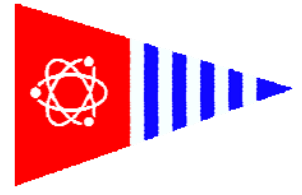




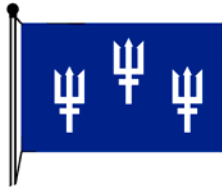
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Commander's Message

Your Executive Officer's article can be found on Page 2, and since Lt/C Ann did such an outstanding job on describing the fun we had at the Colors Cruise, Conference and Auction, my article will center more on the business end of our meetings.

DuPage's hospitality suite at the District 20 Fall Conference won an award for decorations. Mr. Robot and a space rocket filled the room. Thanks to our very creative P/C Joyce Bousquet, AP, for her creativity and dedication to fun.

Photos from the Colors Cruise, Conference, as well as the successful and fun annual auction, which was held on Saturday, 30 October, can be found on pages 4-6.

As always, a lot of information was passed from our District to the Squadrons during meetings at the Fall Conference. I will try to hit all the items. If you would like more information on anything, please give me a call and we'll discuss it in more detail.

USPS is now part of Citizen Corp., which is FEMA's grassroots strategy to bring together government and community leaders to involve citizens in all-hazards emergency preparedness and resilience. To learn more about this organization, visit their website at <http://www.citizencorps.gov> or the USPS website.

There is a new members benefit brochure on-line at <http://www.usps.org>. The brochure can be found on the members benefits page. Please check the brochure on a regular basis as National is constantly introducing new benefits for us.

National is partnering with Brunswick Corporation for our Squadrons to use their facilities for classes. Dealers will help promote the course. The program is currently in the piloting stage, working out the details. The partnership theme is "They Sell, We Train". This program will be a win-win situation for all boaters.

At the Governing Board in Bellevue, Washington, a motion was passed to offer free six-month membership with the ABC3 class. The District passed a motion to follow National's lead. DuPage will discuss this item at the next Executive Meeting. If a motion is passed to also extend a free six-month membership, it will be brought to the General Membership for a vote.

Speakers for the District Conference were outstanding. Dan Sallee, Regional Fisheries Biologist for the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, talked about Asian carp. It was enlightening to hear from someone who has been involved with the situation from the beginning and is aware of the day-to-day trials and tribulations of the carp. The second speaker was Thomas Dammrich of the National Marine Manufacturers Association. Mr. Dammrich discussed the economy, and how the NMMA works with boating organizations such as USPS.

It's not too soon to think about boat shows. Chicago Boat Show will be held 12-16 January, 2011 at McCormick Place; Strictly Sail is scheduled for 17-30 January 2011 at Navy Pier. You can contact me, or the District Chair (D/Lt Louise Potter – 815/933-1470 or lp0331@att.net) if you are interested in standing watch and getting into the shows free.

Three DuPage members attended the 6 November 2010 USPS Leadership Training in Northbrook. District 20 hosted the Training for Districts 10, 24 and 30. Lt/C Ann Havel, P, Lt/C Dave Donkers, SN and yours truly were impressed with the information covered, presentation, and camaraderie. At one point we broke

into six groups for a workshop. It was interesting and productive to listen to the different angles each group looked at the same situation.

Over the next two years, National will put together two more similar courses geared toward the Executive Officer and Commander. I, for one, am looking forward to the opportunity to attend these courses.

I am still finalizing the November General Meeting. In the next few days, I will send out e-mails to those that have e-mail and mail postcards to the rest.

As we start to look forward to next summer, please add 15-16 July 2011 to your calendar for the District Cruise & Rendezvous. The C&R will be held in Clinton, Iowa and will be co-hosted by District 30. We have been promised a lot of surprises and fun.

Until next month..."May the wind always be always at your back...May the sun shine warm upon your face.

Have a tummy stuffing Thanksgiving!!



Cdr Anita Donkers, AP
Commander

FROM YOUR EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Well it appears that fall is here and the boating season is coming to an end for this year. I hope everyone had a wonderful and safe summer.

The month of October started with a burst of color at the Annual Colors Cruise. Kankakee Sail & Power Squadron's Cdr Bob Potter, SN, Lt/C Louise Potter, SN and Kankakee's membership chair, Lt Harry Guyse, P, joined DuPage for a beautiful but chilly day on the Illinois River. A lot of sun and wind made for a beautiful fall day.

If anyone is interested in having a Vessel Safety Check done on their boat, even though the boating season has come to an end, please contact any of our

examiners and we will be happy to check your boat before you put it into winter storage. This is an important measure to make sure your vessel is safe and the VSC can be done at any time of the year...in the water or in dry dock. Our examiners may bring up safety tips that you might not have thought about.

The District 20 Fall Conference was held 22-24 October at The Double Tree Hotel in Oak Brook hosted by Chicago & Kankakee Squadrons. The "Fantasy Party" was a trip back in time! Fun was had by all and our hosts did a wonderful job.

Our Annual Auction was held on 30 October at Reliant Data and no one went home empty handed! We had guests from Fox Valley Squadron and there were many interesting items donated. The next Executive Meeting is 16 November at The DuPage Inn, Downers Grove. All are welcome. Please plan to attend a meeting to find out what is going on in your squadron.

Lastly, as we are coming to the end of another year, the Nominating Committee is looking for people to fill positions on the bridge and other committees. If you are contacted, please accept a position. It doesn't take much of your time. We cannot succeed without YOU. You may have a talent/skill that will help our squadron succeed.

As always, if you have any ideas, suggestions, comments – please contact any of the Bridge or Executive Committee members and we will bring it up at the next meeting.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!

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P/R/C Robert C. Mupo, SN	26
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2006 Catherine A. May, P

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2011 CALENDAR

Your Bridge is putting together next year's calendar. If you did something fun and different this past summer and would like to see it on the Squadron calendar, please contact one of us. Our contact information is in the box at the bottom of the page.

The Donkers Family went canoeing on the Fox River this summer. The trip began in Yorkville, went down-river seven miles (just past Silver Springs State Park). Seven canoes made it to the destination without anyone going overboard!! I think this would be a great addition to the calendar. It can be a three-hour event or all day depending if we have a barbecue afterwards.

This is your Squadron. What activity would interest you in participating ? What activity would you like to help coordinate ? Come out and join us. We always have a lot of fun.

Have a Happy Turkey Day!

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Annual Colors Cruise on the Illinois River Saturday, 2 October 2010

Relaxing before cast off:



Captain Donkers
and Kankakee
Cdr Bob Potter



Kankakee's Harry Guyse
and DuPage's Ken Kralik



Harry Guyse, Kankakee;
DuPage's Ann Havel,
Audi Stout and Pat Havel



Kankakee's Louise and
Bob Potter, and
Howie Moore, DuPage



Louise Potter;
Ken and Lynn Kralik



First Mate Louise Potter
taking in the fenders



Lunchtime

DuPage thanks Kankakee
for joining us on the river.
It was the perfect end to
the boating season.



Lunchtime



A beautiful day for a cruise.

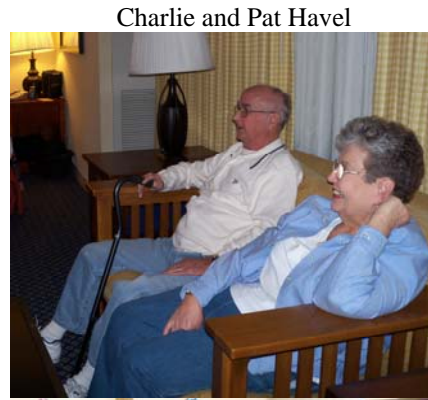
District 20 Fall Conference 2010

Oak Brook, Illinois – 22-24 October 2010



Ann Havel and Carol Mupo

Catching up before the conference begins



Charlie and Pat Havel



Bob Mupo and Dave Donkers



Cor and Phil Fitzpatrick



DuPage Rocket



Mr. Robot



Joyce Bousquet



Pat Havel and Phil Fitzpatrick



Guests from Outer Space

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Upcoming Events

02 Oct	September General Meeting, Annual Colors Cruise, Hidden Cove Marina, Seneca
22-24 Oct	District 20 Fall Conference, Double Tree Hotel, Oakbrook
26 Oct	Executive Meeting, DuPage Inn, Downers Grove
30 Oct	General Meeting, Annual Auction, Reliant Data Processing, North Aurora
31 Oct	HALLOWEEN
16 Nov	Executive Meeting, DuPage Inn, Downers Grove
20 Nov	General Meeting, TBD
25 Nov	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
11 Dec	Commander's Christmas Party
14 Dec	Executive Meeting, DuPage Inn, Downers Grove
25 Dec	Christmas Day
1 Jan	New Year's Day



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