Minutes of the Final Meeting of the 2005 Governing Board  
Rosen Centre Hotel, Orlando, Fla.  
7 Jan. 2006

Chief Commander G. Leslie Johnson, SN, convened the meeting at 0830.

V/C Robert A. Baldridge, SN, national secretary, declared a quorum of Governing Board members present.

R/C James C. Acheson, SN, Committee on Rules chairman, announced that P/C Benjamin H. Sooy III, AP, would serve as parliamentarian for this meeting and the 2006 Annual Meeting, explained the voting procedures and called attention to the voting rules printed on each voting card.

**Award of a Merit Mark to the Chief Commander**

R/C Acheson summarized the chief commander’s 2005 activities and recommended a motion to award C/C Johnson his 29th merit mark. The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (2006-GB-1)

**Approval of the Minutes**

C/C Johnson announced that, with no objections, the minutes of the 10 Sept. 2005 Governing Board Meeting would be approved as distributed.
The Governing Board ADOPTED a motion entertained by C/C Johnson to confirm the 10 Sept. 2005 Governing Board ratification of Operating Committee actions reflected in the subsequent minutes of its meetings held on 7-10 Sept. 2005. (2006-GB-2)

The Governing Board ADOPTED a motion entertained by C/C Johnson to ratify the actions taken by the OCom at its 12 Nov. 2005 meeting and published in the minutes of that meeting. (2006-GB-3)

C/C Johnson invited V/C Ernest G. Marshburn, SN, to present two motions to the Governing Board. In accordance with bylaws section 5.10, V/C Marshburn presented a motion to make the ad hoc Government and Partners Relations Committee a departmental committee in the national Executive Department. The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (2006-GB-4)

V/C Marshburn presented a motion to make the ad hoc Environmental Committee a departmental committee in the national Executive Department. The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (2006-GB-5)

There being no further business, C/C Johnson adjourned the meeting at 0845.

V/C Robert A. Baldridge, SN
National Secretary
Action Summary
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Chief Commander G. Leslie Johnson, SN, called the meeting to order at 0855.

Father Louis M. 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 Theodore C. Kontos, SN, and the singing of the U.S. and Canadian national anthems.

The national secretary declared a quorum present.

R/C James C. Acheson, SN, Committee on Rules chairman, explained the annual meeting voting procedures.

Introduction of Past Chief Commanders

P/C/C Theodore H. Smith, SN, introduced the past chief commanders present in the order they served.

P/C/C Raymond A. Finley Jr., SN, 1982-1983 (Lackawanna/4)
P/C/C Joseph L. Kennedy, SN, 1994-1995 (St. Petersburg/22)
P/C/C L.M. Barnes III, SN, 1996-1997 (Rocky Mount/27)
P/C/C Lance J. Jensen, SN 2000-2001 (Bellevue/16)
C/C Johnson introduced P/C/C Theodore H. Smith, SN, Grosse Pointe/9, who served as chief commander from 2002 to 2003.

C/C Johnson reported an attendance of 917.

**Introduction of Guests**

P/R/C William E. Husted, SN, introduced R/C Dave Daniels, SN, Basic Public Education Committee, and Stf/C Robert A. Green, N, Marketing and Public Relations Committee, who gave a presentation on the marketing campaign, which encourages squadrons to teach a safe boating course during National Safe Boating Week, 20-26 May 2006. He said squadrons can download supporting documentation at www.usps.org/NSBW.

P/R/C Husted introduced the following guests:

- Jeff Hoedt, chief, U.S. Coast Guard Office of Boating Safety;
  Mr. Hoedt and P/C John Malatak, AP, USCG Office of Boating Safety, presented C/C Johnson with a plaque recognizing his contribution to boating safety.


Capt. Gardner, assisted by Ken Forster and Tara Wallace, NOAA, National Ocean Service, Office of Coast Survey, presented the following 2005 Cooperative Charting Awards for outstanding contributions to charting and geodetic programs.

- **The number one individual:** P/C David R. Biddick, SN (Door County Sail &/10)
- **The number one squadron:** Door County Sail &/10
- **The number one district:** District 21
- **NOAA Coast Survey Award:** John J. Rodgers, SN (Charlotte/27) received the NOAA Coast Survey Award for excelling in the Cooperative Charting Program for five years.
P/R/C Husted continued his report and introduced the following guests:

- Ed Carter, chairman, National Safe Boating Council;
- Virgil Chambers, executive director, NSBC;
- Bill Griswold, immediate past chairman, NSBC;
- Charlie Sledd, president, National Association of State Boating Law Administrators; and
- National Commodore Gene Seibert, USCG Auxiliary.

C/C Johnson and Commodore Seibert signed a memorandum of understanding.

P/R/C Husted introduced Robert Burkhardt, director, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Research and Development Center, Topographic Engineering Center. C/C Johnson and Mr. Burkhardt signed an annex agreement to the MOU between USPS and the USACE.


Mr. Holmes, assisted by P/C Lee Popham, AP, presented the 2006 P/C/C Raymond A. Finley Jr., SN, Sea Scout Awards to:

- C/C G. Leslie Johnson, SN (Diablo/25)
- V/C Spencer P. Anderson, SN (Banana River/23)
- Cdr Eva Hult, P (Everglades/8)
- Lt/C Raymond Paul, AP (DuPage/10)
- R/C Bruce Troth, AP (Possession Sound/16)

P/R/C Husted continued introductions:

- Ruth Wood, president, BoatU.S. Foundation, who presented BoatU.S./USPS Civic Service Award, which recognizes exceptional civic service to boating education and the boating community, to District 13 and San Juan/33.
• C/C Serge St-Martin, JN, Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons. C/C St-Martin introduced members of the CPS bridge and other CPS members in attendance. He presented C/C Johnson with gifts from CPS.
• John Malatak, chief, program operations, Department of Homeland Security;
• Chief Petty Officer Penny Collins, director, USCG America’s Waterway Watch Program;
• Duane Morrison, USACE.
• Ron Riberich, National Water Safety Congress;
• Ted Rankine, Play Safe Productions;
• Juan Mendez, general manager, Boater’s World; and
• Maureen Healey, director, Personal Watercraft Industry Association

Honorary Memberships

C/C Johnson presented 2006 honorary memberships to the following:

- Robert Burkhardt
- Ed Carter
- Virgil Chambers
- Rich DeSimone
- Pam Dillon
- Kenneth Forster
- Capt. James Gardner
- Ben Gilbert
- William Gossard
- Jeff Hoedt
- Tony Nile
- Lee McGriff
- Juan Mendez
- Wiley Poole
- Popeye and Olive Oyl
- Ron Riberich
- Richard Schwartz
- Gene Seibert
- Charles Sledd
- N. Ruth Wood

Approval of the Minutes

Hearing no objections, C/C Johnson approved the 8 Jan. 2005 Annual Meeting minutes as distributed.

Awards

C/C Johnson, assisted by Stf/C Robert A. Green, N, presented the 2005 USPS/USCG Eagle Award to Juan Mendez, general manager, Boater’s World. This award recognizes companies, organizations and individuals who have made significant contributions to boating
safety through the years.

P/C John Malatak, AP, and Jeff Hoedt presented the USCG Office of Boating Safety Pillar of Support Award to Stf/C Robert A. Green, N, in recognition of his support of recreational boating.

C/C Johnson read a lifesaving award for Lt Garry Stephens, S, Cape Cod/14, which will be presented to him at the 2006 District 14 spring conference.

C/C Johnson presented a plaque to Father Louis M. Reitz, AP, in recognition of his golden jubilee ordination in the Roman Catholic Church.

C/C Johnson presented Chief Commander’s Continuing Service Award to Wiley Poole, cofounder of Trailer Boats magazine and vice president and group publisher at Ehlert Publications.

C/C Johnson presented Chief Commander’s Continuing Service Award to P/V/C James E. Roeber, SN, for his support and service to the ad hoc Government and Partner Relations Committee in 2005.

C/C Johnson recognized Cdr Yolanda M. McCollister, P, Miami/8. While serving as the educational officer for Cutler Cove Power Squadron in District 8, Cdr McCollister agreed to serve as commander of Miami Power Squadron, a squadron at risk. C/C Johnson also noted that Cdr McCollister organized a safety expo weekend and media coverage to celebrate Miami Power Squadron’s 60th anniversary.

C/C Johnson announced that he would sign an MOU with Maptech.

2006 Emeritus Members

C/C Johnson presented Emeritus Member Awards to Richard H. Starrett, SN, Iroquois/6; Salvador F. James, SN, New Orleans/15; and Payson A. Jones Jr., JN, Cape Coral/22.
C/C Johnson announced that the 2006 life members received life member certificates at a reception on Friday, 6 Jan. 2006. They will receive plaques, pins and cards at their district spring conferences or at another suitable occasion. The life members for 2006 are:

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Robert W. Tafel, N  5/Pennsway
William E. Tarnow, SN  21/Galveston Bay
John E. Taylor, P  22/Ft. Myers
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Donald R. Tinney, AP  2/Berkshire Sail &
William R. Titus, JN  3/Oyster Bay
Joseph A. Tringali, SN  8/Palm Beach Sail &
Bobby R. Truett, JN  27/Winston Salem Sail &
Peter Ubillos, SN  22/Boca Ciega Sail &
Charles A. Vaughn, JN  8/St. Lucie River
Donald G. Watson, AP  1/Hartford
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Edward L. Wohlfiel, S  9/Anchor Bay
James P. Zeigler, SN  5/Richmond Sail &

2006 Meritorious Service Awards

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

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R/C James C. Acheson, SN, chairman, Committee on Rules
R/C Carmen Adame, AP, chairman, Auxiliary Advisory Committee
V/C John T. Alter, SN, national treasurer
V/C Spencer P. Anderson, SN, national educational officer
R/C Patricia Governale, SN, chairman, Instructor Development Committee
R/ C Gerald Grofman, SN, chairman, Committee on Nominations
G. Leslie Johnson, SN, chief commander
R/C Richard Kyle, SN, asst. national educational officer
V/C Ernest G. Marshburn, SN, national executive officer
V/C Creighton C. Maynard Jr., SN, national administrative officer
R/C Joseph R. Mesenburg, SN, chairman, Finance Committee
R/C Peter W. Michelson, SN, chairman, Publication Support Committee
R/C William H. Mullins, SN, chairman, Cooperative Charting Committee
R/C Richard M. Peoples, SN, Budget Officer, Executive & Administrative departments
R/C Richard P. Rutland, SN, asst. national treasurer/budget director
R/C Bruce Troth, AP, chairman, Membership Committee
R/C Albert M. Warnock Jr., JN, chairman, Auditing Committee

**Report of the Committee on Rules**

R/C James C. Acheson, SN, proposed an amendment to the USPS Bylaws that incorporates "housekeeping" corrections, but no changes in USPS policy. He indicated that a rationale has been available for some time on the USPS website at www.usps.org/national/rules, under “ComRules Reports.”

R/C Acheson noted that there was an error in the proposed bylaws. The Annual Meeting ADOPTED his motion to amend Section 5.5.1(3) of the proposal by changing the words “before any spring, fall or special meetings of the Governing Board” to read, “before any mid-year or special meetings of the Governing Board.” (2006-AM-1)

**Report of the Finance Committee**

R/C Joseph R. Mesenburg, SN, reported that the Finance Committee is responsible for the management of three portfolios totaling $2,913,515.30. The first portfolio is the district and
squadron investments, which were valued at $1,028,770 as of 30 Nov. 2005. These funds are invested in certificates of deposits with a 4.09 percent average interest rate. The second portfolio is the restricted Endowment Fund, which totaled $833,855.05 as of 30 Nov. 2005. The third portfolio is unrestricted, undesignated investments, which are primarily invested in equity mutual funds that were valued at $1,050,890.26 as of 30 Nov. He reported that the total investment return in 2005 was $115,432.29, or 12.34 percent.

**Report of the National Law Officer**

R/C James D. Richlak, SN, reported that USPS signed a license agreement regarding the use of the Popeye characters with Hearst Holdings Inc., King Features Syndicate Division.

R/C Richlak reported that an insured under the St. Paul Travelers Boat Insurance plan named USPS as a defendant in a lawsuit involving a boat insurance claim. St. Paul Travelers is defending USPS in this matter.

He reported that LawCom negotiated the terms of a proposed MOU with Maptech outlining the development and implementation of the Harbor Chart Program.

R/C Richlak reported that USPS signed an MOU with the USACE on 5 May 2003. Subsequent to that MOU, the USACE submitted a proposed annex to the original governing agreement. Pursuant to the annex, the USACE agrees to:

- Provide, on request, current editions of nautical charts and related products to members in the USPS Districts whose operational areas lie within the coverage of Corps chart books. All requests for charts and related products will be processed through the designated USPS official.

- Provide guidelines for data collection and for improvement of data collected.
- Receive reports and forward to the appropriate District office as required.
- Maintain records of reports submitted and credit units awarded in the format established by mutual agreement of the parties.
• Periodically furnish designated USPS officials a report of activities in a format established by mutual agreement of the parties.

• Participate, as required, in Cooperative Charting training activities to enhance quality and to promote interest and participation in this Program.

• Prepare articles for publication in USPS publications and develop training materials to be used in Cooperative Charting training sessions.

• Coordinate editorial review and provide reproduction of training materials developed jointly by the Corps and USPS.

Pursuant to the annex, USPS agrees to:

• Furnish information on Corps charts for related publications.

• Establish and maintain the administrative procedures relative to the Cooperative Charting Program.

• Stock and distribute publications and materials relating to the Cooperative Charting Program through USPS headquarters.

• Provide the names and addresses of the district Cooperative Charting chairman at the beginning of each Cooperative Charting season and report within 30 days any changes that take place during the season.

• Promote further participation by USPS members and provide and maintain continuing educational programming support for the Cooperative Charting Program.

• Prepare articles and service training materials relating to the Cooperative Charting Program and submit for Corps review and approval.
The terms of the MOU annex will remain in effect for three years from the effective date as long as the governing MOU remains in effect. A termination of the governing MOU will automatically terminate this annex.

R/C Richlak reported that LawCom reviewed an MOU with the USCGAux with the purpose of establishing procedures and practices for cooperation between USPS and the USCGAux to enhance the common goals of promoting boating safety and protecting the marine interests of the citizens of the United States.

The terms of the agreement are as follows:

Working within the policy and guidelines of their respective organizations, the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and the United States Power Squadron agree to:

• Continue to provide senior leadership attendance at each other’s national meetings and district meetings to discuss topics of mutual interest and, as appropriate, to develop joint programs.

• Be alert for opportunities to partner in the development of public boating safety educational materials.

• Maintain a close and harmonious relationship between both organizations and their members in performing the Vessel Safety Check and Recreational Boating Safety Visitation programs.

• Consult on a variety of legislative and regulatory initiatives and mandates, such as mandatory boating safety education, effective utilization of distance learning in boating safety education, regulations concerning the mandatory wearing of personal flotation devices (PFDs), especially by children, and to discover and develop opportunities where alignment exists and the two organizations can combine efforts to support appropriate public policy and boating safety initiatives.

• Foster joint membership between the two organizations by encouraging members to join the other organization to promote a seamless relationship between both organizations.
• Encourage the free exchange of information, technologies and other materials to the benefit of both organizations on their related activities through cooperative visits or joint meetings at all levels of their organizations.

• This MOU does not obligate either USPS or USCGAUX to any joint action. Either and/or both organizations may undertake and pursue operations, activities and objectives without the consent or involvement of the other except as mutually provided for in other agreements related to specific subjects and programs.

R/C Richlak reported that the Watersmart From The Start trademark was published in the Trademark Official Gazette on 30 Aug. 2005. He stated that if no opposition or requests for additional time to oppose are received within 30 days, the application will be allowed. However, since this is an intent to use application it will be necessary to actually use the mark and file a declaration stating that the mark is actually in use before proceeding to registration.

Report of the Planning Committee

R/C Alan F. Wentworth, SN, reported that the Planning Committee concluded a survey of current and former members regarding their activities, their incentives to renew membership and their opinions regarding various aspects of USPS membership. Survey results will be posted on the committee’s website. The committee also conducted a survey of district commanders regarding district and squadron goal setting and leadership-training needs.

R/C Wentworth reported that the committee reviewed the USPS Strategic Plan that was approved by the Governing Board in April 2001. The committee subsequently recommended revising the educational and membership strategic goals of the USPS Strategic Plan and to add a goal of financial stability as follows:

Strategic Plan for Membership Growth and Retention

GOAL
To create and maintain the membership in the United States Power Squadrons® with a target of 1% net growth annually for the next three (3) years beginning 1 January 2006.

Each committee within USPS that is involved in the membership and member retention areas
will develop its own strategies to achieve the goal.

The Membership Committee of USPS will be ultimately responsible for the membership growth and retention of the organization’s members.

*Suggestions in support of membership growth and retention are included as separate documents, but are not a part of the USPS Strategic Plan for membership growth and retention.*

**Strategic Plan for Educational Development**

**GOAL**

To educate members and the public regarding safe boating, using the latest materials, delivery methods and teaching techniques necessary to address the diverse educational needs and skills of both groups.

Each committee within USPS that is involved in the educational effort will develop its own strategies to achieve the goals.

The Educational Department of USPS will ultimately be responsible for the development of curriculum working with other departments and committees of USPS to identify need.

*Suggestions in support of the educational effort are included as separate documents, but are not a part of the USPS Strategic Plan for the Educational Department.*

**Strategic Plan for Financial Stability**

**GOAL**

To create and maintain a sound financial base from which the United States Power Squadrons® (USPS) can fulfill its organizational mission, provide funding for the day to day operation of USPS and provide the resources to allow capital expenditures for the benefit of the organization.

Each committee within USPS that is involved in the financial programs and the fiscal health of the organization will develop its own strategies to achieve the goals.

The Treasurer’s Department and the Finance Committee are ultimately responsible for maintaining financial stability and for the fiscal health of the organization.
Suggestions for the Treasurer’s Department and the Finance Committee are included as separate documents, but are not a part of the USPS Strategic Plan for financial stability.

R/C Wentworth made a motion to revise the USPS Strategic Plan as presented. There was an amendment offered to the motion to change the wording of the educational goal as follows:

To educate members and the public regarding safe boating, better boating techniques, using the latest materials, delivery methods and teaching techniques necessary to address the diverse educational needs and skills of both groups.

The delegates to the 2006 Annual Meeting DEFEATED the amendment. (2006-AM-1)

The delegates to the 2006 Annual Meeting ADOPTED the motion to revise the USPS Strategic Plan goals for membership and education and to add a financial stability goal. (2006-AM-2)

R/C Wentworth noted that the complete USPS Strategic Plan is available at www.usps.org/national/plancom.

R/C Wentworth reported that the committee studied a proposal to provide alternate voters for general members of the governing board. He reported that a general member’s vote is not transferable so no alternates could be allowed.

**Report of the Marketing and Public Relations Committee**

R/C Darrell G. Allison, AP, reported on the committee’s campaign encouraging squadrons to teach a safe boating course during National Safe Boating Week, 20-26 May 2006. Squadrons can download supporting documentation at www.usps.org/NSBW.

R/C Allison reported that, effective 1 Jan. 2006, the selling price of the boating course brochure was $.05 each.
He reported receiving 251 squadron requests for Cooperative Advertising funds in 2005. More than $35,000 was distributed to districts and squadrons for projects that included purchasing trade show displays, promotional banners, boating classes advertisements and other public relations materials. The deadlines for submitting Cooperative Advertising requests are 31 March, 31 July and 31 Oct.. Requests received after these dates will be reviewed in the next cycle.

R/C Allison reported that the Test Your Boating Knowledge quiz is available on the committee’s website and was designed for squadrons to print and add local information.

The deadline to submit entries for the Chapman, Upton and Mahnken awards has been moved to 1 May. The 2006 Marketing and Public Relations awards will be presented at the New York Governing Board in August 2006.

R/C Allison encouraged squadrons to submit nominees for the Ships Bell Award. The award is presented on a case-by-case basis to members who have created and executed an outstanding marketing or public relations program.

Report of the National Treasurer

V/C John T. Alter, SN, reported that the USPS budget continues to be a major challenge. He reported that total revenues decreased by $112,184 from 2004 and were $249,170 below the budget estimate. Dues and fees revenue was down $124,836 and educational sales were down $11,099. He noted that revenue from the ABC Joint Venture was separated and contributions to the Endowment Fund were moved to nonoperating revenue. He reported that investment income was strong and Ship’s Store sales showed a marked improvement over 2004.

V/C Alter reported total operating expenses were $23,136 below a year ago, due primarily to the efforts of THE ENSIGN and headquarters staff. He reported that expenses exceeded the budgeted amount by $9,253, or less than one-half percent. The net result was that operating expenses exceeded operating revenues by $258,383 in 2005. He noted that the 2006 budget includes expense reductions of about $70,000 due to the elimination of one national meeting. He also said that the modest dues increase could add $70,000 to revenue if renewals are better than in the past.
The national treasurer stated that finances are not the root cause of USPS’ problems. He said that the problem is that fewer boating courses are being taught and squadrons are losing more members than they are recruiting.

V/C Alter reported that he had anticipated implementing the new revenue-sharing program for the Chase Bank affinity credit card program in January 2006. However, Chase Bank recently notified him that it was not ready to provide the data. These issues should be resolved by the end of the first quarter.

The national treasurer reported that 24 districts and 284 squadrons will participate in voluntary headquarters anniversary billing trial in 2006. V/C Alter moved to direct the Committee on Rules to prepare amendments to the Bylaws that would permanently authorize headquarters dues collection and anniversary billing (HQAB) as an optional method of member dues collection and to present these amendments at the August 2006 Governing Board Meeting. The Annual Meeting ADOPTED the motion. (2006-AM-3)

**Report of the Auditing Committee**

R/C Albert M. Warnock Jr., SN, reviewed 2005 Auditing Committee activities. He reported that committee members reconciled bank statements, reviewed accounts payable records and verified balances to the general ledger. Committee members met with Langdon & Co., the external auditing firm. He reported that accounting records at headquarters are in good standing.

The chief commander entertained a motion to accept the Auditing Committee report. The Annual Meeting ADOPTED the motion. (2006-AM-5)

**Report of the National Secretary**

V/C Robert A. Baldridge, SN, reported that headquarters has been busy entering merit marks, OD-1 and OD-2 data, and supporting headquarters collection of dues. He reminded squadrons that several thousand members now have anniversary dates other than 1 June and these members will receive their renewal notices throughout the year. He encouraged squadrons
to check their member status reports regularly to ensure that these members are contacted and personally asked to renew. Status reports are available online at www.usps.org/dues/reports. New members who join squadrons that participate in VHQAB can use a credit card to pay their dues. Special new member credit card vouchers are available from headquarters.

V/C Baldridge reported that headquarters and THE ENSIGN staff have been working hard to reduce expenses, resulting in $38,000 savings in 2005 and $80,000 additional savings in 2006. He reported that headquarters and THE ENSIGN were $48,000 under budget for 2005 and $35,000 under 2004 expenditures. He noted that these cuts have impacted members, resulting in one less issue of THE ENSIGN, fewer copies of the 2005 Directory of National, District and Squadron Officers distributed free to districts and squadrons, and fewer headquarters employees to respond to members’ requests. He said that headquarters and THE ENSIGN staffs have worked diligently to lessen that impact by becoming more efficient and productive.

THE ENSIGN Committee continues to work on adding magazine content and increasing advertising. In 2005, advertising revenue increased by $7,900 compared to 2004.

In 2005, the Publications Committee held seminars on controlling costs, electronic communications and creating award-winning publications. The committee continues to assist squadron and district newsletter editors with improving their publications.

The Information Technology Committee is focusing on improving the USPS website to increase visibility. It is also integrating the Ship’s Store website with the headquarters inventory system. ITCom supports three mail lists including the help desk at help@usps.org, the computer problems help desk at comphelp@usps.org and the website help desk at website_help@usps.org.

In 2005, the Operations Manual Committee completed a major revision to the Operations Manual, which is posted on the committee’s website at www.usps.org/national/om.

The Ship’s Store Committee will publish a catalog in the March 2006 issue of THE ENSIGN. The committee continues to upgrade the Ship’s Store website to provide better access to USPS products.

The Flag and Etiquette Committee reviews squadron burgees, district flags and 50- and 75-year recognitions. V/C Baldridge presented a new flag for District 16, which he approved.
also presented a 50th anniversary flag for District 21; a 75th anniversary burgee for Hartford/1; and 50th anniversary burgees for Stark County/7, Key West/8, Vero Beach/8, Banana River/23, Savannah River/26 and Sandusky/29.

V/C Baldridge introduced headquarters staff members present at the Annual Meeting: Mary Catherine Berube, headquarters director; Lena Padro, manager, membership services; Kathy Kesterson, manager, administrative services; Chris Hughes, education department supervisor; Yvonne Hill, editor, THE ENSIGN; and Kelly Anderson, associate editor, THE ENSIGN.

V/C Baldridge called on R/C Barbara Spraggins, AP, to report on a resolution from District 12 that reads as follows:

RECOGNITION OF THE UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS UNIFORM
As we all are aware, the recognition by the general public of our organization is hindered by several factors, including our name, UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS. This name is not descriptive or informative to anyone outside of USPS.

Our name, UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS is confusing to the general public. This issue has been addressed to a degree by adding the tag “America’s Boating Club” to our official emblem.

The fact is that nowhere on any of our uniforms does our name UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS appear. This makes it even more difficult for anyone on the outside to identify our organization. Also, the standard formal uniform is usually misinterpreted by the general public because of its military appearance.

We must address this recognition problem and the declining use of the formal standard USPS uniform. It is proposed that a change in uniform policy be enacted while maintaining our traditional grades, ranks, and other symbols of USPS positions and achievements.

Suggested UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS standard, formal uniform
1. A navy blue or blue-black blazer be designated as the official uniform for USPS to be worn at any function, except:
   a. When informal dress is declared, or
   b. When warm weather dictates that a jacket be omitted.
2. The new blazer will be worn with gray or khaki slacks or skirts, with a white shirt. A tie would be optional except for formal occasions.
3. The blazer will include the newly designed, standard pocket patch, either removable or permanently attached, as shown. This same newly designed emblem would be affixed to all UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS clothes and other USPS items.
4. Name plates will be modified to include the following:
   a. The name of the member’s squadron
   b. The member’s district number and the state, including the member’s grade, to follow the name for the grades of AP and higher. The grade designator could be optional. This change would help members, as well as the public, easily identify a member’s affiliation at national meetings and whenever squadrons or districts conduct a joint function, or any event with the general public.
5. A lapel pin will be designated to indicate the number of merit marks earned by the member. There would be 7 different pins available, designed in increments of 5 merit marks. The merit mark pins would indicate 5, 10, 15, or 20 merit marks, Life Member, 50 merit marks and 50 years of USPS membership.
6. An additional tag or breast “ribbon” would be designed to indicate the member’s past or present USPS rank or office held. This pin would be worn just above the name plate.
7. For warm weather, the wearing of the present aviator shirt will be continued, but with the pocket patch added along with the lapel pin.

AMENDMENT TO THE PLANNING COMMITTEE’S UNIFORM PROPOSAL

The current military style uniform (uniform A, B, C, D, E, F, or G) will continue to be worn, until further notice, as an alternative to the blazer uniform, or when designated as the primary uniform for a particular squadron, district or national function.

The blazer, when designated as the primary uniform, will be worn as described in the original
proposal, with the additional provision that the buttons will be gilt, in accordance with section 18.58 of the Operations Manual, and be standard on all blazers. When required, the tie will also be standard, and will be a four-in-hand tie, with a pattern of the USPS ensign and wheel on a maroon background.

The blazer uniform may be worn in place of the current military style uniform on any occasion, including those in which the military style uniform is the designated primary uniform.

The full text of the District 12 resolution is available online at the Secretary’s Department website: www.usps.org/national/natsec/.

The Flag and Etiquette Committee recommended that the Governing Board vote against this resolution. The Governing Board DEFEATED the District 12 resolution. (2006-AM-2)

Report of the National Administrative Officer

V/C Creighton C. Maynard Jr., SN, reported that the USPS cookbook, *By Land or By Sea*, will be sold at a holiday sale price of $19 during the 2006 Annual Meeting. The committee reported that there are 1,020 members in 31 auxiliaries.

The Squadron Activities Committee reported that there are 507 USPS port captains and 17 Canadian port captains listed in the online Port Captain’s Directory, available at www.usps.org/national/PortC. The Amateur Radio Directory lists 386 USPS and 93 Canadian amateur radio operators. The directory is available at www.usps.org/national/Ham.

V/C Maynard reported that an Amateur Radio Net special event station is scheduled for 2-3 June 2006 at American Radio Relay League facilities in Newington, Conn.

The national administrative officer reported that there are eight programs listed in the Speaker’s Bureau at www.usps.org/national/boatact/speaker.

The Membership Committee reported that training materials for the WaterSmart from the Start Program are complete and promotional materials were available at the 2006 Annual Meeting.
The Member Benefits Committee continues to add new benefits and maintain and improve existing benefits. Current member benefits include a Chase Bank preferred mortgage program; a discount program from C-MAP; a discount software program from Techsoup; a discount computer-purchasing program from Dell; a discount software program from Nobeltec; and a discount digital charting program from Maptech. Details are available on the committee’s website at www.usps.org/national/admin_dept/membenefits.htm.

V/C Maynard called on Stf/C Harold N. Zitter, JN, to present 2005 Operations Training Awards to the following: 3rd place - District 28; 2nd place - District 26; 1st place - District 21. Stf/C Zitter also presented the 2005 Leadership Development awards: 3rd place - District 22; 2nd place - District 28; 1st place - District 23.

V/C Maynard called on Stf/C Lyle Rea, SN, to present the following Power of One awards for 2006.

The Grand Squadron Challenge, which recognizes the first five squadrons that increase their membership by 50 percent, was presented to four squadrons: New River/27, which increased its membership by 100 percent for the second year; St. Helens/32, which increased its membership by 39 percent; Illinois Valley/20, which increased its membership by 56.6 percent; and Peralta/25, which increased its membership by 76 percent.

The Elite Squadron Challenge recognizes squadrons that meet or exceed the recruiting targets of the Power of One Campaign based on squadron size. The following 43 squadrons qualified for the award: Darien/2, Rowayton/2, South Shore/3, Raritan Bay/4, Annapolis/5, Rockville/5, South Hills/7, Biscayne Bay/8, Everglades/8, Ft. Lauderdale/8, Hollywood/8, Marathon/8, Grand Rapids/9, St. Paul/10, Ventura/13, Alamitos/13, Singing River/15, Bellevue/16, Seattle/16, Skagit Bay/16, Spokane/16, Chattanooga/17, Lakes Region/19, Penobscot Bay/19, Coastal Bend/21, Cape Coral/22, Sanibel Captiva/22, Clearwater/22, Ft. Myers/22, Anna Maria Island/22, Evansville Bend/24, Beaufort/26, Lake Murray/26, Golden Corner Lakes/26, Tar River/27, Durham/27, Rocky Mount/27, Fostoria/29, Clinton/30, Ft. Vancouver/32, Boqueron/33, San Juan/33 and Arecibo/33.

The Power of One Program began on 1 Oct. 2003. Since that date, 1,932 members influenced one or more members to join; 229 members influenced at least five members to join;
68 members influenced at least 10 members to join; and 30 members influenced 15 or more new members to join.

Report of the National Educational Officer

V/C Spencer P. Anderson, SN, reported that the 2006 Teaching Aids awards were presented during the members’ luncheon to squadrons that received first-, second- and third-place prizes in all categories. He said that photos of these winning aids will be posted on the USPS Educational Department website.

2006 Teaching Aids Awards

**Boating**
- 1st Charles River Sail &/12
- 2nd Austin/21
- 3rd Sewanhaka/3

**Seamanship**
- 1st Charleston/26
- 2nd Marion/29
- 3rd Evansville Bend/24

**Piloting**
- 1st Sewanhaka/3
- 2nd Ocala/23
- 3rd North Strand Sail &/26

**Advanced Piloting**
- 1st Louisville/24
- 2nd Ocala/23
- 3rd Great South Bay/3

**Junior Navigation**
- 1st Ocala/23
- 2nd Beaver Lake Sail &/31
- 3rd Great South Bay/3

**Navigation**
- Place Squadron Name
  - 1st Great South Bay/3
  - 2nd Charleston/26
  - 3rd Patchogue Bay/3

**Cruise Planning**
- 1st Patchogue Bay/3
- 2nd Dallas Sail &/21
- 3rd Ocala/23

**Instructor Development**
- 1st Ocala/23
- 2nd Patchogue Bay/3
- 3rd Jacksonville Sail &/23
**Marine Electronics**
1st  Sewanhaka/3  
2nd  Michigan City/20  
3rd  Ocala/23  

**Sail**
1st  St. Clair Shores Sail &/9  
2nd  Ocala/23  
3rd  Sewanhaka/3  

**Weather**
1st  Patuxent River Sail &/5  
2nd  Jacksonville Sail &/23  
3rd  Sewanhaka/3  

V/C Anderson presented the 2005 Bell Award to Sewanhaka/3 for its advanced piloting teaching aid, which was judged best of show.

The national educational officer explained that the 2005 Outstanding Educational Achievement Award recognizes squadrons with 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 2004 to 30 June 2005. The 2005 recipients are 1st place - Aroostook Valley/19; 2nd place - Northern Neck/5; and 3rd place - Waukegan/20.

The NEO 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. P/C Almon E. Leach, SN, Lockport/6; P/R/C David N. Rickard, AP, Berea/7; Lt/C R. Herman Green, AP, Chattanooga/17; Lt Ted H. Schmidt, SN, Cape Coral/22 associate member of Ft. Myers/22, and P/C Richard A. Leatherman, SN, Jacksonville Sail/23 are the 2005 winners.

V/C Anderson encouraged all squadrons to teach a safe boating course during National Safe Boating Week, 20-26 May 2006.
V/C Anderson reported that two learning guides, *The Boatowner’s Guide to GMDSS and Marine Radio*, and *Knots, Bends and Hitches for Mariners*, are available at headquarters and bookstores. These guides were written by USPS members and published by International Marine/McGraw-Hill. He also announced that the first two Captain’s Quick Guides, that are co-branded with the USPS logo, *Emergencies on Board* and *Heavy Weather Sailing*, are available at headquarters.

The NEO reported that the Educational Department is establishing a Boat Operator Certification Program, which would create four certification levels, establish seminars and mini-courses to supplement current educational courses, and include a demonstration of boating skills. He said that certifying members provides an opportunity to promote USPS and the quality of its programs and will attract new members.

The national educational officer reported that members can access the McGraw-Hill/International Marine website at www.usps.org/national/eddept, where they can purchase more than 40 marine publications at a 35 percent discount. The site also includes a link to the Maptech website, where members can download free NOAA charts.

V/C Anderson announced that the Educational Department is developing a series of topical seminars including Onboard Weather Forecasting; Boat Handling Under Power; VHF and DSC Radio; Understanding Marine Radar; Knots, Bends; and Hitches for Mariners; Understanding Charts; How to Buy a Boat; Sail Trim; and a revised GPS seminar. The seminar will include a retail guide similar to the McGraw-Hill/USPS guides or the Captain’s Quick Guides. He said that the seminars will target members and the public while providing an incentive to join.

The NEO reported that the Educational Department is producing an online version of the Seamanship course. He said that the online course will offer members an alternative to classroom instruction when personal schedules or class schedules are prohibitive.
Board for approval:

**USPS Position Statement Regarding National Weather Service**

Under review by the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation since 14 April 2005 is Senate bill 786, National Weather Services Duties Act of 2005, proposed by Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa.. It is the position of United States Power Squadrons (USPS) that adoption of this bill, which in essence restricts the National Weather Service to provide only severe weather information, would be detrimental to the safety and well-being of not only boaters, fishermen and other outdoor enthusiasts, but to the general public who rely on a variety of information NWS now furnishes. As an integral component of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), NWS provides weather, hydrologic and climate forecasts and warnings for the U.S., its territories, adjacent waters and oceans for the protection of life and property. With its extensive network of Regional and National Support Centers, NWS is the preferred entity which can provide the scope of observations, forecasts and research at reasonable expense to the American people. Millions of others benefit from NWS data as well. USPS strongly encourages you to oppose S. 786 as individual and concerned citizens.

The Annual Meeting ADOPTED the motion to approve the USPS Position Statement Regarding National Weather Service opposing S. 786. (2006-AM-5)

V/C Marshburn reported that all committees within the Executive Department were under budget in 2005.

The national executive officer reported that two tri-district conferences were chosen as regional OCom meeting sites in 2006. Districts 7, 11 and 29 will host the spring meeting, and districts 13, 25 and 28 will host the fall meeting.

The Cooperative Charting Committee reported that, effective 1 April 2006, new software developed by NOAA will allow USPS members to continue submitting Cooperative Charting data online to the National Geodetic Service.

The National Meetings Committee reported that there will be only two national meetings per year beginning in 2006. The 2006 Governing Board Meeting will be held in New York at the
Grand Hyatt Hotel. They reminded members that the final destination will be Grand Central Station and that there is bus service from the major airports to the front of the hotel as well as commuter train service to the terminal below the hotel. The rate is $169 per day plus tax for a room that normally costs about $500 per day.

V/C Marshburn called on R/C William H. Mullins, SN, chairman, Cooperative Charting Committee, to present the 2005 Golden Eagle Award to David Biddings, Door County/10, in recognition of his outstanding efforts to promote Cooperative Charting in his district.

The Recreational Boating Safety Committee reported 100 percent squadron participation in the 2005 Safety Honor Roll.

The Squadron Development Committee reported that Golden Isles Sail/26 was chartered in 2005; Lake Mohave Provisional/28 and Kanawha River Provisional/7 were established in 2005; and Point Wilson Provisional/16 and North Texas Lake Provisional/17 are scheduled to receive their charters in 2006.

V/C Marshburn invited R/C Ron LaPlante, SN, to present the 2005 Vessel Safety Check awards.

**2005 VSC Awards**

R/C LaPlante reported that 67 squadrons achieved the 2005 VSC Honor Roll. This award is presented to squadrons in which at least 10 percent of members are vessel examiners and the number of vessel safety checks performed exceeds the number of members in the squadron.

The Century Club Awards are presented to individuals who performed at least 100 vessel safety checks. 2005 recipients are:

- Richard Jones, Manchester/1, who performed 109 VSCs
- John R. Robinson, Saybrook/1, who performed 872 VSCs (3rd year)
- Walter Wiegert Jr, Saybrook/1, who performed 131 VSCs
- Donald L. Wilson, Lake Candlewood/2, who performed 321 VSCs (3rd year)
- Peter J. Porrazzo, Lake Candlewood/2, who performed 513 VSCs (3rd year)
Eileen L. Farrell, Brooklyn/3, who performed 100 VSCs (2nd year)
Robert D. Holub, Jones Beach/3, who performed 2,021 VSCs (4th year)
Catherine J. Early, Raritan Bay/4, who performed 106 VSCs
William C. Dunn, Iroquois/6, who performed 104 VSCs
Marshall R. Shear, Iroquois/6, who performed 118 VSCs
Robert A. Ball, Akron/7, who performed 153 VSCs (3rd year)
Robert E. Mosey, Akron/7, who performed 244 VSCs (3rd year)
Michael A. Siwek, Mansfield/, who performed 105 VSCs (2nd year)
Kenneth B. Campbell, South Hills/7, who performed 131 VSCs
Marjorie Baraff, Biscayne Bay/8, who performed 106 VSCs (3rd year)
Joseph F. Leitz, Vero Beach/8, who performed 101 VSCs (5th year)
Thomas F. Rossini, Duluth/10, who performed 179 VSCs (3rd year)
Tish J. Cullen, Las Vegas Sail &/13, who performed 205 VSCs (4th year)
Edith Marie Cure, New Orleans/15, who performed 399 VSCs (2nd year)
Virgil L. Boyt, Friday Harbor/16, who performed 102 VSCs (4th year)
Lawrence G. Stoll, Calumet Sail &/20, who performed 207 VSCs (2nd year)
Daniel H. Joyce, Ft. Worth/21, who performed 128 VSCs (4th year)
James W. Cooke Jr., Ft. Myers/22, who performed 101 VSCs (2nd year)
Kimberly O'Gorman, Venice Sail &/22, who performed 1,009 VSCs (3rd year)
Charles L. Dodds Jr., Cocoa Beach/23, who performed 111 VSCs
Karen Marie Andros, Titusville/23, who performed 102 VSCs (2nd year)
Matthew W. Bandilla, Titusville/23, who performed 109 VSCs (3rd year)
W. Stewart Colson, Greensboro/27, who performed 108 VSCs
William S. Halkovitch, Shallotte River Sail &/27, who performed 123 VSCs
Milton B. Whann, Shallotte River Sail &/27, who performed 115 VSCs
Dennis D. Ladd, Port Clinton/29, who performed 110 VSCs (2nd year)
Mary Kathryn Nesser, Port Clinton/29, who performed 128 VSCs (2nd year)
David T. Wilson, Lower Columbia/32, who performed 157 VSCs (2nd year)
Juan E. Rivera, San Juan/33, who performed 228 VSCs (3rd year)

Millennium Club Awards are given to vessel examiners who have performed at least 1,000 vessel safety checks during a vessel safety check year. 2005 recipients are:

P/R/C Robert D. Holub, SN, Jones Beach/3 (4th year)

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The five squadrons with the highest percentage of vessel safety checks based on their squadron membership received the 2005 Best Squadron Awards. These squadrons are

1st Place - Jones Beach/3
2nd Place - Venice/22
3rd Place - Lake Candlewood/2
4th Place - Saybrook/1
5th Place - Calumet Sail &/20

The districts with the highest percentage of vessel safety checks based on their district membership received the 2004 Best District Awards. These districts are

1st Place - District 3
2nd Place - District 1
3rd Place - District 7
4th Place - District 20
5th Place - District 11

USPS members performed 35,000 vessel safety checks in 2005.

Report of the Past Chief Commander

P/C/C Theodore H. Smith, SN, reviewed the actions taken by the OCom during its meetings held on 4-7 Jan. 2006.

1. A motion approving a list of honorary memberships for 2006. (2006-OC-1)


3. A motion to destroy the remaining inventory of the USPS Boating Course video.
4. A motion endorsing an Educational Department proposal to develop a Boat Operator Certification Program. (2006-OC-4)

5. A motion authorizing the NEO to negotiate a contract to produce an online version of the Seamanship course. (2006-OC-5)

6. A motion updating the names on a corporate resolution specifying who is allowed to sign USPS financial instruments. (2006-OC-6)

7. A motion authorizing the Information Technology Committee to spend up to $3,000 to acquire additional server space. (2006-OC-7)

8. A motion authorizing the Planning Committee to distribute copies of the Planning Committee CD-ROM at the committee’s 2006 Expo booth. (2006-OC-8)

Members attending the Annual Meeting ADOPTED P/C/C Smith’s motion to ratify items 3 - 8 of the Operating Committee actions. (2006-AM-6)

P/C/C Smith reported on resolutions from districts 4 and 5 concerning teaching and selling elective courses to the public. He said that these resolutions were assigned to the Operating Committee and were to be reported on at the 2005 Fall Governing Board. The Governing Board subsequently granted the Operating Committee additional time to consider these resolutions. He noted that the Committee on Rules determined that these resolutions can be considered together. He also reported that the Committee on Rules determined that these resolutions are out of order because they conflict with the USPS bylaws. P/C/C Smith offered an amendment to these resolutions so they now read:

Resolved, that the Committee on Rules be directed to write changes to the USPS bylaws for Governing Board consideration at the next meeting.

The Annual Meeting ADOPTED the district 4 and 5 amended resolutions. (2006-AM-7)
P/C/C Smith reported that the OCom had discussed these resolutions with other members and had based its recommendation on the following: Many members believe that member courses are USPS’ greatest asset and they do not want these courses taught to the public at any cost; many members do not believe that this is an answer to membership problems; the Educational Department is developing short, topical seminars that will allow squadrons to introduce the public to USPS courses, to recruit members and to generate revenue; and it is time to address the educational requirement for membership. P/C/C Smith stated that the OCom did not believe that these resolutions would solve the membership problem and recommended that the Governing Board defeat these resolutions.

The Governing Board defeated the districts 4 and 5 resolutions concerning teaching and selling elective courses to the public. (2006-AM-3)

Report of the Chief Commander

C/C G. Leslie Johnson, SN, stated that teaching a public boating course is the most important activity in USPS. He said that many squadrons don’t seem to be aware that their communities want to be involved in boating education and that squadrons are not teaching enough public boating courses. He encouraged squadrons to send their boating class information to headquarters, BoatU.S. and their state boating law administrator.

The chief said that the best compliment that a teacher can give a student is to ask him or her to participate in other classes. He encouraged squadrons to ask their best boating course students to help teach the next class. He also encouraged squadrons to join their local chambers of commerce, which usually charge lower nonprofit membership fees.

The chief stated that USPS’ goal is to provide public boating education. He said that there appears to be more public interest in taking classes than squadrons teaching classes.

C/C Johnson closed his report by stating that the Operating Committee is the hardest working group of people with whom he has worked. He thanked all who assisted him during his two years as chief commander, and he thanked the organization for the opportunity to serve.
Election and Installation of Officers

C/C Johnson discharged all national officers and cleared the bridge with the exception of the national secretary, and P/C/C L.M. Barnes III, SN, came forward to conduct the elections. The national secretary declared that no nominations by petition were filed.

Report of the Committee on Nominations

R/C Gerald Grofman, 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 2006 Annual Meeting of Delegates.” R/C Grofman moved the election of the following members to serve on the Committee on Rules:

Committee on Rules

Chairman for 2006

R/C Al W. Lakin, SN (Valley Ho/13)

Members for one year

P/D/C John C. Bennett, SN (Grosse Pointe/9)
Stf/C William I. Neef, SN (Anclote Key Sail &/22)
Cdr Artemas M. Pickard, SN (Portland Head Sail &/19)
Stf/C Robert Schloeman, JN (Phoenix Sail &/28)
P/R/C Gene Van Rhee, SN (Sable Point Sail &/9)
P/R/C Lowell G. Ward, SN (Hilton Head Sail &/26)

The Annual Meeting ADOPTED the motion to elect the slate of Committee on Rules members as presented. (2006-AM-8)

R/C Grofman 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 and moves the election of the members for the national Bridge.”

Chief Commander

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

National Executive Officer
V/C Creighton C. Maynard Jr., SN (Ft. Worth/21)

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

National Administrative Officer
V/C Frank A. Dvorak, SN (Bellevue/16)

National Secretary
V/C Robert A. Baldridge, SN (Baton Rouge/15)

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

The Annual Meeting ADOPTED the motion to elect the slate of officers for the national Bridge as presented. (2006-AM-9)

R/C Grofman 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 2006
R/C Shirley Van Rhee, JN (Sable Point Sail &/9)

Member (fill unexpired term) for two years
P/R/C Edwin E.J. Mraz, SN (San Diego Sail &/28)

Members for three years
P/V/C John Alter, SN (Raleigh Sail &/27)
P/R/C L.D. Brown, SN (Bellevue/16)
P/D/C Ben Coons, AP (Hiawatha Valley Sail &/10)

Most recent P/C/C willing to serve
P/C/C Theodore H. Smith, SN (Grosse Pointe/9)

The other two members of the committee (not to be voted on) and the years remaining on their terms are:
Stf/C Anthony J. Aquilato, AP (City Island/4) 2 years
P/R/C James A. Williams, JN (Lansing/9) 2 years

The Annual Meeting ADOPTED the motion to elect the slate of Committee on Nominations members as presented. (2006-AM-10)

R/C Grofman moved the election of the following General Members of the Governing Board and the Annual Meeting ADOPTED the motion. (2006-AM-11)

Joseph E. Anderson, SN, Bellevue/16
Vincene Aquilato, S, City Island/4
Keith R. Baldwin, JN, Waukegan Sail &/20
Robert D. Barber, AP, Sarasota/22
Bryan Bartlett, AP, Detroit/9
Kenneth Beckman, SN, St. Petersburg Sail &/22
William F. Bergen, AP, Aroostook Valley Sail &/19
Peter B. Betlem, AP, Skagit Bay Sail &/16
Edward P. Bialecke, SN, St. Louis/30
Kathleen Bisogno, JN, Raritan Bay/4
Carolyn Black, AP, Everett Sail &/16
Denise Brooks, AP, Port Huron/9
Ruth L. Buescher, AP, Miles River Sail &/5
Thomas H. Carey II, SN, Vulcan/17
Mary Lou Corbett, AP, Winston Salem Sail &/27
William J. Curren, SN, Attleboro Sail &/14
John L. Deluca, SN, Calumet Sail &/20
Thomas R. Dougherty II, P, Coral Ridge/8
Stephen Eakman, SN, Nobscon/12
Wade R. Faircloth Jr., SN, Santana/13
John W. Fletcher, SN, Lockport/6
Robert C. Flint, AP, Seminole/23
Ronald Friedmann, AP, Neptune/3
Alan C. Fuller, SN, Darien Sail &/2
Ed A. Garr, AP, Erie/11
Mack Gordy Jr., AP, Greensboro/27
Kenneth L. Griffing, SN, Santana/13
Gerald Grofman, SN, Evanston Sail &/20
Nigel E. Hargreaves, SN, Sebastian Inlet Sail &/8
Alford Harmon, AP, Hiawatha Valley Sail &/10
C. Tom Helms, SN, Lake Norman Sail &/27
Rose Hinders, Carquinez/25
George W. Hunt, AP, Banana River/23
Dick Jarmon, SN, Birmingham/9
Steven Johnson, AP, Norman Sail &/31
Daniel Katz, SN, Little Neck Bay Sail &/3
James F. Keil, AP, Cape Coral/22
Joseph Klein, SN, Captree/3
Janet U. Lane, SN, Naples Sail &/22
Edward W. Lewis, JN, Mattapoisset/14
William C. Lucas, SN, Sanibel Captiva Sail &/22
Louis Maassl, SN, Annapolis Sail &/5
Ruby Ann Mahnken, P, Bellevue/16
Richard Mahrenholz, JN, Evansville Bend/24
John F. Mancini, AP, New Haven/1
Carolyn Markham, P, Long Valley/4
Malcolm H. McDonald, JN, South Hills/7
Micky McNelis, P, Dundalk Sail &/5
Robert Messineo, AP, South Shore/3
Earl J. Mummert, AP, Manatee Sail &/22
P/C/C Barnes asked Lt James R. McCurry, AP, to escort C/C-elect Ernest G. Marshburn, SN, P/C Dianne Marshburn, AP; family members; and friends to the stage area. P/C/C Barnes then administered the oath of office to C/C Marshburn.

C/C Marshburn administered the oath of office to the 2006 national bridge officers. C/C Marshburn adjourned the meeting at 1650.

V/C Robert A. Baldridge, SN
National Secretary
ADOPTED

1. A motion to replace the bylaws with an updated version. (2006-AM-1)

3. A motion to revise the USPS Strategic Plan goals for membership and education and to add a financial stability goal. (2006-AM-2)

4. A motion to permanently authorize headquarters dues collection and anniversary billing (HQAB) as an optional method of member dues collection and direct the Committee on Rules to make the required changes to the Bylaws for adoption at the August 2006 Governing Board Meeting (2006-AM-3)

5. A motion to accept the Auditing Committee report. (2006-AM-4)

6. A motion to approve the USPS Position Statement Regarding National Weather Service opposing S. 786. (2006-AM-5)

7. A motion to ratify items 3 - 8 of the Operating Committee actions at its meetings held on 4-7 Sept. 2005. (2006-AM-6)

8. A motion to amend the districts 4 and 5 resolutions concerning teaching and selling elective courses to the public. (2006-AM-7)

9. A motion to elect the slate of Committee on Rules members. (2006-AM-8)

10. A motion to elect the slate of national Bridge officers. (2006-AM-9)

11. A motion to elect the slate of Committee on Nominations members. (2005-AM-10)

12. A motion to elect general members of the Governing Board. (2006-AM-11)
DEFEATED

1. A motion to amend the USPS Strategic Plan’s educational goal as follows: To educate members and the public regarding safe-boating better boating techniques, using the latest materials, delivery methods and teaching techniques necessary to address the diverse educational needs and skills of both groups. (2006-AM-1)

2. A District 12 resolution concerning uniforms and insignia. (2006-AM-2)

3. A resolution from districts 4 and 5 concerning teaching and selling elective courses to the public. (2006-AM-3)
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at the Rosen Centre Hotel, Orlando, Florida

C/C Ernest G. Marshburn, SN, called the meeting to order at 1655, and the national secretary declared a quorum present.

R/C Al Lakin, SN, chairman, Committee on Rules, designated P/C Ben Sooy, AP, as the parliamentarian for this meeting. He announced that Stf/C Bill Neff, SN, would serve as the assistant chairman of the Committee on Rules. He then explained the voting procedures.

**Report of the Committee on Nominations**

P/R/C Gerald Grofman, SN, announced that Stf/C Anthony J. Aquilato, AP, is the staff commander of the Committee on Nominations for 2006. P/R/C Grofman 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.”

The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion to elect the following nominees for rear commander. (2006-GB-6)
FOR REAR COMMANDERS
(EX OFFICIO MEMBERS OF THE 2006 GOVERNING BOARD)

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 James D. Richlak, SN (Painesville/11)
Marketing and Public Relations ... R/C Darrell G. Allison, AP (Tres Rios/13)
Planning ......................... R/C Alan F. Wentworth, SN (Door County/10)

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
Cooperative Charting ............ R/C Edwin Summers Jr., JN (Goldsboro Sail &/27)
Environmental ................ R/C Jean Hamilton, SN (Houston/21)
Government and Partners Relations . R/C William E. Husted, SN (St. Lucie River/8)
National Meetings .............. R/C Howard E. Yoas, SN (Austin/21)
Recreational Boating Safety ...... R/C Elliott L. Manke, JN (Rocky River/7)
Squadron Development .......... R/C Frank R. Clayton, SN (Thurmond Lake Sail &/26)
Vessel Safety Check ............ R/C Ronald C. LaPlante, SN (Mount Clemens/9)

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT
Assistant Nat’l Educational Officer . R/C Robert J. Sweet, SN (Buzzards Bay/14)
Basic Public Education .......... R/C David A. Daniels, SN (Susquenango/6)
Boat Handling .................. R/C Wilbur G. Hugli, JN (Ft. Walton Sail &/15)
Curriculum Development & Coord . R/C Robert L. Potter, SN (DuPage/20)
Educational Dept Operations ...... R/C William F. Witty, SN (Skokie Valley/20)
Electro-Mechanical Systems ...... R/C Walter C. Fields, SN (Ocala/23)
Inland & Coastal Navigation ...... R/C Richard C. Pfenniger, SN (Hollywood/8)
Instructor Development .......... R/C J. Christopher Brown, JN (Bellevue/16)
Marine Environment ............ R/C Robert E. Brandenstein, SN (Pittsburgh/7)
Offshore Navigation ............ R/C Norma A. Fields, SN (Ocala/23)
Publication Support ............ R/C Nancy M. Reeder, SN (St. Petersburg Sail &/22)

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ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT
Auxiliary Advisory .............. R/C Lois Neef, P (Anclote Key Sail &/22)
Leadership Development .......... R/C Harold N. Zitter, JN (Palm Beach Sail/8)
Membership Committee .......... R/C Roberta L. Dougherty, AP (Absecon Island/5)
Member Benefits ............... R/C Luis A. Ojeda, SN (Boqueron/33)
Squadron Activities .......... R/C Henry G. Griffin, SN (Staten Island/4)

SECRETARY’S DEPARTMENT
Assistant Secretary ............. R/C David L. Hinders, SN (Carquinez/25)
Flag and Etiquette ............... R/C Barbara A. Spraggins, AP (Berea/7)
Historian ...................... R/C Edward F. Bauer, SN (South Shore/3)
Information Technology ....... R/C Philip Arcuni, SN (Key West Sail &/8)
Operations Manual ............. R/C Patricia G. Gagliano, AP (Patapsco River Sail &/5)
Publications .................. R/C Anne Schreitmueller, JN (Little Neck Bay Sail &/3)
Ship’s Store .................. R/C Sandra Johnson, AP (Norman Sail &/31)
THE ENSIGN ................ R/C Ina Fay Zitter, JN (Palm Beach Sail &/8)

TREASURER’S DEPARTMENT
Asst. Treasurer & Budget Director R/C Richard M. Peoples, SN (Banana River/23)
Budget Officers:
  Exec. & Admin. Dept. ...... R/C Gary P. Cheney, SN (Ashtabula/11)
  Educational Department ... R/C Edwin A. Slack, SN (Toledo/29)
  Secretary’s Department ... R/C Thomas H. Ellis, JN (Vero Beach/8)
Planned Giving Committee .... R/C Alfred A. Volkmann, SN (Patchogue Bay/3)

The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion to elect the following nominees for staff
commander. (2006-GB-7)

FOR STAFF COMMANDERS

STANDING COMMITTEES
Asst/Ch Auditing ............... Vacant
Asst Law Officer ............... Stf/C Noel K. McKeown, SN (Dayton/24)
Asst/Ch Marketing and PR ...... Stf/C Csaga J. Varga, AP (Raritan Bay/4)

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Asst/Ch Marketing and PR . . . . . . . Stf/C Robert A. Green, N (Northern New Jersey/4)
Asst/Ch Planning . . . . . . . . . . . . . Stf/C William M. Bellinger, SN (Chain-O-Lakes Sail &/20)

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
Asst/Ch Cooperative Charting . . . . Stf/C V. Richard White, AP (Mobile Sail &/15)
Asst/Ch Environmental . . . . . . . Stf/C Andrea Davis, AP (St. Paul/10)
Asst/Ch Gov. and Partners Relations Stf/C Lee W. Devane, AP (Pompano Beach/8)
Asst/Ch National Meetings . . . . . Stf/C Wade R. Faircloth Jr., SN (Santana/13)
Asst/Ch National Meetings . . . . . Stf/C Robert A. Keller, SN (Boca Ciega Sail &/22)
Asst/Ch National Meetings . . . . . Stf/C Vincene Aquilato, P (City Island/4)
Asst/Ch Rec. Boating Safety . . . . Stf/C Richard L. Frenz, SN (Patchogue Bay/3)
Asst/Ch Rec. Boating Safety . . . . Stf/C Michael S. Wiedel, AP (Milwaukee Sail &/10)
Asst/Ch/Squadron Development . . Stf/C Marlene Herbig, SN (Sebastian Inlet Sail &/8)
Asst/Ch Vessel Safety Check . . . . Stf/C Robert C. Miller, AP (Poverty Bay/16)
Asst/Ch Vessel Safety Check . . . . Stf/C Daniel H. Joyce, SN (Ft. Worth/21)

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT
Asst/Ch Basic Public Education . . . Stf/C Jack Fletcher, SN (Lockport/6)
Asst/Ch Basic Public Education . . . Stf/C Eugene E. Molteni, SN (Bayside/3)
Asst/Ch Boat Handling . . . . . . . Stf/C Florence E. Smith, SN (Staten Island/4)
Asst/Ch Curriculum Dev & Coord . Stf/C Marlys H. Vickers, SN (Birmingham/9)
Asst/Ch Ed Dept Operations . . . . Stf/C Stanley E. Warner, SN (Singing River/15)
Asst/Ch Electro-Mechanical Sys . . Stf/C Harl Porter, JN (Main Line/5)
Asst/Ch Electro-Mechanical Sys . . Stf/C Gene A. Danko, SN (Rockville Sail &/5)
Asst/Ch Inland & Coastal Nav . . . . Stf/C James W. Spencer, SN (Winooski Valley Sail &/19)
Asst/Ch Inland & Coastal Nav . . . . Stf/C Kenneth L. Griffing, SN (Santana/13)
Asst/Ch Instructor Development . . Stf/C Robert Landeros, N (Kalamazoo Sail &/9)
Asst/Ch Instructor Development . . Stf/C Archie W. Trawick Jr., SN (Lake Murray/26)
Asst/Ch Instructor Development . . Stf/C Ann L. Scotten, SN (Peace River/22)
Asst/Ch Marine Environment . . . . Stf/C Garry S. Schroeder, SN (Mansfield/7)
Asst/Ch Offshore Navigation . . . . Stf/C Merrill F. Sproul, S (Seneca/6)
Asst/Ch Publication Support . . . . Stf/C Peter A. Nielsen, SN (Housatonic River/2)
Asst/Ch Publication Support . . . . Stf/C Angelo V. Giovannelli, SN (Great South Bay/3)

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ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT
Asst/Ch Auxiliary Advisory . . . . . Stf/C Sally C. Lemus, S (Wyandotte/9)
Asst/Ch Leadership Development . Stf/C Peter Hames, AP (Beaumont/21)
Asst/Ch Membership Committee . . Stf/C Robert E. Rayburn, SN (Columbus Sail &/29)
Asst/Ch Membership Committee . . Stf/C W. Lyle Rea, SN (Kalamazoo/9)
Asst/Ch Member Benefits . . . . . Stf/C Nigel E. Hargreaves, SN (Sebastian Inlet Sail &/8)
Asst/Ch Squadron Activities . . . . Stf/C Robert Schloeman, JN (Phoenix Sail &/28)
Asst/Ch Squadron Activities . . . . Stf/C Steven L. Johnson, AP (Norman Sail &/31)

SECRETARY’S DEPARTMENT
Asst/Ch Flag and Etiquette . . . . . Stf/C E. J. Sacks, SN (Pensacola Sail &/15)
Asst/Ch Historian . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Stf/C Phyllis Millan, P (Annapolis Sail &/5)
Asst/Ch Information Technology . . Stf/C John R. Bradley, SN (Great South Bay/3)
Asst/Ch Operations Manual . . . . . Stf/C Kent L. Simpson, AP (Clinton/30)
Asst/Ch Publications . . . . . . . . . . . Stf/C Arthur A. Mollica, SN (St. Paul Sail &/10)
Asst/Ch Ship’s Store . . . . . . . . . . . Stf/C Iris L. Reddy, SN (Perdido Bay/15)
Asst/Ch Ship’s Store . . . . . . . . . . . Stf/C Louise Rea, SN (Kalamazoo/9)
Asst/Ch THE ENSIGN . . . . . . . . . . . Stf/C Marjorie Baraff, AP (Biscayne Bay/8)

TREASURER’S DEPARTMENT
Assistant to the Treasurer . . . . . William N. Hilliard, SN (Raleigh Sail &/27)
Assistant to the Treasurer . . . . . D/Lt/C Ann T. Bailey, AP (Raleigh Sail &/27)
Asst/Budget Off/Exec. & Admin. . Stf/C Charles Tulip Jr., JN (Annapolis Sail &/5)
Asst/Budget Off/Educ. Dept. . . . . Stf/C Thomas M. Derden, SN (Houston Sail &/21)
Asst/Budget Off/Sec. Dept. . . . . . Stf/C Gary L. McKinley, SN (Mansfield/7)
Asst/Ch Planned Giving . . . . . . . Stf/C Chester G. White Jr., JN (San Diego Sail &/28)

STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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 2006 by this Governing Board:

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AUDITING COMMITTEE
Members of the Committee . . . . . P/V/C John C. Ellsworth, SN (Fayetteville Sail &/27)
.............................. R/C Nancy Reeder, SN (St. Petersburg Sail &/22)
.............................. P/C Lucille A. Jones, JN (Miles River Sail &/5)
.............................. Lt Irving VanSlyke Jr., AP (Cape Lookout/27)
.............................. P/R/C Albert M. Warnock Jr., JN (Gulf Breeze Sail &/15

FINANCE COMMITTEE
Members of the Committee . . . . . R/C Thomas H. Ellis, JN (Vero Beach/8)
.............................. D/Lt/C Lee Popham, AP (Everglades/8)
.............................. P/D/C L. Stephen Puckett, AP (Greensboro/27)

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)
.............................. P/Lt/C Gregory Korstad, AP (Minnetonka/10)
.............................. P/D/C Robert L. O’Connell, SN (Buffalo/6)
.............................. Stuart M. Rapee, SN (Biscayne Bay/8)
.............................. D/Lt Natalie E. Witty, AP (Skokie Valley/20)

MARKETING COMMITTEE & PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Members of the Committee . . . . . P/C Patricia D. Allison, P (Tres Rios/13)
.............................. P/C Kristi Watson Anderson, P (Banana River/23)
.............................. P/V/C Spencer P. Anderson, SN (Banana River/23)
.............................. P/C Doris J. Backus, P (Toledo/29)
.............................. P/C Daniel Bartell, SN (Shallotte River Sail &/27)
.............................. Stephen Butler, AP (Berea/7)
.............................. P/D/C Edwin M. Cotton, AP (Cape Coral/22)
.............................. P/C Joyce C. Cotton, P (Cape Coral/22)
.............................. Lt/C Damon C. Davis, AP (Hoosier/24)
.............................. P/C Terry Dawes, AP (Detroit/9)
.............................. P/C Richard P. Dean, P (Tres Rios/13)
PLANNING COMMITTEE

Members of the Committee

- P/R/C Thomas R. Dougherty, SN (Absecon Island/5)
- P/D/C David Drummond, SN (Raritan Bay/4)
- P/R/C Gerald Grofman, SN (Evanston Sail &/20)
- P/C Lucille R. Horowitz, SN (Shrewsbury/4)
- P/C/C Lance J. Jensen, SN (Bellevue/16)
- Lt/C Kenneth D. Link, JN (Ft Macon Sail &/27)
- P/C Marilyn B. Rose, P (Tulsa/31)
- P/D/C Herbert Shaw, JN (Beaverton/32)
The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion to elect the members of the standing committees as presented. (2005-GB-8)

USPS EDUCATIONAL FUND

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 people 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 1\textsuperscript{st} year, 1\textsuperscript{st} term
Carol G. Cohen-Charitan (Westchester/2) 2005 2\textsuperscript{nd} year, 1\textsuperscript{st} term
Russell K. Gray Sr (Raleigh Sail &/27) 2003 3\textsuperscript{rd} year, 1\textsuperscript{st} term
Earl J. Mummert (Manatee/22) 2006 1\textsuperscript{st} year, 1\textsuperscript{st} term
Wayne G. Spraggin (Berea/7) 2005 2\textsuperscript{nd} year, 1\textsuperscript{st} term
James E. Roeber (Spokane Sail &/16) 2003 3\textsuperscript{rd} year, 1\textsuperscript{st} term

Report of the Finance Committee

R/C Michael J. Horowitz, JN, chairman, moved the appointment of Langdon & Company, Garner, N.C., as independent auditors for 2006. The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (2005-GB-9)

Report of the USPS Educational Fund

Russell K. Gray Sr., chairman, reported that the USPS Educational Fund experienced a good year in 2005. He reported that total contributions in 2005 were $242,000. He reported that the balance in the fund as of 30 Nov. 2005 was $2,300,000, which earned $90,000 in investment income. The full financial report of the USPS Educational Fund will be published in an upcoming issue of THE ENSIGN.

Chaplain Gail S. Nachman, SN, delivered the benediction and C/C Marshburn adjourned the meeting at 1705.

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V/C Robert A. Baldridge, SN
National Secretary
Action Summary
First meeting of the 2006 Governing Board
7 Jan. 2006

1. A motion to elect the slate of nominees for rear commander. (2006-GB-6)

2. A motion to elect the slate of nominees for staff commander. (2006-GB-7)

3. A motion to elect the members of the standing committees. (2005-GB-8)

Appointed Officers for 2006

**National Flag Lieutenant**
N/F/Lt Jamie McCurry, AP

**National Chaplains**
Father Louis M. Reitz, AP  The Most Rev’d Herbert M. Groce Jr., P

**Jewish Lay Leader**
D/Lt Gail S. Nachman, SN

**Parliamentary Advisor**
P/C Benjamin H. Sooy III, AP

**National Medical Officer**
R/C Alan Wentworth, SN

**National Photographers**
P/N/F/Lt Trudy M. Brown, AP
P/C Monte Roper, AP

**Special Committees / Representatives**
Seating and Table Arrangements - P/C Linda Golle, P; P/C Dot Ojeda, P
Special Projects Director - P/R/C Priscilla B. Clarke, AP

**Special Assistants to the Chief**
Chief’s Suite Hospitality and Logistics - Kim Wiedel
Advisors to the Chief - Stf/C Steve Johnson, AP; P/R/C Elmer Dreier, AP

**Aides to the Chief Commander**
P/C Kathleen Bisogno, JN  P/D/C Marshall Herron, SN
P/D/C Dave Drummond, SN  Stf/C Dan Joyce, SN
P/D/C Don Stark, JN  Stf/C Bob Keller, SN
Stf/C Anthony Aquilato, AP  Stf/C Phyllis Millan, P
P/R/C Priscilla Clarke, AP  P/D/C Dick Nitschke, SN
P/C Mary Lou Corbett, AP  R/C Louie Ojeda, SN
P/D/C Karen Gercak, AP  P/R/C Stephen Puckett, AP
Stf/C Angelo Giovanniello, SN  Stf/C Chester White, JN
P/C Linda Golle, P  Stf/C Mike Wiedel, AP
Stf/C Nigel Hargreaves, SN
Aide to National Executive Officer
P/R/C Frank Dougherty

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

Aide to National Administrative Officer
Robert Holub

Aide to National Secretary
P/D/C John T. Holmes, AP

Aide to National Treasurer
P/V/C John T. Alter, SN

2006 Area Monitors

Chairman: P/C/C Richard W. Miner, SN
Members:
P/C/C L.M. Barnes, III, SN - Districts 5, 32
P/V/C Robert P. David, SN - Districts 1, 9, 17
P/V/C John C. Ellsworth, SN - Districts 15, 23, 33
P/C/C Arthur H. Farr, SN - Districts 10, 30
P/C/C G.E. Gordon III, SN- Districts 4, 16
P/V/C Russell K. Gray Sr., SN - Districts 19, 25, 26, 31
P/C/C Joseph L. Kennedy, SN - Districts 7, 11, 18
P/C/C Richard W. Miner, SN - Districts 6, 20, 24
P/C/C Theodore H. Smith, SN - Districts 28, 29
P/C/C Harold E. Spoelstra, SN - District 27
P/C/C James T. Stewart, SN - Districts 13, 22
P/V/C Franklin W. Wedge, SN - Districts 3, 8
P/C/C Robert L. Woods, SN - Districts 2, 12, 14, 21

Trustees of the USPS Educational Fund
Russell K. Gray, Chairman
Carol G. Cohen-Charitan
Wayne G. Spraggins

Spencer P. Anderson
Earl J. Mummert
James E. Roeber

USPS Representatives

National Association of State Boating Law Administrators
V/C Dick Kyle, SN
P/V/C Jim Roeber, SN

American Boat and Yacht Council
R/C Walter C. Fields, SN
a. FL State Boating Council – Joe Kennedy

National Boating Federation
P/V/C Robert P. David, SN

Florida Boating Advisory Council
P/C/C Joseph L. Kennedy, SN
National Safe Boating Council
P/R/C Joyce Shaw, AP

United Safe Boating Institute
P/C/C Dick Miner, SN
P/C/C Theodore H. Smith, SN
Stf/C Robert A. Green, N

Radio Technical Commission for Maritime Services
R/C Phil Arcuni, SN

Liaison to USCG
C/C Ernie Marshburn, SN

Liaison to Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons
P/N/F/Lt Dick Jarmon, SN

Liaison to BoatU.S.
P/C/C G. Leslie Johnson, SN

Liaison to USCGAuxiliary
C/C Ernie Marshburn, SN

Chief Commander’s Advisory Council
P/C/C Emery E. Ellis, JN
P/C/C Robert L. Woods, SN
P/C/C Harold E. Spoelstra, SN
P/C/C Raymond A. Finley Jr., SN
P/C/C Bruce M. Steere, SN
P/C/C Richard W. Miner, SN
P/C/C James T. Stewart, SN
P/C/C G.E. Gordon III, SN
P/C/C Joseph L. Kennedy, SN
P/C/C L.M. Barnes III, SN
P/C/C Arthur H. Farr, SN
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P/C/C Theodore H. Smith, SN
P/C/C G. Leslie Johnson, SN