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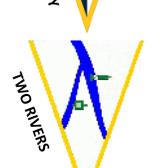


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DEADLINE
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2018**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- 27-28 July C&R Youth Poster Judging, Ottawa IL see Page 14-15
- 28 July D/20 deadline for Youth Poster submission to national
- 1 Aug Chapman Award Nominees deadline see Page 6
- 9-19 Aug Illinois State Fair, Springfield
- 15-19 Aug Governing Board, Minneapolis see Page 13
- TBD Oct D/20 Fall Conference

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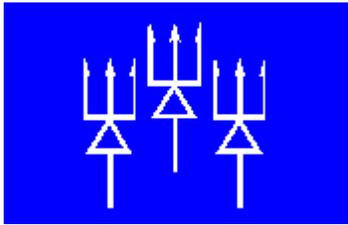


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DISTRICT COMMANDER

D/C George F. Prescott, SN

Where were you at the time of the District 20 Change of Watch? ***If you were at the Elgin Holiday Inn, you can skim my message below.*** I say skim to refresh your memory, and repeat soliciting your input in the district's (your) program. ***If you didn't attend the COW, then I urge you to read below*** to determine how best to work the district's (your) program to your squadron's advantage. You'll note the interjection of the word "your" when referring to the district's program. That's intentional.

Here's the highlights of that inaugural COW message:

- ◆ Initially I asked for membership input. If you have an idea, a name, an activity or a location, let it be known. Ours is a program for boaters by boaters.
- ◆ I will support activities reasonably convenient to all squadrons. I realize the reluctance to travel to participate in district activities, especially when weather is bad.
- ◆ Find somebody to mentor. Find someone in your squadron to prod, cajole, accommodate, and have fun with. Your leadership problems will be minimized.

MERIT MARKS

Are you keeping accurate squadron records? Certainly I'm premature raising the question, but the November deadline comes too quickly.

Also I am aware of the opportunities of rewarding merit marks lies before us.

Just keep a record of who, what and how much time was involved. They're USPS's reward for valuable service.

Wear them proudly!

At our April bridge meeting I urged officers to visit squadrons other than their own. There's a need to see the connection between squadron and district. District is the conduit for USPS national. District bridge visits are intended to strengthen the bond between the two levels. Squadron commanders if you don't get a request for a visit, let me know. We're visiting to observe, assist if necessary, and to encourage participation in district and national activities. Just allow for mutual scheduling.

USPS National is making changes with the speed of a cigarette boat! The entire educational program is taking on a new face. See DEO Theresa Phillips'

comments in this issue. I'm of the opinion classroom instruction is a thing of the past. Almost all educational offerings are electronic. D/Lt/C Phillips, P has a power point program detailing educational changes. It was part of the D/20 COW. Invite her to your meeting. At the least ask Teri to make a copy available to your squadron. S, P, AP, JN, and N are things of the past.

Have you accessed the new Educational Completion Certificate? USPS National will not be sending out educational course completion stickers for the old membership certificates. Yes, another change. Have your USPS PIN available to access.

New certificates can be accessed by SEOs and squadron commanders as well as members. 1. Visit [USPS.Org](#). 2. Go to the "site index," and 3. select the "information center." For the information center menu click on the icon (blue dot at the top of the page). The menu pops up on the left. 4. Scroll to "My Information", and then 5. click on "My Training History". Try it. It's an impressive document!

I concluded my inaugural message with a tribute to my late, dear friend P/D/C Richard N. Spurr, SN. Without Dick's mentoring I wouldn't be your district commander. He was always there for me, especially regarding USPS business. I repeat, find somebody to mentor.

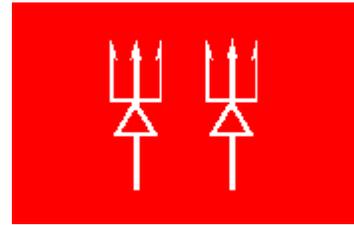
It is my wish that this year's bridge can contribute to and make a difference to the success of each of the district's squadrons. I will do my part to make it happen!

D/C George F. Prescott, SN

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**DISTRICT
EXECUTIVE
OFFICER**

D/Lt/C Mary A. Merrell, SN



Boating season for our part of the country has finally arrived. It was a long time getting here but Spring has finally hit us.

A big thanks to P/D/C Mike Ludtke for instructing 11 students in Vessel Safety classes—all done on-line. I appreciate the effort. Thanks to those students also. National sent out the following suggestions for VE’s to handle the Kidde extinguisher recall:

When performing a vessel exam on a boat equipped with a possibly recalled KIDDE fire extinguisher aboard, advise the owner/operator to read the information below and take appropriate action. In addition, vessel examiners should mark “RECALL” in the margin of the fire extinguisher block on form ANSC 7012 and make the owner/operator aware of your notation. You might even print the information yourselves and give it to the boater.

“Walter Kidde has issued a recall of certain fire extinguishers manufactured between Jan. 1973 and Aug. 2017. All of the extinguishers had plastic handles; were

sold in red, white and silver cylinder colors; and are rated as either ABC or BC. To find out if you have a recalled extinguisher and how to obtain a replacement, go to the *Kidde.com*—click **support then Product Alerts** for the full notice.”

Our last executive meeting went well using “Go To Meeting”. Technology surprises me a little more each day at work and home. Initially I didn’t care for the on-line type of meetings, but it does certainly save time and travel for many.

Getting ready to make my plans for the Governing Board in Minnesota. Since this one is relatively close, it would be great to see you there if at all possible. Lots of great things to see in Minneapolis and contrary to the rumors, Mall of America is still OPEN!! Check out the National website for more details. I hope you have a safe boating season and remember to spread the word about America’s Boating Club.

D/Lt/C Mary A. Merrell, SN
District 20 Executive Officer

WHERE ARE YOUR FUTURE MEMBERS?

Check your lists:

National Membership Chair: R/C Robert Howd, JN

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| Cyber members | Available on USPS.org |
| USPS university members | Available on USPS.org |
| Vessel Safety check people | Squadron records |
| Course students | Squadron records |
| Local Event Participants | Squadron records |
| Squadron contacts from the last 5 years | Squadron records |

Submitted by
D/Lt/C Mary A. Merrell, SN
District 20 Executive Officer

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

The endorsement of LIFE MEMBER is earned when a member has received 25 Merit Marks or more. The following members received life member status with USPS and their dues are paid for life.

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|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Richard G. Burd, AP | Land of Lincoln |
| Caren B. Canfield, JN | Rockford |
| John E. Gaggini, AP | Chicago |

Congratulations and thank you for your service!



Caren receiving her award from C/C Louie Ojeda, SN

50 YEAR MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

C/C Louie Ojeda, SN presented the Emeritus Member award to D/Lt William L. Schwartz, SN, Rockford/20. The Emeritus Member award is presented to a member who has earned 50 merit marks. Bill Swartz received his 50th merit mark this year and was honored at the national meeting.

Bill has been a dedicated member of USPS and over the years, has served on just about every committee in the organization. He is past commander of his squadron and District 20. Congratulations Bill...and thank you.!

D/C George F. Prescott, SN



CPR CLASS, FLARE SHOOT & SUNDOWNER

North Point Marina—2 June 2018

Skokie Valley invites you to join them for a busy Saturday. 2 June.

- 0900 CPR training class. Upon completion, you will receive a 2-year certification. Cost \$45.00 per person.
- 1300 Flare Shoot. After a short safety lecture, you will have a chance to shoot off all of your expired flares.
- 1700 Sundowner. Bring a passing dish and your own beverages. We will gather at the administration building to share a meal and socialize.
- Later there will be a bonfire on the beach. Bring a folding chair and relax.

Contact 1) Don Sidman (847) 309-7309

or email d_sidman@hotmail.com

2) Ron Zingler (847)634-3806

WAUKEGAN USED EQUIPMENT SALE

Waukegan Harbor South Patio

9 June 2018 (Rain date 16 June)

0900-1200

WSPS will be holding its annual Used Equipment Sale again this year. Come pick up a bargain or put your nautical items up for sale. A small portion of your profits go to the squadron to support our safe boating organization.

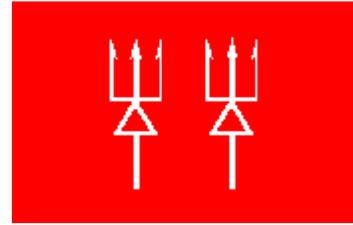
Go to Sail Angle to download a consignment form if you plan to drop something off.

Vessel Examiners will be available to perform a free VSC on your boat.

Contact Ellen Ludtke (815) 245-0888

DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL OFFICER

D/Lt/C Theresa A. Phillips, P



Greetings! The Spring Conference in Elgin was a good time. If you missed it the reports are on Sail Angle under 2018 Spring Conference. There was much information presented, and of course, some story swapping in the hospitality rooms.

Chapman Award for 2018

It is time to think about putting information together to nominate from your squadron a Chapman Award winner. There are new instructions and forms for the program for the July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018 Educational year. The instructions and forms are different from previous years due to feedback received in 2017. The forms and instructions will be posted on the Awards page, and squadron education officers and commanders will be notified by National headquarters when this occurs.

America's Boating Club Marketing Guidebook Update

During the SEO presentation, I mentioned the Marketing Guidebook. There is lots of information on invigorating and modernizing your squadrons marketing approach, as well as helping recruit new members. The information can be downloaded now from the Marketing Committee webpage or <https://bit.ly/2JV3v7e>.

Instructor Development Recertification Class

The recertification class that was presented at the Spring Conference is now available for download. Anyone who has ever been a certified instructor, even if not currently active, can get recertified by taking this course. It focuses on presentation skills useful in any kind of presentation. Helpful in a leadership role or as a member providing a program for a membership meeting.

The link is <https://www.usps.org/index.php/departments/13000/13000-educational-committees/13290/13290-instructor-certification-program>. Or you can access it by going to the Education Department, click on committees, click on Instructor development, then on Instructor

Certification and scroll to the bottom of the page to download the instructor guide and PowerPoint slides. The new recertification seminar (2018) is the only recertification seminar that should be used.

Celestial Tools

Look for update to Celestial Tools on ONCom Software and Tools web page. The update included a couple of bug fixes, and the ability to include a zone description for a Favorite Places location. The enhancement is handy if the location's civil time zone does not conform to the standard 15-degree bands of longitude.

Advanced Grades Curriculum

More descriptive course names on all advanced grade courses are being updated. This is to reflect the course content better. The changes are as follows:

- Seamanship becomes Boat Handling
- Piloting becomes Marine Navigation
- Advanced Piloting becomes Advanced Marine Navigation
- Junior navigation becomes Offshore Navigation
- Navigation becomes Celestial navigation

Each course will be adopting a seminar series format. By the end of 2018, the Boat Handling seminar will be completed.

Upcoming

The 2018 Governing Board Meeting is August 15-19, 2018 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. It's close enough to attend, and there are many sessions with plenty of information that can help out squadron officers and members.

District 20 events are still being planned as of this writing, but include Cruise & Rendezvous and Fall Conference. Not only are they social occasions, but informative. Keep looking for updates.

D/Lt/C Terry Phillips, P
District 20 Educational Officer

“BOATING ACCIDENT REPORTING” Video Debuts

United States Power Squadrons® (USPS) Digital Media Library (DML) is now America’s Boating Channel™

Following is a public relations release from USPS headquarters:

Raleigh, NC, 26 April 2018—The United States Power Squadrons® (USPS) announces the debut of its streaming media video “Boat Accident Reporting” and dedicated section of America’s Boating Channel™, which can be found online at www.americasboatingchannel.com and as a free mobile app available at Apple’s App Store and Google Play.

The new “Boat Accident Reporting” video shows when and how boating accidents on US waters must be reported.

Viewers will also learn how reporting requirements vary by state.

Also featured are tips for finding out more about applicable requirements.

The new Boat Accident Reporting section of America’s Boating Channel provides visitors with an interactive map offering boat accident reporting information specific to state waterways.

The “Boat Accident Reporting” video is also being distributed by America’s Boating Channel through popular social media including Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube.

America’s Boating Channel will launch a new title each week through April as most Americans prepare for the 2018 recreational boating season. All video programming on the channel is offered at no charge.

Submitted by
D/Lt/C Terry Phillips, P
District 20 Educational Officer

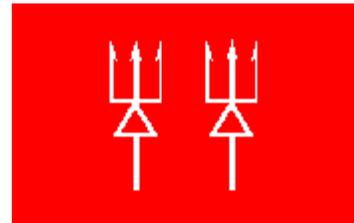


BRUNSWICK DEALER ADVANTAGE AWARD

This award recognizes the squadrons who conducted the most boater education courses with Brunswick dealers in 2017. Fox Valley Sail & Power Squadron received a beautiful glass trophy and a check for \$500.00. Congratulations ... we are very proud of you.

**DISTRICT
ADMINISTRATIVE
OFFICER**

D/Lt/C , Kenneth A. Crutcher, AP



Heritage Harbor/Ottawa, Illinois, is preparing for the arrival of District 20's Cruise & Rendezvous July 28. It's an occasion not to be missed!

Centrally located in Illinois, less than two hour's drive from any of the state's squadrons, Heritage Harbor has amenities which will please and delight D/20's membership. All members are encouraged to participate.

Located 2 and half miles southwest of the intersection of I-80 and Illinois 71, Heritage Harbor is nicely appointed, but is a work in progress. Harbormaster Jeremy Fowler has promised to meet the needs of USPS District 20. Its' website is HeritageHarborOttawa.com. Access it for additional details.

Heritage Harbor is a sprawling recreational development on the Illinois River. District 20 will be meeting in the BLUE ROOFED pavilion in the harbor. The blue roof is an important landmark.

After exiting I-80 and driving southwest on Illinois 71, be alert to catch Canal Road across from the Bill Walsh GM Dealership. Look for N2871 St. rd., cross the tracks and turn left on to county rt 51/2753 rd. (not same as US 51). SE on 2753 rd., Heritage Harbor will be on the right. The use of a GPS is advisable.

The exact address of our rendezvous is 1970 N. 2753rd Road, Ottawa. Pass up the first entrance sign to Heritage Harbor and continue another half mile to the main entrance to the resort. Signage is clear after that.

Park in the lot adjacent to the Red Dog Restaurant or as directed by marina staff. Harbormaster Fowler has

promised the use of a golf cart to transport membership to the harbor-level pavilion. Breakfast is available at the Red Dog for those arriving early.

The C & R schedule is as follows:

- 1000 -- 1100: Presentation by Pat Antoni, SN, on the use of Sail Angle and DB2000.
- 1100 -- 1230: Council Meeting.
- 1230: Pig Roast. Cost \$15 per person. Soft drinks included. Please phone D/Lt/C Ken Crutcher, AP, (773-575-8177), and/or email Ken at kencrutcher@ymail.com with squadron participation by July 23. Want to have enough pig for everyone!
- 1400 – Thereafter: Vessel Safety Checks in harbor. Harbormaster Fowler will promote. VEs bring your forms and stickers!
- 1400— Thereafter: Recreating in harbor or on Illinois River. Rental boats available by contacting Fowler's staff at 815-434-5001. Use of launch ramp for personal craft free.
- 1400 – Thereafter: Visiting historic Ottawa and LaSalle, IL, or nearby Starved Rock State Park.

Those wishing to stay overnight, rental facilities are available at the resort. The rental homes easily sleep 2 families, and are priced at a minimum of two night's stay. Call harbor staff for rates. Other accommodations are available in LaSalle County, and/or at the Starved Rock State Park lodge.

D/Lt/C Kenneth A. Crutcher, AP
District 20 Administrative Officer

District 20 Cruise & Rendezvous



28 July, 2018

**Heritage Harbor
1970 N. 2753rd Road
Ottawa, Illinois**

- ◆ Join us in the scenic Starved Rock area at a beautiful marina on the Illinois River.
- ◆ Attend technology seminar where the mysteries of Sail Angle and DB2000 will be revealed to you.
- ◆ Enjoy a pig roast for lunch—\$15.00 per person, includes soft drinks—reserve by 23 July
- ◆ Launch your personal boat for free
- ◆ Rent a boat for the day and cruise the river. (Needs to be reserved in advance)
- ◆ Visit Starved Rock State Park or browse the shops in nearby Ottawa or LaSalle
- ◆ Conduct Vessel Safety Checks or have your boat inspected

AGENDA:

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| 1000—1100 | Technology Seminar
Sail Angle & DB2000 |
| 1100—1230 | Council meeting |
| 1230 | Lunch—pig roast |
| 1400 | ◆ Vessel Safety Checks
◆ Boating on Illinois River
◆ Visit Starved Rock State Park/Ottawa or LaSalle |

Commanders: There will be a council meeting and you need to be there to help govern the district. If you cannot attend send a representative from your squadron..

There is something for everyone:

**LEARNING
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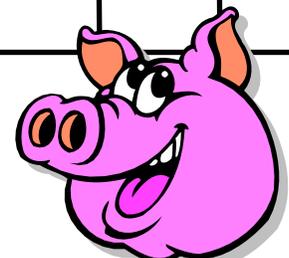
Register Today: Need By 23 July

Name	Squadron	Phone	\$15.00 Lunch	VC	Boat Launch	Rent	Hike or Shop

Send to:
Ken Crutcher
930 S. Lincoln Ave
Springfield, IL 62704

Email to:
kencrutcher@ymail.com

Phone:
773-575-8177



SPRING CONFERENCE—16-18 March 2018.

We celebrated St. Patrick's Day Friday night by visiting the hospitality suites and did a lot of "Meet and Greet" to quote our P/C/C Louis Ojeda, SN. The keynote speaker on Saturday was excellent. Rochelle Pennington gave us highlights of her book *The Endurance* which is an accounting of History's Greatest Shipwreck. In the evening at the banquet, the outgoing bridge was honored and the incoming bridge was sworn in by the C/C representative, incoming national Flag/Lt Kay Simpkins, AP. The Spring conference was extended through Sunday morning to provide an opportunity for members to receive some operations training. This was an excellent format as it reduced the need for a squadron development workshop and reduced the expense of traveling for an additional function. Good idea D/20 Bridge officers. Thank you P/D/C Mike Ludtke, SN for a great year. You did a excellent job leading our district.



P/D/C Mike Ludtke
& C/C Rep Kay Simpkins



P/D/C Mike Ludtke receiving P/D/C
flag from D/C George Prescott



P/D/C Karen D'Amico conducting
seminar re marketing America's
Boating Club



National Newsletter
Award recipients

L/R Back to front:
Rockford
Waukegan
Fox Valley
Mid Illini
Commander Mike
District
Land of Lincoln
Skokie Valley



Meet your new bridge: Secretary—Greg Lovekamp; Educational Officer—Terry Phillips;
Executive Officer—Mary Merrell; Asst. Educational Officer—John Chenier; District
Commander—George Prescott;
Not present: Administrative officer—Ken Crutcher and Treasurer—Louise Potter



Congratulations to our
newest Senior Navigator:
P/C Robert E. Sloat, SN—
plaque presented by P/D/C
Mike Ludtke

USPS ANNUAL CONFERENCE— 21-25 February 2018

District 20 was well represented this year with 7 squadrons and 23 members: Rockford—8, Mid Illini—4, Skokie Valley—4, Waukegan—2, Fox Valley—2, Chicago—2, Racine—1. It would be nice if our district was mentioned more often when they are passing out awards. But, we did get excited when Fox Valley received the Brunswick award, Caren Canfield received her 25 year life member award and Bill Schwartz became a 50 year Emeritus Member. We were all kept very busy with tours, meetings, and partying. D/C Ludtke hosted a suite and we were crowded the whole time it was open. If you have never attended a national meeting, you should do it sometime. Especially in February when the weather is nasty here.



Ellen & Mike Ludtke



Bob & Louise Potter



George Prescott & Dave Phillips



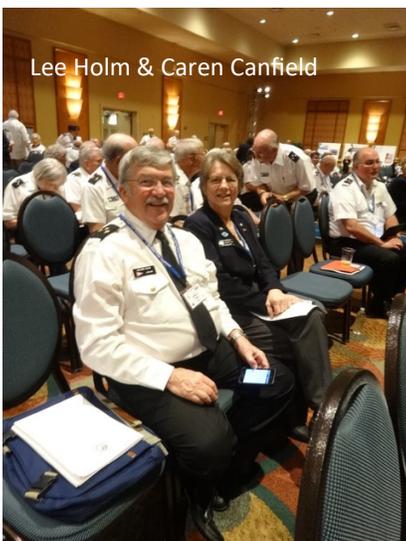
Linda & Don Day



Dave & Terry Phillips

Group Back L/R: Karen Damico, Ellen Ludtke, Julie Perry, Pat Antoni, Terry Phillips, Laura Jean & George Prescott, Caren & Bob Canfield, Don & Linda Day, John Hatton,

Group Front L/R: Bill Perry, Cindy Geske, Cdr Mike Ludtke, Bill & Ruth Schwartz, Dave Phillips, Frank D'Amico

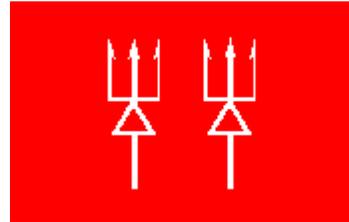


Lee Holm & Caren Canfield



**DISTRICT
SECRETARY**

D/Lt/C , Gregory A. Lovekamp, AP



SECRETARY’S REPORT

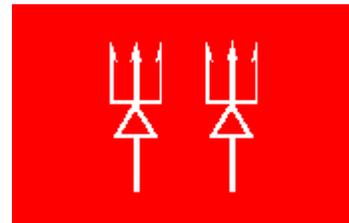
One of my primary activities, besides note-taking, is to maintain a complete roster of bridge officers for the District and all Squadrons within. I am using the data extracted from National (DB2000), where the data may not match exactly with what we currently have on file. If your data at National does not contain what it should (wrong phone numbers, email addresses, etc.), please update your profile with National and send it to me as well. Be sure the squadron officer form reflects your current bridge. Your commander, secretary or roster chair can check that by clicking on “forms” in DB2000 and selecting OD-2 (for squadrons). If it is not correct, make the changes and upload to national. For individuals, go to the USPS.org website and click on “Manage Profile”. This will automatically update in DB2000.

I plan to have a complete document ready and distributed prior to District Cruise & Rendezvous. Thank you,

D/Lt/C Gregory A. Lovekamp, AP
District 20 Secretary

**DISTRICT
TREASURER**

D/Lt/C Louise M. Potter, SN



EDUCATION FUND—District Honor Roll

The Educational Fund District Honor Roll award is presented to those districts where every squadron donated \$1 annually for all active members to the Educational Fund. In 2017, the only district to achieve this goal was District 8. District 20 has been a member of this honor roll since its inception

It appears there was a problem at national. They collected the money when the dues invoice was sent out, but decided they were not authorized to accept this money from each member...and refunded it back to the squadrons.

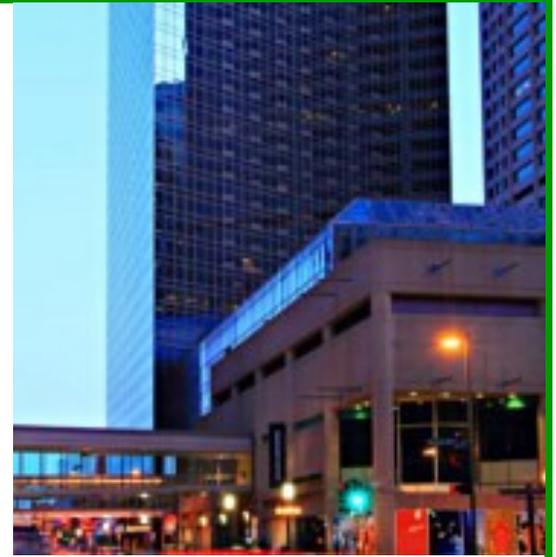
Unfortunately, it was not flagged and your treasurer deposited it into each of your treasuries.

TREASURERS: This year, please check to see if you receive funds from headquarters that were earmarked for the Education Fund and submit a check to national for each of your active members...not family or additional active. Hopefully, they will get the problem corrected and you will not have to do anything. The Education Fund is a worthwhile donation and we would like District 20 to continue supporting it. Thanks for your help.



D/Lt/C Louise M. Potter, SN
District 20 Treasurer

**NATIONAL GOVERNING BOARD
15-19 AUGUST 2018
Minneapolis Marriott City Center**



As of this printing an agenda has not been published for the Governing Board meeting. You can check the national website for updates as they become available.

The hotel is Marriott City Center, 30 S. 7th St., Minneapolis MN. Reservations toll Free is 877-303-0104. Or, you can book on line. Room rate is \$159.00 per night plus taxes. It is recommended you make your reservations early to be sure you are in the convention hotel.

Activity registration is open and the reduced prices are good through 15 July. Register early and save \$5.00-\$7.00 per person, per activity.

Wednesday 8/15 Time 0930-1400`
Cost: \$80.00—early \$73.00

Wednesday 8/15 Time 1830-2100

Thursday 8/16 Time 1230-1345
Cost: \$48.00—early \$43.00

Thursday 8/16 Time: 1600-2100
Cost: \$130.00—early \$125.00

Friday 8/17 Time: 0730-0900
Cost: \$48.00—early \$43.00

Friday 8/17 Time 1215-1345
Cost \$48.00—early \$43.00

Saturday 8/18 Time 1200-1400 Cost \$48.00—early \$43.00

Saturday 8/18 Time 1200-1400 Cost \$57.00—early \$54.00

Saturday 8/18 Time 1830-2300 Cost:83.00—early \$76.00

Walker Art Center. This is an outdoor gallery with many additional inside and outside exhibits

West Side Story at the Guthrie Theater with bus transportation also offered on Thursday without bus at a lower cost

Department Luncheons:
Education, Secretary, DC/DXO

Lake Minnetonka Boat Cruise—Bus transportation dinner buffet and cash bar

Keynote Speaker Breakfast - Guest speaker is Marlin Bree—writer, author and veteran boater.

Department Luncheons:
Administrative and Executive

Member's Reception & Luncheon

Social Reception, Luncheon and Entertainment

Reception and dinner dance

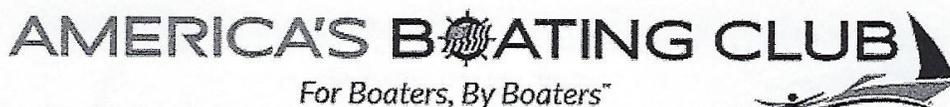
The department luncheons are open to all committee members—Squadron, District and National who serve in the specific departments.

Greg Proteau, Executive Secretary, Boating Writers International writes: The Keynote speaker, Marlin Bree has a journalistic talent of taking real-life boating events, recreational or commercial, and turning them into page-turning adventures. He adds value in his vividly-crafted chronicles by providing insights and lessons for readers who could find themselves suddenly in paths of danger.

Another **Youth Poster Contest** is scheduled for the 2018 Governing Board meeting in Minneapolis. Yes, you're reading this correctly! It's the second contest this year. Bring your posters to C&R for judging. Let's jump. Contest details, rules and regulations, and submission form are attached for your convenience.

I am urging your immediate attention in consideration that most public schools are thinking of shut down, summer vacation mode. This doesn't preclude participation by Scouting, religious and recreational groups. Get your local kids involved!

Additional information: D/C George Prescott, SN, ljnlawoffice@aol.com. Prizes are substantial!



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2018 Youth Poster Contest

Sponsored by the National Membership Committee

(New Contest Period: ^{DISTRICT JULY 28, 2018} Contest ends ~~August 17, 2018~~)

The USPS Youth Poster Contest Awards promote youth appreciation and respect for recreational boating, and the message that safe boating is always fun boating.

The Contest is open to children ages 6–14, which is divided into three age groups:

- 1) Ages 6 – 8
- 2) Ages 9 – 11
- 3) Ages 12 – 14

Squadrons should conduct local contests and submit winning posters to their respective District for judging. Posters submitted to the National Membership Committee for judging must be endorsed by each District Poster/Membership Chair as the point of contact.

The 2018 Poster Theme:

"America's Boating Club Saves Lives"

Artwork should illustrate how safe boating through education, on the water skills, and proper use of equipment save lives.

Rules

- Each district may submit one poster in each age category.
- Each entry must be submitted on poster board or heavy construction paper; size 15"x20" or 14"x22"
- Entries must be judged at the district level to select winning entries for submission at the National contest level.
- Squadron and District judging deadlines are a local decision.
- Only District First-Place winners in each age category will be accepted for judging at the National level.
- Posters may be sketched lightly with pencil, but the result must be in color suitable for photography.
- Professional illustrations, photos, copyrighted or trademark material, purchased or computer generated are not allowed and will disqualify the entry.
- Posters must not be folded.
- Posters will be judged on the Theme, message and artistic representation.
- Only one entry per person is allowed. All entries become the property of the United States Power Squadrons, which reserves the right to display and reproduce.
- Contest entry forms must be complete, legible, and attached to the back of their poster.
- Annual Contest entries must now be delivered to the Fall Governing Board Meeting. This year's meeting will be held in Minneapolis, MN. Posters must be received by Friday, ~~17 August~~ ^{28 JULY} 2018, for judging.
- First, Second and Third Place Winners will be announced for each age category during the Minneapolis Meeting. Awards are underwritten by a grant from the OMC Foundation.



2018 Youth Poster Contest

Submission Form (Attach to back of Poster)



Artist Age Category: 6-8 9-11 12-14

Artist Age is determined to be the day the poster is submitted for local judging

Artist Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City _____ State: _____ Zip Code _____

Was this a School/Group Entry? Yes No (If Yes, enter School/Group Info Below)

School/Group Name:	
School/Group Address:	
School City:	Teacher Name:

MANDATORY SQUADRON & DISTRICT INFORMATION

Squadron Name:	District Number:
Squadron Contact Name:	
Contact Telephone #:	Email:
District Contact Name:	
Contact Telephone #:	Email:

- Please complete submission forms as neatly as possible.
- Unreadable and incomplete forms will be disqualified.
- Attach all completed submission forms to the back of each poster entry.
- Squadrons must work with their respective Districts to determine District submissions to National Contest.
- District 1st place winners in each age category should be submitted for National Judging.
- The District Poster Contact/Chairperson is responsible for delivering all 1st Place winners to the National Annual meeting and returning awards to respective winners. Contact information must be provided.
- National submissions become the property of USPS, which reserves the right to display or otherwise use the submission.
- Further information on the National Competition will be posted on the National Membership pages of www.USPS.org.
- All submissions are due 28 July to District for judging
before sending to National

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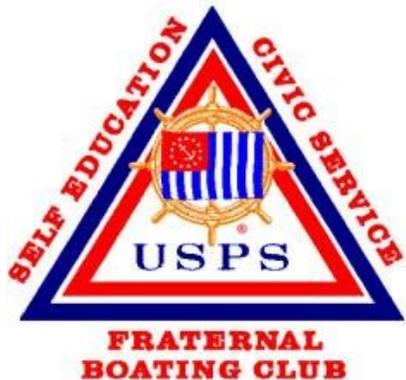
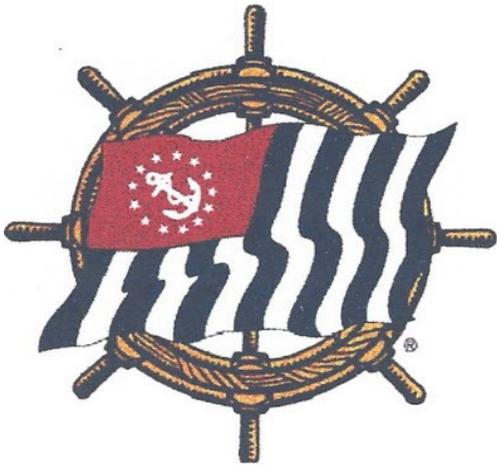
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