



BEACON 22

United States Power Squadron's District 22 on Florida's West Coast

Winter 2010-11

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District Commander 2010-2011

D/C Mary Paige Abbott, N, of Sanibel-Captiva

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2010 Mission of District 22:

“Boating safely is FUN...we'll show you how!”

DID YOU KNOW...

USPS has entered into a partnership with the Brunswick Corp. to offer our education program to their boat clients in their facilities (like Marine Max)? DEO Margaret Barber will be coordinating the program through the squadron education officers.

P/C Jim Kelly of Crystal River has been named the D22 US Coast Guard liaison? The Waterways Watch Program is one that he will promote in D22 as he fosters the relationship along the FL West Coast.

USPS Active Membership as of 11/30/10 is 33,867? Our District 22 is the 2nd largest with 2798 members. There are 940 Cyber Squadron members of which 706 signed up on the website and 234 have no squadron affiliation.

The national VSC goal is 32,000 for 2010? The total performed to date is 32,075! More Vessel Examiners are needed!

Want more details? Visit www.usps.org, click upper right "How do I..." then "Find Operational News for members": click on *USPS Bulletin*. The right sidebar has four newsletters listed: Around USPS for Exec Dept; Currents for Education; Inside USPS for Admin Dept; and Secretary's Dept news.

Read more about **YOUR District** and events on the following pages!

Wishing you fair winds and calm seas in 2011...

EVENTS SCHEDULE

01 - 06 Feb 2011

Tuesday—Sunday

USPS Annual Meeting

Disney's Coronado Springs Resort,
Activities must be booked by January 22

29 Apr - 01 May 2011

Friday—Sunday

D/22 Spring Conference & Change of Watch

Hyatt Regency Hotel & Marina, Sarasota

12 - 17 Sep 2011

Sunday-Saturday

USPS Governing Board Meeting

Greensboro, NC

7-9 OCT 2011

Friday—Sunday

D/22 Fall Conference

Hyatt Regency Hotel & Marina, Sarasota



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EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

**D/Lt/C Richard Littrell, JN
Lakeland**



Thank you to all the Squadrons for providing the impetus to preserve and nurture District 22 into the great organization that it is. The members of eighteen Squadrons are the heart of our district. The District 22 Bridge stands ready, able and willing to assist you. You have direct District assistance with P/D/C Tom Krupa, AP for the Northern Squadrons, P/D/C /Bob Barber, JN for the Central Squadrons, and Cdr Ron Terciak, AP for the Southern Squadrons. Please take advantage of their vast experience in USPS.

We all know the USPS was founded on the principles of Self-Education, Civic Service, and Fraternal Boating Club. These principles all exist in our Squadron activities. We need to keep on nurturing these principles. This is what makes strong as a bonded community.

Yes, we all know that we need more members. The new changes made by National which took effect in December will help. As we attract new members, we need to embrace and nurture them into our USPS "society". If we all work together, we can make a difference.

EDUCATION OFFICER'S REPORT

**D/Lt/C Margaret Barber, JN
Sarasota**



As we switch from old Marine Electronics courses to new, we will switch from one elective to three electives (Marine Electrical Systems, Marine Communications Systems, Marine Navigation Systems).

Students will need to successfully complete the entire three module set of ME101/102/103 to gain credit for Marine Electronics. Students will be given credit for each of the new courses, so by utilizing the new material they can get credit for up to three electives. As the grade of SN now requires successful completion of six out of eight elective courses, students can earn half of their needed electives by passing this series. If they stay with the old material, only one course credit will be granted.

A few students may find themselves in need of Marine Navigation Systems (MNS). This course material has not yet been released. The Chairman of the Electro-

Mechanical Systems Committee will consider completion of ME103 as evidence of completion of ENS on a case-by-case basis. This procedure requires that HQ manually override student records and is not done lightly. EMSCom stands by to help our students so we will work with the SEOs as needed to promote those candidates deserving of the grade. If you have questions, contact the Chairman of the Electro-Mechanical Systems Committee, R/C Gene A. Danko, SN.



Please note that the name of the third new and upcoming Marine Electronics course is properly titled "Marine Navigation Systems", and not "Electronic Navigation Systems" as stated in a previous broadcast. The Marine Electronics web page has been appropriately updated.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS REPORT

**D/Lt/C Donald Parrish, SN
Venice**



An introduction is in order; D/Lt/C Don Parrish, SN at your service. Not sure why or how this title came to me, but we'll just have to deal with it. It must be said that the Administrative Dept. of District 22 is a collection of operations that make the District the District. How so? Well, we are membership, boating activities, conferences, leadership training, and member benefits. Question asked; how can you do all that? Easy; we're open 24/7 and are blessed with the most dedicated volunteer squadron members giving it their very best shot!

So, what's the Admin Dept been up to this Watch Year? Well, we put together the Fall Conference with ten informational roundtables and the Saturday theme night dinner dance. Our annual District C & R at Burnt Store Marina was a very well planned event. Twenty-four boats arrived at the docks; 150 attendees took a Fantasy European Cruise and had great fun with the nautical games. In May, the membership numbers came out showing District 22 with a membership increase of 1.4% over 2009 during a very challenging period for membership. My sincere thanks go to the members of the Admin Dept. It is truly each of you that makes it happen.



Save the Date!

April 29 – May 2, 2011

**D22 Spring Conference and C.O.W.
Sarasota Hyatt Regency Hotel & Marina**

**Have your Squadron plan a C & R to Sarasota ...
Let's fill the marina with a flotilla of
Squadron Boats**

UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS D/22 ON FLORIDA'S GULF COAST DISTRICT 22

Burnt Store Cruise & Rendezvous

The weather and the boating conditions were perfect: sunny, light winds, calm seas and temperatures bearable. More than 150 people attended the Burnt Store Cruise & Rendezvous with 24 boats arriving safely to the marina. D22 members participated in the two planned dinners, cocktail parties and activities, including the traditional nautical games.

Host squadron St. Petersburg and co-host Cape Coral along with Fort Myers and Marco Island did an outstanding job and are to be heartily thanked for a wonderful time enjoyed by all. In fact, the event culminated with a surplus of nearly \$550!!

Mark your calendars NOW for the 2011 event hosted by Cape Coral Power Squadron: November 11-13, 2011 at Burnt Store Marina.



D/C Mary Paige Abbott, N and husband, Steve, N, welcome members aboard the D22 Fantasy Cruise

Council Meeting & Officer Orientation

The D22 Council met on Saturday December 4th with 14 of the 18 squadrons present. The minutes of the 2010 Fall Council Meeting were approved as presented. The proposed D22 Bylaws revisions (to comply with USPS bylaws) were approved and will be presented at the 2011 Spring Conference for final approval.

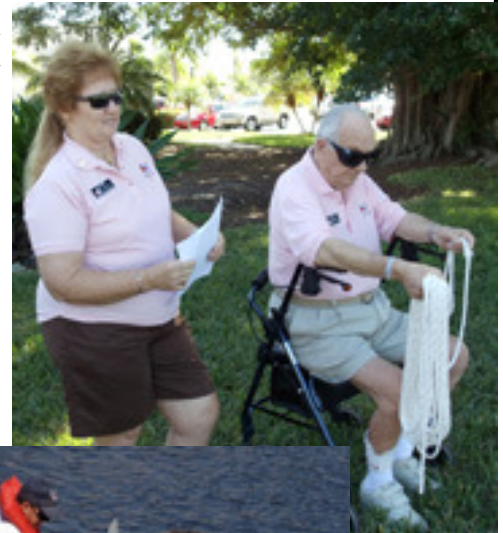
In addition, D/Lt/C Margaret Barber, JN, discussed the USPS/Brunswick deal; Stf/C Sandy Krupa, P, reviewed upcoming membership changes and P/R/C Chuck Troike, JN, reviewed the 2011 Fall and 2012 Spring Conference contracts.

D/C Mary Paige Abbott, N, updated the council on several items including merit marks, D22 issues before the BOD, and shared preliminary discussions about a proposed tri-district 2012 Fall Conference.

The afternoon portion featured breakout sessions with the Bridge officers.

P/D/C Jan & D/Lt/C Art Lane, SN's, prepare to toss a line.

Cdr Sandy Krupa, P, St. Pete and Cdr Ron Terciak, JN, San Carlos Bay test their friendship during the blind dinghy race.



Approx. 100 members enjoyed time getting to know one another, talking about their squadron's activities, and sharing boating stories during the Commander's Reception.



2011 Change of Watch Schedule

as of December 15, 2010

- 07 Jan Friday **Ft. Myers**
Cdr Robert J. Heck, N, nbfirechie@aol.com
- 15 Jan Saturday **St. Petersburg**
Cdr Marilyn Van Goey, JN, mvangoey@tampabay.rr.com
- 16 Jan Sunday **Sarasota**
Cdr Demetrios Lignos, SN, demetri.lignos@gmail.com
- 21 Jan Friday **San Carlos Bay**
Cdr Ron Terciak, JN, bruin128@aol.com
- 23 Jan Sunday **Clearwater**
Cdr Mildred Nasta, AP, mnasta@hotmail.com
- 28 Jan Friday **Crystal River**
Cdr Al Schroedel, SN, alatl@mindspring.com
- 29 Jan Saturday **Boca Ciega**
P/R/C Robert Keller, SN, rakel@verizon.net
- 09 Feb Wednesday **Marco Island**
Cdr Gary Riss, S, thegar_1@yahoo.com
- 11 Feb Friday **Venice**
Cdr Nadene Boyle, S, nadeneandbud@juno.com
- 13 Feb Sunday **Naples**
Cdr Emery Viazanko, AP, Emery@eviazanko.com
- 15 Feb Tuesday **Sanibel-Captiva**
Cdr Carol Allen, P, commander@sanibelcaptivasps.org
- 18 Feb Friday **Lakeland**
Cdr Richard Littrell, JN, wlitt66455@aol.com
- 19 Feb Saturday **Manatee**
Cdr Alfred Connizzo, S, aconnizzo@hotmail.com
- 22 Feb Tuesday **Peace River**
R/C Ann Scotten, SN, annscotten@comcast.net
- 25 Feb Friday **Cape Coral**
Cdr John Hodgkinson, N, johnh686807@comcast.net
- 26 Feb Saturday **Tampa**
Cdr Ryan Brown, S, ryan@laye.com
- 05 Mar Saturday **Anna Maria**
Cdr Ann Blake, AP, annblake@verizon.net
- March **Anclote Key — 50th Anniversary "Cruise"**
Cdr James Lichty, JN

NOMINATING COMMITTEE PROPOSED SLATE 2011/2012

BRIDGE OFFICERS and ASSISTANT OFFICERS

- District Commander D/Lt/C W. Richard Littrell, JNLakeland
- Executive Officer D/Lt/C Donald A. Parrish, SN Venice
- Educational Officer D/Lt/C L. Margaret Barber, JN Sarasota
- Administrative Officer P/C George J. Musco, AP Peace River
- Secretary D/1/Lt Carol L. Musco, AP Peace River
- Treasurer D/Lt/C Arthur S. Lane, SN Naples
- Assistant EdOfficer Lt/C Timothy E. McGarr, P Venice
- Assistant Secretary Lt/C Dorothy M. Martin, JN Tampa
- Assistant Treasurer D/1/Lt Richard E. Clemm, AP Peace River

GENERAL COMMITTEES

Nominating Committee

- Chairman (1 Year) *Stf/C Thomas F. Krupa, AP St. Petersburg
- Member (1 Year) *P/C Warren M. Dibell, AP Anna Maria Island
- Member (2 Years) *R/C Gregory T. Scotten, SN Peace River
- Member (2 Years) *P/C George J. Martin, JN Tampa
- Member (3 Years) D/C Mary Paige Abbott, N Sanibel Captiva
- Member (3 Years) P/C Patricia A. Dance, SN Cape Coral

Rules Committee

- Chairman (1 Year) *P/C William T. Foster, AP Crystal River
- Member (2 Years) *P/C Ted H. Schmidt, SN Fort Myers
- Member (3 Years) D/Lt Harold W. Howard, SN Peace River

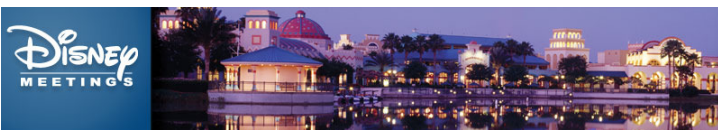
Auditing Committee

- Chairman (1 Year) *D/Lt Barbara M. Kelly, AP Cape Coral
- Member (2 Years) *P/C Betty M. Campanella, JN Peace River
- Member (3 Years) Lt/C Kenneth Morris, AP San Carlos Bay

*Continuing Member, Previously elected to Committee

Respectfully Submitted, D/22 Nominating Committee:

- P/C George J. Martin, JN
- Stf/C Thomas F. Krupa, AP
- R/C Gregory T. Scotten, SN
- P/C Warren M. Dibell, AP
- P/C Richard A. Evers, AP
- P/D/C Robert D. Barber, JN Chairman



Make your plans to attend the
USPS 2011 Annual Meeting Feb 1 — Feb 6, 2011
Suggested Events for D22 Members:

- Wed, Feb 2** 0800-1600 Leadership Training for Current & Incoming Executive, Education Admin Officers
- Thur, Feb 3** 0830-1630 National Ship's Store
0800-1700 Expo Booths
0800-1600 Leadership Training for XO's
1830-2230 House of Blues & Cirque du Soleil

Fri, Feb 4
0800-1700 Seminars, Meetings, Department Luncheons
Check National Schedule for Exact Times
TBA D22 Cocktail Reception
Followed by Group Dinner

Sat, Feb 5
0800-1100 National Ship's Store
0900-1200 Annual Meeting

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