

United States Power Squadrons, 2007 Website Awards Tally Sheet

Squadron/District **Mohawk Hudson**

Evaluation. Date **14-Oct**

District Affiliation **2**

Required Items

In compliance?

(Y/N)

1	Link to USPS.org on Home (opening) page	y
	Subtitle below squadron name	y
2	"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	y

A1 Identify purpose of the squadron/district/USPS

range			point range						Pts Awd
			Highest					Lowest	
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	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	0
Comments:					

A3) Explanation of the benfits of membership

1	0-3	Description of benefits described	3	2	1	0	1
2	0-2	Links to USPS benefits page		2	1	0	0
Comments:		Home page has a nice invitation to join but it does not connect to an explicit page of benefits for converting prospects					

A4) Display of USPS emblems and logos.

Display: 100									
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A5) What we do, show the fun we have.

1	0-3	Description of the fun we have.	3	2	1	0	1
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	3
2	0-1	Correct decal - proportionally sized			1	0	1
3	0-1	Pre-check list provided			1	0	1
4	0-1	Contact information			1	0	0
Comments:		Relies on http://safetyseal.net/GetVSC/ so no squadron-level content					

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:					

A8) Current Activities/Educational calendars available

1	0-2	Public Boating Course (zero points if contact missing)	2	1	0	0
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	1
4	calc	Number of pages with dates over 45 days old.				

Comments: Calendars for Nov and Dec not available so only one meeting and non-pbc class are visible. Education and Electives pages did not have dates on them, only email link

A9) Identification of the bridge, committee members & contacts

1	0-1	Bridge listed	1	0	1
2	0-1	Bridge photo(s)	1	0	0
3	0-2	Five (5) of more committee contacts listed	2	1	0

Comments: wish the bridge had contact info -- only email is the webmaster. However this may be because there is a members only area I did not get into.

B1) Presentation quality and correctness.

1	0-3	Readability and Grammar				3	2	1	0	3
2	Calc.	Spelling errors, number.								

1 point reduction per error

Comments:

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	0

The images are outstanding, but the page load times are significant even over broadband, especially the home and calendar pages. Home page has 78 items on it, each requiring a server request. The .png images look like they would be smaller files saved as JPGs with lower 'quality' or GIFs. Web users have gotten impatient and will click away easily. Love the look once it loads!

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				

Maximum deduct -10 points

Comments:

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	1
4	Calc.	Disclaimer statement on Commercial Links page Y or N					

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:

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: 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:

C2) Consistent format across pages.

1	0-3	Consistent format across pages	3	2	1	0	3
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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) Animated Graphics

1	0-3	Use of animated graphics, appropriate and add interest of the website			3	2	1	0	0
Comments:									

C5) 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 http://www.usps.org/localusps/squadrons.shtml If scoring a district website item 2 is to be given one point	1	0	1
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
Comments:		Beautiful pages, highly professional look! It should impress the heck out of prospects and members.				
Total Points Scored					72	