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## District Commander 2012-2013

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With the 2012 Spring Conference just completed, the blast has sounded, the dock lines cast off, and District 22 is once again under way. The Bridge has reviewed it's job assignments, charted the possible courses and will be on watch to keep us headed in the right direction and up to a safe speed. Two years ago when the Nominating Committee called me to the Bridge, my sailing instructions were to help the squadrons when help was needed and to stay out of the way when help was not required. Today, that duty assignment remains very much the same. It is the responsibility of the D22 Bridge and the District Committees to help the squadrons that need and or ask for help. How can we best do that? It is by presenting detailed, instructional and motivating Round Tables and Seminars on how to perform the basic operations and services that are essential in producing successful squadrons. Sure, the list of those operations and services is extensive; but, it is our District job to make that educational experience a reality. However, the most intensive, demanding and yes basic operation is MEMBERSHIP. And YES, this is the same song, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th verse.

Without attracting new members and without the retention of our excited, dedicated and experienced crew members, we cannot accomplish the **SELF EDUCATION** and **CIVIC SERVICE** that we are pledged to provide. **MEMBERSHIP** is the foundation and life blood of all organizations including USPS. It is incumbent on each squadron member to become a personal ambassador for his or her squadron and for USPS. This may require an individual personality adjustment; each squadron ambassador must be able to listen and to present a sincere and likable self image to each prospective new member. We cannot just herd cattle into a coral. Each of us as active members must first market ourselves successfully before we can hope to successfully market our squadrons or USPS. Genuine friendship and warmth are the offerings that are being searched for by prospective members and those are also the group conditions that are a necessity for member retention. Sure, we can teach new members boating skills, we can provide free vessel safety checks, perform co-op charting and provide the opportunity for civic service; but without the magnetism and holding power of **FRIENDSHIP & WARMTH**, we will have failed ourselves and disappointed those we seek to serve.

So, now that we are once again under way, is it time to reverse course, re-invent the wheel and succumb to change? Change is of course a part of our lives, like it or not. However, change for the sake of change can often times take a thing that is working and make it unworkable. A great deal of time, consideration, planning and effort by our members has been devoted to improving our District and National membership programs; and, the results have been positive and rewarding for some of our squadrons. However, for our District membership to be all encompassing, we need all of our squadrons to **BE ON- BOARD** the **MEMBERSHIP** boat. For the past couple or three years, we've been headed into and through some very difficult times for boating and yet, our membership programs have produced continued forward progress. For real **SOLID & SUSTAINING** membership growth, let's **GET PERSONAL**. To make a friend, you must be friendly; to keep a friend, you must be a friend. Let's give **FRIENDSHIP & WARMTH** a chance for a change.

## EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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Before I introduce the members of the 2012 – 2013 Executive Department; I would be remiss if I didn't mention that starting a new position is always bitter sweet; leaving my "Team" behind in the Administrative Department was not easy, having worked together like a well-oiled machine for a year. I believe we prevailed well through the Fall and Spring Conferences, and completed our yearly tasks without too many lumps, bumps and bruises; and I know I'm leaving them in the qualified hands of D/Lt/C George Martin, SN, who I understand is good in first aid. My year as District Administrative Officer was a great "Learning Year" under the capable guidance of P/D/C W. Richard Littrell, SN, and this coming watch year led by D/C Donald Parrish, SN will be my "Preparation Year" for the future.

I'm honored to begin my new role as District Executive Officer, and privileged that such experienced volunteers stepped forward to serve on these important committees, starting with my aides: P/R/C Gregory, T. Scotten, SN, and D/Lt Elliott M. Hartman, JN; Cooperative Charting Chair - R/C James, H. Strothers, SN; Homeland Security Committee – D/Lt Glenn T. Dobos, AP & Howard Rothstein, SN; Legislative Committee Chair - D/Lt Harvey Goldstein, P; Liaison Committee Chair – P/D/C Fred C. Sellenraad, SN; Public Relations Committee – P/R/C Gregory T. Scotten, SN, P/D/C Thomas F. Krupa, AP, P/D/Lt/C Harold W. Howard, SN, Leon B. Warshaw, S, Richard C. McConnell, S, Ann L. Scotten, SN; Radio Technical Chair – D/Lt/ C George J. Martin, JN; Safety Committee Chair – D/Lt Harold W. Anderson, AP; Squadron Development Committee – P/D/C Thomas F. Krupa, AP, P/R/C Constance H. Beckman, N, P/C Ronald Terciak, JN; Vessel Safety Check Committee Chair - P/C Richard A. Quodomine Jr., SN. District 22 is very fortunate to have such talented volunteers in the Executive Department.

I have mentioned this before, but it's worth repeating: Communication is a two way street. Periodically, I

will be sending out information to Squadron Commanders and Executive Officers, and I'm sure I will be hearing from you with your concerns and suggestions on how we together can improve our district. E-mail is my preferred mode of communication, as it provides us with a written record, and if necessary can to be referred to at a later date. However, phone calls also work. A note about emails: I will respond to yours, even if's just a simple "Ok". I would expect a reply from you in turn from my emails, so I know that our "communication process" has been successful. See you around the district.

### Sarasota Celebrates 60th Anniversary

Sarasota Power & Sail Squadron held their 60th Anniversary Celebration on 10 March 2012. The SPSS mission is and always has been to promote recreational boating skills and boating safety through education, hands-on training and civic activities plus also to provide fellowship for our members. They have met this objective throughout the past 60 years.

79 people which included, County and City dignitaries, the District 22 Commander and District Bridge, several other squadrons and invited partner guests gathered for this memorable luncheon. Sarasota County Commissioner Carolyn Mason and City Commissioner Paul Caragiulo presented us Proclamations. They proclaimed that on behalf of the citizens of our community, 29 January 2012 was to be recognized as "Sarasota Power & Sail Squadron's 60th Anniversary", a special day and worthy of recognition of the citizens of the County and City of Sarasota. We were honored to receive a letter from Florida Governor, Rick Scott, congratulating us and sending his best wishes for our continued success in making boating safer and more enjoyable for our fellow boaters. Two of our partners, the USCG Auxiliary Flotilla #84 and West Marine of Sarasota were both recognized for their support in our mutual boat safety activities. A History of Sarasota Power & Sail Squadron from 1952-2012 was given to each guest.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**5-9 September 2012 USPS Governing Board**

Detroit, MI

[www.usps.org/php/reservations/meetinginfo.php?mtg\\_id=12](http://www.usps.org/php/reservations/meetinginfo.php?mtg_id=12)

**4 -7 October 2012 D/22 Fall Conference**

Sarasota Hyatt

<https://resweb.passkey.com/go/USPSFall2012>

**8-11 November D/22 Cruise & Rendezvous**

Burnt Store Marina

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### USPS Teams Up with Sea Tow for Automated Radio Checks

As you likely have read, Sea Tow has created a network of radio stations to allow boaters to do "radio checks" without using VHF Ch 16.

USPS has received a FREE stock of Sea Tow stickers and they are ready for SEOs and DEOs to order using the SOF (best if ordered along with other ED materials) using inventory number 09-92-001 "Sea Tow ARC Sticker" for local use. In order to be sure the initial orders are spread across all areas of use there is a limit of 100 per Squadron. If you have a major event planned, additional stickers may be released by request to the ANEO. One sticker will be included with each course or seminar manual so every student will receive one.

Sea Tow has recognized a need for more ARC stations and is requesting USPS spread the word to marinas, boat yards, marine stores, and any individual or place that could help. Sea Tow and its agents will provide and install the equipment and programming; the host location will only need to provide a mounted antenna and some wiring costing less than \$100. The outgoing messages could market the location and there will be a series of safety messages aired with the communications links. Interested parties should contact Sea Tow by email at [ARC@seatow.com](mailto:ARC@seatow.com).

Help USPS team up with Sea Tow and share this opportunity to make boating safer by ordering stickers for use at NSBW activities, Boat Shows, VSCs, membership meetings and courses/seminars.

Information provided by R/C Bob Palmer, SN, ANEO, [aneo@usps.org](mailto:aneo@usps.org)

### Short Web Addresses

To make it easier for you to cite and use the Educational Department web pages, we've shortened three of our most used web addresses.

To get to this page—the Educational Department home page—you can enter into your browser either us [usps.org/education](http://usps.org/education), [www.usps.org/education](http://www.usps.org/education), [www.usps.org/eddept](http://www.usps.org/eddept) or just [usps.org/eddept](http://usps.org/eddept). Any of these addresses will bring you to this page. And once you get here, don't forget to bookmark or make this page one of your favorites so that it's easier to get here next time.

To find a public boating course, you can use either [www.usps.org/findacourse](http://www.usps.org/findacourse) or [usps.org/findacourse](http://usps.org/findacourse). Either one will take a user to the search page where a user can find a USPS public boating course close to home. You can also copy the QR Code image and add it to flyers so that smartphone users can just scan it and be taken directly to the Find a Course web page.

## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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The suspense is over, the election is ended, and I was elected over a highly competent opponent. Now is the time to begin work. This year the Administrative Department will spearhead looking at other venues for the District 22 conferences.

From all that I have seen it will take a lot of effort to accomplish this. District 22 will use the negotiating skills of P/D/C Chuck Troike, N to deal with specific venues. The Department is listing the Physical requirements for the venues in both of the Spring and Fall conferences. These will be sent to all Squadron Commanders. If you can then identify a potential replacement meeting place that will meet D-22 requirements please send the information, after checking the Physical requirements, to Chuck, who is the Chairman of the Conference Committee.

Do you know that the National Operations Training Committee has changed its name to the Leadership Development Committee with both the Operations Training and Leadership Training as their responsibilities. The District Committee Chair for OTP is P/C Miles Gee, N from Manatee Sail & Power Squadron.

Stf/C Sandra S. Krupa, P from St. Petersburg Sail & Power Squadron will continue to Chair both Membership and Membership Involvement Committees.

The new Boating Activities Chairman is P/C Robert E. Hintze, JN, Manatee Sail & Power Squadron. An area of emphasis is the reestablishment of the Port Captains throughout the District. More about that later.

Comments made in the suggestion box at the District Spring 2012 Conference will be available in late May.

I attended the DB2000-101 class given by P/R/C Connie Beckman, N in late April and found out how this database and its associated programs have blossomed into a highly usable tool for all members, especially the Bridge and Committee chairs. It provides the tools to make managing your Squadrons easier and less time consuming. It is well worthwhile to attend this five hour class.



### Education Officer (Continued)

To find a seminar, you can use either [www.usps.org/findaseminar](http://www.usps.org/findaseminar) or [usps.org/findaseminar](http://usps.org/findaseminar). Either one will take a user to the search page where a user can find a USPS seminar close to home. You can also copy the QR Code image and add it to flyers so that smartphone users can just scan it and be taken directly to the Find a Seminar web page.

Information provided from the USPS Educational website.

# 2012 Spring Conference & Change of Watch

12-15 April





# DISTRICT 22 FALL 2012 CONFERENCE

At the Sarasota Hyatt & Marina  
1000 Boulevard of the Arts, Sarasota, FL



## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS & HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION

(1 May 2012)

**FRIDAY 5 OCTOBER:** Day is Team Casual, Evening Smart Casual

- 0900 – 1400 Registration Desk Open
- 1000 – 1200 Squadron Commanders' Meeting
- 1200 – 1400 Lunch on your own
- 1400 – 1600 District Council Meeting
- 1700 – 1830 Joint Squadron Hospitality
- 1900 – Till District Commander's Buffet Dinner

***1100 - SPECIAL EVENT: Lunch Out @ The Columbia Restaurant on St. Armands. Return to Marina Jack Plaza for "LeBarge 2 hour Wildlife & Dolphin Tour, 1400 - 1600. ForTourReservations contact D/Lt Susan Parrish, AP, at: 941-408-8591***

**SATURDAY 6 OCTOBER:** Day is Uniform G; Evening "Medieval" or Smart Casual

- 0900 – 1200 Registration Desk Open
- 0900 – 1400 D22 Promotional Displays
- 0930 – 1145 Workshop Roundtables
- 1200 – 1330 Awards Luncheon
- 1330 – 1400 Registration Desk Open
- 1400 – 1630 District Conference
- 1730 – 1830 District Bridge & Commander's Reception
- 1900 – Till Camelot Theme Dinner: with Professional Entertainment

**Plan now to attend! Special D22 Hotel Rate: \$129.00 per night plus tax**  
Rooms available Thursday at D22 Rate.

**Boat Slip Information & Reservations: Call DOCK MASTER 941-812-4063**

**C\*U\*T – O\*F\*F D\*A\*T\*E S E P T. 11, 2012 R\*O\*O\*M\*S & S\*L\*I\*P\*S**

**For Reservations: call toll free: 888-421-1442 or direct to the hotel: (941) 953-1234**  
**or go on line at: <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/USPSFall2012>**  
(Press down the "Ctrl" button & left click your mouse on the above link to make your reservation)



# **DISTRICT 22 C&R** **8 - 11 November 2012**



**Burnt Store Marina, 3192 Matecumbe Key Road, Punta Gorda, FL 33955**

## COME TO THE CIRCUS

**Make your reservation ASAP, mention D22 USPS**

Marina Inn (1 Bdm Condo)	800-859-7529 941-575-4488	Parking View \$80 per night	Pool View \$85 per night  Marina View \$90 per night
Cunningham Property Management (2 BD/2 Bth Villa/3 night min)	877-276-3300	\$140 per night + 1 time \$90 Cleaning & Security Deposit	
Boat Slips * \$1.50/ft, 30 ft. minimum Deadline: 30 Oct	941-927-5879 Bud Lomastro	Please do NOT call the Dockmaster	Email: suebudfl@comcast.net
<b>* There will be a drawing among the boaters for 2 night free dockage.</b>			

**Friday Dinner** – wear your favorite circus garb! **\$28 pp.** Includes tip. Choice of:

- Eggplant Parmesan (served w/pasta and marinara sauce)
- Fish & Chips (Tempura battered cod, fries and Coleslaw)
- TwinTop Sirloins (w/cognac peppercorn demi-glaze, mashed potatoes and vegetable du jour)

**Saturday Dinner** – wear your Squadron Shirt . **\$30 pp.** Includes tip. Choice of:

- Prime Rib (w/baked potato and vegetable)
  - Atlantic Salmon (Encrusted Dijon mustard and brown sugar glaze w/vegetable and rice pilaf)
- all served with mixed green salad, dessert and coffee or tea**

CUTOFF DATE: 30 October. Send check (made payable to D/22 C&R Fund ) and reservation form below to:

P/C R. Michael Fortier, JN, 3746 Glen Oaks Manor Dr., Sarasota, FL 34232-1025

**D22 C&R 8-11 November 2012**

Name(s) w/Rank & Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Squadron: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Night: \$28 #of fish \_\_\_\_ #of beef \_\_\_\_ #of eggplant parm \_\_\_\_ = Total # \_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_

Saturday Night: \$30 #of Beef \_\_\_\_ #of Fish \_\_\_\_ = Total # \_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_

**Grand Total Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

