

UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS®  
EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

**Minutes of the Open Educational Meeting**

Saturday, 10 September 2005

Portland, OR

1. R/C Richard Kyle, SN Assistant National Educational Officer, opened the meeting at 0730.
2. R/C Kyle asked for a moment of silence in memory of P/R/C Walter Johnson who passed away in July
3. R/C Kyle announced that there is a copy of *Currents* on your seat and that they should be read, copies can be made and passed on to your squadrons.
4. R/C Kyle introduced guest Mark Jadkowski, Vice President of Maptech Corporation.
5. Mr. Jadkowski announced that about 1 October they will provide a USPS website link to their website which allow members to download NOAA Charts at no charge. The charts will be able to be used with the Maptech software that comes with the Training CD in our course materials. They will be able to be printed on your own printer. We will have a Harbor Facilities website available sometime next year and will only be for Power Squadron use.
6. R/C Kyle introduced V/C Spenser Anderson, SN National Education Officer.
7. V/C Anderson introduced P/V/C Robert P. David, SN and Canadian Sail and Power Squadrons Chief Commander Serge St. Martin, SN.
8. V/C Anderson mentioned that you will hear about Boating '07 from R/C Daniels and from R/C Hugli on the Seamanship revisions. Headquarters is making changes to the HQ 800 system to simplify and ensure the MOU reporting requirement for classes and results.
9. V/C mentioned that he is favor of open membership. It would be good for the squadrons and provide a bigger base for our educational courses. This is still in the talking and planning sessions but it would do away with the various layers of membership and pricing structures. We have some great tools to utilize in your squadrons to bring in new members.
10. R/C Kyle mentioned that we have a link from our website to the McGraw Hill International Marine Website that will members a 35% discount on their publications. Also individual members will be able to buy Maptech products directly.
11. R/C Daniels gave a Power Point presentation on Boating '07. The new course is scheduled to be at the printer late spring '06 and be ready in fall '06 for the fall classes. It is designed to a 6 to 8 hour course with a closed book exam and will be a NASBLA approved course and exam. The second section will be on plotting with an open book exam. It will replace Chart Smart and length is still being determined. It will be designed

to flow right into Seamanship. Serge St. Martin mentioned that USPS will be able to use any parts of their Visual Distress Signal CD. The committee is looking for pictures and visuals to use in the course material. A new Power Point CD will come with the new course with a video section.

12. R/C Hugli gave a Power Point presentation on the new Seamanship course which will not be revamp of Boating but will be a new course on its own, no modules, one course and one exam. This will be bridge to our advanced courses. This will not have NASBLA requirements but will include material on Canadian, European, International and Caribbean sailing requirements. We are looking for writers and graphics people. We will have a section on Coast Guard requirements for a Captains License. We hope to have a beta test shortly after the Annual Meeting. We also plan on having an online version of Seamanship for those who don't have access to a nearby squadron. This is still in the planning stage.
13. R/C Kyle mentioned that we need to comply with NASBLA request for where and when we are holding Boating classes. He had R/C Governale explain the new way of using HQ 800's and ED-27's information which will go automatically to State BLA's and Headquarters. She showed how to use the procedure.
14. V/C Anderson reminded all that the USPS Educational Fund has given back over \$112,000 to the squadrons in the last four years, and they recently provided \$3,000 for the transfer of "Seamanship under Adverse Conditions" to DVD. Just today they authorized the purchase for a machine to duplicate our own CD's. Please continue to support the Fund.
15. R/C Kyle mentioned that the Marine Radio Guide has been published and is now on the shelf at Headquarters. A new guide GMDDS will be published shortly, all future guides will be in this format. All 126 Boaters World Stores will be having fishing seminars and the squadrons will be able to make a presentation at the seminars, a script and CD has been prepared for the squadrons. There is a brochure available called " Safety Tips for Anglers" that can be ordered from Headquarters and passed out at the seminars.
16. R/C Kyle called for the Committee reports. He noted that all committees have provided written reports, which have been consolidated into a single report for the DEO's who will make them available to their squadrons.
  - R/C Dave Daniels, SN Chair BPECom who introduced his Stf/C's Robert Sweet, SN and Eugene Molteni, SN and the rest of his committee members. He also asked all squadrons to hold a Boating Class during Safe Boating Week.
  - R/C Wil Hugli, SN Chair BHCom who introduced his Stf/C Florence Smith, SN and the rest of his committee members.
  - R/C Richard Pfenniger, SN Chair ICNCom who introduced his Stf/C's Lames Spencer, SN and Kenneth Griffing, SN and the rest of his committee members.
  - R/C Ann Fields, SN Chair ONCom who introduced her Stf/C Merrill Sproul, SN and the rest of her committee members.
  - R/C Walter Fields, SN Chair EMSCom who introduced his Stf/C's Harl Porter, JN and Edwin Kridler, SN and the rest of his committee members.

- R/ R/C Robert Brandenstein, SN Chair MECom who introduced his Stf/C Garry Schroeder, SN and the rest of His Committee
- R/C Pat Governale, SN Chair IDCom who introduced her Stf/C's Christopher Brown, JN and Archie Trawick, SN and the rest of her committee members.
- R/C Peter Mitchelson, SN Chair PSCom who introduced his Stf/C's Peter Nelson, SN and Stanley Petty, JN and the rest of his committee members.
- R/C William Witty, SN Chair EDOCom who introduced his committee members present.
- R/C Robert Potter, SN Chair CDCCom who introduced his Stf/C Marlys Vickers, SN and the rest of his committee members.

17. R/C Kyle thanked everyone for coming and reminded all about the EXPO at the Annual Meeting in Orlando. It will put emphasis the whole Education Dept. not just the courses.

18. R/C Kyle adjourned the meeting at 0915.

Respectfully submitted,

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