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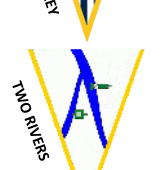
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Jan 9—13	Chicago Boat, RV and Strictly Sail Show, Chicago IL
Feb 19—24	USPS National Meeting, Orlando FL
Mar 22-24	D/20 Spring Conference, Holiday Inn, Elgin
Aug 1—4	Tall Ships Festival, Kenosha WI
Aug 3—4	D/20 C&R and Council meeting, Wyndam Garden,
Aug 3	Youth Poster Contest Judging to be held at D/20 C&R
Aug 4	D/20 Fleet Review
Sep 8—15	USPS Governing Board, Louisville KY

PHOTOGRAPH RELEASES

The USPS Law committee developed two permission forms that should be used when publishing a picture in newsletters or boating class publicity. Both of these forms, when filled out, should be retained for future questions about picture usage. You will find these forms on Sail Angle in the D/20 File Cabinet and in the file named "Forms". They are listed as:

1. Model Release—used when a minor is in a picture
2. Photographer License—permission to use a photographers material.

Actually, no picture should be used without the subject's permission. This goes even for squadron members at a squadron function. In this case, you don't have to get individual permission slips. However, at the start of a function something like "Would anyone object to having their picture taken today/tonight?" would be a good announcement. Most people will agree, but someone may have a good reason not to have their picture taken, with no further explanations needed or given.

Here's a reminder from R/C Bob Howd of the Membership Committee:

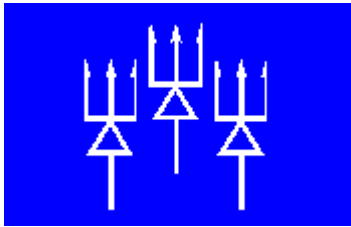
Membership idea:

Let your membership know how important they are.

Publicly praise the merit mark recipients.

R/C Kathleen Lambert, AP
Chair, Communications Committee

PS Editor's Note: When you published a list of your merit mark recipients, be sure to include members who may have received their merit marks from District or National. Check DB2000 to see if a new merit mark has been added for any of your members that are not on your list..



DISTRICT COMMANDER

D/C George F. Prescott, SN

How's your boating been this summer? It's a question which frequently sparks a conversation between boaters, especially among boaters in the Midwest where the season is painfully brief. Ask me—your district commander—and I have a one word answer: non-existent!

The job of the D/C is demanding. There's always another conference to arrange, a cruise and rendezvous to plan, and/or an August Governing Board to attend. There goes that time affectionately phrased "*the boating season*".

I managed a trip to the Arctic Circle! You may think that's exceptional. The planning for it was in the works—and a deposit down—long before becoming D/C. I want to share a few thoughts of that adventure with you.

Opportunities for sextant sights locally are sorely limited—primarily due to a lack of horizon. Not so on a cruise up the coast of Norway. Deck 10 and higher of *Queen Elizabeth* provided 360 degrees of horizon. Height of eye was another issue.

Yes, packing my sextant was a priority for this trip. I packed a Davis Mark 25 plastic sextant, mindful of the fact that TSA—our airport security—might consider my more precise Astra III Professional sextant some kind of security threat. The Mark 25 indicated 15 minutes of index error. The Astra III none. The Mark fit nicely into my USPS canvass valise, and became my carry-on luggage.

If you've taken JN, you may recall those blank rectangular boxes and/or hash marks found in the Nautical Almanac on the right half of the daily pages showing twilight. They're found during July at latitudes north of 60 degrees and higher. I should

have checked before packing the sextant. One "night" Laura Jean and I watched the sun set at 2330 ship's time. It may have been later. I had set my watch to Greenwich Mean Time. We were at E014 degrees, 23.8 minutes, a time zone later (midnight sun).

Queen Elizabeth cruised past the Arctic Circle, visiting the ports of Bodo (N67 degrees, 17.5 minutes) and Narvik, well north of the Circle. Take out your map and check. The tradition is that a vessel initially

crossing the Circle has its bow painted blue. The bow rail of *Elizabeth* was blue blessed.

I took several sun sites (LAN). I'd been advised sun sites on a moving vessel are subject to errors. I have yet to reduce them to test their accuracy. Hopefully a cold winter day here in Chicago will provide that opportunity. Final thought: The North Sea state was consistently calm (2 to 3 feet), with air temperatures of 55 degrees throughout the entire cruise.

Upon returning to our port of departure, Southampton, England, the wife and I were off to London and other items on our bucket lists: hers was Harrods and mine

Greenwich. I'll save my Greenwich adventures for another time. I proudly sport my souvenir tee shirt printed 000 degrees, 00 minutes, 00 seconds, World's Prime Meridian. Ask me to show it to you. I'll wear it at February's USPS Annual Meeting in Orlando.

Best holiday wishes and have a happy, healthy new year. Let's do something special for 2019, like submitting a winning poster in the USPS Youth Poster Contest! Start planning now.

D/C George F. Prescott, SN
District 20 Commander

- ◆ See Page 10 for comments about the D/20 Fall Conference held at the Elgin Holiday Inn.
- ◆ Congratulations to Richard J. Kofsky of Waukegan Sail and Power Squadron and Nelson D. Rodelius of Skokie Valley Sail and Power Squadron for 50 years membership.
- ◆ Plan to attend the Spring Conference March 22-24 at Elgin Holiday Inn.
- ◆ Need help at Boat Show and Tall Ships Festival

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE OFFICER

D/Lt/C Mary A. Merrell, SN



Here we are—bringing another year to a close and preparing to welcome a new year in. As we all tend to say, “where does the time go”? I sure do not have the answer to that.

Soon after the holidays the 2019 Chicago Boat, RV & Strictly Sail Show in McCormick Place is coming up. It will be held on 9-13 January. **WE** could certainly use your help with this big event. By “we” I mean YOU!! You get free admission and who doesn’t like looking at all the beautiful boats? You also get to visit with fellow squadron members and make new friends. Sign up to distribute safe boating information in the District’s Boat Show Booth.

Our district needs someone to store District items—if by chance you have a large garage or basement and would be willing to house some of our material, please contact me. Boat Show booth is just one of the items looking for a temporary home.

Another matter at hand when we begin a New Year—get that 2019 calendar out and mark down the boating events.

- The Annual meeting is in Orlando Florida during the third week in February. It’s a nice break from the winter. Take a couple days and get warm!
- Next item of interest will be our Spring Conference. Plans are still being finalized on this. The weekend to reserve is 22-24 March.
- P/D/C Mike Ludtke is continuing to work with the Tall Ships folks for our District C&R next August. This will be held in Kenosha. Stay tuned for more details.

Boating Safety is our number one message to share with the public. Right now as the seasons change, we need to be aware of our driving methods. Please be cautious and patient as the fluffy white stuff helps to bring in Old Man Winter.

Enjoy family time and stay healthy during this season!

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

50 YEAR MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

Congratulations again to P/C Richard J. Kofsky, SN of Waukegan Sail and Power Squadron and P/C Nelson D. Rodelius, AP of Evanston North Shore/Skokie Valley Sail and Power Squadron for 50 years membership!. They received a standing ovation at the conference. Both received plaques and 50-year pins. How many of us will receive 50-year membership recognition?

Nelson, in addition to being a 50-year member is also a life member having received 45 merit marks over the years. We need to get him more actively involved again so he can become an Emeritus member after he receives his 50th merit mark. Looking forward to it Nelson....

D/C George F. Prescott, SN
District 20 Commander



D/C Prescott presenting plaques and 50-year pins to P/C Kofsky (left) and P/C Rodelius (right).

D/20 Nominating Committee Report

In accordance with the Bylaws of District 20, the following members are hereby nominated for election at the 2019 District 20 Spring Conference. All nominees have agreed to serve if elected. The District Educational Officer and Asst. Educational Officer have been approved by National previously.

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Squadron</u>
District Commander	D/Lt/C Mary A. Merrell, SN	Fox Valley
Executive Officer	D/Lt/C Kenneth L. Crutcher, AP	Land of Lincoln
Educational Officer	D/Lt/C Theresa A. Phillips, P	Mid Illini
Administrative Officer	Cdr Scott Harmon, AP	Land of Lincoln
Secretary	F/Lt Stuart Zwang, SN	Skokie Valley
Treasurer	D/Lt/C Louise M. Potter, SN	Mid Illini
Assistant Educational Officer	D/1 st /Lt John F. Chenier, JN	Chicago

Nominating Committee

<u>Chair</u>	P/D/C Harvey R. Young, SN-IN	Illinois Valley
Vice Chair	I/P/D/C Michael B. Ludtke, SN-CN	Waukegan
2 nd Vice Chair	D/C George F. Prescott, SN	Chicago
Member (1 year)	P/C Duane B. Moore, AP	DuPage
Member (2 Years)	Cdr John R. Hatton, P	Rockford

Rules Committee

Chair	P/Lt/C David Phillips, P	Mid Illini
Member (2 Years)	D/Lt Donald W. Prettyman, JN	Fox Valley
Member (3 Years)	David G. Sloat, AP	Land of Lincoln

Audit Committee

Chair	Cdr Leland E. Holm, SN	Racine
Member (1 Years)	D/Lt Floyd Miras, SN	Fox Valley
Member (2 Years)	Cdr David W. Sallmann, JN	Waukegan

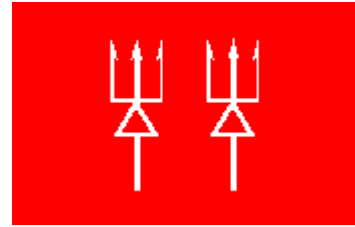
BY VOTE OF THE DISTRICT 20 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

I/P/D/C Michael B. Ludtke, SN-CN
 Stf/C Pat Antoni, SN
 Lt/C Julie A. Perry, SN-IN
 P/C Duane B. Moore, AP
 P/D/C Harvey R. Young, SN-IN Chair



**DISTRICT
EDUCATIONAL
OFFICER**

D/Lt/C Theresa A. Phillips, P



The boats are out of the water, and now is the time to plan and dream of trips or adventures. Fast approaching is Christmas, then the Annual Meeting in Orlando, quickly followed by the Spring Conference. Start marking your calendars so you can be part of the camaraderie and learning.

Volunteer at the National level

At the Governing Board meeting held in August, the National Education Officer, Craig Frasier put out a call—if you would like to volunteer at the National level, put in a resume. If you have a resume, then update it! Do you feel you have talents that can be used at the National level? We are all volunteers, and, as you know, progression is difficult without someone stepping up to do the work. Your resume can be inputted on the USPS website.

Keep in Contact with Non-Members

Keep in contact with the people who take classes, at information booths, events, cyber members, USPS university students and vessel safety check recipients. Use a mass mailing list to announce special events or classes. Try emails first since they

are less threatening. If there is no response, call on the telephone and refer to the email sent out.

Course Design

The Education Department requests your help in setting up a course design structure. The department is looking for people who have some experience in course design and know the questions to ask to develop attractive courses. If you are interested, please contact Robert Rayburn. Email at: r.e.rayburn@sbcglobal.net

2018 America's Boating Course Update for 2018 Printing

ABC3 2018 printing contains information conforming to the ANSI/NASBLA Standards for the three-year certification through the year 2021. Many changes are the result of member inputs.

Dave and I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a healthy, Happy New Year!

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

**Educational Awards
Presented at Fall Conference**

ABC Outstanding Presentation Award

- 1st Place Mid Illini
- 2nd Place Land of Lincoln
- 3rd Place Rockford

Squadron Education Achievement Award

- 1st Place Mid Illini
- 2nd Place Illinois Valley
- 3rd Place Rockford

Prince Henry the Navigator Award

- 1st Place Mid Illini
- 2nd Place Rockford
- 3rd Place Land of Lincoln

Chapman Award

No nominees submitted

Educational Proficiency Award

This certificate is presented to the member who has achieved grade level of Advanced Pilot (AP) and successfully completed at least three elective courses. The member receiving this recognition may wear the following insignia on their uniform shirts:



Two members received the Educational Proficiency certificate from USPS National and were recognized at the Fall Conference:

- Kent M. Lowry, AP from Mid Illini
- Joseph A. Puckett, AP from Mid Illini

Congratulations to all,

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

2018 USPS GOVERNING BOARD, Minneapolis MN

12-19 August, 2018

Minneapolis was close enough that most of our members in attendance traveled by car. The hotel accommodations were excellent and everyone had a good time. The D/20 Bridge members returned with lots of information to pass on at the Fall conference. It was reported at the meeting that the total count for USPS on July 31, 2017 was 27,245 and July 31, 2018 was 24,934 for a loss of 8.5%. D/20 in the same time period went from 652 members down to 618 for a loss of 5.2%. Not as bad as the national average, but still not healthy. The national advertising campaign does not seem to be providing the increase in membership as hoped. Perhaps the name change will help.

National offered several interesting side tours for members to see a little of the area. The Mall of America was a huge hit. On Thursday evening there was a dinner cruise on the lake that was very enjoyable. The next Governing Board conference will be held in Louisville KY. The meetings have never been held there (in my memory) so they should be able to schedule a lot of fun activities to go along with the business sessions. It may also increase participation since it is a different venue.



Top L to R front row: Cdr George Prescott, Mary Young, Harvey Young, John Hatton, Linda Day, Ellen Ludtke, Mary Merrell.

Back row: Dave Phillips, Terry Phillips, Julie Perry, Bill Perry, Don Day, Mike Ludtke

Picture courtesy Steve Erickson, USPS Photographer

2019 Cruise & Rendezvous, Kenosha Plus Tall Ships Festival

SAVE THE DATES:

Sunday 27 July thru Wednesday 31 July and
Thursday 1 August thru Sunday 4 August

District 20 has arranged for the Wyndam Garden, Kenosha Harborside to be our host hotel for the weekend. Southport Marina will have a number of transient slips available. All the details are still being worked out, so look for more information to come out early 2019.

Picture courtesy of:
Papercitymag.com



Tentative Schedule:

July 27-31 Sunday to Wednesday:

District Cruise on Lake Michigan
(Possible ports, Milwaukee, Port Washington, Racine)

1 August, Thursday: Parade of Ships with D/20 vessels escorting the fleet of Tall Ships

2 August, Friday: D/20 Volunteer Day to assist the Tall Ships Festival

3 August, Saturday: D/20 Council Meeting at Wyndam Garden Harborside and dinner

4 August, Sunday: D/20 Fleet Review.

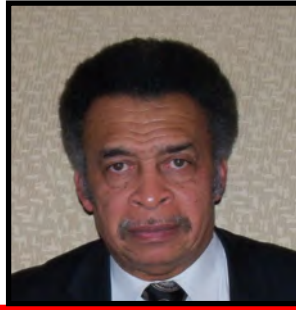
For more information, contact me at
MLudtke@hotmail.com or call 815-575-0809.

This is a fun-packed event. Hope you can make some or all of it.

I/P/D/C Michael B. Ludtke, SN-CN

**DISTRICT
ADMINISTRATIVE
OFFICER**

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



2018 D-20 Cruise and Rendezvous: The C&R was held on July 28, 2018, at the Heritage Harbor Marina located in (just east of) Ottawa, Illinois. This District 20 event was held at a covered outdoor pavilion, located on the water, within the boundaries of the Heritage Harbor Marina. The day was very pleasant with a slight breeze and lots of sun.

Pat Antoni provided attendees with an informative presentation on how to use the DB-2000 software to access information on the national office website. Lunch was held on the pavilion and included a pig roast with three sides. After lunch, several members were treated to an on the water tour of the Illinois River area in Ottawa, led by marina manager, Jeremy Fowler, on crafts owned by the marina.

The 2018 Cruise and Rendezvous was attended by approximately twenty seven (27) members.

2018 D-20 Fall Conference: The 2018 Fall Conference was held on October 20, 2018, at the Holiday Inn on Airport rd, in Elgin, Illinois. There were forty two (42) D-20 members in attendance, representing nine (9) of the squadrons in the district.

Two (2) seminars were presented at the conference, *Winterizing for Vessels and Electric Shocks*. Both presentations were very informative and of extreme importance for all boat owners. The electric shock seminar, presented by John Hatton, illustrated the seriousness of avoiding the dangers of stray electrical

current in and around marinas and docks and provided all in attendance with an excellent understanding of such danger.

Membership Growth and Retention Awards: The membership growth winners were: 1st place – Land of Lincoln Sail and Power Squadron, 2nd place – DuPage Sail and Power Squadron, 3rd place – Fox Valley Power Squadron. The membership retention winners were: 1st place – Two Rivers Sail and Power Squadron, 2nd place – Land of Lincoln Sail and Power Squadron, and 3rd place – Michigan City Sail and Power Squadron. Congratulations to the 2018 membership growth and retention winners.

Fifty Year Member Awards: Richard Kopsky a member of the Waukegan Sail and Power Squadron and Nelson Rodelius formerly a member of the Evanston Power Squadron, now a member of the Skokie Valley Sail and Power Squadron, received fifty (50) year membership pins, presented by D-20 Commander George Prescott. Congratulations to both fifty (50) year awardees for their dedication and loyalty to boating and membership in the United States Power Squadron.

Happy Holidays,

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

2019 D/20 Spring Conference

Holiday Inn

Elgin, IL

22-24 March, 2019

Details are being finalized.

More information will follow soon.

Watch for the Trident Extra.

eBooks Available Now

The following courses have course material available in eBook format. Contact your Squadron Educational Officer to order. eBook orders will be fulfilled to your SEO who will provide your eBook Redemption Key so you may download your materials. To redeem your eBook Key, click on the eBook Key Redemption link in the left-hand menu.

Courses available: Boat Handling 2018 Student Kit and Instructor Kit. Seamanship 2016 Student Kit.

2018 D/20 Cruise & Rendezvous

Heritage Harbor, Ottawa Illinois—28 July 2018



Hugh Bartholomees, Julie Perry, Bill Fleming

Bill Perry



Duane Moore, Dave Donkers, Anita Donkers



Seminar in open air pavilion



Frank and Karen D'Amico

Duane Moore



Dave Donkers & Dave Phillips



Frank D'Amico & Harvey Young



Bill Fleming & Oscar Lutz

Pictures courtesy Anita Donkers
D/20 photographer
More available on Sail Angle

Chicago Boat, RV & Strictly Sail Show

9-13 January at McCormick Place, Chicago

We will have a booth at the show and are in need of volunteers to stand watch for 2-hour shifts. You will receive free admission to the show for this service.

Security has been increased this year and you can no longer grab a generic "Volunteer" badge at the show office. Your name **MUST** be on the list in order to obtain a badge and gain free entry into the show. So it is important you let me know what 2 hours you can cover by calling me at 815-575-0809 or emailing me at mludtke@hotmail.com.

In addition to the shifts, our boat show chairman suddenly left the squadron and we are in need of volunteers to setup the booth on Tuesday 8 Jan. in the late morning or early afternoon and pack up the booth after the close on Sunday 13 Jan. at 5 pm. The set-up and tear down only takes about 30-45 minutes, so if you can help, please let me know and I can give you more information.

Shifts are as follows:

09 Jan: 2-4pm; 4-6pm; 6-8pm

10 Jan: 11am-1pm; 1-3pm; 3-5pm; 5-7pm; 7-9pm

11 Jan: 11am-1pm; 1-3pm; 3-5pm; 5-7pm; 7-9pm

12 Jan: 10am-noon; 12-2pm; 2-4pm; 4-6pm; 6-8pm

13 Jan: 10am-noon; 12-2pm; 2-5pm

P/D/C Michael B. Ludtke, SN-CN

Fall Conference & Education Award Luncheon—19-20 October, 2018 Elgin Holiday Inn

If you failed to attend the D/20 Fall Conference this year, you missed three valuable seminars:

1. Rich Gotlund of Basa's Marine, Bolingbrook held the delegates attention speaking on issues relative to *Winterizing your Boat*. Wouldn't surprise me if he's asked to do a return engagement on spring commissioning.
2. Rockford's Commander John Hatton provided a power point presentation on *Electric Shock Drowning*. It was a seminar attended by Cdr John while attending the August Governing Board meeting in Minneapolis. The presentation was put together by Minneapolis' District 10 and I requested Cdr John to bring it to D/20. It would make a terrific winter program for any of our squadrons. Ask Cdr John at hattonharbor@charter.net to make it available to you. Yes, backyard pools are also subject to electric shock drownings.
3. I/P/D/C Michael Ludtke, SN-Waukegan and P/Lt/C James Soyka, SN-Skokie Valley did a splendid job explaining the mechanics of DB2000 as it relates to the submission of merit marks. This Friday night preconference seminar was a twist of the usual program of having a commanders' meeting. Ask either for a copy of their presentations. Commanders: did you submit your recommendations for merit marks? The due date for submission was 15 November.

Conferences are fun and informative. Hope you will be able to make the next one in the Spring.

D/C George F. Prescott, SN
District 20 Commander



Rich Gotlund of Basa's Marine presenting seminar on *Winterizing your boat*



John Hatton from Rockford Squadron presenting seminar on *Electric Shock Drowning*



Membership Growth Award: D/C Prescott, 2nd Place—P/C Duane Moore accepting for DuPage; 3rd Place—Cdr Hugh Bartholomees accepting for Fox Valley; 1st Place—Ruth Burd accepting for Land of Lincoln, DAO Ken Crutcher



Membership Retention Award: D/C Prescott, 2nd Place—Ruth Burd accepting for Land of Lincoln, DAO Ken Crutcher

Photos courtesy Chuck Burger, D/20 photographer



ABC Outstanding Presentation Award

D/C George Prescott

1st Place—Louise Potter accepting for Mid Illini

2nd Place—Ken Crutcher accepting for Land of Lincoln

3rd Place—Bob Canfield accepting for Rockford

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Squadron Educational Achievement Award

D/C George Prescott

1st Place—Louise Potter accepting for Mid Illini
3rd Place—Bob Canfield accepting for Rockford

DEO Terry Phillips

Prince Henry the Navigator Award

DEO Terry Phillips

1st Place—Louise Potter accepting for Mid Illini. Trophy was won by Mid Illini last year so it was not transported to the conference
2nd Place—Bob Canfield accepting for Rockford

D/C George Prescott

3rd Place—Ruth Burd accepting for Land of Lincoln



See Sail
Angle for
More
pictures



Left: Nelson Rodelius –50 year member originally with Evanston/North Shore and now with Skokie Valley

Right: Dave Anthony, Sue Anthony, Ron Zingler and Joanne Zingler all with Skokie Valley

Top 3 Photos courtesy Chuck Burger, D/20 photographer

Bottom 2 Photos courtesy Karen D'Amico



DISTRICT SECRETARY

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



Keep Your Personal Information Up-To-Date

Your squadron and the district keep your address, phone and email address up-to-date by using the information stored in national's database. It is, therefore, important that you keep the information accurate that you are able to change.

From the main website, www.usps.org, choose "Member's Log In" and log in using your certificate number and the PIN supplied to you on your renewal invoice. If you do not know your PIN, choose the "forgot your password?" link, and follow the steps provided.

Once logged in, you will be taken to the "Member Profile" page. Click on the "Manage Profile" button. Sadly, due to some current transition issues between web pages from the new USPS website and the old website, you will need to log in a second time using your certificate and PIN. You will be taken to a page, and redirected to a different page (again, part of the transition), and finally will be placed on the "Managing Your Personal Information" page.

You can change several things, and many things you cannot. From top to bottom, you can change the way your rank and grade will display and if you get these options figured out, I'd love to learn what the differences are because I don't completely

understand the options. You can add a nickname for yourself and choose whether you prefer that over your normal name. You can choose whether to receive benefit announcements or not and what your gender is, what your birthday is and how to display it.

Then we actually get to the important stuff. Your address, two phone numbers, whether those can receive texts, whether they are OK to call, and your email address! This is important, we need you to tell us your email address. That is the way almost all information is disseminated from your squadron, the district and national. Without it, you are missing out on a lot of information about the organization.

Finally, you can specify your MMSI, Ham call sign, significant other's name, gender and certificate. You can also specify your boat type, name and home port.

Other data about you is maintained by others. Your squadron secretary will maintain whether you are an officer or are on any committees. National will maintain grades and dates for courses.

PLEASE keep your contact information up-to-date. Thank you.

D/Lt/C Greg Lovekamp, AP
District 20 Secretary

Member Benefit—TechSoup

Is your squadron taking advantage of this excellent cost savings? Here are a few reasons to join TechSoup:

- Check out the more than 400 donated and discounted products and services available to non-profits.
- See what's cutting edge in nonprofit technology by perusing the TechSoup blog at: blog.techsoup.org.
- Browse articles and how-tos about technology planning, funding, information management, and more.
- Watch free webinars on everything from social media, to marketing and outreach, to technology planning.

It is a little difficult to get your squadron registered, but it is well worth the time and effort. As an example, you can purchase Adobe Acrobat Pro 2017 for an administration fee of \$55.00. Amazon is selling this software for \$448.00 resulting in a savings of 88%. The Student and Teacher edition is selling for \$119.00 at Amazon. This is still a 54% savings.

**2019 USPS Annual Meeting
Rosen Centre Hotel, Orlando FL
19-24 February 2019**

It is time to start planning to attend the USPS Annual Meeting while there are still rooms left in the convention hotel. This is the last year the annual meeting will be held in Orlando FL. Don't miss out on an opportunity to get away from the nasty Midwest weather—stay at a great hotel—for reasonable prices at high season. The hotel rate is \$159 per night.

The Rosen Centre is a 4-star hotel with 7 restaurants, 3 bars, an outdoor pool, exercise equipment and full service spa. It is located right on International Drive making it easy for you to hop a trolley and explore the nearby shops and attractions.

USPS has made it easy for you to reserve a room. Just sign onto USPS.org and click on national meetings. While you are there, be sure to make your reservations for the activities. Special reduced prices are in effect until 10 January...then they will go up. Following are highlights of some of the activities:

Tuesday 19 Feb—Al Capone's Mystery Dinner Theater. Price includes transportation and dinner. Departure time from the hotel is 1815 and early bird cost \$45.00

Wednesday 20 Feb—Titanic Artifact Exhibition Guided Tour Price includes transportation and entrance fee. After tour, transported to Miller's Ale House for lunch ordering off the menu (not included). This is an all day excursion leaving the hotel at 0930 and returning at 1430. early bird cost \$45.00

Wednesday evening, Blue Man Group at Universal Studios Price includes transportation and entrance fee. You will arrive early enough to browse the shops and dine in one of the many restaurants ordering off the menu (not included) The show entrance is at 1930. Leave hotel at 1600 and returning at 2230. early bird cost \$75.00

Thursday 21 Feb—Leu Gardens and Offsite Lunch. Price includes transportation and entrance fee. Self guided tour of the beautiful gardens and lunch nearby at White Wolf Cafe (food/beverages not included). Leave hotel at 1000 and return at 1500. early bird cost \$30.00



Thursday is the day most of the business meetings start. And, there will be **3 department lunches for officers**—time 1215 to 1345: early bird cost \$42.00:

1. DC/DXO, Squadron Cdrs/Exec Officers
2. Educational Department leaders & committee members
3. Secretary's Dept. open to committee members on the Squadron, District & National level.

New Life Members and Awards Dinner
Time 1900—2300; early bird cost \$59.00

Friday 22 Feb—Keynote Breakfast
Time 0730-0900; early bird cost \$38.00

The speaker this year is Judge J. Douglas McCullough—co-author of "Sea of Greed", the true story of America's greatest drug raid. Should be interesting and different from the usual nautical themes.

There will be **2 department lunches for officers**—time 1215 to 1345: early bird cost \$42.00:

1. Executive Dept. open to committee members at all levels of the Exec Dept.
2. Administrative Department—Open to all committee members at all levels of Admin Dept

For those not attending meetings, the last tour is **Gatorland Orlando.** Price includes entrance fee and transportation. It does not include food/beverages. Time 0845—1530; early bird cost \$45.00

Lots to do, lots to see, and lots to learn. Why not make this year the one you decide to attend a national meeting. Hope to see you there!!

2019 Youth Poster Contest

Contest Theme

"America's Boating Club Saves Lives"

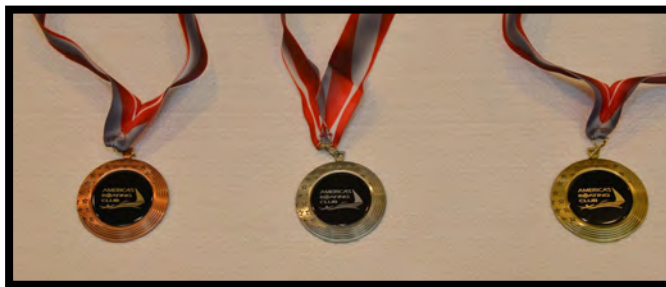
The Youth Poster Contest is open to all children, ages 6-14. The contest is designed as a teaching aid to create an appreciation and respect for recreational boating by promoting safe boating as fun boating.

First, second and third place medals will be awarded in each of three age categories:

1) Ages 6—8

2) Ages 9—11

3) Ages 12—14



The National Membership Committee recommends that squadrons conduct local contests, taking local squadron winners to a district event for judging. District winners are the only posters eligible for judging at the Governing Board conference held in Louisville KY 19—24 September 2019,

All submitted posters must adhere to contest rules and guidelines found in the Submission Form on the next page. Additional forms can be downloaded from the national website.

D/C George Prescott, SN is the chair for the committee handling this event. Let's support him and provide several submissions from District 20. Run a contest at a squadron event for children and grand children of members. Also, consider going to schools in your area and sponsoring a contest in the school.

Additional information: D/C George Prescott, SN email him at: ljlawoffice@aol.com



D/C George Prescott and Susan DuBray with the Youth Poster submissions at the 2018 Governing Board Conference in Minneapolis.

Pictures courtesy of: Steve Erickson, National Photographer



2019 Youth Poster Contest Submission Form

(Firmly 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.
- Firmly 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 is posted on the National Membership pages at www.USPS.org.

All submissions are due to Governing Board by August 12, 2019.

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