

Call to Order: Date/Time July 10, 2025 / 8:02 PM

Bridge Officers & Assistants (6)

Commander - 2025	☆ E236934	D/C* Robert A. Hlubin, <u>JN</u>	Ft. Worth
Administrative Officer - 2025	☆E294433	Clearnce McCraw	Lake Charles
Educational Officer - 2025	☆ E258837	D/Lt/C Alan W. Cross, <u>JN-IN</u>	Houston
Executive Officer - 2025	☆ E286447	D/Lt/C* Amy L. Taylor, S	Houston
Secretary - 2025	☆ E233435	D/Lt/C Allison Rothermel-Browne, S	Ft. Worth
Treasurer - 2025	☆ E224573	D/Lt/C* Linda F. Lopez, S	Ft. Worth
Past District Commander - 2025	☆ E255808	D/C Susie Becvar, <u>JN-IN</u>	Ft. Worth

Squadron Commanders in District 21 (7)

Squadron Commander - 2025	☆ E216378	Linda F. Lopez, S	Ft. Worth
Squadron Commander - 2025	☆ E227178	Cdr Richard T. Robinson, <u>JN</u>	Galveston Bay
Squadron Commander - 2025	☆ E307814	Cdr Roger H. Runnels, <u>PC</u>	Houston
Squadron Commander - 2025	☆ E309178	Cdr Fredrick Werquin	Lake Charles
Squadron Commander - 2025	☆ E181960	Cdr Christine G. Rakestraw, <u>AP</u>	Lower Rio Grande Valley
Squadron Commander - 2025	☆ E171023	Cdr Mike Ellis	Oklahoma City
Squadron Commander - 2025	☆ E176891	Cdr Tony Gobernatz Jr., P	San Antonio
Squadron Commander - 2025		William Burger	Shreveport

Others in Attendance

Charles Scott, E162009

Jim Hammond, E143814

Deborah Rothermel E216378

Shirley Heald E117517

General Committee Chairs:

Nominating:

1 Year P/D/C Glenn C. Snell, SN

2 Year P/D/C Steve Baker, JN

3 Year P/D/C Susie Becvar, JN-IN

Rules:

1 Year Lt/C Monica Cross, JN-IN

2 Year Vacant/TBD

3 Year Vacant/TBD

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1 Year Cdr Christine Rakestraw, AP

2 Year P/D/Lt/C Hilton Dickerson, AP-IN

3 Year Cdr Linda Galle, AP

Pledge of Allegiance: Completed

Invocation: Steve

Determination of quorum for Council Meeting, Section 5.7:

- $6+1+8+3=18/2=9$ Total Council Members- requires $\frac{1}{2} = 9$ Yes/No

Approval of Minutes of Preceding Meeting:

- Looking for June Minutes

Administrative Department D/Lt/C Open

Clearnce McCraw, new administration office, will meet with Amy and come up with a game plan

Executive Department D/Lt/C Amy Taylor, S

Not on call

Treasurer's Department: D/Lt/C Linda F. Lopez, S

Not on call.

Educational Department D/Lt/C Alan Cross, JN-IN



**July 2025
D21 Executive Committee Meeting**

Report from the District Education Officer

"Take talented people on their own terms and treat them fairly and with respect, no matter who they are or where they come from."- Quincy Jones

Application for Training Record Recognition of Course Equivalency

If you have a USCG license, you may be eligible for credit for specific USPS courses. The application found at <https://tinyurl.com/USCG-Credit> attests to successful completion of training that is acceptable to USPS as equivalent to USPS curriculum. This form would need to be completed with supporting documentation attached; forwarded to the DEO who approves and sends to the NEO.

Advanced Course Strategy and Grade Progression Policy

Do you have members who would like to advance their boating education to attain the Senior Navigator (SN) grade? Do you have members who have attained the Junior Navigator (JN) grade and are looking for new ways to advance beyond that grade? This communication shares the advanced course strategy and grade progression policy and answers frequently asked questions. See <https://tinyurl.com/AG-Strategy>.

Distribution Lists for D21 Education Announcements

When using the Broadcast to District 21 Job Holders/Members tool, be aware of the following data:

- 340 members with valid emails
- 59 with no email
- 19 with undeliverable email

District 21 Education Status / Reports

From the HQ-800 Database

Boating Courses

Houston	Sat 12 JUL 25
Houston	Sat 02 AUG 25
Houston	Sat 06 SEP 25
Houston	Sat 04 OCT 2
Houston	Sat 01 NOV 25
Houston	Sat 10 JAN 26

Seminars

Houston	Thu 17 JUL 25	BHRULES (Mastering Rules of the Road)
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<https://americasboatingclubhouston.org/club-events/mastering-rules-of-the-road/>

Classes

Galveston Bay	Mon 25 AUG 25	AP	Open
Houston	Sun 01 JUN 25	N	Exams Pending
Houston	Mon 22 SEP 25	N1	Open
Houston	Mon 19 JAN 26	BH	Open
Houston	Tue 20 JAN 26	WE	Open
Oklahoma City	Mon 17 MAR 25	P	Exams Pending
Oklahoma City	Thu 17 JUL 25	ON	Open

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- **Progress at the National Level**

- A new *Battery* seminar is developed. The *Battery* seminar is listed on the HQ-800 database. If an SEO wants/needs a copy of the *Battery* seminar, please send me an email.
- I strongly recommend taking the seminar. Please announce this to your Squadron. If you want to take the *Introduction to Marine Batteries* seminar - a virtual event will happen on July 10th, via Zoom. Register by:
 1. Go to <https://www.usps.org/cgi-bin-nat/eddept/800/cfindx.cgi?>
 2. Select *Seminars*
 3. Select *Show Virtual Classroom Offerings Only*
 4. Click *Locate*

Registration is open via the Notes button, which provides the URL to register and pay on the Minnetonka website. Pricing for instructors includes an Instructor E-Kit. Pricing for other students includes a Student E-Kit (the student guide), and both fees include the \$10 seminar recording fee so your participation is included in your training record. People who register will receive an email confirmation with the Zoom link. E-Kit keys will be sent by email to each student after the seminar has concluded.

**Locate the Nearest
America's Boating Club
Courses or Seminars
by zip code**

Locate: The ABC Boating Course Seminars
 Classes

Select type of Seminar: Introduction to Marine Batteries ▼

Select type of Course: ALL Classes ▼

Enter your ZIP Code: 77379

OR enter as many characters as you need to identify a city or town.

Note: Case doesn't matter.

City: Starts Name Part of Name

State: state ▼

Maximum Distance: 10 miles 20 miles 50 miles 100 miles custom

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Show Pending: Only applies to the ABC Boating Course

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- **Focus at the District and Squadron Level**
 - The focus this year will still continue with the BoC (Boat Operator Certificate) process. This certification process has a focus:
 - Many members of your Squadron are already qualified or nearly qualified for any one or more of the four (4) levels of certification. Squadron Education Officers and/or Commanders can go to the National website at [Info Center -> Other Tools -> BOC Tools](#) and run a query for an individual. You will use the Candidate Review selection.

- **District and Squadron-Level Awards at the National Level**
 - Each Squadron in District 21 should make applications for the Polaris Award and the Chapman award. The Polaris award is for excellence in Team Teaching in a Squadron, the Chapman award is for excellence in education by an individual.
 - Find more information at the National site by clicking the links below; and note, especially, the dates the nominations are due to the DEO.

[Polaris Award](#)
[Chapman Award](#)
 - The Education Year is just ended, so all reports and data you need to support your candidate's submission are ready.

- **Listen to the USPS National Education Officer / DEO / SEO meetings**
 - Here is the link to the recording:
<https://uspowersquadrons.sharefile.com/d-s68184c5310fa4d1eb33e923269c3f63e>
 - You can also access it by clicking on DEO/ADEO Calls on the EdDept Site Index (under the Communications & Reports, Meeting Recordings heading).



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<https://americasboatingclubhouston.org/>

Secretary's Department: D/Lt/C Allison Rothermel-Browne, S

Not on call

Commander's Department: Cdr Robert A. Hlubin, JN

- 1) If you need name tags contact Bill Galle,
- 2) Need to find commanders in iMis
- 3) 2025 Fall District Conference what is Status – Fort Worth is taking it up. Meeting Next week to talk about it
- 4) Asking for volunteers for the next 2 conferences
- 5) Houston confirmed they would host D21 Spring Conference in 2026 - **Confirmed**
- 6) Chris Rakestraw will send list of Squadron Commanders **Completed**

Audit Committee

New Business

Update on Chris Leavitt and Scott McDonald

****Note** August Meeting will be August 14, 2025**

Add Clarence to District Webpage - completed

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Full Name	Position	Term Start	Term End	Organization	State Province	Country
Robert A. Hlubin	District Commander	3/15/2025	4/30/2026		OK	
Alan W. Cross	District Educational Officer	1/1/2024	9/30/2030	Cross Family	TX	
Linda F. Lopez	District Treasurer	1/1/2024	9/30/2030		TX	
Clarence McCraw	District Administrative Officer	6/1/2025	4/30/2026	Broussard Family	LA	

Action Items

Galveston Bay to setup a flare event and invite D21 members to attend, may request District cover indemnity insurance at around \$300, Bill Galle requested Galveston Bay provide budget and quotes No updates received from Galveston Bay

Adjourn: 8:48PM