

UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS

SAIL AND POWER BOATING

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Report to the National Boating Federation

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1. **Officers:** Frank A. Dvorak, SN, Chief Commander (Washington), V/C, John T. Alter, SN, National Executive Officer (North Carolina), V/C Robert J. Sweet, SN, National Educational Officer (Massachusetts), V/C Robert A. Baldrige, SN, National Administrative Officer (Louisiana), V/C Jean L. Hamilton, SN, National Secretary - New -(Texas), and V/C Richard M. Peoples, SN, National Treasurer (Florida). The Board of Directors consists of these officers and Past Chief Commander, Creighton C. Maynard, Jr., SN.
2. The **On-the-Water Training Program** has been developed under a U.S. Coast Guard grant and continues to be a primary program augmented by a second USCG grant for implementation. This is a training program that should be very attractive to boat and yacht clubs and we would encourage clubs to contact USPS to host a training session. At this time we ask you think about this and we will notify NBF when all is ready and who to contact.
3. The **Boat Operator Certification** program is operational. **Inland Navigator** (IN) and **Coastal Navigator** (CN) certifications are now available through our squadrons. Over 600 IN and 50 CN certificates have been issued. These programs require demonstrations of boat handling and navigation skills on the water, as well as handling pyrotechnics and using fire extinguishers. Selected USPS courses, or equivalents, and seminars are also required at each level. These certifications meet or exceed the requirements of UN Resolution No. 40 and the European international certifications EXCEPT for the European (CEVNI) Rules and the backing of the U.S. government, which has not adopted the Resolution. **Advanced Coastal Navigator** and **Offshore Navigator** are being prepared.
4. **Partnering** - Partnerships between USPS and other boating organizations continue to be expanded to leverage USPS content and delivery.
 - a. The partnership with Brunswick whereby USPS squadrons will work with Brunswick dealers to offer boating education and hands-on training at their facilities and with their support is underway.
 - b USPS and the Canadian Sail and Power Squadrons implemented a broad new Memorandum of Understanding which has led to sharing much courseware and seminars across both organizations with outreach to hundreds of thousands of boaters across North America via our combined 80,000 members. Several courses, namely **Advanced Piloting** and **Engine Maintenance**, have been co-authored. A French version of these course will be published per Canadian Law.

For details of these programs see <http://www.usps.org/national/eddept/seminars>; contact your local squadron for a program at your club.
5. **National Boating Educational Standards:** NASBLA has just formed a new committee to address these standards and USPS will be represented by the National Educational Officer.
6. **Vessel Safety Check Program;** USPS continues to participate in this USCGAux program and conducts over 30,000 checks a year.

7. Seminars: These nominally 2 hour single subject seminars are really great and continue to draw students. They provide an excellent refresher for the “old salts” and provide new information.

***Advanced Powerboat Handling
Boat Handling Under Power
Knots, Bends and Hitches
Mastering the Rules of the Road
Partner in Command
Using VHF &VHF/DSC Marine Radio***

***Anchoring
How to Use a Chart
Marine Radar
Onboard Weather Forecasting
Sail Trim and Rig Tuning
Using GPS***

***Basic Coastal Navigation
Hurricanes and Boats
Marine Compass
Paddle Smart
Trailing Your Boat***

NEW: Emergencies on Board

Fueling Boats

8. Joint NBF-USPS Awards for Excellence in Public Education. This year 13 1st place awards, 6 2nd place awards, and 4 3rd place awards will be presented at the Fall Conferences in 13 Districts; 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 16, 18, 22, 27, 32, and 33. This recognizes the outstanding efforts in 23 USPS squadrons. The award requirements are 0.9 students per squadron member.

1st Place winners:

D/3 Little Neck Bay, NY
D/5 Delsea, NJ
D/6 Niagara, NY
D/8 Biscayne Bay, FL
D/9 Sable Point, MI
D/10 Milwaukee, WI
D/11 New Castle, PA

D/16 Bremerton, WA
D/18 Merrimac River, MA
D/22 Lakeland, FL
D/27 Lake Norman, NC
D/32 Coos Bay, OR
D/33 Arecibo, PR

Respectfully submitted,

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