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New England Cruise Highlights

Hello everyone. Here's a few highlights of our New England cruise this past summer.

- Think of it like a top 10 list.
- **10.** Radar, radar, radar. Needed for traversing the Block Island Sound, going and coming. 1/8 mile visibility in some cases. We would not recommend traveling to this area without it.
 - **9.** On City Island, NY at the South Minneford Yacht Club, there was a very nice eating patio. Not only did it include community grills, there were spice pots. There was fresh rosemary,

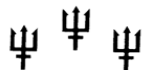
thyme, parsley, cilantro, basil and some other scissors attached to the pots.



nice herbs. The crown- touch were the little

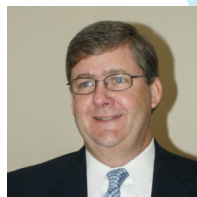
- **8.** While at South Minneford, we discovered

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Commander's Message

Halloween is fast approaching and as I said before this is some of the best boating weather. Fall festivals are in full swing, boat shows are happening and before you know, it will be New Years Eve. I didn't mean to jump that far ahead and close out the year but time seems to fly.



This boating season seemed a

little slower paced due in part to the economic climate and a lot of rain. We stayed local to our marina and frequented Great Oak Landing. On a busy weekend there can be easily four hundred boats anchored in the cove. I would launch my inflatable and cruise around to find some one I might know. On some weekends traveling though the maze of boats, I seldom found a USPS Ensign on any of the vessels. This led me to this month's message. I fly my USPS ensign along with the Kingsway burgee. I

have people ask me about the funny flag or ask me what country I hail from. Being a type "A" personality, I go into my sales mode. From my experience in sales, you need to find the common denominator. I'll ask them what their beer bill for the month of August was. They usually have to think about it and reply one to two cases every weekend. There are four weekends in the month, at \$20 per case, (domestic beer), that comes

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Education Department News

A big congratulations are in order to our Commander Bill Nelson, as he is the latest graduate of the Weather course Magna cum laude.

The fall is fast approaching and the time to take a boating course to better prepare you to continue your boating interest and join your fellow boaters for camaraderie.

1. The Junior Navigation (JN) course, taught by Pat Cunningham (856-858-2036), begins Wed., October 7, 7:00 pm at the Stevens Building, 365 New Albany Road in Moorestown,. This course has recently been up-dated and is more user friendly. Cost is \$85. It is highly recommended for anyone who has taken the AP course. This is your chance for a great experience. JN will not be offered again for several years

2. The Instructor Development course will be offered this fall and will be taught by Ron Forst. This is a 4

week course with an exam at the end and is designed to help you develop your skills in making a presentation.

It also covers preparation of materials, developing a lesson plan, use of visual aids, etc. You can't afford not to take this course, **It Is FREE.**

If you have any interest in these courses please contact Pat Cunningham (hawsingham@comcast.net)

or The SEO Clarence Cramer at cwcramer@comcast.net (phone:609-261-1755)

Please let us know what other courses you are interested in taking so that we can schedule them.

Clarence Cramer
Squadron Education Officer



With the Boat Operator's Certification Program, USPS will certify USPS members at various levels of recreational boating proficiency. We expect that these certifications will be recognized across the boating community, both domestically and internationally. In the United States, The United States Coast Guard (USCG) has asked congress to authorize the Transportation Secretary to establish requirements for standards of proficiency for recreational boaters. We intend to have USPS certification accepted as the above proof and be accepted as the national certificate for the USA.

Regarding international recognition, we plan to have *certain* USPS certifications meet or exceed the requirements of UN Resolution 40, *International Certificate for the Operation of Pleasure Craft*. Under this resolution, boaters holding national certificates will be able to ob-

tain international certification, much like licensed drivers can obtain international drivers licenses.

USPS currently plans four levels of Boat Operator Certification:

- Inland Navigator
- Coastal Navigator
- Advanced Coastal Navigator
- Offshore Navigator

For a Certification Level Overview see:

http://www.usps.org/national/eddept/boc/files/level_table.pdf

[Cruise]

a generator diesel fuel leak. We headed next door to Consolidated Yachts. The owner fixed it. I asked him what the damage was. He said “don’t worry about it!” They run a nice shop. I think he’s getting a basket from us for the holidays.

- 7. It’s really nice heading up Long Island Sound. There are so many choices of ports on the Connecticut and New York sides. Traveling in these protected waters is a treat. We especially enjoyed traveling during the week to avoid the weekend traffic.
- 6. To truly relax, head to the Essex Island Marina in Essex, CT. It’s a great family place. There is a pool, shuffle boards, horse shoes, a great grilling area, picnic tables, and a restaurant. No cars. It’s very easy to get to town on a 2 minute water taxi ride.
- 5. When heading to Block Island, try Payne’s dock. They don’t take any reservations and they don’t answer the radio or phone. However, there’s always a spot. No

matter how packed in you are, they get you in and out with ease. It’s the closest Salt Pond marina to Old Town.

- 4. Our mid trip weekend spot was Wickford Marina. This proved to be a quiet relaxing spot with a hot tub and everything you need to cook (plates, utensils, and condiments). If you need provisions, you can dinghy into the Wickford town dock and walk to the grocery store. Or if you prefer the marina staff will drive you there. It’s easier to provision with groceries here than in Newport.
- 3. In Newport, the Black Pearl really does have some great clam chowder.
- 2. The views of New York from the river, on a very light traffic day were gorgeous.



- 1. Power squadron friends really can save the day! Brad left his wallet in the car at our home port of Atlantic City. Our first stop was Brielle Marine Basin on the Manasquan River, where we realized the error. We knew a couple from Delhigh, whom we met at a District 5 conference. They dock

their boat on the Manasquan. They were able to lend us a car to drive back to Atlantic City so that we could retrieve the wallet.

Megan & Brad Humphrey

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to about \$80 - \$160. Then I ask what beer teaches you -- other than the perfect morning-after headache remedy. A moment of silence and deep thought usually occurs at this point. Then I ask what if I can

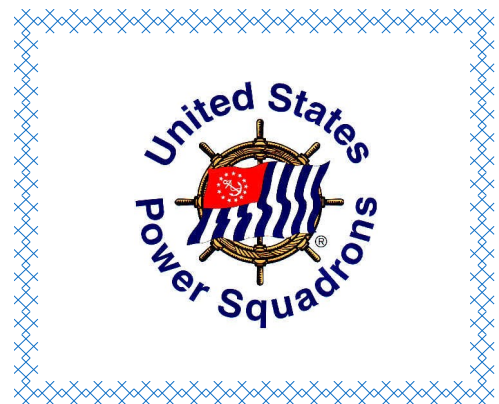


make your boating experience better, give you knowledge through education, let you become a member for a year of the largest boating organization in the USA, and let you meet people with the same interest — all for about the cost of your August beer tab, would you be interested?

And if you join, we’ll throw in one of these flags.

At this point they probably think I’ve had too much to drink or have been on the water too long. I’m not saying that boaters are alcoholic’s but the point I am trying to make is we need to fly our ensigns, and burgees to let people know who we are and what we represent. If more members participated in this practice, other boaters would notice and ask questions. One or two members flying the Flags cannot generate interest like 50, 60 or more can. Start flying your flags, talk to everyone about USPS, and show we belong to the greatest boating organization in the world.

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Kingsway

www.usps.org/kingsway

Sail Angle

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

Got Charts?

<http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/mcd/OnlineViewer.html>

Need Knots?

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

Local Info

www.boatinginfousa.com

Boating Safety Stats

http://www.uscgboating.org/statistics/accident_stats.htm

Rules of the Road

<http://marineblog.jeppesen.com/blog/jeppesen-marine/0/0/rules-of-the-road-summarized>

Upcoming Events 2009 – 2010

Oct 15	<p>Tavola Dei Amici 1900 Hours 1603 Kings Hwy N, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034 (Near Genaurdi's @ Ellisburg Circle Shopping Center) (856) 616 1600 BYOB</p>	Mar 18	<p>Tie One On! 1900 Hours 365 New Albany Rd, Moorestown, NJ</p>
Nov 19	<p>Kunkles Restaurant (live jazz!!) 1900 Hours 920 Kings Highway, Haddon Heights, NJ 856-547-1225 BYOB</p>	Apr 17	<p>Change of Watch Time TBD Location TBD</p>
Dec 5	<p>Holiday Party- Villari's Milmarian 1800 Hours Rt. 73 North & Spring Garden St., Palmyra, NJ 856-829-7373 Cash Bar</p>		

