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District Commander **DC**

By DC Hank Willis, SN (Bremerton)

Everybody talks about membership growth and retention, but many squadrons continue to lose members and seldom do we attract the younger members that we target. I think that it is time to take an honest look at the demographics of the members that we attract to USPS. Perhaps our efforts fail because we are trying to get the wrong types of members.

When I was a young man, raising a family, our children didn't have all of the organized activities that young families have today. When I look at everything that young parents do today, it is no wonder that they don't have any time to join and participate in USPS. My daughter and her husband both work full time. Their children have organized activities all summer such as soccer, bowling, baseball, and gymnastics. They own a water ski boat that they use occasionally when they go camping. During the year, there is school, music lessons, church, school plays and events and many other activities. Trying to get an opening to visit them during a quiet period of their lives is almost impossible.

These parents need USPS to help educate themselves and their children in boating safety, but they truly do not have the spare time to spend with us as full time members. I am not surprised, then, when young and middle aged parents don't join USPS.

We seem to have the best luck with individuals whose children are out of grade school and headed for college. By that time the activities for the children are slowing down and the parents now have time to begin doing some of the things that they like, such as moving up to a bigger boat and I believe that we need to recognize these changes in lifestyle and use that information to better target our efforts for new members. Certainly, that does not mean that we should abandon the efforts of our children's programs, but we need to be realistic about our expectations for new members.

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DC's message, continued from page 1

Let's target the middle aged families who are interested and ready to become our members.

Here are some ideas that might work:

- Recruit prospective members from yacht clubs, marinas, and social organizations with older members.
- Participate with the local marine stores such as West Marine to present our seminars.
- Generate a presence at local boat shows.
- Provide a free six month membership with the public course, and back it up with interesting activities that will hold the new member's interest.
- Implement on the water training for all advanced courses.
- Make sure that new members are welcomed to the squadron and feel like they are part of the family.

Lastly, each squadron needs to have strong energized leadership programs to ensure that squadron leadership has multi-year continuity that supports ongoing recruiting programs. We are in the process of reorganizing our district marketing effort. We are beginning to associate with those groups that have a membership profile most likely to want to join USPS. We can grow our membership in the district, we just need to think out of the box to so it. ■

YOUR INVITATION

To the

District 16 Fall Council/Conference

The District Fall Council and Conference will be held on October, 21 and 22 at the Red Lion Hotel in Bellevue, Washington. Bellevue S&PS will be our hosts for this event. The menu they have selected will give us a gourmet tour of the best cuisine that the northwest has to offer. Take a look at the attached menus for a peek at the wonderful meals planned.

If you went to the AO/XO seminars, you learned just how important the Nominating Committee is to the future of your squadron and district. The Chief's rep at the conference will be R/C Howard Yoas, SN, chairman of the National Nominating Committee. He brings with him the C/C's message, but he can also tell us how the national committee works to integrate the lessons from the AO/XO Seminars into the planning for our squadrons and district. Howard and his fiancée, Mary Pierpoint, SN are members of the Austin (Texas, 21) Squadron

You also will get a chance to meet with Clay Piel, owner of Marine Sanitation and Supply in Seattle. He will discuss current dumping laws, where they apply and what kinds of equipment can be used. Clay informed me that he will bring a couple of state of the art demonstration units for our examination. His presentation should help us become more responsible boaters in our environmentally sensitive northwest home. *Continued, go to Invitation on page 6*



District Educational Officer **DEO**

D/Lt/C Karin McLean JN (Seattle)

Educational Department updates:

As we look forward to fall and the new classroom sessions, it would be wise to check out our National Educational Department Website. There are twenty seven items listed in the News Department alone.

Among the topics included are:

- User Orientated HQ 800 Presentation.
- Enrolling Non-Member Students in USPS University.
- Ordering Exams and Presentations to Promote Seminars.

These topics seem especially relevant to our needs.

Also noted - - - Twenty seminars are ready for use.

Four new ones coming are:

- *Knots for Mariners,*
- *Onboard Emergencies,*
- *Using Digital Charts*
- *Heavy Weather Sailing.*

As you can see, USPS is rapidly changing to keep pace with our increased desire to keep relevant boating knowledge available to our members and the general public. Information is delivered lightening quick these days so our main thrust is personal attention and hands on training. Our Boat Operator Certification program (BOC) is taking off and District 16 is fully operational. Certifiers were very active at our June District Rendezvous. We offer many thanks to them.

Teaching aid exhibition to resume at fall conference

Coming up soon is our District Fall Conference. We will again have the Teaching Aids Competition. This program was suspended last year so that National could simplify the entry requirements at the Annual Meeting. They came up with the idea that each district could only bring “The Best of Show” entry. This does not affect our District

exhibition. Please encourage all your educators to bring their favorite teaching aid to be judged.

Outstanding instructors to be honored at conference

We will announce the winner of the V/C Carl C. Mahnken Memorial Award for Teaching Excellence at the fall conference. The winner will be entered as the D/16 nominee for the National Charles E. Chapman Award for Teaching Excellence. The field is smaller this year, but very strong. 🍷

At The District Educational Seminar



Boat Operator Certification Trainers Team (from left) P/R/C Chris Brown, SN (Bellevue), P/D/C Otto Rasmussen, SN (Tacoma), P/R/C L.D. Brown, SN (Bellevue), P/C Bob Anderson, AP (Bremerton), D/Lt Chuck Leavitt, SN (Everett)

Photo by Steve Erickson AP (Seattle)

See page 9 for the JN-N Quiz for fall conference, by P/R/C Robert E. Brummert, SN



District Executive Officer **XO**

**D/Lt/C Travis N. Smith, SN
(Friday Harbor)**

Rendezvous Recap

If you were not one of the attendees for the 2011 District 16 Rendezvous, you definitely missed out on a fun weekend with lots of camaraderie on the docks, great food, and an outstanding opportunity for your Inland and Coastal Navigator Certifications. This year's Rendezvous at the Port of Poulsbo hosted 190 District Members and their families, with most arriving on their vessels.



We had a total of 56 boats representing almost all the District 16 Squadrons, however, a higher percentage than previous years, arrived by car. Most likely the expense of operating your boat and the cost of diesel fuel during these present times persuaded several members to drive instead. Important thing, it was another great Rendezvous in Poulsbo and enjoyment for all.

Festivities opened with "Docktail Party"

We changed the format a little this year and had a "dock tail party" amongst the boats moored on E-Dock. Members made their way along the dock sampling the tasty hors d'oeuvres either offered off the sterns or small tables set up beside the boats. A little rain at the initial start of Friday evening's social didn't dampen the enthusiasm or appetites. We received back several positive comments regarding the activity with most agreeing it provided an excellent chance to meet and chat with members from other squadrons versus the usual "squadron's table" when we did the Friday social, using the Sons of Norway's Hall. There were nearly 180 BBQ pulled

pork and chicken dinners served at Saturday evening's dinner along with numerous delicious dessert prepared by squadron members. A very profitable silent auction rounded out Saturday evening.

On the water and classroom training

The Rendezvous' highlight each year, is the amount and professional level of the training which is offered and this year was certainly no exception. Starting early in the week, P/R/C L.D. Brown, SN (Bellevue) and his cadre of Certified Inland and Coastal Trainers were available giving class room and on-the-water training to squadron members who had previously registered with L.D. It was fun and rewarding to spend 4-6 hours on the water with the experts. Everyone who went through the training, finished learning something new.....guaranteed. In conjunction with the Inland and Coastal Navigator training, D/Lt Bob Miller, SN (Poverty Bay) conducted fire extinguisher and flare practice on Saturday morning.



Following in the afternoon, an excellent USPS Anchoring Seminar was presented by Cdr. Kevin Pisani, SN (Bremerton).

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District Administrative Officer **AO**

D/Lt/C John Sherrick JN(Spokane)

Squadron Administrative Officers are encouraged to use the USPS website for the latest information for administrative officers. Administrative Officers are responsible for functions generally described as internal – and encompass primarily the “fraternal” side of USPS.

Login to USPS.org and on the site index tab select Administrative Department home page. This will take you to the department’s home page which has a drop down menus across the top with tabs for Department Newsletters, Recruiting/Retention Tools and Forms. These tabs give you much of the information you will need to do your job.

Another great resource is the online Operations Manual. You can download this book and use it to answer questions whenever they arise. Be

sure to check for updates each time you use the Operations Manual.

Recently, the marketing department at headquarters has release a Member Benefits flyer. These are available without charge from headquarters, use order number 09-39-106. This flyer is great for use in recruiting new members as well as retaining current members. This flyer was prepared by Tom Kemp at headquarters, who is our marketing consultant. Order some for use by your squadron. If you have any questions or comments for improving the flyer, contact Tom Kemp at headquarters.

A special thank you goes out to our district Membership Chairman, Barbara Erickson. She is working tirelessly promoting membership throughout the district. Barbara, keep up the good work.■

R/C Howard Yoas, SN of Austin to be Guest at Fall Council/Conference

Chief Commander Frank Dvorak, SN has selected chair of the Committee On Nominations, R/C Howard Yoas, SN to be his representative at the district 16 Fall Council/Conference, 21-22 October in Bellevue, Washington. Howard has been a USPS member since 1968 and member of Austin (Texas, D21) Squadron since 1970. He has served as squadron commander and subsequently District 21 commander. Throughout his years as a member, Howard has taught many USPS courses. His present teaching assignment is On the Water Training.



He became involved with the national organization when he joined the Cooperative Charting Committee, serving for three years. For several years he served on the Meetings Committee, advancing to chairman of that committee in 2005. He was elected to his present position at the annual meeting in 2009.

When not at home in Dallas or traveling, Howard and Fiancée Mary Pierpoint, SN spend part of their time on Lake Travis, near Austin, where they enjoy their grandchildren and boating on the lake. Mary is a long time USPS member and a certified instructor. She is secretary of the N/Meetings Committee and arranges entertainment for social functions at the annual meetings

This will be Howard and Mary’s second visit to Bellevue since September, 2010 when the USPS Fall Governing Board was held at the Hyatt Regency. They should have no trouble finding the conference venue which is down the hill and around the corner from the HR.■

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Added to the above are some discussions and a breakout session on the current BOC program, and recruiting demographics. Awards presentations of the Prince Henry Award, V/C Carl Mahnken Memorial Award for teaching, the Excellence in Education Award, and the Smith Brothers Award for Coop Charting will be presented at the Saturday evening banquet.

If that wasn't enough, there will be time for each of us to acquaint ourselves with our squadron friends, and find out what has been going on over the summer.

See you there.

.....D/C Hank Willis, SN

Conference Goers!

Welcome to the

Bellevue Red Lion Hotel

A venue for several past District Conferences, the former *Bellevue Holiday Inn* has been rebranded as the *Bellevue Red Lion Hotel*. This venerable establishment has been selected by host squadron, Bellevue, as the facility for the 2011 Fall Council/Conference to be held 21-22 October.

The hotel is situated on a six acre site just off I-405 near the CBD and shopping. Free parking for guests and conference attendees is located on the property. Handicapped parking near barrier free rooms is provided. No elevator is available for access to the second floor. According to published information, barrier free circulation is possible between most first floor guest rooms and the meeting facilities. **For the \$89.00 + tax group rate, make reservations before 28 September and ask for the USPS rate. Hotel telephone: 425 455-5240**

If one needs barrier free facilities, have difficulty walking longer distances, or climbing stairs, make this clear to the reservations person when reserving your room. □



District 16 Fall Council/Conference 21, 22 October 2011

ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

NOTE: No charge to attend the meetings, the only charge is for meals.

Dress: USPS Polo or appropriate attire., all activities.

Friday evening, 21 October

1700 – 1930	Registration	Foyer
1800 – 1930	C/C's Rep Reception No host Bar & Buffet	Jonah's
1930 – 2030	FALL COUNCIL	Yarrow Hunt

FALL CONFERENCE

Saturday, 22 October

0730 – 1000	Registration	Foyer
0800 – 0900	Breakfast Buffet P/D/Cs & Gen. Members Squadron Cdrs & XOs Squadron SEOs & ASEOs	Ravenna Newport Medina
	Others: Buffet or menu choices offered in	Jonah's
0915	Conference called to order	Yarrow/Hunt
1000	Chief Commander's Message by his Rep. R/C Howard Yoas, SN	
1050 – 1120	Marine Sanitation presentation by Chris Piel, Marine Sanitation & Supply Co.	
1145 – 1300	Lunch Buffet	Jonah's
1300 - 1430	Break-Out Sessions Membership Boat Operator Certification	Ravenna Medina
1430 – 1600	Conference business	
1630	Adjourn Conference	

Evening Activities

1800 - 1900	No Host social Hour	Yarrow/Hunt
1900 - 2100	Dinner Awards: Excellence in Education Prince Henry Outstanding Educators Carl Mahnken Smith Brothers Trophy	

Directions to the Bellevue Red Lion

INTERSTATE 405 NORTHBOUND

Take Exit 12, South East 8th Street. Turn left onto South East 8th Street and, at the second light, turn right onto 114th Avenue. The hotel is located 1/4 mile further on the left side.

INTERSTATE 405 SOUTHBOUND

Take Exit 12, South East 8th Street. Turn right onto South East 8th Street and, at the second light, turn right onto 114th Avenue. The hotel is located 1/4 mile further on the left side.

INTERSTATE 90

Exit onto Interstate 405 North. From I-405, take Exit 12, South East 8th Street. Turn left onto South East 8th Street and, at the second light, turn right onto 114th Avenue. The hotel is located 1/4 mile further on the left side.

B I L L of F A R E
For the
D16 FALL COUNCIL/CONFERENCE WEEKEND

Prices include gratuity and sales tax
Prices shown below are "Early Bird" prices
{please add \$5.00 per meal to reservations sent after 26 September,

Friday Evening Dinner Buffet: \$35.00. Jonah's 1800 – 1930

No host bar 1800

Whole roasted tenderloin of beef with béarnaise sauce and sliced baguettes. **Mediterranean/vegetable crudités**: Pita bread, selection of marinated olives, grilled and fresh vegetables and a variety of dips. Regional and imported cheeses garnished with fruits, served with breads and crackers.

Satay Grill: Skewers by the dozen with dipping sauces, marinated beef brochettes, teriyaki chicken, tequila lime prawns and salmon. Dungeness crab and cheddar tartlets, *Spanakopitas*, sweet & sour meatballs and spring egg rolls with Asian dipping sauce.
Coffee and assorted Tazo teas.

Saturday Breakfast: \$20.00. 0800 - 0900, see schedule for locations.

The Scramble

Orange Juice, scrambled eggs with cheddar and chives.
Roasted breakfast potatoes, choice of bacon, link sausage or grilled ham steak,
Pastry basket on each table, Coffee, and assorted Tazo teas.

Saturday Lunch – Buffet: \$32.00. Jonah's, 1145 - 1300

The Chopping Block

Soup du jour. Sliced ham, roast beef and turkey, a variety of cheeses, lettuce, tomato onion, assorted breads and condiments. Green salad, potato salad and pasta salad.
Freshly baked cookies, coffee, Tazo teas, iced tea and lemonade.

Saturday Dinner: \$42.00. Yarrow Hunt Room, 1900 - 2100

No host bar 1800

Grilled Northwest Salmon Picatta with sautéed garlic, artichoke hearts, capers & herbs.

OR

Grilled Citrus Chicken with Caribbean Salsa

Red Lion Signature Salad: Mixed greens with apple and walnuts, tossed with a light blue cheese vinaigrette dressing.

Wild rice pilaf with sautéed mushrooms, cranraisins and slivered almonds. Fresh seasonal vegetables.
Warm artisan bread and sweet cream butter.
Deep apple pie.
Coffee and Tazo teas.

Vegetarian Option: Roasted Vegetable Wellington

Red Lion Signature Salad, (see ingredients listed above).

Fresh Portabella mushrooms, sweet bell peppers, fresh asparagus and mixed summer squash, brushed with Olive Oil and roasted, then wrapped in a puff pastry dough and baked. Served with *Coulis de Tomates*.
Warm Artisan Bread with sweet cream butter
Deep apple pie
Coffee and Tazo teas.

REGISTRATION

D/16 Fall Conference, 21-22 October 2011

RED LION HOTEL

11211 Main Street

BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

Name _____ Spouse/Guest name _____

Address _____ Squadron _____

City/State/Zip _____ Phone _____

E-mail Address for Confirmation of Registration and Payment _____

Will you be attending just the district conference/council without meals? YES _____

Note: This is an activity registration form. There is no charge for attending meetings. **Early Bird prices apply for reservations sent no later than 26 September, 2011.**

ACTIVITY	Early Bird Price:	After 9/26/11:	No. of People:	Total:
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Registration 1600-1900

Friday Reception 1800-1930 (Prices include Gratuity and Tax)

Dinner Buffet	\$35.00	\$40.00	_____	\$_____
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Saturday Plated Hot Breakfast 0800-0900 (JONAH'S will be open for other guests)

Commander/Executive Officer _____	\$20.00	\$25.00	_____	\$_____
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Educational Officer/SEO _____	\$20.00	\$25.00	_____	\$_____
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PDC's and all other attendees _____	\$20.00	\$25.00	_____	\$_____
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*Vegetarian option, please check which breakfast; price is the same _____			_____	\$_____
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Saturday Luncheon Buffet

1200-1330	\$32.00	\$37.00	_____	\$_____
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Saturday Evening Banquet

1800-2100

Grilled Salmon Picatta	\$42.00	\$47.00	_____	
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Grilled Citrus Chicken	\$42.00	\$47.00	_____	
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Vegetarian Option	\$42.00	\$47.00	_____	\$_____
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* ANY OTHER DIETARY PREFERENCES OR RESTRICTIONS _____

(*To Indicate if you prefer only Salmon or Chicken, or other restrictions)

Total (In U.S. Funds) \$_____

For Hotel Reservations

Red Lion Hotel Bellevue
11211 Main Street
Bellevue, WA, USA 98004
Phone: 425 455-5240

(For \$89.00+tax Group rate, must reserve before
28 September, 2011; Ask for USPS room rate)

Payment and Conference Reservations

Make checks payable to: BSPS, D16 Fall Conference
Send Checks and Reservation Form to:

Dianne Greene
14811 SE 58th St.
Bellevue, WA 98006-4614
Phone: 425 746-7566

FALL CONFERENCE JN-N QUIZ

By P/R/C Robert Brummett SN, (North Olympic)

You received a letter from a friend who took N with you. She enclosed some photographs taken from a cruise ship. She wrote, that after watching the sun set and still on deck watching the stars, on 26 Aug 11 at 1700 GMT the star Vega was right above the ship. She enclosed the Sidereal Hour Angle (SHA) and declination of Vega (rounded to the nearest whole degree) of 81° and 39° N respectively. Assume the equation of time (EqT) is zero. Question: What was the approximate Latitude and Longitude of her ship at that time?

HINT. You start with a time diagram to determine E or W longitude and then use the following 2 formulas:

$GHA \text{ Aries (+LoE or -LoW)} = LHA \text{ Aries}$ and
 $GHA \text{ Aries} + SHA \text{ Sun} = GHA \text{ Sun}$

You remember that the SHA of the sun will have decreased by 1°/day to 180° on 23 September.

Start your time diagram by plotting Vega overhead followed by Aries then the Sun and finally G or g.

This is not a closed book exam. The new N's can use their computer programs. You are looking for the Geographic Position (GP) of Vega. You can get help from anyplace including old star overhead quiz answers. You must do your own work.

Send your answer along with all your work to:

Robert E. Brummett
40590 N. US Hwy. 101
Lilliwaup, WA 98555

Those with reasonable answers will have their names entered into a drawing for a bottle of Hoodspout Winery wine at the Fall Conference. You do not have to be present to win.☐

Rendezvous Recap, continued from page 4

You definitely could pick up on the desire for learning and obtaining additional training with the number of members attending and participating in the scheduled activities. And last but not important, the district made a profit from the Rendezvous. Unintentional of course, but the bottom line was in the black with a \$554 profit. This was the result of the silent auction and the generosity of the members who purchased the items donated by the District Squadrons. Without the silent auction, we would have realized a \$140 loss.



Bonfire for Viking Fest in Poulsbo enjoyed by USPS members at the District 16 Rendezvous. Photos by Steve Erickson, AP (Seattle)

I want to thank everyone who volunteered to help, all the hours L.D. Brown and the Inland/Coastal Navigator Trainers spent during the week getting members certified, the outstanding attendance at the scheduled activities with a special thanks to P/D/C Joanna Webster, AP (Poverty Bay) for being my Co-Chair again this year and always being on top of everything while keeping me from being confused. With Joanna supporting you on an event, you are worry free!☐

Cooperative Charting News

**P/C Inez Schwartz, JN
(Agate Pass)**



There is no time like the present to have a little fun and go out for a Cooperative Charting event. There are already four squadrons participating so far this year. And Deception Pass has Adopt-a-Chart status secured for this year already. Be sure not to let the chance slip by to get your squadron on the CoCh Honor Roll. There will be another Cooperative Charting D16 Challenge highlighted at the D16 Fall Conference, but why wait until the last minute?

For the 2011-2012 year we have some changes regarding the points that NOAA awards. Please take a look on the CoCh Web site. On the left side under "Training, SOPs & Reference" drill down to the updated "NOS Material". Look at the "Procedures for Awarding Credits" updated 4/1/11. There are higher credits for each type of report. That should get you and your squadron excited to be eligible for Honor Roll sooner.

NOTE: Although there is mention about reporting mileage, the National Committee announcement of 5/26/11, that we no longer put in mileage supersedes.

I want to encourage everyone doing Nautical reports, especially those that involve aids to navigation (ATONs), that you notify the Coast Guard about your findings. While Jack & Sheila Green were doing a Coop Charting event in the Tacoma area, they called about missing private buoys. Even though the Coast Guard doesn't maintain any of the private ATONs, they are very, very appreciative about hearing about all the rest of them. In fact you get 10 fewer points if you do not

contact the Coast Guard resulting from a change/discrepancy on one of their ATONs that you are reporting. Please contact the Coast Guard via phone or email except where there is an urgency or Critical Chart Correction where calling them on VHS is warranted. NOS does want to hear about the private ATONs for charting purposes of course.

Be sure to be at the D16 Fall Conference when all the 2010-2011 NOAA awards are being handed out. By then I expect we will have sufficient reports to be in the running for another great Coop Charting year to put many of the squadrons and D16 on the National Honor Roll. There is always excitement in seeing the numbers come up.

I'd like to put out a **WANT AD** of sorts: There is a wonderful position on the D16 Cooperative Charting Committee that just might fit for YOU! That is if you like the fun and excitement of making things happen. Sure D16 has hit 6th and now 5th in USPS the last two years, but there is much more to be done. We want to see Cooperative Charting be an even bigger part of our civil duties for each squadron. Along with public classes and vessel safety checks, helping the National Ocean Service keep our nautical charts accurate are all listed as the answer on the USPS website to: What community and civic services does USPS perform?

During the D16 Educational Seminar next spring, we will be having a break-out session to help train incoming Squadron Cooperative Charting Chairmen. Please contact me and join my team!
Email: ischwartz@quixnet.net or (360) 271-6184. ■

2011 Boating Educator of the Year

Washington State Nominee: Martha Battles, JN (Poverty Bay)

District 16's Martha Battles, JN is winner of Washington State 2011 NASBLA Boating Educator award and the state nominee for the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) Boating Educator of the Year Award. She was the consensus choice, from among stellar candidates, of a selection committee composed of members of the State Boating Safety Advisory Committee and State Parks Boating Programs staff.



Martha is a Past Commander of Poverty Bay Sail & Power Squadron. She has been a USPS member for 24 years and has been active in their educational programs throughout. She has taught both advanced courses for members and an introductory course for the public

that meets the Washington mandatory boater education requirement. Martha has also worked to enhance the teaching skills of her fellow squadron educators and introduced new teaching techniques. Martha is renowned for the volume and breadth of her teaching over the years. She is also respected as a mentor who passes on safety to other instructors her knowledge of effective means of teaching boating. However, what makes her truly stand out is her passion for teaching, knowledge of adult learning, and ability to reach each and every student in her classes. Here is what those nominating her had to say about her teaching style:

She spends hours preparing for each class; she shares and involves you in each of her classes. She can make you think she is

teaching just to you personally. You will not fail to learn as her teaching methods are modeled to fit the most experienced boater or the student who just bought a boat and doesn't understand bow from stern. No question goes unanswered and if at first you don't understand, she has the talent and knowledge to try another approach... If you are in Martha's class, you know her motto 'you will not fail this class'

We all know the single most important thing an educator must accomplish is the transfer of knowledge. Martha has the unique capability to move information into each student's learning model... Particularly on more complex subjects, she has often conducted individual or group tutoring sessions, between classes, for anyone who asks... Many people have taken advantage of both tutoring sessions and help [phone] calls.... The statistics from Martha's classes manifest her dedication showing an extremely high pass rate with very high average scores.

The committee reviewing applications noted the importance to boating safety of finding ways to reach novice boaters who are often unaffiliated with any boating organization and who may not "know what they don't know." They also noted that true teaching is an art and requires more than simply knowing the material you are presenting. Martha Battles is both reaching beginning boaters and providing them with high quality safety education and she is helping train other instructors to do so as well. For these reasons we are proud to nominate her for the NASBLA 2011 Boating Educator of the Year Award.

District 16 Calendar

Coming Events 2011

- 12-17 Sept** USPS Fall Governing Bd.
Sheraton Greensboro Hotel at
Four Seasons, North Carolina
- 30 Sep-2 Oct** D/32 Fall Council/Conf
Red Lion at the Quay
Vancouver, Washington
- 08 Oct** AO Leadership Training
Federal Way Comfort Inn.
- 09 Oct.** XO Leadership training
Federal Way Comfort Inn.
- 21-22 Oct** D/16 Fall Council/Conf.
Bellevue Red Lion Inn.

15 Nov **Deadline for Spring
2012 Cardinal Points
articles**

2012

- 25-29 Jan** USPS Annual Meeting,
Hyatt Regency Hotel,
Jacksonville, Florida.
- TBA** Seattle Boat show,
Century link Event
Center.
- TBA** Spokane Boat show, State
Fairgrounds and Expo Center
- 11 Feb** D/16 Spring council,
Skagit Bay.
- TBA** D.32 Spring Conference.
- 30-31 Mar** D/16 Spring Conference
Friday Harbor

New look to district website

By P/C Richard Michels, SN (North Olympic)

The District website located at www.usps.org/localusps/d16 has been redesigned and expanded to better conform to the standards set by National and better serve the District Bridge and Committee members as well as our individual squadrons. A complete new section has been added to the website entitled Officer's Tools, which is a link accessible from the left hand navigation panel of the front page. The principal purpose of this link is to give our members quick access to the information they need to fulfill their duties and responsibilities as a committee member, without having to navigate the extensive National site to locate needed items, which can be frustrating and time consuming for anyone without prior experience using that site. It is expected that adding useful information to Officer's Tools will be an on-going process over time. If you are a District member having trouble locating applicable information, then send an email to the webmaster suggesting this information be added to the website. The District Webmaster is P/C Richard Michels, SN and can be reached at teafornosps@yahoo.com, or click on the webmaster link at the bottom of the front page.

Our Clean Waters

By P/D/C Carolyn Black, AP (Everett)

Environmental issues are around us daily. We need to keep up with the latest news to know what's happening. If you visit www.imrivers.org/pugetsound/ you can see what's happening in our own world, not far far away. As summer winds down, even though it took a long time in getting here, we need to take a moment and check just how healthy our Puget Sound is getting. Thank you for caring about what goes into our waters so we can continue to take fresh seafood home!!



Chair of the Committee on Rules, R/C Bill Neef, SN returns to the Northwest as the chief's rep to the D/32 Fall Council/-Conference, 30 Sept – 2 Oct in Vancouver, Wash. He and wife Lois were members of Bellevue Squadron for 21 years before moving to Tarpon Springs, Fla. in 2000. They are still associate members. He was D/16 Commander in 1998.

Welcome back Bill!



USPS AO/XO LEADERSHIP TRAINING News for Members of District 16

October 8 and 9, 2011 at the Comfort Inn in Federal Way, Wa



TIME IS RUNNING OUT

October is almost here and the start of the USPS AO and XO Leadership Training in Federal Way is fast approaching.

Hopefully everybody got the word and, your bridge officers, squadron commander, committee chairs and squadron members have already made plans to attend the seminars. If not for both of the sessions, then for at least one of them. It is a great opportunity for all of us to get new ideas on revitalizing your squadron and share ideas and concerns with members of other squadrons.

Don't forget! The seminars are free for incoming and sitting AOs, XOs and Cdrs. For all others in the district, it is only \$30.00 per seminar. District will pick up the other \$30.00. Just send in your registration for the full \$60.00, and district will send you a \$30.00 rebate.

Be sure to mark your calendars And while we are still two months away, space is limited, so send in your registration today to be sure of getting a place.

**P/D/C Joanna Webster, AP
31820 – 37th Ave SW
Federal Way, Wa. 98023-2176**



DAO/SAO Training Registration Form
8 October 2011
 Federal Way, WA
The Comfort Inn



31622 Pacific Hwy South Federal Way, WA 98003 Ph (253) 529-0101
Hotel Rate \$69 plus tax – ask for Group #3280

Training Workshop 0900 to 1600 including Lunch

Please fill out the Registration Form below and return by **8 September 2011**

Date:

Last Name		First Name		Rank	Grade
District	Squadron				
Street Address					
City		State	Zip Code		
Certificate No.		Current Position or Incoming Position			
Phone No.		Cell No.*			

eMail Address - (Please provide for acknowledgement of your registration and Workshop communications.)

* Cell Number will only be used in an emergency on the Training Day

Course notes, coffee breaks and lunch will be provided. All attendees are expected to lunch with the class. The course will be provided free for current or incoming district or squadron AOs, XOs or Commanders. Other attendees will be charged.

I'm neither a current nor incoming district or squadron AO, XO or Commander but want to attend. I am sending a check for \$60.00 payable to **USPS DAO/SAO Seminar** to: **P/D/C Joanna K. Webster, AP** to help defray the printing, coffee breaks, lunch and other costs.

For Registrations with check payment, print this document and send with payment enclosed to:

P/D/C Joanna K. Webster, AP
31820 37th Ave. SW
Federal Way, WA 98023-2176

Home: (253) 927-7474

email: jimjoweb@aol.com

For existing or incoming district or squadron AO, XO or Commander (no payment is required), fill out the form, save the document, and print a copy for your records. If no payment is required, attach the document to an email and send to: **P/D/C Joanna K. Webster, AP** email, jimjoweb@aol.com. Make sure you select read receipt when sending email.

Form date: 9 June 2011



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