

Excellence Award

Squadron/District **Akron**

Evaluation Date **10/15/2009**

District Affiliation **7**

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 | y |
| 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	←				→	Awd
range		5	4	3	2	1	0	
1	0-5 Identify purpose of Unit						0	5
2	0-3 Identify purpose of USPS			3	2	1	0	3
Comments: 								

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: 									

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: 									

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 for 2 points)				2	1	0			2
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			1

The link to ABC3 is hard to find - but it is there - at the bottom of the education page - under the title "if you cannot attend one of the above classes" - so a point was awarded -

Comments: **'a squeaker' if we've ever seen one!**

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

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

A6) Presentation of Vessel Safety Check Program

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

Mention of the VSC is jammed into lower right corner of home page - with no room for a good explanation or pre-check list

Comments:

A7) 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.				
Comments:		.				

A8) 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) of more committee contacts listed	2	1	0	0
Comments:		.				

B1) Presentation quality and correctness.

1	0-3	Readability and Grammer	3	2	1	0	3
2	Calc.	Spelling errors, number.					
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				2
Comments:		Maximum deduct -10 points http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/odnr/watercraft/ - directory listing denied, http://www.nauticalcharts.gov/viewer/ - server not found .				

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	2
3	0-3	Commercial Links, 10 or more for 3 points	3	2	1	0	2
4	Calc.	Disclaimer statement on Commercial Links page Y or N					y

For the above point determination; 10 or more links 3 points,
5 to 9 links 2 points, 1 to 4 links 1 point.

If disclaimer statement is missing zero points for this section.

Comments: Links are not organized: gvt, non-commercial, commercial - hard to determine how many in each category .

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	2
Comments:		Backgrounds which make reading page difficult zero points. .				

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:		Good looking tab system on home page and secondary pages .					

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	5
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	1	0		1
Comments:		go to http://www.usps.org/localusps/squadrons.shtml				

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

Comments [redacted]

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

One small thing to fix next time you are maintaining - when you send the user off on a link, and you open a new window for them - make sure that they can "get back" to the original page they were on After looking at your site I have about 10 windows open (9 too many!)

Comments:

Total Points Scored 86