



USPS Annual Meeting JACKSONVILLE 2015

NATIONAL MEETINGS COMMITTEE

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Hyatt Regency Riverfront

225 E. Coastline Drive
Jacksonville, FL
32202

904-588-1234

Jacksonville Awaits You



Greetings, everyone! I bring you good news! USPS National meetings are open to all members and are the best way to learn first-hand about the United States Power Squadrons' progress, programs, partnerships, plans, and people! This year's Annual Meeting is all about information, education, celebration, inspiration, recreation, and—last, but not least—friendship! (See page 3.) Please join us!

When you come to Jacksonville, you'll be able to connect with your elected officers, committee members, partner representatives, and fellow members from other squadrons. You'll be able to learn, ask questions, provide feedback, make suggestions, and discover new ways to get involved. And you'll be able to enjoy the best that USPS and Jacksonville have to offer. I hope to see you there! — *Chief Commander Robert Baldrige, SN*

It's all at your fingertips...

Your National Meetings Committee encourages you to take advantage of early bird discounts by registering online today! Go to www.usps.org, scroll down, and click on the Annual Meeting link. When you do, you will see a screen that looks like this, and you'll be on your way! (*continued on page 2*)

	Meeting Information
	Hotel Reservations Website
	To begin your online reservation - click here
	Download Agenda dated 11/18/14
	Read Latest Newsletters View All Newsletters
	First Timer Information RV Information Website

It's all at your fingertips...

From the main menu, click on the links you need.

- Meeting Information.** This [link](#) takes you to a screen that looks like the one in the upper right-hand column. It includes links to make your meal, hotel, and activities reservations. When you scroll down under Activities, you will see the pricing for all official events. Make your reservations by **14 December 2014** to benefit from early-bird discount pricing.
- Hotel Reservation Website.** This [link](#) takes you the Hyatt Regency Waterfront's web page that is devoted to our Annual Meetings. Making your reservation on line is the surest way to reserve the room and amenities that you need. Avoid disappointment: **Do not use the Hyatt's 800 number.** (Call center agents may not be familiar with our block of rooms or the very special pricing USPS is enjoying for this event.) Our \$139/night special room rate will be honored on available rooms until **28 December 2014**.
- To Begin Your Online Reservation.** This [link](#) goes to a screen like the one in the lower right-hand corner of this page. Simply enter your USPS member number and your zip code or USPS PIN number. This will pre-fill your registration form with your name, address, and other information from the USPS website, making it easier to complete your meal and activity registration.
- Agenda.** The first agenda will be posted 18 November. Check back for updates.
- Newsletters.** This [link](#) allows you to retrieve electronic copies of all newsletters related to this Annual Meeting.
- First-Timer Information.** This [link](#) takes you to a wealth of information that will be useful not only to members who are attending a USPS Annual Meeting for the first time, but also to anyone who would like to have a comfortable, productive stay in Jacksonville. **Check it out!**
- RV Information Website.** This link provides useful information for all members who will be using a recreational vehicle during the meetings and a direct link to the nearby [Flamingo Lakes RV Resort](#).

USPS Meeting Information
2015 Annual Meeting
 Sunday, January 18, 2015 - Sunday, January 25, 2015
 Jacksonville, FL
 MEAL RESERVATIONS OPEN
[To begin your online reservation - click here](#)

Hotel Information
Hyatt Jacksonville Riverfront
 This is the main meeting Hotel
[Hotel Web Site](#)
 225 East Coastline Dr
 Jacksonville FL 32202
 Telephone: (888) 421-1442 (904) 588-1234
 Rate: \$139.00

Activities

Meals Package M Cost: \$216.00
Discounted Price until 14 December 2014 \$165.00
 Includes: Thursday Awards Dinner, Friday Breakfast, Members Luncheon and Saturday Banquet.

Meals Package S Cost: \$216.00
Discounted Price until 14 December 2014 \$165.00
 Includes Thursday Awards Dinner, Friday Breakfast, Social Luncheon and Saturday Banquet.

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 US Power Squadrons 2015 Annual Conference

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What's In It for YOU!

Why Attend Annual Meeting 2015?

- **Information**—Hear directly from officers about activities in their areas; hear from partner organizations; pick up brochures and flyers at committee meetings and Friday's EXPO, and more!
- **Education**—Take advantage of free seminars on a range of boating topics, and check out our Teaching Aid display. Sign up for Leadership Development 101 or First Aid/CPR for a modest fee. The latest schedule is on the National Meeting website, just a click away on the USPS homepage, www.usps.org. Take advantage of the on-the-water training offered by Jacksonville Sail & Power Squadron on the weekends before and after the meeting (see page 10).
- **Celebration**—“*Laissez les Bon Temps Rouler*” was the theme as we started this watch year, and we'll end it by retiring our 100th Anniversary Ensign and renewing our shared commitment to making the water a better place every day. We'll also celebrate member milestones as we welcome our first timers and honor our newest life members, delight in the Children's Poster gallery, and recognize the achievements that so many of our members, squadrons, and districts made in 2014.
- **Inspiration**—We guarantee that you will be inspired by at least one great idea to take back to your squadron, and we hope that the stories you share will be an inspiration to others. Plan to hear our Keynote Speaker on Friday, and be sure to drop by our Ship's Store for USPS apparel and gifts that will inspire others in your community.
- **Recreation**—Want to have fun in and around Jacksonville? Look no further than our October newsletter for a description of organized tours and recreational activities, or see:
 - www.visitjacksonville.com, the official travel website for Jacksonville or
 - jacksonville.hyatt.com/en/hotel/activities.html, the Hyatt's activity page
 Plan to take advantage of the Hyatt's fitness center and heated rooftop pool, and don't forget to join C/C Robert Baldrige at 0600 Friday for a walk along the Riverfront. With the Hyatt's pet-friendly policy, you can also enjoy Jacksonville with your four-legged friend!
- **Friendship**—“*Come for the Boating Education... Stay for the Friends!*” catches the true spirit of our organization. This year's meeting offers venues, menus, programs, and activities for you to enjoy with your new and long-time USPS friends!

Leadership for All-Volunteer Organizations

USPS is pleased to offer Leadership Development 101, the first of a three-part program that, while designed for USPS, is useful for leadership in any all-volunteer situation. By any measure, this is a fantastic program!

Course author Stf/C Anita F. Walker, JN, will lead the day-long training on Friday, 23 January. To see the course outline and to pre-register, look [here](#).



USPS Annual Meeting JACKSONVILLE 2015

Dress code

Monday, 19 January— Wednesday, 21 January

USPS casual or appropriate attire

Thursday, 22 January

- Day: USPS casual or appropriate attire
- Evening: Blazer w/tie or appropriate after-six attire

Friday, 23 January

- Day: USPS blazer w/tie, open-collar or polo shirts, or other appropriate attire
- Evening: No official functions

Saturday, 24 January

- Day: Uniform F
 - ◇ Men: Regulation long-sleeve white shirt with black four-in-hand tie, black uniform trousers, black belt (if worn), black socks, black shoes, or other appropriate attire
 - ◇ Women: Regulation long-sleeve white blouse with black cross-over tie, black skirt or slacks, black shoes, black purse (if any), or other appropriate attire
- Evening: Uniform A with bow tie or USPS blazer with tie for men; evening attire or party dresses for women

Meeting Agenda

The detailed Meeting Agenda will be posted on the National Meetings website 18 November, and updates will be posted as they are available.

There are no official functions from Monday, 19 January through Wednesday, 21 January.

Thursday, 22 January, is devoted to committee meetings. You are welcome to attend and participate in all open sessions. No advance registration is required.

Friday, 23 January, is devoted to department meetings, free seminars, Leadership Development training, EXPO, the Teaching Aid and Children's Poster contests, and more!

Saturday, 24 January, is the day of the official Annual Meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you are authorized to vote, please be sure to pick up your voting card before this session.

For the schedule and pricing of optional activities and meals, see the event registration sheet on page 9 or go to the [Meeting Information](#) page online. For alternative dining choices, see page 8.

Forgot Something?

You can find what you need—and more!—at the Ship's Store! Stop in and see what's new!



United States Power Squadrons
"Come for the Boating Education...Stay for the Friends"SM

SHIP'S STORE

Home	Apparel	Education/Licensing	Gift Ideas	Insignia/Flags
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Keynote Speaker

Bob McKenzie, President, McKenzieHR The 4 Tenets of High-Performance Organizations

Be sure to register for the Keynote Breakfast on Friday, 23 January. As USPS squadrons aspire to be “go-to” recreational boating organizations in our communities, Bob’s keynote address will provide both inspiration and practical advice. He will lead a related workshop the same day.

With over 30 years of human resource management experience, Bob’s background includes a wide range of hands-on HR practices, including training and development, Equal Employment Opportunity, Affirmative Action Plan Development, development of performance management and compensation systems, recruitment, employee relations, union avoidance, and labor contract negotiations. His working experience encompasses a wide range of industries.

Bob is a regular contributor of articles for many publications and is in demand as a speaker for business and community functions all over Jacksonville. He is actively involved in local and national professional associations including the Small Business Resource Network, the Society for Human Resource Management, the St. John’s County Chamber of Commerce and is a former member of the Board of Directors of the Beaches Habitat for Humanity, St. John’s Vision, and Easter Seals—Florida.

Of special note, Mr. McKenzie was named the 2012 “Ultimate Human Resources Executive of the Year” by the Jacksonville Business Journal and won the “Man of Steel Award” by Entrepreneur Anchor Magazine for his contribution to the small business community of Jacksonville.



For more information, see www.mckenziehr.com



Speaking of Civic Service... Come Learn about SERAT!

Civic service is one side of the USPS triangle, and the Squadron Emergency Response Assistance Team (SERAT, pronounced Sea Rat) program is another way that squadrons can fulfill the USPS pledge to “render assistance whenever possible.”

Stf/C Jim Strothers, SN, will lead a seminar/training session on Friday. If you’d like to learn more, see the article on page 6 and plan to see Jim in Jacksonville!

What is SERAT? SERAT is a sanctioned arm of the local Power Squadron whose mission is to render volunteer assistance to local fire departments, law enforcement, and other agencies in the event of a water-related emergency. The duties are to provide a team of qualified and experienced boaters with knowledge of local waters who are willing to donate time and effort to assist in the event of an emergency. These may include water rescue, water search and rescue, water-related patrols, and help in securing an area in the event of an emergency.

SERAT standards may require that team members have more specialized or additional equipment than the average boater would have on board, such as special identifying life jackets, identifying lights and flags, and expanded first aid kits. The standards may also require members, depending on level of participation, to have completed advanced USPS courses. All vessels used by SERAT are required to have a current Vessel Safety Check sticker as part of the program.

Public Relations Benefits. Beyond the direct benefits to the community, having a SERAT program helps squadrons be recognized as a community service group. The service identity may help attract new members and skilled boaters who otherwise would not join USPS. Moreover, it provides an incentive for members to pursue advanced USPS education and develop strong on-the-water skills.

Meeting Venue FAQs

Hyatt Rates/Check In/Check Out

1. What is the deadline for discounted hotel rates? The Hyatt has provided a block of rooms for our Annual Meeting at \$139/night. This rate is available until **28 December**, provided rooms are still available. To avoid disappointment, book early! (Please also note the **14 December** early-bird discounts available for meals, tours, and activities, as noted on the activity registration form on page 9 and online.)
2. What are the check-in/check-out times at the Hyatt? Check in starting at 3PM, check out by noon.

In/Out Transportation and Parking

3. How much does it cost to get to the hotel from the airport? The distance is about 15 miles. Go Shuttle charges \$20pp. Yellow Cab charges \$37. Contact them at www.yellowcabflorida.com/northern-florida-transportation-group or call 904-999-9999.
4. Can I rent a car? Yes, all major car rental agencies are represented at the Jacksonville International Airport. You can save up to 20% with Budget, as part of your USPS benefits package. Budget's contact number at the airport is 904-741-6770.
5. What does it cost to park at the hotel? Hyatt's discounted rate is \$10 self-parking per vehicle per night for USPS overnight guests in the garage. Valet parking is \$20/night.
6. Is there day parking near the hotel? Yes, metered parking is available M-F from 0900 until 1800 at \$0.25 per 30 minutes. Street parking is free nights and weekends.
7. Is RV parking available? The Hyatt does not have parking for RVs. Visit www.downtownjacksonville.org/Downtown_Vision_Inc_Home.aspx for information regarding parking for downtown Jacksonville.

Hotel Amenities

8. Is Wi-Fi available? What is the cost? Wired and Wireless connections are available in guest rooms for \$9.95/night. Complimentary Wi-Fi is available in the hotel lobby. For hotspots, contact www.freehotspot.com.
9. Are handicap rooms available? Yes, the Hyatt has 44 ADA-compliant rooms (some Queen/Queen rooms, some King rooms, Some with tubs and some with roll-in showers). For your convenience, they are all within a few rooms of the elevators. When you make your online reservation, you can indicate that you need an accessible room. Need help with ambulatory aids (wheel chairs, motor scooters, oxygen)? Contact the hotel concierge and see www.genesysmedicalequipment.com. Hyatt's ADA rooms easily accommodate scooters. For recharging, please talk to the rental company directly.
10. Do all rooms have refrigerators? Refrigerators are available in Premier rooms, VIP, junior, terrace, and ADA rooms. Refrigerators are available upon request for other rooms for a fee of \$25 per stay.

Hotel Shuttle & Other Transportation

11. Is there a hotel shuttle? Yes, the Hyatt's complimentary shuttle operates within a 3-mile radius of the hotel Monday through Friday from 0600 until 1000 and then from 1700 until 2100. It will drop you off anywhere within that radius. For return pick-up, please call the hotel (during the time that the shuttle operates).
12. Water taxis? Available at <http://downtownjacksonville.org/locations/l-152-ss-marine-taxi.aspx>.
13. Tour buses? There is not a tour bus that services the Hyatt. For tour bus information, please contact the Northern Florida Transportation Group for taxi, luxury sedan, or private driver service at 904-999-9999.

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More Facts about JAX!

14. Bus stops? The source for information about bus service is www.jtafla.com. It is a 3-minute walk west to Central Station on West Bay Street. The Jacksonville Transit Authority (JTA) charges a \$1.50 regular cash fare. STAR cards for multi-day use may be purchased at Central Station.

Dining Options Near the Hotel

15. Are there dining options near the hotel? Yes, Jacksonville Landing is a 3-minute walk west from the hotel on Coastline Drive. See page 8 for specific dining options or see www.jacksonvillelanding.com.

Tourist Spots

16. What is the fastest way to the nearest, most popular tourist spot? Jacksonville Landing (see #15) is only a 3-minute walk away. You may also wish to consider either of these options that require car, taxi, or pre-ordered shuttle service: St. John's Center (www.simon.com/mall/st-johns-town-center) and St. Augustine (www.ci.st-augustine.fl.us).

Incoming Packages

17. Can I send packages to the hotel? Yes, you may. Please address materials as follows:

HYATT REGENCY JACKSONVILLE RIVERFRONT
Attendee's Name <— This line is mandatory
Convention/Event Name, Date of Event <— This line is mandatory
225 E. Coastline Drive
Jacksonville, FL 32202

18. How can I retrieve them when I arrive? To have materials delivered to your room, please contact the bell stand at extension 4515.
19. Is there a handling charge? Yes. Handling fees are as follows:
- Letter, package or envelope (next day) FREE
 - Small Box (10# or less) \$8.00; Medium Box (over 10-50#) \$12.00; Large Box (over 50#) \$30.00
 - Display cases/Hard cases with wheels \$50.00; Pallets \$150.00

Outgoing Packages

20. What are the package store hours?
- There is a FedEx Office Business Center on the 3rd floor of the hotel. It is open 0700–1900 Monday through Friday, and packages may be dropped off anytime during business hours.
 - The Hyatt's Shipping & Receiving Office is open from 0830 until 1700 Monday through Friday, and also on Saturday depending upon group demand. The storeroom may also be opened after hours by security.
 - The Hyatt's Convention Services staff will take all taped and labeled packages from the meeting room to the shipping dock. Please have labels ready to expedite this process. If you need to print labels, you may do so at the FedEx Office Business Center. The Hyatt has daily pick-up from UPS and FedEx.

Office Supplies

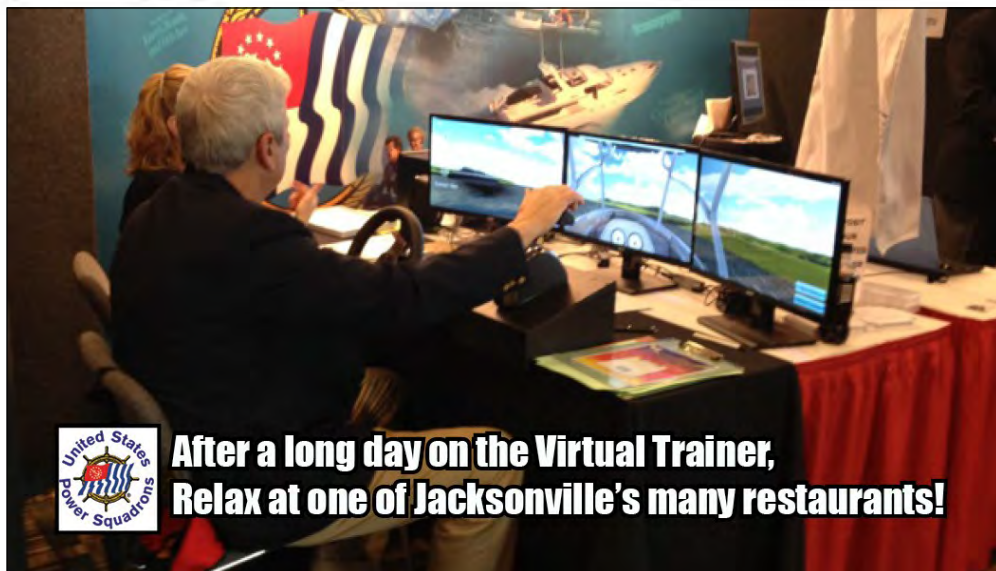
21. Is there an Office Depot or other supply store nearby? Yes, Office Depot (where USPS members enjoy a discount) has a store at 5914 Ramona Blvd, Jacksonville, which is about 6 miles west of the Hyatt (a 12-minute drive). Call 904-695-9754 or check the Office Depot website for more information on supplies and services offered. The FedEx Office Business Center can help you with banners or other printed items for a fee.

Grocery Store/Pharmacy

22. What is nearby?
- Winn-Dixie—Closest to the Hyatt at 777 N. Market Street (904-353-6810)
 - Publix—3033 Riverside Avenue (10-minute drive)
 - Walgreen's—1801 N. Davis Street (10-minute drive)

DINING OPTIONS IN JACKSONVILLE

<p>BistroAix</p> <p>1440 San Marco Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32207 (904) 398-1949</p> <p>"Trendy bistro serving innovative French dishes in a room with mirrors, antiques & an open kitchen."</p>	<p>BB's Restaurant and Bar</p> <p>1019 Hendricks Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32207 (904) 398-0100</p> <p>"Buzzing bistro serving innovative New American dishes & sweets from a dessert case amid chic digs."</p>	<p>Biscottis</p> <p>3556 St Johns Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32205 (904) 387-2080</p> <p>"Offering casual comfort, innovative cuisine, and a personality all its own."</p>
<p>Black Sheep</p> <p>1534 Oak St, Jacksonville, FL 32204 (904) 380-3091</p> <p>"Casual eatery plating locally sourced Southern chow plus a full bar serving craft beers & cocktails."</p>	<p>Matthew's Restaurant</p> <p>2107 Hendricks Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32207 (904) 396-9922</p> <p>"Contemporary & elegant option for innovative New American dishes plus an impressive wine list."</p>	<p>Wine Cellar</p> <p>1314 Prudential Dr, Jacksonville, FL 32207 (904) 398-8989</p> <p>"An elegant cafe serves New American fare & a broad wine list amid exposed brick, columns & a patio."</p>
<p>Casa Dora</p> <p>108 E Forsyth St, Jacksonville, FL 32202 (904) 356-8282</p> <p>"Italian eatery serving pizza & other traditional fare, plus wine in a homey, art-adorned setting."</p>	<p>Indochine</p> <p>21 E Adams St #200, Jacksonville, FL 32202 (904) 598-5303</p> <p>"Buzzy upstairs eatery serves Asian dishes spiced-to-order in loftlike digs lined with Eastern art."</p>	<p>Burrito Gallery</p> <p>21 E Adams St, Jacksonville, FL 32202 (904) 598-2922</p> <p>"Bohemian restaurant featuring a rotating selection of art plus Tex-Mex fare & local beer."</p>
<p>River City Brewing Company</p> <p>835 Museum Cir, Jacksonville, FL 32207 (904) 398-2299</p> <p>"House-brewed beer pairs with seafood, steaks & pasta. At this pub with river & Downtown views."</p>	<p>Pho Noodle Bar</p> <p>117 W Adams St, Jacksonville, FL 32202 (904) 353-0320</p> <p>"Casual Thai standby specializing in noodle soups also serves rolls, salads, rice plates & curries."</p>	<p>O'Brothers Irish Pub</p> <p>1521 Margaret St, Jacksonville, FL 32204 (904) 854-9300</p> <p>"A big, broad selection of beers washes down updated Irish pub grub in cozy digs with a lively patio."</p>
<p>Orsay</p> <p>3630 Park St, Jacksonville, FL 32205 (904) 381-0909</p> <p>"Seasonal French food & creative cocktails meet in this dining room with plush seats & exposed beams."</p>	<p>Chart House</p> <p>1501 Riverplace Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32207 (904) 398-3353</p> <p>"High-end chain eatery serving seafood & steakhouse fare in a classy setting with view."</p>	<p>Ruth's Chris</p> <p>1201 Riverplace Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32207 (904) 396-6200</p> <p>"Outpost of upmarket steakhouse chain known for sizzling, butter-topped beef in an elegant setting."</p>



**After a long day on the Virtual Trainer,
Relax at one of Jacksonville's many restaurants!**

USPS 2015 Annual Meeting 18–25 January

Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront
225 Coastline Drive East
Jacksonville, FL 32202



Activities registration >> Reserve online at <http://www.usps.org/php/reservations/meetings.php>

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Address	City	State	ZIP	Squadron/District	
Home phone	Cell/Office			Dietary restrictions?	
Email address	First time attending a national meeting?				

Wednesday, 21 Jan.

0930–1130 Downtown Top to Bottom Walking Tour

A professional tour guide meets you at the Hyatt to show you Jacksonville from the skyline to beneath the city's streets. The walking tour goes inside seven buildings, including secret tunnels and vaults. At one stop, we relax and watch a silent movie as we learn about Jacksonville being the first Hollywood.

Quantity _____ @ \$18 before 14 Dec., \$28 after Total _____

1000–1500 Golf Course Outing

A shuttle bus leaves the hotel at 0900 for a 1000 tee time at an 18-hole former PGA course 20 minutes away. Men and women are invited. Bring your own clubs or rent for an additional fee. Price includes green fees and bus transportation. Stay for a light lunch on your own at the 19th hole.

Quantity _____ @ \$49 before 14 Dec., \$59 after Total _____

1230–1630 A Taste of Jacksonville Tour

Tour Jacksonville's most popular factories: Peterbrooke Chocolatier and Anheuser-Busch. Discover the story behind Peterbrooke, and take a look at the Anheuser-Busch brewing process, before ending the tour in the brewery's Hospitality Room where you can relax while sampling from Anheuser-Busch's extensive product line.

Quantity _____ @ \$43 before 14 Dec., \$53 after Total _____

1300–1500 Painting with a Twist

A skilled artist shows you step by step how to create a preselected painting. Workshop includes canvas, paint and aprons as well as a complimentary glass of wine or champagne. Enjoy a fun afternoon in the hotel, and leave the cleanup to someone else.

Quantity _____ @ \$58 before 14 Dec., \$68 after Total _____

Thursday, 22 Jan.

0900–1500 Beaches Tour & Culhane's

Collectively known as The Beaches, this area of Jacksonville has its own culture: Salt Life. At lunchtime, eat and shop at The Beaches Town Center or travel to Culhane's Irish Pub, owned by four sisters from Ireland and made famous by The Food Channel.

Quantity _____ @ \$52 before 14 Dec., \$62 after Total _____

1215–1345 Department Luncheons

Admin. ___ Edu. ___ Sec. ___ Treas. ___ (check one)

Quantity _____ @ \$38 before 14 Dec., \$48 after Total _____

1830–2230 New Life Member Reception and Awards Dinner

The New Life Member Reception and Awards Ceremony is free and open to all. Life Members get two free cocktails at the reception. An optional traditional sit-down dinner with cash bar follows. Squadron and district awards are presented after dinner. There will be extra

seating for non-dining patrons after dinner is served.

Quantity _____ @ \$48 before 14 Dec., \$58 after Total _____

Friday, 23 Jan.

0730–0900 Keynote Breakfast

Kick-off the meeting with breakfast and a keynote address.

Quantity _____ @ \$32 before 14 Dec., \$42 after Total _____

1215–1345 Executive Department Luncheon

Quantity _____ @ \$38 before 14 Dec., \$48 after Total _____

Saturday, 24 Jan.

1130–1400 Social Reception and Luncheon

As USPS embarks upon its second 100 years, let's come together as Friends Across USPS as we widen our circle of friendship.

Quantity _____ @ \$38 before 14 Dec., \$48 after Total _____

1200–1400 Members Reception and Luncheon (cash bar)

Quantity _____ @ \$38 before 14 Dec., \$48 after Total _____

1830–2200 Reception and Banquet

Get ready to rock around the clock to the music of the Now and Then Band. Our theme is USPS in the 101st year. Come enjoy a wonderful meal and fellowship with USPS members and guests.

Quantity _____ @ \$58 before 14 Dec., \$68 after Total _____

Convention meals discount packages

All Meals Package M—\$165 before 14 Dec.

Includes Thursday Awards Dinner, Friday Breakfast, Members Luncheon and Saturday Banquet.

Quantity _____ @ \$165 before 14 Dec., \$216 after Total _____

All Meals Package S—\$165 before 14 Dec.

Includes Thursday Awards Dinner, Friday Breakfast, Social Luncheon and Saturday Banquet.

Quantity _____ @ \$165 before 14 Dec., \$216 after Total _____

Total packages amount due \$ _____

Total tickets amount due \$ _____

\$10 surcharge for reservations made at the hotel

For RV information, visit usps.org/lc/highwaymariners.

Reserve tickets online at usps.org/php/reservations using a credit card or mail this form and a check made out to 2015 Annual Meeting to USPS Headquarters, PO Box 30423, Raleigh, NC 27622. Call 757-685-6319 for more information or email arlene.anderson47@yahoo.com.

Activity reservations must be secured or be postmarked by 8 Jan. 2015 or made online by 17 Jan. Refund request made after 8 Jan. will be honored only if the tickets are resold. All tickets must be picked up at the member activities registration area no later than two hours before the event, except for Social Luncheon, Members Luncheon and Banquet tickets, which must be picked up by 1000 Saturday, 24 Jan. The agenda and additional details can be found at usps.org/php/reservations.

Our meeting hotel is Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront. Call 904-588-1234. Request the USPS rate of \$139 plus tax per night if reserving by phone, or go to usps.org/php/reservations. If you have any issues with the hotel, call Bob Holub, at 516-375-9710 or email rhohub@optonline.net

USPS On-the-Water Training

Boat Operator Certification and Practical On-The-Water Training Await YOU in Jacksonville!

The Jacksonville Sail & Power Squadron will be offering classroom and on-the-water training for Boat Operator Certification (BOC) candidates and BOC Certifier candidates over the weekend preceding the Annual Meeting. The squadron will also offer Practical On-the-Water training on Sunday following the Annual Meeting. The location for all training is Lake Shore Dry Storage, 3326 Lake Shore Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32210. This is about 8 miles from the Hyatt Regency.



BOC-Inland Navigator: *Saturday, 17 January (0800-1700).* Bring your PFD and your BOC-IN passport. For information about the skills demonstrations required for BOC-IN certification, see www.usps.org/eddept/boc/files/checklists/in_checklist.pdf

BOC-Coastal Navigator: *Sunday, 18 January (0800-1700).* Bring your PFD and your BOC-IN and BOC-CN passport. For information on the skill demonstrations required for BOC-CN certification, see www.usps.org/eddept/boc/files/checklists/cn_checklist.pdf

Pre-Registration: Contact P/C Pete Foster, SN, petefoster@bellsouth.net, C 904-874-8802, H 904-797-6707.



Practical OTW Training: *Sunday, 25 January (0800-1700).* This seminar provides an explanation of how your boat handles and why. Video clips let you visualize the maneuvers prior to your experiencing them on the water. It covers use of lines, departing the dock, operating in a fairway, pivoting, mooring, backing, docking, steering a slalom, holding course on a range, and a quick stop. Each student receives a copy of *Powerboat Handling Illustrated*, a DVD, a Student Manual, and a certificate acknowledging his/her training. Bring your PFD.

Pre-Registration: For more information, see www.usps.org/findacourse for seminars in the Jacksonville area or contact P/C Pete Foster, SN, petefoster@bellsouth.net, C 904-874-8802, H 904-797-6707.



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Thank you for reading this newsletter! On behalf of the National Meetings Committee, I hope you are inspired to attend the Annual Meeting in Jacksonville, and I hope your participation will be both enjoyable and valuable for you and your squadron.

Our October newsletter shared information about recreational activities, trips, tours, shopping, and entertainment in the Jacksonville area; and our December newsletter will have more on the final meeting agenda.

Thank you for being a USPS member and for helping to make the water a better place! I look forward to seeing you soon!

- R/C Bob Holub, SN, National Meetings Committee Chair

