

Minutes of the 2020 Annual Meeting  
Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida  
15 Feb. 2020

Chief Commander Gary Cheney, SN, convened the meeting at 0900.

USPS Chaplain Ted Wallace, AP, led the invocation, which was followed by the presentation of the U.S. and Canadian colors, the Pledge of Allegiance led by N/F/Lt Kay Simkins, AP, and the singing of the U.S. and Canadian national anthems.

V/C Harry Hebb, SN, national secretary, declared a quorum present.

**Report of the Committee on Rules**

R/C Ralph A. Bernard, AP, chair, Committee on Rules, announced that he had appointed Benjamin H. Sooy III, AP, as parliamentarian for this meeting and explained the annual meeting voting procedures.

**Introduction of Past Chief Commanders**

P/C/C Louie Ojeda, SN, introduced the past chief commanders present:

- P/C/C Lance J. Jensen, SN, 2000-2001, (Bellevue/160)
- P/C/C G. Leslie Johnson, SN, 2004–2005, (Diablo Sail/25)
- P/C/C Ernest G. Marshburn, SN, 2006–2007, (Tar River/27)
- P/C/C Creighton C. Maynard Jr., SN, 2008–2009, (Fort Worth/21)
- P/C/C Frank A. Dvorak, SN 2010-2011, (Bellevue/16)
- P/C/C John T. Alter, SN, 2012–2013, (Raleigh Sail/27)

- P/C/C Robert A. Baldrige, SN, 2014-2015, (Baton Rouge Sail/15)

C/C Cheney introduced P/C/C Louie Ojeda, SN, who served as chief commander from 2016 to 2017.

P/C/C Ojeda acknowledged P/C/C Robert L. Woods, SN, who passed away on Nov. 10, 2019. He served as chief commander in 1976-1977 and was a member of New Britain/1.

### **Approval of the Minutes**

C/C Cheney announced that, with no objections, the minutes of the 14 September 2019 Governing Board Meeting would be approved as distributed. The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (2020-AM-1)

### **Introduction of Guests**

R/C Bob Canfield, JN, introduced the following honored guests:

- Verne Gifford, USCG, Chief, Boating Safety
- Richard Washburn, USCG Auxiliary, Past National Commodore
- Gary Barth, USCG Auxiliary, District 7 Commodore
- Terry Barth, USCG Auxiliary, National Commodore Executive Assistant
- Dave Fuller, USCG Auxiliary Chief RBS, Outreach Operations Partners Branch
- Nan Ellen Fuller, USCG Auxiliary Chief RBS, Safety Outreach Director
- Peter Bolton, CPS Chief Commander
- Tom Hayward, NASBLA, Chief Finance Officer
- Ted Sensenbrenner, BoatUS Foundation Director of Development
- Jack Hill, McGriff, Seibels, & Williams, Executive Underwriting Manager
- William McBroom, St. Augustine Ponte Vedra Convention & Visitors Bureau Director

### **BoatUS/USPS Distinguished Civic Service Awards**

Ted Sensenbrenner, BoatUS Foundation Director of Development, presented the 2019 BoatUS/USPS Distinguished Civic Service Award to Patchogue Bay/3, Peace River/22, and Cape Fear/27, who each received an award and \$500.

## **Finalists for BoatUS/USPS Distinguished Civic Service Awards**

Atlanta Sail/17  
Cape Fear Sail/27  
Everett Sail/16  
Ft. Macon Sail/27  
Great South Bay/3  
Ocean City/5  
Patchogue Bay/3

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C/C Cheney announced an attendance of 451.

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C/C Cheney and V/C Mary Paige Abbott, SN, national executive officer, presented 2020 Honorary Member awards to Peter Bolton and Tom Hayward.

### **Report of the USPS Educational Fund**

D/Lt Alan Wentworth, SN, chairman, reported that the USPS Educational Fund received \$51,605 in donations in 2019, a 17.4 percent increase over the prior year. He noted that 269 squadrons earned Honor Roll status, a 32 percent increase over the prior year and 12 districts earned Honor Roll status, a 500 percent increase over the prior year. He reported that in 2019 the trustees approved \$182,717 in grant funding.

D/Lt Wentworth was joined by V/C Craig Fraser, SN, and D/C Don Stone, AP, D/12. D/C Stone reported that Minute Man Sail/12 dissolved and donated \$4,225 to the USPS Educational Fund which was the remaining balance in the squadron's educational funds.

D/C Walter Neese, SN, D/5, presented a check to the USPS Educational Fund for \$25,000 from Hampton Roads/5 from proceeds of the sale of their squadron building.

D/Lt Wentworth thanked these squadrons for their donations noting that a primary function of the USPS Educational Fund is to support squadrons.

## Report of the USPS Endowment Fund

P/C/C Louie Ojeda, SN, chairman, reported that USPS/America's Boating Club had promoted boater education for 106 years and that funding for operations had traditionally come from dues and donations. He stated that the USPS Century Fund was established in September 2007 with the goal of using the income earned to expand outreach and minimize dues increases. He reported that since that time \$400,000 of Endowment Fund earnings had been used to support many initiatives.

P/C/C Ojeda reported that total assets in the USPS Endowment Fund Inc had surpassed \$2.1 million. He noted that in 2019 the Fund began to apply for state charitable solicitation licenses and had received approval from 12 states to date.

P/C/C Ojeda encouraged members to donate to the Fund at [www.uspsendowment.fund](http://www.uspsendowment.fund). Donors will receive acknowledgements for their tax records and a donor history will be maintained.

### 2020 Emeritus Members

C/C Cheney and V/C Abbott presented Emeritus Member awards to the following members:

Guy J. Anastasio, SN	Lance J. Jensen, SN
William J. Ash, SN	G. Robert Kucharek, P
David A. Bialorucki, SN	H. Mumtaz Ozer, AP
Frank A. Dougherty Jr., AP	Joseph J. Smith, SN
Jeffrey C. Gerwig, AP	Guy E. Waddy, JN

C/C Cheney, assisted by V/C Abbott, presented Meritorious Service Awards to national officers completing their tours of duty:

V/C Mary Paige Abbott, SN	National Executive Officer
V/C Ben Coons, JN	National Administrative Officer
V/C Craig D. Fraser, SN	National Educational Officer
V/C Lee Popham, JN	National Treasurer
R/C Vincene A. Aquilato, S	Chairman, National Meetings Committee

R/C Ralph A. Bernard, AP	Chairman, Committee on Rules
R/C Richard L. Carson, JN	Chairman, Basic Public Education Committee
R/C Barbara Erickson, JN	Chairman, Committee on Nominations
R/C Michael D. Friedman, N	Law Officer
R/C Myles Gee, SN	Chairman, Squadron Support & Development Committee
R/C Diana G. Jackson, SN	Budget Director
R/C Jeffrey Frank Lagrew, SN	Chairman, Instructor Development Committee
R/C William J. McManimen III, SN	Asst National Educational Officer
R/C Eric Pearson, SN	Chairman, Navigation Committee
R/C Thomas J. Peltier, SN	Chairman, Cooperative Charting Committee
R/C Michael J. Skelley, JN	Chairman, Planning Committee
R/C Benjamin H. Sooy III, AP	National Parliamentarian
R/C Andrew Sumberg, SN	Chairman, Educational Outreach Committee
R/C V. Jan Wright, SN	Chairman, Publishing Committee

### **Report of the Committee on Rules**

R/C Ralph Bernard, AP, summarized the chief commander's 2020 activities and recommended awarding C/C Cheney his 33<sup>rd</sup> merit mark. The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (2020-AM-2)

R/C Bernard announced, with the concurrence of the USPS Board of Directors, the Committee on Rules recommended the following revisions to the USPS Bylaws to be effective as of the adjournment of the 2020 Annual Governing Board.

Proposed Bylaw:

*Section 1.1.1 Any District wishing to utilize a "DBA/AKA" or other such designation to their legal/official name shall submit that change to the Board of Directors for approval. Any Squadron wishing to utilize a "DBA/AKA" or other such designation to their legal/official name shall submit that change to their respective District Council, if applicable, or to the District Conference for approval.*

Rationale: In the case of squadrons, by allowing the District Council/Conference to make the decision allows a faster response and can be completed electronically, if the District so desires. One of the unintended consequences for the America's Boating Club and using the DBA's is the freedom for all squadrons to make up their own name. To put it

into the Bylaws would make it an unnecessary burden and time consuming element on the squadrons so we need to have some type of system in place to ensure squadrons do not overlap each other and not attempt to take over territory that is not historically theirs or supplant the possibility of forming another squadron. Making the DBA area very large may be more damaging than the name changes in the long run.

The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion to amend USPS Bylaws, Section 1.1.1.  
(2020-AM-3)

Current Bylaw:

*Section 3.4: An application for active, associate or apprentice membership must be endorsed by one or more active members before being presented to an Executive Committee for final action. Admission to membership shall require a majority vote of Executive Committee members present and voting at a duly constituted meeting thereof.*

Proposed Bylaw:

*Section 3.4: Unless otherwise provided by the Bylaws of the Squadron, an application for active, associate or apprentice membership, other than for District 50, Cyber Squadron, shall require endorsement, by one or more active members before being presented to an Executive Committee for final action and approval. A Squadron may remove this requirement and only require an application for membership by providing such language in its Bylaws.*

Rationale: This change gives individual squadrons the ability to admit members with or without endorsement but keeps the requirement for the Executive Committee for approval.

The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion to amend USPS Bylaws, Section 3.4.  
(2020-AM-4)

Current Bylaw:

*Section 3.6: Any person who is able and willing to contribute time, energy and skills to the objectives of USPS or their squadron may be admitted to active membership in USPS under such conditions as these bylaws and the Governing Board may prescribe.*

Proposed Bylaw:

*Section 3.6: Any person who is willing to promote and advance the objectives of USPS or their squadron may be admitted to active membership in USPS under such conditions as these bylaws and the Governing Board may prescribe.*

Rationale: This is a housekeeping change to make the language in Section 3.6 more in line with the goals of people's membership in the organization.

The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion to amend USPS Bylaws, Section 3.6.  
(2020-AM-5)

Current Bylaw:

*Section 10.3.3.4: In the event of an issue not able to be presented to the Governing Board at the Annual Meeting, the Governing Board voting may be conducted by electronic means, as defined by the currently available technology, provided that all other applicable sections of Article 10 and the current laws of North Carolina are adhered to. Reasonable provisions must be made for all eligible members to participate in the format selected.*

Rationale: With changes in the National Bylaws with regards to the National Organization authorized to have just one meeting of the Governing Board, this amendment allows the Governing Board to make decisions during the time between the Annual meetings utilizing modern technology.

The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion to amend USPS Bylaws, Section 10.3.3.4  
(2020-AM-6)

### **Report of the Headquarters Executive Director**

Mary Catherine Berube, headquarters executive director, introduced the headquarters

staff present: Lena Padro, manager, Membership Services; Tammy Brown, Headquarters Marketing Director; Yvonne Hill, Publications Director; and Any Townsend, Senior Editor.

Ms. Berube reported that in 2019 USPS completed three USCG grants including the boat Handling Simulator VI, Boat Live 365 Part 3, and Engaging Hispanic Youth Part 2. USPS received an extension for the Learning Centers grant through March 30, 2020. She noted that the America's Boating Channel and Boat Handling Simulator V grants would be completed on September 30, 2020. Headquarters staff and volunteers submitted five grant applications to the USCG for the 2020 grant funding opportunity. She noted that there were 7 open Educational Fund grants with a remaining balance of \$68,892.

Ms. Berube reported that in 2019 two upgrades on headquarters IT systems were completed including replacing the IBM i-series mainframe with an IBM Power 9 due to end of life support on software upgrades and replacing personal computers with Windows 10 operating systems with Cloud file storage.

Ms. Berube reported that the Board of Directors adopted the America's Boating Club Communications Plan in May 2019. She noted that the communications staff, under the direction of Yvonne Hill, had completed most of the cost saving measures outlined in the plan.

She noted that the next project is a redesign and relaunch of the e-newsletter, America's Boating Compass. This monthly newsletter will educate and inform newer boaters about boating, boating safety and the importance of boating education with the goal of increasing participation in online and in-person courses and supporting recruitment.

Ms. Berube reported that as of January 1, 2020, current members 18 years or older were covered by the new travel and safety benefits from DAN Boater unless they opted out in their member profile. The benefit is free to current members until their renewal date and costs \$25 per year thereafter. She noted that members received an email with a link to print their DAN Boater benefit card. She reminded members that DAN Boater benefits are available as yearly subscriptions only, so 18-month USPS members receive the benefit after their first six months of membership. Additional details can be found at [www.usps.org/DANBoater](http://www.usps.org/DANBoater).

Ms. Berube reported that headquarters marketing, under the direction of Tammy Brown, reported that Phase II advertising continues, with results showing that 39% of the website traffic is driven from advertising. The campaign is 100% digital advertising and will continue through



September 2020. Headquarters marketing is also providing support for grants including the America's Boating Club Learning Centers and Hispanic Outreach. Tammy is working with the Marketing Committee to develop the America's Boating Club APP. She is also working in conjunction with the headquarters communications staff on a new initiative, SocialToaster, a 24/7 content marketing assistant that sends emails to the social media ambassadors, America's Boating Crew, requesting them to share our posts on their personal social media networks.

Marketing projects on the horizon include recruiting DAN Boater members to join America's Boating Club and a partnership with West Marine to raise awareness during the 2020 National Safe Week.

Ms. Berube closed by inviting all members to attend the 2020 Governing Board Meeting to be held on 6 – 13 Sept. in Raleigh, NC, the home of USPS Headquarters.

### **Report of the Finance Committee**

R/C Gary Baker, P, reported that he would report on projected dues and other sources of income, year-to-date investment activities, grants status, 2019 Fiscal Year budgeted outcome, and the overall financial condition of USPS.

R/C Baker reported that USPS traditionally depends on dues revenue as its major source of income noting that the number of dues paying members had been dropping for years.

R/C Baker stated that in his report to the Louisville Governing Board the Finance Committee projected dues revenue as of 30 Nov. 2019 would be \$877,814 while the actual amount was somewhat higher at \$892,246. Using actual dues paying membership data current as of 30 Nov. 2019, the Finance Committee projected the following fiscal year-end dues revenue based on current dues:

2017 - \$ 1,056,817 (Actual)  
2018 - \$ 963,017 (Actual)  
2019 - \$ 892,246 (Actual)  
2020 - \$ 797,306 (Projected)  
2021 - \$ 710,658 (Projected)

R/C Baker stated that sales from educational materials are also a significant source of revenue. He noted that in his report to the Louisville Governing Board, the Finance Committee projected that gross education sales as of 30 Nov. 2019 would be \$362,053 and net education sales would be \$268,549. The actual amounts at fiscal year-end were somewhat higher, \$383,754 in gross sales and \$292,836 in net sales.

Using data current as of 30 Nov. 2019, the Finance Committee projected the following net Education sales revenue:

2016 - \$551,677 gross, \$377,834 net (Actual)  
2017 - \$493,185 gross, \$350,879 net (Actual)  
2018 - \$416,653 gross, \$283,219 net (Actual)  
2019 - \$383,754 gross, \$292,836 net (Actual)  
2020 - \$300,180 gross, \$231,000 net (Projected)  
2021 - \$282,898 gross, \$219,634 net (Projected)

R/C Baker stated that Ship's Store sales are also a revenue source, noting that using data current as 30 November 2019, the Finance Committee projects the following net Ship's Store sales revenue as follows:

2016 - \$87,012 gross, \$30,312 net (Actual)  
2017 - \$76,482 gross, \$28,898 net (Actual)  
2018 - \$65,562 gross, \$8,439 net (Actual)  
2019 - \$62,790 gross, \$15,258 net (Actual)  
2020 - \$54,978 gross, \$8,869 net (Projected)  
2021 - \$48,000 gross, \$4,584 net (Projected)

He concluded that the historical and projected reduction in dues, educational sales and Ship's Store sales revenue enhances the Finance Committee's concern about USPS' ability to finance future operations on a breakeven basis without significant changes.

R/C Baker reported a reduction in grants revenue in 2019. He noted that although USPS does not profit from grants, grant revenue covers a substantial amount of organizational overhead. He concluded that the deterioration of grants revenue contributes to the concern of USPS' ability to finance future operations on a breakeven basis without significant changes.

R/C Baker stated that the Finance Committee oversees the management of the USPS Investment Fund and the USPS Endowment Fund while day-to-day management is handled by Johnson Investments. As of 31 December 2019, the calendar year-end return in the USPS Investment Fund was 21.22%, and 23.25% in the USPS Endowment Fund, Inc. He noted the balances as of 31 Dec. 2019 in the USPS Investment Fund and the USPS Endowment Fund, were \$844,643, and \$2,190,869, respectively.

R/C Baker reported an unaudited operating loss of \$38,147 for the 2019 fiscal year. He noted that dues revenue, education sales, Ship's Store sales, corporate dues, and Ensign advertising revenue were all below budget.

R/C Baker reported that the Finance Committee is responsible for projecting budget revenues, and that based on current information, they were projecting a deficit of \$100,000 for the 2021 budget without reduced expenses or unpredicted revenue.

R/C Baker stated that the Finance Committee believes the Governing Board and USPS membership would support actions to implement modern business approaches to carrying out USPS' important mission. He noted that both the Finance and Budget committees are prepared to suggest immediate cost saving options and identify areas to study for implementing more efficient and less costly operations and possible increase several net revenues sources.

### **Report of the Law Officer**

R/C Michael D. Friedman, N, reported that the Law Committee supports the Board of Directors and the various departments, districts and squadrons to carry out their policies and decisions. He noted that the committee members have a broad range of expertise, including corporate, tax, and intellectual property.

R/C Friedman reported that the America's Boating Club trademarks and logo are an integral part of the marketing program and encouraged districts, squadrons and members to use them in the manner prescribed by the USPS Marketing Committee. He stated that using the marks and logos in a consistent manner makes them stronger.

The national law officer stated that the Law Committee recommended that districts and squadrons not change their legal names and should adopt a tradename or DBA incorporating America's Boating Club. He said this change could usually be accomplished by filing with the designated state authority, usually the office of the Secretary of State or county clerk.

R/C Friedman stated that since the Louisville Governing Board Meeting the Law Committee provided advice on contracts, trademarks, insurance, taxation, assisted the trustees of the USPS Endowment Fund and Educational Fund and assisted with obtaining insurance coverage for the America's Boating Club Learning Centers LLC.

The national law officer reminded districts and squadrons to file their IRS Form 990 reports on time. He noted that the consequences for repeated failure can result in the loss of tax-exempt status.

### **Report of the Planning Committee**

R/C Michael J. Skelley, JN, reported that the Planning Committee was tasked with developing and implementing a sustainable transition plan as USPS evolves into America's Boating Club. He said that changing course for an organization the size of USPS, with over 100 years of history, does not happen quickly.

R/C Skelley stated that committee members are responding to comments and questions and clarifying miscommunications to help districts and squadrons transition toward America's Boating Club. He noted that the plan is a three-part strategy that establishes a new corporate and organizational structure, encourages fiscal responsibility, and reflects the changes in today's watercraft community while still honoring our heritage.

He said that the transition plan will allow USPS and squadrons to operate as needed and provides guidance toward reaching the desired organizational structure. The committee will work with the Board, national committees, and headquarters staff on tactical actions to implement the transition plan, noting that they have identified the individuals, departments and committees assigned to each initiative. R/C Skelley reported that the Planning Committee, in cooperation with the Board of Directors, will provide project management and oversight to ensure compliance and to reach desired goals.

## **Report of the National Treasurer**

V/C Lee Popham, JN, reported, that as of 30 November 2019 operating expenses totaled \$1,531,743 versus a budgeted amount of \$1,734,772. He also noted that the year-to-date cash flow was negative due to the \$83,000 loss sustained at the Louisville Governing Board Meeting held in September 2019.

V/C Popham reported that investment income was \$53,000 higher than the required 5 percent distributions that are made to USPS operations, but does not cover the \$193,000 depreciation expense.

The national treasurer reported an overall deficit of \$595,103 due primarily to new grants awarded. He also noted that annual grant revenues from all sources have fallen from a high of \$719,000 three years ago, to the current level of \$264,000. He noted that the amount awarded by the USCG in 2019 totaled \$105,000.

V/C Popham reported that all fundraising expenditures are paid primarily out of the USPS Endowment Fund Inc. or can be paid out of the USPS Investment Fund, which is owned by USPS.

The national treasurer reported that Williams Overman Pierce was appointed for the 2019 audit and that Dean Dorton would prepare the financials statements for the 2019 audit at a cost not to exceed \$7,500. He noted that the annual insurance policy was renewed with The Gowrie Group at a cost of \$134,604.

## **Report of the National Secretary**

V/C Harry Hebb, SN, reported that the Communications Committee oversees the objective evaluation of district and squadron newsletters and websites in accordance with the current brand standards. He noted that the committee had completed their reviews for the 2019 Distinctive Communicator Awards.

The Heritage and Protocol Committee assists districts and squadrons with filing annual history reports, approves district flags and squadron burgees, and approves name tags and uniform insignia. He noted that the USPS Historian's Manual is currently being rewritten.

The Information Technology Committee reported that the new America's Boating Club public website is online. V/C Hebb noted that the committee is in the process of replacing outdated servers, supporting DB2000 and other IT-related requests.

The Member Services Committee reported that the committee continues to locate members whose contact information is not current in the USPS member database.

V/C Hebb reported that the Operations Manual Committee is working to simplify, condense and update the USPS Operations Manual. He noted that the term "skill level" was included in the USPS Operations Manual to indicate members who have demonstrated an on-the-water skill.

V/C Hebb announced the approval of 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary squadron burgees for Cocoa Beach/23 and Santa Clara/25.

### **Report of the National Administrative Department**

V/C Ben Coons, JN, reported that the Administrative Department continues to offer support, member benefits and membership programs to members and squadrons.

V/C Coons reported that the Membership Committee worked with the Marketing Committee to identify the top three member benefits that are featured on the America's Boating Club website.

The national administrative officer reported that to improve communications he sent an online newsletter, *Success Stories*, to squadron administrative officers and held online meetings with district administrative officers.

The Squadron Development Committee continues to assist troubled squadrons, with the goal of avoiding dissolution.

The Membership Committee reported that total membership as of 30 Nov. 2019 was 23,150, a 7 percent decline from one year ago.

V/C Coons invited R/C Bruce Rodgers, SN, to present the 2020 Finley Sea Scout Service Award to P/C/C Louie Ojeda, SN, and P/C Jay Montgomery, AP.

The USPS Finley Sea Scout Service Award recognizes those members and honorees of United States Power Squadrons who are also youth or adult Sea Scout leaders and who have provided outstanding civic, educational and fraternal leadership to both the Sea Scouts and the United States Power Squadrons through civic involvement, educational achievement and active participation in both programs.

### **Report of the National Educational Officer**

V/C Craig Fraser, SN, reported that NASBLA approval of America's Boating Course would expire on Dec. 31, 2021, and that the conformity review process will begin in December 2020.

V/C Fraser reported that the Spanish language only Engaging Hispanic Youths in Recreational Boating Education was released in 2019. The Paddle Smart and Trailering your Boat seminars are being updated and should be available in Spring 2020.

The Boat Handling Committee released the new Boating Handling curriculum in Dec. 2019 and will update the Sail course to meet NASBLA standards.

The national educational officer reported receiving a grant from the USPS Educational Fund in 2019 that will provide funding for BOC schools to train certifiers and BOC candidates. He noted that as of Jan. 1, 2020, 1,029 BOC certifications had been approved including 733 Inland Navigator, 228 Coastal Navigator, 54 Advanced Coastal Navigator, and 14 Offshore Navigator.

V/C Fraser reported that the Boat Operator Certification Committee is responsible for the Jump Start Program and On-The-Water Guides. The Jump Start Program is for non-members and new members who are new to boating and need instruction on their own boat. The On-The-Water Guides Program is a supplemental program where students use their classroom training and apply it to practical on-the-water exercises.

V/C Fraser reported that the Basic Powerboats Hands-On Training course received NASBLA verified course status on Jan. 10, 2020.

The Boat Systems Committee is developing a seminar on marine communication protocols which will be combined with GPS, radar and sonar to form a new Marine Navigation

Systems course. The committee is also developing a new Marine Electrical Systems course, which will align with ABYC Standards, and a new Marine Communication Systems course.

V/C Fraser reported that the Educational Outreach Committee currently has ten online interactive seminars including Cruising Boats and Systems, Crew at the Helm (Partner in Command), Boating on Rivers, Locks and Lakes, Weather for Boaters, Hurricane Preparation for Boaters, All About Marine Radio, Planning Your Cruise, How to Use GPS, AIS Electronics for Boaters, and Propane Systems on Your Boat. The committee is in the process of bundling Cruising Boats and Systems, Weather for Boaters, and Planning Your Cruise into a full course, Cruise with Confidence, which will be equivalent to the Cruise Planning classroom course. The committee is continuing to explore new course delivery technology with the goal of becoming more independent in online course delivery in the future.

The national educational officer reported that as of Jan. 1, 2020 there were 1,866 USPS certified instructors, a decrease of 99 from one year ago. The committee conducted an instructor recertification seminar during the 2019 and 2020 annual meetings with the goal of maintaining the number of certified instructors.

V/C Fraser reported that four students participated in a hands-on power boat training class on Feb. 8, 2020, which was held at the ABC Learning Center in Tavares, Florida.

V/C Fraser explained that the Charles F. Chapman Award for Excellence in Teaching recognizes members who have demonstrated exceptional skill in teaching and motivating their students. They represent the best of United States Power Squadrons instructors. V/C Fraser presented the 2020 Chapman Awards to:

Lt/C Gary P. Mandarano, SN	City Island/4
Lt James P. Zeigler, SN	Richmond /5
Lt/C David D. Smith, AP	Las Vegas /13

### **Report of the National Executive Officer**

V/C Mary Paige Abbott, SN, reported that the Cooperative Charting Committee works diligently to increase participation. Cooperative Charting program results can be found on the committee's website at <https://www.usps.org/departments/12000/12200>. The committee is



working with cruisers.net on a program that would involve members visiting and reporting the status of marinas around the country.

The Environmental Committee created a Facebook page to create more exposure for environmental issues. The Best Environmental Practices brochure was updated and is now available through headquarters.

The Marketing Committee reported that the redesigned America's Boating Club public website was launched on Oct. 9, 2019 with an updated look and new content. The Phase II marketing campaign was rolled out on Oct. 15, 2019 in conjunction with the launch of the new website. V/C Abbott reported that the Spanish language advertising campaign outreach increased traffic to the America's Boating Club website and helped identify the best media outlets to reach the Hispanic market. Updates to the Marketing Guide on the MarCom webpage were done to reflect the latest in trademark upgrade activity for logos, PPT templates, name tags and other items. The marketing team also assisted in developing ads and press releases for the America's Boating Club Learning Center in Tavares, Florida. The committee is developing an app and a social media campaign via SocialToaster.com. The committee assisted in coordinating and provide marketing materials for the 2019 Newport Boat Show.

V/C Abbott reported that the meeting dates for the 2021 Annual Meeting to be held at the Sawgrass Marriott in Ponte Vedra, Florida, had been changed to Feb. 16 - 21, 2021.

The Public Affairs Committee is reviewing all memorandums of understanding and the oversight assignments.

The national executive officer reported that headquarters received 35,000 vessel safety check decals, which were distributed to squadrons in Jan. 2020. The Safety Committee worked with the USCGAux to update the "I Want a VSC" database and updated the online exam. The committee reported that 28,090 vessel safety checks were performed in 2019.

V/C Abbott reported that the following squadrons are in the process of dissolution: Champlain/2, Barnegat Bay/4, Kingsway/5, Coral Ridge/8, Alamitos/13, and Lima/29. She also reported that the following squadrons are operating under Waiver 7.3.3 program: Wyandotte/9, Milwaukee/10, Honolulu/13, Swamp Fox/26, Savannah River/26, Fort Wayne/29, Boqueron/33, Carolina/33, and Humacao/33.

V/C Abbott reported that District 12 and District 14 will merge in 2020.

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C/C Cheney called upon P/C/C Ojeda to report actions of the Board of Directors during this meeting.

P/C/C Ojeda reported on the board's actions at its 11 February 2020 meeting.

- 1) To approve signing a revised contract with the Sawgrass Marriott Hotel & Conference Center that includes concessions in exchange for changing the meeting dates in 2021 and reducing the food and beverage requirements and room night commitments for 2021 and 2022.
- 2) To dissolve Evansville Bend Sail & Power Squadron/24.
- 3) To approve a one-year contract with the Hilton Hotel North Hills, Raleigh, NC, to host the 2020 fall conference of USPS/ABClub at a daily room rate of \$149, with both food & beverage and meeting room space fees waived and a commitment to 917 room nights with 80% attrition available.
- 4) To dissolve Barnegat Bay/4 and Lima/29.
- 5) To cease assigning MMSI numbers effective Feb. 17, 2020.

### **Report of the Chief Commander**

C/C Gary Cheney, SN, discharged all national officers and cleared the bridge with the exception of the national secretary.

C/C Cheney turned the chair over to P/C/C Frank A. Dvorak, SN, to conduct the elections.

The national secretary declared that no nominations by petition had been filed.

P/C/C Dvorak invited R/C Barbara Erickson, JN, to present the slate of officers for election.

### **Report of the Committee on Nominations**

R/C Barbara Erickson, JN, stated, “In accordance with *USPS Bylaws*, Article 11, Section 11.6(a), “Each annual meeting of the Governing Board shall elect (a) the Chief Commander, the National Executive Officer, the National Educational Officer, the National Administrative Officer, the National Secretary, the National Treasurer and a Past Chief Commander, all of whom shall serve as officers and directors of USPS. The Committee on Nominations unanimously presents the following nominations and recommended the election of the following members to serve in 2020.”

#### **For Members of USPS Board of Directors**

##### *Chief Commander*

C/C Mary Paige Abbott, SN (Sanibel Captiva Sail/22)

##### *National Executive Officer*

V/C Craig D. Fraser, SN (Akron Sail/7)

##### *National Educational Officer*

V/C William J. McManimen III, SN (Main Line Sail/5)

##### *National Administrative Officer*

V/C Ralph A. Bernard, AP (Absecon Island/5)

##### *National Secretary*

V/C Harry Hebb, SN (Pensacola/15)

##### *National Treasurer*

V/C Diana G. Jackson, SN (Sebastian Inlet Sail/8)

The above Bridge Officers and P/C/C Gary P. Cheney, SN (Erie/11)

R/C Erickson continued, “In accordance with *USPS Bylaws*, Section 11.6(b) it is the responsibility of the Governing Board to elect the members of the General Committees. Upon recommendation of their respective chairs, the Committee on Nominations unanimously presents the following nominations and recommended the election of the following members to serve in 2020.”

**COMMITTEE ON RULES**

- Members of the Committee .....R/C Robert E. Canfield, JN (Rockford/20)
- .....P/D/C Richard V. Fiorentini, SN (Raritan Bay/4)
- .....D/Lt Kenneth D. Link, SN, SN (Fort Macon/27)
- .....D/1st/Lt Wayne G. Spraggins, SN (Berea Sail/7)
- .....Stf/C H. Jay Stevens, SN (South Bend Sail/9)
- .....D/Lt Randolph W. Stow, AP (Smith Mtn Lake Sail/5)

**COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS**

- Members of the Committee .....P/R/C Priscilla Clarke, AP (Swiftwater Sail/6)
- .....R/C Michael D. Friedman, N (New York Sail/4)
- .....P/N/F/Lt Richard E. Gercak, AP (Ft. Walton/15)
- .....D/C Veronica A. Mann, JN (Arrowhead Sail/13)
- .....P/C Dianne Marshburn, AP (Tar River/27)
- .....P/C/C Louie Ojeda, SN (Ponce/33)
- .....Stf/C Kathryn J. Simkins, AP (Patuxent River Sail/5)

R/C Erickson continued, “In accordance with *USPS Bylaws*, Section 11.6(b) it is the responsibility of the Governing Board to elect the members of the Governing Board. Upon consultation with the respective District Commanders, the Committee on Nominations unanimously presents the following nominations and recommends the election of the following members to serve in 2020.”

**GENERAL MEMBERS OF THE 2020 GOVERNING BOARD**

- |                           |                       |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Jeffrey C. Gerwig, AP     | Darien Sail/2         |
| George Hoffman, JN        | South Shore/3         |
| John Yeamans, SN          | Patchogue Bay/3       |
| Richard V. Fiorentini, SN | Raritan Bay/4         |
| Albert E. Simkins, JN     | Patuxent River Sail/5 |
| Kathryn J. Simkins, AP    | Patuxent River Sail/5 |
| Howard Gasaway Sr., P     | Potomac River/5       |
| Bridgetta Arieno, JN      | Rochester/6           |
| Liana F. Mihalca, SN      | Akron Sail/7          |
| Tamara Smith, P           | Vero Beach/8          |
| Joyce Newman, AP          | Palm Beach Sail/8     |

Alanna Harvey, P	Lansing Sail/9
Albert Schwaller, JN	Detroit/9
Gregory Korstad, AP	Minnetonka/10
Kathleen Lambert, AP	Charles River Sail/12
Delmer K. Henry, SN	The Valley Sail/13
Erika E. Kraft, AP	Cape Cod Sail/14
Chris Houha, S	Lake Pontchartrain Sail/15
Steve D. Erickson, JN	Seattle Sail/16
Annette Ferguson, AP	Everett Sail/16
Robert L. Heck, SN	Chattanooga Sail/17
Irene M. Saunders, S	Lakes Region Sail/19
Mary A. Merrell, SN	Fox Valley/20
Susie Becvar, AP	Houston/21
Clifford L. Schmidt, JN	Manatee Sail/22
Donald K. Cook, SN	Manatee Sail/22
Kathleen Gee, S	Manatee Sail/22
Wayne F. Partie, SN	Naples Sail/22
Timothy Henke, JN	Daytona Beach Sail/23
Mary Lou Johnson	Diablo Sail/25
Andy C. Hyman III, SN	Dreher Shoals Sail/26
David C. Sapp, AP	Tybee Light Sail /26
Connie J. Shay, S	Raleigh Sail/27
Sarah W. McCurry, AP	Shallotte River Sail/27
Shawn Goit, JN	San Luis Rey/28
Tom Patterson, JN	Sandusky/29
Kent Simpson, AP	Four Rivers Sail/30

R/C Erickson continued, “In accordance with *USPS Bylaws*, Section 11.6(c), it is the responsibility of the Governing Board to elect the Assistant National Educational officers, Assistant National Secretary, Assistant National Treasurer and the chairs of the general, standing and departmental committees. Where appropriate, the following have the recommendation of the vice commanders in charge of the department to which they are assigned. Accordingly, the Committee on Nominations unanimously presents the following nominations and recommends the election of the following members to serve in 2020.”

**FOR REAR COMMANDERS**  
**(EX OFFICIO MEMBERS OF THE 2020 GOVERNING BOARD)**

**GENERAL COMMITTEES**

Committee on Rules.....R/C Richard Zucchi, SN (Barnegat Bay Sail/4)  
Committee on Nominations .....R/C Mary Ann Jensen, SN (Lansing Sail/9)

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

Finance .....R/C Gary L. Baker, P (Everett Sail/16)  
Law Officer.....R/C Max J. Werkenthin III, AP (Austin/21)  
Planning .....R/C James R. McCurry, N (Shallotte River Sail/27)

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT COMMITTEES**

Cooperative Charting .....R/C S. Thomas Hancock, P (Stark County/7)  
Environmental .....R/C Steve Gatton, N (Beaverton Sail/32)  
Marketing.....R/C Shirley Heald, AP (Dallas Sail/21)  
National Meetings.....R/C Arlene Anderson, AP (Hampton Roads/5)  
Public Affairs .....R/C Robert E. Canfield, JN (Rockford/20)  
Safety .....R/C Allan B. Furtado, SN (Pompano Beach/8)

**EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT**

Assistant Nat'l Educational Officer .....R/C Kenneth Griffing, SN (Arrowhead Sail/13)  
Assistant Nat'l Educational Officer .....R/C Robert Rayburn, SN (Columbus Sail/29)  
Assistant Nat'l Educational Officer .....R/C Eric Pearson, SN (Lake Murray/26)  
Basic Public Education .....R/C Wesley D. Koplitz, AP (Oshkosh/10)  
Boat Handling.....R/C Janet U. Lane, SN (Naples Sail/22)  
Boat Operator Certification.....R/C Robert F. Anderson, AP (Bremerton Sail/16)  
Educational Outreach.....R/C H. Eileen Rickard, SN (Berea Sail/7)  
Boat Systems.....R/C Charles Tremaine, SN (Diablo Sail/25)  
Navigation.....R/C Julian S. Fiander, SN (Birmingham/9)  
Instructor Development .....R/C Martha E. Heck, JN (Chattanooga Sail/17)  
Marine Environment .....R/C Judith D. Swanson, SN (Syracuse Sail/6)  
Publishing .....R/C Arthur W. Beers, JN (Catawba Sail/27)

**ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT**

Membership Committee.....R/C Robert F. Howd, SN (Fort Macon Sail/27)  
Squadron Development.....R/C Connie J. Shay, S (Raleigh Sail/27)

**SECRETARY’S DEPARTMENT**

- Assistant Secretary .....R/C David L. Allen Jr., SN (Lake Murray Sail/27)
- Communications .....R/C Cheryl Jarrell, AP (New Orleans/15)
- Heritage & Protocol .....R/C Guy J. Anastasio, SN (Bayside/3)
- Information Technology .....R/C Carl E. Filios, SN (Berkshire Sail/2)
- Member Services .....R/C Ann Peltier, SN (Oyster Bay/3)
- Operations Manual.....R/C Anna Morris, JN (Tampa/22)
- Ship’s Store.....R/C Claire M. McDonald, SN (Houston Sail/21)

**TREASURER’S DEPARTMENT**

- Asst Nat’l Treasurer/Budget Director .....R/C Joseph M. Gatfield, JN (Detroit/9)
- Budget Officer .....R/C James V. Harden Jr., JN (Tacoma Sail/16)

R/C Erickson continued, “In accordance with USPS *Bylaws*, Section 11.7(d), it is the responsibility of the Governing Board to elect the assistant chairs of standing and departmental committees. Where appropriate, the following have the recommendation of the vice commanders in charge of the department to which they are assigned. Accordingly, the Committee on Nominations unanimously presented the following nominations and recommends their election.”

**FOR STAFF COMMANDERS**

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

- Asst/Ch Cooperative Charting .....Stf/C James H. Strothers, SN (Sanibel Captiva Sail/22)
- Asst/Ch Cooperative Charting .....No nomination
- Asst/Ch Environmental .....Stf/C John R. DiPrima, AP (Chattanooga Sail/17)
- Asst/Ch Marketing .....Stf/C Glen Sherman, P (Peconic Bay/3)
- Asst/Ch Marketing .....No nomination
- Asst/Ch National Meetings .....Stf/C Kristi Watson Anderson, P (Sebastian Inlet Sail/8)
- Asst/Ch National Meetings .....Stf/C Richard I. Frenz, SN (Patchogue Bay/3)
- Asst/Ch National Meetings .....Stf/C Ann E. Frenz, SN (Patchogue Bay/3)
- Asst/Ch National Meetings .....Stf/C Mark B. Gathings, SN (Sacramento/25)
- Asst/Ch National Meetings .....Stf/C Sarah W. McCurry, AP (Shallotte River Sail/27)
- Asst/Ch National Meetings .....Stf/C Wayne F. Partie, SN (Naples Sail/22)
- Asst/Ch Public Affairs .....Stf/C Ralph J. Ziegler, JN (Lansing Sail/9)
- Asst/Ch Public Affairs .....Stf/C Ron Jones, AP (Peace River Sail/22)

Asst/Ch Public Affairs .....Stf/C Robert L. Heck, SN (Chattanooga Sail/17)  
 Asst/Ch Safety .....Stf/C Charles F. Meany III, AP (Amoskeag/19)  
 Asst/Ch Safety .....Stf/C Joseph J. McKinney, JN (Rockville Sail/5)  
 Asst/Ch Safety .....Stf/C Gino C. Bottino, AP (Stamford Sail/2)

**EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT**

Asst/Ch Basic Public Education .....Stf/C Richard L. Carson, JN (Perdido Bay/15)  
 Asst/Ch Basic Public Education .....Stf/C David Kowalski, SN (Birmingham/9)  
 Asst/Ch Boat Handling .....Stf/C Margaret M. Sherrod, SN (Atlanta Sail/17)  
 Asst/Ch Boat Handling .....Stf/C James R. West, AP (Bellingham Sail/16)  
 Asst/Ch Boat Operator Certification.....Stf/C Shawn D. Goit, JN (San Luis Rey/28)  
 Asst/Ch Boat Operator Certification.....Stf/C Theodore E. Shanks, SN (North Olympic Sail/16)  
 Asst/Ch Educational Outreach .....Stf/C Barbara Hermann, SN (Charles River Sail/12)  
 Asst/Ch Educational Outreach .....Stf/C Stephen Ellis (Charles River Sail/12)  
 Asst/Ch Boating Systems.....Stf/C Scott Morris, P (Tampa/22)  
 Asst/Ch Navigation.....Stf/C Douglas M. Durfee, SN (Oyster Bay/3)  
 Asst/Ch Navigation.....Stf/C Ronald T. Jones, SN (North Olympic Sail/16)  
 Asst/Ch Navigation.....Stf/C John Locke, SN (Kent Narrows Sail/5)  
 Asst/Ch Navigation.....Stf/C Burt H. Pearson, SN (Cyber/50)  
 Asst/Ch Instructor Development.....Stf/C Frank C. Brown, AP (Nansemond River/5)  
 Asst/Ch Marine Environment .....Stf/C Gordon L. Bloom Jr., SN (Venice Sail/22)  
 Asst/Ch Publishing.....Stf/C Judith Delargy, SN (Birmingham/9)  
 Asst/Ch Publishing.....Stf/C Robert L. Potter, SN (Mid Illini/20)  
 Asst/Ch Publishing.....Stf/C Luanne Kazeneck, SN (Great South Bay/3)  
 Asst/Ch Publishing.....Stf/C James Heckman, SN (Main Line Sail/5)

**ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT**

Asst/Ch Membership Committee.....No nomination  
 Asst/Ch Membership Committee.....Stf/C Kathryn J. Stevens, SN (Beaufort Sail/26)  
 Asst/Ch Membership Committee.....Stf/C Charles J. Wells, SN (Kent Narrows Sail/5)  
 Asst/Ch/Squadron Development.....Stf/C Mary Dodd, SN (Palm Beach Sail/8)  
 Asst/Ch/Squadron Development.....No nomination

**SECRETARY’S DEPARTMENT**

Asst/Ch Communications .....Stf/C John E. Goebel, SN (St. Lucie River/8)  
 Asst/Ch Communications .....Stf/C Barbara M. Pearson, AP (Lake Murray/26)



Asst/Ch Heritage & Protocol .....Stf/C Arthur Andrea, AP (New Haven/1)  
 Asst/Ch Heritage & Protocol .....Stf/C David Stewart, AP (Charlotte/27)  
 Asst/Ch Information Technology .....Stf/C Jay Stevens, SN (Lansing/9)  
 Asst/Ch Member Services.....Stf/C Roberta L. Dougherty, AP (Absecon Island/5)  
 Asst/Ch Member Services.....Stf/C Fred J. Deppert, AP (Sewanhaka Sail/3)  
 Asst/Ch Member Services.....Stf/C Karen Flinn, SN (San Carlos Bay Sail/22)  
 Asst/Ch Operations Manual .....Stf/C Donald C. Clark, SN (Jacksonville Sail/23)  
 Asst/Ch Ship’s Store .....Stf/C Nancee Anne Adams, AP (Birmingham/9)  
 Asst/Ch Ship’s Store .....Stf/C Jan Furtado, AP (Pompano Beach/8)

**TREASURER’S DEPARTMENT**

Asst/Budget Officer .....Stf/C Hector L. Colon, SN (Atlanta Sail/17)  
 Asst/Budget Officer .....Stf/C Larry D. Cole, SN (Toledo/29)

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

Asst/Ch Finance .....Stf/C Greg D. Shay, JN (Raleigh Sail/27)  
 Asst Law Officer.....Stf/C Ruth Witztum, JN (New York Sail/4)  
 Asst/Ch Planning .....Stf/C Kenneth E. Smith, AP (Friday Harbor Sail/16)

R/C Erickson continued, “In accordance with *USPS Bylaws* Section 11.7 it is the responsibility of the Governing Board to appoint members of the Standing Committees. Upon recommendation of their respective Chairs, and with the approval of the Chief Commander, the following members are recommended for appointment by this Governing Board to serve in 2020.”

**STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Members of the Committee .....P/V/C Ben Coons, JN (Hiawatha Valley Sail/10))  
 .....D/Lt Warren S. Maciag, SN (Cape Coral/22)  
 .....No nomination

**LAW COMMITTEE**

Members of the Committee .....D/Lt Horacio A. Cabrera, AP (San Juan/33)  
 .....Lt Bruce Gardiner, JN (Bellevue Sail/16)  
 .....D/Lt Gregory E. Korstad, AP (Minnetonka/10)

.....D/Lt Natalie E. Witty, JN (Skokie Valley Sail/20)  
.....D/Lt Robert L. Wolfe, S (Sarasota/22)

**PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Members of the Committee .....D/Lt Kristi Watson Anderson, P (Sebastian Inlet  
.....Sail/8)  
.....D/C John D. Crawford, SN (Cape Cod Sail/14)  
.....D/Lt/C George M. Gilbert, AP (Middletown/1)  
.....Doreen S. Hinksman (Tar River/27)  
.....R/C Michael J. Skelley, JN (Minnetonka/10)  
.....D/Lt William A. Stano, JN (Grosse Pointe/9)  
.....Lt V. Jan Wright, SN (Tybee Light Sail/26)

**USPS EDUCATIONAL FUND**

Under the terms of the USPS Educational Trust Agreement, on behalf of the Trustees of the USPS Educational Fund and with their full endorsement, the Committee on Nominations presents the following persons to serve as trustees of the USPS Educational Fund.

Trustees - Previously elected and year to office (not to be voted on):

.....Susan L. Darcy (Berkshire Sail/2) 3<sup>rd</sup> year, first 3-year term  
.....Nigel Hargreaves (Sebastian Inlet Sail/8) 2<sup>nd</sup> year, first 3-  
.....year term  
.....David L. Hinders (Cyber Membership/50) 2<sup>nd</sup> year, second  
.....3-year term  
.....Lucille R. Horowitz (Shrewsbury/4) 1st year, second 3-year  
.....term  
.....G. Leslie Johnson (Diablo Sail/25) 3<sup>rd</sup> year, first 3-year  
.....term  
.....Alan F. Wentworth (Door County/10) 3<sup>rd</sup> year, second 3-  
.....year term

**USPS ENDOWMENT FUND, INC.**

R/ C Erickson continued, “In accordance with Article III of the *Bylaws* of United States Power Squadrons Endowment Fund, Inc. two (2) Trustees are to be elected annually by the USPS Governing Board for a three-year term. The Committee on Nominations is pleased to nominate and recommended the election of the following as Trustees of the Fund.

- .....Ruth Witztum (New York Sail/4) 1<sup>st</sup> year, first 3-year term
- .....Hector L. Colon (Atlanta Sail/17) 1<sup>st</sup> year, first 3-year term

R/C Erickson stated that the Committee on Nominations recommended the election of the members of the National Bridge, Committee on Rules, Committee on Nominations, rear commanders, staff commanders, general members of the Governing Board, and Trustees of the USPS Educational Fund. The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion (2019-AM-7).

R/C Erickson announced that the Committee on Nominations selected Stf/C Kay Simpkins, AP, as staff commander for the coming year.

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P/C/C Dvorak asked N/F/Lt Lyle Rea, SN, to escort Chief Commander-elect Mary Paige Abbott, SN, and her spouse, P/R/C Steve Abbott, SN, to the podium. P/C/C Dvorak administered the oath of office to C/C Abbott.

C/C Abbott administered the oath of office to the 2020 Board of Directors and to the newly elected officers.

C/C Abbott stated that the current demographics of America’s Boating Club membership indicate that the Ford Motor Company slogan “Quality is Job One” should resonate with members. She noted that the slogan was adopted in the 1980s and required the top leadership to live and breathe quality in every facet of the company. It meant integrating quality in all services, personnel, investments and thinking while opening a dialogue among all personnel, not rendering senior management clueless to what was really happening on the floor and in the offices. Silos came down, and perceptions changed within the company as well as with its ultimate customer. C/C Abbott stated that America’s Boating Club is getting back to basics and facing today’s

world in today's terms. As a membership organization, she noted that means Membership is Job One.

- It means leadership serves its members at every level and step of the way.
- It means educational courses serve current and future members, not personal preferences.
- It means every boating activity or on-the-water training program serves members' needs and wants.
- It means every communication sent to members serves them in a high-quality and respectful manner.
- It means every social activity serves members, not necessarily all at the same time, but inclusively.
- It means providing benefits that serve a real usefulness to members and future members.

C/C Abbott stated that members should ask themselves while working on a project, "Does this effort serve membership?" If the answer is no, she said the project should be moved to the bottom of the list and should work on something that serves membership first.

C/C Abbott closed by stating "We serve our members, for our members are our lifeblood. Start now ... Membership is Job One! Let us not forget."

The Color Guard retired the Colors, and USPS Chaplain Ted Wallace delivered the benediction.

Adjourned at 1620.

V/C Harry Hebb, SN  
National Secretary

Action Summary  
Annual Meeting  
15 Feb. 2020

ADOPTED

- 1) To approve the minutes of the 14 Sept. 2019 Governing Board Meeting. (2020-AM-1)
- 2) To award C/C Cheney his 33rd<sup>nd</sup> Merit Mark. (2020-AM-2)
- 3) To amend USPS Bylaws, Section 1.1.1. (2020-AM-3)
- 4) To amend USPS Bylaws, Section 3.4. (2020-AM-4)
- 5) To amend USPS Bylaws, Section 3.6. (2020-AM-5)
- 6) To amend USPS Bylaws, Section 10.3.3.4 (2020-AM-6)
- 7) To elect members of the National Bridge, Committee on Rules, Committee on Nominations, rear commanders, staff commanders, general members of the Governing Board, and Trustees of the USPS Educational Fund. (2020-AM-7).

**Awards Presented During the Members' Luncheon Held on Sat., Feb. 15, 2020**

**Cooperative Charting - Geodetic Marks Recovery Program**

1 <sup>st</sup> Place Individual	Cdr Greg Shay, SN	Raleigh/27
1 <sup>st</sup> Place Squadron	Stark County/7	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place District	District 7	

**Cooperative Charting – Nautical Program**

1 <sup>st</sup> Place Individuals	Stf/C S. Thomas Hancock, P	D/7
1 <sup>st</sup> Place Individuals	D/Lt/C Joanne Hancock, SN	D/7
1 <sup>st</sup> Place Squadron	Stark County/7	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place District	District 7	

**Vessel Safety Check 2019 Awards**

**Top Districts**

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	District 28
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	District 3
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	District 11
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	District 33
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	District 7

**Top Squadrons**

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Crystal River/22
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Jones Beach/3
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Balboa/11
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	York/5
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	Dreher Shoal/26

**Top Producers in USPS**

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Robert Holub	Jones Beach/3
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Wesley Heusser	Balboa/28
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Thomas Rossini	Crystal River/22
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Marjorie Baraff	Pompano Beach/8
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	Edward Furst Jr.	York/5

### Millennium Club - 1,000's VSC Total

Robert Holub	Jones Beach/3	18 <sup>th</sup> year
Thomas Rossini	Crystal River/22	8 <sup>th</sup> year
Wesley Heusser	Balboa/28	8 <sup>th</sup> year
James Elwood	Cyber Member/50	3 <sup>rd</sup> year

### Century Club – 100 VSC Total

Angelo Giovanniello	Great South Bay/3	14 <sup>th</sup> year
Robert Holub	Jones Beach/3	18 <sup>th</sup> year
Frank C. Brown	Nansemond River/5	6 <sup>th</sup> year
James A. Brown	Rockville/5	4 <sup>th</sup> year
Richard Faga	Smith Mtn. Lake/5	2 <sup>nd</sup> year
Edward P. Furst Jr.	York/5	6 <sup>th</sup> year
Robert E. Mosey	Akron/7	13 <sup>th</sup> year
Irene Rodriguez	Stark County/7	
Ricardo s. Rodriguez	Stark County/7	
David A. Bialorucki	Vermilion/7	2 <sup>nd</sup> year
Marjorie Baraff	Pompano Beach/8	17 <sup>th</sup> year
Nigel Hargreaves	Sebastian Inlet/8	3 <sup>rd</sup> year
John T. Paprocki	Central Wisconsin/10	9 <sup>th</sup> year
Louis P. Pasquesi	Door County/10	6 <sup>th</sup> year
Richard H. Hascall	Minnetonka/10	2 <sup>nd</sup> year
Viki L. Sharp	Tacoma/16	10 <sup>th</sup> year
Robert L. Bales	Cape Coral/22	3 <sup>rd</sup> year
Thomas F. Rossini	Crystal River/22	17 <sup>th</sup> year
Clifford L. Schmidt	Manatee/22	4 <sup>th</sup> year
John Swenson	San Carlos Bay/22	
Jim Suber	Jacksonville/23	3 <sup>rd</sup> year
Keith A. Leggett	Dreher Shoals/26	
James T. Hublou	Golden Corner Lakes/26	
Twila M. Nahama	Cape Fear/27	
Otis J. White	Caper Fear/27	

Larry B. Lovvown	Cape Lookout/27	2 <sup>nd</sup> year
Owen R. Smith	Cape Lookout/27	5 <sup>th</sup> year
Wesley S. Heusser	Balboa/28	15 <sup>th</sup> year
Dennis D. Ladd	Port Clinton/29	6 <sup>th</sup> year
Anselmo Miranda	San Juan/33	
Juan P. Miranda	San Juan/33	
Rafael Angel Tirado	San Juan/33	4 <sup>th</sup> year
James H. Elwood	Cyber Member/50	13 <sup>th</sup> year

### Membership Growth Awards

#### Squadron Awards

##### Division 4: 44 members or less

St. Thomas /33	33%
Boqueron/33	27%
Tampa/22	22%
Marinette Menominee/10	21%
Salisbury/5	5%
Lakeland/22	3%
Storm King/2	2%
Memphis/17	2%

##### Division 3: 75 members

Lake Candlewood/2	20%
Morriches Bay/3	10%
Smith Mountain Lake/5	8%
Arecibo/33	6%
Peralta/25	5%
Michigan City/20	5%

##### Division 2: 75-113 members

Northern Virginia/5	16%
Captree/3	9%
Portsmouth/19	8%
Syracuse/6	4%

##### Division 2: 75-113 members (cont'd)

Boulder Valley/30	4%
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Ocean City/5 5%

**Division 1: 114 or more members**

Duluth/10 14%

Fort Macon/27 12%

Tacoma/16 8%

Detroit/9 6%

Lake Murray/26 5%

Minnetonka/10 4%

**District Winners**

District 10 3.05%

District 26 -0.5%

District 6 -1.6%

District 19 -2.0%

**Distinctive Communicator Awards (Newsletters)**

The list of the 2010 Distinctive Communicator Awards can be found at  
*[http://www.usps.org/index.php/departments/15000/15800/2015-02-20-00-28-21/2014-dca-  
recipients](http://www.usps.org/index.php/departments/15000/15800/2015-02-20-00-28-21/2014-dca-<br/>recipients)*.

## 2020 to 2021 National C/C Aides and Advisors

### **National Flag Lieutenant**

N/F/Lt W Lyle Rea, SN

### **Aide to Natl Executive Officer**

R/C Myles Gee

### **Aide to Natl Educational Officer**

P/D/C Martin Lafferty,

### **Aide to Natl Administrative Officer**

P/D/C Randy Stow, AP

### **Aide to Natl Secretary**

P/R/C Marjorie Baraff, AP

### **Aide to Natl Treasurer**

P/R/C Kristi Anderson, P

### **Aide to C/C Assigned to Ntl/F/Lt**

Patricia (Pat) Diehl, S

### **Aide to C/C D/Conference Coordinator**

D/C Felicia Evans, AP

### **Aide to C/C Hospitality Suite Chair**

P/R/C Louise Rea, SN

### **Aide to C/C Hospitality Suite**

P/D/C Ann Frenz, SN

### **Aide to C/C Hospitality Suite**

Kathy Gee, S

### **Aide to C/C Hospitality Suite**

P/C Sandie Howd, AP

### **Aide to C/C Hospitality Suite**

P/R/C Sarah W. McCurry, AP

### **Aide to C/C Hospitality Suite**

P/C Connie Shay, S

### **Aide to C/C Hospitality Suite**

P/C Linda Williams, P

### **Aide to C/C Hospitality Suite**

Mary Rayburn

### **Aide to C/C Hospitality Suite**

D/Lt/C Luann Kazanecki, SN

### **Aide to C/C Hospitality Suite**

Helen Nolan

### **Aide to C/C Hospitality Suite**

P/D/C Barb Spraggins

### **Aide to C/C Awards Chair**

P/R/C Kenneth D Link, SN

### **Aide to C/C Awards**

R/C Robert Howd, JN

### **Aide to C/C**

P/R/C William (Bill) E Husted, SN

### **Aide to C/C**

P/N/F/Lt James (Jamie) McCurry, N

### **STAFF**

### **Chaplain**

D/Lt/C William Wood, SN

### **Chaplain**

Cdr Ted Wallace, AP

### **Parliamentarian**

R/C Robert E. Canfield, JN

### **Natl Medical Officer**

P/R/C Alan F Wentworth, JN

### **National Photographer**

Steve D Erickson, JN

### **Special Aide to Chief Commander**

P/R/C Steve Abbott, SN

### **Aide to C/C- First Spouse**

P/R/C Louise Rea, SN

### **Aide to C/C- First Spouse**

Nancy M. Baldrige

### **Aide to C/C- Advisor**

P/N/F/Lt Kathryn (Kay) Simkins, AP

### **Aide to C/C VIP Seating**

P/D/C Karen L Gercak, AP

### **Aide to C/C Bartender**

Stf/C Angelo V Giovannello, SN

### **Aide to C/C Bar Assistant**

Lt John Malatak, JN

### **Aide to C/C**

Cdr Joseph Balbo, AP

### **Aide To C/C VIP Invitations**

R/C Mary Ann Jensen, SN

### **Aide to C/C**

P/D/C Greg D Shay, JN

### **Aide to C/C**

Lt/C Albert E Simkins, AP

### **Aide to C/C**

P/D/C Annette Ferguson, AP

### **Aide to C/C**

D/Lt/C Carl E. Filios, SN

### **Aide to C/C**

P/D/C Denise A. Filios, AP

### **Aide to C/C**

P/R/C Paul D. Mermelstein, SN

**Aide to C/C**

Daneen (Dane) Mermelstein, AP

**Aide to C/C-Spanish Liaison**

D/Lt Rolando T. Perez-Riestra, P

**Aide to C/C**

Stf/C Glen Sherman, P

**Aide to C/C**

Lt Diane M. Sherman, P

**Aide to C/C**

R/C Allan B. Furtado, SN

**Aide to C/C**

Stf/C Jan Furtado, AP

**Aide to C/C-CPS-ECP**

Stf/C Joseph M. Gatfield, JN

**Aide to C/C**

Ruth Witztum, JN

**Aide to C/C**

P/D/C Kenneth E. Smith, AP

**Aide to C/C**

P/D/C Ann T. Bailey, AP