

## **V/C Robert E. Brandenstein, SN**

National Education Officer for 2014, V/C Brandenstein is a boating educator, jazz musician, and music arranger. He is also a Certifier Trainer, a U.S. Sailing Powerboat Instructor, a licensed Coast Guard Captain Master of power and sailing vessels on the Great Lakes and Inland waters, and an instrument-trained Private Pilot.



He is a life member of USPS and has served on various national Education Department committees, plus our national Finance Committee. Most recently he co-chaired our Brunswick Boats Corporation relationship group. In addition to being Past Commander of District 7 and Pittsburgh PS, Bob is also Past Rear Commander of our Weather Course, and of our Cruise Planning Course. He led the rewrite and production of Weather 08, the Onboard Weather Forecasting Seminar, the Trailering Your Boat Seminar, and the Boating on Rivers, Lakes, and Locks Seminar. He has taught all USPS courses, especially Navigation and Weather.

Bob and his wife Jane, also a Past Commander, have cruised extensively under sail in the Great Lakes, along the East and Gulf Coasts, in the Pacific Northwest, and in the Caribbean. They keep a 35' C&C sailboat on Lake Erie at the Ashtabula Yacht Club, where Bob is Vice Commodore. Their two sons are also professionals and avid sailors who boat with their own families.

With a degree in Electrical Engineering and a Master's Degree in Business Administration, Bob managed corporate banking relationships for almost 30 years on behalf of what is now Bank of New York Mellon. Representing Mellon, and earlier IBM, he worked with multi-nationals as well as small businesses in all industries, especially insurance and asset management companies. He has 27 Merit Marks.