Minutes of the 2008 Annual Meeting
Dallas
23 Feb. 2008

Chief Commander Ernest G. Marshburn, SN, convened the meeting at 0910.

Jewish Lay Leader Gail Nachman, SN, and Chaplain Lou Reitz, AP, led the invocation, which was followed by the presentation of the U.S. and Canadian colors, the Pledge of Allegiance led by N/F/Lt Jamie R. McCurry, AP, and the singing of the U.S. and Canadian national anthems.

The national secretary declared a quorum present.

R/C Allan W. Lakin, SN, Committee on Rules chairman, explained the annual meeting voting procedures.

**Introduction of Past Chief Commanders**

P/C/C G. Leslie Johnson, SN, introduced the past chief commanders present in the order they served:

- P/C/C Richard W. Miner, SN, 1986-1987 (Birmingham/9)
- P/C/C L.M. Barnes III, SN, 1996-1997 (Rocky Mount/27)
- P/C/C Lance J. Jensen, SN, 2000-2001 (Bellevue/16)
- P/C/C Theodore H. Smith, SN, 2002-2003 (Grosse Pointe/9)

C/C Marshburn introduced P/C/C G. Leslie Johnson, SN (Diablo/25), who served as chief
commander from 2004 to 2005.

Approval of the Minutes

C/C Marshburn announced that, with no objections, the minutes of the 8 Sept. 2007 Governing Board Meeting would be approved as distributed.

C/C Marshburn entertained a motion to confirm the 8 Sept. 2007 Governing Board ratification of Operating Committee actions reflected in the subsequent minutes of its meeting held on 5 Sept. 2007. The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (2008-AM-1)

The chief entertained a motion to ratify the actions that were taken by the OCom at its 9 Nov. 2007 and 8 Dec. 2007 meetings and published in the minutes of those meetings. The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (2008-AM-2)

P/R/C William E. Husted, SN, introduced the following honored guests:

- Mark Rosenker, chairman, National Transportation Safety Board
- Bill Gossard, National Transportation Safety Board
- Steve Budar, national commodore, United States Coast Guard Auxiliary
- Harry Cole, chief commander, Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons, who introduced the CPS bridge and other CPS members in attendance
- Jeff Hoedt, chief, USCG Office of Boating Safety
- Virgil Chambers, executive director, National Safe Boating Council
- Charles Holmes, national director, Venturing Division, Boy Scouts of America
- Jimmie Homberg, national commodore, Sea Scouts, BSA
- John Fetterman, president, National Association of State Boating Law Administrators
- Capt. John Lowell, chief, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Marine Chart Division

Capt. Lowell, assisted by Kenneth Forster, senior cartographer, NOAA, National Ocean Service, Office of Coast Survey, presented the following 2007 Cooperative Charting Awards for
The number one individual: John J. Rodgers, SN, Charlotte/27
The number one squadron: Houston Power Squadron/21
The number one district: District 21
NOAA Coast Survey Award: Richard Snapp, AP, Houston/21, for excelling in the Cooperative Charting Program for five years.

Capt. Lowell presented gifts to P/R/C Ed Summers, JN, in appreciation for his contributions to the CCWEB Program.

R/C Husted introduced BoatUS founder and CEO Richard Schwartz and BoatUS Foundation president Ruth Wood who presented the 2007 BoatUS/USPS Civic Service Award to District 13 and Peace River/22. Awards were also presented to runners-up Darien Sail/2, Absecon Island/5, Sebastian Inlet Sail/8 and Harris Chain Sail/23.

National Commodore Jimmie Homburg and Doug Bowman, national boatswain, BSA, Sea Scouts, presented National Certificate of Merit Awards to Melissa Rosener; Connor Bost; Andrew Bohuslav; Peter McKenna; Gabriel McCorkle; Samuel Walker, Vero Beach/8; Patricia Walker, Vero Beach/8; and P/D/C Lee Popham, AP, Miami/8.

Life Saving and Safety Awards

C/C Marshburn presented a USPS Safety Award to Peter McKenna, S, Rockville/5; P/D/C Lee Popham, AP, Miami/8; Patricia Walker, Vero Beach/8; and Samuel Walker, Vero Beach/8.

C/C Marshburn presented a USPS Life Saving Award to Sea Scouts Andre Bohuslav, of Ship 77; Conner Bost, of Ship 468; Gabriel McCorkle, of Ship 1942; and Melissa Rosener, of Ship 1993.

C/C Marshburn recognized the Highway Mariners for their attendance at national meetings for the past 18 years.
C/C Marshburn and Peter and Cathy Trogdon, Weems & Plath, signed a memorandum of understanding.

C/C Marshburn and Mary Steiner and Christian Austin, Maritech, signed a memorandum of understanding.

C/C Marshburn and Steve Hall, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, signed a memorandum of understanding.

C/C Marshburn announced an attendance of 678.

**Honorary Memberships**

C/C Marshburn presented 2008 honorary memberships to the following:

- Steve Budar
- Virgil Chambers
- Harry Cole
- Pam Dillon
- John Fetterman
- Charles Holmes
- Capt. John Lowell
- Mark Rosenker
- Richard Schwartz
- Barry Smith

**Approval of the Minutes**

Hearing no objections, C/C Marshburn approved the 24 Feb. 2007 Annual Meeting minutes as distributed.
2008 Emeritus Members

C/C Marshburn presented Emeritus Member Awards to Ralph L. Borriello, AP, Meriden/1; Edison L. Gessner, SN, Sue Island Sail/5; Robert W. Greaves, SN, Susquenango/6; William H. Lazear, SN, Naples Sail/22; Larry J. Posik, SN, Bayside/3; H. Thomas Simmons, SN, Narragansett Bay/14; Richard H. Starrett, SN, Iroquois/6; Roy W. Vorhees, SN, Grosse Pointe/9; and Franklin W. Wedge, SN, Knoxville/17.

2008 Life Members

C/C Marshburn recognized members in attendance who achieved life member status in 2008. He announced that the 2008 life members received life member certificates at a reception on Friday, 22 Feb. 2008. They will receive plaques, pins and cards at their district spring conferences or at another suitable occasion. The life members for 2008 are:

David W. Abel, AP 27/Rocky Mount
David K. Akin, AP 14/Cape Cod Sail
Bruce A. Albertson, SN 31/Oklahoma City Sail
Linda C. Allen, SN 23/Ponce DeLeon Inlet Sail
Donald J. Andersen, AP 30/Waterloo Sail
Arlene M. Anderson, AP 5/Hampton Roads
Lawson S. Anderson, AP 7/Cleveland
Betty H. Anderson, JN 16/Bellevue
Ruth A. Appel, SN 4/Shrewsbury
Vincene A. Aquilato, S 4/City Island
Philip Arcuni, SN 8/Key West Sail
Hugh C. Arey, SN 7/Berea
Patricia C. Armstrong, JN 13/Covina
Peter K. Askham, AP 1/Hartford

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Emily Attard 4/City Island
Dorie Backus, P 29/Toledo
Shelley L. Bakalis, SN 28/San Diego Sail
Robert A. Baldridge, SN 15/Baton Rouge Sail
M. Ellen Barbour, SN 1/New London
Edward F. Bauer, SN 3/South Shore
R. Edward Baumgardner, JN 5/Susquehannock
James H. Beck, AP 11/Youngstown
Harry T. Begg, JN 7/Mid Ohio Valley
J. Richard Behrens, AP 8/Pompano Beach
John C. Bennett, SN 9/Grosse Pointe
Edgar L. Bittle, SN 15/Ft. Walton Sail
Anthony B. Bizzarro, AP 5/Susquehannock
Dana M. Breda, SN 27/Winston Salem Sail
Gerald W. Brennan, P 22/St. Petersburg Sail
Robert E. Brightbill, S 5/Susquehannock
Roy R. Broman, N 9/Grosse Pointe
June G. Budd, AP 3/Old Field Point
Philip K. Cameron Jr., AP 2/Storm King
Joseph Capuozzo, SN 22/Cape Coral
Henry B. Casper, AP 9/Grosse Pointe
Warren T. Chapman, N 16/Seattle Sail
Sherman C. Christensen, P 22/Sarasota
Richard E. Clemm, AP 22/Peace River
Lila H. Collman, P 32/Lower Columbia
R. Holt Conner, AP 11/New Castle
Denise Cooke, JN 8/Biscayne Bay
Robert W. Costner, P 5/Richmond Sail
Thomas J. Cotter, S 13/Pasadena
Patricia A. Cunningham, SN 6/Swiftwater
Howard R. Daniels, S 8/Vero Beach
Helen S. Darby, AP 13/Redondo Beach
Judith E. DeMeglio, SN 22/Anclote Key Sail
William F. Dietrich, AP 15/Lake Pontchartrain Sail
Marion Dimatteo, AP 4/City Island
George Doerner, AP 20/Skokie Valley
Marion E. Dooley, SN 28/Phoenix Sail
Roberta L. Dougherty, AP 5/Absecon Island
James G. Drayton, JN 3/Jones Beach
James Duffy, AP 4/City Island
Donald Dunlap Jr., SN 27/Pamlico Sail
Stephen L. Eakman, SN 12/Nobscot Sail
Thomas H. Ellis, JN 8/Vero Beach
Leigh M. Fisher 22/Cape Coral
Paul F. Flagg, JN 18/Merrimac River Sail
Carl A. Foesch, AP 27/Charlotte
Robert Frankel, N 22/Anclote Key Sail
Chester W. Freed, AP 5/Blue Hen
Carter B.S. Furr, AP 5/Elizabeth River
Marie R. Gadzinski, P 6/Rochester
Jo Ann Gainer, AP 5/Annapolis Sail
George V. Garone, AP 3/Great South Bay
Thomas H. Geggie, SN  9/Birmingham
Ronald C. Gensemer, SN  22/Peace River
Anita McRae George, P  5/Patuxent River Sail
George D. Gerpheide, AP  9/Kalamazoo Sail
Angelo V. Giovannillo, SN  3/Great South Bay
Robert L. Gloyd, P  5/Northeast River
Paul M. Goldberg, SN  19/Amoskeag
Dan Gonder, AP  17/Vulcan
Frederick J. Goodman, SN  16/Bellingham Sail
Stanley J. Gorzelany Jr., N  2/Penfield
F. Joseph Grant, SN  12/Old Colony
Isaac E. Grove Jr., JN  17/Atlanta Sail
Randal J. Guilmette, P  1/Middletown
Mary Hammond, SN  22/Cape Coral
Frank N. Hansen, P  9/Alpena
Mildred E. Hargreaves, SN  4/Liberty Harbor
Theodore J. Harrington, JN  2/Mohawk Hudson Sail
Lane A. Haviland, SN  21/Ft. Worth
Jerry R. Hill Sr., SN  27/Kinston
Jack L. Hitt, AP  31/Oklahoma City Sail
J. Blake. Humphreville, AP  21/Houston Sail
Michael Iovanna, AP  1/Meriden
Patricia M. Jarmon, SN  9/Birmingham
Patricia A. Johnston, SN  9/Dearborn
Denise M. Jones, AP  4/Liberty Harbor
Leland B. Jones, AP  16/Agate Pass Sail
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Alta M. Mullins, SN 22/Tampa
Paul T. Mulroy, SN 20/Evanston N Shore Sail
John A. Murphy, SN 14/Taunton River
Raymond G. Nardo, P 4/Watchung Sail
George C. Nelson, AP 9/Grosse Ile
Thomas E. Norman, AP 4/Somerset Sail
Beverly N. Orndorff, AP 5/Hampton Roads
Donald G. Orrick, AP 29/Columbus Sail
Ben Owen, SN 17/Atlanta Sail
Christine J. Parkinson, JN 9/Dearborn
Marie L. Pessa, AP 11/Erie
Merritt J. Peterson, AP 10/Minnetonka
Robert J. Pettersen, SN 12/Minute Man Sail
Matthew R. Pfirsch, SN 29/Fostoria Sail
Joseph N. Pizzuti, AP 2/Cross County
Christine L. Rasmussen, SN 16/Tacoma
G. Ryan Reeder, SN 8/Key West Sail
Ellen F. Rennick, S 13/Pasadena
Mary Anne T. Rice, AP 5/Northeast River
Thomas G. Riker, AP 28/Balboa
Bradley J. Robertson, P 11/Erie
Jean C. Roeber, SN 16/Spokane Sail
Joseph Roecklein 3/Patchogue Bay
Jean Ruckdeschel, AP 4/New York Sail
Steven B. Rustin, S 26/Charleston
David W. Sallmann, AP 20/Waukegan Sail
Jane P. Sands, AP 8/Pompano Beach
Bob Sawyer, JN 19/Kennebec River Sail
Walter Schirmacher, SN 9/Mount Clemens
Robert J. Schlaff, AP 9/Flint
Charles W. Schuler, SN 26/North Strand Sail
Patricia W. Schulz, N 7/Rocky River
William J. Schwieder III, AP 5/Virginia Beach Sail
Peter H. Scudder, AP 4/N. New Jersey Sail
H. Clinton Shaffer, AP 5/Annapolis Sail
Nancy A. Sibrava-Kneeland, SN 20/Chicago
William B. Smith, SN 7/Akron
E. Brian Smith, SN 28/San Luis Rey
Irving Smyle, AP 3/Great South Bay
Jane B. Sorensen, AP 4/Somerset Sail
Donald A. St. Lawrence, SN 20/Land of Lincoln
Robert D. Strong, AP 19/Wawenock Sail
Kathryn A. Sullivan, JN 23/Banana River
Norman Sussman, P 20/Evanston N Shore Sail
Dorothy W. Sutter, JN 4/New York Sail
William H. Thoelke, JN 30/St. Louis
Dorothy S. Titus, AP 3/Oyster Bay

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Stasia J. Tokarz, SN 14/Taunton River
Winfield S. Tompkins, AP 5/Kent Narrows
Bruce Troth, AP 16/Possession Sound
E. Mae Trott, P 5/Bush River
Bernard E. Tudor, AP 5/Blue Hen
Gregory A. Wallace, SN 14/Greenwich Bay Sail
Joan E. Watts, S 4/Lackawanna Sail
Dixie Widner, JN 20/Evanston N. Shore Sail
John P. Wilson, AP 26/Lake Murray
Marilyn J. Winstead, AP 22/Sarasota
William F. Witty, SN 20/Skokie Valley
David H. Zises, AP 12/Pequossette Sail &
Ina Fay Zitter, JN 8/Palm Beach Sail &

Report of the Committee on Rules

R/C Allan W. Lakin, SN, Committee on Rules chairman, announced that P/C Benjamin H. Sooy III, AP, would serve as parliamentarian for the 2008 Annual Meeting.

R/C Lakin summarized the chief commander’s 2007 activities and recommended awarding C/C Marshburn his 24th merit mark. The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (2008-AM-3)

R/C Lakin stated that the Committee on Rules had one housekeeping USPS Bylaws amendment for consideration by the Governing Board. He noted that the former USPS Bylaws, Section 5.4, named each Operating Committee member by title, and the revised USPS Bylaws simplified the language by referring to the officers on the Board of Directors as a group. R/C Lakin stated that a reference to the chairman of the Committee on Nominations was mistakenly deleted during the editing of this section.

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R/C Lakin recommended that the Governing Board amend *USPS Bylaws* Section 5.4 by inserting “the chairman of the Committee on Nominations,” after “Board of Directors,” so that the section would read:

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Section 5.4  There shall be an Operating Committee of the Governing Board composed of the Board of Directors, the chairman of the Committee on Nominations, the chairman of the Committee on Rules, the law officer, the chairman of the Planning Committee, the chairman of the Marketing Committee and the chairman of the Finance Committee.
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The Annual Meeting ADOPTED the motion to amend *USPS Bylaws*, Section 5.4. (2008-AM-4)

R/C Lakin reported that since the 2007 Annual Meeting, the Committee on Rules drafted a major revision to the *USPS Bylaws*, approved bylaws amendments for 20 squadrons and three provisional squadrons, and worked with several squadrons and one district on bylaws changes. The committee revised both the *Model Bylaws for Squadrons* and the *Model Bylaws for Districts*, which will be available at www.usps.org/national/rules.

R/C Lakin stated that the Governing Board would elect the members of the Committee on Rules during the 2008 Annual Meeting. He reported that if elected he would re-appoint Stf/C William I. Neef, SN, as the assistant chairman of the committee. He noted that the committee’s oversight responsibilities are listed in the *Directory of National, District and Squadron Officers* and are posted on the committee’s website.

**Report of the National Law Officer**

Stf/C Gregory Korstad, AP, presented the report on behalf of R/C Noel K. McKeown, SN, who was ill. Stf/C Korstad reported that the *Kello vs. St. Paul and USPS* lawsuit was settled and there is no pending litigation.

Stf/C Korstad reviewed the activities of LawCom. LawCom reviewed USPS insurance
coverage required to implement USPS University and on-the-water boating skills certification. The committee is reviewing guidelines for establishing memorandums of understanding with USPS partners, working on lobbying and legislative efforts while protecting USPS’ tax-exempt status, and reviewing corporate governance structure issues and grant contracts.

Report of the Planning Committee

R/C William M. Bellinger, SN, reported that the Planning Committee has been working on several initiatives since the 2007 Governing Board Meeting in Norfolk, Va. He reported that several districts had presented Leadership Development workshops to 55 members from 22 districts. The committee is also working on a new business model that changes USPS’ infrastructure, marketing approaches and revenue sources. PlanCom is working on a plan to create a Development Committee, which would concentrate on fundraising initiatives. R/C Bellinger reported that the committee conducted a study on ailing squadrons and squadrons that did not report teaching a boating course in 2007. He noted that PlanCom believes that it is key for USPS to develop distance-learning courses to satisfy current educational trends.

Report of the Marketing and Public Relations Committee

R/C Robert A. Green, N, stated that communications is one of USPS’ biggest problems. He said that video and the Internet have changed communications. R/C Green showed a video prepared by District 9 members promoting the September 2008 Detroit Governing Board Meeting. The video can be viewed at www.usps.org/national/natmeetings/Detroit/Detroit.html.

R/C Green reported that the new online PRO-Log will be available soon on the committee’s website.

R/C Green reported that Dr. Scott Wysong, a marketing professor at the University of Dallas; Jeff Crilley, a television anchor from Dallas and author of Free Publicity; Amy Pinter, editor of Passagelife.com; Joy Koch McPeters, editor of Marinalife.com, and Bill Prince, editor of ClassicYachtsMag.com gave presentations during the Marketing and Public Relations Committee open meeting. He noted that these presentations will be available on DVD.
R/C Green encouraged squadrons to teach a boating course or USPS University seminar during the 2008 National Safe Boating Week on 17-23 May. He also reported that squadrons can order brochures from headquarters—at the cost of shipping and handling only—to distribute during National Safe Boating Week. These brochures cover topics such as GPS, trailerboating, houseboat safety, safety tips for anglers and homeland security. The brochures are available on the committee’s website at www.usps.org/national/pr/catalog3.html.

Report of the National Treasurer

V/C Joseph R. Mesenburg, SN, reported that 2007 net operating revenues over expenses were $173,161. He reported that although net operating revenues were $20,311 less than in 2006, the net operating expenses were $135,117 less than in 2006.

V/C Mesenburg reported that the $1.80 dues increase had a positive effect on dues and fees revenue even though USPS membership continues to decline. He noted that net educational sales had increased $25,368 over the previous year. He reported that expenses contributed substantially to the overall financial status. He noted that net operating expenses were $135,117 less than in 2006, due primarily to a decrease of $111,931 in headquarters expenses from the previous year.

The national treasurer stated that the financial alarm test standard had greatly improved, and USPS has turned the corner regarding financial stability. He closed by commending USPS’ national leadership and the headquarters staff for their fiscal restraint and thanked the membership for their patience and understanding.

Report of the Finance Committee

R/C Michael J. Horowitz, JN, reported that USPS investments as of 30 Nov. 2007 gained $59,260.78 over the previous year, a return of 8.68 percent. He said that including dividends and interest, the total gain was $100,918, a return of 11.23 percent.

R/C Horowitz reported that as of 30 Nov. 2007, the Endowment Fund gained $26,452.82, or 9.88 percent. He said that including dividends and interest, the total gain was $61,314, a return
of 6.37 percent. He reported that the Finance Committee is pursuing an extremely conservative approach to investing these funds.

He reported that as of FY2006 the financial alarm test was $336,179 below the $3 million control limit. As of 30 Nov. 2007 the total was $2,937,814 or $62,186 below the control limit.

R/C Horowitz moved that the Governing Board approve the appointment of Langdon & Co., of Garner, N.C., as independent auditors for fiscal year 2008. The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (2008-AM-5)

Report of the Auditing Committee

R/C William J. Robinson, SN, reported that the Auditing Committee conducted an audit at headquarters. He stated that the records at headquarters comply with audit standards.

R/C Robinson announced that the National Meetings Committee opened a separate account to handle funds collected for national meetings. He stated that the Auditing Committee noted some internal control deficiencies, and he suggested that the National Meetings Committee tighten up internal controls.

The chief commander entertained a motion to accept the Auditing Committee report. The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (2008-AM-6)

Report of the National Secretary

V/C Robert A. Baldridge, SN, reported on new features recently added to the USPS website. He noted that a new Google search utility had improved the search capability on the USPS site. USPS Information Center, which is updated daily and is available at www.usps.org/national/tools, is a secure site where members can access contact information of almost any member by office, district or squadron. Other new features include a “What’s New” link and a “Squadron Officer’s Guide.”

V/C Baldridge reported that USPS Compass, the USPS electronic newsletter, has a new
look. Members and the public who do not receive Compass can subscribe and find current and archived issues at www.usps.org/newpublic2/compass.html.

The national secretary reported that 405 electronic merit marks submissions were received in 2007 from national committees, districts and squadrons.

The Ship’s Store Committee reminded members that when members purchase items online or at 888-FOR-USPS through 31 Dec. 2008, 5 percent of the purchase price will be split between the member’s district and squadron. Also, purchasers will receive free shipping on Internet orders of $50 or more through February 2008.

The Operations Manual Committee encouraged members to download the Operations Manual at www.usps.org/national/om for the latest updates.

The Historian Committee emphasized the importance of submitting district and squadron histories online at www.usps.org/national/historian.

The Information Technology Committee announced that version 8.0.0.4 of DB2000 is now available at www.accurecord.com/usps/outgoing/db2000.htm.


V/C Baldridge stated that the Flag and Etiquette Committee reviews squadron burgees, district flags and 50- and 75-year recognitions. He stated that the Flag and Etiquette Committee had recommended and he approved a squadron burgee for Miami Sail/8. The committee also approved 50th anniversary burgees for Lackawanna Sail/4, Pompano Beach/8, Door County/10, Redondo Beach/13, Pensacola Sail/15, Bellevue/16, Two Rivers Sail/20, Galveston Bay/21, Fort Worth/21, San Antonio Sail/21, Venice/22, Orlando/23, Louisville/24 and Raleigh/27.

V/C Baldridge introduced the headquarters staff present: Mary Catherine Berube, headquarters director; Lena Padro, manager of membership services; Kathy Kesterson, manager of administrative services; Tom Kemp, manager of headquarters marketing services; Yvonne
Hill, editor of The Ensign; and Kelly Anderson, associate editor of The Ensign.

Report of the National Administrative Officer

V/C Frank A. Dvorak, SN, reported that there are approximately 1,600 copies of the USPS cookbook “By Land or by Sea,” at headquarters. Individual copies sell for $25, cases of 12 for $18 per book, and cases of six for $19 per book.

V/C Dvorak reported that the Auxiliary Advisory Committee had considered disbanding but decided to continue to support squadron auxiliaries.

The Leadership Development Committee reported that the third in a series of leadership seminars, “The True Essence of Leadership,” was distributed to district commanders. The committee announced the fourth in the series, “The Young Generation......Generation whY.” This new seminar addresses the challenges of working with the new generation of members who are the future leaders of USPS. The committee posted a 15-month calendar for district and squadron commanders at www.usps.org/national/ot.


The Member Benefits Committee is working with MariTech Industries on a memorandum of understanding that would give members discounts on safety equipment. The committee is considering a benefit program that would offer discounts on boat cleaning and performance products.

V/C Dvorak reported that the Squadron Activities Committee continues to support its online resources, including the Port Captain’s Directory, Cruise & Rendezvous listings, Amateur Radio Directory, Educational Cruise Guide, Speaker’s Bureau, and links to squadron and district activities. The committee will operate two events in 2008. The first will be on the RMS Queen

Mary in Long Beach, Calif., on 17 and 18 May 2008. The second will be with the American Radio Relay League at its memorial station in Newington, Conn., in June.

The Membership Committee reported that the Power of One Program will continue through 30 Sept. 2008. Emphasis will be placed on individual one-on-one recruitment and mentoring new members. The committee will recognize squadrons that experienced 25 percent or more growth between 1 Oct. 2006 and 30 Sept. 2007. The committee created a PowerPoint presentation on new-member recruiting, which is included on the Boating Course CD-ROM.

V/C Dvorak invited Tom Kemp, headquarters manager of marketing and development services, to present a plaque to P/D/C Drex Bradshaw, SN, in recognition of his dedication and support of the Watersmart from the Start Program.

V/C Dvorak called on D/C Lee Popham, AP, who was assisted by Charles Holmes, national director, Venturing Division, Boy Scouts of America and Jimmie Homberg, national commodore, Sea Scouts, to present the 2008 P/C/C Raymond A. Finley Jr., SN, Sea Scout Service Awards to:

**Youth Recipients for 2008**

Andrew Bohuslav
Conner Bost
Angela Lashavel
Gabriel McCorkle
Peter McKenna

Danielle Meeker
Melissa Roesner
Andrew Showerman
Samuel Walker

**Adults Recipients for 2008**

V/C Robert Baldridge, SN, Baton Rouge/15
D/Lt/C Gregory Boyle, P, Liberty Harbor/4
William Cartrett, P, Winston Salem/27
R/C Robert Green, N, N. New Jersey/4
D/Lt Timothy Gussler, P, Elizabeth River/27

Lt John King II, AP, Charlotte/27
V/C Creighton Maynard, SN, Fort Worth/21
Lt Peggy Finley Paton, AP, Lackawanna/4
Catherine Sterling, P, Marin/25

V/C Dvorak reported a Century Fund balance of $1,200,000 as of 31 Jan. 2008.

Report of the National Educational Officer

V/C Dick Kyle, SN, reported that the 2008 Teaching Aids awards were presented during the members’ luncheon to squadrons that won first, second and third place in all categories. He said that photos of these winning aids will be posted on the USPS Educational Department website at www.usps.org/national/eddept/id/files/taexhibits_2007.pdf.

V/C Kyle presented the 2007 Bell Award to Lower Rio Grande Valley/21 for submitting the most effective, concise teaching aid in the Engine Maintenance category.

V/C Kyle presented the Bell Award to Lt/C Peter P. Pranis Jr., AP, Lower Rio Grande Valley/21. Only squadrons that received the best-in-show award at fall district conferences are eligible for this award.

The national educational officer explained that the 2007 Outstanding Educational Achievement Award recognizes squadrons with the strongest overall educational program as measured by the greatest percentage of members completing courses and the most courses offered from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007. The 2007 recipients are 1st place - Kanawha River Sail/7, 2nd place - Raleigh Sail/27 and 3rd place - Skagit Bay/16.

V/C Kyle reported that since 1969, The N Club has recognized squadrons that demonstrate educational excellence. The 2007 N Club winners are 3rd place - Seattle/16; 2nd place Anna Maria Island/22 and 1st place Skagit Bay/16.

V/C Kyle explained that the Charles F. Chapman Award for Excellence in Teaching recognizes five members who have demonstrated exceptional skill in teaching and motivating their students. They represent the best of USPS instructors. V/C Kyle introduced Mark Trosino of McGraw-Hill. V/C Kyle and Trosino presented the 2007 Chapman Awards to P/D/C John Cook, SN, Costa de Oro/13; P/C Douglas Durfee, SN, Oyster Bay/3; Lt/C Kathleen Mastbeth, JN, Penobscot Bay/19; P/C James Sommers, SN, Toledo/29; and P/D/Lt/C Harold Willard, SN,
Patuxent River/5. Each recipient’s squadron received a Weems & Plath sextant from USPS and an LCD projector donated by McGraw-Hill/International Marine.

V/C Kyle reported that 2007 was an eventful year for USPS educational programs. He said that USPS University is progressing and that new seminars and significantly improved advanced grade courses have been added. He noted that the Boat Operator Certification Program is ready, pending insurance coverage.

The national educational officer reported that attendance at public boating courses declined slightly in 2007. He announced that America’s Boating Course—3rd edition, will replace the Squadron Boating Course, Boat Smart and ABC. The materials can be adapted to teach either the short or longer course. Students will also receive an animated DVD and the Maptech digital charting program and charts.

V/C Kyle reported that squadrons have purchased approximately the same number of USPS University seminars as advanced grade and elective course since the seminar series was introduced in 2006. He said that the seminars are short, cover topical subjects and target experienced boaters. There are currently 12 seminars, and additional seminars will be available in 2008.

The national educational officer reported that major updates were released to Junior Navigation, Seamanship and Engine Maintenance in 2007. JN offers highly practical offshore training and a first-class instructor’s manual. Seamanship offers solid material on boat handling and includes Charlie Wing’s USPS Guide, “The One Minute Guide to the Nautical Rules of the Road.” Engine Maintenance covers current-day marine engines and a host of practical information. The beta edition of Navigation will be available in spring 2008 and will offer a full copy of The CAPN navigation software and charts. The new Weather course will be available in spring 2008. In 2008, the Marine Electronics Course will be reformatted into three new courses: “Marine Electrical Systems,” “Marine Communications Systems” and “Marine Electronic Systems.”

V/C Kyle reported that a team of USPS on-the-water skill certifiers were trained at U.S. Sailing in preparation for the Boat Operator Certification Program. He said that the details of the
first of the four certification levels have been completed, and the USPS certifiers are ready to begin certifying members as Inland Navigators. The second-level Coastal Navigator will be rolled out in fall 2008, and the other two levels will be ready in 2009.

**Report of the National Executive Officer**

V/C Maynard recommended that in accordance with the *USPS Operations Manual*, Sections 12 and 5.10, that the Governing Board dissolve the following squadrons: Everglades/8, Miami Beach/8 and Irish Hills/9. The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (2008-AM-7)

V/C Maynard reported receiving a request to grant District 24 a waiver and variance to hold its district change of watch at a time other than between 1 March and 1 May of each year, which the OCom approved on a one-year trial basis. He said that the rationale was to allow all newly elected and installed district bridge officers to attend the annual meeting.

The Government and Partner Relations Committee reported that in 2007 it contributed to the USCG Office of Boating Safety National Recreational Boating Safety Program strategic plan for 2007 to 2011. The committee assisted in negotiating memorandums of understanding with the Marine Retailers Association of America and Weems & Plath. The committee is exploring options to encourage proactive legislative involvement to make the USPS lobbying policy more “user friendly.”

The Squadron Development Committee reported that it continues to support USPS members, squadrons and districts in the development of new squadrons and to provide support for squadrons-at-risk. The committee is working with the Membership Committee to develop guidelines for squadrons-at-risk.

Five provisional squadrons are working toward receiving their charter: Colonial/5, Dubuque/10, The Valley/13, Kankakee Valley/20 and South Bay/28.

The Recreational Boating Safety Committee reported that the USCG Office of Boating Safety newsletter, Waypoints, can be found at [www.uscgboating.org/waypoints](http://www.uscgboating.org/waypoints). The committee reported receiving 2007 Safety Reports from 19 districts as of 31 Dec. 2007.
The Cooperative Charting Committee reported that in 2007 several thousand online reports were submitted to NOAA, which helps to ensure the accuracy of nautical charts. More than 100 squadrons are participating in the Adopt-A-Chart Program.

The Boating Guide to America can be accessed at www.boatingguidetoamerica.com. The committee worked with Maptech to develop this guide, which is an online encyclopedia where members provide information about their favorite boating destinations.

V/C Maynard called on R/C Richard V. White, AP, who presented the 2007 Cooperative Charting Award to P/D/C Edward Lewis, JN, Mattapoisett/14.

V/C Maynard called on R/C Ronald C. LaPlante, SN, to present the 2007 Vessel Safety Check Awards. R/C LaPlante reported that since joining the Vessel Safety Check Program in 2001, USPS examiners had completed 205,477 vessel safety checks. He reported that Wesley S. Huesser, Balboa/28, won the contest to mark the 60th anniversary of the Vessel Safety Check Program. The prize was a berth on board the USCG Eagle.

2007 Vessel Safety Check Awards

The districts with the highest percentage of vessel safety checks based on district membership received the 2007 Best District Awards. These districts are:

1st place - D/3
2nd place - D/11
3rd place - D/1
4th place - D/23
5th place - D/20

The five squadrons with the highest percentage of vessel safety checks based on their squadron membership received the 2007 Best Squadron Awards. These squadrons are:

1st place - Jones Beach/3
2nd place - Kentucky Lake/24
3rd place - Saybrook/1
4th place - Titusville/23
5th place - Lower Columbia/31

The Millennium Club Awards are given to vessel examiners who have performed at least 1,000 vessel safety checks during a year. Recipients for 2007 are:

P/R/C Robert D. Holub, SN, Jones Beach/3 (6th year)
P/C John R. Robinson, AP, Saybrook/1 (3rd year)
P/C Tish J. Cullen, P, Las Vegas/13 (1st year)

The Century Club Awards are presented to individuals who performed at least 100 vessel safety checks. Recipients for 2007 are:

John R. Robinson (5th year) 1,571
Donald L. Wilson (5th year) 165
Angelo V. Giovanniello (2nd year) 101
Marshall R. Shear (3rd year) 197
Robert A. Ball (5th year) 148
Michael A. Siwak (4th year) 108
Marjorie Baraff (5th year) 102
Thomas F. Rossini (5th year) 206
Tish J. Cullen (6th year) 211
Lawrence G. Stoll (4th year) 162
James W. Cooke Jr. (4th year) 402
J. Duggan Jordan Jr. (2nd year) 188
Frederick J. Gurr 107
Karen Marie Andros (4th year) 158
Rod Niemann 106
William G. Schultz 100
William S. Halkovitch 115
Mary Kathryn Nesser (4th year) 150
David T. Wilson 193
Peter J. Porrazzo (5th year) 260
Robert D. Holub (6th year) 2,500
Catherine J. Early (3rd year) 154
Robert E. Mosey (5th year) 186
Kenneth B. Campbell (3rd year) 137
Joseph F. Leitz (7th year) 114
Diane Michele Dawes (2nd year) 215
Phil A. Good Jr. 105
Viki L. Sharp (2nd year) 132
Bill F. Erdmann 110
Kimberly O’Gorman (5th year) 386
Peter H. Ward 107
Matthew W. Bandilla (5th year) 160
Bobby J. Bray (2nd year) 149
James H. Elkwood 208
Milton B. Whang (3rd year) 316
Wesley S. Heusser (2nd year) 296
Dennis D. Ladd (4th year) 127
Juan Rivera (5th year) 141
The USPS Environmental Committee reported that in 2007, 55,000 copies of the *Environmental Best Practices for Boaters* brochure were distributed to squadrons, thanks to a USPS Educational Fund grant. The distribution also included information on the Ocean Conservancy’s International Coastal Cleanup. Information on a partnership with the Ocean Conservancy is available on the committee’s website at www.usps.org/national/envcom/coastal_cleanup.htm.

The committee reported that the BoatU.S. Foundation is accepting applications for its 2008 Clean Water Grants Program. Environmental posters and brochures and the latest information on federal and state marine aquatic laws are also on the committee’s website at www.usps.org/national/envcom/.

**Report of the Past Chief Commander**

P/C/C G. Leslie Johnson, SN, reviewed the action taken by the OCom during its meeting on 20 Feb. 2008.

1. A motion to grant District 24 a waiver and variance that would allow it to hold its 2009 change of watch at a time other than between 1 March and 1 May 2009.

   The Governing Board ADOPTED P/C/C Johnson’s motion to accept the action taken by the OCom during its meeting on 20 Feb. 2008. (2008-AM-8)

   P/C/C Johnson reported on the District 2 resolution that reads as follows:

   1) modify in wording the USPS Mission Statement to include the development of boating skills in members as one of the objectives; 2) modify the wording in the Educational Goal of the Strategic Plan so as to include the development of boating skills in members as one of the objectives; 3) modify the wording in Article 2, Objects, of the USPS Bylaws, so as to include the instructions of boating safety as one of the Objects of USPS; and 4) establish as policy that all USPS publications include the development of boating skills and boating safety.

   P/C/C Johnson recommended, with the approval of District 2 and the Operating
Committee, that the Governing Board amend the District 2 resolution by striking paragraph number three. The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (2008-AM-9)

P/C/C Johnson then moved that the Governing Board adopt the District 2 resolution as amended. The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (2008-AM-9A)

**2007 Meritorious Service Awards**

C/C Marshburn, assisted by V/C Maynard, presented Meritorious Service Awards to national officers completing their tours of duty:

V/C Creighton C. Maynard Jr., SN, National Executive Officer  
V/C Frank A. Dvorak, SN, National Administrative Officer  
V/C Robert A. Baldridge, SN, National Secretary  
R/C Anthony J. Aquilato, AP, Chairman, Committee on Nominations  
R/C Philip Arcuni, AP, Chairman, Information Technology Committee  
R/C Frank R. Clayton, SN, Chairman, Squadron Development Committee  
R/C David A. Daniels, SN, Chairman, Basic Public Education Committee  
R/C N. Ann Fields, SN, Chairman, Offshore Navigation Committee  
R/C Walter C. Fields, SN, Chairman, Electro-Mechanical Systems Committee  
R/C Jean Hamilton, SN, Chairman, Environmental Committee  
R/C David L. Hinders, SN, Assistant National Secretary  
R/C Sandra C. Johnson, AP, Chairman, Ship's Store Committee  
R/C Ronald C. LaPlante, SN, Chairman, Vessel Safety Check Committee  
R/C Lois Neef, P, Chairman, Auxiliary Advisory Committee  
R/C Luis A. Ojeda, SN, Chairman, Member Benefits Committee  
R/C Robert L. Potter, SN, Chairman, Curriculum Development & Coordination Committee  
R/C Barbara A. Spraggins, AP, Chairman, Flag and Etiquette Committee  
R/C Harold N. Zitter, SN, Chairman, Leadership Development Committee

The Governing Board recognized C/C Ernie Marshburn, SN, for his service as chief commander.
Report of the Chief Commander

C/C Ernest G. Marshburn, SN, said that he did not believe that USPS members had lost their passion, but he had wondered how so many members had grown complacent, losing sight of the importance of the personal touch, and how it correlated with USPS’ core values of recreational boating, civic service and education. He said that in this age, when technology has increasingly depersonalized contact with others, it is necessary to find new pathways to reach out to the boating community. He stated that the recurring “Reach Out and Touch” theme emphasized the importance of one-on-one contact. He noted that the “Power of One” and “Let’s Go Boating” campaigns become a rallying cry that showcased the USPS ensign while emphasizing USPS’ visibility and recognition.

C/C Marshburn said his personal dream was for USPS to re-emerge as a visible and recognized leader within the recreational boating community. He said that as chief commander, he had pledged to members that the national leadership would work aggressively to create positive change in USPS.

The chief said that his first challenge had been to get USPS finances in order and that goal was achieved thanks to the efforts, sacrifices and financial contributions of many USPS members. He noted that a second challenge had been to focus on personal touch when interacting with members and the public. The chief said that national leaders led the way by holding interactive town hall meetings, facilitating group discussions, and responding to member’s questions and concerns. He noted that three Operating Committee meetings were combined with district conferences to better connect members with the national leadership.

C/C Marshburn stated that in 2006 and 2007, the USPS educational program re-emerged as a cornerstone of outreach, vision and direction. He noted that USPS University had earned national recognition, mirrored the strategic plans of federal partners, and addressed the advanced educational needs of the entire recreational boating community. The chief said that the Boat Operator Certification Program was designed to overlay the current grade system and attract individuals interested in gaining credentials. He noted that the educational waiver opened the door to create a distance-learning program to support members when schedules, locations or instructors are not convenient or available.
The chief said that USPS reorganized its national structure and governance to more closely resemble that of a national corporation as opposed to a local boating club. He said that the Board of Directors was implemented during this meeting and was already showing signs of increasing USPS’ competitiveness, visibility and voice as a leader in recreational boating. He said that more importantly, the new structure created a more efficient and effective leadership grounded by sound fiscal management and accountability for its actions.

C/C Marshburn said that with more than 17 million boaters in the United States the new motto, “Boating is fun... let us show you how,” will continue to reinforce USPS’ belief that people who know the rules and how to operate their vessel properly will be safer recreational boaters.

C/C Marshburn closed by saying that the past two years were not the efforts of one but rather the success and accomplishments of many. He said he continued to believe that the leadership team guiding USPS the past two years could best be described as the “Dream Team,” one that will forever be second to none. He said he could not recall a time in USPS history when all members came together with the determination and resolve needed to get USPS back on track. C/C Marshburn thanked all the national officers’ aides and vice commanders for their hard work and dedication. He also thanked his wife, Dianne Marshburn, and his family members for their support.

C/C Marshburn discharged all national officers and cleared the bridge with the exception of the national secretary.

C/C Marshburn turned the chair over to P/C/C L.M. Barnes III, SN, to conduct the elections. The national secretary declared that no nominations by petition had been filed.

Report of the Committee on Nominations

R/C Anthony J. Aquilato, SN, stated, “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 2008 Annual Meeting of Delegates.”
Chief Commander
   C/C Creighton C. Maynard Jr., SN, Fort Worth/21

National Executive Officer
   V/C Frank A. Dvorak, SN, Bellevue Sail/16

National Educational Officer
   V/C Richard E. Kyle, SN, Saybrook/1

National Administrative Officer
   V/C John T. Alter, SN, Raleigh Sail/27

National Secretary
   V/C David L. Hinders, SN, Carquinez/25

National Treasurer
   V/C Joseph R. Mesenburg, SN, Columbus Sail/29

Past Chief Commander
   P/C/C Ernest G. Marshburn, SN, Tar River/27

   P/C/C L.M. Barnes III, SN made a motion to elect the nominees to serve as Bridge
   officers and members of the Board of Directors and P/C/C Ernest G. Marshburn, SN, to serve as
   a member of the Board of Directors. The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion.
   (2008-AM-10)

   R/C Aquilato stated, “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 and moves the election of the members of the Committee on Nominations as follows.”

Committee on Nominations
Chairman for 2008
   R/C L.D. Brown, SN Bellevue Sail/16

Members for three years
   P/R/C Kenneth D. Link, JN, Fort Macon Sail/27
   D/C Peter W. Mitchelson, SN, Sebastian Inlet Sail/8

Most recent P/C/C willing to serve
   P/C/C G. Leslie Johnson, SN, Diablo Sail/25
The other four members of the committee (not to be voted on) and the years remaining on their terms are:

- P/D/C Ben Coons, AP, Hiawatha Valley Sail/10
- P/D/C David Drummond, SN, Raritan Bay/4
- P/R/C Alan Wentworth, SN, Door County/10
- P/R/C William F. Witty, SN, Skokie Valley/20

The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion to elect the slate of Committee on Nominations members as presented. (2008-AM-11)

R/C Aquilato then stated, “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 and moves the election of the members of the Committee on Rules as follows.”

Committee on Rules

Chairman for 2008

- R/C Allan W. Lakin, SN, Valley Ho/13

Members for one year

- Stf/C William I. Neef, SN, Boca Ciega Sail/22
- P/C David Allen Jr., JN, Lake Murray/26
- P/D/C Jack Runner, AP, Sandusky/29
- P/C Artemas M. Pickard, SN, Portland Head Sail/19
- R/C Robert Schloeman, JN, Phoenix Sail/28
- P/R/C Daniel Stein, SN, Berea/7

The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion to elect the slate of Committee on Rules members as presented. (2008-AM-12)

R/C Aquilato moved the election of the following General Members of the Governing Board, and the Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (2008-AM-13)
Vincene Aquilato, S, City Island/4
Bryan Bartlett, AP, Detroit/9
James G. Beachell, JN, Ft. Vancouver Sail/32
Jane S. Brandenstein, JN, Pittsburgh/7
Denise Brooks, AP, Port Huron/9
Charles M. Burger, SN, Fox Valley/20
Robert E. Canfield, JN, Rockford/20
Joseph Cartwright, SN, Belle Vue Sail/16
Donald C. Clark, JN, Harris Chain Sail/23
Gardham W. Comb, JN, Little Neck Bay Sail/3
Wanderley Diehl, SN, San Luis Rey/28
James D. Draper, JN, Flint/9
Malischka M. Dunlap, AP, Port St. Lucie/8
Alford Harmon, AP, Hiawatha Valley Sail/10
Delmer K. Henry, SN, San Fernando Valley/13
Rose Hinders, Carquinez/25
Robbie Jarrell, AP, New Orleans/15
Mary Ann Jensen, AP, Lansing Sail/9
Carl Johnson, AP, Cape Cod Sail/14
Daniel M. Joyce, SN, Ft. Worth/21
Daniel Katz, SN, Little Neck Bay Sail/3
James F. Keil, AP, Cape Coral/22
Robert D. Holub, SN, Jones Beach/3
Michael J. Kovalcin, SN, Sarasota/22
Thomas F. Krupa, AP, St. Petersburg Sail/22
Janet U. Lane, SN, Naples Sail/22
Louis Maassel, SN, Annapolis Sail/5
Suzanne Nentwich, SN, Cross County/2
James R. McCurry, AP, Shallotte River Sail/27
Micky McNelis, P, Dundalk Sail/5
Luis Molero, AP, San Juan/33
Earl J. Mummert, AP, Sarasota/22
John Nason, SN, Springfield/1
Terry J. Elia, AP, St. Louis/30
Barbara Erickson, AP, Seattle Sail/16
Martin Feldberg, AP, Storm King/2
Richard Fiorentini, SN, Raritan Bay/4
Robert C. Flint, AP, Seminole/23
W. Norman Franck Jr., SN, Miles River/5
Alan C. Fuller, SN, Darien Sail/2
Howard A. Gaston, SN, New Castle/11
William R. Gillette, AP, Key West Sail/8
Mack L. Gordy Jr., AP, Greensboro/27
H.E. Greenbacker, SN, Meriden/1
Jerry H. Hall, AP, Cape Fear/27
William C. Hall, AP, Port Clinton/29
Lena J. Parsons, AP, Coral Ridge Sail/8
Stanley L. Petty, JN, Main Line Sail/5
Richard Reddy, SN, Perdido Bay/15
Louis M. Reitz, AP, Ocean City/5
Marilyn B. Rose, P, Tulsa/31
Michael P. Scher, AP, Knoxville/17
Kathy M. Schult, AP, Central Wisconsin/10
David Schultz, AP, Utica/6
Marion Sewell, SN, Berea/7
Douglas James Scott, AP, Portland Head/19
Irwin Stape, AP, Westchester Sail/2
Donald P. Stone, AP, Charles River Sail/12
Richard Swackhamer, AP, Watchung Sail/4
Peter TenBrink, JN, Jones Beach/3
Bruce Theriault, AP, Merrimac River/18
Archie W. Trawick Jr., SN, Lake Murray/26
Kenneth Voight, P, Tres Rios/13
Betty Walton, AP, Hilton Head Sail/26
William M. Warren, P, Southern Tier/6
Joanna K. Webster, AP, Poverty Bay/16
P/C/C L.M. Barnes invited C/C-elect Creighton C. Maynard Jr., SN, and family members to join him on the stage. P/C/C Barnes then administered the oath of office to C/C Maynard.

C/C Maynard administered the oath of office to the 2008 national Bridge officers and P/C/C Marshburn.

The national secretary declared that there were no nominations by petition. C/C Maynard called for the report from the chairman of the Committee on Nominations.

R/C L.D. Brown, SN, chairman, reported that Stf/C Alan F. Wentworth, SN, Door County/10, would serve as the assistant chairman of the Committee on Nominations.

R/C Brown stated, “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 of the chief commander and recommendation of the chief commander 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.”

The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion to elect the following nominees for rear commander and staff commander. (2008-AM-14)

FOR REAR COMMANDERS

STANDING COMMITTEES

Auditing ................................. R/C William J. Robinson, SN (Lackawanna Sail &/4)

Finance .................... R/C Michael J. Horowitz, JN (Shrewsbury/4)
Law Officer ................ R/C Noel K. McKeown, SN (Dayton Sail &/24)
Marketing and Public Relations . . R/C Robert A. Green, N (Northern New Jersey Sail &/4)
Planning ..................... R/C William M. Bellinger, SN (Chain-O-Lakes Sail/20)

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT COMMITTEES
Cooperative Charting .............. R/C V. Richard White, AP (Mobile Sail &/15)
Environmental ................ R/C Samuel E. Insalaco, AP (Berea/7)
Government & Partner Relations . R/C William E. Husted, SN (St. Lucie River/8)
National Meetings ............. R/C Robert A. Keller, SN (Boca Ciega Sail &/22)
Recreational Boating Safety ...... R/C Richard L. Frenz, SN (Patchogue Bay/3)
Squadron Development .......... R/C Hank T. Willis, JN (Bremerton Sail &/16)
Vessel Safety Check ............. R/C Robert C. Miller, AP (Poverty Bay/16)

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT
Assistant Nat’l Educational Officer . R/C Robert J. Sweet, SN (Buzzards Bay/14)
Basic Public Education ........ R/C Eugene E. Molteni, SN (Bayside/3)
Boat Handling .................. R/C Wilbur G. Hugli, SN (Ft. Walton Sail &/15)
Curriculum Development & Coord. R/C John W. Fletcher, SN (Lockport/6)
Educational Dept Operations . . R/C Nancy M. Reeder, SN (St. Petersburg Sail &/22)
Electro-Mechanical Systems ...... R/C Gene A. Danko, SN (Rockville Sail &/5)
Inland & Coastal Navigation ..... R/C Kenneth L. Griffing, SN (Arrowhead/13)
Instructor Development .......... R/C J. Christopher Brown, SN (Bellevue Sail &/16)
Marine Environment ............. R/C R.E. Brandenstein, SN (Pittsburgh/7)
Offshore Navigation ............ R/C Kenneth N. Beckman, SN (St. Petersburg Sail&/22)
Publication Support ............ R/C Richard C. Pfenniger, SN (Hollywood/8)

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT
Auxiliary Advisory ............. R/C Lois Neef, P (Boca Ciega Sail &/22)
Leadership Development ....... R/C Peter H. Hames, AP (Houston Sail &/21)
Membership Committee .......... R/C Roberta L. Dougherty, AP (Absecon Island/5)
Member Benefits ............... R/C Charles (Ted) E. Rankine (Sarasota/22)
Squadron Activities ........... R/C Robert Schloeman, JN (Phoenix Sail &/28)

SECRETARY’S DEPARTMENT
Assistant Secretary . . . . . . . . . . . . . . R/C Jean L. Hamilton, SN (Houston Sail &/21)
Flag and Etiquette . . . . . . . . . . . . . . R/C E.J. Sacks, SN (Pensacola Sail &/15)
Historian . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . R/C Phyllis Millan, P (Annapolis Sail &/5)
Information Technology . . . . . . . . . . R/C John R. Bradley, SN (Great South Bay/3)
Operations Manual . . . . . . . . . . . . . . R/C Kent L. Simpson, AP (Two Rivers Sail &/20)
Publications . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . R/C Arthur A. Mollica, SN (St. Paul Sail &/10)
Ship’s Store . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . R/C R. Louise Rea, SN (Peace River Sail &/22)
The Ensign . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . R/C Marjorie Baraff, AP (Biscayne Bay/8)

TREASURER’S DEPARTMENT
Asst. Treasurer & Budget Director . . . R/C Richard M. Peoples, SN (Banana River Sail &/23)
Budget Officers:
   Exec. & Admin. Dept. . . . . R/C Gary P. Cheney, SN (Erie/11)
   Educational Department . . . . R/C Thomas M. Derden, SN (Houston Sail &/21)
   Secretary’s Department . . . . . R/C Gary L. McKinley, SN (Mansfield/7)
Planned Giving Committee . . . . . . . R/C Chester G. White Jr., JN (San Diego Sail &/28)

FOR STAFF COMMANDERS
STANDING COMMITTEES
Asst/Ch Auditing . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Vacant
Asst/Ch Finance . . . . . . . . . . . . . Stf/C Thomas H. Ellis, JN (Vero Beach/8)
Asst Law Officer . . . . . . . . . . . . . Stf/C Gregory Korstad, AP (Minnetonka/10)
Asst/Ch Marketing/Public Relations . . . Stf/C Gregory T. Scotten, SN (Peace River Sail &/22)
Asst/Ch Marketing/Public Relations . . . Stf/C Denise C. Samu, AP (Birmingham/9)
Asst/Ch Marketing/Public Relations . . . Stf/C William E. Smith, AP (Austin/21)
Asst/Ch Planning . . . . . . . . . . . . . Stf/C Jeff Hamilton, AP (Minnetonka/10)

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
Asst/Ch Cooperative Charting . . . . . . Stf/C Horst Boettge, SN (Golden Corner Lakes Sail &/26)
Asst/Ch Cooperative Charting . . . . . . Stf/C James H. Strothers, SN (Sanibel Captiva Sail &/22)
Asst/Ch Environmental . . . . . . . . . . Stf/C Samuel A. Woodruff, AP (Columbus Sail &/29)
Asst/Ch Gov. & Partner Relations . . Stf/C Richard Gercak, AP (Ft. Walton Sail &/15)
Asst/Ch National Meetings . . . . . Stf/C Trudy M. Brown, AP (Bellevue Sail &/16)
Asst/Ch National Meetings . . . . . Stf/C Vincene A. Aquilato, S (City Island/4)
Asst/Ch Recreational Boating Safety Stf/C William J. McDonald, AP (Hoosier Sail &/24)
Asst/Ch Recreational Boating Safety Stf/C Michael S. Wiedel, AP (Milwaukee Sail &/10)
Asst/Ch/Squadron Development . . Stf/C Gerardo J. Caprario, JN (Watchung Sail &/4)
Asst/Ch Vessel Safety Check . . . . . Stf/C Daniel H. Joyce, SN (Ft. Worth/21)
Asst/Ch Vessel Safety Check . . . . . Stf/C Thomas T. Roscoe, AP (Lakes Region Sail &/19)

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT
Asst/Ch Basic Public Education . . Stf/C Pablo Prieto, SN (Sandusky/29)
Asst/Ch Basic Public Education . . Stf/C John Sherrick, JN (Spokane Sail &/16)
Asst/Ch Boat Handling . . . . . . . . Stf/C John C. Bennett, SN (Grosse Pointe/9)
Asst/Ch Boat Handling . . . . . . . . Stf/C Lawrence A. Rathburn, AP (Mobile Sail/15)
Asst/Ch Curriculum Dev & Coord . Stf/C H. James Gorman Jr., JN (Bare Cove/12)
Asst/Ch Curriculum Dev & Coord . Stf/C R. Herman Green, AP (Chattanooga/17)
Asst/Ch Ed Dept Operations . . . . Stf/C Thomas J. Brincka, SN (Barnegat Bay/4)
Asst/Ch Electro-Mech Systems . . . Stf/C Brian P. Schanning, JN (Marblehead/18)
Asst/Ch Electro-Mech Systems . . . Stf/C Harl Porter, JN (Charleston/26)
Asst/Ch Inland & Coastal Nav . . . Stf/C Luther C. Abel, SN (Santa Clara/25)
Asst/Ch Inland & Coastal Nav . . . Stf/C James E. Mello, AP (Nobscot Sail &/12)
Asst/Ch Instructor Development . . Stf/C Robert Landeros, SN (Kalamazoo Sail &/9)
Asst/Ch Instructor Development . . Stf/C Ann L. Scotten, SN (Peace River Sail &/22)
Asst/Ch Instructor Development . . Stf/C Leslie W. Williams Jr., JN (Saybrook/1)
Asst/Ch Marine Environment . . . Stf/C Garry S. Schroeder, SN (Mansfield/7)
Asst/Ch Offshore Navigation . . . Stf/C Charles A. Perkins, SN (Attleboro Sail &/14)
Asst/Ch Offshore Navigation . . . Stf/C Merrill F. Sproul, SN (Seneca Sail &/6)
Asst/Ch Publication Support . . . . Stf/C Angelo V. Giovannielo, SN (Great South/3)
Asst/Ch Publication Support . . . . Stf/C Peter A. Nielsen, SN (Housatonic River/2)

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT
Asst/Ch Auxiliary Advisory . . . . Stf/C Sally C. Lemus, P (Detroit/9)
Asst/Ch Leadership Development . . Stf/C Richard P. Davis, AP (Northern Virginia Sail &/5)

Asst/Ch Membership Committee . . . Stf/C Connie Beckman, JN (St. Petersburg Sail &/22)
Asst/Ch Membership Committee . . . Stf/C Susan L. Darcy, JN (Berkshire Sail/2)
Asst/Ch Membership Committee . . . Stf/C C. Douglas Sewell, SN (Berea/7)
Asst/Ch Member Benefits . . . . . . . . Stf/C Kathy M. Schult, AP (Central Wisconsin Sail &/10)
Asst/Ch Squadron Activities . . . . . . . Stf/C Steven L. Johnson, AP (Norman Sail &/31)

SECRETARY’S DEPARTMENT
Asst/Ch Flag and Etiquette . . . . . . . Stf/C Joseph A. Tringali, SN (Palm Beach Sail &/8)
Asst/Ch Historian . . . . . . . . . . . . . Stf/C Louis Reitz, AP (Ocean City/5)
Asst/Ch Information Technology . . . Stf/C Miguel Long, JN (Sewanhaka/3)
Asst/Ch Operations Manual . . . . . . . Stf/C Harry W. Hebb, SN (Pensacola Sail &/15)
Asst/Ch Publications . . . . . . . . . . . . Stf/C Brenda Joyce, P (Ft. Worth/21)
Asst/Ch Ship’s Store . . . . . . . . . . . . Stf/C Iris L. Reddy, SN (Perdido Bay/15)
Asst/Ch THE ENSIGN . . . . . . . . . . . Stf/C Gregory T. Absten, AP (Marathon Sail &/8)

TREASURER’S DEPARTMENT
Assistant to the Treasurer . . . . . . . William N. Hilliard, SN (Raleigh Sail &/27)
Assistant to the Treasurer . . . . . . . D/C Ann T. Bailey, AP (Raleigh Sail &/27)
Asst/Budget Off/Exec/Admin. Dept. Stf/C Charles Tulip Jr., JN (Annapolis Sail &/5)
Asst/Budget Off/Educ. Dept. . . . . . . . Stf/C Nigel E. Hargreaves, SN (Sebastian Inlet Sail &/8)
Asst/Budget Off/Sec. Dept. . . . . . . . Stf/C Robert C. Flint, AP (Seminole/23)
Asst/Ch Planned Giving . . . . . . . . . Stf/C Theodore C. Kontos, SN (Two Rivers Sail &/20)

STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

R/C Brown stated, “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 2008 by this Governing Board.”

AUDITING COMMITTEE
Members of the Committee . . . . . . . P/V/C John C. Ellsworth, SN (Fayetteville Sail &/27)
.................................................. P/D/C C. Tom Helms, SN (Lake Norman Sail &/27)
Lt/C Adrianne E. Slaymaker, AP (Sable Point Sail &/9)
Lt/C Marlene Oslick, S (Watchung Sail &/4)

FINANCE COMMITTEE
Members of the Committee .............. Lt/C Lee Popham, AP (Miami Sail &/8)
.............................................. P/D/C L. Stephen Puckett, AP (Greensboro/27)
.............................................. D/C C. Douglas Sewell, SN (Berea/7)

LAW COMMITTEE
Members of the Committee .............. P/C David L. Allen Jr., JN (Lake Murray/26)
.............................................. P/Lt/C Ralph M. Burton, SN (Grosse Pointe/9)
.............................................. P/D/C Horacio A. Cabrera, AP (San Juan/33)
.............................................. Lt/C Enrique Estevez, AP (Seminole/23)
.............................................. Lt/C Michael D. Friedman, JN (New York Sail &/4)
.............................................. P/D/C Robert L. O’Connell, SN (Buffalo/6)
.............................................. P/D/C Stuart M. Rapee, SN (Biscayne Bay/8)
.............................................. D/Lt/C Natalie E. Witty, AP (Skokie Valley/20)

MARKETING COMMITTEE & PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Members of the Committee .............. Lt Darrell Allison, AP (Tres Rios/13)
.............................................. Lt J. Robert Baechle, SN (Shrewsbury/4)
.............................................. D/Lt Donald E. Baker, JN (Raritan Bay/4)
.............................................. Cdr Joseph Balbo, AP (Shrewsbury/4)
.............................................. D/Lt Margaret Barber, AP (Sarasota/22)
.............................................. Cdr Joseph A. David, AP (Staten Island/4)
.............................................. Patricia David (Staten Island/4)
.............................................. P/R/C S. Patricia Governale, SN (Raritan Bay/4)
.............................................. P/R/C Henry G. Griffin, SN (Staten Island/4)
.............................................. William Hempel, P (Peace River/22)
.............................................. Lt/C Delmer K. Henry, SN (San Fernando Valley/13)
.............................................. Stf/C Lucille R. Horowitz, SN (Shrewsbury/4)
.............................................. Stf/C Theodore C. Kontos, SN (Two Rivers Sail &/20)
.............................................. Lt Tim Koverman, JN (Sarasota/22)

The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion to elect the members of the standing committees as presented. (2008-AM-15)

**USPS EDUCATIONAL FUND**

R/C Brown stated, “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.”

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

........................... Spencer P. Anderson (Banana River/23) 2006, 2nd year, 1st term
........................... Tom Culyer (Brooklyn/3)
........................... Russell K. Gray Sr. (Raleigh Sail &/27) 2003, 1st year, 2nd term
........................... Earl J. Mummert (Sarasota/22) 2006, 2nd year, 1st term
........................... James E. Roeber (Spokane Sail &/16) 2003, 1st year, 2nd term
........................... Wayne G. Spraggins (Berea/7) 2005, 3rd year, 1st term

Report of the National Safe Boating Council

P/R/C Joyce Shaw, AP, reported that membership on the National Safe Boating Council is open to nonprofit and commercial organizations, state and local marine enforcement and boating safety agencies, and individuals that express interest in recreational boating safety.

P/R/C Shaw stated that 2008 is an exciting year for NSBC as it celebrates its 50th anniversary. She reported that the festivities will kick off at the International Boating and Water Safety Summit, in San Diego, from 16 to 19 April. Fiftieth anniversary events will also be held during the Annual Congressional Reception, in Washington, D.C., and during the 2008 National Safe Boating Week. The NSBC is also writing a book to commemorate its anniversary, *A History of Recreational Boating Safety*, which will include USPS’ contributions to boating safety.

The National Safe Boating Council sponsors several grants and awards programs including the Recreational Boating Safety Grant and the OMC Take ’em Boating grant program. For additional information on grants and other NSBC programs go to [www.safeboatingcouncil.org](http://www.safeboatingcouncil.org).

Report of the USPS Educational Fund

Russell K. Gray, chairman, reported that the USPS Educational Fund assets totaled $2.68 million. He reported that the trustees approved grant requests totaling $116,000 in 2007.

Chaplain Rodney G. Landsman, AP, delivered the benediction and C/C Maynard adjourned the meeting at 1710.

V/C David L. Hinders, SN
National Secretary
ADOPTED

1. A motion to confirm the 8 Sept. 2007 Governing Board ratification of Operating Committee actions reflected in the subsequent minutes of its meeting held on 5 Sept. 2007. (2008-AM-1)

2. A motion to ratify the actions taken by the OCom at its 9 Nov. 2007 and 8 Dec. 2007 meetings. (2008-AM-2)

3. A motion to award C/C Marshburn his 24th merit mark. (2008-AM-3)

4. A motion to amend USPS Bylaws Section 5.4. (2008-AM-4)

5. A motion to approve the appointment of Langdon & Co., of Garner, N.C., as independent auditors for fiscal year 2008. (2008-AM-5)

6. A motion to accept the Auditing Committee report. (2008-AM-6)

7. A motion to dissolve the following squadrons: Everglades/8, Miami Beach/8 and Irish Hills/9. (2008-AM-7)

8. A motion to accept the actions taken by the OCom during its meeting on 20 Feb. 2008. (2008-AM-8)

9. A motion to amend the District 2 resolution by striking paragraph three. (2008-AM-9)

10. A motion to adopt the District 2 resolution as amended. (2008-AM-9A)

11. A motion to elect the national Bridge candidates to serve as Bridge officers and members of the Board of Directors and P/C/C Ernest G. Marshburn, SN, to serve as a member of the Board of Directors. (2008-AM-10)
12. A motion to elect the slate of Committee on Nominations members as presented. (2008-AM-11)

13. A motion to elect the slate of Committee on Rules members as presented. (2008-AM-12)


15. A motion to elect the slate of nominees for rear commander and staff commander. (2008-AM-14)

16. A motion to elect members of standing committees. (2008-AM-15)
2008 Appointed Officers

**National Flag Lieutenant**
P/R/C Frank E. Dougherty, AP

**Parliamentary Advisor**
Benjamin H. Sooy III, AP

**National Chaplains**
Herbert M. Groce Jr., P
P/Stf/C Rodney G. Landsman, AP
Stf/C Louis M. Reitz, AP

**National Photographer**
P/D/C Joe B. Dorn, SN

**National Medical Officer**
P/R/C Alan F. Wentworth, SN

**Aides to Chief Commander**

P/R/C Anthony J. Aquilato, AP
P/V/C Robert A. Baldridge, SN
R/C Gary P. Cheney, SN
P/R/C Lewis W. Dance, SN
Kathy Dougherty, S
Lt/C Richard H. Fuse, AP
R/C Jean L. Hamilton, SN
Stf/C Nigel E. Hargreaves, SN
Stf/C Steven L. Johnson, AP
Cdr William A. Johnson, AP
Cdr Wade Louis Lowry, JN
D/C Peter W. Mitchelson, SN
Mary J. Pierpont, SN
P/D/C Gloria J. Schulke, JN
P/D/C William D. Selden V, AP
P/D/C Kathryn J. Simkins, AP
Florence E. Smith, SN
Cdr Gene R. Van Rhee, SN
P/C Phillip W. Wise, JN
P/R/C Howard E. Yoas, SN

**Aides to Vice Commanders**

**Aide to National Executive Officer**
P/R/C Robert D. Holub, SN

**Aide to National Secretary**
P/D/C Ambrose J. Wardle, AP

**Aide to National Educational Officer**
Lt/C M. Ellen Barbour, SN

**Aide to National Treasurer**
P/R/C James C. Acheson, SN

**Aide to National Administrative Officer**
P/D/C L. Stephen Puckett, AP
Area Monitors Chairman
P/C/C G.E. Gordon III, SN

USPS Representatives

P/V/C Robert P. David, SN  National Boating Federation
P/R/C Walter C. Fields, SN  American Boat & Yacht Council; Radio Technical Commission for Maritime Services
R/C Robert A. Green, N  United Safe Boating Institute
Stf/C Dick Jarmon, SN  Liaison to Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons
P/C/C Ernie Marshburn, SN  Liaison to BoatUS Advisory Board
P/C/C Joseph L. Kennedy, SN  Florida Safe Boating Council
V/C Richard E. Kyle, SN  NASBLA
P/C/C Ernie Marshburn, SN  Liaison to USCG & USCG Auxiliary
P/C/C Richard W. Miner, SN  United Safe Boating Institute
P/V/C James E. Roeber, SN  NASBLA
P/R/C Joyce F. Shaw, SN  National Safe Boating Council
P/C/C Theodore H. Smith, SN  United Safe Boating Institute

Chief Commander’s Advisory Council

P/C/C L.M. Barnes III, SN  P/C/C Joseph L. Kennedy, SN
P/C/C Ernie Marshburn, SN  P/C/C Richard W. Miner, SN
P/C/C Arthur H. Farr, SN  P/C/C Theodore H. Smith, SN
P/C/C Raymond A. Finley Jr., SN  P/C/C Harold E. Spoelstra, SN
P/C/C G.E. Gordon III, SN  P/C/C Bruce M. Steere, SN
P/C/C Lance J. Jensen, SN  P/C/C James T. Stewart, SN
P/C/C G. Leslie Johnson, SN  P/C/C Robert L. Woods, SN