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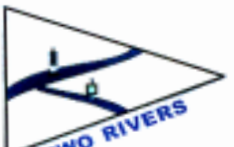
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Greetings D/20 Members and Friends,

IT IS HERE! SUMMER finally showed up. You know the ahh feeling of warm breezes through an open window, the sounds of happy birds chirping, puffy clouds and blue skies, the lapping of the waves against a boat and beautiful sunrises and sunsets. Days seem more carefree without coats, scarves and gloves. Summer in the Midwest—can you stand it?

Summer is the time of year for squadrons to enjoy the warm weather activities that have been planned over the extra-long cold winter. In many ways, summer is synonymous with FUN! Speaking of FUN, 17 May was the first day of National Safe Boating Week and the 5th Annual “Ready, Set, Wear It!” Life Jacket World Record Day. Throughout District 20, nine squadrons and 211 participants volunteered to raise public awareness of voluntary wearing of PFDs and to break the world’s record for the most life jackets worn and inflatable life jackets inflated. Not only was this an opportunity to showcase USPS and your squadron, but to promote comfortable and versatile options when it comes to life jackets and to educate the public about life jackets and safe boating in general.

Congratulations to the participating D/20 squadrons listed below for a job well done. You may not know the lives you impacted because you, or someone in your squadron, took the time to participate and set an example. To see photos from the event go to SailAngle and look up the photo album in the D/20 Group.

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|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Chain-O-Lakes | Illinois Valley | Racine |
| DuPage | Land of Lincoln | Skokie Valley |
| Fox Valley | Mid-Illini | Waukegan |



Last year’s world record was 5,774 participants. To learn more and find out if we beat last year’s record, go to www.readysetwearit.com

You read in last month’s electronic *Trident Tidbits* that Public Relations is important for building an image and reinforcing and raising awareness of what the United States Power Squadrons® is and does. There are loads of opportunities for you to easily

**DISTRICT
EXECUTIVE
OFFICER**

D/Lt/C James J. Runge, SN



As we start another boating season, finally, there are some things that I need to share with you for the coming months.

Starting from the top—plan on volunteering for our booth at the boat shows. This year the one at McCormick place will be on 15-19 January, 2015, for the Chicago Boat and RV Show, and the one at Navy Pier (Strictly Sail) will be held on 22-25 January, 2015. These follow each other so it should be a rather hectic two weeks for our Boat Show chair. If you can help, please contact Gloria Omohundro, (pogo345@comcast.net or (847) 816-7243), to reserve a date and time that you are available. Also, we are in need of a Boat Show Co-Chair for this year. If you are interested please let me know.

In the Co-Op Charting area, this is a note to check with our National Rep., P/C Phillip Benson if you have any questions or concerns about Co-Op Charting. Drop him an e-mail at bensonphil028@gmail.com.

This is not real new information, but I thought you would like a recap. State Representative JoAnn

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incorporate public relations into the activities that you have planned for the summer. Here are just a few ideas:

- When you perform a Vessel Safety Check invite the boater to your squadron's classes, cruises and/or activities.
- Invite a media person to attend one of your cruises.
- Publicize your events on your website, Facebook page or local newspaper.

Summer is a FUN time. I know from reviewing each squadron's calendar that you also have plans for FUN. Don't forget to announce your activities to the public. If the news media says not this time, try inviting them to another activity. FUN is contagious and people like to be a part of organizations that are having FUN. Keep working on your squadron plans, alter them if needed, don't forget the PR and have a great, safe and wonderful summer.

Keep the FUN coming!
D/C John Rowland, SN-IN

Osmond, (R) from Antioch, has proposed a plan to state lawmakers that is meant to protect water skiers and tubers who have fallen into the water. The plan would require boaters who are towing a water skier or tuber to raise a flag if the person trailing behind the boat falls into the water, signaling a warning to other boaters. The plan was approved unanimously by the House committee.

Rep. Dave McSweeney has filed a resolution opposing SB2696, the elimination of the Fox Waterway Agency. Through Wayne Mueller we will be kept informed on this resolution.

Finally, from the VSC/Safety committee, the big news is the re-certification of Vessel Safety Examiners. Your squadron should already have conducted the re-cert. class, but if you haven't attended one yet, let me know and I will make arrangements for you to get re-certified.

Don't forget to look for the XO reports on Sail Angle, in the file cabinet. Those reports get more specific and present timely information from all the committees in my department.

I hope to see many of you at the Rendezvous in Chicago this July 25-27. It promises to be a great time in an unusual venue. The Chicago squadron has done a great job preparing for this event and everyone should have a fantastic time.

**For BOATING CLASS
SCHEDULES go to the
D/20 Website
uspsd20boating.org**

DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL OFFICER

D/Lt/C Harvey R. Young, SN-IN



The time is now! **The Charles F. Chapman Award for Excellence in Teaching** recognizes

outstanding USPS instructors. Once a year, each squadron nominates one outstanding instructor to the district. A committee is formed to select one nominee within our district for national judging.

Now is the time to proceed with your Chapman Award nomination for your squadron. Go to this link at the USPS website for all the forms and instructions to get your nomination in on time – very important!! <http://www.usps.org/eddept/id/awards.htm>.

For forms: <http://www.usps.org/eddept/id/chapman/chapawrdfrm.pdf>. Be sure to read the rules!

I must have the applications in my hand BY 1 AUGUST 2014!! I must select a committee to judge the applications and submit the results to the NEO BY 1 SEPTEMBER 2014.

Hq800 in D/20 has reached a new plateau. D/20 has had no requests for tech support on Hq800 since the Squadron Development Seminar in February. Special credit goes to D/20 SEOs and Cdrs that have worked on their skills of navigating the website.

Recognizing that new officers and committee chairs have been elected and/or appointed for the New Year, I am entertaining the idea of conducting a seminar regarding HQ800 for “newbies”. Emails have been sent seeking input from all squadrons about how detailed the seminar needs to be, if one is presented. Contact me at banjonotes@gmail.com or 309-256-3532. Email is best.

Boat Operator Certification policies have changed from last year. Make sure you are using manuals and information that is new from February 2014 or later. P/D/C Dick Spurr, SN-IN expresses his sincere thanks to all that made the 17 May POTW seminar a great success. Dick says, “Despite the cold we were able to teach 6

candidates on the water!” Dick is a great BOC leader and had a superb team in place. It is an excellent program with a huge amount of potential for the future.

I have noticed that a number of D/20 squadrons are not aware of the two hours of free **On-The-Water Training** that ABC students and Seamanship students can have in their own boat. Please note that there is strict recording of the training for USPS insurance purposes. Be absolutely sure you are using the very latest information because insurance rules have changed. The ABC3 On-The-Water Teaching Aid Guide is now available for downloading and use at <http://www.usps.org/national/eddept/b/main.htm>.

Please consider this an early reminder for all squadrons to prepare entries for the Teaching Aids contest to be held at the Fall Conference. D/1st/Lt Tom Parkinson, JN is the Teaching Aids Chair and you will be hearing more about this contest from your Educational Dept.

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Ed Colaprete, SN Skokie Valley
Janice North, AP Chicago
Richard Torgerson, AP Decatur

DISTINCTIVE COMMUNICATORS AWARD

Calumet - Smoke Signals
Fox Valley - Tales of the Fox
Kankakee Valley - Kankakee Currents
Land of Lincoln - Spring Lines
Skokie Valley - Running Lights
Waukegan - Waukeelog

WEBSITE AWARD

D/20
Calumet
Evanston NorthShore
Fox Valley
Skokie Valley
Waukegan

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

D/Lt/C Pat Antoni, SN



This is a great job! Where else can you volunteer to serve on the executive committee and plan parties?

That isn't the only thing we do, but it is the most fun. Well, to be truthful, we don't actually plan the parties... we work with the squadrons who are doing all the planning. Our function at district is to advise and assist wherever possible. You have three of the most energetic members of D/20 to help you. These members have organized very successful parties in the past and have lots of knowledge they are willing to share. Give them a call. Bud Lemke from Skokie Valley is Conference Chair; Jim Moran from Waukegan is C&R Chair and Cindy Rowland from Fox Valley is Squadron Development Workshop Chair.

The other part of our job is to help you with membership. We can't go out and get members for you, but we can make suggestions that may help. Frank D'Amico from Skokie Valley is our Membership Recruitment and Involvement Chair. He has already contacted your squadron leadership about some of the great membership programs offered at national.

First, you need to examine your squadron to see if there are areas that need improvement. This exercise may identify reasons you are not retaining your existing members. Get together with your bridge and fill out the "Doing It Right" form. Be honest and take a good, hard, critical look at yourself. Then plan some areas to focus on to help you grow.

Next, get your members involved with the Poster contest. All you need is a table, some poster board and crayons. Then set up at your town picnic, a 4th of July celebration, or a local boat show and get the kids involved. They'll love it and you'll have time to talk with their parents about joining USPS. Good PR...Good Member Recruitment opportunity. Talk with Frank about it. He can give you some tips on how to make this a success. The theme for this year is "**W's of Wearing It (Who, When, Where or Why?)**".

Cindy Geske from Chain O'Lakes is Squadron Activities Chair. She needs a list of your scheduled events so they can be put on the district calendar. This is another way to help you retain members...and possibly attract new members. The more times your squadron name appears, the more chances you have to get your existing members involved and strengthen your squadron.

Hope to see everyone at the Cruise & Rendezvous sponsored by the Chicago Squadron. I love a party and this promises to be a great one. How often do you get the opportunity to sit on the aft deck of the Columbia Yacht Club to watch the fireworks show from Navy Pier and then dance the night away with great music?



Mark your Calendar
District 20
Squadron Development
Workshop
14 February 2015

Key Note Speaker and Workshops
for the benefit of all
D/20 Members and Officers

DISTRICT SECRETARY

D/Lt/C Anita Donkers, AP



Dave and I recently heard the most wonderful words: "Your boat is in the water!" YEAH, summer has finally arrived. My hope for the summer is that all of us have a safe boating season and enjoy a lot of boating time.

This Department has had a busy spring. The District Roster was a little late in being published, but now can be found on SailAngle. To find the Roster, please go to www.usps.org and log onto SailAngle. Once you are logged on, go to the "Groups" tab and select "My Groups", then "District 20". On the left side, you will see a list ("Home", "Messages", etc.). Choose "File Cabinet"; then download the District 20 2014-2015 Roster. If you can't find the roster or have problems downloading it, please contact me (630/554-1904; a-donkers@comcast.net) and we'll figure it out together. Revision 1 will be released just before or at the C&R in July. If you see any errors in the Roster, please contact me.

Also on SailAngle, you can find photos under the District 20 Group for events from conferences to Squadron and District activities. And the best part is you can share your photos with the District. Yes, it's easy to download your photos into a file folder.

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updating Squadron websites. P/ C Jeff Geltz, JN of Waukegan Sail & Power Squadron has worked for several months transitioning both the Waukegan and District websites into the new format. Check out the District's (www.uspsd20boating.org) and Waukegan's (www.wspsboating.org) websites for a new look. Our plan is to have as many squadrons on the new website by October. If your squadron has not yet converted, please contact Jeff or me. Jeff has developed an easy-to-use template and will walk you through the steps of converting to the new format.

All Squadrons and District 20 will have a similar look that is crisp and professional. A huge thank you and congratulations to Jeff for all his help.

May all of you have a peaceful boating season. See you at C&R in Chicago and Fall Conference in Hoffman Estates.



DISTRICT TREASURER

D/Lt/C Michael Ludtke, SN-IN



I received all the department records from P/Lt/C Oscar Lutz, SN and will now be your main contact going forward on issues relating to the District Treasurer Department. I look forward to answering any questions or concerns any of the squadrons have regarding the duties of the treasurer. You may email or call me and I'll get back to you as soon as possible. Squadron Treasurers should be aware of two important documents that must be submitted annually, the IRS 990-N and the USPS TR-1 form.

The 990-N is required by the IRS and may be submitted online. The form must be completed within five months, fifteen days, of the close of your fiscal year. Not all squadrons have the same fiscal year. For instance, if your fiscal ended 31 December, IRS Form 990-N was due 15 May. If your fiscal year ends 30 June, it's due 15 November. There's no reason to wait until it's due, you can file any time after the close of your fiscal year and it only takes a few minutes to register and complete the form.

The USPS TR-1 form is due 16 July this year. This document contains most of the same information as the 990-N so you might as well do them at the same time. This document is also for your most recent fiscal year.

Instructions for both forms can be found on the USPS National web site under the Treasurer's Department.

I look forward to working with all the squadrons in the year ahead.

The following article appeared in the May 15, 2014 issue of the Barrington Suburban Life Newspaper, in Barrington, Illinois. It is reprinted with permission from reporter and author, Tarah Thorne of the Barrington Suburban Life Newspaper.

Cdr Julie Perry, JN is the current Commander for District 20's Fox Valley Sail & Power Squadron. Fox Valley members participated in the "Ready, Set. Wear" campaign for the Life Jacket World Record Day to officially kick off National Safe Boating Week.

IN THEIR LIFE - PEOPLE YOU SHOULD KNOW

JULIE PERRY
FOX VALLEY U.S. POWER SQUADRONS COMMANDER

Boating safety leader aims for world record

Barrington resident Julie Perry is the current commander of the Fox Valley Sail & Power Squadron, a unit of the United States Power Squadrons. Perry told Barrington Suburban Life reporter Tarah Thorne more about her local role and plans to set a new world record.

If you go

- **WHAT:** Life Jacket World Record Day
- **WHERE:** Cabela's, 5225 Prairie Stone Parkway, Hoffman Estates
- **WHEN:** 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday
- **INFO:** Area residents will gather to set a world record for the most life jackets worn and most inflatable life jackets filled to promote public safety as part of National Safety Week, May 17 to 23. For information, visit www.fvspboating.org.

Thorne: What led you to this position?

Perry: It began when my husband wanted his own boat and, being educators, before we do anything we learn as much about it as possible. I became a member of the Fox Valley bridge and moved up through the ranks to the top position of commander.

Thorne: What does the Fox Valley Sail and Power Squadron do in the local community?

Perry: We teach several boating safety classes every year at a variety of locations and conduct free vessel safety checks on boats to ensure that owners are meeting U.S. Coast Guard safety requirements. They receive a sticker to display on the boat.

We collect food that is distributed to several agencies in this area at our annual food drive and host fundraisers to purchase and donate life jackets for youngsters in nearby summer camps.

Our yearly outdoor family day activities at Cabela's promote the wearing of life jackets. We instruct how to put them on quickly and correctly.

Thorne: How many members does the Fox Valley Sail and Power Squadron have?

Perry: We have 85 members and growing, but FVSPS is just one of 400 squadrons throughout the U.S. and Puerto Rico with about 40,000 members. The [United States Power Squadrons] is the nation's largest nonprofit boating organization, divided into 33 districts. Our District 20 reaches from Racine, Wis., to Springfield, to the Mississippi River at the Illinois state line and then into Michigan City, Ind.

Thorne: Tell us about your goal to set a world record May 17.

Perry: Our goal is to assist the National Safe Boating Council to break last year's record of 5,774 participants in Ready, Set, Wear It! Life Jacket World Record Day campaign by raising awareness and importance of wearing life jackets and boating safety in general. We are encouraging families that boat together to set an example of automatically putting on life jackets when engaged in water sports.

Thorne: Where did this idea come from?

Perry: This is the Annual Ready, Set, Wear It! Life Jacket World Record Day campaign that began in 2010 to bring together boating safety partners across the U.S. and Canada to promote safe and responsible boating, including voluntarily wearing of life jackets.

Thorne: Why is life jacket safety most important to you?

Perry: In the local and national news each year, there are reports of drownings due to people not wearing life jackets. When I see boats leaving the dock with families of young children not wearing life jackets, I wonder why. Life jackets today are light and comfortable to wear and are required by the U.S. Coast Guard. They save lives. It is like seat belts in an automobile; it is now almost automatic to buckle up when you get in a car. Many times, safety begins with the youngsters getting in the habit. We would like it to become a habit to put on a life jacket when participating in a water sport.

Thorne: How long have you been boating?

Perry: I have boated with family and friends most of my life but only had our own boat for seven years.

Thorne: Where do you most enjoy boating?

Perry: When we are here, we boat with Fox Valley members on their boats on the Fox River and on Lake Michigan. Our boat is docked in Port Charlotte, Fla., and we boat there on the Myakka River, Charlotte Harbor and head down to the Inner Coastal Waterway when we can get away in the winter.

Thorne: The United States Power Squadrons will celebrate 100 years this year. What does the organization do across the country?

Perry: Organized in 1914, United States Power Squadrons is dedicated to making recreational boating safer and more enjoyable by teaching classes in boating-related subjects. Our members are boating families who contribute to their communities by promoting safe boating through education. The three objectives of [the United States Power Squadrons] are: continuing education, community service and friendship through camaraderie.

Thorne: What might someone not know about life jackets?

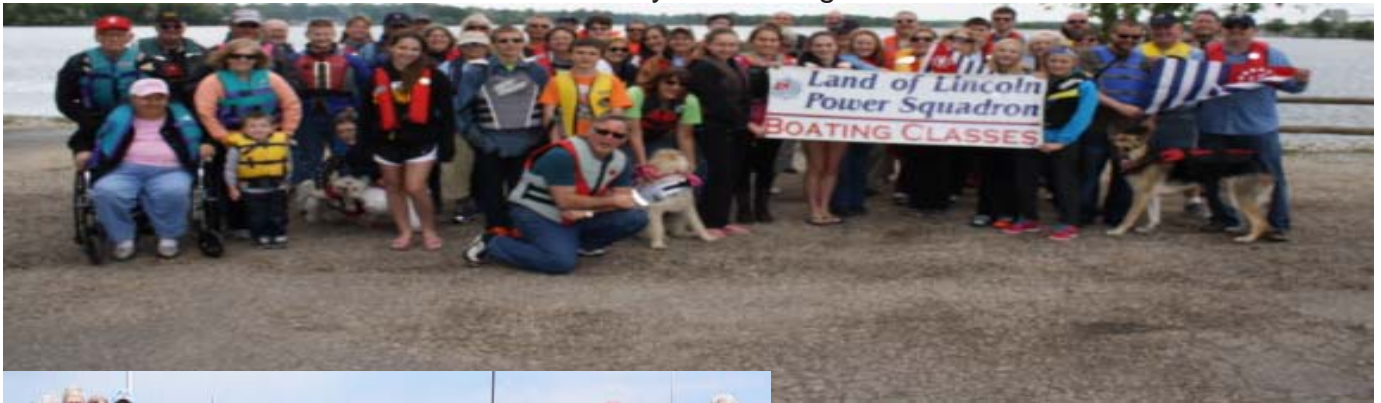
Perry: The most typical misunderstanding the public has on using life jackets is that one size fits all. Life jackets are sized to the weight range of the person wearing the life jacket and must be Coast Guard approved – it will be indicated on the life jacket. Life jackets also are designed for the activities in which a person will participate. These include paddle boat sports, fishing, white-water rafting, personal watercraft, whether you need the life jacket to open automatically when you hit the water or are inherently buoyant.



READY-SET WEAR-IT



Fox Valley and DuPage



Skokie Valley



Mid Illini and Illinois Valley

Some things never change....

The only thing that is certain...is change....

Change is inevitable—except from a vending machine.....

That last quote is my favorite. Whatever your favorite saying is about change, or how you feel about it, change is an essential part of a life.

The Fox Valley Sail and Power Squadron is hosting the D/20 Fall Conference, 17-18 October, as well as implementing some new ideas into the plans for the weekend. These new ideas reflect changes aimed at helping to reduce time spent away from home, eliminating some of the cost to members for overnight hotel stays, retaining the fun of socializing together as a group, and conducting business at a venue that is conducive to learning and exchanging information.

Logistically this means that instead of the usual Commanders Meeting on Friday night, they will be free to join the rest of the District at Pinstripes for food, fun and bowling. There will be lots of food to eat at a reasonable price per person inclusive of bowling, shoes and socks. There will be a cash bar at Pinstripes in lieu of pre-arranged USPS D/20 hospitality suites at nearby Marriott. However, should any squadron wish to secure a suite at the hotel and invite the District to come and imbibe, that option is available for the squadron to pursue on their own.

Your Fox Valley hosts invite you to the Marriott on Saturday morning to start your day with coffee and danish in the Fox Valley Friendship Room. From there you can sit in on the Council Meeting, peruse the Teaching Aids Competition exhibit and so forth. After lunch will be the Conference which will include voting on anything brought forward from the Council Meeting. At the end of the day of fun, business of the district, and celebration of educational achievements we will draw for raffle prizes.

Following adjournment, you are all invited to a cocktail party hosted by D/C John Rowland, SN-IN. For those that wish to stay and dine in the area, there are lots of options ranging from casual to first class.

I hope you'll plan to come and enjoy what is planned for you.

Nothing ventured, nothing gained. ~Benjamin Franklin

Things do not change; we change. ~Henry David Thoreau

Cindy

D/Lt Cindy Rowland, JN; 2014 Fall Conference Chair
Fox Valley Sail and Power Squadron



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Hoffman Estates, IL 60192

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Reference USPS D/20 Fall Conference

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*Prices do not include tax

District 20 Fall Conference

18 October 2014

Lunch Selections

- A. Smoked Turkey Wrap with lettuce, tomato and champagne mustard in a whole wheat wrap
- B. Roast Beef Sandwich with aged Gouda cheese and horseradish sauce on whole wheat bread.
- C. Ham and Swiss with grain mustard on Ciabatta bread
- D. Vegetarian whole wheat tortilla filled with grilled vegetables, mozzarella cheese and sun-dried tomato aioli

All lunch selections include soft drink or water, chips, pasta salad and jumbo cookie.

Note: the price for lunch includes breakfast in the Friendship Room and free cocktails and heavy appetizers in the evening.

Please reserve by Wednesday 15 October
 Make checks payable to
 District 20 Fall Conference

**Fall Conference
 Schedule of Events**

Friday – 17 October 2014

- 1800 – 1900 Registration at Pinstripes
 - 1800 – 2200 Food at Pinstripes
 - 1900 – 2100 Bowling at Pinstripes
- Pinstripes - South Barrington
 100 W. Higgins Road
 South Barrington, IL 60010
 (847) 844-4810

Saturday – 18 October 2014

- 0730 – 0930 Registration at Marriott
- 0730 - 0930 Friendship Room
- 0800 – 0900 Educational Officer’s Meeting
- 0900 – 1200 Teaching Aids Exhibit
- 0930 – 1100 Council Meeting
- 1115 – 1200 Guest Speaker
- 1200 – 1330 Lunch
- 1300 – 1330 Verification of Delegates
- 1330 – 1600 Conference, Educational Awards, Raffle
- 1630 – 1830 D/C Cocktail Party including Conference 1st Timers

Dress Code

- Friday Casual or bowling attire
- Saturday Uniform F – White long sleeve shirt, black pants & tie or appropriate attire

District 20 Friday Night at Pinstripes

\$20.00 per person for Italian Meatball and Chicken Parmesan Sliders, Salad, Dessert and Bowling, Shoes and Complimentary Socks. Cash Bar. I need to know how many people are coming on Friday night so I can order enough food. Fox Valley will pay for the bowling.. so the same price for bowlers and non-bowlers.



Rank Name Grade Squadron

1. _____

2. _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Bowling: \$20.00 ea Number _____ Total _____

Lunch: \$29.00 ea Choice: _____ Total _____

Total \$ _____

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