AP	Oritani
D/Lt Marie Hughes P	Somerset
Lt/C Jo Trull S	Lake Hopatcong
Lt/C Lisa Hirschfeld, S	Lake Hopatcong
P/C Bob Philips SN	Saddle River
D/Lt/C Harold Oslick JN	Watchung

P/C Richard D Zucchi AP	Barnegat Bay
P/C Rich Swackhamer AP	Watchung
D/Lt Les Eslinger AP	Northern NJ
P/C Bonnie Gingras AP	Shrewsbury
D/Lt/C Janet Taylor, JN	Patchogue
P/C Florence Savage, JN	Palisades
Cdr Richard Sendell P	Watchung
P/C Joanne Dzula JN	Northern NJ
Cdr Patricia Blake-Flum P	Barnegat Bay
D/Lt/C Kathleen Bisogno JN	Raritan Bay
P/D/C Jane Sorensen AP	Sumerset

Respectfully Submitted
Richard Zucchi
Asst. District Secretary