

Excellence Award

Squadron/District Meriden - #3210

Evaluation Date 9/11/2008

District Affiliation 1

Required Items

In compliance?
(Y/N)

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|---|---|---|
| 1 | Link to USPS.org on Home (opening) page | Y |
| 2 | Subtitle below squadron name
"A unit of United States Power Squadrons ®"
Sail and Power Boating | Y |
| 3 | (squadron) Link to District Website | Y |
| 4 | (district) Links to squadron websites | |
| 5 | Link to USPS Privacy statement on home page at bottom | Y |
| 6 | Link to USPS Trademark reference on home page at bottom | Y |
| 7 | Link to USPS Disclaimer statement on home page at bottom | Y |
| 8 | Active e-mail link to Webmaster on home page | Y |
| 9 | Website must display current information on appropriate pages. | Y |

A1 Identify purpose of the squadron/district/USPS

		point range						Pts
		Highest	← →				Lowest	Awd
1	0-5 Identify purpose of Unit	5	4	3	2	1	0	5
2	0-3 Identify purpose of USPS			3	2	1	0	2

Comments: Very clear message

A2) Identification of squadron/district area of activity.

1	0-1 Description of location of Unit					1	0	1
2	0-1 Map showing location					1	0	1

Comments: Good

A3) Explanation of the benefits of membership

1	0-3 Description of benefits described			3	2	1	0	3
2	0-2 Links to USPS benefits page				2	1	0	2

Comments: Nice description

A4) Display of USPS emblems and logos.

1	0-1 Ensign					1	0	1
2	0-1 USPS Wheel					1	0	1
3	0-1 Activity Triangle					1	0	1
4	0-1 America's Boating Club (logo)					1	0	1
5	0-2 Boating is fun..We'll show you how (must be on top half of home page)			2	1	0	0	2

Comments: Very complete

A5) What we do, show the fun we have.

1	0-3 Description of the fun we have.			3	2	1	0	2
2	0-3 Photos showing unit activities			3	2	1	0	3

Comments: Excellent photos

A6) Presentation of Vessel Safety Check Program

1	0-3 Explanation of the program			3	2	1	0	2
2	0-1 Correct decal - proportionally sized				2	1	0	2
3	0-1 Pre-check list provided					1	0	1
4	0-1 Contact information					1	0	1

Comments: Pre-check list was in the form of "15 reasons why examination failed"

A7) Contacts for various activities

1	0-1 Public boating course contact(s)					1	0	1
2	0-1 Members course(s) contact(s)					1	0	1
3	0-1 Event(s) contact(s)					1	0	1

Comments: Very easy to find

A8) Current Activities/Educational calendars available

1	0-2	Public Boating Course (zero points if contact missing)	2	1	0	2
2	0-2	Members course(s) (zero points if contact missing)	2	1	0	1
3	0-2	Events (zero points if contact missing)	2	1	0	2
4	calc	Number of pages with dates over 45 days old.				0
Comments:		No member courses listed on calendar. Boating course schedule is by link to National's web site.				

A9) Identification of the bridge, committee members & contacts

1	0-1	Bridge listed	1	0		1
2	0-1	Bridge photo(s) 1 point if more than 2 photos	1	0		1
3	0-2	Five (5) or more committee contacts listed	2	1	0	2
Comments:		Scaling of photos needs to be checked - are the Commander & Secretary really that tall and narrow?				

B1) Presentation quality and correctness.

1	0-3	Readability and Grammer	3	2	1	0	3
2	Calc.	Spelling errors, number.					0
Comments:		Good 1 point reduction per error					

B2) Quality of photographs and graphics.

1	0-2	Clear - Undistorted	2	1	0	1
2	0-2	Good color balance (not dark or over exposed)	2	1	0	2
3	0-2	Appropriately sized for application	2	1	0	2
Comments:		All OK except for scaling of Bridge photos				

B3) Active Linkages & Navigation

1	0-2	Ease of Navigation	2	1	0	2
2	0-2	Links easy to identify	2	1	0	2
3	0-1	Links identify the subject	2	1	0	2
4	Calc.	Broken links, number				0
Comments:		Easy navigation Maximum deduct -10 points				

B4) Resource Linkages

1	0-3	USPS Links, 10 or more for 3 points	3	2	1	0	3
2	0-3	Non-commercial Links, 10 or more for 3 points	3	2	1	0	2
3	0-3	Commercial Links, 10 or more for 3 points	3	2	1	0	3
4	Calc.	Disclaimer statement on Commercial Links page Y or N					Y
Comments:		Excellent selection of links For the above point determination; 10 or more links 3 points, 5 to 9 links 2 points, 1 to 4 links 1 point. <i>If disclaimer statement is missing zero points for this section.</i>					

B5) Ability to read the message.

1	0-2	Font - size and style	2	1	0	2
2	0-2	Font color, good contrast	2	1	0	2
3	0-2	Appropriate use of text space	2	1	0	2
4	0-2	Appropriate background. one point for no background	2	1	0	1
Comments:		Very clear <i>Backgrounds which make reading page difficult zero points.</i>				

C1) Heading descriptive & appealing

1	0-3	Home page, unique header (graphic)	3	2	1	0	2
2	0-2	All pages have informative header	2	1	0		2
Comments:		Clean					

C2) Consistent format across pages.

1	0-3	Consistent format across pages	3	2	1	0	3
Comments:		Easy to read					

C3) Use of photos and/or graphics

1	0-5	Use of graphics to enhance message of website	5	4	3	2	1	0	4
Comments:		Good message							

C4) Additional Website Features

1	0-1	Inclusion of USPS News RSS feed	1	0			1
2	0-1	Listing of area of location on the USPS list of websites	1	0			1
Comments:		go to http://www.usps.org/localusps/squadrans.shtml If scoring a district website item 2 is to be given one point					

Comments Good

D1) Overall impression of quality and effectiveness of the site

1	0-2	How well did you like the site, was it effective in presenting USPS and the unit to the public	2	1	0	2
2	0-2	If you were a non-member, would this site have increased your interest in USPS?	2	1	0	2
3	0-2	Would you be proud of having this website represent your unit or district:	2	1	0	2

Comments: This is a high-quality web site. Congratulations!

Total Points Scored 91