Minutes of the Final 1999 Governing Board
Omni Rosen Hotel, Orlando, Florida
29 January 2000

Chief Commander Arthur H. Farr, N, convened the meeting at 0830.

V/C Ernest G. Marshburn, N, national secretary, declared a quorum of Governing Board members present.

R/C C.A. Miller Jr., JN, chairman, Committee on Rules, explained the voting procedures and called attention to the voting rules printed on each voting card.

**Approval of the Minutes**

C/C Farr announced that, with no objections, the minutes of the 11 September 1999 Governing Board would be approved as distributed.

The Governing Board ADOPTED a motion entertained by C/C Farr to confirm the 11 September 1999 ratification of actions of the Operating Committee reflected in the subsequent minutes of its meeting held on 9 September 1999. (00-GB-1)

The Governing Board ADOPTED a motion entertained by C/C Farr to ratify the actions taken by the Operating Committee at its meetings held on 13 November and 11 December 1999 and published in the minutes of those meetings. (00-GB-2)

**Report of the Committee on Rules Chairman**

R/C C.A. Miller Jr., JN, reported that the Committee on Rules had revised and published the 2000 Model Bylaws for Districts and 2000 Model Bylaws for Squadrons and that copies would be provided to all districts and squadrons. He said that these bylaws are also available on the USPS Web site along with the oversight assignment list of the ComRules committee members.

R/C Miller said that bylaws had been approved and that all requirements had been met, and he
recommended approval of a squadron charter for Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron/31. The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (00-GB-3)

R/C Miller presented the following amendments to the *USPS Bylaws*.

The Planning Committee has proposed, and the Operating Committee recommends, the formation of provisional squadrons aimed at making it faster and easier to create new squadrons. If adopted, provisions for formation of affiliate clubs will be discontinued.

In order to implement the formation of provisional squadrons, the Committee on Rules recommends the following amendments to the *USPS Bylaws*:

Amend the following existing section. Inserts are underlined.

*Section 3.6.10. Any applicant for membership in USPS may apply to the national secretary for admittance to membership in USPS under procedures adopted by the Operating Committee for unattached membership or unattached membership assigned to a provisional squadron. Except for assignment to a provisional squadron, no application for unattached membership shall be accepted unless, in the opinion of the national secretary, there is no suitable squadron within a reasonable distance of the applicant.*

Delete the following:

*Article 8. Affiliate Clubs* (delete)

Section 8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4, 8.5 (delete)
Add the following new article and sections:

**Article 8  Provisional Squadrons (new)**

**Section 8.1** To encourage the creation of new squadrons in areas not serviced by existing squadrons, any group of active members may apply to the Operating Committee to form a provisional squadron. Such application shall be addressed to the national executive officer and shall include the area to be served, the need for a squadron, the potential for growth, and a plan for creating the new squadron. Upon approval by the Operating Committee, an organizational meeting shall be held to adopt bylaws, elect officers including a commander, educational officer and secretary/treasurer, and conduct such other business as appropriate. The bylaws adopted shall be forwarded to the Committee on Rules for approval and USPS headquarters shall be notified of the officers elected.

**Section 8.2** New members joining as a result of the efforts of a provisional squadron may be admitted as unattached members assigned to the provisional squadron until the provisional squadron is chartered.

**Section 8.3** Provisional squadrons shall not be a prerequisite to creating a new squadron, but shall be formed only as an interim step to facilitate the process of creating a new squadron. The Operating Committee may dissolve a provisional squadron at any time without cause. The provisional squadron shall terminate automatically three years from the date of its formation if the new squadron for which the provisional status was granted has not been chartered, unless extended by the Operating Committee.

The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion to make the Bylaws changes necessary to implement the formation of provisional squadrons. (00-GB-4)

R/C Miller presented a summary of the chief commander’s many activities during 1999. He recommended a motion awarding C/C Farr his 28th merit mark, and the Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (00-GB-5)

With no other business pending, C/C Farr adjourned the meeting at 0855.

V/C Ernest G. Marshburn, N
National Secretary
Action Summary
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Adoptions, Confirmations

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2. A motion to ratify the actions taken by the Operating Committee at its meetings held on 13 November and 11 December 1999 and published in the minutes of those meetings. (00-GB-2)

3. A motion to approve a squadron charter for Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron/31. (00-GB-3)

4. A motion to make the Bylaws changes necessary to implement the formation of provisional squadrons. (00-GB-4)

5. A motion to award a 1999 merit mark to C/C Farr. (00-GB-5)
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Chief Commander Arthur H. Farr, N, called the meeting to order at 0900.

Father Wilfred M. Dumm, N, led the invocation followed by the presentation of the colors of the United States and Canada, the Pledge of Allegiance led by N/F/Lt Michael Horowitz, JN, and the singing of both national anthems.

The national secretary declared a quorum present.

**Introduction of Past Chief Commanders**

P/C/C L.M. Barnes III, N, introduced the past chief commanders present in the order they served.

- P/C/C Walter R. Cosdon, JN, 1972-1973, (San Fernando Valley/13)
- P/C/C Robert L. Woods, N, 1976-1977, (Saybrook/1)
- P/C/C Raymond A. Finley Jr., N, 1982-1983, (Lackawanna/4)
- P/C/C Richard W. Miner, N, 1986-1987, (Birmingham/9)
- P/C/C William D. Selden, N, 1988-1989 (Richmond/5)
- P/C/C Joseph L. Kennedy, N, 1994-1995 (St. Petersburg/22)

and C/C Farr introduced P/C/C L.M. Barnes III, N, (Rocky Mount/27).

**Presentation of Guests**

N/F/Lt Michael J. Horowitz, JN, introduced the following guests:

- Capt. Michael Holmes, United States Coast Guard, Chief, Office of Boating Safety
- Frank Jennings, United States Coast Guard, Director, Boating Safety Affairs District 9

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Capt. McFarland asked R/C Norma Parrish, AP, to assist in presenting 1999 Cooperative Charting Awards to:

The number one individual - Elvin Cordle, AP, Richmond Power Squadron/5
The number one squadron - Richmond Power Squadron/5
The number one district - D/21, which had 9.5 percent of their members participating in the Cooperative Charting Program
Coast Survey Award (tie) - P/R/C Theodore C. Kontos, N, and William M. Griswold, N, both of Clinton Power Squadron/30

The Golden Eagle Award was presented to Delbert Miller, N, Saginaw Bay/9, in recognition of outstanding cooperative charting efforts in his district.

Capt. McFarland presented an award of appreciation to P/R/C Ilya Sarasohn, N, for his efforts in cooperative charting.

Continuing the introduction of guests, N/F/Lt Horowitz introduced Louisa Rudeen, editor-in-chief, Motor Boating and Sailing magazine. P/R/C Robert A. Green, N, assisted Rudeen in presenting the USPS/MB&S Charles F. Chapman Safety Award to the following four individuals who have made significant contributions to boating safety:

P/C/C Richard W. Miner, N For his outstanding work with United Safe Boating Birmingham/9 Institute,

P/D/C Henry G. Griffin, N For his contributions in providing three-hour educational cruises to Boating Course students in D/4,

P/D/C Wendell Seibert, N For his outstanding work in promoting personal Beaumont/21 watercraft courses in Texas

Jeffrey N. Hoedt, Chief, For administering a new program on marketing Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources boating education in Ohio.
Jeffrey N. Hoedt then presented C/C Farr with a gift from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and a proclamation from the governor of Ohio for his lifelong service to his country and for 27 years of service to United States Power Squadrons.

N/F/Lt Horowitz continued introduction of guests:

- Paul Donheffner, president, National Association of State Boating Law Administrators
- William S. Griswold, treasurer, National Safe Boating Council
- Ruth Wood, vice president, BOAT/U.S. Foundation for Boating Safety
- Lu Christie, National Water Safety Congress
- Russell Minton, National Water Safety Congress
- Capt. Les Hall, vice president, Sales and Marketing, Sea/Tow International
- Dean Michaels, Berea Power Squadron/7, president, Madison Avenue West

Michaels gave a presentation on a new marketing initiative between USPS and Wal-Mart.

C/C Farr, assisted by V/C Jensen, presented Dean Michaels with the “Flame of USPS Award.” This award is given to foundations, organizations and companies external to USPS who contribute significantly to the success of USPS.

C/C Farr introduced C/C David Durward, N, Canadian Sail and Power Squadrons (CPS) who introduced the CPS bridge and other CPS members present.

**Honorary Members**

C/C Farr presented 1999 honorary memberships to:

- Paul Donheffner
- Jeff Hoedt
- Frank Jennings
- Rear Admiral James D. Hull - USCG
- Larry Innis
- Peter Janssen
- Harold Schantz
- NACO Everett L. Tucker, Jr. - USCGAux
- Capt. John Wilder - NOAA
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Presentation of Awards

C/C Farr, assisted by V/C Lance J. Jensen, N, presented Governing Board member emeritus awards to the following individuals for earning their 50th merit mark:

Alfred H. Atwood, JN, Detroit/9
Harold W. Butler, N, Austin/21
Robert H. Caddoo Jr., N, Peace River/22
George F. Donahue, N, Penfield/2
Harold E. Spoelstra, N, Portland/32

C/C Farr, assisted by V/C Jensen, then presented life member certificates to those new life members attending the 2000 Annual Meeting. Following is a list of all new life members who will receive plaques, pins and cards at their district spring conference or other suitable occasion.

1999 Life Members

Robert A. Abele, N, 9/Detroit
Robert J. Abernethy, N, 22/Naples
Fred P. Adame, N, 23/Cocoa Beach
Richard D. Akenberger, JN, 29/Toledo
Kenneth D. Albert, AP, 23/Banana River
William Floyd Allison, JN, 27/Catawba
Don F. Anders, N, 13/Valley Ho
Donald F. Bates, P, 13/Santa Barbara
George W. Baxter, AP, 26/Lake Murray
John Bedrossian Jr., N, 18/Marblehead
Raymond C. Birnbaum, JN, 2/Stamford
Marshall E. Bishop, N, 2/Mid Hudson
Lloyd L. Black, N, 26/Tybee Light
Craig T. Bluell, AP, 28/Balboa
William P. Blumenthal, AP, 2/Norwalk Sail
James D. Bobb, JN, 9/Kalamazoo
Robert T. Brasfield, N, 22/Cape Coral
Albert L. Brehm, P, 22/Naples
William D. Bridge, N, 28/San Diego
Everett M. Brooks, JN, 22/Crystal River
Theodore C. Brown, AP, 27/Raleigh
Robert J. Bruhns, AP, 17/Atlanta Sail
Bernard Buhlenger, S, 9/Detroit
Fred P. Bunge, AP, 27/Greensboro
Eugene S. Burke, N, 13/Redondo Beach
William S. Bushell, JN, 5/Patuxent River
Irving W. Buxton, N, 8/Pompano Beach
Larry Byrd, N, 26/Long Bay
Nicholas W. Cavaluzzi, AP, 4/Bronx
Stan P. Chapman Jr., AP, 21/Lake Charles
William G. Chefas, N, 4/New York
Roger B. Clark Jr., AP, 28/Phoenix
George A. Condouris, N, 4/N New Jersey
Bernard W. Conrad, N, 16/Bellevue
Paul E. Crebbin, N, 25/Sacramento
William M. Crossman, N, 9/Grand Traverse Bay
Lloyd F. Cudney, N, 27/Cape Lookout Sail
Allen B. Cunningham, N, 21/Houston
R.R. Dales, AP, 5/Delhigh
George L. Daniels Jr., AP, 22/Peace River
Barney E. Davitt, N, 15/Baton Rouge
W. Clark Dickerman, N, 21/Galveston Bay
Marshall W. Dietrich, AP, 7/Vermilion
Philip M. Doolady, S, 30/Missouri Ozarks
Brian H. Dooley, N, 21/Dallas
Charles M. Drummond, N, 5/Wilmington
Frank A. Dvorak, N, 16/Bellevue
Michael T. Eckman, JN, 20/Rockford
Robert S. Emerson, JN, 1/Springfield
John H. Engle, P, 7/Ten Mile
Robert E. Eriksen, AP, 10/St. Paul
Benjamin G. Estes, N, 17/Atlanta Sail &
George R. Fearing, AP, 14/Mattapoisett
Wilber L. Fite, AP, 21/San Antonio
Michael J. Frigano, N, 3/Bayside
Vincent J. Gabriele, AP, 3/South Shore
Thomas J. Gallagher, N, 27/Cape Lookout Sail
Richard Garnjost, N, 5/Delhigh
John K. Gibala, AP, 5/Potomac River
Victor H. Given, JN, 4/Somerset
Thomas Glassell, AP, 7/Rocky River
Ralph G. Gomez, N, 31/Tulsa
Joe Grabinski, P, 9/Wyandotte
Holly C. Grissom, AP, 21/Houston
Ralph L. Hall, AP, 12/Quincy Bay
Byron H. Hanke, P, 32/Ft. Vancouver
David Hanson, AP, 24/Wabash Valley
Everett S. Hayes, 5/Pennsway
Nathan L. Hazen, N, 19/Portsmouth
John P. Headlund, N, 16/Belleview
Claude E. Hefner, N, 27/Charlotte
Richard J. Hollahan, AP, 2/Storm King
Randall F-J Houck, P, 6/Iroquois
Donald Jacobs, AP, 14/Buzzards Bay
Emil B. Jensen, P, 8/Pompano Beach
Charles S. Johns, AP, 5/Susquehannock
O.D. Johnson, JN, 21/Ouachita
John A. Johnson, AP, 5/Patuxent River
David E. Johnson, AP, 20/Calumet
Richard W. Johnson, AP, 19/Wavenock
J.E. Johnson, N, 26/Greenville
Robert D. Johnson, AP, 23/Ponce de Leon Inlet
Edwin C. Jordan, N, 5/Rockville
Harry L. Jordan, N, 21/Dallas
John A. Kelly, JN, 20/Land of Lincoln
Jacob Klein, JN, 3/Captree
Charles H. Knost, S, 22/Boca Ciega Sail
James Knirer, AP, 7/Mansfield
Lloyd W. Krumrey, AP, 21/Corpus Christi
Leo F. Krzeminski, N, 22/Crystal River
Andrew Krzyzanowski, AP, 16/Bellevue
Howard A. Lahti, AP, 9/Alpena
George E. LaPlante Jr., N, 9/Mount Clemens
Kevin V. Laxar, JN, 1/Westerly
Robert A. LaMacchia, AP, 12/Old Colony
Eugene D. Lebbin, AP, 31/Beaver Lake
George O. Link, JN, 23/Cocoa Beach
Eugene R. Little, AP, 24/Dayton
Phillip K. Lloyd, N, 4/Barneget Bay
J. Cleve Love, JN, 27/Charlotte
Hunter J. Lynn, N, 15/Mobile
Alan Macdonald, N, 33/St. Croix
Paul L. Mack, N, 30/St. Louis
Kenneth J. Mart, AP, 6/Rochester
Stuart G. Mauer, AP, 1/Norwich
Stanley R. Maxson, N, 29/Lima
William H. McCabe AP, 12/Charles River Sail
James R. McCurry, AP, 27/Shallotte River
Bruce McDonald, N, 2/Saugatuck River Sail
Joseph R. McGee, N, 21/Houston
James H. McMicking, N, 9/Wilmingon
Roland F. Meinke, AP, 11/Ashtabula
William E. Monroe, N, 15/Pensacola
Dave Netting, JN, 5/Wilmingon
Thomas F. O'Brien Jr., JN, 27/Tar River
Michael B. Okal, N, 20/Chicago
James L. Owen Sr., N, 11/Erie
John E. Pacheco, JN, 22/Clearwater Sail &
Robert R. Padron, JN, 8/Key West
H. Worth Parker, AP, 27/Catawba
Primo J. Parola, AP, 12/Quincy Bay
James W. Patterson, AP, 31/Little Rock
Charles W. Pearson, N, 2/Penfield
Robert G. Pennstrom, N, 26/Swamp Fox
Richard Plunkett, N, 5/Elizabeth River
Jerry L. Polen, N, 7/Stark County
Stephen H. Raffel, N, 2/Saugatuck River Sail
Robert O. Redfield, P, 20/Waukegan
Robert Reilly, JN, 4/Bronx
Carroll W. Rempe, AP, 27/Lake Norman Sail
Henry J. Renzi, AP, 12/Boston
Robert A. Ridle, P, 31/Oklahoma City
Carleton B. Riker Jr., P, 4/Lackawanna
William Jacocks Rivers, N, 22/Flint River
James A. Robbins, AP, 22/Venice
Blake G. Roberts, N, 26/Greenville
Douglas R. Rocho, P, 9/Detroit
Philip L. Rockwood, N, 23/Daytona Beach
Fred L. Rudisill, N, 22/Marco Island Sail &
Bill Runge, AP, 28/Balboa
Kenneth H. Russ, N, 8/Pompano Beach
Edwin R. Schwenk, N, 9/Grosse Ile
John W. Scott, N, 21/Beaumont
Louis Seidner, N, 28/San Luis Rey
Fred C. Sellenraad, N, 9/Saginaw Bay
David C. Shaw Jr., AP, 26/Swamp Fox
Robert M. Shepherd, N, 19/Kennebec River
Paul R. Shirk, N, 5/Lancaster
Verners V. Skuja, N, 30/Missouri Ozarks
Willard W. Slocum, AP, 20/Chicago
William D. Smelter, N, 9/Grosse Ile
Earle W. Strickland, AP, 5/Nansemond River
D. Dean Spahr, N, 22/St. Petersburg Sail
Edson L. Sperry, AP, 1/Middletown
Alfred J. Spiteri, N, 9/Dearp'stown
Charles E. Still, AP, 21/Dallas
Earle W. Strickland, AP, 5/Nansemond River
George H. Stroud, AP, 5/Nansemond River
Charles Sullivan, N, 1/Manchester

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Meritorious Service Awards

C/C Farr, assisted by V/C Jensen, presented Meritorious Service Awards to the national officers completing their tour of duty:

Arthur H. Farr, N  Chief Commander
V/C Lance J. Jensen, N  National Executive Officer
V/C Rodney M. Allen, N  National Educational Officer
V/C Theodore H. Smith, N  National Administrative Officer
V/C G. Leslie Johnson, N  National Treasurer
Michael J. Horowitz, JN  National Flag Lieutenant
R/C Nina P. Anastasio, N  Chairman, Instructor Qualification Committee
R/C Philip Arcuni, N  Chairman, Elective Courses Division
R/C William Berger, N  Chairman, National Safety Committee
R/C Thomas J. Brinka, N  Chairman, Navigation Committee
R/C Frank Burdick, N  Chairman, Legislative Committee
R/C Gordon R. Dunbar, N  Budget Officer - Exec/Admin Departments
R/C Gerald R. Grofman, N  Educational Course Coordinator
R/C Russell E. Jones, N  Chairman, Junior Navigation Committee
R/C Robert A. Keller, N  Chairman, Committee on Nominations
R/C Douglas Kerr, N  Chairman, Finance Committee
R/C A. Currie Munce, N  Chairman, Advanced Grades Committee
R/C James L. Nordloh, N  Chairman, Teaching Aids Committee
R/C James E. Roeber, N  Assistant National Educational Officer
R/C Ilya M. Sarasohn, N  Chairman, Cooperative Charting Committee
R/C Patricia W. Schulz, N  Chairman, Membership Committee
R/C Wayne G. Spraggins, N  Asst. National Treasurer/Budget Director
R/C Warren W. Stevens, N  Chairman, Planning Committee
R/C Christian T. Tertinek, N  Chairman, Support Division
C/C Farr presented a Life Saving Award to Mark Ward, AP, Prince George’s Power Squadron/5.

C/C Farr announced that, with no objections, the minutes of the 23 January 1999 Annual Meeting of the Governing Board would be approved as distributed.

**Report of the Finance Committee**

R/C Doug Kerr, N, chairman, referred to the Unaudited Treasurer’s Report in the seat packets and said that there were no significant changes in the assets and liabilities from the previous year.

R/C Kerr reported that USPS had stayed well within the constraints of the Fiscal Policy adopted last year by the Governing Board.

He reported the Endowment Fund balance of $53,962 and the Member’s Fund balance of $123,000.
He said that revenues exceeded expenses by $88,000, which was achieved by keeping expenses under estimates by $43,000 and by revenues being almost $45,000 more than anticipated.

R/C Kerr reported that during 1999 the Finance Committee had invested 2.1 million of USPS funds in mutual funds, certificates of deposit, bonds and a money market fund with a 21.9 percent rate of return. These investments produced $464,000 in revenues allowing dues to remain $8 less per member.

C/C Farr reported an attendance of 1,118.

**Report of the Law Committee**

R/C Jack P. Wilson, AP, national law officer, reported that the Law Committee had received or initiated 189 separate matters for review, advice or legal support during 1999 with a breakdown of 110 at the national level, 19 at the district, 53 at the squadron and seven others. He said that the number of requests from districts and squadrons was diminishing, hopefully indicative of some measure of success for the Law Com’s local support effort via its Web site. He requested that districts and squadrons continue to seek guidance from their respective district and squadron law officers.

R/C Wilson reported that the Law Committee had reviewed the following items during 1999: 1) hotel contracts for the Little Rock, Des Moines and Reno Governing Board meetings and the Orlando Annual Meeting for 2004 to 2006; 2) a model hotel contract for use by the National Meetings Committee as either a negotiating/drafting guide or as the contract document; 3) the USPS Affinity credit card contract; 4) the airlines and rental car contracts as negotiated by the Membership Enhancements Committee; 5) “terms and conditions” for USPS purchase orders; and 6) MOUs with NOS, Sea/Tow, several states, and the MOA with the USCGAux related to Vessel Safety Checks.

The NLO stated that our applications for trademark registration of our USPS trade dress, filing of our “revitalized” ship’s wheel and USPS Ensign logo in the sportswear class, and for reserved use of the terms “Chart Smart” and “Water Smart” remain pending in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and that we are still awaiting approval of our application for federal copyright recognition of our 85th anniversary artwork.

The Law Committee has developed a model hotel contract for use by districts and squadrons, which will be available on the USPS Web site.

**Report of the Planning Committee**

R/C Warren W. Stevens, N, chairman, reported on the following areas studied by the Planning Committee during 1999: 1) merit marks for family members, 2) types of membership categories including requirements for
membership, 3) minimum age for active membership, and 4) expansion of boating education and activities for youth.

R/C Stevens said that the Planning Committee agrees with the principle of recognizing family members service to USPS.

He said that USPS is a family organization and that it is important to keep families involved in USPS and that the Planning Committee will continue to explore ways to improve the membership structure. He encouraged squadrons to review their dues structure to avoid financially penalizing family members if they choose to convert to active member status.

R/C Stevens reported that since lowering the minimum age from 18 to 16 in September 1997, there are only 20 active members under the age of 18. He said these facts and input from squadrons indicate that we should not change the minimum age of active membership but should consider amending the USPS Bylaws to restrict members under the age of majority from holding an office or being a squadron delegate. The Law Committee is reviewing these concerns.

He reported that efforts to expand boating education for youth have included a test program to allow squadrons to teach up to four Sea Scout or Mariner Girl Scout troops with free Boat Smart materials. He asked that squadrons submit additional ideas for educating youth to the Planning Committee.

Report of the Marketing Committee

R/C E. Steven Jensen, JN, chairman, reported on the activities of the Marketing Committee during 1999 and its plans for 2000.

R/C Jensen said that USPS was represented at the Water Safety Summit, the OMC Dealers Show, the International Marine Trades Exposition and Conference and the NASBLA Annual Meeting. He reported that numerous articles on USPS have been published in several boating publications and that new Boating Course tags and posters have been designed.

He reported that copies of the new Marketing Manual will be distributed to districts and squadrons and that additional copies will be available on the USPS Web site or from headquarters for $3 each. He said that the Power Point® presentation, which was given at the Marketing Committee Meeting and accompanies the manual, will be available on the USPS Web site.
The Marketing Committee will continue to explore a broadening of relationships with West Marine, Vessel Assist, Sea/Tow and OMC during 2000. He reported that Sea/Tow International has announced a new program that will entitle members of USPS to join Sea/Tow International at a $10 discount and that Sea/Tow will return $5 to USPS for every member who joins.

R/C Jensen said that West Marine and Vessel Assist are purchasing one million USPS tags to distribute to dealers.

He reported that the Marketing Committee will work actively to market the Vessel Safety check (VSC) Program. He announced a new initiative being explored called the USPS Partners Program. The intent of this program is to develop relationships with boating manufacturers to distribute USPS materials such as Boating Course coupons or the USPS Boating Course Video with their products.

R/C Jensen said that a joint project of the Marketing and National Safety committees will provide one Res-Q-Disk a throwable life saving device, and accompanying video will be sent to all squadron executive officers, free of charge. Squadrons may use these devices in their classes or as promotions, by donating them to a local marina or sheriff’s patrol.

C/C Farr introduced Rear Adm. James Hull, USCG, commander 9th Coast Guard District. Rear Adm. Hull presented C/C Farr with the USCG Meritorious Public Service Award in recognition of his extraordinary volunteer service to the American boating public and to the USCG.

Report of the National Treasurer

V/C G. Leslie Johnson, reported that according to the audited financial statement 1999 revenues exceeded expenses by $97,000. $50,000 of these revenues are restricted monies. Copies of the audited financial statement are available from headquarters upon request.

V/C Johnson said that he agreed with the report of the Finance Committee.

He said that almost half of USPS funds came from resources other than dues:
1) educational material sales; 2) investments; 3) advertising; 4) donations such as those made to the Member’s and Endowment funds; 5) FirstUSA® (FUSA) Affinity credit card program; 6) 85th anniversary fine art project; and 7) grants from the Educational Fund.
V/C Johnson reported that the new FUSA contract had been finalized. This contract will prepay $650,000 to USPS over a five-year period. The most significant change is that squadrons will receive $25 for each member signed up by the squadron.

V/C Johnson thanked the Budget Committee for all their work and thanked headquarters for their cooperation during his years in the Treasurer’s Department.

The national treasurer said that we now have approximately 1,000 Woman’s Certificate Holders. These certificate holders are mailed an annual billing notice of $2. V/C Johnson made a motion to send a letter over the chief commander’s signature thanking the Woman’s Certificate Holders for their previous help and support and inviting them to participate by joining a regular membership classification. For those who choose to remain Woman’s Certificate Holders, headquarters will continue to maintain their educational achievement in the database at no cost.

An amendment to V/C Johnson’s motion to award permanent membership cards to Woman’s Certificate Holders and was DEFEATED. (00-AM-1)

The Governing Board ADOPTED V/C Johnson’s original motion about Woman’s Certificate Holders. (00-AM-1)

Report of the National Executive Officer

V/C Lance J. Jensen, N, congratulated Bush River Power Squadron/5, on their 50th anniversary.

V/C Jensen then reported on the activities of the Executive Department during 1999. The Cooperative Charting Committee reports that new Y2K-compliant versions of the DSL and DSX programs for reporting survey marker recoveries are now available on the USPS Web site.

The National Legislative Committee continues to work very hard to establish MOUs with every state boating law administrator in every state where USPS has a presence. To date, 23 MOUs have been signed.

C/C Farr joined V/C Jensen in presenting Marilyn B. Rose, P, and P/C Earl Rose, AP, Tulsa Power Squadron/31, with a certificate of appreciation for outstanding service to USPS.

The NXO said that the Public Relations Committee continues to design and produce great new items for use in promoting USPS and our public classes. He reported that two sizes of all new boating course posters are in stock at headquarters.

V/C Jensen then called on P/D/C Ed Cotton, AP, to present the 1999 Public Relations Awards:
Charles F. Chapman Scrapbook Award: first place - Cincinnati/24; second place - Greenville/26; third place - Annapolis/5

Roger Upton Video Award: first place - Annapolis/5; second place - Seminole/23; third place - Skokie Valley/20

Carl C. Mahnken Commander’s Cup Award - Vero Beach/8

V/C Jensen assigned a resolution from D/23 reinstating the traditional course prerequisites to the Educational Department for reporting at the spring Governing Board. He assigned a D/18 resolution asking that the terminology for full certificate be changed to senior navigator to the Educational Department for reporting at the spring Governing Board.

The NXO reported that Boston Power Squadron/12 has voted to disband. The remaining members will transfer to other squadrons in D/12. When all of the transfers have occurred and the assets have been properly distributed, the Governing Board will be asked to dissolve Boston Power Squadron.

C/C Farr and Rear Adm. Hull signed a VSC Memorandum of Agreement between USPS and USCG detailing how USPS and the Auxiliary will cooperate in the effort to examine more vessels.

Report of the Audit Committee

R/C J. Duane Angstadt, N, chairman, reviewed the activities of the Audit Committee. They have reviewed the books at headquarters, reviewed assets, and verified district and squadron investment funds. He said that the Audit Committee’s work saved in fees that could have been charged by the independent auditor.

R/C Angstadt referred to the Treasurer’s Report as presented by the national treasurer and moved for its acceptance. The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion and accepted the Treasurer’s Report as presented. (00-AM-2)

Report of the National Secretary

V/C Ernest G. Marshburn, N, introduced members of the headquarters staff attending the Annual Meeting: Mary Catherine Berube, headquarters manager, Lena Padro, accounting supervisor, Jack Scott, warehouse manager and Joan Scott, educational department supervisor. He also remarked about the passing of R/C Hamilton Smith, N, and Stil/C Earl Barrett, N, during the year stating that they would be missed.
V/C Marshburn said the Secretary’s Department has been actively promoting its new core concepts: to be customer service oriented, to simplify business processes, and to enhance communications with USPS members. He said that the goal is simple: member satisfaction and teamwork.

The national secretary highlighted some of the accomplishments of the Secretary’s Department. The Computer Systems Committee implemented a Strategic Information Technology Plan that dramatically improved the computing resources at headquarters, including facilitating individual E-mail accounts to promote direct communications with USPS members. The committee also developed a new recognition program for the best USPS Web sites.

He said that THE ENSIGN magazine continues to create new design innovations and expand its use of color in the magazine.

The Graphic Arts Committee has worked diligently to redesign and enhance the USPS Web site on the Internet.

The Historian Committee has been successful in collecting more squadron histories than in the past due to the addition of the squadron history form on the USPS Web site.

The Operations Manual Committee is working on a revised *Operations Manual* with the addition of a new, easier-to-use index.

The Publications Committee continues to work to improve USPS communications by working with squadrons and districts to enhance their local newsletters.

The Ship’s Store Committee has implemented a customer choice program that provides districts with the flexibility to choose both the number and type of items to be included in their district Ship’s Store kits. The committee also produced a new Ship’s Store catalog, which was mailed to every member in the November 1999 *THE ENSIGN*.

The Secretary’s Department also coordinated a $4,600 donation from Sporting Lives to provide each district with a SOSpenders PFD to display and raffle during its spring conference.

V/C Marshburn also highlighted some of the new opportunities for the future. He said that we are investigating the possibility of an e-commerce Web site that will enable USPS members to order Ship’s Store and other materials directly over the Internet. Work is also continuing on providing more USPS forms via the Web.

He reported that the USBI grant has enabled USPS and the USCGAux to lead the way in developing a national database of boating course graduates.
He also reported that work is continuing on a joint effort with the USCGAux to develop an online boating course that will be available via the Internet, as well as on CD. This effort will provide a way to direct additional funding and boating course students back to squadrons through a proctored exam, offering new opportunities to increase our visibility and membership.

V/C Marshburn announced that a significant enhancement in the Secretary’s Department is the joining of the Computer Systems and Graphic Arts committees. This enhancement will create a single committee with the graphics and programming talent to lead the way in providing new Internet-based services that will give USPS even greater recognition and exposure. This was followed by a brief demonstration of the new USPS Web site that the Computer Systems and Graphic Arts committees have been working on. The demonstration was well received.

Report of the National Administrative Officer

V/C Theodore H. Smith, N, reviewed the activities of the Administrative Department. The Membership Committee reports that new member acquisitions during 1999 were the highest in the last five years. The committee has just completed design for a new brochure called USPS — What’s in it For You? The brochure is designed to give a new member or prospective member more information about USPS. The brochure will be available for purchase through headquarters in packets of 50 for $3.50.

The Member Involvement Committee continues to promote member involvement ideas at the district and squadron levels. V/C Smith said that now is the time to contact members and get them involved and not wait until dues renewals in May. The Member Involvement Committee has almost completed work on a generic, new-member squadron orientation manual that will be available in hard copy and on diskette. The committee is also working on a squadron mentor program.

The NAO said the theme for this year’s youth poster contest is “Life Jacket-Up for Safety.”

The Auxiliary Advisory Committee reports that there are 47 squadron auxiliaries with approximately 1,775 members. The committee continues to look for ways to promote the importance of squadron auxiliaries and what they can do for their associated squadrons.

The Boating Activities Committee is working to upgrade the committee’s Web site in order to provide another way to present the Port Captains Roster, the Amateur Radio Net Roster, and the squadron and district cruise and rendezvous schedule that appears in THE ENSIGN.

Exhibits Awards

R/C John Groul, N, and C/C Farr presented the 1999 Teaching Aids awards. The certificate awards were
presented during the Members’ Luncheon and the trophy awards were presented during the Annual Meeting.

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The Morse-Dreher Award is given to districts having all squadrons entering a teaching aid exhibit. It was presented to Districts 18, 23, 24, 26, 29 and 31.

The All Courses Award is given to squadrons entering a teaching aid in every category. It was presented to Watchung/4, St. Joseph/9, Fort Walton/15, Tallahassee/22 and Beaver Lake/31.

The 1999 Bell Award for Best in Show was presented to Ocala/23.

V/C Smith continued his report and said that the Flag and Etiquette Committee is requesting that districts send in a picture of their flag and that squadrons send in a picture of their burgee suitable for placing on the USPS Web site.

R/C Lew Ward, N, presented a D/3 flag and moved for its approval, and the Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (00-AM-3)

R/C Ward moved for approval of a squadron a burgee for Lakeland/22, and the Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (00-AM-4)
R/C Ward moved for approval of a burgee for Pamlico Provisional Sail and Power Squadron/27, contingent upon approval of the squadron charter by the Governing Board, and the Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (00-AM-5)

V/C Smith continued reporting on the Administrative Department activities. He said that the Operations Training Committee continues to evaluate the future training and leadership development needs of our members and that consideration is being given to provide these programs in modular format.

The Operations Training Committee presents OT awards annually to districts that have excelled in promoting Operations Training programs. The criteria used reviews the number of squadrons in the district that presented OT, the number of individuals that have successfully passed OT and the percentage of squadron bridge officers taking Operations Training. V/C Smith requested that R/C William McManimen, N, present the following District Operations Training awards:

Third place - D/23
Second place - D/11
First place - D/26

V/C Smith said that the royalties received from the FUSA Affinity credit card program totaled $71,000 through third quarter 1999, an increase of 9.9 percent over last year. There are now approximately 6,500 members with a FUSA credit card. A renewed contract has been signed with FUSA which is very favorable to USPS. Squadrons will now receive $25 royalty for each credit card solicited by them as well as continue to receive a .25 percent royalty distribution to squadrons based on their member credit card purchases.

V/C Smith reported that our USPS Boat Insurance Program experienced an insurance renewal rate of 86.2 percent during 1999 compared to an industry renewal rate of 72 percent.

V/C Smith moved and the Governing Board ADOPTED a motion for a future fall Governing Board Meeting on 3-7 September 2003, at the Hilton Reno Resort and Casino, Reno, Nev., at a room rate of $89, with free airport shuttle and free parking. (00-AM-6)

The NAO reported that the Administrative Department history video is almost complete. Work has begun on a second video showing what district and national meetings are all about.

Report of the National Educational Officer

V/C Rodney M. Allen, N, assisted by R/C James E. Roeber, N, and his aide, P/C Richard M. Peoples, N, presented the following awards:

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The Squadron Outstanding Educational Achievement Awards recognizes those squadrons that have the strongest overall educational program as measured by the greatest percentage of members completing courses and the largest number of courses offered from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999. Receiving 1999 awards:

Third Place - Ocala Power Squadron/23
Second Place - Coos Bay Power Squadron/32
First Place - Bluegrass Power Squadron/24

The Charles F. Chapman Award for Excellence in Teaching recognizes those members who have given extensive time and energy to enhance courses and keep USPS courses fun. The 1999 winners are:

Lt/C Norma Ann Fields, N, Ocala/23
Richard T. Spragens, N, Diablo/25
P/C Harry W. Hebb, N, Pensacola/15

The names of these winners and the name of the district winners will be inscribed in the permanent log in the USPS headquarters Memorial Library.

V/C Allen said that the number of members passing Seamanship and Piloting during 1999 was greater than in 1997 or 1998, indicating an upswing for the first time in several years.

He said that the Educational Department delivered the Boating Course and Boat Smart color overhead transparencies to all districts and squadrons in 1999. He reminded squadrons that each DEO has a CD containing the transparencies and that squadrons may use the CD to produce additional copies.

The NEO said that a copy of Boating Safety for Kids was shipped to all squadrons in fall 1999.

He reported that an exhaustive effort was put forth to bring computer-generated random exams to the classroom. The course committees spent hours developing new questions while D/C Dave Hinders, N, has spent numerous hours developing software titled ExamGen. Plans are to implement ExamGen in mid 2000.

V/C Allen reported that the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) program is very active with 23 MOUs signed.

He closed his report by commenting on future Educational Department programs such as VSCs, an interactive online boating course featuring Boat Smart and additional modular courses.

Report of the Past Chief Commander
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P/C/C L.M. Barnes III, N, reviewed the actions taken by the Operating Committee during its meeting on 26 January 2000. The OCom adopted the following motions:

- A motion to spend up to $500 to update one learning guide
- A motion to print 75,000 copies of the new brochure *USPS - What's in it for You?* at a cost of eight cents per copy to be sold in packets of 50 for $3.50
- A motion to print 60,000 new membership certificates at a cost of $5,500
- A motion to recommend to the Governing Board that the 2003 fall Governing Board be held at the Hilton Reno Resort Hotel, in Reno, Nev., at a cost of $89 per night
- A motion to endorse the final FUSA renewal contract as negotiated, to be effective 1 January 2000
- A motion to accept the proposed corrected actions taken by Image Watches as a satisfactory and final resolution of any potential USPS claims arising out of the company’s 1994 production and sales of watches bearing the USPS logo
- A motion to provide one copy of *Marketing USPS*, at no charge, to all districts and squadrons
- A motion to approve distribution by the manufacturer of one free “Res-Q” disk throwable lifesaving device to all squadrons and to provide the names and addresses of all squadron executive officers to the manufacturer on a one-time basis for the sole purpose of that mailing.

C/C Farr entertained a motion to ratify the actions of the Operating Committee taken at its meeting on 26 January 2000. The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (00-AM-7)

P/C/C Barnes reviewed an action taken by the Operating Committee during its meeting on 27 January 2000:

- A motion to print 10,000 copies of 1210 TR charts at a cost not to exceed 45 cents each and to sell them to squadrons in lots of 10 for $20.

C/C Farr entertained a motion to ratify the action of the Operating Committee taken at its meeting on 27 January 2000. The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (00-AM-8)

**Report of the Chief Commander**

C/C Arthur H. Farr, N, said that his years as chief commander had been a wonderful experience that he would always cherish.

He said that it had been a time of rewarding accomplishments including an agreement with the USCGAux to conduct VSCs, production of an online boating course, and the Voyage of the Ensign II, which led us into the celebration of our 85 years in the business of saving lives through education.
He reported that an ad hoc Planned Giving Committee was created to preserve the financial future of USPS. The ad hoc Committee on New Squadron Development was formed to expand our organization by forming new squadrons in areas where we have no representation.

C/C Farr said that membership in USPS is beginning to grow, reversing the downward trend of past years. He said this is thanks to the efforts by squadrons, to the new membership programs, and to the new *Boat Smart* Course.

The chief said that a new travel reimbursement policy was established, which along with other accomplishments during his term, will prove beneficial to our members and to the future financial health of USPS.

**Election and Installation of Officers**

C/C Farr discharged all national officers, cleared the bridge and P/C/C Richard W. Miner, N, came forward to conduct the elections. The national secretary declared that there were no nominations of petition filed.

**Report of the Committee on Nominations**

R/C Robert A. Keller, N, said “In accordance with provisions of the *USPS Bylaws*, Article 11, Section 11.6, the Committee on Nominations unanimously submits its report of nominees to be voted on at the USPS 2000 Annual Meeting of Delegates.” He moved the election of the members for the national bridge:

**For National Bridge Officers**

*Chief Commander*

V/C Lance J. Jensen, N (Bellevue/16)

*Executive Officer*

V/C Theodore H. Smith, N (Grosse Pointe/9)

*Educational Officer*

R/C James E. Roeber, N (Spokane/16)

*Administrative Officer*

V/C G. Leslie Johnson, N (Diablo/25)

*National Secretary*

V/C Ernest G. Marshburn, N (Tar River/27)

*National Treasurer*

R/C Douglas Kerr, N (Fostoria/29)

The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion to elect the slate of officers for the national bridge as presented. (00-AM-9)
R/C Keller moved the election of the following members to serve on the Committee on Rules:

*Chairman for 2000* .......... R/C C.A. Miller Jr., JN (Lake Charles/21)

*Members for one year*

.....Stf/C Thomas R. Dougherty, N (Absecon Island/5)
.....P/R/C Lewis W. Dance, N (Cape Coral/22)
.....P/D/C James M. Gabocy, N (Grosse Ile/9)
.....P/D/C Lloyd E. Pitts, AP (Lake Murray/26)
.....P/D/C Joseph F. Leitz, N (Vero Beach/8)
.....P/R/C Frank J. Thompson, N (Penfield/2)

The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion to elect the slate of Committee on Rules members as presented. (00-AM-10)

R/C Keller moved the election of the following members to serve on the Committee on Nominations:

*Chairman for 2000* .......... Stf/C Elmer F. Dreier, AP (Cincinnati/24)

*Members for three years*

.....P/C Lucille R. Horowitz, N (Shrewsbury/4)
.....R/C Wayne G. Spraggins, N (Berea/7)
.....P/R/C Charles G. Troike, N (Sandusky/29)

*Most recent P/C/C willing to serve*

.....P/C/C L. M. Barnes III, N (Rocky Mount/27)

The other three members of the committee (not to be voted on) and the years remaining on their terms are:

P/R/C Hayden F. Loveland, N (Saybrook/1) one year
P/R/C Theodore C. Brown Jr., AP (Raleigh/27) two years
P/D/C Creighton C. Maynard, N (Ft. Worth/21) two years

The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion to elect the slate of Committee on Nominations members as presented. (00-AM-11)

R/C Keller moved the election of the following General Members of the Governing Board and the Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (00-A-12)
General Members of the 2000 Governing Board

P/D/C Fred P. Adame, N, Cocoa Beach, D/23
P/D/C James D. Adelman, AP, Pittsburgh, D/7
D/Lt/C Edward Bauer, N, South Shore, D/3
D/Lt/C William M. Bellinger, N, Chain-O-Lakes, D/20
D/Lt/C John Bennett, N, Grosse Pointe, D/9
P/R/C Walter R. Bernady, N, Patapsco River, D/5
D/Lt/C James D. Adelman, AP, Pittsburgh, D/7
D/Lt/C Edward Bauer, N, South Shore, D/3
D/Lt/C William M. Bellinger, N, Chain-O-Lakes, D/20
D/Lt/C John Bennett, N, Grosse Pointe, D/9
P/R/C Walter R. Bernady, N, Patapsco River, D/5
D/Lt/C Charles C. Blackwell, AP, Elizabeth River, D/5
D/Lt/C J. David Blankenbeckler, N, Winston Salem, D/27
P/D/C Corwin Broussard, N, Acadiana, D/21
D/Lt/C Peter G. Burke, N, Red Jacket, D/6
P/R/C Edward A. Bush, N, Hilton Head, D/26
P/D/C Robert W. Carr, JN, Greenwich Bay, D/14
Cdr. Ahmed C. Carrion, P, Arecibo, D/33
P/C Elvin E. Cordle, AP, Richmond, D/5
D/Lt Frank R. Corrado, P, Staten Island, D/4
P/C James J. DePalma, AP, Daytona Beach, D/23
D/Lt/C David Drummond, N, Raritan Bay, D/4
P/D/C Wade R. Faircloth Jr., N, Santana, D/13
P/C Norman Franck, N, Lancaster, D/5
D/Lt/C Douglas Gaither, N, Tulsa, D/31
D/Lt/C Ralph E. Hall, S, Key West, D/8
D/Lt/C Allan F. Harold, N, Ann Arbor, D/9
D/Lt/C Robert W. Himes, P, Painesville, D/11
D/Lt/C John T. Holmes, AP, St Andrew Bay, D/15
P/D/C William C. Hoover, N, St Petersburg, D/22
D/Lt/C William Husted, N, Pompano Beach, D/8
P/D/Lt/C Edward W. Johnson, AP, Peace River, D/22
Cdr. Ahmed C. Carrion, P, Arecibo, D/33
D/Lt/C James J. DePalma, AP, Daytona Beach, D/23
D/Lt/C William Husted, N, Pompano Beach, D/8
P/R/C Daniel Katz, N, Little Neck Bay, D/3
D/Lt/C James F. Keil, AP, Cape Coral, D/22
R/C Robert A. Keller, N, Boca Ciega, D/22
D/Lt/C William Kirnie, N, Syracuse, D/6
P/D/C Joseph Klein, N, Captree, D/3
D/Lt/C Ronald M. Kraase, N, Milwaukee, D/10
D/Lt/C Ed Leibfarth, AP, Savannah River, D/26
D/Lt/C Donald E. Lochner, AP, Clearwater, D/22
P/D/C Dolores V. Loprinze, AP, New London, D/1
D/Lt/C Ronald H. Lukens, AP, Knoxville, D/17
Stf/C Roy Maas, N, San Francisco, D/25
D/1st/Lt Rick Mack, N, Port Huron, D/9
D/Lt/C Joseph McCarthy, N, Brooklyn, D/3
D/Lt/C Nancy McCully, N, Birmingham, D/9
D/Lt/C Noel K. McKeown, N, Daytona, D/24
P/D/C Cloyd S. McNaul, N, Mansfield, D/7
D/Lt/C Dennis R. McNamara, AP, Chicago, D/20
D/Lt/C James R. McVey Sr., N, Swamp Fox, D/26
D/Lt/C William Medwin, N, Lake Hopatcong, D/4
P/D/C Harwood B. Moore, N, DuPage, D/20
P/R/C Richard M. Moore, N, Cross County, D/26
D/Lt/C Thomas K. Moore Jr., AP, Charlotte, D/27
P/D/C Alta M. Mullins, N, Tampa, D/22
P/C Carol Munce, JN, Santa Clara, D/25
D/Lt Richard N. Nitschke, N, Virginia Beach, D/5
D/Lt Suzanne P. Nentwich, AP, Cross County, D/26
D/Lt/C Luther O'Brien, N, Singing River, D/15
D/Lt/C Robert L. O'Connell, N, Buffalo, D/6
D/Lt/D. Raymond Oris, N, Saddle River, D/4
D/Lt/C E. Ben Owen, N, Vulcan, D/17
D/Lt/C Patrick A. Pabouet, P, Hartford, D/1
Stf/C Artemas M. Pickard, N, Rowayton, D/2
D/Lt/C Joseph Portell, JN, Great Blue Hill, D/12
D/Lt/C W. Lyle Rea, N, Kalamazoo, D/9
D/Lt/C Robert V. Reynolds, N, Las Vegas, D/13
P/D/C Gordon E. Rhodes, N, Sue Island, D/5
D/Lt/C Herbert K. Schneider, N, Housatonic River, D/2
D/1st/Lt Gloria J. Schultke, AP, Vero Beach, D/8
P/R/C Herbert Shulman, AP, Boston, D/12
P/R/C Charlotte V. Silbaugh, N, Mountaineer, D/7
D/Lt/C Ed Slack, N, Toledo, D/29
D/Lt Carl E. Sorensen, AP, Somerset, D/4
D/Lt/C Carol E. Smith, AP, Charlotte, D/27
D/Lt/C James W. Spencer, N, Winookski Valley, D/19
D/Lt/C Jannette S. Spencer, JN, Winooksi Valley, D/19
D/Lt/C Richard G. Stablein, JN, Kansas City, D/30
P/D/C Elmer M. Steger, AP, Louisville, D/24
D/Lt/C Bruce R. Theriault, AP, Merrimac River, D/18
D/Lt/C Valerie J. Tout, N, Columbus, D/29
D/Lt/C Bruce E. Troth, AP, Everett, D/16
P/D/C Charles Tulip, JN, Annapolis, D/5
D/Lt/C Edward B. Ugel, P, Balboa, D/28
D/Lt/C Carrol C. Walker, N, Everett, D/16
D/Lt/C Walter H. Wiegert, N, Saybrook, D/1
P/C John C. Wilmot, JN, Potomac River, D/5
D/Lt/C Martin T. Wirtz, P, St Paul, D/10
D/Lt/C William E. Wood, P, Portland, D/32
D/Lt/C Ron R. Wusthoff, JN, Everett, D/16
D/Lt/C Harold N. Zitter, JN, Palm Beach, D/8

P/C/C Miner asked P/C Trudy Brown, AP, to escort C/C-elect Lance J. Jensen, N, to the podium. He then read a biography on C/C-elect Jensen and asked P/D/C Gus Decock, N, to escort C/C-elect Jensen’s family to the

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podium before administering the pledge of office.

P/C/C Miner then administered the pledge of office to the newly installed vice commanders.

P/C/C L.M. Barnes III, N, P/C/C Joseph L. Kennedy, N, and P/C/C Gillette E. Gordon, N, then roasted P/C/C Farr. He was presented with gifts from CPS and USPS in appreciation of his dedication and service to USPS.

With no other business pending, C/C Jensen adjourned the meeting at 1635.

V/C Ernest G. Marshburn, N
National Secretary
ADOPTED

1. A motion to send a letter with the chief commander’s signature thanking Woman’s Certificate Holders and inviting them to join a regular membership classification. (00-AM-1)

2. A motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented. (00-AM-2)

3. A motion to approve a D/3 flag. (00-AM-3)

4. A motion to approve a squadron burgee for Lakeland/22. (00-AM-4)

5. A motion to approve a squadron burgee for Pamlico Provisional Sail and Power Squadron, pending approval of the squadron charter. (00-AM-5)

6. A motion to hold a fall Governing Board on 3-7 September 2003, at the Hilton Reno and Resort and Casino, Reno, Nevada, at a room rate of $89, with free airport shuttle and free parking. (00-AM-6)

7. A motion to ratify the actions of the Operating Committee taken at its meeting on 26 January 2000. (00-AM-7)

8. A motion to ratify an action taken by the Operating Committee at its meeting on 27 January 2000. (00-AM-8)

9. A motion to elect the slate of officers for the national bridge as presented. (00-AM-9)

10. A motion to elect the slate of Committee on Rules members as presented. (00-AM-10)

11. A motion to elect the slate of Committee on Nominations members as presented. (00-AM-11)

12. A motion to elect the 2000 General Members of the Governing Board. (00-AM-12)

DEFEATED
1. A motion to amend V/C Johnson’s motion pertaining to Woman’s Certificate Holders by awarding lifetime membership cards to Woman’s Certificate Holders. (00-AM-1)
MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE 2000 GOVERNING BOARD
HELD 29 JANUARY 2000
AT THE OMNI ROSEN HOTEL, ORLANDO, FLORIDA

C/C Lance J. Jensen, N, called the meeting to order at 1530.

Report of the Committee on Nominations

P/R/C Robert A. Keller, N, offered the report of the Committee on Nominations. “In accordance with USPS Bylaws Section 11.7 and 11.8 it is the responsibility of the Governing Board to elect the chairmen and assistant chairmen of standing and departmental committees. Where appropriate, the following have the approval and recommendation of the vice commanders in charge of the department to which they are assigned. Accordingly, the Committee on Nominations unanimously presents the following nominations and recommends their election.”
R/C Keller noted that the position of staff commander, Graphic Arts Committee, was remaining vacant due the impending merger of that committee with Computer Systems.

The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion to elect the following nominees, who upon election, assumed the ranks shown. (00-GB-6)

FOR REAR COMMANDERS
(EX OFFICIO MEMBERS OF THE 2000 GOVERNING BOARD)

Standing Committees

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Executive Department Committees
### Educational Department

**Assistant Nat’l Educational Officer**  
R/C A. Currie Munce, N (Santa Clara/25)

**Educational Course Coordinator**  
R/C Richard E. Kyle, N (Saybrook/1)

**Boating Course**  
R/C Delmer K. Henry, N (San Fernando Valley/13)

**Advanced Grade Division**  
- **Navigation**  
  R/C Richard A. Seibert, N (Green Bay/10)
- **Junior Navigation**  
  R/C Edwin G. Kridler, N (Charleston/26)
- **Advanced Piloting**  
  R/C Paul M. Shaver, N (Watertown/6)
- **Piloting**  
  R/C Douglas A. Fisher, N (Erie/11)
- **Seamanship**  
  R/C Ruth Danks, N (Boca Ciega/22)
- **Elective Course Division**  
  R/C Spencer P. Anderson, N (Banana River)
- **Cruise Planning**  
  R/C Richard J. Winskowicz, N (Beverly/18)
- **Engine Maintenance**  
  R/C Theodore C. Kontos, N (Clinton/30)
- **Instructor Qualification**  
  R/C James C. Biegler, N (Dallas/21)
- **Marine Electronics**  
  R/C Michael C. Scallan, N (Seminole/23)
- **Sail**  
  R/C Louis O. Maassell, N (Prince George’s/5)
- **Weather**  
  R/C John Bedrossian, N (Marblehead/18)

**Support Division**  
- **Educational Business**  
  R/C Richard C. Pfenniger, N (Hollywood/8)
- **Educ. Development & Review**  
  R/C J.B. McGuire, N (Marin/25)
- **Educational Operations**  
  R/C Patricia A. Johnston, N (Dearborn/9)
- **Supplemental Programs**  
  R/C Robert E. Brummett, N (Portland/32)
- **Teaching Aids**  
  R/C Neil D. McMillin, N (St. Paul/10)

### Administrative Department

**Auxiliary Advisory**  
R/C Patricia C. Armstrong, JN (Covina/13)

**Boating Activities**  
R/C George Doebereiner, N (Palm Beach/8)

**Exhibits**  
R/C John W. Gruol, N (Shrewsbury/4)

**Flag & Etiquette**  
R/C Lowell G. Ward, N (Hilton Head/26)

**Member Involvement**  
R/C Elizabeth J. Glassell, AP (Rocky River/7)

**Membership**  
R/C Francis J. McHugh, AP (Palisades/4)

**National Meetings**  
R/C Shirley Y. Van Rhee, JN (Kalamazoo/9)

**Operations Training**  
R/C William J. McManimen III, JN (Penswray/5)

### Secretary’s Department

**Assistant Secretary**  
R/C Frank A. Dvorak, N (Bellevue/16)

**Computer Systems**  
R/C Orlando E. Katter Jr., AP (Charlotte/27)

**THE ENSIGN**  
R/C Jerry Hennebeul, JN (Neptune/3)

**Graphic Arts**  
R/C Angelo V. Giovannello, N (Great South Bay/3)

**Historian**  
R/C Charles H. Lamken, N (Lackawanna/4)

**Operations Manual**  
R/C Anne E. Hall, N (Key West/8)

**Publications**  
R/C Robert D. Bair, AP (Rowayton/2)

**Ship’s Store**  
R/C Ann T. Bailey, AP (Raleigh/27)
Treasurer’s Department

Asst. Treasurer & Budget Director  
R/C Gordon R. Dunbar, N (Stark County/7)

Budget Officers:

  Exec. & Admin. Dept.  
  R/C John Alter, N (Toledo/29)

  Educational Department  
  R/C Richard P. Rutland, N (Mohawk Hudson/2)

  Secretary’s Department  
  R/C David S. Pratt, JN (Santa Clara/25)

FOR STAFF COMMANDERS

Standing Committees

Asst/Ch Auditing  
Stf/C Harry Gonzalez-Rosas, N (Carolina/33)

Asst/Ch Finance  
Stf/C Thomas H. Ellis, JN (Vero Beach/8)

Asst Law Officer  
Stf/C Maurice G. Rice Jr., AP (Central Wisconsin/10)

Asst/Ch Marketing  
Stf/C Kenneth D. Link, JN (Greensboro/27)

Asst/Ch Planning  
Stf/C Alfred P. Engelmann, N (Greenville/26)

Executive Department

Asst/Ch Cooperative Charting  
Stf/C William H. Mullins, N (San Antonio/21)

Asst/Ch Legislative  
Stf/C Ronald A. Friedman, AP (Manhasset Bay/3)

Asst/Ch National Safety  
Stf/C Irwin M. Brodie, N (Miami Beach/8)

Asst/Ch Public Relations  
Stf/C Darrell G. Allison, AP (Tres Rios/13)

Educational Department

Asst/Ch Navigation  
Stf/C Kenneth L. Barbour, N (New London/1)

Asst/Ch Junior Navigation  
Stf/C Marion Sewell, N (Berea/7)

Asst/Ch Advanced Piloting  
Stf/C John C. Hauck, N (Rocky River/7)

Asst/Ch Piloting  
Stf/C Donald E. Himes, N (Columbus/29)

Asst/Ch Seamanship  
Stf/C Christine L. Rasmussen, N (Tacoma/16)

Asst/Ch Boating  
Stf/C Edwin E. J. Mraz, N (San Diego/28)

Asst/Ch Cruise Planning  
Stf/C Kenneth J. Bolt, N (Staten Island/4)

Asst/Ch Engine Maintenance  
Stf/C Edwin R. Schwenk, N (Grosse Ile/9)

Asst/Ch Instructor Qualification  
Stf/C S. Patricia Governale, N (Somerset/4)

Asst/Ch Marine Electronics  
Stf/C Stephen A. Leishman, N (Huntsville/17)

Asst/Ch Sail  
Stf/C Robert L. Potter, N (DuPage/20)

Asst/Ch Weather  
Stf/C Jean L. Hamilton, N (Houston/21)

Asst/Ch Educational Business  
Stf/C William J. Sheehan, N (Berea/7)

Asst/Ch Educational Dev. & Review  
Stf/C Roy E. Maas, N (San Francisco/25)

Asst/Ch Educational Operations  
Stf/C Thomas G. Vincent, N (Rocky River/7)

Asst/Ch Supplemental Programs  
Stf/C Anne S. Peskin, N (Stamford/2)

Asst/Ch Teaching Aids  
Stf/C Paul B. McGuire, N (Kansas City/30)

Administrative Department

Asst/Ch Auxiliary Advisory  
Stf/C Franklin P. Wright, N (Delaware River/5)

Asst/Ch Boating Activities  
Stf/C Charles D. Davenport, N (Mansfield/7)

Asst/Ch Exhibits  
Stf/C Rodney G. Landsman, AP (Palm Beach/8)
Asst/Ch Flag & Etiquette   Stf/C James A. Williams, JN (Lansing/9)
Asst/Ch Member Involvement   Stf/C Robert E. Rayburn, JN (Columbus/29)
Asst/Ch Membership   Stf/C Bruce E. Troth, N (Everett/16)
Asst/Ch Meetings   Stf/C L.D. Brown, N (Bellevue/16)
Asst/Ch Operations Training   Stf/C Gene R. Van Rhee, N (Kalamazoo/9)

Secretary’s Department

Asst/Ch Computer Systems   Stf/C Wayne Spivak, JN (South Shore/3)
Asst/Ch THE ENSIGN   Stf/C Malcolm B. Ochs, AP (Westchester/2)
Asst/Ch Graphic Arts
Asst/Ch Historian   Stf/C Charles P. Sutter, AP (New York/4)
Asst/Ch Operations Manual   Stf/C Peter W. Mitchelson, N (Vero Beach/8)
Asst/Ch Publications   Stf/C William E. Reasons, N (Cape Lookout/27)
Asst/Ch Ship’s Store   Stf/C Tom A. Governale, AP (Somerset/4)

Treasurer’s Department

Assistant to the Treasurer   Stf/C William N. Hilliard, N (Raleigh/27)
Asst/Budget Off/Exec. & Admin. Dept.   Stf/C Richard M. Peoples, N (Banana River/23)
Asst/Budget Off/Educ. Dept.   Stf/C Harold L. Beidel Jr., N (Columbus/29)
Asst/Budget Off/Sec. Dept.   Stf/C Carol G. Cohen, N (Westchester/2)

Standing Committee Members

R/C Keller continued his report. “In accordance with USPS Bylaws Section 11.9 and upon recommendation of their respective chairmen, and with the approval of the Chief Commander, the Committee on Nominations is pleased to recommend the following members for appointment in 2000 by this Governing Board.” The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (00-GB-7)

Auditing Committee
Members of the Committee   P/C George L. Doles Jr., N (Raleigh/27)
................................................................. P/C William J. Robinson, JN (Lackawanna/4)
................................................................. P/D/C Albert Warnock Jr., JN (Gulf Breeze/15)

Finance Committee
Members of the Committee    P/N/F/Lt Michael J. Horowitz, JN (Shrewsbury/4)
................................................................. D/Lt/C Joseph R. Mesenburg, N (Columbus/29)
................................................................. P/D/C William B. Smith, N (Akron/7)

Law Committee
Members of the Committee    P/C James C. Galloway Jr., N (San Fernando Valley/13)
................................................................. P/C Allan W. Lakin, N (Valley Ho/13)
................................................................. D/Lt/C James D. Richlak, AP (Painesville/11)
................................................................. D/Lt Giles A. Wanamaker Jr., N (Auburn/6)

Marketing Committee
Members of the Committee    Stf/C Darrell G. Allison, AP (Tres Rios/13)
................................................................. R/C Ann T. Bailey, AP (Raleigh/27)
................................................................. D/C Robert A. Baldridge, N (Baton Rouge/15)
................................................................. Lt Susan H. Falcon, S (Vulcan/17)
................................................................. P/R/C Robert A. Green, N (Northern New Jersey/4)
Under the terms of the USPS Educational Trust Agreement, on behalf of the Trustees of the USPS Educational Fund and with their full endorsement, the Committee on Nominations presents the following persons to serve as trustees of the USPS Educational Fund. The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (00-GB-8)

2nd 3-year term:

Thomson P. Butler Jr. (Berea/7)

Trustees - Previously elected and year to office (not to be voted on):

- Robert J. Abernethy (Naples/22) 1998 3rd year, 2nd term
- Harmon B. Deal Jr. (Skokie Valley/20) 1998 3rd year, 1st term
- Emil E. Fleck Jr. (Missouri Ozarks/30) 1998 3rd year, 1st term
- George M. Turner (Chicago/20) 1999 2nd year, 1st term
- Franklin W. Wedge (Knoxville/17) 1999 2nd year, 2nd term

P/R/C Keller announced that Stf/C Creighton Maynard, would serve as assistant chairman for the Committee on Nominations during 2000.

Installation of New Officers

C/C Jensen administered the oath of office to newly elected rear commanders as they stood in front of the Governing Board and to newly elected staff commanders as they stood in place.
C/C Jensen said that due to the lateness of the hour, he would not read his acceptance speech, but he encouraged all members to read his Bridge message in the February THE ENSIGN. He then said that the minutes of this meeting would include an attachment containing the list of his 2000 appointments.

**Report of the Committee on Rules**

R/C C.A. Miller Jr., JN, announced that Stf/C Thomas R. Dougherty, N, is the staff commander of the Committee on Rules for 2000 and announced the following Committee on Rules assignments for Bylaws oversight responsibility:

- All district bylaws - P/R/C Frank J. Thompson, N
- Squadrons in districts 1-5 - P/D/C Lloyd E. Pitts, AP
- Squadrons in districts 6-10 - Stf/C Thomas R. Dougherty, N
- Squadrons in districts 11-17 - P/D/C James M. Gabocy, N
- Squadrons in districts 18-24 - P/D/C Joseph F. Leitz, N
- Squadrons in districts 25-33 - P/R/C Lewis W. Dance, N

**Report of the Finance Committee**

R/C Dan Stein, N, chairman, moved the appointment of Langdon & Company, Garner, N.C., as independent auditors for 2000. The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (00-GB-9)

**Report of the USPS Educational Fund**

Robert J. Abernethy reported that even though six new squadrons joined the 100 percent Honor Roll for the first time during 1999, the total squadrons achieving honor roll status was down from 321 to 312. He said that during 1999 the fund received approximately $10,000 in bequests to memorialize V/C Carl C. Mahnken, N. Total contributions were $64,591, and the fund made new grants totaling $57,000 in 1999. Total grants for the life of the fund are approximately $1 million.

Father James C. Biegler, N, delivered the benediction, the color guard retired the colors and C/C Jensen adjourned the meeting at 1655.
National Secretary
Action Summary
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ADOPTED

1. A motion to elect the slate of new rear and staff commanders as presented by the Committee on Nominations for the year 2000 with corrections noted. (00-GB-6)

2. A motion to recommend the appointment of the members of the Standing Committees. (00-GB-7)

3. A motion to elect the members of the Educational Fund. (00-GB-8)

4. A motion to appoint Langdon & Company as the external auditors for 2000. (00-GB-9)
Chief Commander’s Appointed Officers for 2000

National Flag Lieutenant: Trudy M. Brown, AP

National Chaplains:
- Father James C. Biegler, N
- Father Wilfred M. Dumm, O.S.B., N

Parliamentary Advisor: Benjamin H. Sooy, III, AP

Aides to the Chief Commander:
- P/D/C Robert A. Baldridge, N
- P/R/C Gaston (Gus) I. Decock, N
- Lt. Wade R. Faircloth, Jr., N
- D/C Steven L. Johnson, AP
- P/R/C Robert A. (Bob) Keller, N
- Lt Ruby Ann Mahnken, P
- Stf/C Creighton C. Maynard, Jr., N
- P/D/C Luis A. Ojeda, AP
- P/D/C Roby R. Schottke, N
- P/D/C Bruce Troth, AP
- P/D/C Allan Wentworth, N

Aides to Vice Commanders:
- Executive Officer: P/R/C Richard H. Jarmon, N
- Education Officer: P/D/C Otto L. Rasmussen, N
- Administrative Officer: R/C Theodore C. Kontos, N
- Secretary: P/C James R. McCurry, AP
- Treasurer: Stf/C Donald E. Himes, N

2000 Area Monitors

Chairman:
- P/C/C Robert L. Woods, N
- P/C Raymond A. Finley Jr., N
- P/V/C Franklin W. Wedge, N
- P/C L. M. Barnes, III, N
- P/C/C Richard W. Miner, N
- P/C/C James T. Stewart, N
- P/C/C Harold E. Spoelstra, N
- P/V/C Robert P. David, N
- P/V/C Lorin S. Myers, JN
- P/V/C Robert J. Abernethy, N
- P/V/C Stanley Zolto, Jr., N
- P/C Joseph L. Kennedy, N
- P/C G. E. Gordon, III, N
- P/V/C Russell K. Gray Sr., N

USPS Representatives

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Canadian Safe Boating Council: P/C/C Raymond A. Finley, Jr., N

National Boating Federation: P/V/C Robert P. David, N

Nat'l Assoc of State Boating Law Administrators: P/C/C William D. Selden, N
P/C/C L. M. Barnes, III, N
P/C/C Arthur H. Farr, N

Radio Technical Commission for Maritime Services: R/C Philip Arcuni, N

Florida Safe Boating Council: P/V/C Louis Spector, N

Ad hoc Planned Giving Committee: P/R/C/ Alfred A. Volkmann, N

Ad hoc Vessel Safety Check Committee: P/D/C Luis Ojeda, AP

Ad hoc New Squadron Development Committee: P/R/C Frank Penny, N

United Safe Boating Institute: P/C/C Richard W. Miner, N

**Chief Commander's Advisory Council:**

P/C/C James H. (Pou) Bailey, N
P/C/C L. M. Barnes, III, N
P/C/C Walter R. Cosdon, JN
P/C/C Emery E. Ellis, JN
P/C/C Arthur H. Farr, N
P/C/C Raymond A. Finley, Jr., N
P/C/C Gillette E. Gordon, III, N

P/C/C Joseph L. Kennedy, N
P/C/C Richard W. Miner, N
P/C/C William D. Selden, N
P/C/C Harold E. Spoelstra, N
P/C/C Bruce M. Steere, N
P/C/C James T. Stewart, N
P/C/C Robert L. Woods, N

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