

LAKE CANDLEWOOD POWER SQUADRON

SAIL & POWER BOATING
USPS District 2 — Danbury, Connecticut



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THE COMMANDERS MESSAGE

At our April Change of Watch brunch being held at Two Steps (see flyer in this issue), the following individuals will be sworn in by D/Lt/C Joe Lynch as Bridge members of LCPS for 2008-2009.

Here is the following Slate:

Commander - P/C Pete Porrazzo, S
Executive Office - P/C Bill Jones, AP
Administrative Officer- P/C Cheri Panzica, S
Educational Office - P/C Ginny Gedney, AP
Asst. Educ. Officer - P/C Don Wilson, SN
Secretary - Kathy Keaney, S
Treasurer - Hilary Czerniawski, S

I hope you will join me on this occasion to acknowledge these dedicated Squadron members.

Cmdr Suzanne Marnane, S

SQUADRON PARK BOOSTER FUND

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Treasurer LCPS

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Lake Candlewood Power Squadron

Annual Report March 2007-April 2008

THE BRIDGE March 2007 – April 2008

COMMANDER

Suzanne Marnane, S
203-778-6668

General Meetings, Bridge Meetings held monthly. Member 118.
6 New Members.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

P/C Pete Porrazzo, S
203-730-9294

Squadron Awards from National:

Life Merit 1, Caryl Lucchesi
Merit Marks 41
25 Year Pin recipients, 3
Journalism, Waterlog
Web site
Prince Henry, Education, per full certificate, Harvey Druker.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Mark Lamanna, S
203-746-5040

EDUCATIONAL OFFICER

P/C Virginia Gedney, AP
203-743-9046

Education:

Boat Smart Classes (3) April, June, July
Weather
Navigation
Operational Training

ASST. ED. OFFICER

P/C Don Wilson, SN
203-775-2609

Meeting Presentations:

New Boating Laws
Lake Candlewood Changes, Ownership
Vessel Inspections, 472
Emergency Preparedness
Panama Canal, History, Slides

SECRETARY

Kathleen Keaney, S
203-778-9735

TREASURER

Hilary Czerniawski, S
203-744-4969

Special LCPS Events:

C.O.W. Brunch, Portuguese Cultural Ctr., April 2007
Potluck dinner at Crystalbay Clubhouse, June
Squadron Park Gathering, July
Summer Rendezvous, Saugatuck Yacht Club, July
Surf Up Dinner, Tarrywile Mansion, October
Holiday Party, Tarrywile Mansion, December

CH/MEMBERSHIP

P/C Don Mikan, SN
203-748-1536

PUBLIC RELATIONS OFF.

P/C Virginia Gedney, AP
203-743-9046

LCPS Participation in other Events:

Lake Candlewood Cleanup, May
Memorial Day Parade, Promoting Vessel Exams, May
Paddle Day, Oversee Boaters safety, June
Boat Show, Norwalk, September
Food Supplies sent to Service Personnel twice.
Toys for Tots, Holiday Season

Passing of Squadron Members 2

P/C Theodore Kwap, 1974-75 Charter Member. Dec 8/18/07
P/C Raymond Hatchadoorian, 1985-86. Dec 2/15/08

Respectfully Submitted,
Cdr. Suzanne Marnane, S.

USPS® Environmental Committee Recognizes Cleanup Squadrons at 2008 Annual Meeting

The United States Power Squadrons'® Environmental Committee presented eight recognition awards for aquatic environmental cleanup efforts at the organization's 2008 Annual Meeting in Dallas, Texas. Partnering with The Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup, dozens of squadrons across the nation participated in marine pollution and prevention projects in 2007.

Awards were presented in categories including:



- Largest Piece of Debris Recovered – Sebastian Inlet Sail & Power Squadron, D/8
- Most Unusual Debris Recovered – Perdido Bay Power Squadron, D/15
- Most Disgusting Debris Recovered – New Orleans Power Squadron, D/15
- Funniest Debris Recovered – District 21
- Boats Required – Lake Murray Power Squadron, D/26
- Esprit de Corps – Jones Beach Power Squadron, D/3
- Most Participants (includes members, family, friends, and pets)-
The subcategories for the squadron with both the largest number of participants and the greatest percentage of membership involved, went to Grand Lake Sail & Power Squadron, D/31.



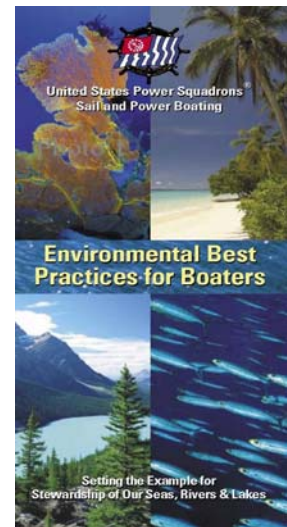
The USPS Environmental Committee encourages all squadrons to participate in environmental projects. What makes the International Coastal Cleanup unique is its data collection component. Volunteers record specific types of marine debris being found, allowing Ocean Conservancy to compile, analyze and track this data year-by-year and make discoveries about the behaviors that cause the debris. The final information is used to educate the public, business, industry, and government officials about the problem - understanding the problem is the key to finding long-lasting solutions. USPS® members provide a unique resource with their boats, accessing areas that otherwise might not be available to cleanup participants.

The Environmental Committee was formed on an *ad hoc* basis at the January 2004 Annual Meeting in Orlando. At the 2006 Annual Meeting in Orlando it was made an official committee and assigned to the organization's Executive Department. The objectives of this committee are:

- To educate the USPS® Membership
- To publicize USPS® environmental efforts internally
- To publicize USPS® environmental efforts externally

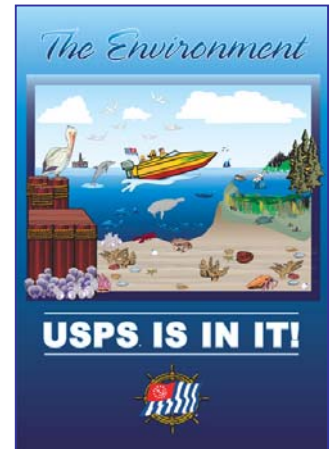
The committee has produced an *Environmental Best Practices for Boaters* brochure intended for hand out at boat shows, boating classes, Vessel Safety Checks, or wherever squadron members come in contact with the boating community. This brochure offers forty-nine best practices including:

- Trash
- Sewage
- Fueling & Spills
- Vessel Maintenance
- Aquatic Environmental Awareness
- Marine Environmental Stewardship



About 80% of marine debris in our boating environment comes from sources nowhere near the water – through storm sewer systems, major flooding events, and so forth – not from other boaters and shipping. A nationwide USPS® project, in which all members will be able to participate, is the *Unsplash That Trash* Campaign. Members and friends are encouraged to collect a bag of “maritime litter” each time they go boating, and more often than the “trash bashes” held in many boating communities once or twice-a-year. In the planning are trash bags with the slogan “Unsplash That Trash”, accompanied by the USPS logo, for distribution to boat shows, boating classes, Vessel Safety Checks, and members. An accompanying bookmark educates members and the public. The major point of the campaign is: “It doesn’t matter how the trash got there – let’s all make an effort to get it out of our boating environment!”

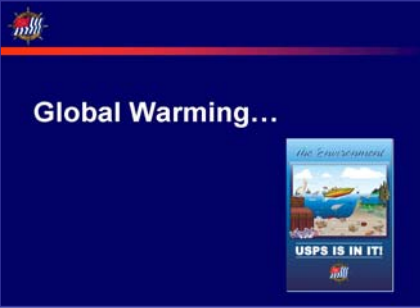
An ABC Primer brochure with information on undertaking environmental efforts is available to all squadrons. It suggests ways in which they can get involved in environmental projects on the water that will benefit their communities. “The Environment, USPS® IS IN IT!” poster’ message is targeted to all those who live, utilize, and share in our aquatic environment.



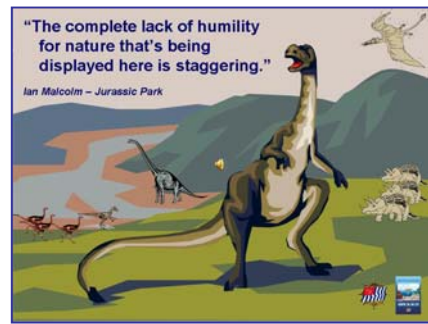
STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!

Prevent the transport of nuisance species.
Clean all recreational equipment.
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USPS® is also a partner in the ANS (Aquatic Nuisance Species) Task Force’s public awareness campaign: “Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers.” This campaign is sponsored by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the U.S. Coast Guard. The campaign educates recreational boaters concerning procedures which will help prevent the spread of harmful plants, animals, and other organisms. Individual squadrons can use these materials, put their local information on them, and take credit for the message! Making this issue part of a Vessel Safety Check conversation would be a good thing – and USPS® is working to do that. Last, but not least, the USPS®



Environmental Committee does not shy away from controversial issues. They have prepared and are presenting a 45-minute seminar on Climate Change entitled “Global Warming...the day after tomorrow?” This presentation is a common sense lesson addressing climatic modeling, the scientific method, junk science, and climate drivers from a geoscience perspective.



The seminar has been presented at national meetings, district conferences, and at local squadron meetings.

The United States Power Squadrons® has 45,000 members in over 450 squadrons throughout the United States and abroad. Its members are men, women, and young adults who volunteer and give freely of their time and energy to teach boating safety courses and seminars, provide vessel safety checks, assist the National Ocean Service in updating our nation's over 1000 nautical charts, and in other ways contribute to making boating on our waterways safer and more fun. For further information please visit the USPS Web site at www.usps.org or call (toll free) 888-367-8777.

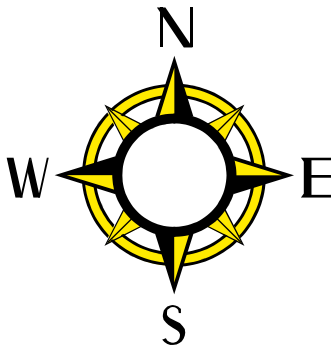
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CHANGE OF WATCH – AND BRUNCH

APRIL 20, 2008

12:00 NOON

**TWO STEPS DOWNTOWN GRILLE
5 IVES STREET, DANBURY, CT**



\$16.00 PER PERSON

(Alcoholic beverages extra)

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April 2008

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<http://www.usps.org/localusps/lakecandlewood/>



April 20, 2008	Change of Watch	Two Steps 11:30am
April 26, 2008	Boat Smart Class	Stony Hill Fire Dept 8:00am
May 31, 2008	Boat Smart Class	Stony Hill Fire Dept 8:00am
June 8, 2008	Boat Smart Class	Stony Hill Fire Dept 8:00am

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