



USPS District 13
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skills and boating safety through
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for members."*

February, 2013



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A NOTE FROM THE DISTRICT COMMANDER

D/Cdr Don Crowder, FC

February, 2013

District 13 had a very good turnout for the National Annual Governing Board meeting in Jacksonville, FL last month. There were 15 people representing our squadrons.

Inge and I went to Amelia Island where we boarded a bus which toured Amelia Island, Fernandina Beach and the Historic District. We saw a lot of history. The next day we took a very interesting boat trip on the Jackson River, which was provided by the River Keeper Society. Other members attended seminars. We also had fun at Friday evening in the Host rooms and there were many of them.

Saturday was the big day, highlighted by kicking off the 100th year anniversary celebration of USPS. Each District was given a large USPS flag with 100 years on it, with staff and base. Ours will be displayed at the Spring Conference in Ventura. USPS Headquarters has made arrangements with a company to make up a ribbon for each Squadron in the District with its name on it and the year the Squadron was chartered. The plan is to have each Squadron Commander place their Squadron's ribbon on the flag at the Spring Conference. Come out and support your Commander. Be sure to sign up early for this fun event. There also will be some great Host Rooms Friday evening.

Squadron Commander's please line up your EXO's AO's and Treasurers for a seminar chaired by the D/EXO D/Lt/C Doug Dworski, AP and D/AO Dick Daybell, SN and our District Treasurer D/LT/C Kristi Casadden, S will have information on new changes for the coming year that will be of interest to all Bridge Officers. Those involved with education should plan to attend the DEO Tom Koch, SN seminar. Tom will give you the latest from the National Meeting. We want to hear from your class room teachers on what improvements could be made for them. D/LT/C Betty Koch, P will update you on all the latest at a seminar for secretaries. D/LT Judie Dee, S will discuss the good, bad and the ugly of squadron news letters with lots of good tips and idea's on improving them

Web-masters are invited to hear P/D/LT/C Rosemarie Radomsky, AP to give the best tip's she has learned. We will have a very fine program presented by NOAA, the National Weather Service of Oxnard. We will have a fun lunch and awards.

At the dinner dance I am told will have some surprises so plan to attend. See you at the conference.

I am saddened to report for a second time during my watch, the recent passing of a long-time member of our district – P/D/C WADE FAIRCLOTH, SN. Wade has been a long time friend, and was serving as my aide. This is a severe loss to our District, his service has always been exemplary and appreciated by all district 13 members throughout many years.



On the Water trainer
in So Cal,
February 2013



Executive Department

- - - XO Doug Dworski's Deliberations - - -

As announced at the January District Council meeting held last Thursday, the dates of District Council meetings, Conferences, Cruises, etc. for the next watch are listed below for your information and to assist in preparing your individual squadron rosters and calendars. The District Council meetings will continue to be held at Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club, preceded by a District Bridge meeting at 1630, as we have done during the 2012-2013 Watch. Please forward this information to anyone else in your organizations who would benefit from this data.

March 22-24, 2013	Spring Conference, Ventura, CA
April 13	LBHS Sail Race
April 25	District Council Meeting
June 27	District Council Meeting
July 25	District Council Meeting
August 10	Ed Wylie Memorial Cruise, Two Harbors, Catalina Island
September 26	District Council Meeting
October 10-13	Joint District Fall Conference with District 25, Reno, NV
October 26	LBHS Sail Race
November 20	District Council Meeting (Wednesday, 8 days before Thanksgiving)
January 23, 2014	District Council Meeting
March 2014	Spring Conference (date TBD)

There will be no District meetings in May or December, 2013, nor in February, 2014.

CONFERENCE CO-CHAIR CONFLAB

-Rosemary Radomsky

Time is getting close for the Spring 2013 Conference in just 2 months. Sorry, the hard copy Pelorus is late. There were circumstances beyond our control, so that is the reason for the digital copies. Please fill out the reservation forms and get them into Debbie as soon as possible. Be sure you use the latest form because the information has been corrected in that one. The revised edition in PDF format. But please read the hard copy when you receive it.

Ventura has a great agenda set up for us. Friday host rooms will be different and lots of fun. The shipmates have a really special Saturday, starting with a harbor tour and a cooking class after they return to the hotel. Show your support for our incoming commander Doug Dworski and the district.

Some news on our next Fall Conference. It will be a Bi Conference hosted by District 25. It will be in Reno, NV. The hotel will be the Legacy. The dates are October 10 - 13, 2013. As soon as we receive more information we will pass it on.

The 2014 Spring Conference is being worked on. Also the Fall 2014 Conference has been discussed, and we are looking at Honolulu, HI. At this Spring Conference the Hawaii location will be voted on. The two squadrons are looking to make it a great conference and to find reasonable hotel and airfare prices, should it be passed by the council.

See you all there or be square.

P/D/Lt/C Rosemarie Radomsky, Conference Co-Chair

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**D13 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
LTCDR Dick Daybell, SN
February 2013**

UPCOMING DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

As usual activities in District 13 will be picking up as we move into 2013. The Los Angeles Boat show will run from February 7th to Feb 10th.

Los Angeles Boat Show @ LA Convention Center (we are not doing the In The Water portion):

Thursday, February 7th, Noon -9pm

Friday, February 8th, Noon - 9pm

Saturday, February 9th, 10am-9pm

Sunday, February 10th, 10am-6pm, cleanup after.

From March 6th to March 10th the Fred Hall Show is on in Long Beach.

Wednesday, March 6th, 1:00pm - 9:00pm

Thursday, March 7th, 1:00pm - 9:00pm

Friday, March 8th, 1:00pm - 9:00pm

Saturday, March 9th, 10:00am - 9:00pm

Sunday, March 10th, 10:00am - 7:00pm, cleanup after.

The district boat show committee, headed by Hal Hoadley is planning to have a booth at the Lancaster Poppy Festival - expected dates Third weekend in April, not yet fixed. Last year the hours were 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM both days.

All of us need to pitch in and help staff the boat show booth at these events.

Sail race participation will continue in 2013. You sail members need to contact Ben Smith and join him in the sail race program. Contact Ben for more details.

Starting in January district bridge officers started visiting the local squadrons at their “change of watch” events to assist the installations. As the year progresses invite your district bridge officers to participate in your squadron meetings and events so we can get better acquainted with the squadron membership. We started this program in 2012 and hope to expand the effort in 2013. Unfortunately the travel distances are a handicap in an effort to visit the island squadrons but we may be able to cross the pond to Honolulu before the end of 2103. Financing permitted we hope to visit the Tokyo squadron sometime before the end of 2014.

March 23rd to March 25th will find us at the District conference in Ventura. This conference is being hosted by Ventura squadron. New district bridge officers will be installed at the conference. Seminars and other activities of interest to our membership are being planned for the conference. Plan to purchase raffle tickets and attend the conference to support the district.

There will be additional district bridge and council meetings after the spring conference. Dates and locations will be firmed up by the incoming bridge members. We may undertake council meetings at different locations in the district and may impose on the squadrons to set up council meetings at these different

locations. With our membership spread out it is only fair to move the meetings around during the years. thirty three percent of our members live in the LA/Orange/San Bernardino County area. Another 33 percent live in northern LA county, Ventura county and Santa Barbara County.

This summer we will return to Two Harbors for the Ed Wylie Memorial cruise and Bar B Que. This activity will take place in August. Tentative dates are August 9th to August 11th. A USPS get together for Friday is being planned as an informal part of the 2013 cruise. Bring an appetizer and some wine and join together to prepare for the big Saturday event.

In September the national fall Governing Board will take place in San Antonio from September 1st to September 8th.

In October the fall conference will take place in Reno as a bi district conference. Plan to travel to Reno so you can compare notes with members of other districts.

December should find us attending squadron holiday parties and meetings to keep up our acquaintances and efforts to communicate with squadron members.

January 26th to February 2nd , 2014 will find us at another National meeting in Jacksonville.

The boat shows will carry on as they have in the past. In March we will have the spring conference. Location is still be considered by the new Conference committee. The Ed Wylie Bar B Que will be a repeat in August. Then it is on to the fall conference which is being hosted by the Hawaiian Squadrons in Honolulu from October 25th to October 27, 2014.

Please help us plan and support the district activities for the upcoming years. Ideas for changes in the district programs will be most welcome. We would particularly like to bring in interesting speakers and programs at our council meetings and district conferences to better serve our USPS members.

DAO Dick

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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT REPORT

February 2013

D13 DEO D/Lt/C TOM KOCH, SN

2013 is off and running. Many squadrons are busy formulating their educational plans and schedules for the year. When planning these courses, be sure to query your squadron memberships to ensure you are providing the courses they need for advancement. In addition to these thoughts, several D13 members just returned from the USPS Annual Governing Board Meeting in Jacksonville, FL. There are some new and/or updated items that will be discussed in this newsletter. But, some major changes are underway in USPS Education, and these will be discussed in detail at the upcoming D13 Spring Conference to be held at the Ventura Sheraton Four Points Hotel on 22-24 March 2013.

Here are a few items of importance that you should be aware of prior to the conference:

Continue Advertising Your Squadron’s Courses On HQ-800

You read that correctly! When you list your squadron’s planned courses on the HQ-800 system, you have provided a means to advertise those classes to USPS members and the public. Any individual can obtain the course information by entering the USPS Home website and searching for boating educational information. (Go to: www.usps.org and try it! I just did. And, with only a few clicks and selections I found one open ABC and one open Advanced Course within 50 miles.) Thus far, four of the fourteen squadrons in D13 have setup ABC3 classes, and five squadrons have setup Advanced Courses for the Winter/Spring of 2013 on the HQ-800 system.

Some additional items presented at the Annual GB Meeting are:

- It is not necessary that only the SEO enter course information. Your Chair of Local Boards can also be given access to enter that information. Thus, it is necessary that all squadrons fill-out the ED-80 SEO/ASEO and the ED-1 Chair of Local Boards forms and send them to the DEO for approval.
- Your DEO (and several others) notified the HQ-800 Webmaster that a new “Course Cancelled” field is necessary to show that a course was held and no students attended.
- It is not necessary to enter the entire squadron name when attempting to view course information. A single letter will show all squadrons beginning with that letter.
- Squadron courses can be pre-registered online by paying through PayPal.
- BCA-7 is still functional, but will not be updated in the future.
- Entering all student information for all courses on HQ-800 provides a great historical reference. Any course can be located in the “Historical” search menu.

The 2013 Boat Shows will begin on 7 February. Each squadron should have their ABC3 courses scheduled in sufficient time for them to coincide with the 2013 Boat Show schedule.

USPS Water Trainer Coming to D13 in February 2013

As has been stated for several months, and is about to become a reality, the USPS Water Trainer boat and tow ve-

hicle will be available to D13 members for On-the-Water (OTW) Boat Operator Certification (BOC) and Practical OTW (POTW) training in mid-February. Developed under a grant from the U.S. Coast Guard, the USPS Practical On-the-Water Training program breaks new ground by providing high quality, affordable training for those who want to develop or improve their boat handling skills. Why would this be necessary?

The US Coast Guard notes there are a great number of boating accidents attributed to basic maneuvering skills. The USCG believes that basic training in boat maneuvering skills will contribute significantly to decreasing the number of these accidents. The BOC program provides 4 levels of skills certifications including OTW training and certification. These include: Inland Navigation (IN), Coastal Navigation (CN), Advanced Coastal (ACN), and Offshore. Presently the IN and CN are being offered to USPS members. ACN has now been released, but must be downloaded from the BOC website on the USPS Educational Department website. After acquiring the skills in maneuvering and navigating your vessel, members may be certified at the CN and IN levels. This could be useful if one wishes to charter a boat. To discover more on these programs go to the BOC website on the USPS Educational website at: www.usps.org/national/eddept/boc/main.htm

The USCG has been impressed with the quality and thoroughness of the OTW small power boating maneuvers of the IN program and would like to see it as a public offering. To meet this desire, USPS developed the Practical On-the-Water training program. In order to ensure that POTW training will be identical everywhere in the US, Instructors for the POTW course must be IN Certifiers. Therefore, it is necessary to train more USPS members in OTW IN maneuvers and then train them as IN Certifiers to provide the public with the POTW skills. The USPS Water Trainer is an excellent resource to accomplish this task.

The schedule for use of the Water Trainer is flexible and can be adjusted to accommodate squadron and/or member needs. But... It is essential that any squadron wishing to use the Water Trainer submit a plan for CN, IN and/or POTW training to the D13 OTW IN Certifiers immediately. The D13 IN Certifiers are:

R/C Kenneth L. Griffing, SN; email: kgriffing@earthlink.net
P/C Darrell A. Sausser, SN; email: sailords@earthlink.net
R/C Kenneth H. Voight, AP; email: kvoight@digitalpublishing.com

Brunswick Dealer Advantage Program Launched

The Brunswick Dealer Advantage Program was launched at noon on 17 January 2013. At the present time, approximately 80 squadrons are included in the initial program. Squadrons that submitted forms without the full complement of information that was requested were dropped from the program for this initial startup. Squadrons included in the initial kickoff will be notified. Squadrons wishing to be included in the program may still get in by fully completing the form that was distributed. If you have information that is considered confidential, it must be replaced with information that is not confidential.

Future USPS Educational Ideas

USPS must continue to explore means to get our Boating Safety information to the general public. Today’s generations are becoming fully “Social.” In other words, younger members of the public are signed onto Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, etc. Many squadrons are finding they receive requests for ABC classes from these online students. Consider establishing a Social website for your squadron and advertise the courses you are offering on it. Ensure your squadron’s planned courses are listed on the HQ-800 system. Then install a direct link to the HQ-800 listing on your squadron’s website.

Another hot topic concerns the logistical difficulties students face in attending classes. It is very possible that a potential student may be up to 100 miles from your location. If you have a Skype account, that student could attend your classes online while sitting in their own home. For multiple students, it might be a good idea to establish an account with Citrix and attend classes and meetings using the “GO TO MEETING” video system. See the latest “Planning Committee Highlights Electronic Meetings” in the 26 Jan 2013 SailAngle message.

D13 Spring Conference Educational Department Seminar

It is requested that all squadron SEOs, ASEOs and Instructors attend the D13 Spring Conference at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel in Ventura, CA on 23 Mar 2013. We will have a 60-minute seminar to cover the highlights from 2012, introduce some new “Hot Topics”, provide information to any new Educational leaders attending, and hold a Town Hall Meeting to discuss any problems or successes that have occurred. In the last half-hour, Ventura Sail & Power Squadron’s Randy Morrow will provide us some insight on taking Celestial Sights with an “Artificial Horizon.”

“Hot Topics” for D13 Spring Conference Educational Department Seminar

At the 2013 Annual USPS Governing Board Meeting held in Jacksonville, FL, we learned that following: USPS has developed an MSRP which will be applied toward the sale of all USPS materials purchased online or outside of catalog sales for members of USPS. USPS has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Boat U.S. to provide “Online” training using USPS’ Educational Materials.

District 13 is rated among the top districts within USPS. Let’s take the next step in continuing that standing during 2013.

DEO Tom

FREE CHARTS - PRINT THEM YOURSELF

One of NOAA’s handiest navigation products, especially for recreational boaters, has been Coast Survey’s experimental BookletCharts—nautical charts that are easy to download and print from home computers. We have now moved the BookletCharts from experimental stage into official production.

Nearly a thousand newly updated BookletCharts are available free on the Web. The BookletCharts, which cover the 95,000 miles of U.S. coastline and the Great Lakes, are smaller scale than our traditional paper charts, but they contain most of the information found on a full-scale nautical chart. They are in an 8 1/2 x 11 inch PDF format for home printing.

“It is especially appropriate that we unveil these easy-to-use nautical charts as recreational boaters begin to think about their boating adventures for 2013,” explained Capt. Jon Swallow, chief of NOAA Coast Survey’s Navigation Services Branch. “NOAA’s nautical charts help to protect lives and property, and boaters should take advantage of these free nautical products.”

SQUADRON COMMANDER'S COUNCIL REPORT
D/13 COUNCIL MEETING _____, 2012

SQUADRON _____

Reported by: _____; (Sqd Officer if not Cdr): _____

MEMBERSHIP

Squadron Membership: _____; Gain or loss since last Report: _____

EDUCATIONAL COURSES UNDERWAY; SCHEDULED; NEEDED:

Below is a list of USPS courses. Please indicate which course(s) is (are) currently underway. Please provide the name of the instructor(s).

ABC 3, Squad Boating, S P AP JN N CP EM MES MCS ENS W Sail ID OT LD

Seminar Completed _____ Attendance _____

Seminar Completed _____ Attendance _____

Seminar Completed _____ Attendance _____

Courses within 90 days: Are the courses listed (w/ start date) on the D13 Web Page?

ABC 3, Squad Boating, S P AP JN N CP EM MES MCS ENS W Sail ID OT LD

Seminars Planned within 90 days _____

Courses needed by your squadron members; no current schedule or instructor:

ABC 3, Squad Boating, S P AP JN N CP EM MES MCS ENS W Sail ID OT LD

RECENT; CURRENT AND PENDING ACTIVITIES:

(Please include contact info for pending activities of interest to other squadrons.)

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- in cruisers, sail boats, kayaks, PWCs, motor yachts and canoes.



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If you are a boating enthusiast, or want to be, this is the organization for you.

Take a boating course For both new and experienced boaters.

Get a vessel safety check - This free safety check helps ensure fun-filled outings on your boat.

Become a member Participate in educational and social activities, both on-the-water and ashore, throughout the year.

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FREE DOCKWALKER TRAINING



This workshop trains volunteers to become “Dockwalkers,” who conduct face-to-face boater education about environmentally-sound boating practices.

Receive free educational materials to distribute to boaters at marinas, boat launch ramps, boat shows, and special events. The efforts of Dockwalkers increase boater awareness about clean and safe boating, thus improving the recreation experience in California while helping to preserve its precious wildlife habitat and water quality.

2013 Southern California Trainings

February 23, 2013 – San Diego

10 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Mission Bay Yacht Club

1215 El Carmel Place San Diego, CA 92109

March 24, 2013 – Ventura County

9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

US Coast Guard Recruiting Center

Channel Island Harbor
4202 S. Victoria Oxnard, Ca. 93035-4363

April 6, 2013 – Orange County

10 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Orange County Sheriff Harbor Patrol Office

1901 Bayside Dr. Corona Del Mar, CA 92625

April 27, 2013 – Redondo Beach

10 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

King Harbor Yacht Club

280 Yacht Club Way, Redondo Beach, CA 90277

For information visit our website at www.BoatingCleanandGreen.com (Dockwalker)

YOU MUST REGISTER TO ATTEND

Training presented by the **Department of Boating and Waterways** and the **California Coastal Commission’s Boating Clean and Green Program**, the **Santa Monica Bay Restoration Foundation** in partnership with the **US Coast Guard Auxiliary** and the **US Power Squadrons**



Funding or assistance in Dockwalkers training provided by these organizations



To register please complete the information below and mail it to *CA Department of Boating and Waterways/CA Coastal Commission 45 Fremont St., Ste 1900, San Francisco, CA 94105* or email to vmatuk@coastal.ca.gov Fax (415) 904-5216

YES! I WOULD LIKE TO BE A DOCKWALKER

TRAINING LOCATION: _____

DATE: _____

NAME OF PARTICIPANT: _____

ORGANIZATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

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**The District 13 Bridge thanks all the members that
donated to this most worthy cause.
thanks -
Cdr Don**

**CONTRIBUTORS TO USPS EXHIBIT
JAMBOREE 2013**

Abbott, Steve & Mary P	D22	Membership of	D17
Addy, Jim	D9	Membership of	D20
Anderson, A	D5	Membership of	D25
Annapolis S&P	D5	Membership of	D27
Barnes, Rod	D16	Membership of	D31
Blue Hen Sq	D5	McGarr, Tim	D22
Chesapeake Sq	D5	Miller, Bob	D16
Cougherty, R	D5	Mizell, Ken & Paula	D27
		Musco, George & Carol	D22
Cournoyer, Art	D5	Partie, Wayne	D22
Detroit GB Participation		Patapso Sq	D5
Fall 2011 50/50	D22	Peace River S&P Sq	D22
Fall Conference	D22	Salisbury Sq	D5
Farrow, R	D14	Smith Mtn Lake Sq	D5
Feldberg, Martin	D28	Smith, Wallace	D22
Lomastro, Lloyd & Susan	D22	Sweet, H - Ed Fund	D5
Martin, A	D11	Smith, Wallace & Pamela	D22
Martin, George & Dorothy	D22	Tampa Sq	D22
Membership of	D13	Venice S&PS	D2
Membership of	D16	Waller, JoAnne	D28

