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Oklahoma City Going Tropical For Fall Conference

OKC is looking forward to celebrating the USPS 100th Anniversary and seeing as many members as possible at the Fall Conference 25 to 27 October 2013 in Oklahoma City.

Friday evening will be a "Tropical" theme as we enjoy the camaraderie with fellow members next to the indoor pool. So wear tropical attire and bring your swim suit and enjoy this year's Fall Conference hosted by Oklahoma City Sail & Power Squadron. Registration form located on page # 5. See you there!

FIESTA de BOATING V RECAP

Well, FIESTA de BOATING V appeared to be a great success! Although it was not the largest rendezvous we have had, it may have been the best. It was fun to see old friends and make new ones. Our own National Executive Officer, Robert Baldrige, SN and First Mate Nancy Baldrige joined us from the Baton Rouge Sail & Power Squadron in D/15. Although they were First Timers, they were not strangers very long. They pitched in to do whatever we needed help with. It was fun to have them join our Fiesta de Boating V.

We had 65 people and 3 dogs registered this year. We had a couple of dogs who attended but did not have a formal registration. (They need to talk to their owners about that!) We had 52 for the dinner on Saturday night. Galveston S&P, Austin Power Squadron and Norman S&P were responsible for dinner Friday night. Thanks to Frank Boerner of Galveston Bay S & P, we had delicious meat, corn and potatoes. Austin Power Squadron and Norman S&P whipped up the bread, baked beans and homemade ice cream. Glenda Maynard provided the hot damn cherries and Hilton Dickerson provided the delicious brownies. Glen Snell and his crew from Ft. Worth S&P provided Saturday breakfast of blueberry pancakes, sausage, watermelon, oranges, coffee and juice. Oklahoma City S&P provided a great continental breakfast on Sunday morning with

pastries, fruits, juice and coffee. Every bite was delicious. Thanks to Galveston Bay S&P, Jerry Madden, Bob Johnson and Danny Goss for providing wonderful shade with the pop-up tents. The Johnson's boom tents lashed to the pop-ups expanded the shade. Thanks to National Ship's Store Committee Members, Glenda Maynard, Mary Ann Stout, Nancy Baldrige, Sandy Johnson and Steve Johnson and District 21 Ship's Store Chair, Linda Lopez for operating a very successful Ship's Store full of 100th Anniversary items. Also, thanks to all who purchased items from the store. The sales will help with the cost of rendezvous. Thanks to the sponsors who provided items for

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CALL TO MEETING



Summer Council 21 September 2013

**Bass Pro Shop
Uncle Buck's Private
Dining Room
Broken Arrow, OK
0930 -1200**

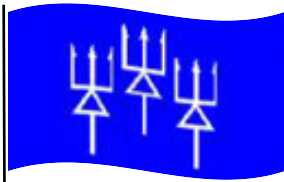
(lunch after, on your own)

**Purpose
Discuss D/31 Business**

**Uniform - USPS or
Squadron Polo Shirts
OR
"Just Show Up"**

**By order of the
District Commander**

**D/31 Secretary
D/Lt/C Marilyn Goss, P**



You Squadron and District Need You! – Consider Serving –

District Commander, D/C Danny Goss, JN
Oklahoma City Sail & Power Squadron

Dear District 31 Members,

This years Summer Council meeting will be after the National Governing Board Meeting in San Antonio, TX. There are a number of seminars scheduled that I hope we have attendance from the members going so we have a lot of information to bring back to the district membership.

We are looking for people who wish to help further our district goals for fun, healthy squadrons and help improve boating safety to our fellow boaters.

For those that wish to fully serve, please contact P/D/C Larry Stout JN-IN or any member of the nominating committee.

For those with less time to give, but still wish to be involved, the district has positions such as the Awards Chair open. D/31 gratefully thanks P/C Sandra Stratton, S for her two years of service as Awards Committee Chairman Her help as well as all of the other serving committee chairs' and officers' diligence and attention to

detail have enabled D/31 to stick out and give notice to the national officers that D/31 is a thriving, vibrant organization, even if we only have four squadrons.

Our district can only continue if you, the membership, believes our educational efforts to save boating lives is worth your efforts, and you wish to continue to enjoy the friendship of our fellow boating friends. Our district is about the squadrons and members that make up our district. We don't have a coast and none of us have a river at the present, to draw us together, but together we are!

So, please consider supporting your squadron or district in some fashion in the coming year. Contact your commander, nominating committee or myself.

Thanks again for your support this past year and please support Pete as much in the coming year!



Just Show Up!
Come join in!
Danny



**FRATERNAL
BOATING CLUB**

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our goodie bags and to Shirley Heald, Sandy and Steve Johnson for assembling the bags. A special thanks to Jody Rentz of Anything Imprints for her assistance in designing the Fiesta de Boating V/100th Anniversary souvenir cozies for our bags. Jody has been a supplier for USPS in Raleigh for many years and is licensed to provide USPS items of all types. Thanks to Shirley Heald for getting the USPS insurance certificate for the marina for the event and to Bill Galle for providing the D21 Tax Exemption certificate for Texas for the marina.

A large group of “older” children as well as several children and dogs attended the Paws for Safety children's water safety program with Sebastian. Laurie Hestand's crew did 33 VSC's. We had examiners from three squadrons this year. Considering there was not much activity at the marina except our group, that was an outstanding number. Bill Galle and his crew took charge of the on the water activity. Thirty eight (38) people went out on boats provided by several members. Jerry Madden and Wayne Kiefer conducted the blind folded boat races.

Turned out the blind fold was really not necessary for the event to be challenging! Every squadron had a participant in the race. The “special attraction” or “fatal attraction” was manned by Creighton Maynard and Robert Baldrige. Sebastian decided he should be a part of the event and attempted to retrieve only the red buoys just to confuse the racers! Every participant received a certificate of appreciation for being in the event. Bob Johnson, Debbie Rothermel and Rolin Walton along with the Dallas S&P were responsible for the wonderful hospitality cabin. Thanks to everyone who brought goodies and helped provide snacks for the weekend.

Larry Stout headed our F.A.S.T. Team for the weekend. Fortunately this year we didn't need Larry's expertise other than a few band aids. Shirley Heald headed the team competition for 100 Ideas for Squadron Activities and 100 Reasons to be a USPS Member. Certificates for first, second and third place winners were given out at the dinner on Saturday night.

Larry Stout and Shirley Heald headed the program for Saturday night, seeing that each squadron gave the history of their burgee at the dinner. Thanks to Creighton Maynard for providing the history of the USPS Ensign. Once again we “went green” by recycling cans, glass and plastic. Thanks to Hilton Dickerson for taking the recycle to the facility. Hilton also provided sound equipment for Saturday night. The awesome table decorations for Saturday night were created by Debbie Rothermel, Shirley Heald and Sandy Johnson. We had as our guests from the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary 8 Rivers Western District, Division 16,

Flotilla #9, Jerry Thornton, Mike Chessen and Ray Bitsche. It's always good to have our partners join us for the events.

Thanks to *EVERYONE* who helped clean up, pack up and help us get things back to our boat to Laurie and Dana's house in Sherwood Shores and transported back to OKC. That is an event unto itself!

We had members from Shreveport S&P; Galveston Bay S&P; Austin PS; Ft. Worth S&P; Dallas S&P; Norman S&P; Oklahoma City S&P; and Grand Lake S&P.

We met with the marina management on Sunday. They were very complimentary of our group. That is always nice to hear. They appreciated our business at the Ship's Store. They also appreciated us wearing our USPS nametags to identify us in case of an emergency on the grounds. The wait staff who worked our party was complimentary as well. Linda Mayo in the office is hand-selected to handle our reservations and arrangements with the marina. She calls us two-three times a week during the year to update us on reservations, possible conflicts, options, etc. We had a telephone call from Kris Worstell, Manager of Cedar Mills Marina on Wednesday thanking us for our business and thanking us for taking good care of the marina grounds while we were there.

We are on for Fiesta de Boating VI the *FIRST WEEKEND* in August 2014 (Aug. 1-2-3). The marina has blocked off that weekend for us next year. When we left the marina Sunday afternoon some of you had already booked your cabin. There are a few cabins left. If you have any suggestions for activities, changes in format or anything that you think would improve on what we are doing please drop us an email (scj2@flash.net) by March 1, 2014. After April 1, 2014, the agenda will be set and the proper arrangements will be made with the marina for facilities for the weekend. The reservation form will be distributed to the squadrons and districts. Then we will sit back and watch the reservations roll in! It is a perfect weekend to see how the districts complete the three sides of the USPS triangle. We are setting a good example for USPS!

Thanks to *everyone* who helped make Fiesta de Boating V a success. We are just the facilitators. YOU do the work! It certainly would not be a success if you did not come. It takes all of us working together to make it happen. If you were not the captain of an event you were the crew. We appreciate you all!

Start thinking Arctic in August 2014!

“Boating is fun....we'll show you how!”®

P/R/C Steve Johnson, AP
P/R/C Sandy Johnson, AP



**District 31 Fall Conference and Change of Watch
Paradise Island
25, 26, & 27 October 2013**

Hosted by the Oklahoma City Sail & Power Squadron



- Registration includes Fri night Paradise Meal with Rum Swizzles and Sat Dinner Buffet
- Please join us Sunday @ 1100 for a self-guided tour of the Oklahoma State Capitol Building
2300 N Lincoln Blvd, Oklahoma City, OK 73105
<http://www.okhouse.gov/information/CapitolTours.aspx>

For reservations contact
Wyndham Garden Hotel
2101 S. Meridian
Oklahoma City, OK 73108
405-685-4000 or 1-800-327-5300

\$89.96 per night rate, includes breakfast buffet
For room reservations use group name
"Power Squadron"
Must reserve NLT 11 Oct 2013 for discounted rate

Registration Form, due NLT 11 Oct 2013

(please print)

Rank Last Name First Name Grade _____

Rank Last Name First Name Grade _____

Address City State Zip Code _____

Squadron Phone Email Address _____

Sunday Capitol Tour Yes or No (circle one)

**Registration fee is \$55.00 per person. Amount enclosed \$ _____
Make checks payable to Oklahoma City Sail & Power Squadron (OCSPS)**

Detach and mail with payment to D/Lt Dana Tischer, 1013 SW 98th St, OKC, OK 73139
Questions regarding registration call Dana at 405-692-7438





V/C Hamilton to attend Fall Conference in OKC



Jean joined Houston Sail & Power Squadron in 1984. However, her first rendezvous was around the age of 7 in the Jacksonville SPS. The family continued squadron involvement in the Chicago and Shrewsbury squadrons. Highlights in the Houston squadron include serving as Cooperative Charting chair, teaching Weather, teaching in the boating courses, other electives and advanced grades, and serving as SEO.

Nationally, she chaired the Weather Committee, then added Cruise Planning when the committees merged in 2000. At the request of the Chief Commander, she created and chaired the ad hoc Environmental Committee, taking it to formal committee status in the Executive Department one year later. She next was elected to Assistant National Secretary, and now serves as National Secretary. Simultaneously, she was elected to the District 21 bridge, serving as Administrative Officer, Executive Officer and Commander. She is a certified instructor and an advanced BOC certifier.

Jean started on-the-water training at the Florida Yacht Club in Jacksonville racing her Optimist pram The Blue Dolphin. Simultaneously, the family participated in many FYC & JSPS cruises aboard the Miss Ill Guided & the Blue Darter. Moving to Chicago she decided the water was too cold and tasted funny. Fortunately that was only a two-year interval until moving to Rumson, NJ and living on the Shrewsbury River...still cold, but better tasting. It was a



V/C Jean Hamilton, SN-IN

perfect one day trip to leave the dock, round Sandy Hook, cross Raritan & Lower Bays, cruise under the Verrazano Narrows Bridge, proceed up the East River, across the Harlem River through Hell's Gate, then cruise back down the Hudson River and home – the Hamilton "Circle Line" tour on board the Panacea. Since you couldn't drive up there until you were really old...the kids all had Boston Whalers, Jean's was the Buzzie. As a graduate student at Duke, the Buzzie became the Research Vessel Buzzie, & the primary means of transport to her thesis area on Shackleford Banks. As a "grownup" she bare boat chartered most of the Caribbean, Mexican Riviera, Tonga, Tahiti, out of Long Beach, and cruised again with her parents on board Altair. She recently sold her 27' Catalina Witch of Endor, and is "between boats."

Jean has a bachelors degree in geology from Vanderbilt University, and a master's in geology from Duke. Her entire career has been at Marathon Oil Company, working in various geoscience positions. Jean is single, no kids, but most people would be happy to come back in a second life as one of her dogs. Marie Galante & Justinian have made many rendezvous and conferences, as did their predecessors Sutherland, Lydia, and Hotspur.



Charles F. Chapman Award Nominee

The Charles F. Chapman Award for Excellence in Teaching recognizes outstanding USPS instructors. Once a year, each squadron nominates one outstanding instructor to its district. The District Educational Officer forms a committee to select one nominee within their district for national judging. In the final judging, the Chapman Award Selection Group of the Instructor Development Committee recognizes the five winners who represent the organization's most effective volunteer instructors

Two individuals were nominated for the Charles F. Chapman Award for Excellence in Teaching. P/D/C Larry Stout, JN-IN of the Grand Lake Squadron and P/C John Nelson, P of the Beaver Lake Squadron. P/D/C Larry Stout has been chosen as District 31's nominee. A panel of 4 past district commanders representing each of the district's squadrons reviewed both of the nominees' recommendations.

The following is an excerpt of P/D/C Stout's recommendation:

On-the-water (OTW) training was a missing ingredient in the boating courses offered by USPS. After the syllabus for ABC3 and Seamanship were developed by USPS, Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron needed a means to incorporate the OTW into the learning experience of the students. Having completed the Instructor development course and obtaining his Boat Operator Certification, Larry Stout offered to initiate the OTW training for ABC3

and Seamanship for our squadron. He prepared a checklist to guide an instructor through the OTW training so conditions and situations for our inland lake were appropriately addressed. Larry would present an overview of the OTW training to each ABC3 and Seamanship class. He would then contact each student to schedule an outing on the water with three to four students. After completing the required waiver documentation, Larry would perform a safety briefing; review the equipment on the boat and its proper operation, and review boat handling and operation with the students. He would take the students onto the lake to practice pivot turns, emergency stops, docking techniques, anchoring, man overboard drills and other operations. Larry has provided the OTW training to approximately 22 students in the last 18 months. The students are essentially unanimous that the OTW training experience is an extremely valuable addition to the overall training program. Larry showed initiative in setting up the OTW program. He has the skill to tailor the OTW training to meet the needs of the students based on their skill level and familiarity with a boat. Larry has oriented three other squadron instructors to the OTW program so the OTW program will continue to grow for our squadron. Larry brought attention to the OTW with the public when a local television station broadcast an ABC3 classes during OTW training

A formal recognition and award of the District's Certificate will be made at the Fall Conference and Change of Watch in Oklahoma City. The District's recommendation has been submitted to National U.S.P.S. for consideration in the National Award.



Announcing the 16th Boarman National USPS Youth Annual Poster Contest

The Boarman Youth Poster Contest now runs from January to the Annual Meeting of the following year. "100 Years of Wearing It" is the theme.

National level deadline is Thursday, 1 January 2014. Squadrons and Districts set their own judging dates. Visit this website for rules and entry forms.

<http://www.usps.org/national/membership/youth/poster.htm>





How to Promote Boating Courses to the Public



Do you think the America's Boating Course 3rd Edition (ABC3) serves only to promote safe boating? Well, it does promote safe boating, but it also serves another *critical* function: gaining new members to continue and enlarge our boating education promotional efforts. These two goals for our public courses coexist nicely, creating a win-win proposition for both students and our squadrons.

We need new members to attend member courses, serve on squadron committees and assume leadership roles as officers. Where do they come from? Our public boating education classes! Nearly all USPS members join by way of our public classes, despite the fact that other avenues of qualification have recently been opened to them. Now that we offer the public a continuum of education from ABC3 through our Advanced Grade (AG) and Elective (EC) courses, with evolving on-the-water education complementing classroom courses, our opportunities are terrific.



Location:

Where the class is held is very important. Select a place with good, safe parking. Students don't want to come to an unsafe location. Consider the following locations:

- Marine Stores may have a separate conference or meeting room—and may be willing to promote the course for you, as well, to bring students/customers (back) into the store.
- New and Used Boat Dealerships using incentive programs such as the BRUNSWICK Program where the dealer markets student materials and the local squadron conducts the boating classes. (Review the BRUNSWICK program on the Educational Department Web site.)
- Banks and S&L's are often happy to provide free meeting rooms and good after-hours parking; this is a public service that enhances these institutions' community involvement.
- Schools often charge a custodial fee, but you may pass that fee on to the students as a facilities charge in addition to the charges for course materials.

Class Hours

The best time to start and end your class is determined by your students, that is, your customers:

- Students coming straight from work may find starting at 1800 or 1830, and ending at 2000 or 2030 works best, but students coming from home may prefer a 1900 or 1930 starting time; from what locations are your students most likely to come?
- For students with young families, or who must be at work early in the morning, ending class on time is imperative; keep your instructors to a time schedule and end every class session on time.
- In suburban areas, consider weekend classes; many who work in the city might be happy to attend on Saturday—or even Sunday—classes to save their weekday Afternoon courses may be an excellent opportunity to attract retirees, and may provide a rewarding activity (and a merit mark) for “retired” instructors, or those preferring not to drive after dark.

Finally, prepare a questionnaire about class schedules, hours, and locations; ask your students to complete it at the beginning of every public course to help you plan future classes.

Promotion

Window and counter posters may be ordered from USPS Headquarters (PROLOG) at no cost. Free flyers for USPS safe-boating courses in four-color are also available for squadrons. Place these in the locations listed below—*after* you receive permission to do so:

- ✓ Marinas
- ✓ Boat Yards
- ✓ Yacht Clubs
- ✓ Marine Supply Stores
- ✓ Libraries
- ✓ Boat Dealers
- ✓ Bait & Tackle Shops
- ✓ Boat Rental Shops (PWCs, sailboats, runabouts, charter companies, etc.)
- ✓ Park Districts
- ✓ Schools
- ✓ Shopping Centers
- ✓ YMCA and YWCA Bulletin Boards

Submitted by P/D/C Larry Stout, JN-IN
Information provided by the
USPS Public Relations Committee



Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler!
(Let the good times roll!)



USPS 100th Anniversary Gala Celebration
Annual Meeting
Jacksonville, Florida
28 January through 1 February, 2014

As you arrive in Jacksonville: Notice welcome signs at the airport, on posts near the Hyatt Hotel and in the lobby of the hotel

Tours all week: Explore Jacksonville
Tours to be announced

Wednesday, 29 January- Evening Party at Jacksonville Landing

Friday, 31 January- Lighted Boat Parade, and Reception/Cocktail party, sponsored by the Hyatt Hotel

Saturday, 1 February- Annual Meeting with a special flag ceremony uniting squadron banners and district anniversary ensigns.

Saturday, 1 February- Saturday evening Mardi Gras Ball and Banquet

Come Join The Fun!



Mastering the Rules of the Road

The Fall Conference and District Change of Watch will be held and hosted by the Oklahoma City Squadron in Oklahoma City 26 and 27 October. The seminar will be offered the afternoon of 26 October presented by R/C Bruce Albertson, SN.

This is a required seminar for those individuals desiring to obtain a Boat Operator's Certificate with a Coastal Navigation endorsement.

The seminar will be presented in two ways, depending upon individuals, level of interest:

- For those individuals NOT interested in such an endorsement but wish to only expand their knowledge there is no need to pre-register, just attend the seminar free of charge.
- For those individuals that ARE interested in obtaining such an endorsement there is a \$32.00

dollar charge for the required textbook which must be ordered from National.

If you want such an endorsement, return an email to me at jdsweeten1@gmail.com stating as such and mail a check in that amount, payable to District 31 United States Power Squadron, to me to have it in my possession No Later than 14 September. My mailing address is:

Jim Sweeten
908 SW River Rock Street
Bentonville, AR 72712

Checks not received by the above date will be returned to the sender and credit for the seminar will not be given.

D/Lt/C Jim Sweeten, SN
District 31 Education Officer



V/C Robert Baldridge, SN (left) and P/C/C Creighton Maynard, SN relax after an evening meal during Fiesta de Boating V held earlier this month at the D/21 and D/31 Rendezvous at Lake Texoma. V/C Baldridge will be installed as Chief Commander in January during the 100th year Celebration in Jacksonville, Fl. Make plans to attend now!
Photo by P/D/C Larry Stout, JN-IN

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**YOU ARE INVITED
TO
CELEBRATE USPS' 100TH
ANNIVERSARY**



Jacksonville, Florida
Hyatt Riverfront Hotel
26 January through 2 February
2014

100th Anniversary website: www.usps.org/100

**District 31
Call To Meeting
Fall Conference
Change of Watch**

To: All District and Squadron Officers, Committee Chairs and D/31 Members,

Your presence and participation is requested in Oklahoma City for the District 31 Fall Conference and Change of Watch 25-27 October 2013.

The weekend will begin with a tropical party at the meeting hotel, "Wyndham Garden Hotel" Friday evening, October 25, 2013. Since there was a council meeting within 40 days, no council meeting is needed, unless it becomes necessary.

Beginning Saturday morning at 0900, the D/31 conference meeting will begin to include nomination and election of new officers.

In addition to officers, the District is in need of many volunteers for committee chairs.

*Just Show Up!
Come have fun!
Danny
D/C 2012/2013*