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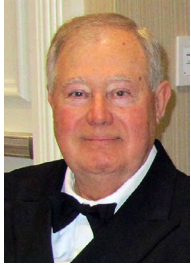
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Spring 2017

State of D/15 – Post Annual Meeting, Orlando

D/C Don Ellis, SN-CN



Our District is “healthy”. Our squadrons are putting much effort into providing the public with boating courses, free vessel safety checks, and on-the-water training. Now, as I say that, I am not ignoring the fact that our squadrons are facing some challenges. We have a very new squadron struggling with its identity, and, older squadrons struggling with sustainability; all the while, each having their own challenges filling Bridge positions. Through the many visits and conversations with the “troops”, I hear the challenges, but, I also hear an even louder determination to succeed. Why? It has mostly to do with “friends” enjoying what they do with, and, what they do for each other and the public. More on this later.

Each and every squadron in D15 has, with as much pomp and pageantry desired, successfully and enjoyably had their Change-of-Watch ceremonies – With new Bridges enthusiastically moving ahead. Best wishes to all for a successful 2017-2018 year!

At the USPS Annual Meeting in Orlando, awards were handed out at the Awards Ceremony. Chief among them was our two new Life Members, P/R/C Harry Hebb (Pensacola) and P/R/C Wil Hugli (Ft Walton). Congratulate them on sight! That’s an achievement in it’s own right. Additionally, D15, along with only two other districts, received the Educational Fund Award – Thanks to P/D/C Buddy O’Brien (MS Gulf Coast Sail & Power) for his constant efforts in that very important department.

Our D15 Resolution for an Alternate Squadron Classification (Inactive) created more “buzz” at the day-long DC/DXO meeting and then was directly addressed by V/C Gary Chaney in Saturday’s business meeting before all 602 attendees. V/C Gary has officially passed it along to the PlanCom, RulesCom, and Operations for reporting at the Fall 2017 Governing Board, Dallas. So

it’s moving. Help, where needed, is on the way.

There are several other items of interest – most of which indicate change in positive directions:

- Even more Member Benefits – Hotel Storm! Hotelstorm.com/usps Access Code “MEMBERPERKS”, up to 55% savings. D/XO Barry DeArmond has already used it successfully.
- Board of Directors looking at eliminating (not requiring) Council Meetings
- Conceptual use of “Americas Boating Club” in our ads and communication, as in US Power Squadron – Ft Walton, Americas Boating Club. Ok to use – We “own” the rights.
- Exciting updates and new stuff in the Ed Dept – ABC3 more of a 5-Day course. Boating Primer (for new boaters—great for boat shows – co-op with marine suppliers. Seamanship Partitioning material, reduce redundancy w/ ABC3
- SeaTow – 60 day free membership with ABC3 course – available at Ships Store. Renewing your Seatow? Add promo “PSQ” for \$10 off membership.
- “Welcome to the Neighborhood” Doggie pop-ups available from marketing through Office Depot for \$81 to spruce up your meeting location or boat show image!

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**V/C Lee Popham, JN will be C/C Rep
at the D/15 Spring Conference
31 March-2 April**

**Embassy Suites Baton Rouge LA
See page 3 for complete details**

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More exciting news. I spied our own Harry Hebb (Pensacola) sitting at a long table in the hotel hallway surrounded by a large group of USPS HQ "heavy hitters". Well, Harry is now (officially pledged in) as Assistant National Secretary. So, congratulations Harry. You will do us well in your new position!

Also, we met up with a familiar and smiling face a bit later. It was V/C Lee Popham, JN. Lee had just

learned he would be our C/C Rep for the coming Conference. V/C Lee will also be our new National Treasurer. Congratulations Lee!

By the way, we expect to have one of these above mentioned "Welcome to the Neighborhood" Doggie Pop-Ups at the coming (1-April) Spring Council and Conference in Baton Rouge at the Embassy Suites. I look forward to seeing you all there!

D/C Don



District 15 Spring Conference
31 March - 2 April 2017

Baton Rouge Sail & Power Squadron



Ahoy Mates, D/15 heads west for the Spring Conference.

The Baton Rouge Sail & Power Squadron will be welcoming you to our neighborhood, the home of LSU and the Cajun Navy.

The Spring Conference 2017 will be happening at the Embassy Suites by Hilton (4914 Constitution Avenue - Baton Rouge - LA - 70808) right off College Dr. The hotel offers a free "made to order" breakfast every morning for all hotel guests, free parking and free Wi-Fi. Our block of rooms is guaranteed until 10 March and after that date it will be "as available".

P/C Robert Wendt will start off Friday morning with a Golf Scramble at Carter Plantation, 23475 Carter Trace, Springfield, LA 70462, which is listed in Golf Magazine's "Top 10 Courses You Can Play". We will be greeting everyone Friday afternoon starting at 1500 at the hotel. Supper will be on your own at any of the numerous restaurants in the area (we'll have a list for you if you aren't familiar with the area). The hotel offers a free Evening Reception every afternoon from 1730 to 1930 with complimentary drinks and snacks with your hotel room key.

The district bridge will probably insist on some sort of business program Saturday morning which will stop around 1145 for Loyal Order of Navigators, then at 1200, lunch at the hotel. Depending on the business program, we'll have some type function Saturday afternoon (read the handouts you get at our reception desk).

Then starting at 1730 we will again enjoy drinks in the atrium. If you're not staying in the hotel there will be a cash bar. Following will be the District Change of Watch. Our new District Commander & his wife will host a reception after dinner.

See page 3 for hotel information and activities registration form.

Deadline has passed, problems? contact Carol at carcediano@hotmail.com



District 15 Spring Conference Hosted by *Baton Rouge Sail & Power Squadron*



31 March – 02 April 2017



Rank Last Name First Name Grade

Rank Last Name First Name Grade Squadron

Address City, ST Zip

Phone Email

Event	Approx Time	Count	Early Bird by 3/10	After 3/10 Cut off 3/28	Total Cost
Friday Golf Scramble at Carter Plantation	0800		75.00	80.00	
Saturday Luncheon (Members & Guests) Deli Buffet	1200		36.00	39.00	
Saturday Night Dinner & Change of Watch Choose Chicken or Fish (below)	1830				
Grilled Chicken Forestier			46.00	49.00	
Blackened Gulf Fish			46.00	49.00	
Check included for this amount:					

Send check payable to **BRSPS** to:

P/D/C D. Barry Pipes JN
15212 Oak Shadows Ave
Prairieville, LA 70769

Questions? Call
Barry 225-772-6218 or
Carol A. 225-324-5001



Free Breakfast, Parking & Wi-Fi
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Embassy Suites, Baton Rouge
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Baton Rouge, LA 70808
TEL: 225-924-6566

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King, 1 Bed, \$119 night

Block of rooms only guaranteed until 10 March

Web Page to Book Room:

http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/B/BTRCSES-SPS-20170328/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG



Nominating Committee Report

Pursuant to Article 6 of the Bylaws of District 15, the following members are nominated for the specified positions for the 2017-2018 year.

Commander	Barry DeArmond, AP
Executive Officer	Joey Wheeler, AP
Educational Officer	Wil Hugli, SN
Administrative Officer	John Gniady, P
Secretary	Maddalynn DeArmond, AP
Treasurer	Daniel Ross, S
Assistant Secretary	Lynn Haase, AP
Assistant Treasurer	Dane Reid, S
Asst Educational Officer	Richard Carson, JN

Nominating Committee:

- 1 year ... P/D/C Lenny Long, SN (Chairman)
- 1 year ... P/C Peggy Larkins, P
- 2 year ... P/D/C Bill Arcediano, SN
- 3 year ... P/D/C Don Ellis, SN

Rules Committee:

- 1 year ... Dane Reid, S
- 2 year ... Ron Swope, SN
- 3 year ... Harry Hebb, SN

Auditing Committee:

- 1 year ... Taylor Baldridge, S
- 2 year ... Eddie Brazeal, AP
- 3 year ... Karen Gercak, AP

Planning Committee:

- 1 year ... Lynne W. Reynolds, AP
- 1 year ... Tom Larkins, AP
- 2 year ... Barry Pipes, JN
- 3 year ... Chris Cottrell, P

Submitted by:

- P/D/C Bill Arcediano, SN
- P/D/C John Bell, AP (Chairman)
- P/C Peggy Larkins, P
- P/D/C Lenny Long, SN
- P/C Don Rowe, SN

Note: All 3 year committee members are new; most, but not all, 1 and 2 year members are continuing in their previously elected positions.

District 15 Conference Rotation Schedule



- 2017 Fall – Ft Walton
- 2018 Spring – Miss. Gulf Coast
- 2018 Fall – Mobile
- 2019 Spring - New Orleans

CALL TO CONFERENCE



In accordance with District 15 bylaws, Article 5, Section 5.5, this constitutes official notice to the membership of District 15 of call to meeting, containing the agenda and other pertinent details for the 2017 Spring Conference.

The conference meeting will convene at 0930, 1 April 2017 at Embassy Suites, Baton Rouge LA.

All members of D/15 are encouraged to attend the Conference and may request the privilege of the floor, in accordance with bylaws Article 5, Sec 5.8.

Each squadron commander is entitled to vote. Delegates shall be selected by each squadron on the basis of one delegate for each 25 active members in good standing, or major fraction thereof, as of the preceding 1 March, with a minimum of two delegates per squadron.

Voting members of the Conference are: District Commander, District Lieutenant Commanders, Chairmen of the General Committees, Squadron Commanders, Past District Commanders who are active members of District 15 squadrons, and the delegates.

Uniform at the Conference meeting for the District Bridge will be USPS uniform G. The uniform for other members and guests will be uniform G or other appropriate attire.

D/15 Award Winning Newsletters and Webs for 2016

Newsletters

- District 15 - *CAN 15*
- Baton Rouge - *THE WINDSCOOP*
- Ft. Walton - *Porpoise*
- Lake Pontchartrain - *Under the Bridge*
- New Orleans - *TOPSIDE TALK*
- Pensacola - *Lazy Log*



Webs

- District 15
- Ft. Walton Sail & Power Squadron
- Lake Pontchartrain Sail & Power Squadron
- New Orleans Power Squadron
- Pensacola Sail & Power Squadron

Thanks to the editors and webmasters for advancing communications for their squadrons.

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**District 15 Spring Conference Agenda
Saturday 1 April 2017
Baton Rouge, LA**



Hosted by Baton Rouge Sail and Power Squadron
Embassy Suites - 4914 Constitution Ave - Baton Rouge LA 70808
Uniform G - Black trousers and short sleeve shirt

0800 Commanders' Breakout	D/Lt/C Barry DeArmond, AP
Educational Breakout	D/Lt/C Wil Hugli, SN
0900 Council Meeting	
Call to Order	D/C Don Ellis, SN-CN
Roll Call	P/D/C Bill Arcediano, SN-CN
Quorum Confirmed by Secretary	D/Lt/C Maddalynn DeArmond, AP
Report of the Nominating Committee	P/D/C John Bell, AP
Fall Council & Fall Conference Dates	D/Lt John Gniady, P
Council Adjourned	D/C Don Ellis, SN-CN
 0930 Spring Conference Called to Order	
Invocation	D/C Don Ellis, SN-CN
Pledge of Allegiance	D/Lt Ann Gniady, P
USPS Pledge	D/Lt/C Barry DeArmond, AP
Roll Call and Introductions	D/Lt/C Joey Wheeler, AP
Necrology	P/D/C Bill Arcediano, SN-CN
Establishment of a Quorum	D/Lt Ann Gniady, P
Change Order of Business	D/Lt/C Maddalynn DeArmond, AP
Clarification of Voting Delegates	D/C Don Ellis, SN-CN
2016 Fall Conference Minutes Approval	P/D/C Bill Arcediano, SN-CN
Host Squadron's Welcome	D/Lt/C Maddalynn DeArmond, AP
Chief Commander's Message	Cdr Taylor Baldrige, AP
Treasurer's Report	V/C Lee Popham, JN
Secretary's Report	D/Lt/C Dan Ross, S
Administrative Officer's Report	D/Lt/C Maddalynn DeArmond, AP
Educational Officer's Report	D/Lt/C Joey Wheeler, AP
Executive Officer's Report	D/Lt/C Wil Hugli, SN
Commander's Report	D/Lt/C Barry DeArmond, AP
Presentation of Awards	D/C Don Ellis, SN-CN
GENERAL COMMITTEES	
Nominating Committee Report	P/D/C John Bell, AP
Rules Committee	Douglas K. Gardner, AP
Audit Report	P/C John Gniady, P
Educational Fund Report	P/D/C Luther O'Brien, SN
Conference Planning Committee	P/C John Gniady, P
Election of Officers	D/C Don Ellis, SN-CN
Unfinished Business	D/C Don Ellis, SN-CN
New Business	D/C Don Ellis, SN-CN
Benediction	D/Lt Ann Gniady, P

Conference Recessed until Change of Watch
1145 Loyal Association of Navigators (LAN)
1200 Lunch (in hotel)
1253-1500 *Operations Training* for All - No pre-registration required
1730 Drinks in the Atrium
1800 Dinner and Change of Watch; Followed by Incoming Commander Reception



From the Executive Officer

D/Lt/C Barry DeArmond, AP

Although it has been a relatively mild winter I think all of us are looking forward to the warmer temperatures, blue skies and sunny days of Spring just ahead. The anticipation of getting the boat back out on the water is exciting. But before you make that initial trip take time to make a stem-to-stern check of your vessel.



Spending a few hours readying your boat before that first voyage can mean the difference in a great day of fun and a miserable trip you want to soon forget. Small problems easily fixed at the dock or on land often become major issues when your miles from the dock or landing. Be sure to thoroughly inspect your safety equipment, electrical and fuel systems before heading out on the water. Moving your boat on a trailer? Check the coupler and safety chains. Make sure the tires are properly inflated – including the spare! Trailer light wiring can be a source of major frustration. Check for frayed wire, loose connections and blown bulbs. When is the last time you greased the axle hub bearings? A wheel rotating at 50 mph can generate tremendous heat.

And always remember, **SAFETY FIRST!** Does anyone in your family need a Safe Boating Course or Refresher? Do you have a fire extinguisher on board? Are all PFD's in good working order? Do you have all your paperwork in order? A visit from your friendly USPS Vessel Safety Inspector can help you answer all these questions and get your boat "ship shape". Boating safety and a great day on the water go hand in hand! The time spent inspecting and maintaining your boat is well worth it!

Be an example – Wear it!
Barry

V/C Lee Popham, JN to be C/C Rep at D/15 Spring Conference

V/C Lee Popham, JN, National Treasurer, lives in South Miami, Florida, and is a member of the Miami Sail and Power Squadron in District 8. Lee was born in Washington, D.C., but has lived in Miami since childhood. Lee joined the Everglades Power Squadron (D/8) in 2002, where he served as Commander in 2003. Lee was elected District 8 Commander in 2006. (Everglades S&PS merged with two other Miami-area squadrons in 2008, and retained the 1939 Charter of the Miami Sail & Power Squadron.)



Lee has served on multiple squadron and district committees, and as an instructor in the Public Boating, Seamanship, Piloting, Advance Piloting, Cruise Planning, and Marine Electronics courses. Lee has also qualified as an Instructor in the Boat Operator Certification (BOC) courses for USPS on-the-water training. He has also been a Vessel Examiner, a USPS Port Captain, and on the Cooperative Charting Honor Roll. Through the Sea Scouts training programs, Lee has served on the Instructor Staff and as a Course Director for adult leader training programs concentrating on seamanship, boat handling, emergency preparedness, and coastal navigation skills. In 2008, Lee was a recipient of the USPS National Lifesaving Award.

As a member of the National Membership Committee, Lee became the first USPS-Sea Scout Liaison, and was instrumental in the creation of the USPS P/C/C Raymond A. Finley, Jr., SN Sea Scout Service Award. Lee has served as Chairman of the Finance Committee and was elected National Treasurer in 2017.

Lee is a graduate of Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, with a double major in Management Sciences and Accounting. He obtained his Juris Doctorate (JD) degree from the University of Miami School of Law, while working full time as a Certified Public Accountant.

USPS National Bridge 2017

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| Chief Commander | C/C Louie Ojeda SN |
| National Executive Officer | V/C Gary P. Cheney SN |
| National Educational Officer | V/C Craig D. Fraser SN |
| National Administrative Officer | V/C Mary Paige Abbott SN-IN |
| National Secretary | V/C Howard Yoas SN-CN |
| Asst. National Secretary | R/C Harry Hebb, SN-CN |
| National Treasurer | V/C Lee Popham JN |



**NATIONAL SAFE
BOATING WEEK
20 - 26 May 2017**

<http://www.safeboatingcampaign.com/>

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you plan your local campaign events.**



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Squadron Commanders

The Vessel safety Check program is 17 years old. During that time we have performed over 425 thousand vessel safety checks. It is unknown how many lives may have been saved by our efforts.

I'm asking all of you to renew your efforts and support this initiative to increase the number of examiners and VSCs by 20% in 2017.

New members can take the required training and immediately start as a Vessel Examiner and continue to make our waters a better place.

Will you please help?

Louie

Louie

SAVE A LIFE

VESSEL EXAMINERS "WANTED"



From the D/15 Educational Officer

**2016 Prince Henry Awards
Awarded at D/15 Fall 2016 Conference**

Join us in Baton Rouge, LA on Saturday, 1 April at 0800 for the Educational Breakout before the Spring D/15 Conference Meeting.

D/Lt/C Wil Hugli, SN-IN

wilhugli@cox.net



From the January USPS News Blast

Revised Weather and Forecasting seminar now available - Newly revised, the 2016 edition of the Basic Weather and Forecasting seminar has a well-deserved reputation for dealing with the complex (and critically important) subject of weather. Fun to take and teach, the 2016 edition comes with enhanced graphics and, for the first time, video and audio clips. The new edition continues a broad approach that covers basic weather dynamics and observation but with more emphasis on modern sources of professional marine forecasts. Instructors can order Basic Weather Kits for their students. An Onboard Weather Forecasting Quick Guide is also available.

For more information, email Robert F. Anderson at passage1@wavecable.com

New policy on educational seminars - To eliminate the confusion concerning the administration of educational seminars, the Educational Department leadership is issuing a new policy effective Jan. 1, 2017. In summary, an authorized copy of United States Power Squadrons seminar materials should be distributed to all students, with the exception of members of the same household wishing to share materials.

The course information and CD are proprietary materials, and squadrons aren't authorized to present seminars without these materials. In addition, every student should be registered in the HQ-800 system, so the record is available in future years.

Questions? Email Steve Abbott at srabbott@att.net

Members of Baton Rouge Sail and Power, Lake Pontchartrain Sail and Power, and New Orleans Power Squadrons, through organized group-training, individual self-study and formal instruction by Chester Cooke SN-CN, successfully completed the Advanced Grade Navigation Course.

Baton Rouge members William Arcediano SN-CN, David Fourrier SN, and Leonard Long SN, organized group study and shared instructor duties. Chester Cooke SN-CN checked sight folders and provided instructional assistance.

Lake Pontchartrain member Mike Barger N, self-taught, and Chester Cooke SN-CN checked sight folders and provided instructional assistance.

New Orleans members Don Ellis SN-CN, Tracy Hamlin N, and Ella McCullum N, successfully completed the Navigation course taught by Chester Cooke SN-CN.

The superb outcome was SEVEN members attained the grade of Navigator, including FOUR who attained the grade of Senior Navigator.

In recognition of this outstanding achievement, inter-squadron cooperation and education, District 15 hereby awards the 2016 PRINCE HENRY AWARD to Chester Cooke SN-CN and each of the three squadrons; Baton Rouge Sail and Power, Lake Pontchartrain Sail and Power, and New Orleans Power.

Richard Carson, JN

P/C Chester Cooke, SN-CN receiving the Prince Henry Award from C/C Louie Ojeda, SN and D/C Don Ellis, SN-CN



Prince Henry for the Squadrons
Cdr Taylor Baldrige, S, Baton Rouge
Cdr Joey Wheeler, AP, Lake Pontchartrain
Cdr Greg Deis, SN-CN, New Orleans



Comments from the D/15 Secretary

D/Lt/C Maddalynn DeArmond, AP

D/15 Spring Conference is fast approaching and I look forward to seeing all of you in Baton Rouge. If you have not made your reservations for hotel, conference, lunch, etc. please do so. This will help Lt/C Carol Arcediano, P immensely with planning. Don't forget the Cajun Margarita Crawl and costume/hat contest Friday night. Please send a quick email to Carol if you plan to "crawl" with us so she can give the restaurant a head count. Carol's email is carcediano@hotmail.com



There will be a champagne reception immediately following the C.O.W. Saturday night to introduce the new Commander and his Bridge. Since the hotel will not assign room numbers now we'll let you know the "where" on Saturday. Please come by for a "grip & grin" with the new Bridge.

We are finalizing the 2017 - 2018 D 15 Calendar and the Officer Directory. There will be a hard copy for the Squadron Commanders in their mail folder at the conference, so Commanders, please check your mail folder.

We are extremely proud to announce that the D/15 entry in the Boarman 19th Annual USPS Youth Poster Contest, 12 - 14-year-old division was the 1st Place Winner at the National Meeting in Orlando. Congratulations to our young artist Brett Allen and the Baton Rouge Sail and Power Squadron.

"One of the primary factors contributing to vessel accidents is operator inexperience."
TAKE A BOATING COURSE, "THE LIFE YOU SAVE MAY BE YOUR OWN"



The poster submitted by Brett Allen from St. Amant LA through Baton Rouge Sail & Power Squadron and D/15 won 1st place in the 12 to 14 National Boarman Youth poster contest in Orlando FL. Brett is an eighth grader in the Ascension Parish Talented Visual Art program.



Pictures from the USPS Annual Meeting in Orlando



Debi Gould and Dean Hoffman



Poster Contest entries and Mady DeArmond



D/15 at the AM - D/C Don Ellis, DExO Barry DeArmond, P/D/C Dick Gercak, Cdr Taylor Baldrige, Asst DEO Richard Carson, R/C Harry Hebb



Dot and C/C Louie Ojeda, Debi



Pretty impressive!
2017 USPS Annual Meeting



R/C Harry Hebb, SN-CN
receiving his Life Membership
from C/C Louie Ojeda, SN