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DISTRICT 23 GALAXY NEWSLETTER



D23 Commander D/C Mark Adams, SN

Greetings everyone and welcome to the 2016, D23 watch year. Thank you for the honor of serving as D23 Commander. Thanks to all of you who worked so hard to put on the conference. Dianne and I certainly enjoyed the weekend.

As we learned at the National meeting in February in Orlando "change is coming" and this could be a busy but exciting year. The 2016 vessel safety checks decals have been distributed to the squadrons. Challenge your examiners to increase the number they perform this year over their 2015 count.

We have the D23 Spring Picnic coming up May 7. Hopefully all the squadrons will participate in the cardboard boat race. Check the fliers from the Titusville Sail and Power Squadron for information on the numerous activities and race rules. Last year they added a line heaving contest and rumor has it this year a tug of war contest is being added. Make plans now to attend this day of fun, food and raffle prizes.

Another major event coming up in May is safe boating week. All Squadrons should be advertising their activities planned for the week. Utilize TV, newspapers, squadron and D23 face book pages and websites. Partner with the Coast Guard Auxiliary for an opportunity to increase the safe boating message to the public as well as make new friends.

21 August – 28 August the Governing Board meeting will be held in Pittsburg. The main hotel is the Sheraton at Station Square. When not attending meetings enjoy some of the tours that have been planned to the flight 93 national memorials, a major league baseball game between Pittsburg Pirates and Houston Astros, a sports history tour and a Pittsburg Treasurers Tour.

Then in October will be the D23 fall conference hosted by the Daytona Beach Sail and Power Squadron. We always have fun in Daytona.

In closing, I ask all Squadrons to share their calendar of events. Share your fun with the other members of D23.