



UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS
SAIL AND POWER BOATING
DISTRICT 32

Squadron Commanders Report
Portland Sail and Power Squadron 2010-2011
D32 Spring Conference
March 12, 2011

Squadron Officers:

Commander: Jim Beachell, JN

Education Officer: Dan Toyooka

Asst. Education Officer and Treasurer: Diane Julum, JN

Squadron Activities: 2010/2011

The Portland Sail and Power Squadron (PSPS) offered the following activities for its members:

- A number of monthly dinner meetings
- Spring Planning meeting
- Three weekend Clam Digging events with P/D/C Bill Wood and Judy Wood
- One Fall Coastal Crabbing Event
- Summer Wine Tour and afternoon lunch
- D32 Rendezvous
- Members Christmas Dinner
- PSPS Member Dick Bielenburg invited members on his boat to participate in the Willamette River Christmas Ships in December

Meeting attendance varied from a low of two members to a high of 17 members for a presentation by Dick and Anja Bielenburg discussing the available ports along the West Coast of the Olympic Peninsula.

The standard meeting night was moved to Saturday afternoon's, making it much easier for working members to attend. The exact meeting night varies with the availability of meeting locations. This change has been successful for PSPS.



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Education Offerings: 2010/2011

PSPS offered the following Education programs:

Public Boating Course

ABC 3rd. Eddition Public Boating Course – Fall 2010

Instructor's – SEO Dan Toyooka

Cdr. Jim Beachell, JN

Students attending – 2

Students passing exam – 2

ABC 3rd. Eddition Public Boating Course – January 2011

Instructor's – SEO Dan Toyooka

Cdr. Jim Beachell, JN

Students attending – 10 Sea Scouts

4 Adults

Students passing exam – 14

USPS Member Course's

Seamanship – January 2011

Instructor – Cdr. Jim Beachell, JN

Students attending – 3

Two of the students have already passed Seamanship and were retaking the course for information. One student is scheduled to take the exam in March 2011. This course was taught in a seminar format over the course of three weekend afternoons in January. The course information was presented by the instructor and then was discussed by the class. This allowed each student share a personal experience as it related to the course material. The idea with the seminar format is to incent members that have long since passed Advanced or Elective grade courses, to come back and take a refresher course. PSPS will continue this format in the near future with more advanced and elective course offerings.



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USPS & District Meeting Attendance:

USPS Fall Governing Board – Bellevue WA Sept 1-4, 2010

The following PSPS members attend the Governing Board event, arriving Wed. Sept 1 and departing Sept. 5.

Commander – Jim Beachell, JN

ASEO & Treasurer Diane Julum, JN

D32 Fall Conference - 2010

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D32 Spring Council - 2011

PSPS was the host Squadron with the following members present:

Commander – Jim Beachell, JN

SEO - Dan Toyooka

ASEO & Treasurer - Diane Julum, JN

USPS National Positions

PSPS members participating in USPS National Positions:

ASEO, Treasurer & P/D/C Diane Julum, JN – Member of the National Coop Charting Committee
Area monitor for D16, D30 and D32

Squadron Newsletter – News Buoy

Newsletter Editor- ASEO, Treasure Diane Julum, JN

The News Buoy is a high quality monthly newsletter developed by Diane. The main distribution vehicle is via email, this provides the member a color newsletter with a Commanders column and additional monthly features. Members not receiving email receive a printed version of the Newsletter.



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Portland Sail and Power Squadron 2011-2012 Action Plan

Present Squadron Condition:

PSPS is currently a Squadron made up of a high percentage of long term members. Most of the membership continues to support the Squadron though their yearly dues, but they do not appear to be in a position to attend Squadron events any more. With this situation in mind, the following is the action plan for PSPS.

- 1) Continue to schedule a number of local monthly dinner meetings.
- 2) Schedule local or close by events at venues such as OMSI, Oregon Maritime Museum, Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center, Local Wine tours and picnic events.
- 3) Schedule a small number of out of town events to the Columbia River Maritime Museum in Astoria, Clam digging events, on the water/ Coop charting events etc.
- 4) Continue to produce and improve on the monthly newsletter. Regardless of the number of members attending a scheduled event, an article will be written for the next monthly newsletter. This is to inform members of the success of the event and what they missed. With the large number of members not able to attend events any more, it is critical to provide the newsletter to show that there is life left in the Squadron and that positive things are continuing to occur.
- 5) Continue and expand on the USPS course offering in the seminar format, the first try at this was a success. Each class will be advertised in the newsletter along with a short course overview to temp members to return for a refresher.
- 6) Continue to offer ABC 3rd. Edition to the Boy Scouts, Sea Scouts and the general public.
- 7) Offer the Seamanship course to the general public, in an effort to bring in new members.
- 8) Currently PSPS does not have a formal monthly bridge meeting. With three bridge officers, Squadron business is conducted on an as needed basis. This model will continue to be refined for the next PSPS bridge.
- 9) Begin the process of working with possible PSPS members to assume PSPS bridge positions.

The above set of items are working for PSPS, the official by the book approach has been discarded. PSPS will continue to refine this process to ensure active and inactive members, that the squadron will continue to operate into the future.

Jim Beachell, JN - Commander