

USPS PARTNERS – HELP FOR YOU

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The USPS has many partners. Some of our partners are willing to help on many different levels of our organization, not just on the national level.

You are encouraged to contact the partners that you feel can help you carry out a plan you want to implement. If you don't ask, you will not get any help.

The squadron commanders should also review this list as they might be able to benefit.

The current list of partners are as follows:

American Canoe Association	Bank One (previously the First USA Visa card)
Boat/US	Boy Scouts of America
Canadian Sail & Power Squadrons	InFocus
Maptec, Inc	NOAA – National Ocean Service
NOS –Coast Survey & Ocean/Earth Science	National SAFE KIDS Campaign
Sea/Tow Intl.	SoSpenders
St Paul Insurance Company	US Army Corps of Engineers
US Coast Guard Auxiliary	Vessel Assist Assn. of America
West Marine	

These partnerships were made by our national organization, they are willing to help you. Some of these partners offer discounted rates on products while others grant money for various projects. Many have free materials for use to distribute to our members and others in boating classes, at boat shows, during VSCs (Vessel Safety Checks), at marina and yacht clubs, and in other areas attracting the general public.

The squadrons potentially have many local partners just waiting to help you with plans to help the community. Remind them that helping a 501(c)3 organization is a tax deduction. Do you seek a room for classes, funding for a local project, a spot in the local parade, etc? Contact your municipal bodies, and ask how they can help with your plans. Try your local city, township, county, and state departments: fire, police, library, and schools. Try your Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary, and other businesses that can easily and often gladly support the community with donations. Of course don't forget your local marinas, boating supply stores, and yacht clubs.

It would be nice to get a list of partners that you have found locally. Please send the D31 Planning Committee your list of partners and how they have helped you.

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