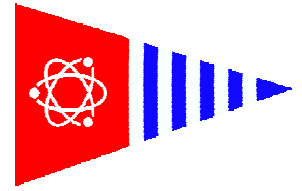




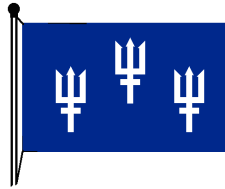
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Commander's Message



Boating season has to come to an end. Boats are out of the water and being prepped for winter. I hope everyone had a wonderful season of boating. Now the holidays are creeping upon us!

Everyone who attended the **Fall D/20 Conference** hosted by Chain-O-Lakes at the Holiday Inn, Elgin, Illinois had a wonderful time. Even though there was a “glitch” in the Mariner’s Hunt we still had a great time. Many were dressed in costumes relating to the conference theme and some in the traditional Halloween costumes. The seminars were very interesting and informative. DuPage and Fox Valley shared a hospitality room which was decked out with a Hernando De Soto / Florida theme. Thank you very much to everyone involved from both squadrons for the decorations, drinks and goodies that were supplied. Everyone had a great time.

DuPage won the D/20 2nd place award for **Outstanding Presentation of the Public Boating Course**, and member **Kim S. Bauer** received a Certificate of Proficiency in recognition for the successful completion of the grade of Advanced Pilot or higher and 3 elective courses. Congratulations to Kim and everyone who helped with our ABC courses this past spring!

I have included some of the highlights from the **Governing Board** meeting that was held in Raleigh, North Carolina in September on page 2 of the *Pilot*. There

are several topics that I feel our members should know about.

As I move on, DuPage will be hosting the **2012 D/20 Fall Conference** and we are already making plans for our theme, decorations, seminars, etc. We are in need of assistance from the membership to help out in whatever capacity you can. For anyone who has been around long enough, you know what is involved in putting a conference together and leaving it to a select few individuals is not fair. We **ALL** need to contribute – no matter how small or big the task might be the more people that are involved, the easier it will be for all of us to host this event next year.

The **Nominating Committee** has been very busy filling positions for the 2012 Bridge. I am again asking that if you are called to fill a position, **PLEASE** accept as it only takes a few hours a month. There are many of us who are doubling up on taking positions that we have had previously. Fresh ideas are needed from our membership.

Our **next Executive Committee** meeting will be 15 November 2011 at the DuPage Inn, Downers Grove, Illinois at 1900; if you can join us about 1800 for dinner or stop by just for the meeting. As we do not have a program for the November General Meeting we will hold that meeting immediately following the Executive Meeting on the 15th. Please mark your calendar to attend one or both of these meetings. Everyone is welcome.

Lastly, as I was pondering whether or not to have a **Commander’s Christmas Party**, I decided that it could be done. Please join me on 10 December 2011 at my **NEW** home in Morris. Yes, members, I have moved yet again. This time I found a detached single family house to call “home”. I have more room (basement too) and a large driveway to accommodate many vehicles. Please come out and enjoy the festivities and check out the new “digs”! Hope to see you there.

Please see flyer in this edition of the *Pilot* and please respond so I can be sure there is plenty of food and drink for everyone.

Happy Thanksgiving to All!

Cdr Ann-Marie Havel, P



[USPS Governing Board Meeting Highlights](#)

D/C Karen D'Amico, AP
D20 Council and Fall Conference Report

I recently returned from the Governing Board meeting in Raleigh, NC (USPS headquarters). I had an opportunity to participate in the D/C meeting all day Friday, host a D/20 hospitality room, and of course attend the Governing Board meeting itself on Saturday.



Here are some of the highlights of the meeting:

- The proposed membership dues increase of \$2 was passed by the governing board.
- USPS obtained a grant from the US Coast Guard to help promote our on water training activities by leasing and wrapping a boat for one year. It's pretty sharp as you can see in the photo above. A USPS volunteer is taking the boat down the east coast, across the gulf, and all the way to Texas to utilize for on water training events. Also, it may be in the Chicago area in May 2012.
- USPS recently signed a memorandum of understanding with the Coast Guard Auxiliary. This working agreement addresses VSC programs and other cooperative efforts between USPS and the CG Auxiliary. There is a lot of emphasis on our organizations partnering, as the Auxiliary is looking to get back into recreational boating safety

education (since their focus has been primarily homeland security in recent years). Squadrons are encouraged to invite local Auxiliary members to our events and look for creative ways to help each other with our goals. Combined with the CG Auxiliary, we have 70,000 members. If you are interested in reading the MOU, it can be found in the National Group file folder on SailAngle.

- USPS is considering selling our educational materials as a way to bring in more revenue. Today, our dues cover 60% of operating expenses. The education department is working on a way to price the materials. For example considering a tiered pricing structure: 1) recommended MSRP for retail sales, 2) discounted price for members, and 3) deep discounted (wholesale) price for squadrons.
- Coast Guard Auxiliary is one organization interested in purchasing our materials. This does create competition, but also we can get the Coast Guard to help marketing our materials. We used to leverage the Coast Guard to sell our materials and we sold 2-3 times more. USPS would like to do more cooperative efforts with the Auxiliary. We have better materials, but they have better name recognition to bring in the students.
- Having USPS offer courses to the public is very important to the Coast Guard. It makes USPS a major force in recreational boating education. They are recognizing us for this with grants to support our programs. USPS needs to be more recognized by the general public as a great boating organization. We don't want to be the best kept secret any more. We need to be known for what we are good at—education!
- USPS is looking to design more online courses, where they are suitable for home study. This is not to compete with squadrons. These are incremental members that can't take a classroom course because they are traveling or they don't have a squadron in their area. Classroom training is our competitive advantage, although it is on a downward trend recently. We have offered ABC program online for 10 years, and taught 1,500 students, compared to 16,000 classroom students. In the past four years, we taught 4,000 seamanship students in classrooms. In that same 4 years, we

had 250 online seamanship students (80% of them are now members).

- Membership numbers are up for the first time in 11 years (since June 2001). Most are coming from the Cyber Squadron and the trial membership program. Of the total 2,150 Cyber Squadron members, 63% are still members and, of those, 32% (440) have transferred to squadrons. An interesting fact: the average squadron member age is 59; the average Cyber Squadron age is 47.
- Starting in June 2011, USPS has a social media presence on Facebook, Twitter, You Tube and Linked In. USPS has a professional available to help squadrons setup their own accounts on these social sites. She gave a 2 hour presentation on Thursday. It was on the meeting CD and I have posted it on SailAngle, in the D/20 file folder under Commander Reports.
- USPS Planning Committee is working on a squadron simplification effort, evaluating what forms are not needed. The premise is, if no one looks at the information, National should not collect it.
- USPS is working on totally revamping the USPS website. It will be completed by the annual meeting in January 2012.
- Marketing for the USPS 100 year anniversary will start in 2012. Trudy Brown is chair of the 100 year anniversary committee; they are actively looking for ideas.

FROM THE EDITOR

Have you recently read an informative article on boating that may have information you think fellow boaters would be interested in? Did you have an interesting boating experience over the summer that fellow boaters would be interested in reading about...maybe learn an important lesson? The Editor would love to add your article to the *Pilot*. It helps me fill up space; and it shares important information with DuPage members.

WINTERIZING MISTAKES TO AVOID

Boat U.S. Marine Insurance reported the following six most common mistakes made when winterizing a boat:

1. Failure to winterize the engine: Freezing temperatures occur in most states, and while they are taken seriously up north, it's the balmy states of Florida, Texas, Georgia, Alabama and California where boaters are most likely to have freeze-related engine block damage.

2. Failure to drain water from sea strainer: If your winterizing plan calls for draining the engine, you must winterize the seawater strainer or residual water could freeze and rupture the watertight seal. Sometimes you won't know the strainer has been damaged until water begins to trickle during spring launching.

3. Failure to close sea cocks: For boats left in the water, leaving sea cocks open over the winter is like going on extended vacation without locking the house. If a through-hull cannot be closed, the vessel must be stored ashore—the sole exception being cockpit drains. Heavy snow loads can also force your boat lower, allowing water to enter through-hulls normally well above the waterline. Make a checklist so you don't forget to reverse the process in the spring.

4. Clogged petcocks: Rust or other debris can clog engine cooling system petcocks, preventing water from fully draining. If one is plugged, try using a coat hanger to clear the blockage or use the engine's intake hose to flush antifreeze through the system.

5. Leaving open boats in the water over the winter: Boats with large open cockpits or low freeboard can easily be pushed underwater by the weight of accumulating ice and snow. Always store them ashore.

6. Using Biminis or dodgers as winter storage covers: A cover that protects the crew from the sun does a lousy job of protecting the boat from freezing rain and snow. Unlike a bona fide heavy-duty winter cover, Biminis and dodgers tend to rip apart and age prematurely when exposed to winter weather.



FROM THE *PILOT* STAFF

Hope you eat lots of turkey, spend time with family and friends, have a safe and fun-filled Thanksgiving.



Now hear this...
CONGRATULATIONS
 to the following folks for
 another milestone!

October 2011 Anniversaries

Brian J. Tickle 1991

October 2011 Birthdays

Cleon E. Statton Jr.	1
Daryl L. Varney	3
Donald P. Smith	5
James G. Smith	14
Louise A. Blomgren	15
Anita M. Donkers	15
Lana Mack	20
Robert C. Mupo	26
Linda M. Giammanco	30

November 2011 Anniversaries

Catherine A. May 2006

November 2011 Birthdays

Charles C. Culshaw	6
Nancy Smith	14
Carol J. Mupo	17
Philip G. Mitchell	18
Thomas Patrick Rafferty	19
Robert A. Sherry	21
Mary-Jane Burdick	22
Kim S. Bauer	29

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BOAT SHOWS ARE COMING

Chicago Boat, RV and Outdoors Show

McCormick Place, January 12-16, 2012

Strictly Sail Chicago

Navy Pier, January 26, 2012

District 20 will have a booth at both Chicago boat shows this winter: **January 12-16 at McCormick Place, and January 26-29 at Navy Pier.** Volunteers interested in promoting our organization, **as well as receiving free admission to the shows,** are needed to staff our booth in 2-hour shifts (or more if desired). We will be distributing our winter/spring public boating course schedule and giving out information on USPS membership, our vessel safety check program and other educational opportunities at the shows. According to the Strictly Sail website, Navy Pier is giving a discount on parking for the show.

To sign up, contact your local squadron Boat Show Chairman or District 20 Boat Show Co-Chair D/Lt Gloria Omohundro (847-816-7243 or pogo345@comcast.net). **To ensure your choice of date and time, sign up early.** Instructions for manning the booth will be available to all volunteers.

Sign up Deadlines: McCormick Place, January 5; Navy Pier, January 20.

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COMMANDER'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

WHEN: Saturday, December 10, 2011
2:00 p.m. until ????

LOCATON: Cdr's New "Digs"
330 E US Route 6, Morris, Illinois

DIRECTIONS: I-80 west to Route 47
Turn south (left) on Route 47 to US Route 6 (Shell gas station on southwest corner)
Turn east (left) on Route 6
Approximately 4/10ths of a mile past Walmart - house is on left (north side of street)
Address is on mailbox - grey house with circle drive with tree in the middle of the circle; house is next to open field for sale.
(If you reach the plaza where China Buffet is located - you have gone too far.)

WHAT TO BRING: Christmas Cheer. (Dish to pass is welcome, but not necessary.)

Please RSVP by Wednesday, December 8
ofcrmikesbabydoll@yahoo.com
OR
815/260-2808

From my home to yours, may you and yours
have a Peaceful and Blessed
Holiday Season and 2012





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Saturday, 18 February 2012

1000 hours (10 A.M.) – 1600 hours (4 P.M.)+

Time	Workshop
1000-1100	Welcome/Town Hall Meeting
1100-1230	Keynote Speaker, Nicholas D. Hayes
1230-1345	All you can eat, Buffet Lunch
1345-1445	Department Workshops:
	Commanders
	Educational Department
	Executive Department
	Administrative Department
	Secretary Department
	Treasurers
1445-1500	Break
1500-1600	Committee Workshops:
	Boat Operator Certification Update
	Instructor Recertification
	Roberts Rules
	Save Our Squadron
	Networking via the Internet
1600-??	D/20 Hospitality hosted by D/C D'Amico



All you can eat

Luncheon Buffet

The Willows Restaurant offers a warm and inviting decor accented by a cozy fireplace and a calm and relaxing ambience. Don't miss out! Make your reservations today!

Squadron: _____

Rank	Name	Grade
1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____

1. _____

2. _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Total Lunches: _____

X \$18.00

\$ _____

Please reserve by: Saturday, 4 February 2012

Please make checks payable to District 20. Checks for Lunch Reservations should be sent to:

Caren Canfield
5763 La Cresta Drive
Rockford, IL 61114
(815) 633-0848

cdb.canfield@gmail.com

Crowne Plaza Chicago - Northbrook

2875 N. Milwaukee Avenue
Northbrook, Illinois 60062

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make your Reservation by 4 February 2012 in the US Power Squadron Room Block or ask for group code U9S

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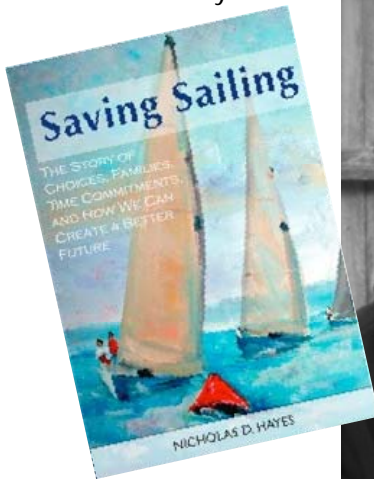
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About the Keynote Speaker

Nicholas Hayes

Author

Nick loves to sail in his free time and shares it prolifically. But he's also concerned about the decline of sailing and other 'Life Pastimes', as he calls them. His book, *Save Sailing*, combines facts from thorough research and is honest about the realities of changing American lifestyles, family dynamics and culture. It reminds us of the pure joy and larger consequences of sailing (and other Life Pastimes) in our lives and for the people around us. While not everyone will embrace Nick's bold conclusions, he'll provide you with the intent of helping to make boating as irresistible for others as it is for him and for his family.



Husband, Father and Sailor

Nick lives in Shorewood, Wisconsin with his wife Angela and their daughters Kate (15) and Elizabeth (12), all decorated sailors. The Hayes family campaign their B-32 sailboat Syrena out of the South Shore Yacht Club and sail together for fun as often as they can.

Advocate

Nick serves on the Board of Directors of the Milwaukee Community Sailing Center, chairing its Program Committee and teaching courses in crew development and advanced sail-trim. (Part of the proceeds from this book will go to help fund MSCS family sailing programs.) He is also active on the Youth Sailing Committee of the South Shore Yacht Club. He spent 4 years as a director and was the Fleet Captain of the Milwaukee Yacht Club.

Nick has studied sailing, sailors and sailing clubs for years, interviewing over 1,200 sailors worldwide since 2003 in preparation to write this book. He presented his research at the Sail America conference in 2008, was a keynote speaker at the 2008 International Sailing Summit (the ad-hoc development group of the International Sailing Federation), keynoted the industry breakfast at the 2009 Annapolis sail show, delivered the first keynote address at US Sailing's 2010 NSPS (National Sail Programming Symposium), and he has talked with more than 6000 sailors on an extensive book tour since October 2009.

Researcher/Consultant/Writer

Nick is a partner at the consulting firm FiveTwelve Group where he helps businesses learn about markets, customers and value. Before that, Nick had a successful career as a business executive in technology. He has written for IndustryWeek, Biztimes, Control Magazine, and Manufacturing Week, The Journal of the American Marketing Association, Sailing Magazine, Sailing Anarchy, Sailing Scuttlebutt, Spinsheet Magazine and he blogs on business, media and politics on business and personal websites.



Friendship Fountain Jacksonville

Go Jacksonville!

Get on the phone, spread the word, Jacksonville Annual Meeting is January 22 thru 29.

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Special points of interest:

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- The Change of Watch will happen in Jacksonville..
- Department Meetings will happen in Jacksonville.
- BOC will happen in Jacksonville.
- Don't miss Shipwreck.



Jacksonville Riverfront looking from the Hyatt to the St Johns River at dawn October, 2011

Register for Jacksonville now to avoid the rush and sell outs!

There are several events that require ticketing and require postmarks by December 22. Also, there are events which are sold at a lower price if reservations are made early.

Hotel room reservations also should be made early to avoid

sellout of the desired bed arrangement.

See page 36 of the Fall issue of the ENSIGN for hotel reservation information. See page 37 of the same ENSIGN for activities registrations information.

You may also access this infor-

mation on USPS.ORG.

Read the small print. The small print includes credit card registration information, deadlines and refund policy. Our new on-line registration system is working great. Get registered ASAP.

Jacksonville

USPS 2012 Annual Meeting 22-30 Jan.

ACTIVITIES REGISTRATION >> Reserve online at usps.org/php/reservations

Rank	First	MI	Last	Grade	Cert. No.
Rank	First	MI	Last	Grade	Cert. No.
Address	City	State	ZIP	Squadron/District	
Home phone	Cell/Office			Dietary restrictions?	
E-mail address	First time attending a national meeting?				

Wednesday, 25 Jan.

0900-1500 Made In Jacksonville

Savor the tastes and smells of downtown Jacksonville. Can you smell the coffee brewing at the Maxwell House Production Center? Head off to enjoy the sweet taste of Jacksonville's own Peterbrooke Chocolatier in San Marco. This state-of-the-art chocolate production center gives fun and informative tours. Samples are included of course! After lunch, take in the exquisite décor of the homes of San Marco as you cruise by the Swisher Estate, home of the creator of Swisher Sweets cigars. End your tour at the Anheuser-Busch Brewery where an open-air brew hall awaits. During a tour of the gallery, you'll discover the wonders of a century-old brewing process. Marvel at high-speed packaging lines that fill thousands of bottles and cans per minute. Midway through the tour, relax in the hospitality room and enjoy a tasting of the refreshing brews.

Quantity _____ @ \$70 Total _____

Thursday, 26 Jan.

0900-1500 St. Augustine Historical Tour

Start your trip into St. Augustine with an unusual beginning—by picking up a hitchhiker! Don't be alarmed if your driver pulls over to allow this disoriented stranger to board the coach. It's only Ida Alice Shourd Flagler, the oil and hotel baron's second wife, she'll teach you about the area and its history and give you the dirt on Mr. Flagler. Your tour of the city will include the Mission of Nombre de Dios, the birthplace of Christianity on this continent. When you arrive at the Castillo de San Marcos, you will be invited to step off for a few moments to walk around this fort, the oldest national monument. Next, you will see the heart of the city with its magnificent Spanish Renaissance architecture. Now that you've been steeped in more than 400 years of history, go shopping on St. George Street. This shopping mecca has more than 240 gift shops, ice cream parlors and restaurants along a four-block pedestrian street. Get something to eat, shop or just relax until it's time to board the coach once more for your return trip.

Quantity _____ @ \$74 Total _____

1830-2230 Shipwreck Party

Enjoy an informal indoor party with seafood, a traditional dinner buffet, cash bar, creative costumes, a DJ and lots of dancing. Weather permitting, we will open the doors to the riverfront and take the party outside.

Quantity _____ @ \$41 before 22 Dec. (\$46 after) Total _____

Friday, 27 Jan.

0900-1400 Cummer Museum and lunch

A docent will give your group a private tour of this outstanding art museum, which features traveling exhibits and European gardens. The museum and its award-winning education center, Art Connections, occupy adjacent buildings overlooking the three-acre Cummer Gardens. The museum campus is situated on the banks of the St. Johns River. Be sure to leave time to browse its exquisite gift shop before boarding your transportation back to the hotel. Your group will also enjoy a private luncheon at the museum.

Quantity _____ @ \$92.00 Total _____

Saturday, 28 Jan.

1200-1400 Members Luncheon (cash bar 1200-1230)

Enjoy lunch with your fellow USPS members and guests

Quantity _____ @ \$30 before 22 Dec. (\$36 after) Total _____

1100-1400 Ladies Luncheon—Others Welcome

Our circle of USPS friendships will widen as we enjoy a lovely lunch together. Each guest will have a beautiful gift to take home as a remembrance. Our theme is Asian Inspiration.

Quantity _____ @ \$36 before 22 Dec. (\$38 after) Total _____

1830-2200 Change of Watch Reception and Banquet

Enjoy a wonderful meal and fellowship with USPS members and guests. Come and meet the new USPS bridge officers for 2012.

Quantity _____ @ \$54 before 22 Dec. (\$56 after) Total _____

Meeting CD

CD includes presentations, handouts and PowerPoint slides from all committee meetings. Pick up CDs at activities registration desk along with your tickets.

Quantity _____ @ \$5 Total _____

Total no. tickets & CDs: _____ Total amount due: \$ _____

For RV information, visit usps.org/ic/highwaymariners

Reserve tickets online at usps.org/php/reservations using a credit card, or mail this form and a check made out to 2012 Annual Meeting to USPS Headquarters, P.O. Box 30423, Raleigh, NC 27622. For more information, contact Arlene Anderson at 757-367-6319 or arlene.anderson-47@yahoo.com.

Activity reservations must be secured or postmarked by 22 Dec. 2011. After 22 Dec., call or email for instructions. Refund requests made after 22 Dec. will be honored only if the tickets are resold. All tickets must be picked up at the activities registration area no later than one hour before the event, except for social luncheon, member luncheon and banquet tickets, which must be picked up by 1000 Saturday, 28 Jan. Agenda and additional details may be found at usps.org/national/natmeetings.

Our meeting hotel is Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront. Reserve online at <https://resweb.punkey.com/go/usps2012>, or call 904-588-1234. Use group Code BPOW to request the USPS rate of \$132 plus tax per night.



Upcoming Events

15 Nov	EXECUTIVE MEETING / GENERAL MEETING , DuPage Inn, Downers Grove
24 Nov	THANKSGIVING
10 Dec	COMMANDER'S CHRISTMAS PARTY
13 Dec	EXECUTIVE MEETING , DuPage Inn, Downers Grove
25 Dec	CHRISTMAS
1 Jan	NEW YEARS
12-16 Jan	CHICAGO BOAT, RV AND OUTDOORS SHOW , McCormick Place, Chicago
22-29 Jan	USPS ANNUAL MEETING , Jacksonville, Florida
24 Jan	EXECUTIVE MEETING , DuPage Inn, Downers Grove
26-29 Jan	STRICTLY SAIL CHICAGO , Navy Pier, Chicago
27 Jan	ANNUAL MEETING , TBD
4 Feb	CHANGE OF WATCH , TBD
18 Feb	DISTRICT OPERATIONS TRAINING , Northbrook



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