

## COOPERATIVE CHARTING AWARD FALL

The District Cooperative Charting Award was first proposed in 1986 to honor both an individual and a squadron. The award was approved and the unique trophy was presented for the first time at the Spring Conference in March 1987. On 27 October 1990, the award was named in honor of P/D/C Robert S. Finn, JN. Since 1963 when an agreement made between the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the United States created the popular Cooperative Charting Program, USPS members have helped NOAA to maintain and update nautical charts and to locate and preserve geodetic markers on land. The district a NOS geodetic survey mark trophy has a brass replica of affixed to the top of a square wooden base on a short, black pedestal. A large brass facing plate attached to the front of the wooden base is inscribed with the name of the award and the distinctive NOS-USPS Cooperative Charting logo. An individual award is also to be presented to the member in the district who achieves the highest placement on the NOS Honor Roll. The individual award may be an impressive noteworthy certificate, a small plaque, or some other appropriate item in recognition of achievement.



The judging rules are as follows:

1. The NOS (National Ocean Service) reviews all reports for both the Cooperative Charting and the Mark recovery programs. The NOS publishes a list of individuals and squadrons and assigns all the points and standings. USPS does not enter into this arrangement at all. NOS publishes and distributes periodic reports to USPS District Cooperative Charting Chairmen showing credit points earned by districts, squadrons, and individuals.
2. The Cooperative Charting year is 1 April through 31 March of the following year. The District Cooperative Charting Chairman shall furnish to the District Awards Chair a copy of the end-of-year Cooperative Charting Report received from NOS. The District Awards Chair shall furnish to the District Cooperative Charting Chair a copy of the official USPS Membership Statistics for the district and its squadrons published on 31 March of the current year and received either in hard copy form or copied directly from the USPS HQ website.
3. To be considered for this award, a D31 Squadron must be on the Honor Roll of the NOS. If only one Squadron is on the NOS Honor Roll, then that squadron wins the District Cooperative Charting Award.
4. If more than one squadron is eligible for the district award, the following formula is used to determine the winner:

$$\frac{(\text{The number of points earned}) \times (\text{number of Active squadron members participating})}{\text{Total Active Squadron Membership as of 1 April of current year}}$$

Example: 40 Cooperative Charting points earned x 10 Active participating members = 400  
400 ÷ 100 Total Active Squadron Membership as of 1 April of current year = 4  
Total Squadron Score = 4

The District Cooperative Charting Chairman works with the District Awards Chairman and verifies any computations needed to be made for this award and announces the winner.