Can’t Wait to See You in Jacksonville!

Your National Bridge officers, Nancy, and I can’t wait to see you in Jacksonville at the United States Power Squadrons’ 2015 Annual Meeting. The meeting is open to all members. We invite you to attend and hope to see you there!

I’m excited that this year’s meeting has something of value for every participant. The detailed agenda is posted on the USPS website, and I encourage you to read on in this newsletter to see the day-by-day schedule of official business sessions, seminars, and social outings and activities that await you from Wednesday, 21 January through Saturday, 24 January.

Come enjoy all that Jacksonville and USPS have to offer!

— Chief Commander Robert Baldridge, SN

Deadlines: Our group rate at the Hyatt is through 28 December (subject to room availability). While walk-in registration is available for meeting activities starting 0800 Wednesday, 21 January, at the hotel, please pre-register online to avoid disappointment, save time, and help us to help you enjoy the meeting.
Meeting Agenda

Click on the links to see the detailed Meeting Agenda and the official Call to Meeting. The Call to Meeting includes a proposed revision to the USPS bylaws to ensure unaffiliated members are represented and the Committee on Nominations’ unanimous recommendation for officer and staff appointments.

There are no official functions from Monday, 19 January through Wednesday, 21 January.

Optional outings and social activities begin Wednesday, 21 January and continue through Saturday, 24 January.

Thursday, 22 January, is devoted to committee meetings. You are welcome to attend and participate in all open sessions. Closed sessions will be noted in the meeting program in Jacksonville.

Friday, 23 January, is devoted to department meetings, free seminars, Leadership Development training, EXPO, the Teaching Aid and Youth Poster contests, and more!

Saturday, 24 January, is when we hold our Annual Meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you are authorized to vote, please be sure to pick up your voting card before this session.

Forgot Something?

You can find what you need—and more—at the Ship’s Store! Stop in and see what’s new!

Dress Code

Monday, 19 January—Wednesday, 21 January
USPS casual or appropriate attire

Thursday, 22 January
- Day: USPS casual or appropriate attire
- Evening: Blazer w/tie or appropriate after-six attire

Friday, 23 January
- Day: USPS blazer w/tie, open-collar or polo shirts, or other appropriate attire
- Evening: No official functions

Saturday, 24 January
- Day: Uniform F
  - Men: Regulation long-sleeve white shirt with black four-in-hand tie, black uniform trousers, black belt (if worn), black socks, black shoes, or other appropriate attire
  - Women: Regulation long-sleeve white blouse with black cross-over tie, black skirt or slacks, black shoes, black purse (if any), or other appropriate attire
- Evening: Uniform A with bow tie or USPS blazer with tie for men; evening attire or party dresses for women
Activities & Voter Registration

Starting Wednesday, 21 January (Sky Bridge, 2nd level)
- 0800 - 1700 Wednesday, 21 January (Activities)
- 1300 - 1630 Wednesday, 21 January (Voter Registration)
- 0730 - 1630 Thursday, 22 January (Activities)
- 0800 - 1630 Thursday, 22 January (Voter Registration)
- 0700 - 1700 Friday, 23 January (Activities)
- 0900 - 1630 Friday, 23 January (Voter Registration)

Saturday, 24 January (Back of Grand Ballroom 4-8)
- 0800 - 1100 (Activities and Voter Registration)

Table Displays—Open 0800 - 1700

Starting Wed, 21 January (0800 - 1700, Sky Bridge, 2nd level)
- First Timers
- Membership
- 2015 Governing Board Meeting (San Diego, CA)
- 2016 Annual Meeting (Orlando, FL)
- 2016 USPS Cruise of the Western Caribbean (Wed & Thurs, see flyer on page x)

Starting Thurs, 22 January (0800 - 1700, 3rd level)
- Silent Auction & Jewelry
- NOAA (Weather Service)
- Parade of Publications
- McGriff, Seibels & Williams Boat Insurance
- Marketing & Public Relations
- Boating Skills Virtual Trainer (Thursday only)

Starting Fri, 23 January (0900 - 1600, St. John’s Room)
- Teaching Aid Display

EXPO—Open 0900 - 1700 Friday, 23 January
Be sure to visit our partners and committee volunteers, vote for your favorite posters in the Youth Poster Contest, and take a chance on the raffle at the Member Benefits table!
Training for Members—Offered by
American Heart Association-Certified USPS Instructors

0800 – 1700: Save a Life—Learn CPR and First Aid
The CPR/First Aid for Boaters class is filling up. The cut-off date for registration is 14 January. If you have taken a class two or more years ago, your certification has expired. Please consider taking or recertifying in this life-saving course before your skills are needed. For more information about the course, fees ($75+$15 CPR face mask), and to register, click here.

Activities for Members, Family Members, and Guests
Please pre-register—Prices are for registrations after 14 December

0900 – 1500: Golf Outing
Your shuttle bus leaves the hotel at 0900 for a 1000 tee time at an 18-hole former PGA course 20 minutes away. Price includes green fees and bus transportation. Bring your own clubs or rent for an additional fee. Stay for a light lunch on your own at the 19th hole.  

0930 – 1130: Downtown “Top to Bottom” Walking Tour
Your professional tour guide meets you at the Hyatt to show you Jacksonville from its skyline views to its mysterious sub-city streets, tunnels, and vaults. The leisurely two-hour tour includes several relaxing stops while viewing buildings and a silent movie revealing the story of Jacksonville as the “First Hollywood.” The award-winning tour is rated EXCELLENT by Trip Advisor.  

1230 – 1630: A Taste of Jacksonville Tour
Tour Jacksonville’s most popular factories. Discover the story behind Peterbrooke Chocolatier and take a look at the Anheuser-Busch brewing process. End the tour in the brewery’s Hospitality Room where you can relax while sampling from Anheuser-Busch’s extensive product line. 

1300 – 1500: Painting with a Twist
A skilled artist shows you step by step how to create a preselected painting. Workshop includes canvas, paint and aprons as well as a complimentary glass of wine or champagne. Enjoy a fun afternoon in the hotel, and leave the cleanup to someone else.  

Come for the Boating Education... Stay for the Friends!SM
## What’s Happening
### Thursday, 22 January

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### Department Luncheons (Pre-Registration Required)

#### Educational Department
- 1215 - 1345, River Terrace 3

#### Administrative Department
- 1215 - 1345, Grand Ballroom 1

#### Secretary’s Department
- 1215 - 1345, Grand Ballroom 2

#### Treasurer’s Department
- 1215 - 1345, Conference Center A

#### District Commanders & Executive Officers—Reception & Luncheon
- 1200 - 1230, River Terrace Foyer
- 1230 - 1400, River Terrace 2

### Evening Functions

#### Century Fund Reception
- 1630 - 1730

#### New Life Members Reception & Awards
- 1800 - 1900, Grand Ballroom 3-4

#### Awards Dinner
(dinner by reservation)
- 1900 - 2200, Grand Ballroom 5
- 2000 - 2200, Open for everyone

### Beaches Tour & Culhane’s
**0900 - 1500** Collectively known as *The Beaches*, this area of Jacksonville has its own culture: Salt Life. At lunchtime, shop and eat at The Beaches Town Center or travel to Culhane’s Irish Pub, made famous by The Food Channel. **Price: $62.**
Business Meetings & Seminars

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Keynote Speaker & Topic

- Bob McKenzie, President, McKenzieHR
- The Only Person Who Looks Forward to Change is a Wet Baby: A Presentation on the Dynamics of Change and Dealing with Multiple Generations

For Bob’s background and experience, see page 5 of our November newsletter.

Leadership Development 101

USPS is pleased to offer LD 101, the first of a three-course program designed for USPS that is useful for leadership in any all-volunteer situation. Course author Stf/C Anita F. Walker, JN, will lead the day-long training. To see the course outline and to pre-register, look here.

Department Luncheons

(Pre-Registration Required)

Executive Department
- 1215 - 1345, Grand Ballroom 1-2

Evening Functions

1st Timers Reception
- 1530 - 1700

Jewish Services
- 1730 - 1815, City Terrace 6

Nautical Card Making

1000 - 1200 Join us for two hours of crafting, as we create four nautical cards that are perfect for any occasion. Once you see how these are done, you can make your own at home. The class is open to 40 participants and the cost covers the materials required. Price: $35.
Welcome to Jacksonville and the United States Power Squadrons Annual Meeting! We’re glad you’re here and look forward to a terrific meeting. We’ll make new friends and catch up with the old ones, have some fun, learn a lot, and even do a little business. It’s going to be well worth the trip. This meeting closes out our 100th Anniversary Celebration and starts the second year of our second century. You won’t want to miss what we have scheduled, and I hope you enjoy your stay in Jacksonville. - C/C Robert A. Baldridge, SN
Friday Seminars

Come for the Education...

Seminars (0915 - 1030)

- **Sea Scouts (Grand Ballroom 5)**
  Focuses on the new District Sea Scout Liaison position and to lesser extent on the new Squadron Sea Scout Liaison position. Topics include what to do and how to get started.

- **Training for Squadrons—Member Involvement (Grand Ballroom 6)**

- **New Directions in Partnership (Grand Ballroom 7)**
  Provides information and answers questions regarding *Government and Partner Relations Committee (GPRCom)* activities. The three main areas to be discussed are:
  1. Lobbying: the new “L” word - how to avoid injury when elephants and donkeys fight;
  2. USPS and the USCG Auxiliary – A Partnership for the 21st Century;
  3. Memoranda of Understanding.

  Please join us to learn more about these exciting activities and find out what you can do and what GPRCom can do for you. *Presenter: Greg Korstad*

  Informs USPS members and instructors of updates to the National Weather Service marine program, and from basic to advanced, to show how a recreational boater can get weather information to help make informed decisions. There will be PowerPoint slides, a question and answer session, and online internet demonstrations of how to be your own weather briefer. *Presenter: Wayne Weeks,* and we hope to have assistance from the Jacksonville, FL Weather Forecast Office.

Seminars (1100 - 1215)

- **What’s New with Member Benefits (Grand Ballroom 5)**
  US Power Squadrons has many benefits, but did you know that by using one or two you can recoup the cost of your dues? Come learn what they are, the latest news, hear the details from some of our partners and learn tips and tricks on how to make your members more aware of the benefits! *Presenter: R/C Kristi Anderson, P*

- **The 4 Tenets of High-Performance Organizations (Grand Ballroom 6)**
  *Presenter: Keynote Speaker Bob McKenzie*

- **“Packaging” Squadron Rejuvenation (Grand Ballroom 7)**
  This is a program for every squadron size and condition. Using it, a squadron looks at itself and finds the many possibilities for building its future success. *Presenters: Stf/C L. Margaret Barber, SN, R/C Greg Scotten, SN and P/D/C Robert Barber, SN*

- **Offshore Navigation, 3000 BCE—The Nile River to Ireland & Return (Grand Ballroom 8)**
  Describes the sailing Harp Trips from the Nile River to Ireland, c 3000 BCE. The seafarers were searching for gold and copper and developed the necessary capability to sail the world. A system of symbols was developed to safeguard the locations of the copper and gold customers, suppliers and storage facilities. The symbols can be decoded by: a) counting, b) measuring angles, and c) understanding ancient celestial navigation instruments and techniques. The reality of the Harp Trip, 5000 years ago, became *myth, math, metaphor and music.*
Come for (More) Education...

Seminars (1400 - 1515)

- **Database 2000—DB2000 (Grand Ballroom 5)**
  DB2000 is software used to maintain your membership information as well as to submit OD-1, OD-2, and Merit Marks and other filings. Learn how to install, update, and use this system. Having problems using DB2000? Come and have your questions answered. Watch demonstrations of how to use DB2000 to maximum benefit. *Presenter: P/R/C John Bradley, SN*

- **Radio Procedures for Squadron Emergency Response Assistance Teams (Grand Ballroom 6)**
  Covers the recommended radio procedures and terminology to be used by SERAT vessels and the numbering system established for SERAT units. *Captain Tim Barrett* of Sanibel Fire and Rescue will address the value of SERAT units and how they relate to the emergency services community.

- **Make the Interactive Online Seminars Work For Your Squadron (Grand Ballroom 7)**
  Learn how to take advantage of the membership leads sent to your squadron for interactive online students in your area. Discover an approach that will allow your squadron to use an interactive seminar as a tool to aid in instructing a small group. *Presenters: D/Lt Eileen Rickard, SN and Stf/C Andy Sumberg, SN*

- **Spirit of America, America’s Premier Youth Boating Education Programs (Grand Ballroom 8)**
  *Foundation representatives* will share Spirit of America’s 20 years’ experience growing a new generation of safe-smart boaters. They’ll describe hands-on education for family and community programming with National Partners, what works and what doesn’t, future growth plans; review skills-based, hands-on, boating- and water-based recreational activities curriculum; and discuss new drowning prevention and equipment awareness curriculum components, with special programs designed for populations that are drowning at disproportionate rates. You’ll also hear about five water safety competencies and on-water skills-based training.

Seminars (1530 - 1645)

- **Focus on Member Orientation (Grand Ballroom 5)**
  A round table discussion on the present and future of Officer Training. All Squadron and District members who are interested in the best of today and changes for the good of the future are encouraged to attend. *Presenter: R/C Kay Simkins, AP*

- **SailAngle (Grand Ballroom 6)**
  Come learn tips and tricks as well as the basics of how to use SailAngle. This is a question and answer session so bring your questions! *Presenter: Randy White*

- **On The Water Training for 2015 (Grand Ballroom 7)**
  Thinking about on-the-water training? Learn about the latest updates to the USPS on-the-water training curriculum and beta testing of the Offshore Navigator program, the top level for Boat Operator Certification. Learn about planned adjustments to the Basic Powerboat Handling program to address emerging standards and that will benefit the BOC Inland Navigator and Practical On-the-Water training programs. If you’re an instructor, SEO, DEO, or BOC Certifier, you won’t want to miss this presentation. *Presenter: R/C*
Come for (Even More) Education...

Seminars (1530 - 1645)

- Charting a New Course with Junior Sailing (Grand Ballroom 8)
  When strategic thinking, innovative programming, youthful enthusiasm and dedicated volunteers come together anything is possible! This team presentation will share how the Seneca Sail and Power Squadron increased membership, lowered its average member age, and grew participation in advanced courses and electives while having, literally, a boatload of fun on the water.  Presenter: Tom Alley

2-Hour Presentation Descriptions

- Boating Skills Virtual Trainer: Details on new functionality, lessons and usage
  Boating Skills Virtual Trainer:  Gen 2 news, how to incorporate into training and detailed troubleshooting and set-up.  Presenters:  P/C Lisa Herndon, AP  and P/R/C Robert Palmer, SN-IN
  Friday 0900-1100—City Terrace 12—3rd Floor

- Leadership Development: Why Won’t They Do What I Want Them To Do!
  The seminar discusses the reasons and obstacles that people “won’t do what the leader wants.”  Ideas and practical solutions are proposed and attendees are encouraged to provide other ideas for solutions. Besides motivation, one of the biggest obstacles is the maze of communication. Ideas and a road map to overcome some of these obstacles are provided and discussed. The wrap up to the seminar is how we motivate people so “they will do what we want.”  Presenter:  R/C Susan Darcy, JN
  Friday 0900-1100—Orlando—3rd Floor

- USPS Squadron District and General Members Meeting
  This meeting will have presentations by the national bridge on important topics and current affairs of USPS. Of primary importance are motions to be voted on at Saturday’s meeting. Discussion time is somewhat limited on Saturday, so this is your opportunity to discuss the issues with the national officers.
  Friday 1400-1600—River Terrace 1 —3rd Floor

- Lawyers Unchained Present Law School for Squadrons
  Ever gotten a letter from a lawyer demanding a large payment for using a poem or picture in your squadron website? Or questions from a taxing authority about your tax-exempt status? Serve liquor or hold a raffle? Want to know how to put a shield between your squadron and potential liability? Want to know what you can/can't do and be protected by USPS insurance? Join your USPS lawyers—unchained—as they take you through this maze of legal challenges. Be it be booze or gambling, taxes or copyright, they'll show you how to dodge the bullets, or if you can't, how to go "shields up!"  Presenter:  R/C David Allen, Jr., SN
  Friday 1430-1630—Grand Ballroom  5—2nd Floor

... And stay for the Friends!
All Aboard: USPS 2016 Caribbean Cruise!

When:
21–28 February 2016 (following the USPS Annual Meeting)
Roundtrip from Ft. Lauderdale on Holland America MS Nieuw Amsterdam*
*This is the same beautiful ship we sailed on for the 2014 Centennial cruise.

Itinerary:
Half Moon Cay, Bahamas; Grand Cayman; Cozumel, Mexico; Key West

Pricing from $799:
- Inside stateroom from $799pp
- Outside stateroom from $919pp
- Verandah stateroom from $1,099pp
- Suite from $1,799pp
Price doesn’t include $144.23pp taxes & port fees. Travel protection & transfers are additional.

Sale! Take advantage of the 21 January–4 February 2015 Cruise Sale!
Enjoy reduced deposits and an on-board value coupon booklet!

Very Important! To be included in the USPS group, receive group benefits, and participate in group events, all passengers (USPS members and friends) MUST book with Dawn Eckhart.

See Dawn at the Jacksonville 2015 Annual Meeting,
Email her at dawnstraveldeals@gmail.com, or
Call (727) 403-0406 to join this fun-filled cruise!

Don’t miss this opportunity to cruise with your USPS friends!

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A Signature of Excellence
## Dining Options in Jacksonville

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<td>BB's Restaurant and Bar</td>
<td>1018 Hendricks Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32207</td>
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*“Trendy bistro serving innovative French dishes in a room with mirrors, antiques & an open kitchen.”*

*“Buzzing bistro serving innovative New American dishes & sweets from a dessert case amid chio digs.”*

*“Offering casual comfort, innovative cuisine, and a personality all its own.”*

*“Casual eatery plating locally sourced Southern chow plus a full bar serving craft beers & cocktails.”*

*“Contemporary & elegant option for innovative New American dishes plus an impressive wine list.”*

*“An elegant cafe serves New American fare & a broad wine list amid exposed brick, columns & a patio.”*

*“Italian eatery serving pizza & other traditional fare, plus wine in a honey, art-adorned setting.”*

*“Buzzy upstairs eatery serves Asian dishes spiced-to-order in tottike digs lined with Eastern art.”*

*“Bohemian restaurant featuring a rotating selection of art plus Tex-Mex fare & local beer.”*

*“House-brewed beer pairs with seafood, steaks & pasta. At this pub with river & Downtown views.”*

*“Casual Thai standby specializing in noodle soups also serves rolls, salads, rice plates & curries.”*

*“A big, broad selection of beers washes down updated Irish pub grub in cozy digs with a lively patio.”*

*“Seasonal French food & creative cocktails meet in this dining room with plush seats & exposed beams.”*

*“High-end chain eatery serving seafood & steakhouse fare in a classy setting with view.”*

*“Outpost of upmarket steakhouse chain known for sizzling, butter-topped beef in an elegant setting.”*

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After a long day on the Virtual Trainer, Relax at one of Jacksonville’s many restaurants!
USPS 2015 Annual Meeting 18–25 January  
Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront  
225 Coastline Drive East  
Jacksonville, FL 32202


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**Wednesday, 21 Jan.**

0930–1130 Downtown Top to Bottom Walking Tour
A professional tour guide meets you at the Hyatt to show you Jacksonville from the skyline to beneath the city’s streets. The walking tour goes inside seven buildings, including secret tunnels and vaults. At one stop, we relax and watch a silent movie as we learn about Jacksonville being the first Hollywood.

Quantity______ @ $18 before 14 Dec., $28 after Total ______

1000–1500 Golf Course Outing
A shuttle bus leaves the hotel at 0900 for a 1000 tee time at an 18-hole former PGA course 20 minutes away. Men and women are invited. Bring your own clubs or rent for an additional fee. Price includes green fees and bus transportation. Stay for a light lunch on your own at the 19th hole.

Quantity______ @ $49 before 14 Dec., $59 after Total ______

1230–1630 A Taste of Jacksonville Tour
Tour Jacksonville’s most popular factories: Peterbrooke Chocolatier and Anheuser-Busch. Discover the story behind Peterbrooke, and take a look at the Anheuser-Busch brewing process, before ending the tour in the brewery’s Hospitality Room where you can relax while sampling from Anheuser-Busch’s extensive product line.

Quantity______ @ $43 before 14 Dec., $53 after Total ______

1300–1500 Painting with a Twist
A skilled artist shows you step by step how to create a preselected painting. Workshop includes canvas, paint and aprons as well as a complimentary glass of wine or champagne. Enjoy a fun afternoon in the hotel, and leave the cleanup to someone else.

Quantity______ @ $58 before 14 Dec., $68 after Total ______

**Thursday, 22 Jan.**

0900–1500 Beaches Tour & Culhane’s
Collectively known as The Beaches, this area of Jacksonville has its own culture: Salt Life. At lunchtime, eat and shop at The Beaches Town Center or travel to Culhane’s Irish Pub, owned by four sisters from Ireland and made famous by The Food Channel.

Quantity______ @ $52 before 14 Dec., $62 after Total ______

1215–1345 Department Luncheons
Admin. ___ Edu. ___ Sec. ___ Treas. ___ (check one)

Quantity______ @ $38 before 14 Dec., $48 after Total ______

1830–2230 New Life Member Reception and Awards Dinner
The New Life Member Reception and Awards Ceremony is free and open to all. Life Members get two free cocktails at the reception. An optional traditional sit-down dinner with cash bar follows. Squadron and district awards are presented after dinner. There will be extra seating for non-dining patrons after dinner is served.

Quantity______ @ $48 before 14 Dec., $58 after Total ______

**Friday, 23 Jan.**

0730–0900 Keynote Breakfast
Kick-off the meeting with breakfast and a keynote address.

Quantity______ @ $32 before 14 Dec., $42 after Total ______

1215–1345 Executive Department Luncheon
Quantity______ @ $38 before 14 Dec., $48 after Total ______

**Saturday, 24 Jan.**

1130–1400 Social Reception and Luncheon
As USPS embarks upon its second 100 years, let’s come together as Friends Across USPS as we widen our circle of friendship.

Quantity______ @ $38 before 14 Dec., $48 after Total ______

1200–1400 Members Reception and Luncheon (cash bar)
Quantity______ @ $38 before 14 Dec., $48 after Total ______

1830–2200 Reception and Banquet
Get ready to rock around the clock to the music of the Now and Then Band. Our theme is USPS in the 101st year. Come enjoy a wonderful meal and fellowship with USPS members and guests.

Quantity______ @ $58 before 14 Dec., $68 after Total ______

**Conventional meals discount packages**

**All Meals Package M—$165 before 14 Dec. Includes Thursday Awards Dinner, Friday Breakfast, Members Luncheon and Saturday Banquet.**

Quantity______ @ $165 before 14 Dec., $216 after Total ______

**All Meals Package S—$165 before 14 Dec. Includes Thursday Awards Dinner, Friday Breakfast, Social Luncheon and Saturday Banquet.**

Quantity______ @ $165 before 14 Dec., $216 after Total ______

Total packages amount due $ ______

Total tickets amount due $ ______

**$10 surcharge for reservations made at the hotel**

For RV information, visit [usps.org/lc/highwaymariners](http://usps.org/lc/highwaymariners). Reservations tickets online at [usps.org/php/reservations](http://usps.org/php/reservations) using a credit card or mail this form and a check made out to 2015 Annual Meeting to USPS Headquarters, PO Box 30423, Raleigh, NC 27622. Call 757-685-6319 for more information or email arlene.anderson47@yahoo.com.

Activity reservations must be secured or be postmarked by 8 Jan. 2015 or made online by 17 Jan. Refund request made after 8 Jan. will be honored only if the tickets are resold. All tickets must be picked up at the member activities registration area no later than two hours before the event, except for Social Luncheon, Members Luncheon and Banquet tickets, which must be picked up by 1000 Saturday, 24 Jan. The agenda and additional details can be found at [usps.org/php/reservations](http://usps.org/php/reservations).

Our meeting hotel is Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront. Call 904-588-1234. Request the USPS rate of $139 plus tax per night if reserving by phone, or go to [usps.org/php/reservations](http://usps.org/php/reservations) if you have any issues with the hotel, call Bob Holub, at 516-375-9710 or email rholub@optonline.net.
USPS On-the-Water Training

Boat Operator Certification and Practical On-The-Water Training Await YOU in Jacksonville!

The Jacksonville Sail & Power Squadron will be offering classroom and on-the-water training for Boat Operator Certification (BOC) candidates and BOC Certifier candidates over the weekend preceding the Annual Meeting. The squadron will also offer Practical On-the-Water training on Sunday following the Annual Meeting. The location for all training is Lake Shore Dry Storage, 3326 Lake Shore Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32210. This is about 8 miles from the Hyatt Regency.

**BOC–Inland Navigator:** Saturday, 17 January (0800–1700). Bring your PFD and your BOC-IN passport.

**BOC–Coastal Navigator:** Sunday, 18 January (0800–1700). Bring your PFD and your BOC-IN and BOC-CN passport. For information on the skill demonstrations required for BOC-CN certification, see [www.usps.org/eddept/boc/files/checklists/cn_checklist.pdf](http://www.usps.org/eddept/boc/files/checklists/cn_checklist.pdf)

**Pre-Registration:** Contact P/C Pete Foster, SN, petefoster@bellsouth.net, C 904-874-8802, H 904-797-6707.

**Practical OTW Training:** Sunday, 25 January (0800–1700). This seminar provides an explanation of how your boat handles and why. Video clips let you visualize the maneuvers prior to your experiencing them on the water. It covers use of lines, departing the dock, operating in a fairway, pivoting, mooring, backing, docking, steering a slalom, holding course on a range, and a quick stop. Each student receives a copy of *Powerboat Handling Illustrated*, a DVD, a Student Manual, and a certificate acknowledging his/her training. Bring your PFD.

**Pre-Registration:** For more information, see [www.usps.org/findacourse](http://www.usps.org/findacourse) for seminars in the Jacksonville area or contact P/C Pete Foster, SN, petefoster@bellsouth.net, C 904-874-8802, H 904-797-6707.
On behalf of the National Meetings Committee, I hope your participation in the Jacksonville 2015 Annual Meeting will be both enjoyable and valuable for you and your squadron.

The Hyatt Regency Riverfront and the beautiful City of Jacksonville have been our home away from home and host for several years, and I would like to express my appreciation to their management, staff, and citizens for their gracious hospitality and collaboration.

Preparations are already underway for our 2015 Governing Board meeting in San Diego and our 2016 Annual Meeting in Orlando.

Thank you for being a USPS member and for helping to make the water a better place! I look forward to seeing you soon!

- R/C Bob Holub, SN, National Meetings Committee Chair