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District 10 Spring Conference

13 – 15 October 2017

Inn on Lake Superior Duluth, MN



2017 Fall Conference Events / Seminars / Workshops

Your District 10 Bridge and the Duluth Sail & Power Squadron
have planned the 2017 Fall Conference
to be fun, interesting and educational for everyone.
Here's a brief description of what's going on:

Cocktail Reception/Oktoberfest:

Friday 13 October, 5:00 to 8:00

Location: Northern Lights

Break out your lederhosen or dirndl and join us for an evening of being serenaded by Gerry Thilmany on accordion as we enjoy Hors d'oeuvres and complimentary Beer Tasting together.

\$18.00 (pre-register) for food; hosted by Duluth Sail & Power Squadron

Departmental Workshops

Saturday 14 October, 7:45 to 8:45 am

Locations: Varied, Refer to Agenda

These workshops – a combination of information-sharing and open discussion – are intended for current Squadron bridge officers as well as any members who have a position or role in the Exec, Admin, Education, Secretary or Treasurer departments of their squadrons. Additionally, they are open to anyone who has an interest in these aspects of squadron business.

Attendees of the Educational Department workshop will have the opportunity to meet R/C Steve Abbott, SN – Assistant National Education Officer.

NOTE: The Commanders workshop will take place at the Great Lakes Aquarium. Facility doors will be opened promptly at 8:00, and the workshop will begin as soon as possible thereafter.

Each facilitated by the corresponding D10 Bridge Officer

Transition to Great Lakes Aquarium

Saturday 14 March, 8:45 to 9:20 am

Location: 353 Harbor Drive

The aquarium is a 5-minute drive from the hotel and parking is included in our cost that day. (Just let them know at the pay booth that you are with the D10 conference.) if weather permits you can take a beautiful walk to the aquarium, which will take you across our Canal Park footbridge and along the harbor of Lake Superior. The walk will take you about 12 minutes.

The Conference Meeting will be held on the second floor in the Discovery Center; there will be volunteers to help guide your way.

Please arrive by 9:20; the Conference will begin promptly at 9:30.

District Conference

Saturday 14 October, 9:30 to 11:30

Location: Great Lakes Aquarium Discovery Center (second floor)

Plan to attend the business meeting that is the focal point of our Fall Conference. The agenda will include: highlights of reports as submitted by Squadron Commanders and Bridge Officers; reports from committees; discussion and approval of the 2018-2019 budget. We'll also hear the latest about the 2018 National Governing Board Meeting being held in Minneapolis, and a message from the Chief Commander's representative, V/C Mary Paige, Abbott, SN, our National Administrative Officer.

Led by D/C Bill Dohr

Lunch and Great Lakes Aquarium Tour

Saturday 14 October, 11:30 to 1:15

Location: Great Lakes Aquarium

Our lunch will include a soup and sandwich buffet.

After the meeting and lunch, you will be free to tour the aquarium and everything it has to offer, especially the beautiful view of the Lake Superior harbor and Aerial Lift Bridge. The Great Lakes Aquarium is a choose-your-own-adventure kind of place. Two levels feature live animal displays, hands-on interactive exhibits and stunning overlooks of the Duluth-Superior waterfront. Salt and freshwater themes bring the world of water to you! We encourage you to reach out and touch, play, relax, splash and enjoy your exploration. Looking to dig in deeper? Join us for the many animal feedings and interpretive programs that take place throughout the day. There is a scheduled Shark Tank feeding at 1:00 pm.

\$25.00 (pre-register); lunch catered by University of Minnesota Duluth – includes lunch, parking and admission to tour the Great Lakes Aquarium.

Transition to Inn on Lake Superior

Saturday 14 March, 1:15 to 1:30

Return to Inn on Lake Superior for afternoon activities (seminars, workshops, museum departures, etc.)

Field Trips to Local Museums, Sites

Saturday 14 October, 1:30 to 4:00

Location: Off-site. Meet in Hotel Lobby, then Carpool

Interested in what to see in Duluth? We have some great sites to see in and around the greater downtown and Canal Park area, along with the whole area. Here is a short listing of some and there will be many more in the Visit Duluth packet that you received at registration. As always, ask any DSPS member for suggestions.

The Depot – in downtown. Great display of old trains and history. More information at www.duluthdepot.org

Great Lakes Aquarium – along the waterfront. This is where our conference meeting will take place. More information at www.glaquarium.org

Glensheen Mansion – The historic mansion has been restored back to its original state and is host to many local events. Of course, you will learn about the Congdon family and the murders that happened there 30 years ago. More information at www.Glensheen.org

Lake Superior Marine Museum – walking distance from the hotel. Great display of ship history and memorabilia. You may even see a ship come in while at the museum. More information at www.lsmma.com

Skyline Parkway – on the hillside of Duluth. This 25-mile parkway takes you along the hillside to experience the great vistas and many different views of Duluth. Ask any Duluth member for directions; signs are along the whole parkway. Great drive if the leaves are turning color. A nice stop is at Enger Tower on top of the hill overlooking Duluth.

Vista Fleet – Interested in a harbor cruise? The Vista Star and Queen have great narrated tours of the harbor. Visit their website at www.vistafleet.com for more information.

Varied admission fees; no D10 registration or reservation required. Hosts TBA

Presentation by Minnesota Sea Grant: Invasive Species

Saturday 14 October, 1:30 to 2:30

Location: Eagle Harbor

Silent Invasion of the Great Lakes: Since before the turn of the century, aquatic invasive species (AIS) began to establish themselves, causing devastating impacts on the ecology including fisheries, recreation, and economy of the Great Lakes. Today, these lakes are home to over 180 non-native species. Doug Jensen will discuss what lurks below the surface, which are the worst, what's new, how did they get here, and what you can do to help their spread.

Doug Jensen is Extension assistant professor with the University of Minnesota Sea Grant Program in Duluth and co-chair of the federal Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force's Communication, Education and Outreach Committee. He uses science-based research to help people, partners and their programs educate themselves and others about harmful AIS.

Facilitated by the Duluth Sail and Power Squadron

Workshop: DB2000 Knowledge Share

Saturday 14 October, 1:30 to 2:30

Location: Copper Harbor

This short workshop will be an open forum for demonstrating the varied uses of DB200. Experienced users are invited to share their knowledge with novices (and frustrated users).

Facilitated by D/C Bill Dohr, D/Sec Dick Baker, DEO Wes Koplitz, DXO Kris Harmon

Seminar: Latest in Marine Electronics

Saturday 14 October, 2:45 to 3:45

Location: Eagle Harbor

Micah Hughes from Marine General will be our presenter. His seminar will cover current marine electronics such as Sonar, Radar, Autopilot and chartplotter configurations, as well as integration of legacy equipment. He will touch on the general operation as well as upcoming products. He will have electronics on display and powered up for demonstration and hands-on experience. Micah will also present product knowledge of all major brands such as Garmin, Raymarine, Simrad, Lowrance and Furuno.

Micah is a certified Garmin Installer as well as pro ambassador for Raymarine; he works full time in the marine industry.

Facilitated by the Duluth Sail and Power Squadron

Seminar: What's New in USPS Education?

Saturday 14 October, 2:45 to 3:45

Location: Rock Harbor

This session will feature a detailed view of new tools and programs available from the National Educational Department. The Seamanship course has gone through a major revision and will be presented by way of six seminars. We will outline the process of course study/completion. The seminar will also stress our need to bring a blended learning experience to our students. A new program – “Jump Start” – will also be outlined as a tool for us to provide instruction to new boaters, where USPS members can board the boat owners’ vessels and help them become better operators.

Facilitated by DEO Wes Koplitz

Seminar: Implementing a Standard Squadron Site (SSS)

Saturday 14 October, 2:45 to 3:45

Location: Rock Harbor

Do you want a squadron website that is easy to set up and is automatically kept current through the headquarters database system? Does your squadron lack a member who has the technical expertise to create and maintain a website? If so, the SSS provided by the national IT Committee may be for you. Come to this presentation to find out how Central Wisconsin set up an SSS website.

Here are some of the features: Squadron officers are automatically displayed through the OD-2 form and rosters are kept current from HQ dues system. Courses are displayed automatically through the HQ 800 system. Squadron newsletters and documents can be easily uploaded and squadron events are added by a simple form. When the date of the event passes, the event automatically disappears from the home page.

Facilitated by D/C Bill Dohr and Central Wisconsin Cdr Maury Rice

Fun & Games: Nautical Skills and More

Saturday 14 October, 4:00 to 5:00

Location: Eagle Harbor

Ready for some fun? Looking for a change of pace? Gather together a team of 3 to 5 people and come to the Eagle Harbor room to test your boating skills & knowledge, and your dexterity & ability to perform under pressure. Winners could earn fabulous prizes, BIG BUCK\$ and the admiration of their peers. (It's rumored there will be lines, cleats, ping-pong balls and Solo cups involved.)

No admission fee; no advance registration required. Facilitated by DXO Kris Harmon and DAO Dave Fine.

Presentation: World War II Shipbuilding

Saturday 14 October, during dinner (6:30 to 7:30)

Location: Northern Lights

World War II hinged on the Allies having enough ships to both fight the enemy and to carry millions of tons of war goods across the world's oceans. Shipyards on the Atlantic, Gulf, and Pacific Coasts built thousands of vessels, but America's sometimes forgotten Fourth Coast, the Great Lakes, built hundreds of ships as well. From 1940 to 1945, warships, cargo haulers, Coast Guard tenders, and fleet service auxiliaries of many types were launched from the two cities of Duluth, Minnesota, and Superior, Wisconsin, which lie at the far western end of Lake Superior. During the war, half a dozen shipyards in Duluth-Superior produced more than 200 vessels of 10 main types, up to 338 feet long and 5,000 tons, all having to make close to a 2,400-mile journey to the ocean. The shipyards grew from nearly nothing in 1939 to become industries employing thousands of men and women by 1945 and making a major contribution to the story of America in World War II.

About the Author: Gerald "Jerry" Sandvick is professor emeritus of history and a past president of the Lake Superior Marine Museum Association in Duluth. His specialty is research and teaching World War II history. (Profits from book sales are donated to the Bong Museum)

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Tasting on the Town

Saturday 14 October, 8:00 >>>>

Location: Canal Park; greater Duluth

Join Duluth members for a tasting travel on the town to check out the city's fine craft brewing establishments. Canal Park Brewing Company, Hoops Brewing, Vikre Distillery, Blacklist Artisan Ales, Fitger's Brewhouse, and Bent Paddle are just a few options within a short walking distance or UBER from the Inn on Lake Superior.

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In-Hotel Hospitality

Saturday 14 October, 8:00 >>>>

Location: TBA

Members not joining the tasting travel on the town are encouraged to join with others for after dinner camaraderie in the hotel. Feel free to bring refreshments to share. Specific location(s) to be announced Saturday evening.

Breakfast with the Bridge / Open Forum / Idea Exchange

Sunday 15 October, 8:00 to 9:00

Location: Copper Harbor

Come join your D10 Bridge, Chief's Rep V/C Mary Paige Abbott, NEO's Rep R/C Steve Abbott and other District members for an informal gathering over breakfast.

Bring your complimentary breakfast to the Cooper Harbor room. Facilitated by the D10 Bridge

USPS Seminar: Crossing Borders

Sunday 15 October, 9:00 to 11:00

Location: Rock Harbor

After completion of this seminar, you will be able to boat into neighboring countries from our U.S. waters. But what do you need to know? The session will explain the immigration and customs process along with the programs that enable boaters to easily cross into Canada, Mexico, and the Bahamas. Be prepared by having the correct documents. Each student receives a full color Student Guide especially written for the seminar. USPS completion credit

Fee: \$25.00 (at the door). Led by DEO Wes Koplitz