



# United States Power Squadrons®

## Midwestern Pilot

Fall 2018

District 30 Celebrating 43 years 1975-2018



### Commander's Corner

Good Morning  
District 30, here it is  
already August, Tracy &

I are getting ready for the 2018 Fall Governing Board in Minneapolis, August 12<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, Tracy & I hope to see you there. When I think of United States Power Squadrons I think of all the changes and what they mean, America's Boating Club®, For Boaters by Boaters™. We are a boating organization that teaches boating and boating safety as our primary mission, along the way we make new friends at meetings and while boating.

Boating Safety, this summer Tracy & I were in Grafton IL, Saturday evening while dining at a water front restaurant we heard and felt an explosion from the river! A house boat had blown up while approaching the gas dock. The short story from newspapers and FB discussion: An experienced boater radioed in, he was having mechanical issues and headed in. As he was approaching gas dock engine stalled. Captain was trying to restart engine, when boat exploded. I say Captain, 30+ years' experience, a member of USCGA and held a Captain License. It is believed the mechanical issue was a gas leak. When the starter engaged it sparked and boat exploded. We teach before starting boat open hatch, start blower and wait 3 minutes. I do this religiously when starting the boat at

dock. I am guilty of not following practice when engine was just shut off to bring aboard skier or when engine stalls. I will change that practice.

Membership Renewal results are in, we are down a little. I would like to thank everyone for renewing their membership. I would encourage the squadron bridge to contact the non-renewals, I am surprised at a few who did not renew. The second item some of our non-renewals were deceased. members please review your roster in DB 2000 and verify your membership. I need a volunteer to be D30's Membership Service Representative. See <https://www.usps.org/index.php/departments/15000/15910>

### New Boat Handling Course to Debut

#### Sept. 10 in Pilot Program

The long-awaited Boat Handling course, which replaces Seamanship 2016, will be introduced on Sept. 10 through a pilot program. All squadrons planning to teach Seamanship this fall are invited to participate in the pilot and teach Boat Handling instead. For more information, please see News and Announcements on the Educational Department home page. Additional information will be provided in Minneapolis and through other communications in the run up to Sept. 10.

I hope to see you all in Boulder for the Fall Conference October 12-14. Colorado is a great place to visit in the fall

and the Boulder Valley Squadron is working hard to ensure everyone has a great time.

Safe Waters;

*Kent Simpson AP*

*District Commander*



## **Call to Council**

A Special Council meeting by Email was held in July to approve the Budget for the Fall Conference. The Budget was approved as submitted by email roll call of council members

July 20, 2018.

## **Call To Conference**

The Fall Conference will be October 13, 2018. The purpose of this meeting will be as follows:

1. Receive and act upon reports of officers and committees.
2. Fill any vacancies in accordance with D30 By-Laws.
3. Consider and/ or act upon properly presented business.

Friday USPS Polo/Logo/Uniform T or other appropriate attire. Dress code for the conference is USPS Polo Shirt or other appropriate attire.

Business to be brought before the council is to be sent to D/C Kent Simpson fourteen (14) days prior to the Fall Conference meeting.

*Gus Elia, JN*  
*Secretary*

## **Executive Department**



## **Safety News:**

Examiners Test Your Mustang Life Jacket!

We are always told as a Vessel Examiner to wear our life jackets to project the idea of safety to the boating public. I am sure that most VEs have done so over the past 8 years that we have had them.

Now as we head into the boating season and all of the associated activities, I would suggest that the first thing a VE should do is examine and test his/her Mustang Inflatable life jacket. This operation is suggested to be performed every 2 to 3 months. I bet you have not even done it once in the 8 years you have had the jackets. I am suggesting this exercise because we have found a few jackets that won't hold air. If one of these are found I suggest that it be destroyed and disposed of because the total life expectancy is only 10 years.

So how do we test our jacket? Open it up along the Velcro seams as shown in Figure 1 until it looks like figure 2. Then remove the cap on the oral inflation tube (shown in figure 2) and inflate the Life Jacket orally.

## **SIRIUS SIGNAL LIGHT UPDATE:**

Vessel Examiners should be aware of the capabilities and approvals of the SIRIUS SOS C-1001 electronic distress light. This light is acceptable as a nighttime visual distress signal.

SIRIUS has included a daytime distress flag in the SOS C-1001 packaging so that it can market the package as a solution for a combined day/night signal, and as a replacement for flares. As long as the SIRIUS Signal Model SOS C-1001 is



carried in conjunction with an acceptable daytime distress signal, this satisfies the daytime/nighttime signaling requirement. All electronic visual distress signals, in order to be acceptable, must be legibly and indelibly marked with the statement: "Night Visual Distress Signal for Boats Complies with U.S. Coast Guard Requirements in 46 CFR §161.013. For Emergency Use Only", and must also be marked with the manufacturer's name, replacement battery type and lamp size.

If an electric light is designed for use with dry cell batteries the label must advise the consumer on the battery replacement schedule, which under normal conditions would maintain performance requirements of 46 §CFR 161.013-3

When conducting a vessel safety check, all Auxiliary Vessel Examiners (VEs) and Power Squadron examiners are to check/verify this piece of safety equipment in accordance with the Vessel Safety Check Manual, COMDTINST M16796.8A. Any further questions or concerns regarding this equipment should be routed appropriately via the chain of leadership and management.

#### **Nautical Trivia**



In nautical terms, what is a sheep shank?

## **Education Department**

New Boat Handling Course to Debut September 10 in a Pilot Program

The long-awaited Boat Handling course that will replace Seamanship 2016 will be introduced on September 10 through a pilot program, and all squadrons planning to teach

Seamanship this fall are invited to participate in the pilot and teach Boat Handling instead.

Boat Handling will debut as a single course, comprised of six two-hour sessions:

Rules of the Road – A Practical Approach  
Confidence in Docking and Undocking –  
Slow-Speed Maneuvering

Boating with Confidence – Handling Your Boat Underway

Anchoring with Assurance – Don't Get Carried Away

Emergencies on Board – Preparation for Handling Common Problems

Knots and Line Handling – The Knots You Need to Know

Boat Handling does not include redundant Seamanship 2016 material — such as terminology, hull and engine types, and equipment requirements — that is already covered in America's Boating Course.

During the pilot program, squadrons will pilot the entire course, and the \$48 catalogue price will be the same as Seamanship 2016. Student guides will be available in eBook format only; and instructor kits will also be distributed electronically. The \$4 order fee will be waived, and there will be no shipping & handling fee.

A Boat Handling exam is being prepared and will be ordered in the normal way.

Students who complete the course and pass the test will receive the Seaman grade.

Feedback from squadrons that use the new curriculum will be reviewed for incorporation in the official version of Boat Handling to be released for general use in the first quarter of 2019. At that time, Boat Handling will be released as a six-part course, and each session will be released as a seminar.

Squadrons can continue to use Seamanship 2016 during the pilot program and until the





official Boat Handling course and seminar series are released. Student manuals will continue to be available as eBooks and, until inventory is exhausted, as printed manuals. No additional Seamanship 2016 student manuals will be printed. The exam will be valid for two more years.

When the Boat Handling seminar series is released, these legacy seminars will be replaced:

Mastering the Rules of the Road (2009)

Boat Handling under Power (2013) and

Advanced Powerboat Handling (2008)

Anchoring (2012)

Emergencies on Board (2011)

Knots, Bends, and Hitches (2015)

Once inventory of printed student material for legacy seminars has been depleted, only the Boat Handling equivalent seminar will be authorized for use.

Additional information will be provided in Minneapolis and through other communications in the run-up to September 10. (31 July 2018)

Reminder: 2018 Chapman Award Program Rules and Forms Are Now Available  
The Chapman Award website has been updated to support this year's program. NEO Craig Fraser invites and encourages all Squadrons and Districts to recognize outstanding individual instructors by participating. The rules and documentation requirements have been simplified to make it easier for all to participate.

We look forward to recognizing all nominees and to celebrating honorees at the 2019 Annual Meeting.



**Nautical Trivia Answer:**

A Knot

## Administrative

### Department:

### Membership News:

Congratulations to Des Moines, Grand Lakes and Waterloo for 100% retention. As of 31 July our D30 membership is 336 down from 343, so the district has 97.9% retention.

### Upcoming Events:

2018

Oct 12-14, 2018 Fall Conference Boulder Valley

2019

TBA Spring Conference Des Moines

TBA Fall Conference Grand Lake

## Secretary's Department

### **Membership Services Representative (MSR) OVERVIEW**

Welcome to the Membership Services (MemServ) Committee. This committee was created to assist headquarters with time consuming tasks as well as helping Squadrons and Districts maintain accurate records needed in today's organization. The Committee is divided into three components: National Membership Services Committee Support Personnel, Membership Services Representative (MSR) Team and Help Desk Assistants.

National Membership Committee Support Personnel is comprised of one R/C Connie Beckman and three (3) Staff Commanders: Stf/C Roberta Dougherty, Stf/C Wayne Partie and Stf/C Ann Peltier.

Membership Services Representative (MSR) Team consists of a representative either

assigned or who have volunteered to work with Districts and Squadrons to accomplish the goals set forth by the Committee.

Help Desk Personnel are volunteer members who are ready and able to assist the membership in finding 'the answers' to difficult questions.

In order to accomplish its task, each District is asked to assign a Membership Service Representative (MSR) to work with the MemServ Ctm throughout the year. The following are some of the responsibilities of the MSR.

#### Responsibilities

The MemServ Committee responsibilities include but are not limited to: Encouraging Squadrons and Districts to maintain accurate membership records, file forms and complete all necessary tasks in a timely manner. Researching all "Address Unknown" members by encouraging Squadrons and Districts to track and update data, periodically.

Keeping Squadrons/Districts informed of USPS policy and procedure changes concerning: recording new members, transferring members, and reinstating lapsed members. Overseeing that all Squadrons and Districts submit required forms in a timely manner Including, but limited to: OD-1, OD-2, ED-80, TR1 and Yearly Dues Update Reports. Overseeing and working with all Squadrons/Districts that are 'folding' and ensure that they follow all the rules and regulations for their state and USPS.

Ensure that USPS members of dissolving Squadrons are relocated to a 'new' Squadron or placed in the cyber squadron.

Acknowledging members who have paid their dues by encouraging Squadrons/Districts to send cards, emails and/or phone calls.

Contacting members who did NOT pay their dues and encourage them to complete a short

'Survey Monkey,' so USPS can better meet the needs of its members.

Answering questions sent to the Help Desk, i.e., Questions concerning to DB2000 Questions that need to be directed to other departments. Completing all projects assigned to MemServ Committee.



## Schedule of Events Fall Conference

### October 12, 2018 – Friday

2:00 pm - 6:00 pm – Check-in, Millenium Harvest House Lobby (outside Millenium Meeting Room)

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm – Happy Hour, Cedar's Lounge, Millenium Hotel

### October 13, 2018 - Saturday

6:30 am - 8:30 am - Breakfast at Thyme on the Creek, Millenium Harvest House (not included in room rate)

8:30 am - 12 noon - District 30 Conference, Millenium Meeting Room

12 noon - 1:30 pm - Lunch served in Millenium Meeting Room

1:30 pm - 3:30 pm - USPS Seminar: Emergencies On Board, Open to Public, Educational Officer Steve Hollis

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm - Sailing the South Pacific, John Chatting, BVSPS

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm - District 30 Happy Hour, Hosted by D30 D/C Kent Simpson and D/Lt/C Tracy Simpson

6:00 pm - 6:30 pm - Boulder Brewing Company Private Tour

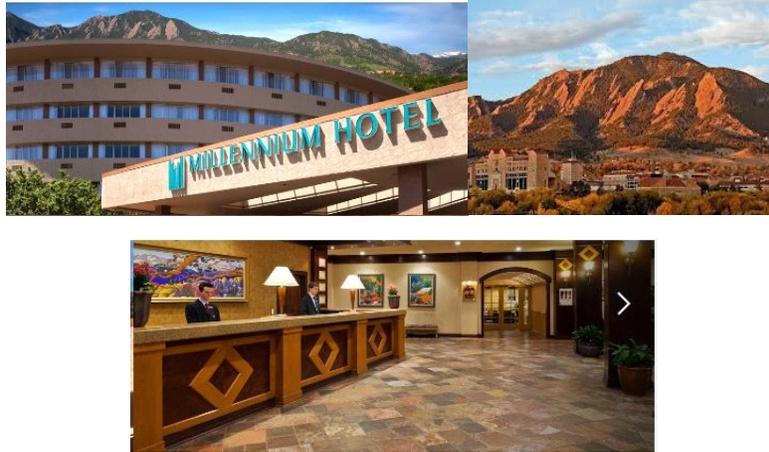
6:30 pm - 9:00 pm - Boulder Brewing Company - On-site Smoked Ribs and Brisket Buffet Dinner

# District 30 Fall Conference, Hosted by Boulder Valley Sail and Power Squadron



## The Millenium Harvest House Hotel, Boulder, CO

### Room Reservations:



Millenium Harvest House Hotel

1345 28<sup>th</sup> Street, Boulder, CO 80302

1-303-443-3850 Phone Reservations: 800-545-6285 [Online Reservations](#)

Ask for Boulder Valley Sail and Power Squadron *Group Rate 1810BVSAI*.

GROUP RATE IS AVAILABLE THROUGH SEPTEMBER 8, 2018. SPACE IS LIMITED.

| Room                | Single Rate | Double Rate |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Superior 1 King Bed | \$124       | \$124       |
| Superior 2 Beds     | \$134       | \$134       |

All rates subject to tax, currently 12.485%. Include complimentary breakfast  
Wi-Fi in all sleeping rooms and meeting spaces.

Check in: 4:00 PM

Check out: 11:00 AM

For direct online reservations using the Group Rate above, use either:

[Online Reservations](#) or

<https://res.windsurfercrs.com/ibe/details.aspx?propertyid=13524&nights=1&checkin=10/12/2018&group=1810BVSAI>

# District 30 Fall Conference, Hosted by Boulder Valley Sail and Power Squadron



## Meal and Seminar Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary issues or Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday lunch – Lunch served in Millenium Meeting Room. All lunches include vegetable and choice of dessert, coffee and tea service. *Select one dessert per lunch ordered below.*

Roasted Chicken Breast Total= \_\_\_\_\_

Chocolate Mouse \_\_\_\_\_; Creme Brulee \_\_\_\_\_; 3 Berry Tart \_\_\_\_\_

Grilled Mahi Mahi Total= \_\_\_\_\_

Chocolate Mouse \_\_\_\_\_; Creme Brulee \_\_\_\_\_; 3 Berry Tart \_\_\_\_\_

Butternut Squash Ravioli Total= \_\_\_\_\_

Chocolate Mouse \_\_\_\_\_; Creme Brulee \_\_\_\_\_; 3 Berry Tart \_\_\_\_\_

Total Lunch x \$28.00= \_\_\_\_\_

## USPS Seminar – Emergencies On Board 1:30-3:30 pm Saturday

You are invited to view the seminar at no cost. If you would like seminar completion added to your USPS educational record, and a USPS seminar certificate, advanced registration is required; and there is a charge from USPS.

| Name | Cert # | Seminar | Fold out Laminated Guide |
|------|--------|---------|--------------------------|
|      |        | \$25/ea | \$5/ea                   |
|      |        | \$25/ea | \$5/ea                   |

Total =\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this registration and your check payable to Boulder Valley Sail and Power Squadron (BVSPS) to: Dave Davies; 151 Boulder View Lane; Boulder, CO 80304-0000

(303) 588-8557 [davedavies.sbr@gmail.com](mailto:davedavies.sbr@gmail.com)

**Registration deadline is Saturday, September 8, 2018**