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### Editor's Note:

I first started proctoring and teaching the public boating course for Northern New Jersey Sail and Power Squadron over 25 years ago. Class sizes were big when I started but have dwindled drastically since then. I recall classes as big as 130 students at the Parsippany High School. More recently students have been hard to come by. All classes whether large or small, had one thing in common. A student would ask if we offered hands on instructions. 25 years ago the answer was a firm NO and the reason given was that there was no insurance coverage. Thanks to the efforts of the recent National USPS bridge, that reason no longer applies. Squadrons and their members need to get on board and offer on board water training. **DO IT NOW.** What is involved? How do we get started? Did you know that USPS has a boat available for On the Water Training and the boat is constantly on the move and can be scheduled for use in the area covered by District 4? A joint effort by our squadrons is urgently needed.

**IT IS URGENT THAT ALL SQUADRONS HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE ATTEND THE ON THE WATER WORKSHOP AT THE D4 CONFERENCE ON 3 NOVEMBER AT 2:30PM. EXITING PLANS AFFECTING ALL WILL BE DISCUSSED. DO NOT BE LEFT BEHIND.**

P/D/C David Meshulam, AP

### On the Water Training

There are now three versions of On the Water Training, OTW. There is Certification, BOC; Practical OTW Training Seminar, POTW; and Squadron OTW training associated with regular courses. This segment is only associated with the Squadron OTW.

To be covered by USPS Insurance for OTW training the squadron must document the training in advance in their Executive Meeting Minutes or Squadron News Letter or by a series of saved emails between the SEO and Squadron Commander to cover last minute change in plans. Also the OTW training syllabus must be approved by the BOCOTWT Committee. To make your training easier there are approved syllabuses on the USPS Educational Webpage for ABC3, Seamanship, Piloting, Advanced Piloting, JN, and Sail. You can use all or part of the plan depending on your needs or plan as long as the safety items are followed. Any SEO approved instructor may do the training on the water in any boat that is VSC'd. You do not have to be an IN Certifier.

Why do this? What is in it for me? Most of us find being on the water is fun. Most of us want to increase our skills and confidence. Classroom training is great and the OTW segment makes it even better. Now the public can take all of our courses. It gives you more face time with student to explain what they

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should have learned in class. Everybody's learning method is different and this takes advantage of different learning technics. To date we have heard of no negative comments from students going out on the water.

All inquiries are welcome. [cwindeler@mac.com](mailto:cwindeler@mac.com)

R/C Chris L. Windeler, SN  
Boat Operator Certification

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### D/4 Third Annual Dinner/ Theatre

#### Outing

Forty nine D/4 members and guests met at Kristy's Restaurant in Waretown for dinner on Saturday, September 15. People were able to order from a select menu, and enjoyed full dinners from soup to desserts, including Joyce's famous chocolate pretzel snaps!" After a short drive, we arrived at Bengal auditorium in Barnegat High School for a performance of "I Left My Heart" – a tribute to Tony Bennett. The actors, singers, and musicians had us tapping our toes along with the performers, singing along, and trying hard not to get up and dance in the aisles. As we gathered in the lobby during intermission, we all agreed it was a fabulous performance, and all really liked this new theatre for our D/4 outing.

Since I received many emails the next few days, informing of everyone's enjoyment, I checked out the schedule for 2013. I have already put 80 tickets on hold for "Buddy – the Buddy Holly Show" for the D/4 Fourth Annual Dinner/ Theatre outing. We will return to Kristy's Restaurant and the Bengal Auditorium on Saturday, August 24, 2013!! Several Barnegat Bay members saw this "Buddy Holly" years

ago on LBI, and were dancing in the aisles!  
Save the Date !!!

Submitted by D/Lt Joyce C. Barkalow, P

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### On The Light Side

#### Older men scam:

(Women often receive warnings about protecting themselves at the mall and in dark parking lots, etc. This is the first warning I have seen for men. I wanted to pass it on in case you haven't heard about it. A 'heads up' for those men who may be regular customers at Lowe's, Home Depot, Costco, or even Wal-Mart. This one caught me totally by surprise

Over the last month I became a victim of a clever scam while out shopping. Simply going out to get supplies has turned out to be quite traumatic. Don't be naive enough to think it couldn't happen to you or your friends. Here's how the scam works:, Two nice-looking, college-aged girls will come over to your car or truck as you are packing your purchases into your vehicle. They both start wiping your windshield with a rag and Windex, with their breasts almost falling out of their skimpy T-shirts. (It's impossible not to look). When you thank them and offer them a tip, they say 'No' but instead ask for a ride to McDonald's. You agree and they climb into the vehicle. On the way, they start undressing. Then one of them starts crawling all over you, while the other one steals your wallet. I had my wallet stolen May 4th, 9th, 10th, twice on the 15th, 17th, 20th, 24th, & 29th. Also June 1st & 4th, twice on the 8th, 16th, 23rd, 26th & 27th, and very likely again this upcoming weekend. So tell your friends to be careful. What a horrible way to take advantage of older men. Warn your friends to be vigilant. Wal-Mart has wallets on sale for \$2.99 each. I found even cheaper ones for \$.99 at the dollar store

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and bought them out in three of their stores. Also, you never get to eat at McDonald's. I've already lost 11 pounds just running back and forth from Lowe's, to Home Depot, to Costco, Etc. So please, send this on to all the older men that you know and warn them to be on the lookout for this scam. (The best times are just before lunch and around 4:30 in the afternoon.)

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**NOW WHERE HAVE ALL OUR  
USPS D-4 MEMBERS  
DISAPPEARED TO?**

**D/4 Third Annual Golf Outing**

Twenty two D/4 members and guests started arriving at Pine Barrens Golf Club before 8:30 am on Tuesday, October 2. They were ready to challenge the challenging course, a private course in Jackson NJ. Three and foursomes were set up and ready to start their fun filled day. The Club provided coffee, bagels and fruit to help us have the energy to tackle the course. The groups of men headed for the back nine, as to get ahead of the regular Tuesday Ladies group. The sole group of four lady golfers, started at the first hole, since they were only playing the front nine today. The back nine is not women friendly! After a while, some of the men caught up to the ladies, and we graciously let them go on ahead of us! We occasionally felt rain drops, but we were not going to let a few sprinkles dampen our fun. When the rain got serious, we headed to the clubhouse. Buffet, barbecue lunch with chicken, sausage and peppers, burgers, dogs, and salads were getting ready for us! We were ready to eat after much walking, swinging clubs, and laughing!

Although full, we all enjoyed chocolate chip cookies, and cupcakes, decorated to look like a golf course. Since this was our third outing, we added a few surprises this year. Rich Zucchi had four green hats embroidered with the D/4 logo for the winning team. Today that consisted of P/D/C Rich Fiorentini, his brother Ken, and two other obviously good golfers. Steve Langevin from Raritan Bay won golf balls for longest drive.

We enjoyed everyone's company as we shared tales of certain challenges on the course. Look for future announcements for D/4's Fourth Annual Golf Outing. Don't get left out in the rain!

Submitted by D/Lt Joyce C/ Barkalow, P

## **AROUND THE SQUADRONS**

### **Watchung S & P.**

#### **Christopher Columbus Pot Luck Dinner**

On October 7, 2012, P/C Rocco Fuschetto and his 1<sup>st</sup> Mate, Priscilla, hosted the squadron's 1<sup>st</sup> Christopher Columbus Pot Luck Dinner at Villa Fuschetto in Gillette, N.J. The dinner was attended by 20 squadron members. Each member contributed to the food table by bringing their favorite Italian item to share with the group. Upon arrival the members were treated to the sound of Italian music flowing through the air and a glass of fine Italian wine and brochette to wet the palate and set the mood for the afternoon. After some socializing, the food was set out buffet style and everyone helped themselves to antipasti, cheese ravioli, meatballs, sausage peppers and onions, clams oreganata, pasta salad to just name some of the items. Along with the food, the members had a choice of beer, wine, soda, water or some fine Italian wine. The wine, of course, was squeezed, bottled and aged at Casa Fuschetto and bore the Fuschetto label. After dinner, everyone sampled the Italian desserts which were presented for their enjoyment. Desserts such as Italian ices and ice cream, Italian pastries and cakes, fruit salad, coffee and of course, more fine Casa Fuschetto wine. As the afternoon wore into the evening, everyone relaxed with their favorite beverage and listened to music and chatted and commented that they are looking forward to next year.

### **Raritan Bay PS**

The squadron successfully ran a weather course at the Keaport Yacht Club open to the public and its members and scored a hit with 25 attendees. Great PR for USPS.

### **Shrewsbury Power Squadron**

Mark the date, Sunday October 28 at 4PM.

The squadron is getting together to enjoy great food, camaraderie and a beautiful waterfront sunset at the Jake-a--Bob Restaurant in Union Beach. It's a Clambake to remember including shrimp, lobster, clams, beer, wine and soda. Its all there to enjoy. Cost is \$48 per person. This is an invitation to all D-4 members and friends.

For further details and reservations contact Lt/C John Cottingham, JN, at (732) 544-1566

### **Staten Island Sail & Power Squadron**

They say a picture is worth a thousand words. Here are a few pictures from the squadron Crab-A-Q which took place last month at the Coast Guard Station in Sandy Hook.

P/C Ernie Wasserman (NY Power Squadron)



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Food was great, everyone is busy eating.



Best of all, two new members attended and were sworn in by Commander Chris DeMeo

**Raritan Bay Power Squadron**

As usual, this squadron took the lead in organizing and manning the New Jersey based water shows with the help and participation of members of all squadrons.

D/Lt/ C Richard Woznicki, (DEO) told all, this is the way its done.



Or Drinking.



Some even came by boat (using GPS). Are we there yet?



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**D/Lt/C Richard Pfaff, P/C Lou Gloria (Watchung PS) Bernadette Gloria, D/Lt Woznicki (Raritan Bay PS), and Elaine Pfaff (LackawanaPS)**

**THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED NOW AND WHO WILL CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN MAKING THE PRESENCE OF USPS KKNOWN TO THE PUBLIC**

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**On the District Level**

**Thanks to the planning and effort of District Commander Ray Nylander, JN and his able appointees, the district ran a dinner theater party (page 2), golf outing (page 3) 2 rendezvous and a fishing trip.**

**The fishing trip was also a great success. On September 13 15 hearty members embarked on the Suzie Girl out of Belmar, NJ. Thanks to the will of God, they, unlike Gilligan and his crew, returned safely to land after catching some 150 fish (or so they say). Here again, a picture is worth 1000 words.**



**What is this all about and why is P/C Joe David laughing on the side?**

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Are we really going out there? Waters look rough.



(I just do not see anyone with a caught fish.)



(So where are the 150 fish that were supposedly caught?)



(Still no fish but looks like they are having a good time. Maybe if they put their fishing rods to use, some dumb fish may have been caught)



If you look real close, P/C Anthony Santoro (Shrewsbury PS) is finally holding a fish that was caught.



I guess the D4 weather committee did its job and provided clear weather and safe seas



Now we can see why there are no pictures with the caught fish. Fellows, you have to get outside to fish.

**A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL.  
BETTER LUCK NEXT YEAR, JUST  
REMEMBER TO BRING THE RODS AND  
GET YOUR FISH STORIES STRAIGHT.**

(The editor)

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### **D-4 CONFERENCE**

The venue for this fall’s conference has changed as has the program to reduce costs, make the location more convenient, and hopefully attract more of the membership. The conference will not include a dinner on Friday night as done in the past. The location is closer to more of the membership and the workshops should be of interest to members in general.

The conference will be held at the Best Western Hotel in New Providence, NJ on 3 November starting at 8:30AM. You can avail yourself of the low price offered by Best Western for an overnight stay (\$99) which includes breakfast.

In view of difficulties encountered by many of our squadrons in conducting some courses, getting enough students and instructors for courses, much has been said in the past regarding the need for regional education. This conference will address these problems

especially as they pertain to the new and exciting opportunities open as a result of On Water Teaching. A workshop on OWT will take place at the conference at 1430 tp 1630 on November 3. Presentation will include plans for regional education at various locations throughout our district. Locations for the courses and needs of instructors and boats will be discussed. All squadrons are urged to have a representative attend this workshop. If your squadron does not have any OWT instructors in its ranks, it’s OK. Now is the opportunity to get on board with this fine program.

Other workshops scheduled include a workshop on member benefits. Are you looking to buy a new car? How about paying employee prices with Ford? Looking for a GPS, Garmin is joining the USPS member benefit list. Saturday 3 November at 10AM.

The Administrative Workshop taking place at 10AM welcomes all members. If you have any questions or complaints, this is it.

Lets not forget the luncheon scheduled for Saturday at 1230. Get your squadron members together and reserve a table. In the past attendance has slowly dwindled thus causing the district to pay a penalty to the hotel since guaranteed attendance numbers were not reached. The district cannot afford such penalties and neither can your squadron. If we can meet our goals this year, it would be great. Lets do so.

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### **Mark 4, recipient**

