



The Cornfield Sailor

Interesting New Twist to Change of Watch

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The 53rd Hoosier Sail and Power Squadron Change of Watch was held at Rick's Boatyard Café. The new Bridge Officers were sworn in traditionally with the exception of the commander.

Our incoming commander, Russell Wahlers, was unable to attend the Change of Watch. He was out of the country on business. A novel solution was devised to have him sworn in by long-distance telephone. His photograph took his place at the podium and the visiting vice commander administered the oath of office which Russ dutifully repeated over the phone which was then relayed over the public address system for all to hear.

P/C Louis Chenette, SN read Commander Wahlers' acceptance address. The novel ceremony was enjoyed by all. Leave it to mariners to find solutions for any situation they encounter.

The new Bridge Officers are Russell G Wahlers, P Commander;

Elmer E Blankenship, AP Executive Officer;

George D Herrington, N Education Officer;

Joseph H Niesse, Jr., AP Administration Officer;

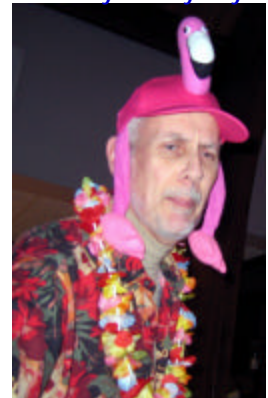
James W Dolder, S Secretary;

R Thomas Foreman, AP Treasurer.



Eagle Creek Sailing Club, Site of New Member Summer Social

Holiday Hats by Guy



New holiday headwear debuted by P/C Waddy

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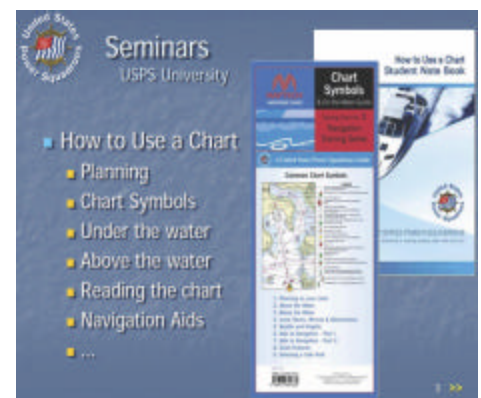
HSPS Receives Awards

Hoosier Sail and Power Squadron received several awards at the District 24 Spring Conference.

The website received the Website Award of Excellence.

The Cornfield Sailor received the Distinction in Journalism Award.

The Squadron also received the USPS Educational Certificate of Merit for the sixteenth straight year for 100 % participation in donations to the Educational fund.



This two hour seminar will be given in the fall. Watch for announcement of time and location: www.usps.org/localusps/hoosier/

Commander's Message

Greetings!

This issue of the *Cornfield Sailor* is the first of this watch year, and I am very pleased to welcome (and profusely thank!) P/C Charles W. Hamm, AP as our Editor.

Please send squadron news items, announcements, etc. to Charlie for future issues.

This past May we again celebrated Annual Safe Boating Week as the kickoff to our boating season in the Midwest. We are well along into the boating season in Central Indiana, and I wish to send best wishes for a safe and enjoyable summer to all USPS members and friends. In looking over the recent

U.S. Coast Guard statistics on boating accidents, I noticed an interesting pattern that I think is worth passing along. Each year we hear that the vast majority of all boating fatalities drowned, and approximately 87% of those victims were NOT wearing a life jacket. In 2005, for example, the U.S. Coast Guard fatal accident data show as many as 426 lives could have been saved if boaters had simply worn their PFDs. Pretty simple. The theme of the 2007 National Safe Boating Week campaign, "WEAR IT!", is all too appropriate.

Speaking of fun, Hoosier Sail & Power Squadron recently held its annual New Member

Summer Social at Eagle Creek Sailing Club on 16 June. The food was fantastic, the fellowship great, and the weather was excellent. The highlight of the afternoon was a visit from our HSPS Secretary, Lt/C Jim Dolder, AP who (aided and abetted by his wife Carol) sneaked out of the hospital to join us. (Jim is recovering from surgery and is now home from the hospital and on the mend. Get well soon, Jim!) Many thanks to all who helped make this event a success, especially Administrative Officer Joe Niesse and SEO George Herrington for arranging for food and drink and to Ralph and Millie Walsh for handling registration and raffle duties. HSPS also send a warm thanks to Eagle Creek Sailing

Club. This has been a sad spring for HSPS with the passing of three long-time, dedicated members and friends: Katherine Waddy, Ray Trotta, and Gene Easley. All three are sorely missed as friends and USPS colleagues.

While nothing can replace the void left by those members passing before us, we are extremely pleased to welcome the new members who have joined us during the past two years. Welcome aboard!!! Future issues of the *Sailor* will introduce our new members.

Dates for 2007 Social

Squadron Social Events

11 Oct. --**Mariner's Steak Fry**
Indianapolis Sailing Club

07 Dec. --**Holiday Gala**
Location TBA

02 Feb. --**Founder's Day / Annual Meeting**

Location TBA

01 March --**Change Of Watch**

Location TBA

District & National Events

27-29 July **District 24 Summer Rendezvous / Summer Council, Craig's Creek, KY**

4-9 Sept. **USPS Fall Governing Board, Norfolk, VA**

2-4 Nov. **D24 Fall Council & Conference** 3 Nov. **D24 Educational Seminar, Radisson Hotel Covington, KY**



George Herrington, Jim and Carol Dolder enjoy conversation at Summer Social

19-24 Feb. **08 USPS Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX**

TBA **March 08 D24 Spring Conference & Council, Terre Haute, IN**



Commander Wahlers and wife Cyndi enjoy Summer Social at Eagle Creek Sailing Club



New member, Chris Harden, happily accepts drawing winnings from Ralph Walsh at New Member Summer Social

Treasurer's Report

Dues are now collected by National, greatly simplifying the local treasurer's responsibilities.

Hoosier Sail and Power Squadron's finances are solid and stable. The Reserve Fund stock portfolio is doing well and current budget goals have been maintained.

New Member Summer Social

The new member summer social was held at The Eagle Creek Sailing Club. A good turnout enjoyed great weather, delicious food, and socialization with fellow boaters. Jim Dolder enjoyed a furlough from the rehab hospital and joined the fellowship. We were all very pleased to see Jim.

Executive Committee & Membership Meeting Dates

Location:	09 July 07
	06 August 07
MCL Cafeteria Township Line	10 September 07
2370 West 86th Street	1 October 07
Indianapolis, IN	5 November 07
Dinner 1730	3 December 07
Meeting 1830	7 January 08
	2 February 08

New Horizons in Education SEO LIC George Herrington, N

Our education department has been very active this year and we anticipate this trend will continue. USPS has redesigned most of their traditional courses and added numerous others.

If you have not already visited the Hoosier Education web site, please go to <http://www.usps.org/localusps/hoosier/educ/> to have a look at what classes are being offered. You can also visit the links on the left side of the main page to take a fun test of your boating skills, read the National Currents Education Newsletter or print out an application for membership when your neighbor says, "How do I

join this organization".

No matter what your education needs are, the Hoosier Education web site is a great place to start.

We have completed numerous classes and seminars so far this year and will pick up the pace again as fall approaches.

Many thanks to our instructors who have given their time and talent to the cause of boater safety. I would like to recognize those instructors who have been involved with us during this current watch year:

P/C Elmer Blankenship, AP

P/D/LtC Lou Chenette, SN

P/C Charlie Hamm, AP

P/LtC Fred Hunn, AP

P/LtC Robert Lampi, AP

Fred Plantz, AP

Ed Spengeman, AP

P/D/LtC Bob Zike, SN

Also, a special thanks to Lou Chenette and Damon Davis, our classroom coordinators. It has been great to simply tell them when we will put on a class and just stand back and watch a nice facility appear.

Everyone, please keep up the wonderful work; you are making a big difference at Hoosier.

D-24 NEWS YOU CAN USE

Don Cloyd has ask D-24 Squadrons to include a designated space in their newsletters so we can be aware of other squadrons' and District activities that might be of interest to all.

Keep an eye on this space for such information. We are asked to provide information we might have to them as well.

Our contact person is:

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District 24 Spring Conference Provides Information and Entertainment

The District 24 Spring Conference was held in Evansville, and, as usual, they provided a very entertaining weekend. The Circus was in town! Trained elephants paraded and performed to everyone's' delight.

In-coming District Commander Mahrenholz led the parade in his decorated carriage.

The District Change of Watch



Lead pachyderm in the Elephant Parade



The Pony Performed and Wowed Everyone

The National Association Of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) awarded the Seal of Safe Boating Practices to United States Power Squadrons (USPS) Water Smart From The Start (SM) an "on-line" and CD based game designed to provide an enhanced learning experience for young boaters. www.usps4kids.org

Results of Elections Held At Annual Meeting

Results of HSPS Annual Elections held on February 19, 2007.

The Bridge: Commander, Russell G. Wahlers; Executive Officer, Elmer E. Blankenship, AP; Education Officer, George D. Herrington, N; Administrative Officer, Joseph H. Niece, Jr., AP; Secretary, James W. Dolder, S; Treasurer, R. Tho-

mas Foreman, AP.

Executive Committee: P/R/C Robert D. Brand, SN; P/D/Lt/C Louis F. Chenette, SN; P/C Gwen A. Comer, P; P/D/C Damon C. Davis, AP; Lt Carol Dolder, S; P/Lt/C Ronald K. Gacsko, AP; P/C Charles W. Hamm, AP; P/Lt/C Robert A. Lampi, AP; Lt Daniel P. McCarthy, P; P/Lt/C Norman O. Ottinger, SN; Lt

Fred R. Plantz, P; P/Lt/C Philip J. Slates, S; P/D/C Guy E. Daddy, JN; P/C Ralph J. Walsh, SN; P/Lt/C Phyllis J. Worsted, JN; Lt J. Frans Velling, P; P/D/Lt/C Robert L. Zike, SN.

Rules Committee: P/R/C Robert D. Brand, SN; P/Lt/C Ronald K. Gacsko, AP; P/C Ralph J. Walsh, SN.

Auditing Committee:

P/C S. Eugene Easley, SN; P/Lt/C Fredric A. Hunn, AP; Lt Michael Underwood, AP.

Nominating Committee:

P/C Charles W. Hamm, AP; P/D/Lt/C Louis F. Chenette, SN; P/D/C Damon C. Davis,

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The HSPS Holiday Party was enhanced by the special performance of the Philippine dance group but the highlight of the evening was a surprise performance by the well known marimba



player, our own, Lou Chenette, who dazzled the gathering with his artistry. The Holiday celebration was well received and all who attended were delighted with the entertainment. The gentlemen received special holiday hats - a most unusual gift from Guy Waddy, organizer of this extravaganza.

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