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District Commander 2018-19

D/C Donald K. Cook, SN
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This will be my final article as your commander and an officer on the District Bridge. With my service as your DEO for three years, six months as DAO, year as DXO, and this year as your commander it has been the better part of six years.

Thank you for the confidence you have shown by allowing me the privilege of serving you.

This job would be impossible without a talented and hardworking group of bridge officers, other assistants, committee chairs, and members. My special thanks to DXO D/L/C Ted Reiss, SN, DEO D/L/C Jack Nason, SN, DAO D/L/C Sam Bonilla, AP, Secretary D/L/C George Musco, AP and Treasurer D/L/C Andrea Battaglia, SN. In addition Assistant Secretary D/1st/L Peggy Reiss, JN, Assistant Treasurer D/1st/L Casey Considine, JN, and My Flag Officer, RC Myles Gee, SN were invaluable. Thanks also to D/Lt Kathy Gee, S for running the hospitality suite at national meetings, and P/D/L/C Sandy Krupa, P for all her work planning and running the fun times at our conferences, and to all the other committee chairs and members who contributed so much.

I would like to leave you by again asking for your help. We know what a great organization we have and how valuable our services, particularly in the area of boating education and safety, are. It's up to each of us to try and recruit new members and keep our fellow members involved and retained. Don't leave it up to the officers and membership committee, we can all help. Reach out to friends and acquaintances and sell our product. If you know a fellow member who does not participate much try to get them more interested and active.

It was great seeing many of you at your Change of Watch. I hope as many as possible attend the Spring Conference, we have some new subjects for Saturday morning.

UPCOMING EVENTS

12-13 April 2019 D/22 Spring Conference
Charlotte County Event Center Punta Gorda, FL

8-16 September 2019 USPS Governing Board
Gault House Louisville, KY

1-3 October 2019 D/22 Cruise & Rendezvous
Fisherman's Village, Punta Gorda, FL

4-5 October 2019 D/22 Fall Conference
Charlotte County Event Center Punta Gorda, FL

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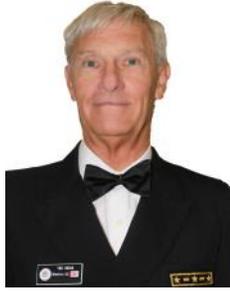


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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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Welcome to Spring. Congratulations to our new Squadron Bridge members.

Glad we have such enthusiastic leaders. I've been very fortunate to meet most at their Change of Watch ceremonies. All expressed positive plans and ideas for the growth of the organization. We are so fortunate to have such people.

By now the United States Power Squadrons Annual meeting in Orlando has left its mark. But, due to time constraints for this article, summaries of new information will have to wait till the next addition. Or, you can come to the D22 Spring Conference and hear the latest information brought back by the D22 Bridge and the Chief Commander's Representative P/C/C Louis Ojeda. The Spring conference is April 12th and 13th at Punta Gorda. Eight roundtable sessions listed elsewhere in the BEACON relate to topics your Commanders requested last Fall. Come and join us.

Another opportunity to learn what's happening is at the two training sessions in March. First is the Officer's Training on March 9th and next is the DB2000 training session on March 23rd. Both are at the Sarasota Power and Sail Squadron building. Hope to see our new as well as seasoned leaders at one or both.

This is my last Executive Officer report. My thanks go out to the many people in the XO's department. You definitely helped me but more importantly you helped further the ideals of the organization throughout the communities.

EDUCATIONAL OFFICER

D/Lt/C John R. Nason, SN
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It has been my pleasure to attend a number of squadron Change of Watches again this year and present one of your instructors with a District Excellence in Teaching Award certificate. Squadron instructors spend a lot of time and effort in preparation and delivery of the excellent course material supplied by National. In addition, they include valuable information from their boating experiences and relate local knowledge where applicable. It is nice that we can recognize these members for a job well done.

The USPS Annual Meeting is being held in Orlando on 20-23 February. The advanced grade courses are currently under revision. The new Marine Navigation course, previously Piloting, should be available soon. I will be in Orlando to gather information on these changes for presentation at our District Spring Conference in the Education



District 22 Conference
 Charlotte Harbor Event and
 Conference Center, Punta Gorda, FL

12—13 April 2019

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First things first! To all of our members, families and friends; have a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. Let's make this a most memorable year, full of fun and excitement. We deserve nothing better!

The New Year begins with Change of Watch ceremonies throughout the district. Congratulations and best of luck to all our incoming officers and committee chairs. As a volunteer organization, we truly appreciate the hard work you provide your local Squadrons and our District Thank you!

We are probably three quarters of the way through the schedule of COW's this year and after attending most of them, I have been very impressed with their accomplishments this past year and the very positive outlooks for the coming year presented by each of the Commanders. I was happy to see that many of our Squadrons are actively promoting "America's Boating Club" with a lot of success in their membership and growth initiatives. They readily recognize this as an investment in their future, embracing many of the requirements included in America's Boating Club Marketing Guide Book® (click [HERE](#)). Keep up the great work, and remember to have fun, as well.

Now here's some good news! If you are new to the Bridge, or feel you need a refresher on squadron operations, D22 is offering two classes that should be of interest to you. R/C Connie Beckman, SN will be the lead instructor for both classes, Operations Training and DB2000. Please see the two flyers included in this newsletter for registration information. Our thanks to Connie and the Sarasota Power and Sail Squadron for the use of their building.

Have you made your reservations for the upcoming D22 Spring Conference in Punta Gorda? Hope many of you are planning to attend this very exciting and informative event. Our Conference Chair R/C Myles Gee, SN, P/D/Lt/C Sandra Krupa, P and staff have been very busy organizing this event to insure you have a wonderful experience. The conference dates are 12 – 13 April 2019 and held at the Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center in Punta Gorda. The conference will once again feature the Commander's Meeting on Friday under the new format established for the 2018 Fall Conference and will feature an exciting array of roundtables on Saturday morning that were actually recommendations made at the last Commander's Meeting. There's something for everyone, from educational courses and membership topics to legal, with cruising fun tossed in the mix. This conference is also, where membership will judge your winning poster contest entries. Be sure to check the contest

rules included on page 10. Another important aspect of the conference is the presentation of awards and trophies to hard working squadrons and individual members.

Wait, there's more! Saturday after the conference is our District Change of Watch. This special event represents a smooth transition period for a change in leadership with D/C Don Cook, SN handing off to D/Lt/C Ted Reiss, SN. So come on out and meet your D22 Bridge and committee chairs. Let us celebrate together!

A NEAT SHIP IS A SAFE SHIP

Improperly stowed gear can not only be unsightly, but can damage your equipment and become a tripping hazard or worse. It isn't fun to watch loose gear get caught in the wind and blown overboard. A cluttered deck is particularly dangerous in rough seas if loose gear is sliding around the deck.

I hate reaching for a line that is fouled into a tangled mess. If you don't have a line locker, it is easy to install a board with hooks on the inside of the gunwales to hang your coiled lines. Having those lines handy, life jackets at the ready, fire extinguishers mounted in a strategic spot, first aid kit close by in a dry location, and anchor line clear for instant use, are all little things that can help a rapid response to a developing situation.

In the big picture of boating safety, properly stowed gear might seem a trivial issue, but I know of incidents that bring home its importance. In one case, a man and woman aboard a 40 foot pleasure craft were about to tow a smaller boat. While the woman was preparing the tow line, there was a slack length lying on the deck. She inadvertently stood amidst the loose line. As the towing boat started to move, this line coiled around her leg and lifted it into the air. This unfortunate deck hand took a severe fall and suffered an extreme injury.

In another incident, three men were out for a day of fishing. At one point, they decided to move to another location. They pulled the anchor on board and left it lying on the bow above anchor locker. As the boat came up on plane, it bounced over a wave and the anchor slipped unnoticed back into the water. As the line played out, the anchor temporarily set on something. When the force of the boat caused the anchor to release, it catapulted forward toward the boat, and sank the shank of the anchor into the back of the head of an unlucky fisherman.

Fortunately, the crew knew enough leave the anchor in the skull and radioed ahead. At the dock they were met by emergency medical teams and the injured man was air-lifted to a hospital where the anchor was safely removed.

It is hard to imagine that these severe injuries would take place. Unfortunately, there are a myriad of potential accidents lurking amongst your poorly stowed equipment. Don't be the one to discover a new bizarre story. Keep your gear stowed safely! Remember the old saying; "A place for everything, and everything in its place."

Lt. Bill Hempel, Marketing/Public relations Committee

To: District 22 Bridge
From: Nomination Committee
Subject: 2019-2020 Watch Year Nominations
Date: 10 December 2018

In accordance with the District 22 Bylaws, Article 2, Section 2.9.1, the United States Power Squadrons® District 22 Nominating Committee submits the following proposed slate for election under Article 4, Section 4.3.1 at the 2019 Spring Conference.

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3 of 3 - Lt/C Teri O'Connell, JN Marco Island
2 of 3 - Cdr Peter P. Losi, AP Clearwater
1 of 3 - Lt Jeff Eckhart, AP St Petersburg

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3 of 3 - Lt Lee H. Harkness, AP Marco Island
2 of 3 - Cdr Peter H. Ward, JN Cape Coral
1 of 3 - P/D/C Thomas F. Krupa, AP St Petersburg

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3 of 3 - P/Stf/C James H. Strothers, SN Sanibel Captiva
2 of 3 - P/D/C Susan L. Lomastro, AP Sarasota
2 of 3 - P/D/Lt/C Sandra S. Krupa, P St Petersburg
1 of 3 - D/C Donald K. Cook, SN Manatee
1 of 3 - P/D/Lt/C Carol Musco, AP Peace River

NOTE: 2nd and 3rd year members were previously elected. All nominees have indicated that they are willing and able to serve in the positions noted, if elected.



District 22 Conference
Charlotte Harbor Event and
Conference Center, Punta Gorda, FL



2019 Spring Conference Reservation Form

Friday, 12 April - Commander/Officer Meeting

Build your own Box Lunch - \$15.00 per person: served with potato salad, lettuce, tomato, onion, mayo and mustard packets, potato chips and a fresh baked cookie - Choice of Bottled Soda or Water

Marble Rye ____ or Wheat ____ Turkey & Swiss _____ Ham & Cheddar _____ Veggie Wrap _____

Number of box lunches @ \$15.00 _____

Saturday, 13 April

Awards Luncheon - \$20.00 per person - Choice of:

Chef Salad: crisp romaine and iceberg lettuce, ham, turkey, Swiss and cheddar cheese, hardboiled eggs, cucumbers, red onion and tomatoes, with ranch or Italian dressing, fresh baked roll with butter

Parmesan Encrusted Chicken: parmesan crusted chicken breast with tomato cream sauce, served with fresh vegetable medley and creamy mashed potatoes, walnut apple salad and fresh baked roll with butter

Spinach and Artichoke Enchiladas, served with walnut apple salad

All include cookies served family style. Ice water, iced tea and coffee available upon request.

Number of: Chef Salad _____ Chicken _____ Enchiladas _____ @ \$20.00

Change of Watch - Choice of:

Sirloin Maitre D Hotel: Pan seared 8oz center cut sirloin with parsley and garlic herb butter,

Or Atlantic Salmon: Lemon peppered salmon broiled on a cedar plank with fire cracker and citrus aioli

Both served with Caribbean blend vegetables and oven roasted potatoes

Vegetarian Lasagna: eggplant, tomato sauce, zucchini, onions, spinach and parmesan cheese

All dinners include house salad with ranch or Italian dressing, rolls, butter and **Chocolate Lava Cake.**

Freshly brewed iced tea, ice water and coffee available upon request.

Number of: Beef _____ Salmon _____ @ \$45.00 / Vegan _____ @ \$35.00

TOTAL amount of check payable to "D22"enclosed \$ _____

Mail to: **Jeane Anderson, 3191 Matecumbe Key Road #407, Punta Gorda, FL 33955**

Phone: (941)575-9776 / Email: jeaneyanderson@embarqmail.com

NAME, with grade and rank: _____

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Your 1st D22 Conference? ____ **Medical Dietary Restrictions** _____

SQUADRON: _____ PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____ **No Reservations or Cancellations after 31 March 2019**



District 22 Conference
Charlotte Harbor Event and
Conference Center, Punta Gorda, FL

DISTRICT 22
2019 Spring Conference
Charlotte County Event Center
75 Taylor St, Punta Gorda

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY 12 April

0900 – 1200	Registration Desk Open	1200 – 1400	Lunch on your own
0900 - 1300	Squadron Bridge Meeting	1330 – 1400	Registration Desk Open
	1400 – 1600 - District Council Meeting		
	1600 – 1730 – Squadron Joint Hospitality at event Center		

SATURDAY 13 April

0830 till gone - coffee & pastry provided by District 22

0900 – 1200	Registration Desk Open	1200 – 1300	Awards Luncheon
0900 – 1400	Display Tables	1300 – 1345	Registration Desk Open
0900 – 1145	Roundtables	1400 – 1600	District Conference
	1730 – 1830 Change of Watch Social followed by dinner at 1845		

WORKSHOPS AND ROUNDTABLES

0900 - 1015

Charting Your Squadron's Future
D/Lt Tom Morr, P

Education Updates
D/Lt/C Jack Nason, SN
D/1/Lt Melissa Butler, JN

Local Marketing
D/Lt Ron Jones, AP

Staying Alive - Growing Your Squadron
"The 4 Commanders"

1030 - 1145

Using Seminars to Obtain New Members
D/1/Lt Melissa Butler, JN
Lt Harold 'Nick' Howard, SN
D/Lt Ron Jones, AP

Fun Cruising
Lt Chuck Whelan, SN
D/Lt Charlie Brunner, SN

You Did What?
D/Lt Robert Wolfe, S
Jeffrey Mohl

0900 until 1145: **Town Hall** - *D/C Don Cook, SN* and *P/C/C Louie Ojeda, SN*

0800-1145: **VSC Certification** - *P/C Cliff Schmidt, JN* and *P/C Richard Quodomine, Jr, SN*
Pre-registration required by 5 April via e-mail captcliff61@gmail.com or call 612-865-4641

Hotel info: **Four Points Sheraton** – 941-637-6770 – 12 – 14 April - \$109.00 cutoff date 3/20
This is hotel of choice with full bar and restaurant. Prices good for one day prior and a day after the dates shown.
Springhill Suites by Marriott – 941-347-4224 - 12 – 14 April - \$109.00 cutoff date 3/20
Must mention United States Power Squadrons and book for 2 nights for these rates

Dress Code: Friday: Squadron Shirt Saturday: Day - Squadron Shirt with skirt or slacks
Evening – Uniform A with bow tie or Semi-formal attire

Roundtables and Seminars

Class - 0800 to 1145 - includes the exam

Become a Vessel Examiner

P/C Cliff Schmidt, JN

USCG Vessel Safety Check Manual
COMDTINST M16796.8A, needed for class.
You may bring manual, printed or on your laptop.
Students may download the manual at:

https://www.usps.org/images/Exec/Safety/vsc/CIM_16796_8A.pdf

The current PDF version and other VSE forms will be on jump drives to download onto your laptop.
Arrive 15 minutes prior to class to install.
You may order a printed manual when registering — no charge.

To Register for the class, order a manual or if you have any questions, please contact Cliff at 612-865-4641 or captcliff61@gmail.com

Please register by 5 APRIL

0900 — 1145

Town Hall

*D/C Don Cook, SN and
P/C/C Louie Ojeda, SN — C/C Representative*

Hear the latest info from the Annual Meeting. Learn more about District and how it operates, USPS' programs and bring up other issues which may be of interest to the group. Ask any question you might have.

1030—1145

Use of Seminars to Obtain New Members

*D/1/Lt Melissa Butler, JN
D/Lt Ron Jones, AP
Lt Harold "Nick" Howard, SN*

Our South Florida waters are different from those up north. Newcomers to our area are interested in learning more about how to navigate around here. Harold Howard and Ron Jones (Peace River) and Melissa Butler (San Carlos Bay) discuss USPS seminars and how their Squadrons have adapted them to help boaters new to the area while also introducing them to America's Boating Club and the advantages of membership.

Let's Talk About Cruising Our Side of Florida

*D/Lt Charlie Brunner, SN
Lt Chuck Whelan, SN*

Sharing some of the ins-and-outs of squadron cruising. We will discuss all aspects of cruising in our area including marina/location selection, entertainment and activities, and other cruising considerations. Bring your experiences and join in the conversation.

You Did What????

*D/Lt Robert Wolfe, S
Jeffrey Mohl*

Learn about the "Law of the Boat", on-the-water law and insurance,. Followed by a Q & A subtitled "Stump the Experts, From Photos to Fractures". Am I insured or on my own?

0900 - 1015

Education

*D/Lt/C Jack Nason, SN
D/1/Lt Melissa Butler, JN*

Latest info from the Annual Meeting
E-Book information!

Building Your Squadron Through Marketing

D/Lt Ron Jones, AP

Marketing, Public Relations, Advertising, Promotions, Branding, they all mean the same thing, right? Hear how each differs and how to use to build your squadron. Learn to use survey tools to get to know your local audience. Share your success and "that could have turned out better" stories.

Staying Alive - Growing Your Squadron

Cdrs Behrens, Burson, Losi and Nason

How do we stay alive in a world of ever-increasing demands on our time?
How are we going to have people put the Squadron as a high priority in their lives?
Hear successful strategies to gain and retain membership.

Charting Your Squadron's Future

D/Lt Tom Morr, P

When on a vessel's Bridge one job is to anticipate what may be coming at you that you can't see . . . Looking ahead – Assess, Plan, Prioritize, Execute, Track, Repeat. Strategic thinking for your Squadron's Future



DB2000 Training Seminar

Held in Sarasota - Led by R/C Connie Beckman, SN

For all Interested USPS Members

Presented by District 22

Saturday, 23 March, 2019

Sarasota Power & Sail Squadron Building
2814 Hyde Park Street, Sarasota, FL 34239-3227

Registration at 0930 - Program is 1000 thru 1500

Bring your Laptops & please arrive at 0930 if you need to download DB2000

No charge for the Seminar / Lunch \$5.00

Registration deadline is Tuesday, 19 March. Please no cancellations after that date.

Please RSVP to: District Secretary George Musco at GJMCLM@COMCAST.NET or call 941-391-2512 or mail this portion to D/Lt/C George Musco, 431 Gaspar Key Lane, Punta Gorda, FL 33955.

Lunch may be paid at the door by Cash or a Check made out to D22.

Name _____ Cert# _____

Name _____ Cert# _____

Squadron _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____



2019 Youth Poster Contest

Sponsored by the National Membership Committee
(Remember new contest deadline: **September 12, 2019!**)

The USPS Youth Poster Contest awards promote youth appreciation and respect for recreational boating and the message that safe boating is always fun boating.

The contest is open to all children ages 6-14, divided into three age groups:

1) Ages 6-8 2) Ages 9-11 3) Ages 12-14

Squadrons should conduct local contests and submit winning posters to their respective District for judging. Posters submitted to National for judging must be submitted by the District.

The 2019 Poster Theme:

America's Boating Club Saves Lives

Artwork should illustrate how safe boating through education, on the water skills, and proper use of equipment saves lives.

Rules

- Entry must be submitted on poster board or heavy drawing paper: 15"x20" or 14"x22".
- Posters must be drawn by the individual child.
- Posters must include the theme, hand lettered.
- Drawings may be lightly sketched. Markers are preferred to crayons.
- Professional illustrations, photos, copyrighted or trademark material, purchased or computer generated are not allowed and will disqualify the entry.
- Only one entry per person each year. Entries become the property of United States Power Squadrons, which reserves the right to display or reproduce.
- Entry forms must be complete, legible and firmly attached to the back of the poster. No name should be on the front of the poster.
- Squadrons and Districts will set their own deadlines for judging prior to National. Squadrons may forward up to three posters in each age category to the District judging.
- Only District first place winners in each age group progress to National judging at Governing Board.
- Judging will be on the theme, message, and lastly artistic representation.
- Posters are not to be folded, but may be rolled for mailing.
- Annual contest entries must be delivered to **Fall Governing Board** by 3 PM on Thursday, **September 12**.
- National First, Second and Third place winners in the three age categories will be announced on Saturday of Governing Board.



2019 Youth Poster Contest Submission Form

(Firmly attach to back of Poster)



Artist Age Category: 6-8 9-11 12-14

Artist Age is determined to be the age the poster is submitted for local judg

Artist Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code _____

Was this a School/Group Entry? Yes No (If Yes, enter School/Group Info Below)

School/Group Name:	
School/Group Address:	
School City:	Teacher Name:

MANDATORY SQUADRON & DISTRICT INFORMATION

Squadron Name:	District Number:
Squadron Contact Name:	
Contact Telephone #:	Email:
District Contact Name:	
Contact Telephone #:	Email:

- Please complete submission forms as neatly as possible.
 - Unreadable and incomplete forms will be disqualified.
 - Firmly attach all completed submission forms to the back of each poster entry.
 - Squadrons must work with their respective Districts to determine District submissions to National Contest.
 - District 1st place winners in each age category should be submitted for National Judging.
 - The District Poster Contact/Chairperson is responsible for delivering all 1st Place winners to the National Annual meeting and returning awards to respective winners. Contact information must be provided.
 - National submissions become the property of USPS, which reserves the right to display or otherwise use the submission.
 - Further information on the National Competition will be posted on the National Membership pages of www.USPS.org.
- All submissions are due to Governing Board by September 12, 2019.

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