

Excellence Award

Squadron/District **Grand Lake**

Evaluation Date **10/1/2009**

District Affiliation **31**

**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   | <b>Y</b> |
| 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 Awd
range		Highest	←				Lowest	
1	0-5 Identify purpose of Unit	5	4	3	2	1	0	<b>4</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: Nice photos of lake with the map									

**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 for 2 points)				2	1	0	<b>2</b>		
6	0-3 ABC3 Logo with Link to USPS ABC web page points on home page, 2 points other location, 1 point for text only link.	3		3	2	1	0	<b>2</b>		
Comments: USPS Ensign & Triangle would be better on the Home page										

**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: Good selection of photos - lots of fun!									

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

1	0-3 Explanation of the program			3	2	1	0	<b>2</b>	
2	0-1 Correct decal - proportionally sized				2	1	0	<b>2</b>	
3	0-1 Pre-check list provided					1	0	<b>1</b>	
4	0-1 Contact information					1	0	<b>1</b>	
Comments: Good photos of VSC activities									

**A7) Current Activities/Educational calendars available**

1	0-2 Public Boating Course (zero points if contact missing)					2	1	0	<b>2</b>
2	0-2 Members course(s) (zero points if contact missing)					2	1	0	<b>1</b>

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				0
Comments: [REDACTED]							
<b>A8) Identification of the bridge, committee members &amp; contacts</b>							
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) of more committee contacts listed		2	1	0	2
Comments: Very complete - good photos [REDACTED]							
<b>B1) Presentation quality and correctness.</b>							
1	0-3	Readability and Grammer		3	2	1	0
2	Calc.	Spelling errors, number.	0				3
1 point reduction per error							
Comments: [REDACTED]							
<b>B2) Quality of photographs and graphics.</b>							
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: Excellent variety of photos [REDACTED]							
<b>B3) Active Linkages &amp; Navigation</b>							
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	1				-1
Maximum deduct -10 points							
Comments: Skipper Saver link on "Benefits" page broken [REDACTED]							
<b>B4) Resource Linkages</b>							
1	0-3	USPS Links, 10 or more for 3 points		3	2	1	0
2	0-3	Non-commercial Links, 10 or more for 3 points		3	2	1	0
3	0-3	Commercial Links, 10 or more for 3 points		3	2	1	0
4	Calc.	Disclaimer statement on Commercial Links page Y or N	Y				1
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>							
Comments: Some interesting links [REDACTED]							
<b>B5) Ability to read the message.</b>							
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
<i>Backgrounds which make reading page difficult zero points.</i>							
Comments: Yellow background on Safe Boating page gives eye strain [REDACTED]							
<b>C1) Heading descriptive &amp; appealing</b>							
1	0-3	Home page, unique header (graphic)		3	2	1	0
2	0-2	All pages have informative header		2	1	0	2
Comments: [REDACTED]							
<b>C2) Consistent format across pages.</b>							
1	0-3	Consistent format across pages		3	2	1	0
Comments: [REDACTED]							
<b>C3) Use of photos and/or graphics</b>							
1	0-5	Use of graphics to enhance message of website	5	4	3	2	1
Comments: [REDACTED]							
<b>C4) Additional Website Features</b>							
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
go to <a href="http://www.usps.org/localusps/squadrons.shtml">http://www.usps.org/localusps/squadrons.shtml</a>							
<i>If scoring a district website item 2 is to be given one point</i>							
Comments: [REDACTED]							
<b>D1) Overall impression of quality and effectiveness of the site</b>							
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	1
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	1
		Comments: More USPS logos on the Home page would be nice				
			Total Points Scored	88		