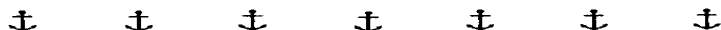


Message from the District 32 Commander

D/C Phyllis Sines, JN



By the time you read this it will be 2007. I hope your Christmas and New Years holidays were wonderful and may the new year bring nothing but good things your way.

Be sure to put the Spring Council and Educational Seminar on your calendar. The registration form is in this newsletter. All teachers should plan to attend the Educational Seminar to see what is new from National. At the Council Meeting we will discuss the nominating committee's report and prepare for the Spring Conference. The registration form for the conference is also in this newsletter.

The Spring Conference is going to be an exciting event. We have to vote on the new District Bridge and a few other business items then there will be several break-out sessions to attend. The district officers will conduct sessions for the current and incoming squadron bridge officers. This will give everyone an opportunity to get to know each other and discuss their squadron positions. We will have sessions of general interest to other members also. Plan to attend and keep learning. There is an opportunity to play golf on Friday. The Saturday activities for spouses who are not going to attend the business meeting are going to be a lot of fun. Check the registration form for more information.

Shamus and I will be attending the USPS National Meeting in Jacksonville. It has been advertised in the Ensign and everyone is welcome to attend. It is an amazing experience to be surrounded by 1,000 dedicated USPS members. One item up for vote is whether to eliminate the educational requirements for membership. Commanders, please read your 'Call to Meeting' report and discuss it with your bridge. You may cast your own vote if you go to Jacksonville otherwise I will vote the way you direct. There are other discussion items in your packet also. Your comments will be appreciated because I represent District 32 at the national meeting. We will discuss these items at the Council meeting also.

At the last District Bridge meeting we decided to share the profits from the conferences with the host squadron. District will still cover any losses. One of the reasons we loose money is that the facility wants a guaranteed number for lunch and dinner, usually a conference room rental fee, and a sometimes a guaranteed number of rooms rented each night. We need 60 members for lunch and 80 for dinner at Edgefield. If you come for the day this is you're only cost for the conference because there is no registration fee. Help support your fellow squadrons with your attendance and stay for the great food and company at the conference meals. FVSPS is host for the Spring Conference and Willamette River will host the Fall Conference.

The next District Bridge meeting is January 7th at the Portland Yacht Club at 1500. Everyone is welcome to attend.

D/C Phyllis Sines

USPS MEMBER BENEFITS

Maptech is now providing free downloads to USPS members on the entire library of NOAA raster digital charts. These are the absolute latest NOAA charts available. You can work with these charts using the Maptech Digital Chart CD provided with our Boating, Piloting, and Advanced Piloting courses - planning and then uploading routes, waypoints and marks to your GPS - or printing your own charts complete with plotted courses. These charts will also work with virtually every navigation program on the market. This is an invaluable benefit of membership in USPS.

To access the protected web site, visit the USPS EdDept web site (www.usps.org/national/eddept) and click the "Maptech Download Free NOAA Charts" button at the top of the page.



Chief Commanders Representative To the District 32 2007 Spring Conference

V/C Frank A. Dvorak, SN National Administrative Officer

V/C Frank A. Dvorak, of Bellevue Washington, joined Bellevue (WA) Squadron in 1975. He served first in the Educational Department as Class Chairman, Chair of the Local Board of Boating, Assistant Educational Officer and then Squadron Educational Officer. He then served as Administrative and Executive Officer before becoming Commander. He moved onto the District Bridge, serving as D/16 Commander in 1995.

V/C Frank Dvorak has been a member of the Governing Board, the Navigation Committee, Planning Committee, and has served as Assistant National Secretary. He is a Life Member and has earned 29 Merit Marks.

District 32 Nominating Committee Report for March 2007 to March 2008

Bold have accepted.

Regular are current members.

District Commander: **Gary Hardiman, AP (FV)**
District Executive Officer: **Jim Beachell, JN (FV)**
District Education Officer: **Steve Zinsmeister, SN (FV)**
District Administrative Officer: **Jim Tongue, S (P)**
District Secretary: **Ed Bettencourt, AP (FV)**
District Treasurer: **Art Ricchiuti, P (FV)**

Nominating Committee:

3 years:	P/C Ray Murphy, AP (SH)	and	Lt/C Nancy Bettencourt, AP (FV)
2 years:	P/D/C Diane Julum, JN (LC)	and	P/D/C Bill Parker, AP (B)
1 year:	P/D/C Ron Collman, JN (LC)	and	Lt/C Cathy Jones, P (P)

Rules Committee:

3 years:	P/D/C John McCoy, AP (P)
2 years:	P/C Cindy Neilson, SN (WR)
1 year:	P/C Joanne Larsell, AP (P)

Auditing Committee:

3 years:	P/C Caryl Lindemeier, AP (B)
2 years:	Bill Hoyer, P (P)
1 year:	P/D/C Walter Johnson, SN (LC)

Planning Committee:

3 years:	P/D/C Phyllis Sines, JN (FV)	and	P/C Janette Schwartz, AP (SH)
2 years:	Lt/C Robert Hamilton, Sr., AP (WR)	and	P/C Russ Downing, AP (P)
1 year:	P/D/C Al Sundberg, SN (FV)	and	D/C Gary Hardiman, JN (FV)

Signed: P/D/C Diane Julum, JN, Chairman

District Education Department
D/Lt/C Jim Beachell, JN



The USPS Education department has seen tremendous changes in the last three years. The creation and distribution of a completely new Piloting and Advanced Piloting course, which combines the traditional skills as well as teaching the skills required for the new and continuing electronic age. This approach is continuing with the New Junior Navigation and Seamanship courses, they have been rewritten and are currently being tested within D32 and nationally. Elective courses are being revised and will be available soon. The existence of the USPS Education Fund is the reason money was available for the development of these new course revisions. I have attended a number of the National and Governing Board meetings and have had the opportunity to meet members of the course development committees, these people represent a large number of USPS members that are working very hard to create the course material for today as well as tomorrow.

The members and instructors within D32 have been working very hard over the years to meet the educational needs of our members. Member Education is one of the cornerstones of USPS and one of its greatest benefits. For the education year of 2005/2006, D32 ranked 1st. nationally in Piloting and Advanced Piloting for course completions per total membership numbers. D32 ranked 3rd nationally in completions for Seamanship and Junior Navigation. D32 ranked 1st nationally in Sail completions. Congratulations to everyone that completed or taught a class, the point that is more important than the national ranking is that a large number of members took advantage of USPS class material and came away with new found knowledge.

One of the biggest changes was the implementation of the Instructor Certification for those members teaching the public boating courses. I have taught the Instructor Development course a number of times, and each time I learn something new from the students attending. I encourage anyone who has not taken this course to give it a try, you will hear many interesting topics presented by your fellow students.

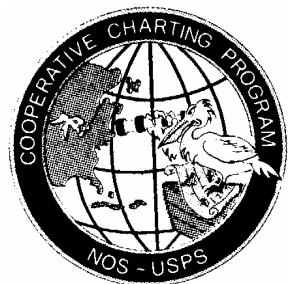
Many members continue to give tremendous efforts in offering USPS Public Boating courses, I my hat goes off to everyone involved in this area. Continued focus and work in this area hopefully will lead to accident free boating seasons.

My three years as DEO have gone by quickly, I offer thanks to everyone that helped over the years. I have seen the best of USPS.

D/Lt/C Jim Beachell, JN

P/C Shamus O'Flaherty, AP
Member National Co-op Charting Committee

I have been given the official word from National that effective 31 March 2007 the geodetic mark recovery and reporting portion of the USPS Cooperative Charting Program is being discontinued. The navigation aspects of the program will continue.



We (District 32) could still make a great showing by getting ALL 7 Squadron's Bridge Officers and ALL District Officers on the honor roll. I will make myself available to any squadron or individual that needs help to accomplish this task. It requires several hours per individual, so we can't wait until the last minute to start.

D/32 is currently ranked number two in the nation in the recovery of geodetic marks, and we have made the Honor Roll with all of our Squadrons having submitted reports. Lets do all we can to hold our position throughout the end of the reporting year!

District Executive Department

D/Lt/C Gary Hardiman, AP



While putting together my thoughts, I found myself thinking about the new District flag and feeling pleased how it turned out. Thanks again to P/C Larry L. Snyder, AP for the flag design.

Your Squadrons are in the process of hooking up members with shifts for the big Boat Show starting January 6th. District Boat Show Chair Ed Bettencourt has everything ready to go. Working the show is a good way to enjoy seeing all the boats and info booths.

Don't forget the District bridge meeting on Sunday 1/7/07 at Portland YC. This is one of the last planning meetings prior to the Council meeting February 10th. Council is the place to suggest idea's for next year. We have many already. We are looking at implementing the Education Cruise again. It's been several years since we have scheduled this popular event.

Everyone has been hearing about the upcoming seminars from USPS University. Twelve new seminars are expected to make up the base of the University. Keep alert for more news from the Education Dept.

Squadron incoming Cdr's, please mark your calendars and plan to attend the Spring Conference special meetings in Troutdale, Or, March 2nd & 3rd at the Edgefield Inn. One topic will be protocol for your upcoming changes of watch, plus we will try to answer your related questions. Come and share your ideas.

"DRESS TO FLOAT BEFORE YOU BOAT"

Theme for the 10th annual *USPS YOUTH POSTER CONTEST*

Happy New Year

The District 32 Flag Is In Stock Now

The red, white and blue colors echo the USPS ensign. The Blue bars at the fly and hoist represent our two states, Washington and Oregon, separated by water. The salmon represent our ties to the original inhabitants, our primary marine resource, and water related recreation. The number "32" identifies our district.



CONTACT YOUR SQUADRON COMMANDER OR TREASURER TO PLACE AN ORDER
MANUFACTURES COST, \$25 (NO MARK-UP)

REGISTRATION FORM FOR DISTRICT 32 SPRING COUNCIL & EDUCATION SEMINAR

Saturday, 10 February 2007

Location: St Helens Moose Lodge
57317 Old Portland Road
Warren, OR 97053
503-397-5354

Directions: From Portland, take Hwy 30 toward St. Helens, turn right onto Bennett Road and a left onto Portland Road. Follow Portland Road until you see the Moose Lodge.

Times: 0900 - Council
1200 - Lunch
1300 - Educational Conference



PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN WITH YOUR RESERVATIONS BY 31 January 2007

Make check out to Portland Sail & Power Squadron and mail to:

Portland Sail & Power Squadron
Lt/C Cathy Jones, S, 716 SE 221st Ave, Gresham, OR 97030

If you have any questions or need more information please contact Lt/C Cathy Jones, S
at 503-310-6331 or mpcathy@teleport.com

Name(s): _____

Squadron: _____

Council/Seminar Lunch: # _____ Cost: \$7.00 Amt: _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

**Set the Example
in 2007
Wear Your PFD**



**REGISTRATION FORM FOR DISTRICT 32
2007 SPRING CONFERENCE & CHANGE OF WATCH**

2 – 3 MARCH 2007

Location: McMenamins Edgefield, 2126 SW Halsey Street, Troutdale, OR 97060

Accommodations: A block of rooms has been reserved for both Friday and Saturday nights for USPS members and their guests. Contact McMenamins Edgefield directly at 503-669-8610 or 1-800-669-8610; make sure to tell them you are with the United States Power Squadrons. Rates: King Suite with private bath - \$126.00; Queen Suite with private bath - \$121.00. European-style lodging: King Room - \$85.00; Queen Room - \$50.00

Directions: Take I-84 east towards The Dalles to Exit 16/238th drive. Follow 238th Drive south to the first traffic light, which is Halsey Street. Turn left at Halsey Street and go east for 1/4 mile to McMenamins Edgefield.

Friday Afternoon Activity: There is a 17-hole, par-3, pitch-and-put Pub Course on the property and, weather permitting, P/C Larry Snyder, AP, will host a round of golf - contact him at 503-737-1509 or at lls.las@comcast.net for more information. If you don't have clubs, McMenamins' has rental clubs available.

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

Friday Evening:	1700 - 1800	Registration
	1800 - 1930	Informal No Host Dinner in the Black Rabbit Restaurant <i>Call for dinner reservations (503-492-3086) as space is limited. Make sure you indicate you are with the United States Power Squadrons.</i>
	1930 -	Wine Tasting with Chief Commander's Representative, V/C Frank A. Dvorak, SN in the Wine Tasting Cellar
		~ Dress: Blazer or Mufti* (Tie Optional) ~
Saturday:	0700 - 0830	Commander's & P/D/C No Host Breakfast in the Black Rabbit Restaurant
	0730 - 0900	Registration
	0900 - 1600	Spring District Conference (Lunch 1200 – 1300)
		~ Dress: Team Casual (Squadron, District 32, or USPS shirt) ~
Spouse activities:	0900 - 1500	Spouse Tours – Meet in Hotel Lobby – Casual Dress – Join other members at the Conference lunch or lunch on your own 1. Shopping in Downtown Troutdale's Antique District & Outlet Stores, or Tours of Edgefield's facilities, artwork, & outdoor gardens (weather permitting)
Saturday Evening:	1800 - 1900	No Host Cocktails in Ballroom
	1900 -	Dinner and Change of Watch
		~ Dress: Class A Uniform with Bow Tie, or Mufti* ~

* Mufti: Appropriate Business Attire



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**Make check payable to FVSPS and mail to:
FVSPS, PO Box 822556, Vancouver WA 98682**

**If you have any questions or need more information please contact Lt/C Nancy Bettencourt, AP
at 360 896-5261 or admin@fvsp.org**

Name(s): _____

Squadron: _____

Conference Lunch - Cost: \$13.00:

Oven Roasted Turkey Sandwich, or # _____
Roast Beef & Swiss Sandwich # _____

Lunch Amt: _____

Dinner:

Medallions of Pork with sun-dried fruits & Edgefield hard cider jus served with Yukon Gold mashed potatoes - \$28.00 # _____

Grilled Chicken Breast with an orange single-malt mustard glazer served with wild rice pilaf - \$28.00 # _____

Herb-Crusted Halibut with a white wine butter sauce served with wild rice pilaf - \$32.00 # _____

Dinner Amt: _____

Spouse Activity # _____ Participants

TOTAL: \$ _____

UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS

District 32

2006 DISTRICT BRIDGE OFFICERS

COMMANDER: PHYLLIS SINES, JN
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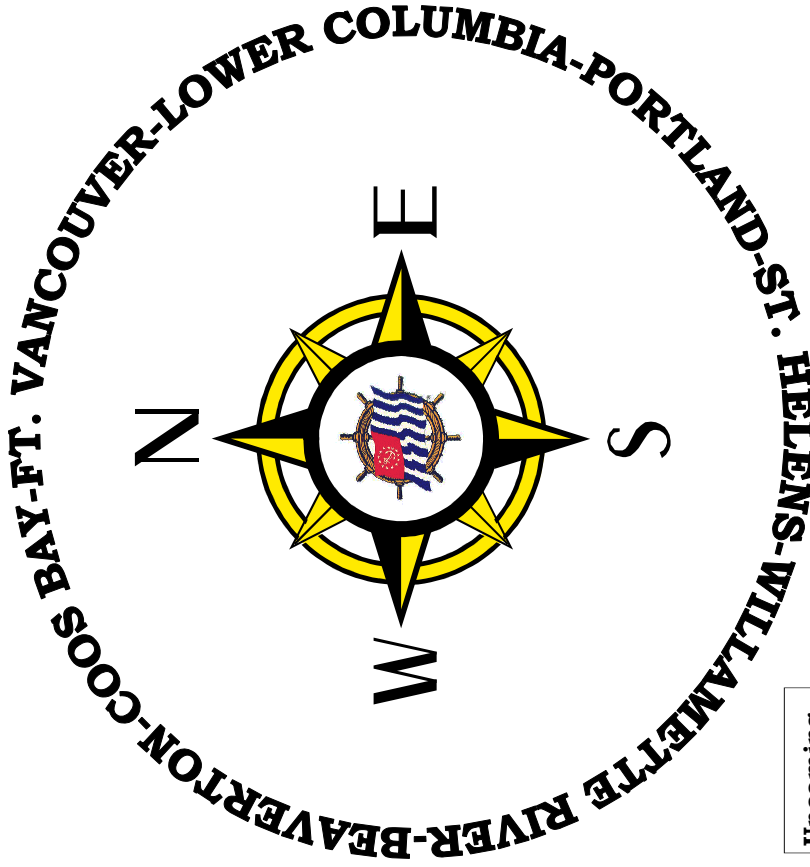
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Portland Sail & Power Squadron	10 March 07
Saint Helens Sail & Power Squadron	23 March 07
Lower Columbia Power Squadron	24 March 07
Willamette River Sail & Power Squadron	31 March 07
Beaverton Sail & Power Squadron	01 April 07
Coos Bay Power Squadron	07 April 07



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UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS

WINTER, 2007



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Warren Oregon

2 - 3 MARCH 2007

D/32 Spring Conference & Change of Watch
Troutdale Oregon



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