



# The Ship's Log

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Newsletter of the Green Bay Sail and Power Squadron

A unit of District 10, United States Power Squadrons®

## Commander's Message by Wayne Dunbar, AP

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Here we are in 2018. A brand new year. Hope your celebration of the end of 2017 and bringing in 2018 was a fun one. We celebrate the coming of a new year because we look forward to NEW things happening. Your Squadron has a few new things coming in 2018. And a couple of left over 2017 things to talk about.



The November Dinner meeting was our Purple Prop and Golden Rudder meeting at The Village Grille in Allouez. The Golden Rudder is presented to a Squadron member who has done something special for the Squadron or outside of it. This year the Golden Rudder was awarded to Lt/C Norman Schroeder, AP for his continuing support of our Squadron. He is our Secretary, has taught two classes (Piloting and Seamanship) and active in the ABC class. He is our "Energy Bunny." He doesn't stop. He will be teaching the Weather course in 2018. Thank you Norm.

And on to the Purple Prop. No one offered up one of their fellow members for this distinction. At the dinner meeting David and Onis Budde challenged the attendees with some games relating to boating. Four teams competed for points with the winning team receiving a gift certificate to Cabela's and the lowest team in points chose tokens from a container, the "winner" with the purple token received the Purple Prop. That distinction went to Dave Bloomer. Luck of the draw :-)

As had been included in previous Ship's Log's, National is embarking on a new marketing campaign. We are **America's Boating Club**. We do more than teach boating safety and do Vessel Safety Exams. We have social events where we share experiences, listen to knowledgeable speakers, and generally get to know each other. We are not that stodgy bunch of boating people. As was in the November Ship's Log, the elevator speech should be used by all of us to communicate to our fellow boaters that we are a fun bunch of people who share the same love of the water.

January is our annual meeting. This is the meeting where you get to nominate/elect members to lead the Squadron for the next year. Many of you have served on the Bridge in the past. That means you are experienced and can step right up. Others have not. New opportunities. If you are asked by the nominating committee to be on the Bridge, please give it serious consideration. If you have not been asked but feel the urge to pitch in, talk to any of the Bridge members. As of now, we are in need of an Education Officer, Secretary, Executive officer. Continuing are: Wayne Dunbar, Commander; Bob Rondou, Administrative officer and Onis Budde, Treasurer. Don't be bashful. Throw your hat in the ring. Be a leader of the NEW America's Boating Club.



America's Boating Club of Green Bay

For Boaters, By Boaters



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## Education Officer Gregg Cayce, N

I hope everyone had a happy and joy filled Holiday.

This is the season for me to get all the projects done on the boat while it sits on the hard. I thought I had most of my additions and improvements made but hey, it's a boat. My list keeps getting longer. It's funny how Santa knew of the 4 different colors of 16 gauge wire and the new 250 cfm exhaust fan along with the 4 inch flexible duct hose and the remote battery switch I needed. Now if I could just get his little Elves to help with the installation.

We have wrapped up our Seamanship Class. Eight students took the course. We're still waiting for the results from National. Some of the exams needed to be graded by hand. I'm sure when we get the results, all of the students will have passed. Thanks Norm Schroeder for teaching this class.

Our ABC class is scheduled to start on March 27, 2018 at Cabela's, 5:30pm – 7:30 pm. The Exam will be held on April 24<sup>th</sup>. If you want to help our grading please put that date on your calendars. Information about the class is listed on our web site, gbsps.org, along with the DNR's gowild web site, gowild.wi.gov,

Thanks to Norm Schroeder we are going to offer the USPS Weather class this spring. Norms promotion and explanation of this class are on page 4.

**The Squadron will be looking for a new Education Officer. This 2017 year will be my last watch. I have many procedures documented so a new person will easily be able to step in. I will also assist with the transition and questions.**

**This position is very important to our Squadron and can be very rewarding. Providing education to the boating public and our fellow members is one of the foundations of our Squadron. We never know how many lives we might have saved by providing boating safety instruction to our fellow boaters. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.**



***Annual  
Dinner Meeting***  
**Friday, January 12, 6:00**  
**Wally's Spot Supper Club**



In addition to the choosing of a new bridge for the 2018 year, we will learn more about the Great Lakes. Julia Noordyk, Water Quality and Coastal Communities Specialist at University of Wisconsin Sea Grant Institute, University of Wisconsin Green Bay will be our speaker.

**DINNER: Please RSVP by Tuesday, January 9**

**This is our first dinner at Wally's Spot Supper Club, 1979 Main Street, Green Bay**

**The meals are;**      Baked Chicken over rice with mushroom sauce, house vegetables.  
                              Baked Cod, baked potato, house vegetables,  
                              Roast Beef over mashed potatoes, House vegetables.  
                              All dinners include Coffee, Rolls, and a desert.

**Cost is \$28 per meal.**

**Special Requests**

Gluten-free and other dietary needs will be accommodated. Please specify your requirements.

**RSVP with your menu selection(s) to Bob Rondou on or before Tuesday, January 9.**

**Email Bob at [bron42@att.net](mailto:bron42@att.net) or call him at (920)468-5893 Be sure to give your name and number of people attending.**

## GREEN BAY SAIL and POWER SQUADRON

### USPS WEATHER COURSE SPRING/FALL 2018

I am happy to announce that I will be teaching the United States Power Squadron (USPS) WEATHER Course this Spring and Fall 2018. This is a 10 week course that covers the basics of Meteorology, Storms, and relates them to boating. We all experience weather on a daily basis and sometimes see the extremes of weather. Safe boating requires that we be aware of weather, particularly adverse weather and how to recognize it, preferably in advance. I plan to teach this course in two sections. The first of five weeks in Spring 2018, will be devoted to the basics of Meteorology, understanding basic weather phenomena, what causes weather. The second section will be in Fall 2018 and will be devoted to understanding what causes storms in both the Mid-continental regions of the world, and also in tropical latitudes. A chapter will be devoted to weather forecasting. In addition, a trip will be planned to visit the Green Bay National Weather Service station to watch the launch of a weather balloon. These launches are done across the globe at 1200 and 2400 GMT and provide the source of much of the data that comprises our global weather maps.

This will be my first experience with teaching Weather. I took USPS Weather in the past, taught a 2 hour USPS Weather Seminar and learned a lot about weather from my training as a Commercial and Instrument Rated Private Pilot. Over 40 plus years of boating I have experienced my share of on the water weather.

### DATES, TIMES, LOCATIONS

The Spring Session will be held on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7:30 pm beginning March 7 through April 4 at the Brown County Central Library, 515 Pine St. in Green Bay, WI. I will also be using GO TO MEETING SOFTWARE to be able to offer USPS WEATHER to those students who are not able to travel to Green Bay for the Classroom Sessions.

### Weather Course Description

The safety and comfort of those who venture out-on-the water have always been weather dependent. In this course students will become keener observers of the weather, but weather observations only have meaning in the context of the basic principles of meteorology — the science of the atmosphere.

The course focuses on how weather systems form, behave, move, and interact with one another and reflects the availability of all sorts of weather reports and forecasts on the Internet. Wx2012 is a general weather course benefiting those sitting in their living rooms, as much as those standing behind the helm. Each student receives:

- a Weather Manual - *USPS Weather* - an explanatory text with full color photographs and drawings covering weather in the United States and its coastal and inland waters;
  - a set of three Daily Weather Maps - learning aids with a complete explanation of map symbols designed to develop weather map reading and analysis skills; and
- NOAA's Sky Watcher Chart* - a reference to assist in identifying cloud types – helpful indicators of approaching weather.

The Weather Course is designed to be conducted over ten two-hour sessions including time for review and the multiple choice closed book exam, but each instructor will determine the pace of the course. Member cost is \$65 and non-member cost is \$85.

Go here to register: <http://gbsps.org/wrappers/pages.php?ID=36#17>

# America's Boating Club: Living the logo!



## USPS is on the Edge of Amazing

The USPS Bridge, Board of Directors and Governing Board have unanimously endorsed a new approach to the boating public in an effort to further energize Members, Squadrons, and Districts to recognize that USPS is America's Boating Club and to embrace our legacy. This adds:

Marketing USPS to "Outdoor Enthusiasts" who don't perceive themselves as boaters notwithstanding they deploy canoes, kayaks, duck boats, fishing boats and the like.

Calling USPS "America's Boating Club" and deploying a new modern stylized logo

An ad campaign complete with youthful, diverse and attractive models and multiple catchy tag lines about a welcoming group, presenting boating fun in our neighborhood and being "by boaters for boaters."

This is in addition to the move to on water training and expansion of our courses to web based media. These are powerful tools that have the ability to demonstrate that USPS members should be the go to source for boating skills, training and involvement. Coupling these recent improvements with our inherent social interactions can make USPS appear much more attractive to non-members. This can and should be the basis for a strong recruitment effort.

## An Opportunity Met

So, how does District 10 present USPS in a better light? We "Live the Logo!" That means we present ourselves in the way we perceive ourselves as "For boaters by boaters" with *meaningful on-water activities*. We present ourselves as welcoming—*no exclusionary uniforms and mysterious ranks and grades*. We recognize that in this modern age everyone has access to knowledge and information with a few clicks, but *only we have the skills, cunning and intuition that comes with years of experience*. We may not be able to compete with the internet to sell knowledge and formal multi-week classes, but we can sell *skills and knowledge confirmation* to new boaters. We have the most affordable and available on water training in the industry. We can readily do the short 2-hour "Jump Start" orientation and immediately qualify ourselves as a knowledgeable source for boating solutions. We can also provide operator certification and non-traditional seminars for busy families.

## Living the Logo

The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Power Squadrons, America's Boating Club has an attractive look, feel and personality both internally and externally. This is how District 10 can make America's Boating Club more approachable, appealing and user friendly to ourselves and the boating public in Minnesota and Wisconsin. These are approaches we can readily take (and in many cases already have taken) in our rituals, dress, approach to the public, cultural priorities and treatment of each other. District 10 has the opportunity to lead by example because many of our members have already adopted much of what the new logo means. We are uniquely situated because we have diverse Squadrons. We can be the example of what the new opportunities can become. If you want to help move your squadron forward, talk to Wayne about how you can get involved or e-mail Greg Korstad at District: [gkorstad@comcast.net](mailto:gkorstad@comcast.net) We need a representative from our squadron.



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## Calendar of Events for 2018

- Executive Committee Meeting Jan 9, 7:00PM (@GBYC)
- Annual Meeting Dinner Jan 12, 6:00
- Casual Get Together—Jan 26, 6:00

Specific locations for Casual Get Togethers will be provided via e-mail. Other communications via e-mail or on [www.gbsps.org](http://www.gbsps.org)

**\*Note: All Squadron members are invited to attend Executive Committee Meetings. Contact a Bridge member for locations.**

**WBAY BOAT SHOW Feb 15-18, 2018 Mark your calendars**

### **Green Bay Sail and Power Squadron Apparel**

There have been a number of requests for GBSPS caps and shirts. We currently have a couple of each in stock and available for sale at the meetings. Our supplier requires a minimum order of 12 caps. If you wish to order caps please place your order at the meeting or e-mail Wayne Dunbar at [yea-boats@yahoo.com](mailto:boats@yahoo.com).

Bill caps are \$15.00

Sportsmans hats are \$18.00

Outback hats are \$19.00

If we get close to 12 hats we will order a couple for stock.