

**United States Power Squadrons, 2008 Website Awards Tally Sheet**  
Revised 7-29-08

**Final Score 85**

**Excellence Award**

Squadron/District **Akron**

Evaluation. Date **9/12/2008**

District Affiliation **7**

**Required Items**

In compliance?

(Y/N)

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

**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	<b>5</b>
2	0-3 Identify purpose of USPS			3	2	1	0	<b>3</b>
Comments:								

**A2) Identification of squadron/district area of activity.**

1	0-1 Description of location of Unit						1	0	<b>1</b>
2	0-1 Map showing location						1	0	<b>1</b>
Comments:									

**A3) Explanation of the benefits of membership**

1	0-3 Description of benefits described			3	2	1	0	<b>3</b>
2	0-2 Links to USPS benefits page				2	1	0	<b>2</b>
Comments:								

**A4) Display of USPS emblems and logos.**

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

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

1	0-3 Description of the fun we have.			3	2	1	0	<b>3</b>
2	0-3 Photos showing unit activities			3	2	1	0	<b>3</b>
Comments: Loved your captions, they really tell the story of your fun								

**A6) Presentation of Vessel Safety Check Program**

1	0-3 Explanation of the program			3	2	1	0	<b>0</b>
2	0-1 Correct decal - proportionally sized				2	1	0	<b>2</b>
3	0-1 Pre-check list provided					1	0	<b>0</b>
4	0-1 Contact information					1	0	<b>1</b>
Comments: On all 3 of my computers I had to enlarge your decal to 150% to make it readable								

**A7) Contacts for various activities**

1	0-1 Public boating course contact(s)						1	0	<b>1</b>
2	0-1 Members course(s) contact(s)						1	0	<b>1</b>
3	0-1 Event(s) contact(s)						1	0	<b>1</b>
Comments:									

**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	2
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:						

**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:		I took your committee contacts for calendar, it was hard to find, but it was all there				

**B1) Presentation quality and correctness.**

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

**B2) Quality of photographs and graphics.**

1	0-2	Clear - Undistorted	2	1	0	2
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:						

**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				8
Comments:		Maximum deduct -10 points				

The following links do not open: Strike First, SB786 Proposes, Coast Guard Hoax call, New Ohio Laws, Boating Education, La Cigale, National Data Buoy Center, Office of Coastal Survey NOAA. The other link that does open, but seems strange to me is Great Lakes Water Levels Rise is from the Green Bay Gazette and has nothing to do with boating as far as I can see.

**B4) Resource Linkages**

1	0-3	USPS Links, 10 or more for 3 points	3	2	1	0	2
2	0-3	Non-commercial Links, 10 or more for 3 points	3	2	1	0	3
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:		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. <i>one point for no background</i>	2	1	0	2
Comments:		<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	3
2	0-2	All pages have informative header	2	1	0		2
Comments:							

**C2) Consistent format across pages.**

1	0-3	Consistent format across pages	3	2	1	0	3
Comments:							

**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:									

**C4) Additional Website Features**

1	0-1	Inclusion of USPS News RSS feed	1	0	0
2	0-1	Listing of area of location on the USPS list of websites go to <a href="http://www.usps.org/localusps/squadrons.shtml">http://www.usps.org/localusps/squadrons.shtml</a>	1	0	1

If scoring a district website item 2 is to be given one point

Comments

**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

There is one item required and I don't know where you would put it. They want either Sail and Power Boating as part of your name or under the statement "a unit of United States Power Squadrons". I think you have it covered in many places on your home page, but you might want to check with

Comments: IT Committee.

Total Points Scored 85