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**USPS Environmental Committee Report
Fall Governing Board September 2005**

Activity since USPS Spring Governing Board Meeting, June 2005:

- **USPS Boating Environmental Best Practices**

The USPS Boating Environmental Best Practices brochure final design was selected & graphics purchased (in-kind contribution). The graphic artist still needs to place the high resolution graphics into the file. Once the final file is ready, this brochure will be available on the EnvCom web page for download. The brochure will have space for individual squadron contact information and is intended for hand out at boat shows, boating classes, VSC's, or wherever squadrons come in contact with the boating community.

- **Unsplash That Trash Campaign**

Additional quotes for USPS imprinted trash bags were received. The intent is for boaters to collect a bag of "maritime litter" each time we go out, or at least more often than once-a-year "trash bashes" held in many boating communities. The campaign message: it doesn't matter how the trash got there, let's all make an effort to get it out of our boating environment. Again, these bags are intended for hand out at boat shows, boating classes, VSC's, or wherever squadrons come in contact with the boating community.

- **Grant Proposal**

Grant proposal information was submitted to Jean O'Connell & Associates for application preparation for funding the above referenced projects through the NOAA Fisheries Service Marine Debris Prevention and Removal Project Grant program. Budget estimates for both campaigns, in-kind donation amounts, USPS squadron environmental project information, information on possibly similar brochures, and statistics on marine debris & trash was provided for the request.

A separate attached document has additional details on the above items.

- **Mariner's Environment Guide**

Progress continues (but slowly) on the guide. A final detail outline is complete (attached as separate document), and story board detail infill is proceeding.

- **Squadron Projects**

Information from additional squadrons has come in. The primary committee effort for the remainder of the year will be documenting squadron activities.

- **Partnerships**

CleanBoating.org: website no longer exists, email bounces, left message – haven't called back.

Sea Partners (USCG) political issues

- **Personnel**

The committee count now stands at 14 members with two resignations and one new addition since June. One of the 14 will not go forward in 2006, and 1-2 members have not actively participated to date. The estimate for a formal count when the committee is officially sanctioned in January is 13. A staff commander recommendation has been made: D/FI/Lt Andrea T. Davis, AP, St. Paul Sail & Power Squadron, D/10.

- **PR**

Information on the committee & activities was provided to Ryck Lydecker, Assistant Vice President for Government Affairs, Boat Owners Association of The United States and Associate Editor, BoatU.S. magazine, at his request, for inclusion in remarks at an Aquatic Stewardship symposium at the American Fisheries Society annual meeting in September (heard about the committee through *The Ensign* & contacted past chief's Ted Smith & Lance Jensen who forwarded the request).

- **Annual Meeting EXPO 2006**

Efforts are underway for the EnvCom EXPO display. Volvo Penta will be providing 2000 copies of their "Boating and the Environment" publication. BoatUS environmental materials are being ordered, as well as various federal, state & local brochures & posters.

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