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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

D/C Howard A. Sklar, AP



I must tell all of you that it is **GOOD** to be the Commander.

Greetings to all the members of D2.

The Spring Conference, for those of you who missed it, was wonderful. I would like to thank my wife, Marcia, her supporting cast and the members of WSPS for making the event from Friday night to Sunday morning absolutely spectacular. The Saturday night dinner dance was not just wonderful, it was **AWESOME**. A Conference to be remembered.

I hope that all of you have survived the winter, are thawed out, and beginning to warm up to summertime. Ah, summertime, to be back on the water boating, feeling the sun upon your face as warm breezes pass by and catching that spectacular sunset. Dropping a line and fishing off of the stern or powering up to cruise, exploring new and old places. Catching the wind and sailing off to places unknown and uncharted by us. Do you know what can make all of these pastimes more enjoyable? Friendship and camaraderie.

Being a member of United States Power Squadron does not only provide friendship and camaraderie, it is built in for you. Being involved in your Squadron and its functions creates an environment that can and will fulfill all of the above. So, here is a novel idea: show up to a meeting, classroom or Squadron event and get involved. Don't be that person who just sits on the dock and "watches the tide drift away;" instead, be part of what goes on. Take a more active role in your Squadron and share in the experience. I know from personal experience, your life will be more fulfilling and rewarding as mine surely has.

This year's Bridge and Department Heads have made a commitment to the Squadrons of District 2. We are all here to assist, aid, counsel and be available to you when we are needed. Our function is in an advisory role. We are not here to pontificate or tell you how to do things; rather, we just want to be of assistance. The members of the various District Departments have all volunteered, bringing their special expertise to be of service to you. We serve for your pleasure and are committed to your success.

I must tell all of you that I look forward to writing these Commander messages, as it provides me with the opportunity of speaking directly to you. I only wish that I could do more of this in person. I am going to ask you to make a point of inviting me to your meetings and events so that we can become better acquainted and work more closely towards your aims and goals.

Be the best in USPS.

Photos from 2013 Spring Conference
Tarrytown, NY.
All photos courtesy of
D/Lt/C Denise A. Terry, P.



**USPS
District 2**



D/C Howard A. Sklar, AP
and
P/D/DEO
George R. Hallenbeck, AP



P/D/C Susan P. Ryan, JN
receiving plaque from
D/C Howard A. Sklar, AP



Swearing in of the D/2 Bridge



D/C Howard A. Sklar
receives gavel from
P/D/C Susan P. Ryan, JN



Winners of VSC awards.
From l to r, Peekskill,
Westchester, Sacandaga
And Sacandaga.



D/C Howard A. Sklar, AP
with family members.

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All Squadron Commanders will have received a packet from me about an award for Civic Service which is sponsored by the BoatUS Foundation. I would like to see each Squadron apply. If your Squadron needs assistance in completing the application, please contact me.

On 11 May, I attended the celebration of Lake Candlewood Sail & Power Squadron's 50th Anniversary held at the Ethan Allen Inn along with D/C Howard A. Sklar, AP and Marcia, D/Lt/C Carl E. Filios, JN, D/Lt/C Ginny Schmidt-Gedney, AP, and P/D/Lt/C George Hallenbeck and Grace. A great time was had by all.

On the way home, a stop just had to be made to see the Walkway Over the Hudson State Park. It is off the NYS Thruway, but well worth it. The Walkway Over the Hudson connects the City of Poughkeepsie with the Town of Lloyd. You can walk, jog, bike, rollerblade or Unicycle over the bridge and dogs are welcome. There are sightseeing machines and informational pictorials along the way that tell the stories, events and people involved in the conversion of the Poughkeepsie-Highland Railroad Bridge into the longest elevated pedestrian park in the world. The Walkway opened to the public on 3 October, 2009, after a two-year construction effort.

In addition to the bridge itself, there is a Walkway Loop Trail that is 4.5 miles total of which 1.28 miles is on the Walkway Bridge. For my next trip there, I am thinking of bringing my bike and doing the full Trail but I will first have to see the Mid-Hudson Bridge and the width and location of the pedestrian section. I really don't like long bridges so I may start at one end of that bridge and do the trail to the other side and back without crossing the Mid-Hudson Bridge.

The Walkway Over the Hudson is 212 feet above the Hudson River and the river is about ½ mile wide at that point. A Yacht Club can be seen on the western shore, a Mid-Channel buoy just to the north and the Poughkeepsie Amtrak station just to the south on the eastern shore. The train is just a 20-minute walk to the Park entrance. For more information, visit walkway.org.

Don't forget to send in your registration forms early for both the D/2 Summer Council and Fall Conference. We will be celebrating the 75th Anniversary of District 2 at the Fall Conference.

See you soon!



Photos from the walkway of Mid-Hudson Bridge and the Walkway over the Hudson. All photos by D/Lt/C Denise A. Terry, P.



Eastern shore looking north.



Unicyclist



View from the walkway of the Mid-Hudson Bridge.



Boat heading North, just passed under the Walkway.



Mid channel buoy.



Water falls on Eastern shore.

Administrative Officer: D/Lt/C Gino C. Bottino, AP

First I want to thank everyone and anybody that supported my becoming your DAO!
It is also obvious that you cannot do this job without the people who are really doing all the work, and these are the committee chairs! Thank you for doing this for the District, the Commander, and for me!



Membership:

This is the Squadrons' biggest issue and our number one priority. On the Water Training has the potential to add new members but so far has not had a big impact. Here is an area that we at District can do something about by helping organize more OTW courses regionally.

On the water events and social gatherings are other ways that we can get new members. I have worked on this already by bringing this to the consortium of CT water based Squadrons and added this to our agenda to share and organize events. By being present at on the water and raft ups we will be able to promote USPS and membership.

Advertising is an issue. Advertising works but it costs. D/2 is spread out too far to do joint adds. This is an issue we at District need to press with National.

We did do a District ad in the CT Boating Guide. I will say that this was our last Commander's effort and really a great idea. We should do this yearly.

One other way to attract members is to make our D/2 meetings special with special events and speakers that may bring in new members and get new Squadron members involved. We need a team to work on this. I will start the ball rolling.

Our past District Commander Robert Shivokevich, SN, has lead us and agreed to do it another year for me! Thank you and I believe we can make a change together!

Member Involvement

I believe OTW events are good ways of doing this! Squadron meetings are OK, but often do not take place in summer. Will discuss with RITIE Anng S. Peskin, SN, the MICOM chair.

Member benefits: D/Lt/C Virginia Schmidt-Gedney, AP.

I think the most important benefit and the one that can get us new members is our insurance premium reductions. We need to push this and get the word out. Virginia keeps doing a great job in this role!

Boating Activities

I have been working on this as stated in the plans above. Will discuss with Chairman Lt George Danko, AP.

Cruise and Rendezvous Committee with P/C Eugene R. Boone, AP, who has done this job for a long time and quite well. Trying to combine individual Squadron's events may produce more fun here.

Meetings and Programs

As above I want to work on making our D/2 meetings better. We need to attract new members to come and outsiders to come too! First I want to construct a D/2 survey to get answers.

Conferences and Councils Committee with R/C Susan L. Darcy, N, RILt/C Alexandra Feldberg, P, and Lt/C Edward V. Weber, SN. I will work with them on this. I think the Summer Council is already shaping up well, thank you team!

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Entertainment

This has not been a separate committee to date but may be needed. Anyone interested in doing this?

Operations Training

A new OT manual has been made. I will ask P/C Frank E. Palmieri, JN, to report to us on the changes.

D2 Memorials: Well handled by P/D/C Jeffrey C. Gerwig, AP.

D2 Awards: Handled by Susan Darcy. It is well done and needs no changes.

Outstanding Squadron Award: Susan Darcy handles this too Does anyone want to help her to do this or any other of the other million things she gets done for us? Come on and step up!

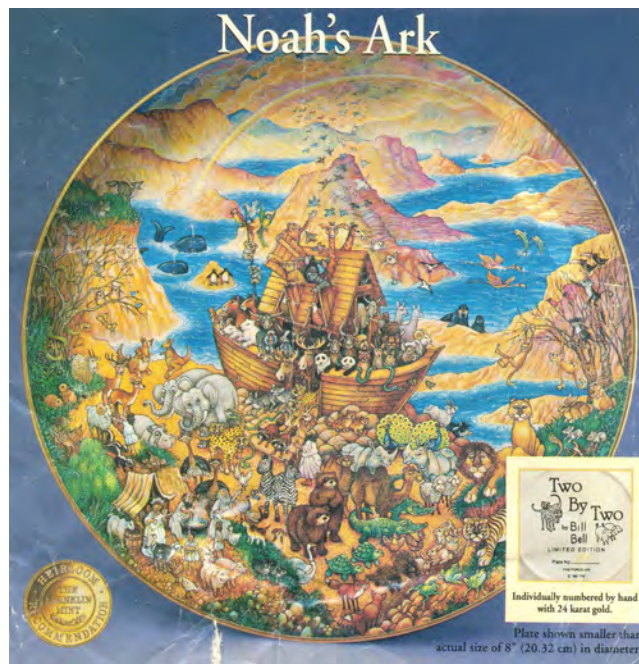
Shipping over Award: RIE"Y ktkco 'HOLinke, SN, is in charge.

Sea Scout Liaison: P/Lt/C Robert J. Owens, P, has been very active and reaching out to each Squadron commander about this. What a great job he is doing for us!

USCG AUX Liaison: Getting the Auxiliary more involved is a good thing. There are already lots of members that do both and we have a MOU with them to do more. Ray Birnbaum will do this (past Stamford Squadron CDR and current AUX District CDR.

Port Captains: To help people goes a long way to show our presence and good work. Many Squadrons have them already but it is not organized or publicized! Here is a position that we need filled to organize this activity. Who amongst you is willing to fill it?

Once again I want to thank and congratulate all of the committee members under ADMIN for their hard and excellent work; and in advance, I want to thank those of you willing to step up to take over some jobs as outlined above!



Copied from a magazine.

Educational Officer: D/Lt/C Carl E. Filios, JN



What's Happening In Education

It's been less than two months since I assumed the job of DEO, and I've learned a lot already. Let's cover some of the things that are happening. USPS offered us a chance to order Inert Visual Distress Kits to be used in our ABC classes to demonstrate how to use flares. Eight Squadrons requested a total of ten kits. Orion gave USPS a really good deal, and the price to those Squadrons who requested them will be \$16 plus shipping from USPS headquarters. When available, they will be assigned a catalog number and Squadrons that requested them can order them like any other item. As soon as I find out they are available, I will notify the Squadrons that requested them. Unfortunately, if you declined to participate, you will not be able to participate unless a Squadron that requested one decides not to take it.

On the Brunswick front, D/2 has five Squadrons "on the list" of participating Squadrons, and I have paperwork to submit for Mohawk Hudson, which will be our sixth. Mohawk Hudson and Sacandaga are working with multiple dealers in the Albany – Lake George area and have scheduled three ABC3 classes, as well as a couple of seminars. I know that Champlain has had contact with two dealers, but am not aware of anything that has come out of it.

Speaking of ABC3, it looks like all of the D/2 Squadrons will meet the requirement of conducting at least one ABC3 class for the year ending 30 June. D/Lt/C John W. Steger, JN, has been following up with those Squadrons who had none as of 1 May. All have a class scheduled or have now completed one.

I'm working on increasing the number of people who will be able to provide Squadron passwords for the CT DEEP system. Passwords change every 90 days, and we need a more effective system of communicating the new passwords to Squadrons in a timely manner.

I've acquired six Garmin GPSmap 76S units, which are available for loan to any Squadron that wishes to borrow them for a GPS seminar. These units appear in the seminar documentation.

I still haven't seen any nominations for the Chapman Award. If your Squadron has a deserving instructor, please have your SEO begin the submission process. We haven't had a nominee from D/2 in a number of years.

Don't forget the D/2 Teaching Aid Competition that will occur at the upcoming Fall Conference. The winning entry will go to Jacksonville for entry into the competition there. Please see the USPS web site for submission information. I attended a D/3 Conference this year, and they have a competition by course. They had many entries, and I found judging them challenging.

Is your Squadron offering the on-the-water piece that is available with most of the USPS courses? It's a great fit for ABC3, especially for new boaters. It then becomes a natural lead-in to the Practical on the Water Seminar. The on-the-water offerings are what set us apart from other course providers, and we should be taking advantage of this opportunity to demonstrate our knowledge to boaters as we try to recruit new members. The on-the-water piece is a useful discussion point as we try to compete with "free" State courses.

We will likely run a Seminar at the Summer Council. Suggestions so far include Weather and GPS. If you have a suggestion (especially for something needed for Boat Operator Certification) please let me know.

For any of you that have instructors that need recertification, keep in mind that any member holding a current instructor certification can teach the recertification. The ID material for initial certification and recertification is now on line at the USPS web site for download. Hard copies are no longer provided, but you can print what you download. One of the current ID requirements for new instructors is that a lesson plan be submitted for grading by the ID Committee. That will now determine pass or fail, and is similar to the procedure used for exams in the Piloting and Celestial Navigation courses. I've already been involved in grading some lesson plans.

If you have any questions or there's anything the DEO or ADEO can do for you, please contact either of us.

Have a great summer.

Spring Refresher
May 2013
By Lt/C Peter Lasalanda, AP
Submitted by SEO Lt/C Peter Kelly, P

Our second annual Spring Refresher course was held on Wednesday night 15 May at Middlesex School in Darien and Saturday morning 18 May at the Noroton Yacht Club. The purpose of the course was to dust off the cob webs from the long winter and focus on refreshing our boating skills for the new season. Wednesday night's class focused on pre-launch activities, leaving the dock procedures, proceeding through the channel, VHF radio communications, basic rules of the road, man over board, anchoring and docking. Saturday morning's class was three hours on the water performing all the things covered at Wednesday night's class.

Saturday morning we had seven boats and captains available for 52 participants, instructors and assistants. The weather was glorious and the day was a smashing success. I would like to extend my gratitude to the Noroton Yacht Club for hosting this event for the second year. It was a day of learning and sharing amongst the members of DSPS. Our sincere gratitude to all the boat captains for sharing their boats and time with the DSPS membership, to the instructors for the time they invested and to participants for making this a successful and worthwhile day.

We look forward to next year please tell your friends at DSPS and have a safe boating season.

Legislative Officer: P/D/Lt/C Melvin Goldstein, AP

New York State recently came a step closer to requiring mandatory education for boaters with mechanically propelled vessels.

On 20 May, a press conference was held at Albany, New York, called by Assemblywoman Sandra Galef, to push for the mandatory safety education legislation. She had submitted Assembly Bill 3471, which would require the phase in of this requirement, and was proposed to start in 2014. Four members of D/2 attended. I could not be there, as I was at a grandson's graduation in Washington, D.C.

The Bill passed in the Assembly on 22 May. The Senate has yet to vote on this issue. With the Legislative session winding down within the next few weeks, it is still hoped that the Senate can get to vote on this important issue before the session ends.

The Westchester Sail & Power Squadron received some recent publicity on boating safety. The 18 June issue of The Journal News (local Westchester and Rockland Counties newspaper) included an article based on an interview with D/Lt/C John W. Steger, JN and Cdr Paul Okura, S. (including photos on John's sailboat.) They spoke of the pending legislation and with Connecticut and New Jersey, among other states which have mandatory boating safety requirements, New York certainly should have a similar law.



SAVE THE DATE!

District 2 Summer Council 2013

Saturday – 21 September

At the I-84 Diner

**853 Route 52 and Interstate 84
Fishkill, New York
exit 12 off of Interstate 84
845-896-6537**



D2 Fall Conference And 75th Anniversary Celebration of District 2



November 8-9, 2013

Williams Inn 1090 Main Street, Route 7 Williamstown, MA 01267-2620

413-458-9371

Hosted by

Berkshire Sail & Power Squadron

Day	Time	Event
Friday	1500 – 1700	Early Registration
	1730 – 1900	Reception for the Chief's Rep and Conference Attendees
	1900 – 2200	Dinner (Uniform Blazer)
Saturday	0800 – 0900	Registration and Hot & Cold Breakfast
	0845 – 0900	Guest Program assembles and departs
	0900 – 1200	General Meeting and Workshops
	1230 – 1400	Lunch
	1400 – 1630	General Meeting, Awards
	1730 – 1900	Reception
	1900 – Late	Dinner (Uniform A, or suitable evening attire)

Guest Program: A "Behind the Scenes" tour of the Clark Art Institute that features European and American painting, sculpture, works on paper, and decorative art from the Renaissance to the early twentieth century. Lunch is back at the Williams Inn with the conference attendees. Transportation to/from the Clark will be provided. As an alternative to the Clark Art Institute guest program, there are Outlet Shopping Malls in Lee, MA and Manchester, VT. Maps will be provided for your own transportation. Remember if you signed up for the Saturday Breakfast/Luncheon, have your lunch at the Williams Inn with the conference attendees between shopping experiences.

Saturday Dinner: Pianist John Sauer accompanied by singer Jeannie Laurin will provide both dinner music and entertainment after dinner for your listening and dancing pleasure.

Directions:

From the South or West:

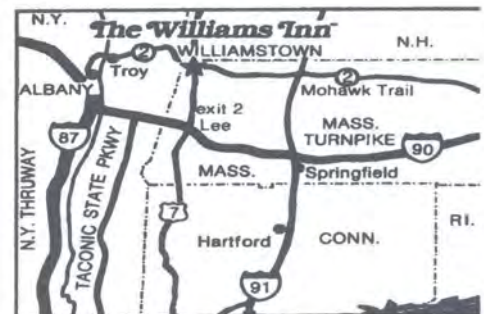
Mass Turnpike (Rte 90) -Take Exit 2 (Lee) on the Mass Turnpike — after the toll booth, turn right and follow Rte 20 West. Approximately 4 miles Rte 7 North merges with Rte 20. Continue on Rte 7 North about 28 miles to Williamstown. The Williams Inn is on the left of the Village Green at the Northerly Junction of Rtes 7 & 2. Go around the traffic circle about 270 degrees — The Williams Inn is located on the north side of the circle.

Or: Rte 7 North from Danbury to Williamstown.

Or: Taconic State Parkway North towards Albany. Take last exit before the toll - Rte 295 East (Chatham & East Chatham), to Rte 22 North to Rte 2 East to Rte 7 North to Williamstown.

From the North:

Route 87 South to Exit 6 (Rte 2 East into Latham). Take Route 2 East through Troy and over the mountain and down to Williamstown. Turn left at the junction of Routes 2 & 7. Continue 2 miles North on Rte 7 to Williamstown.



This registration form with the program and directions information may be downloaded and printed from the D2 website. Goto: <http://www.usps.org/d2/d2event.html#District>

Form: Date 03 May 2013

D2 Fall Conference 8-9 November 2013
Williams Inn 1090 Main Street, Route 7 Williamstown, MA 01267-2620
413-458-9371

REGISTRATION FORM

First Registrant Name _____ Grade _____ Rank/Position _____
Second Registrant Name _____ Grade _____ Rank/Position _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Squadron: _____
Email: _____ Confirmation of reservations will be sent via Email.

First Time Attending A District 2 Meeting? Circle Yes or No

If you have any food allergies please describe _____

Friday Night Dinner 8 Nov _____ Number Attending at \$ 30 Total \$ _____

Menu Choices:

Breast of Chicken Cordon Bleu, Topped with Ham and Swiss cheese _____

Roast Tenderloin with Shiitake Mushrooms _____

Baked Sea Bass, Lemon Chive Butter _____

Vegetarian Available on Request _____

Garden Salad, Fresh Baked Breads or Rolls, Seasonal Vegetable, Potato or Rice, Coffee, Tea, Decaf
Cheese Cake with Strawberries

Saturday Hot/Cold Breakfast and Luncheon 9 Nov _____ Number Attending at \$ 21 Total \$ _____

Lunch Menu Choices:

Baked New England Scrod with Dill Beurre Blanc _____

Stuffed Chicken with Julienne Vegetables, Monterey Jack Cheese & Pan Gravy _____

Vegetarian Available on Request _____

Fresh Baked Breads or Rolls, Coffee, Tea, Decaf Coffee
Tangy Key Lime Pie

Guest Program for the Clark Art Institute Tour (Be sure to sign up for the Saturday Hot/Cold Breakfast/Luncheon) 9 Nov _____ Number Attending at \$ 15 Total \$ _____

Saturday Dinner 9 Nov _____ Number Attending at \$ 43 Total \$ _____

Menu Choices:

Roast Tenderloin with Bordelaise Sauce _____

Grilled Salmon, Served with a Pineapple Salsa _____

Roast Breast of Turkey, Served with Pan Gravy and Herb Stuffing _____

Vegetarian Available on Request _____

Classic Caesar Salad, Fresh Baked Breads or Rolls, Seasonal Vegetable, Potato or Rice, Coffee, Tea, Decaf
Raspberry Mousse in Chocolate Cup

Rooms Friday _____ Saturday _____ No. of Nights _____ Cost per night \$ 124 Total \$ _____
No. of People _____ Non-Smoking _____ Smoking _____ GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

To ensure room availability and rates, Mail by **October 6, 2013** Reservations and Payment to Berkshire Sail & Power Squadron to: **D/Lt/C Carl E. Filios, JN, 75 Glory Drive, Pittsfield, MA 01201**
Questions? Email or call - cefilios@verizon.net 413-442-8984 Form: 23 April 2013

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Address Correction Requested



Sail and Power Boating



D/2 Planning CALENDAR

2013

4 July, Independence Day.
2 September, Labor Day.
4-8 September, Governing Board, San Antonio, TX.
5-6 September, Rosh Hashanah*.
14 September, Yom Kippur*.
14 October, Columbus Day.
3 November, Daylight Savings Time Ends.
5 November, election Day.
11 November, Veterans Day.
28 November, Thanksgiving Day.
28-November-5 December, Hanukkah*
25 December, Christmas Day.
26 December, Kwanzaa Begins.

2014

1 January, New Years Day.
20 January, Martin Luther King Day
29 January—2 February, Annual Meeting, Jacksonville, FL
17 February, President's Day
5 March, Ash Wednesday
9 March, Daylight Saving Time Begins

***Note: All Jewish holidays begin the evening before the date given.**

(NOTE: PLEASE ADVISE THE EDITOR IF YOU NO LONGER WISH TO RECEIVE A HARD COPY OF THE D/2 NEWS.)