

**THIRTY-TWO POINTS**  
**District 32 Newsletter**  
**United States Power Squadrons**

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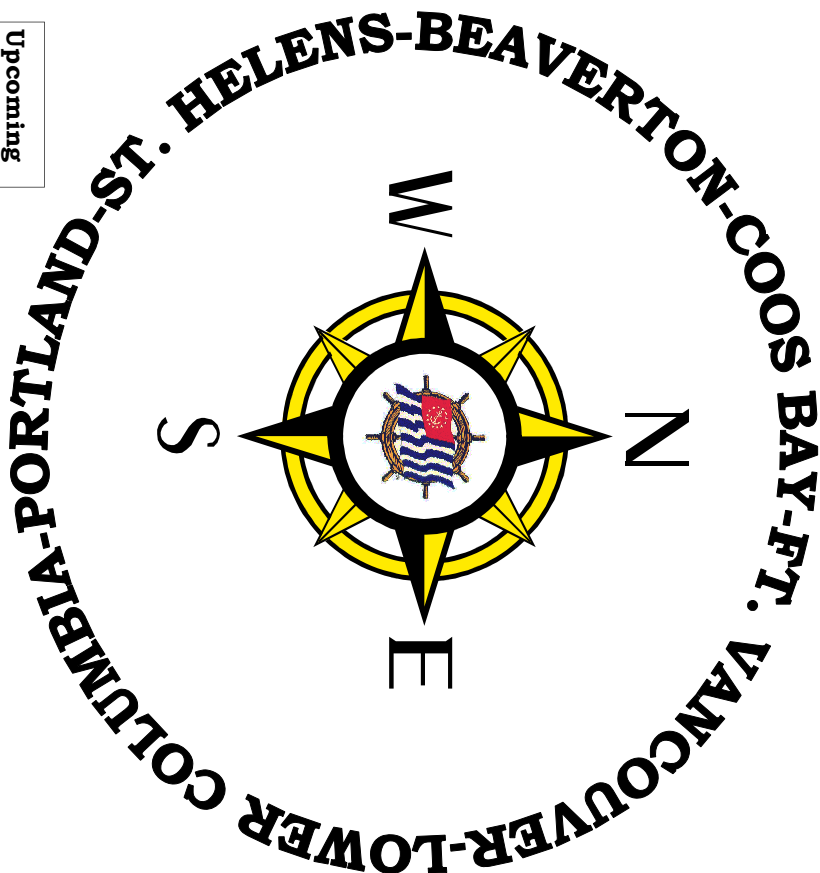


**DISTRICT 32**  
**EVENTS**

Upcoming

D32 Spring Council  
February 7, 2009  
Port of Camas/Washougal Building  
Washougal Washington

D32 Spring Conference  
March 7, 2009  
Vancouver Water Resources Center  
Vancouver Washington



UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS

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**COMMANDER'S MESSAGE**  
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As my year as your Commander for District 32 draws to a close, I sit reflecting on the past 12 months and smile. Following the District Change of Watch in March, I hit the ground running and what an education it has been. I have learned more about the workings of USPS in the last year than I did in the prior 14 years combined. This is a very interesting seat to sit in.

The best part of year was the privilege of attending each Squadrons Change of Watch. I want to thank everyone for their kindness and hospitality.

The events of the Summer saw a Co-op Charting event on the water in which 4 members, 3 boats and one Dad showed up for an outstanding morning on the Willamette River. We chose to work our way up river as a group to enjoy the sights and sounds of the day. The event concluded with a fine burger and hot dog cook out.

The D32 Cruise and Rendezvous was well attended and a great time was had by all. This year saw a good number of new members attending, along with a number of experienced members that arrived and participated in the week-ends events.

The Fall saw a small group of us at the Oregon City Lock Fest event in September, wearing our inflatable PFD's and answering the question "What is USPS".

We proceeded into the Fall Conference and on into the Holiday Season attending numerous Christmas parties. Followed by the Portland Boat Show.

I am not sure that this year will be remembered for any great accomplishments I achieved, but I will remember it as a year in which I was able to spend time with the members of the Squadrons that makeup District 32. To share in the fellowship and friendship that brings us to this place and binds us together as members.

Thanks to my Bridge Officers, Squadron Commanders, District Committee members, and to all that chose to participate this year.

To quote a line from a Jimmy Buffet song,

"The wrinkles only go where the smiles have been"

Lets all work on making more wrinkles.

Best Regards,

D/C Jim Beachell, JN  
 District Commander



**EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**  
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Things continue to progress in the USPS Education programs. America's Boating Course 3rd Edition will replace all other public boating courses offered by the USPS. This course is now available as an 8 hour classroom course and also can be taken on line. The bugs have been worked out and student materials order number 03-73-110 includes the student manual, course CD and Maptech Cd. Cost to squadrons is \$22.00. Two exams are available, Exam #1 is given after course completion. Exam #2 is given if the Exam #1 is failed. Instructors should have a supply of Exam #2's. There is no charge for the exams, certificates, or wallet cards. Instructor kits must be purchased at \$22.00 and include Power Point presentation. To advertise the course an updated color flyer about ABC is available at no cost except shipping. ABC will replace the Squadron Boating Course when material for this course runs out, however it is still NASBLA approved as either an 8 or 12 hour course. Boat Smart is no longer available.

ABC chapter layout and teaching plan, as well as notices about homework answers and flash player update are available on the Basic Public Education Committee site.

New seminars are being released and incentive for taking seminars comes with requirements to obtain a Boat Operator Certification. Most seminars cost the squadron \$16 to \$20 for materials. The charge for students is up to the squadrons. I have had discussions as to members just sitting in on seminars but not buying the material. In this situation, no credit or handouts would be given but more people would attend. I will show a P.P. presentation on giving seminars at Spring Conference.

The Boat Operator Certification program is up and running. Requirements are outlined in the Ed. Department site. Our big problem is having available on the water certifiers and suitable boats for the skill demonstration. More discussion will be had at the Conference. Now that insurance issues have been resolved concerning on the water training and testing by the USPS, I envision the possibility of using on the water time for some of our courses. I will show a P.P. presentation about this made by D/6. Is interesting. I have felt this is much desired by the boating public but hasn't been available from USPS.

Remember, all are invited to the Spring Conference Feb.7, at Port of Camas/Washougal. The Education seminar is in the afternoon starting 1300. I welcome everyone's input.

DLt/C Steve Zinsmeister, SN  
 District Education Officer



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Life's travels and travails in these United States seems most often in the middle of the freeway – faster, slower – slower, faster – with few options, left, or right, and little noticed behind us.

The view was definitely better from America's first "freeway" – the Erie Canal of 1825. Getting there by water is still First – and not to be forgotten.

We are driven so much to live in the moment; there's so little spare time each day, and at these speeds its hard to realize – we've been there before.

As today's Squadrons struggle with current issues and look to their future, years ago, too, a fledgling organization also considered its future. It was the United States Power Squadrons. In 1920, UPSP was in debt, and its management proposed closure. Following a great deal of consideration, USPS decided not to dissolve, firmly making the following changes to its Constitution:

To change the certificate holder to being a Member of the full National organization as well as being a Member, first and foremost, in their own squadron,

To eliminate Military-style boat drills and maneuvers,

To eliminate the requirement of membership in Yacht Clubs, and instead admit any worthy man (and woman), and

That the United States Power Squadrons should stress Education and nothing else as its basis.

Then, as now, times were challenging, and complicated. USPS, subsequently, however, thrived on these principles. Trends come and go, but consistency, and clear, simple value can once again be the future.

May we continue great journeys – boating!

D/Lt/C Jim Tongue, P  
 District Executive Officer



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The Spring Conference is coming up once again. The Portland Squadron members have made arrangements to use the Water Resource Center, 4600 SE Columbia Way Vancouver, WA. Although there is no official hotel for the event the Friday night dinner and reception for the Chief's Representative will be held at the Pacific Grill & Chowder House located inside the Red Lion Hotel [Vancouver](#) at the Quay. The Red Lion indicated that they have rooms available and it is only a short 3 mile scenic drive down to The Water Resource Center. The Red Lion Vancouver at the Quay is located at 100 Columbia Street, Vancouver, WA 98660. If you go on their website [www.redlion.com](http://www.redlion.com), their lodging rates are fairly reasonable from the mid 80 dollar range on up.

Other hotels in the area would be Homewood Suites by Hilton and Comfort Inn and Suites. The Homewood Suites is located at 701 SE Columbia Shores Blvd, midway between the Red Lion and the Water Resource Center. Their internet rate starts out just over \$100 their site is [www.homewoodsuites.com](http://www.homewoodsuites.com).

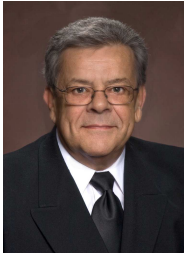
The Comfort inn is located at 401 East 13<sup>th</sup> Street in downtown Vancouver and is about 5 minutes away from both the Red Lion and Water Resource Center. Their rate runs about the same as the Red Lion. Their site is [www.choicehotels.com](http://www.choicehotels.com).

My wife Nancy has offered to lead a car pool of spouses that would be interested in shopping down town Camas WA about 11 miles down Highway 14.

As described on their website Camas Established in 1883 as a mill town, it has been revitalized to include fine shopping, dining, art galleries and services while still maintaining its historic feel. Over 30 one-of-a-kind shops and restaurants, upscale spa/salons, a 10,000 square foot antique mall, a gorgeous state of the art library, a historic 1927 theater playing first run movies, a multitude of specialty services and good old-fashioned customer service await you in Downtown Camas. Anyone interested in accompanying her to Camas, should contact Nancy Bettencourt in advance at [nancybett@msn.com](mailto:nancybett@msn.com) or 360 896-5261.

D/Lt/C Ed Bettencourt, AP  
 District Administrative Officer

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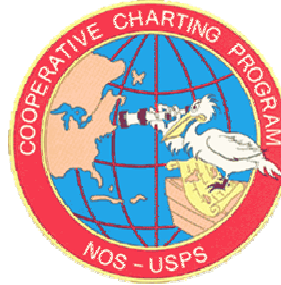


**Chief Commander's Representative**  
**C John T. Alter, SN**  
**National Administrative Officer**  
**D/32 Spring Conference**

John and his wife Judy live in Whispering Pines, NC and are members of the Raleigh Sail and Power Squadron in District 27. Both are natives of Toledo, OH. He joined the Toledo Power Squadron (D/29) in 1970. In 1977 he was transferred to Cleveland, OH and became a member of the Rocky River Power Squadron (D/7). He served on the squadron bridge, and was Commander in 1985 and again in 1987. In 1990 he was transferred back to Toledo and served on the D/29 Bridge, including District Commander in 1996. Throughout his squadron career, he has taught the Public Boating, Seamanship and Piloting courses. At the national level, he has been an Aide to two Chief Commanders and has served on the Governing Board, the Strategic Planning Task Force. He was a member of the Budget Committee for the past nine years and most recently served as National Treasurer from 2003 to 2006. He was a member of the Committee on Nominations and the Restructuring Committee, was an Aide to the National Treasurer and squadron Radio Technical Officer. He is a Life Member with 27 merit marks.

John is a graduate of Xavier University, in Cincinnati, OH. He has both Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Business Administration. John spent 27 years with the Ohio Bell Telephone Co. holding various marketing, human resources and customer service positions in Toledo, Columbus and Cleveland. Judy is a Registered Nurse and a graduate of the St. Vincent School of Nursing in Toledo. Judy is a member of the National Meetings FAST team and has 11 merit marks.

John and Judy have four adult children and eleven grandchildren. John has "been messing around with boats" since the age of six, when his parents purchased a summer home on the shores of Lake Erie. The shallow water and treacherous storms, for which Lake Erie is known, taught him the values of safe boating and seamanship at an early age. Most of his experience has been with powerboats, although they did have a sailboat when living in Columbus. Their children also shared the love of boating, and summer weekends on the water were family affairs. Their current boat is a 20-foot pontoon boat they use of Thaggard Lake.



## District Cooperative Charting Report

District 32, your Cooperative Charting committee is alive and well. As of 25 January 2009, the District has 528 out of the 529 credits necessary to achieve Honor Roll for the

current Cooperative Charting year. The current year extends until 15 March 2009. All reports need to be filed on CCWeb before that date. District 32 currently ranks 15<sup>th</sup> overall in the nation with 4 of our 6 squadrons actively participating. One of our smaller squadrons, Coos Bay, is ranked 35<sup>th</sup> in the nation with Cdr. Art Schuldt, SN having earned 244 credits for a 76<sup>th</sup> ranking individually. At the moment, our very own District 32 Commander Jim Beachell, JN, ranks 179<sup>th</sup> individually but is the only member of District 32 to have achieved Honor Roll. Beaverton Cdr. Steve Gatton, AP, Portland Cdr. Chris Harris, AP, and P/D/C Diane Julum, JN are all tied for national standing at 214<sup>th</sup>, with 63 of the 82 credits required for Honor Roll. I wish to challenge Chris and Steve to go out and get those last 19 credits before the end of our CoOp Charting year.

District 32 Cooperative Charting committee has done one district wide training last June followed by a very successful field activity in mid-July on the Willamette River. In addition, Lower Columbia Power Squadron hosted D/C Jim Beachell, JN, D/Ex/O Jim Tongue, P and I for a Cooperative Charting presentation and training in November.

It is not too late to get started in Cooperative Charting. It's fun; let me show you how!

P/D/C Diane Julum, JN  
National Cooperative Charting Committee  
Area Rep for D/32 and D/16

**REGISTRATION FORM FOR DISTRICT 32  
2009 SPRING CONFERENCE & CHANGE OF WATCH  
Hosted by Portland Sail and power Squadron**

**March 6-7, 2009**

**Location:** Vancouver Water Resources Education Center (WREC), 4600 SE Columbia Way, Vancouver, WA

**Directions:** I5 or I205 to Hwy 14, take exit 1. head toward the river, Go left on SE Columbia Way, continue 3 miles to the WREC.

**Conference Information:** *(There is no charge to attend the Conference. The only charge is for meals.)*

**Friday Evening:** 1800 - 1930 Informal No Host Dinner at the Pacific Grill and Chowder House Restaurant located inside the Red Lion at the Quay Hotel, 100 Columbia St, Vancouver WA  
Call for dinner reservations (360-694-8341) as space is limited.

1930 - No host Reception at the Quay bar  
for C/C Representative, V/C John Alter, SN

~ Dress: Blazer or Mufti\* (Tie Optional) ~

**Saturday:** 0700 - 0830 Commander's & P/D/C No Host Breakfast at the Pacific Grill and Chowder House Restaurant located inside the Red Lion at the Quay Hotel, Vancouver WA  
Call for breakfast reservations (360-694-8341) as space is limited

0900 - 0930 Registration  
0930 - 1600 Spring Conference in the Community Room  
(Lunch 1200 - 1300)

~ Dress: Team Casual (Squadron, District 32, or USPS shirt) ~

**Saturday Evening:** 1730 - 1800 No Host Social (Beer and Wine) Water Resources Center Community Room  
1800 - Dinner and Change of Watch Water Resources Center Community Room

~ Dress: Class A Uniform with Bow Tie, or Mufti\* ~



**PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN WITH YOUR RESERVATIONS BY 20 FEBRUARY 2009**

**Make check payable to PSPS and mail to:  
Caryl Lindemaier, 35 Churchill Downs St, Lake Oswego, OR 97035-1211**

**If you have any questions or need more information please contact  
Lt/C Caryl Lindemaier, P at 503-635-6725  
caryl199@msn.com**

**Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Squadron:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Lunch: Deli Sandwich or Cobb Salad, chips, cookie, coffee, water, soda - \$13.00**

Roast Beef with Havarti \_\_\_\_\_  
Roasted Turkey with Cheddar \_\_\_\_\_  
Cobb Salad \_\_\_\_\_

**Lunch Amt:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dinner: Dinner Buffet – by Applewood Northwest Bistro and Catering - \$37.00**

Pan roasted chicken breast medallions with a ginger sesame sauce  
Baked salmon filet with lemon caper aioli and blackberry vinaigrette  
Chef carved NY strip roast with whole grain mustard horseradish sauce  
New potatoes tossed with butter, garlic and dill  
Wild rice salad with dried cranberries and hazelnuts  
Chilled green beans with a Dijon tarragon sauce  
Honey glazed carrots with ginger and scallions  
Baby green salad with a balsamic vinaigrette  
Fresh breads and butter  
Coffee service, lemonade and sparkling cider

# \_\_\_\_\_ Participants

**Dinner Amt:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL: \$** \_\_\_\_\_



**REGISTRATION FORM FOR DISTRICT 32  
SPRING COUNCIL & EDUCATION SEMINAR  
SATURDAY, 7 FEBRUARY 2009**



**Location: Port of Camas /Washougal Port Building  
24 South A Street  
Washougal, WA 98671**

Times:0830- Registration  
0900 - Council  
1200 - Lunch  
1300 - Educational Conference  
New USPS Public Boating Course (ABC)  
Boat Operators Certification Update

**PLEASE CONTACT KATHY KOLSTAD WITH YOUR RSVP BY  
SATURDAY JANUARY 31, 2009**

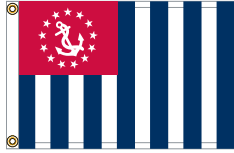
Contact Information: Kathy Kolstad  
360-837-3702  
Kathy@computerjon.com

Lunch orders for Subway Sandwiches will be taken during registration for \$7.00.  
Coffee, soft drinks and water will be available.

## Spring 2009 Squadron Change of Watch Schedule

Springtime brings the District 32 Squadron Change of Watch season. Make it a point this year to attend your local Squadrons Change of Watch, this is a great time to renew old friendships and the opportunity to create new ones as well.

Date	Squadron	Contact
March 13, 2009	Ft. Vancouver	Lt/C Jack Valentine, JN
March 14, 2009	Portland	Cdr. Chris Harris, AP
March 20, 2009	St. Helens	Cdr. Ray Murphy, AP
March 21, 2009	Lower Columbia	Cdr. Matthew Carter, P
March 27-29, 2009	District 16	D/Lt/C Joanna Webster, AP
April, 4, 2009	Coos Bay	Cdr. Art Schuldt, SN
April 5, 2009	Beaverton	Lt/C Mary Bauman, AP



## **District 32 Nominating Committee Report for March 2009 to March 2010**

**Bold** have accepted.  
Regular are current members.

District Commander: **Jim Tongue, P (P)**  
District Executive Officer: **Ed Bettencourt, AP (FV)**  
District Education Officer: **Steve Zinsmeister, SN (FV)**  
Assistant District Education Officer: **Bill Heagy, AP (FV)**  
District Administrative Officer: TBD  
District Secretary: TBD  
District Treasurer: **Art Ricchiuti, P (FV)**

Nominating Committee:  
3 years: **P/D/C Jim Beachell, JN (FV)**  
2 years: P/D/C Gary Hardiman, AP (FV)  
1 year: Cdr. Ray Murphy, AP (SH) and Nancy Bettencourt, AP (FV)

Rules Committee:  
3 years: TDB  
2 years: P/D/C Al Sundberg, SN (FV)  
1 year: P/D/C John McCoy, AP (P)

Auditing Committee:  
3 years: **P/D/C Walt Johnson, SN, (LC)**  
2 years: P/D/Lt/C Carol McCoy, S (P)  
1 year: P/C Caryl Lindemeier, AP (P)

Planning Committee:  
3 years: TBD  
2 years: P/D/C Ron Collman, JN (LC) and Cdr. Matthew Carter, P (LC)  
1 year: P/D/C Phyllis Sines, JN (FV) and P/C Janette Schwartz, AP (SH)

This list of nominees will be presented to District 32 at their Spring Council meeting on 7 February, 2009.

Best regards,

P/D/C Gary Hardiman, AP

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## District 32

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ADMIN OFFICER	Ed Bettencourt, AP	FV 360 896-5261
SECRETARY	Rick Rafferty, AP	B 503 640-6792
TREASURER	Art Ricchiuti, P	FV 360 891-1750
ASST DEO	Bill Heagy, AP	FV 360 887-0968

### 2008 SQUADRON COMMANDERS

BEAVERTON:	Steven Gatton, AP	503 620-9497
COOS BAY:	Art Schuldt, SN	541 756-4408
FT. VANCOUVER:	Josh Green, AP	503 310-5326
LOWER COLUMBIA:	Matthew Carter, P	503 861-0675
PORTLAND:	Chris Harris, AP	503 492-9715
ST. HELENS:	Ray Murphy, AP	503 936-0006

### 2008 DISTRICT COMMITTEE CONTACTS

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VESSEL SAFETY CHECK PROGRAM	Steve Gatton, AP	503 620-9497
PUBLIC BOATING SAFETY	Kathy Kolstad, AP	360 837-3702
PUBLIC RELATIONS	John Cruz, AP	360 694-7834
NEW SQUADRON DEVELOPMENT	Diane Julum, JN	503 861-0658
BOATING ACTIVITIES	Rosemary Griggs	360 891-7029
MEMBER INVOLVEMENT	Position Open	5
HISTORIAN	Position Open	
PUBLICATIONS CHAIR, 32 POINTS EDITOR & ENSIGN CORRESPONDENT	Position Open	

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