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## D10 Communicator



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D/C Jennine Fine, S

Greetings D10 Members:

It seems that Spring sprang just yesterday as I virtually installed



Cdr Dennis Schultz's for his 5th year during Central Wisconsin's Change Of Watch which was held at the Point After Bar and Grill in Stevens Point, WI. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend Duluth's Change Of Watch which was traditionally held at the Buffalo House, and celebrated Squadron Cdr Amy Herstad-Einbu's 5th year as Commander.



Virtual preconference activities included meetings with the D10 Bridge, District Executive Officers Department, District Administrative Officers Department, District Educational Officers Department, and the D10 Council, which commenced prior to the Conference to allow for more in person fellowship and renewal of prized friendships.

Chief Commander Ralph Bernard and Nance were able to honor us with their presence throughout the 2024 D10 Spring Conference weekend held on April 12th — 14th. It should be noted that its been a while or this could be the first time ever that a Chief Commander of the USPS attended a District 10 Change of Watch. In the ill fate of dissolution, Hiawatha Valley Sail and Power Squadron donated many of their hard assets to the weekend long silent auction whose proceeds were donated to the D10 Enrichment Fund. Many items such as sextants, projectors, screens, educational books, to name a few, were for sale or given away free of charge. Thank you to Hiawatha Valley's Ben Coons & Scott Norbeck for your squadron's generous donations. The Friday Italian Buffet Dinner & Awards was followed by the District Commanders Wine Reception.

The 2024 Spring Conference Meeting brought D10 members together to discuss 2024-25 Business including the 2024-25 Slate of Officers, Budget, and Bylaws changes reflecting district simplification. Lunch followed the Conference meeting where Kevco entertained us with the history of the SS Minnetonka. Those with hungry minds joined John Raby as he led a seminar on the Mariner's Compass. A fun afternoon at "Punchbowl" playing an 8 person foosball game brought camaraderie to many of our members.

The evening social hour was followed by the Grand March of Past District and Squadron Commanders led by C/C Ralph Bernard & Nance and National Executive Officer Mike Wiedel & Kim. Ralph installed both the District and Minnetonka Bridge and I recognized a few of my outstanding personnel on jobs well done throughout the year. Business ended and the Shalo Lee Band rocked the night away !!!

A Great Big THANK YOU goes out to the Conference Planning Committee and Company, Sandra & Bud Broekema, Kevin Cooper, Dave Fine, Kevin Wehrmann, John Raby, Diane & Rich Schwalbe, Doc Duncan, Kris Harmon, Dennis Schultz, Wes Koplitz, Tracy Gustafson, Charlie Essig, Paul Lemmerman, Jason Zattler, Rob Gaddes, & Justyn Fine.. A BIG CONGRATULATIONS goes out to these people for making a successful weekend and staying within the D10 and Minnetonka Budget.

D10 is fortunate to have a multitude of instructors capable of teaching a diverse amount of Educational Classes offered by America's Boating Club / United States Power Squadron. Educational classes were organized and taught by Squadrons and Districts Instructors. Mid-April concluded the Marine Electrical Systems Course taught by Minnetonka's Mitch Anderson. Mitch ably taught the course and offered hands on experiences he encountered on many of the topics. Having a class with a proficient instructor as well as having fellow students well versed in electrical engineering made for a fun and active experience with lots of discussion. I strongly recommend members to extend their educational experiences with any and all opportunities offered by all squadrons and district.

May 18th—24th marked National Boat Safety Week. Central Wisconsin, Door County, Minnetonka, & St. Paul launched their VSC and other activities during this week. At Lake Minnetonka, there was a small group of people, led by Dave Fine, implementing the Marina Liaison Program developed by the D10 Task Force in 2019. Shawn Wischmeier kindly authorized the use of the Caribbean Marina. Kevin Shutes and Dave Fine advised Doc Duncan, Dan Saniti, and myself. VSC's were performed along with giving an awareness of Lake Minnetonka Squadron's presence on the Lake. The Target date to launch this program at the Caribbean was June 1st. It was the intention to continue these efforts with the next target being Rockvam Boatyards.

It was the beginning of June I learned I had Esophageal Cancer. June, July, and August now became a blur of many appointments, hospital, & ER occupancies, at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. A big thanks goes out to many who have sent and continue to send their thoughts and prayers for a quick recovery. I apologize for this newsletter being late in coming as my priorities were challenged as my energy level is not as high as it used to be.

As a result, I was unable to travel to many Squadron events both local and out of town. Lake Minnetonka Squadron, led by Sandra Broekema, picked up the ball and ran with it to plan a wonderful 2024 Summer Rendezvous at Streater's Cove. A huge word of thanks goes out to Sandra, KC, Jason, Kevco, & Kevin Cooper for continuing to do a large part of the planning and executing. There were many volunteers who served as Shuttle Captains and First Mates, food deliverers, pavilion setup & cleanup, and collection of funds for meals. A great big thanks goes to these volunteers: Robin Pinegar, Dean Weisser, Joshua Fredrickson, Thomas Nicol, Karen Kask, Doc Duncan, and Greg Korstad.

Some of the local events I missed from Minnetonka were the Spirit of the Lakes Parade, Hope Kids, and the Aquatennial. I missed the Mini Summer Rendezvous at the Carmans which was celebrated by Madison, Milwaukee, and Oshkosh.



I would like to spotlight Minnetonka members Mitch and Jill Anderson as they began their summer cruise from Stillwater, MN to Lake Michigan, up to Sturgeon Bay, to Canada ... was land lovers back to MN. Now Back to Canada, back to Sturgeon Bay, soon down to Grand Rapids to allow Halcyon to rest for the winter.



I have a passion for our organization and will continue to help those who volunteer their time and talents to keep our organization alive.

I look forward to working with the 2024-25 D10 Bridge members (Dennis, Wes, Carol, Tracy, Bernie & Bill, Chad, and Dave), Squadron Commanders (Dennis, Bob, Amy, Robert, Jim, Roger, Kim, Kevin, Geoff, and Kris), the D10 Committee Chairpersons (Kevco, Arthur, Rebecca, and Amy). Without you, I can't successfully accomplish my role as the D10 Commander for the 2024-25 Watch Year.

On that note .....I would like to wish you and yours "A VERY HAPPY END OF SUMMER". Hope to see you at your next squadron event. Members of D10 are AWESOME !!!

Respectfully Submitted,

D10 Commander Jennine Fine, S



### 2024 Spring Conference Awards



Growth Award: St. Paul 15.5%



2023 MIRA Participation Award: Oshkosh, Madison, Central Wisconsin, Green Bay, & Minnetonka



Retention Award: Madison 91.1%, Central Wisconsin, 92.0%, Green Bay 92.3%, Oshkosh 100%, & St. Paul 93.1%



Pelican Award: 1st Place Oshkosh



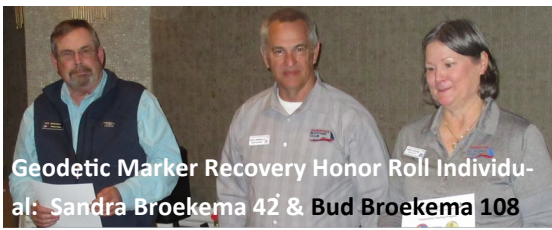
Geodetic Marker Recovery Honor Roll: Minnetonka 27, St. Paul 35, & Central Wisconsin 34



Golden Eagle Award: Central Wisconsin



1st Year VSC Century Award: Dennis Schultz



Geodetic Marker Recovery Honor Roll Individual: Sandra Broekema 42 & Bud Broekema 108



SEA Award: Lake Minnetonka



Honorable Mention Bill & Bernie Dohr



Honorable Mention: Dan Sanitt



D/C Award: Jim Pahl-Washa



D/C Award: Greg Korstad

### 2024 Spring Conference Awards



D/C Award: Geoff Carman  
Honorable Mention:  
Suzanne Carman



D/C Award:  
Kris Harmon



Photographer  
Justyn

### 2024 Spring Conference Meeting



Star Squadron Commanders (L-R): Bob Denoto (DoorCty), Jim Pahl-Washa (Mad), Robert Rondou (GB), Amy Herstad-Einbu (Dul), Dennis Schultz (5 Star CW), Jennine (D10), Geoff Carman (5 Star Osh), Kim Rutowski (Mlwke), Kris Harmon (5 Star St. P), & Kevin Cooper (Mntka). Missing: Roger Quinlan (Mar/Men)

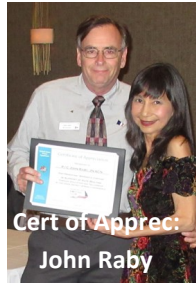
### 2024 District & Minnetonka Commander Grand March



**Spring 2024 D10 & Minnetonka Change of Watch**



## Spring 2024 D10 & Minnetonka Change of Watch



Cert of Apprec:  
John Raby

Life Member: Al Harmon

Honorable Mention  
Sandra Broekema



Life Member: Daniel Baker  
(GB Cdr Rob Rondou)

Life Member: Rebecca Skelley

Life Member: Mike Skelley

Life Member: Steve Leighton





**Spring 2024 D10 & Minnetonka Change of Watch**



**D/C Award:  
Kevin Wehrmann**



**D/C Award:  
Dave Fine**



**Certificate of Appreciation 2023 Summer Rendezvous Planners:  
Geoff & Suzanne Carmen, Julie & Jim Pahl-Washa,  
& Kim & Mike Wiedel**



**Certificate of Appreciation 2024 Spring Conference Planners:  
Jennine, Justyn, Dave, Kevco, Sandra, KC, Cooper, & Diane**



**The Shalo Lee Band**

## National Boat Safety Week May 18-24, 2024

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### 2024 National Safe Boating Week Offers Tips for All Boaters

CLEARWATER, FL – National Safe Boating Week will be held from May 18-24, 2024, reminding all boaters to brush up on boating safety skills and prepare for the boating season. This observance week is the annual kick-off of the Safe Boating Campaign, a global awareness effort that encourages boaters to make the most of their boating adventure by being responsible.

Applications for the 2024 Member Involvement Retention Award (MIRA) were received from 7 of 10 D10 Squadrons (CW, Door, Duluth, Green Bay, Madison, Minnetonka, & St. Paul).

D10 Squadrons kicked off Boat Safety Week during the week of May 18-24.

**St. Paul scheduled 5 weekends of VSC's at various marinas along the St. Croix River & Mississippi River.**

### **VESSEL SAFETY CHECK SCHEDULE**

<b>May 25</b>	<b>Mulberry Point, Stillwater</b>
<b>June 1</b>	<b>Afton Marina</b>
<b>June 8</b>	<b>Sunnyside Marina, Stillwater</b>
<b>June 15</b>	<b>Bayport Marina</b>
<b>June 22</b>	<b>St. Croix Marina, Hudson</b>

- *Plan to have your boat examined and display your 2024 decal proudly!*
- *Encourage your boating friends and dockmates to do the same!*
- *You can help our dedicated Vessel Examiners by assisting at the event tent on any of the above dates, 8:30 – 12:00.*

## This from Door County Sail & Power Squadrons' Cdr Bob DeNoto:

On May 18, Bob wrote: I had the opportunity to participate with the Mayor of Sturgeon Bay, the US Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary, in a media promotion for *Safe Boating Week*.



FRIDAY, 18 May 2024--Update

What: Boating Safety Week kick-off & Wear Your Lifejacket to Work Day

Where: West Waterfront Promenade

When: 1PM

Who's Speaking:

- Kevin Osgood, USCG Auxiliary, Public Affairs
- Mayor David Ward, City of Sturgeon Bay
- Master Chief Christopher Zahn, USCG Officer in Charge, Station Sturgeon Bay
- Bob DeNoto, Commander Door County Sail & Power Squadron

### ----- EVENT RUNDOWN -----

- Emcee (USCG AUX PA) welcome Mayor David Ward to the Podium
- Mayor speaks about boating safety / quotes from proclamation (copy will be on podium).
- Emcee thanks Mayor and welcomes Master Chief Zahn to the podium.
- Master Chief Zahn addresses media
- Emcee thanks Master Chief, recognizes the crew of the RBS 29 behind us... and then introduces Bob DeNoto
- Bob DeNoto speaks.
- Emcee thanks Bob and thanks the SB Police and Fire Department for what they do, (SBPD Chief Clint Henry will be there to recognize) AND Thank the Wisconsin DNR, who wanted to be there - but had training scheduled and were not able to attend.

Emcee will wind it down with importance of getting a Vessel Safety Check for your boat...([www.cgaux.org](http://www.cgaux.org) to schedule an exam) and some other notes as well as asking media to help keep this boating safety message out there this season as we all share in working to keep our community safe. ... then they will thanks all for coming.

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### This from Door County Sail & Power Squadrons' Cdr Bob Denoto (continued):

>>> Distribute copies of Vessel Safety Check Schedule for Door County

#### DOOR COUNTY 2024 PRELIMINARY VESSEL SAFETY CHECK DATES

- May 23: Sturgeon Bay Parking Lot Vessel Safety Check (@ West Marine) 11A-3P
- June 1 Sturgeon Bay: Quarterdeck & Harbor Club
- June 15 Sturgeon Bay: Centerpointe
- June 15 Egg Harbor: Egg Harbor Marina
- July 13 Little Sturgeon: Wavepointe
- July 13 Sister Bay: Yacht Works & Sister Bay Marina
- July 20 Baileys Harbor: Baileys Harbor Marina
- July 20 Washington Island

In addition, Alan Wentworth and I will be conducting VSCs this Thursday, 23 May, at West Marine in Sturgeon Bay. Please consider this Door County's contribution to *Safe Boating Week*

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## Central Wisconsin Sail & Power Squadron



Central Wisconsin Is starting our spring show season. We had a booth at the Central Wisconsin Sports show that was staffed by our Sea Scouts. Thanks to Mike and Kim Wiedel for bringing a Boating Safety Trainer back from National so that we had one to use at the show. Having the trainer in the booth helped draw people to us. What we have found it is hard to get adults to use the trainer in front of other people. My thought is they don't want to risk possible embarrassment? But kids love the chance to use the trainer and that gives us time to give the parents our elevator pitch about Scouting and America's Boating Club.

This spring we have had 2 ABC classes. One was at the Central Wisconsin Sports Show on 2-10-24. I would like to thank Jim and Julie Pahl-Washa for their help teaching this one-day class. We presented a lot of information to the students and they all passed. We also had a ABC class at American Marine and Motorsports boat show on 2-24-24.



Jim Pahl-Washa  
teaching an ABC  
Class



Tim Wooldridge and Steve Seubert  
running a  
Central Wisconsin Booth



Ike Seubert run-  
ning the Boater  
Trainer in the  
booth



# Minnetonka Power Squadron proudly presents The 2024 D10 Summer Rendezvous





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### District Executive Department

Greetings,

I hope everyone is having a great summer. The district is doing well on VSCs. Most of our examiners have completed the VSC workshop. Thanks for getting that done. Congratulations to Duluth for already doing more VSCs than last year.

Thanks to Minnetonka, Door County, Madison and Central Wisconsin for doing public boating safety events this summer. This is a great way to help make people aware of our group and may help us gain new members.

As a district we are lagging behind last year's geodetic marker goals. If anyone is interested starting a geodetic marker recovery program it is a great way to get out with your members. If you need help please contact me or Sandra Broekema and we will be happy to help.



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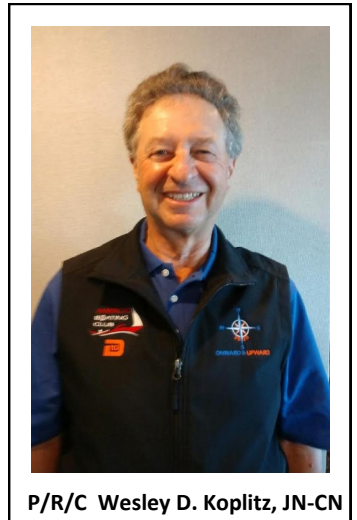


## District Educational Department

Greetings:

### D10 Educational Officer Report Summer 2024

I certainly hope this Summer of 2024 finds you pleasantly involved in another successful boating year. July 1<sup>st</sup> begins another educational year for us. Soon, I will reflect on the past year's achievements and face the challenge of a new year of opportunity. We shall continue our D10's virtual education program. We completed the Weather Course this past year. The instructors were Dale Perry, Greg Korstad, and me. D10 has a great core of knowledgeable and experienced instructors. Please consider your needs regarding education. Send me your request at [wkoplitz@aol.com](mailto:wkoplitz@aol.com). I also want to recognize and encourage our squadrons to continue the promotion of their courses virtually. Your service is valuable to our smaller squadrons.



P/R/C Wesley D. Koplitz, JN-CN

Our National Educational Officer Charles "Chuck" Wells, SN has orchestrated a new award opportunity. Chuck is challenging us to participate. Please familiarize yourself with this award. I summarize this program below.

### Polaris Award for Excellence in Team Teaching

The Polaris Award for Excellence in Team Teaching is a new award, introduced in 2024, that provides Squadron, District, and National recognition to outstanding instructional teams. For 2024, provided there are at least 5 teams nominated, the national Educational Department intends to select 1-2 teams to receive this award.

#### 2024 Polaris Award Program

For the purposes of this award, we define "instructional team" as 2 or more people who collaborate in the planning for, and facilitation of student learning. Team teaching can be in a real or virtual classroom, on the water, or a combination.

Collaborative planning involves deciding:

- learning objectives to be achieved,
- delivery strategies and student engagement activities to be used, and how members of the team will work together.

Excellent teams take full advantage of members' relative strengths. For example: subject matter expertise, an ability to engage students in their learning, local knowledge and on-the-water coaching experience, and technology skills. Team members interact and collaborate, using their complementary knowledge, perspectives, and skills to ensure all students can understand course concepts and apply them appropriately.

By contrast, **"team teaching" does not mean 2 or more people who each independently teach assigned sections of a course. Outstanding individual instructors are recognized by the Chapman Award for Ex-**





## District Educational Department (continued)

### Process and Required Documentation:

The 2024 Polaris Award covers the two-year period ending June 30, 2024.

For 2024, each District may nominate one instruction team. DEOs must submit nomination packages electronically to USPS headquarters by October 1, 2024; and each DEO will establish an earlier deadline for all Squadrons in their District to recommend candidates, so that the district nominee can be selected before October 1.

National honorees are selected by a Polaris Award Selection Group of the Instructor Development Committee, based on its review of the documentation received for each nominee.

More information and details can be found on our America's Boating Club website under the Educational Department's Awards section.

D10 has developed a district-wide master instructor's listing tailored to serve our members with excellent education. We've executed use of instructor teams for JN, N, Sail, Weather, Cruise Planning, etc. over the past few years. I believe we could make a submission from D10 in pursuit of the 2024 Polaris Award. Please give this thought. I would certainly welcome your input and support in this endeavor.

Best Regards for the rest of your Summer!

Wesley D. Koplitz

District Educational Officer





## District Administrative Department

I am looking forward to serving the D10 as the new Administrative Officer.

I am currently the Secretary of the Madison Sail and Power Squadron. Past Commander of the Madison Squadron for three years and also the Administrative Officer. Cindy Parisi got me started in all the events for the squadron when she asked me to be her Admin Officer.

David joined the United States Power Squadron in 1965. So we have been involved with National for 59 years. Unfortunately I did not join until I became the Admin Officer for Madison. I like to give anyone who will listen to me a hard time about women joining the group. I would now have been a member of National for 59 years also.

David and I live on the Yahara River (which flows under the beltline in Madison). We leave our dock and go immediately into Lake Monona. We have lived here for 30 years and have owned boats starting with our 15 ½ foot run about, went to a 22' Bayliner (Rest'n 1) and now are the proud owners since 1995 of a 250 Larson Cabrio (Rest'n 2) which has all the amenities for boating. Our family likes to give us a hard time because we bought our Rest'N 2 instead of having a 25 year anniversary party (best decision we ever made)....

We have traveled the Mississippi River up to Stillwater, Green Bay, Lake Michigan, Lake Winnebago, Green Lake, Lake Mendota, Lake Monona, Lake Waubesa, Rock Lake; (Northern Wisconsin of course for Musky fishing) just to name a few of places we have been with all our boats. We are proud to state that we have taken all of the boating classes and both carry the title of Advanced Piloting. Dave is a big Muskie fisherman, so boating has come easy to us. Before we lived here we lived on the North Side of Lake Mendota for 25 years.

We both look forward to participating and helping with all the Madison and D10 events that we can.

D/Lt/C Caroline Fritsch

District 10 Administrative Officer



D/Lt/C Caroline Fritsch, AP



## District Secretary's Department

Happy summer everyone!

I have been given the privilege of serving as D/10 secretary for this watch year and will do my best to take care of what needs to be done to help our club run smoothly.

Bill & I joined USPS in 1994 so we have been around awhile, held a few offices here and there and tried to contribute to the organization wherever we could.

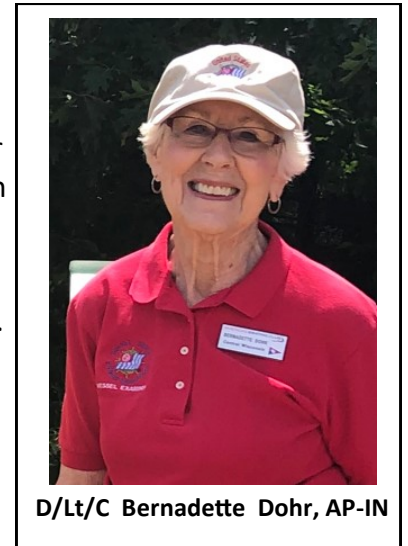
I grew up on a farm in northern Indiana bordered by two ditches, so no boating experience there. That all changed when Bill Dohr came into my life and we made many trips to Wisconsin where I was introduced to boating. It wasn't long before I was crew on an M-16 scow sailing in races every weekend in the summer. By the way this isn't in our schedule now.

Now I am a certified vessel examiner and also help keep track of the lifejackets at our loaner station.

One of the most important parts in an organization is communication, so as secretary I will try to keep the lines of communication open. It was good to see many of you at our summer rendezvous in Minnetonka August 16-18.

D/Lt/C Bernadette Dohr, AP-IN

District 10 Secretary



D/Lt/C Bernadette Dohr, AP-IN



## District Secretary's Department

Hello to District 10 boaters.

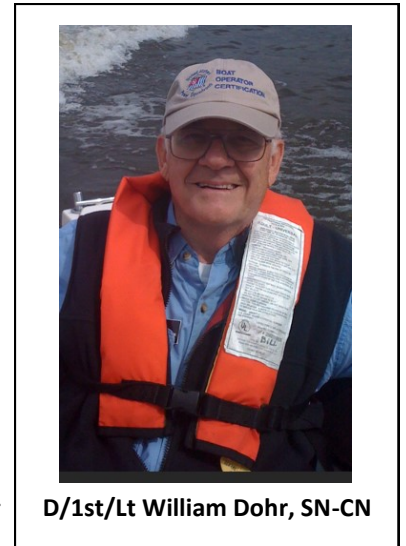
I am your new District 10 Assistant Secretary for this watch year. I have been a Power Squadron member with Central Wisconsin since the early 90's. I've held many jobs in the organization over the past years including Squadron and District 10 Educational Officer and Squadron and District 10 Commander. For the Squadron I have been the Secretary/Treasurer for the past several years.

This year I am also the Assistant Secretary for the district. My job this year for the district should be fairly simple. I'll just do what the boss wants me to do. The boss would be the District Secretary who is my wife.

It was nice to see many of you at the district rendezvous on Lake Minnetonka in August. It was lots of fun.

D/1/Lt William Dohr, SN-CN

District 10 Assistant Secretary



D/1st/Lt William Dohr, SN-CN



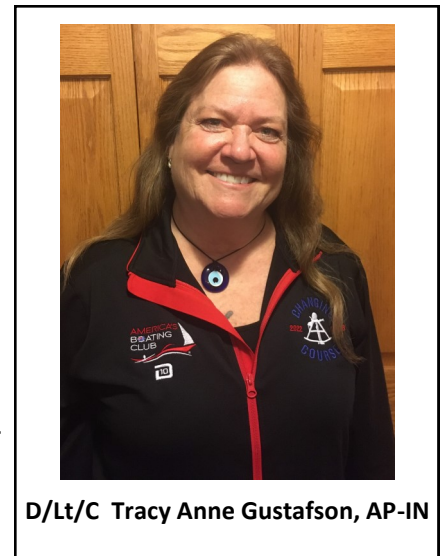
**District Treasurer's Department**

Ahoy from the D-10 Treasurer's Department !

I hope everyone has been having a Safe and Enjoyable Summer of 2024 !!

Reminder for every squadron to get their 990-N Filings done.

Also – for every squadron to contribute to the Educational Fund by November 1<sup>st</sup> if you have not already done so.



D/Lt/C Tracy Anne Gustafson, AP-IN

I want to again take this opportunity to mention to the squadrons that now is a good time to submit an Enrichment Application to D-10 for up to \$500 to help launch a squadron membership, education, civic, fraternal, or administrative initiative. Please find this form on the district website under Treasurer.

It has been a very enjoyable voyage sailing through as District Treasurer for the past few years J I am looking forward to cruising into the next watch year ahead as I continue onboard as the District Treasurer.

There are positions available for interested members to come onboard and serve in a district capacity. Contact anyone on the bridge for more Information !

All of the books and records are up to date and filed accordingly. The bank statements are reconciled on a timely basis each month. The only income the District has is the Membership Dues.

I am available to provide the Squadron Treasurer's with assistance on any problems that arise. Feel free to contact me any time.

I appreciate the opportunity to have served as your Treasurer this past watch year !



Fraternally - D/Lt/C Tracy Gustafson, AP-IN

26 Aug 2024

Never Regret The Things That Make You Smile !"

# Central Wisconsin Sail & Power Squadron

Summer 2024



The Central Wisconsin Sail & Power Squadron has been very busy this year. After teaching two ABC classes in February, we had a fun Change-of-Watch in March at a Stevens Point restaurant during a major snow storm. We worked a booth at the Portage County Safety Day in May featuring the District 10 virtual trainer supervised by Roger Janik and inflatable life jacket inflation demonstrations by Bernie Dohr. We continue to have our monthly breakfasts at Gorski’s Restaurant in Mosinee.

We are managing and stocking two safety kiosks on the Wisconsin River. We also manage two Sea Tow Foundation life jacket loaner stations. One is on the Willow Flowage in Hazelhurst and the other is on Lake DuBay halfway between Wausau and Stevens Point. So far this year the Lake DuBay Portage County Park Boat Ramp station has 34 loan-outs and Willow Flowage camp ground has 8 loan-outs.



More recently, we had an all-day event on Saturday, July 20th. Starting at 9 am, we hosted a Vessel Safety Check event at the Portage County Park Lake DuBay boat landing. With four vessel examiners consisting of Dennis Schultz, Roger Janik, Bernie Dohr and Bill Dohr and with the help of three members of Sea Scout Ship 1 including Skipper Tim Wooldridge, 10 VSC’s were completed. After a picnic lunch at Commander Dennis Schultz’s nearby camp site, we went on a pontoon boat ride on Lake DuBay. Two new members of the Milwaukee Power Squadron, Jean Dueling and Greg Larson, joined us for the picnic and boat ride. The day concluded at the Lake DuBay Sailing Association dry marina with VSC’s of three sailboats. So far this year, we have completed 136 VSC’s which includes 113 at Boy Scout Camp Tesomas.



Submitted by:  
Lt/C Bill Dohr  
CWSPS Secretary/Treasurer





## Oshkosh and Milwaukee Sail & Power Squadron



A joint rendezvous between the Oshkosh and Milwaukee Squadrons was held at the Carman residence in Oshkosh on August 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>. We were able to offer boat docking and lodging for our out of town guests in order to make it more affordable. As people arrived Tuesday afternoon they were treated to craft cocktails and snacks after which we went to dinner at a restaurant on the river downtown Oshkosh called Becket's. There we were met by four members who came all the way from Madison for a total of 18 members and guests. The food and service was good, and we were able to catch up with people that we had not seen for a while in a private



room. Wednesday morning while Suzanne cooked breakfast for our in home guests I discovered that the starting battery for my boat was completely dead. Luckily I have recently completed the Marine Electrical Systems class and was able to find the problem (thanks Mitch) and after a quick run to Fleet Farm I replaced the battery and all was well. The weather was warm and calm so we decided to take two boats up the Wolf River to a town called Fremont where we stopped at a small resort for lunch. There we met a very nice young woman who inherited the business from her deceased grandmother. She waits tables, serves drinks at the bar and cooks the food all on her own. We made it clear that we were not in any hurry, and when the food arrived it was delicious and the stuffed mushrooms were outstanding.

## Oshkosh and Milwaukee Sail & Power Squadron (continued)

After we got back from the cruise we were met by our XO Carl who had been to a town on Lake Michigan called Two Rivers to get fresh white fish for our Fish Boil. While Chef Carl was cooking the Fish Boil, our Treasurer Eddie brought over his famous family recipe coleslaw, Suzanne made hors d'oeuvres and sweet corn, while more cocktails were served. Carl has the secret ingredients for the Fish Boil and this makes for a great meal suitable for a crowd that has just returned from a day on the lake. We invited our neighbor Rick and his wife Nancy to the dinner as he was the one who offered his pontoon during last year's District Rendezvous. This worked out well as Rick offered to take some of our members out on his boat on a later date for a guided fishing trip for Walleye. Thursday morning Suzanne cooked a hearty brunch for everyone then after the tables were put away we helped get the Milwaukee boat back to the ramp in Winneconne and onto the trailer. Our choice of restaurant worked well especially for our out of town guests because the location was good, the private room and ordering off the menu was easy, and they all said that they would like to come back in the future. There is also talk of making this an annual event!



Cdr. Geoff Carman, N-CN  
Oshkosh Power Squadron

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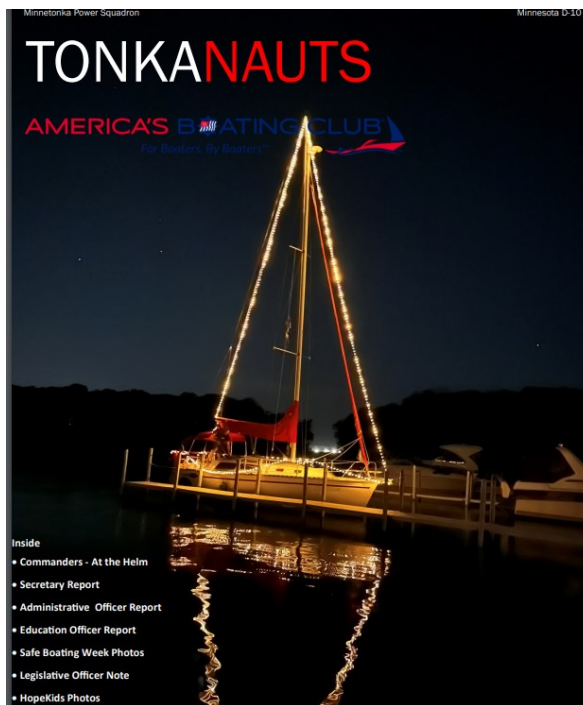
## National News in the Ensign

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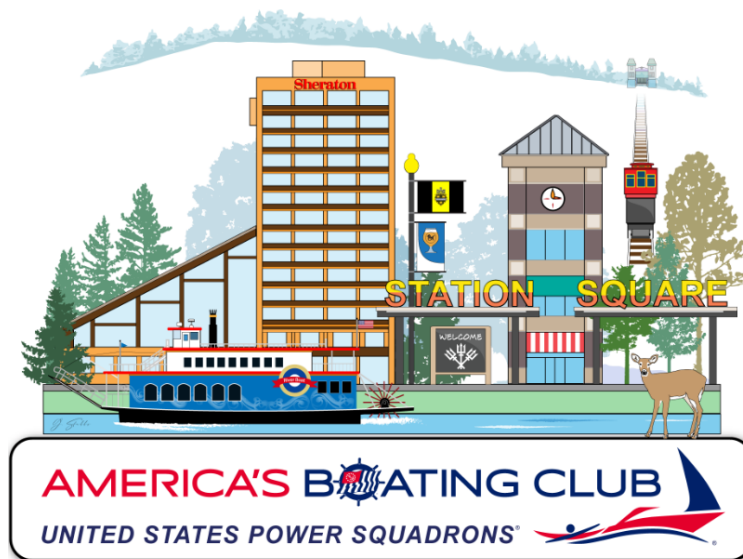


## Lake Minnetonka Squadron News in the TONKANAUTS:

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## Come Have Fun with Us at National



### Fall Governing Board

September 24 - 29, 2024

*Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania*

### Sheraton Pittsburgh Hotel at Station Square

300 W Station Square Dr

Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Group Room Rate is \$189. It is good from 9/22/2024 - 9/29/2024.



# D10 2024/25 Watch Year



## Squadron Membership

### Council

Jennine Fine, S	D/C Mtk	Dennis Schultz, AP-IN	Cdr CW
Dennis Schultz, AP-IN	DXO CW	Bob DeNoto, SN-ACN	Cdr Door
Caroline Fritsch, AP	DAO Mad	Amy Herstad-Einbu, S	Cdr Dul
Wes Koplitz, JN-CN	DEO Osh	Robert Rondou, AP	Cdr GB
Tracy Gustafson, AP-IN	D/T Mtk	Jim Pahl-Washa, SN-IN	Cdr Mad
Bernie Dohr, AP-IN	D/S Dul	Roger Quinlan, S	Cdr M/M
Chad Lowney, AP	PDC Dul	Kim Wiedel, P	Cdr Milw
Kevin Wehrmann, S	Nom Mtk	Kevin Cooper, AP	Cdr Mtk
Amy Herstad-Einbu, S	Rules Dul	Geoff Carman, N-CN	Cdr Osh
Arthur Stickle, S	Aud Mtk	Kris Harmon, AP	Cdr STP
Kevin Wehrmann, S	Plan Mtk		

### Rules Committee

2025	Cdr Amy Herstad-Einbu*	Dul
2027	Open	
2027	Open	

### Budget and Finance Committee

2026	Lt/C Rebecca Skelley, S*	Mtk
2027	Open	
2027	Open	

### Planning Committee

2025	P/D/C Kevin Wehrmann, S*	Mtk
2025	P/C Bernie Dohr, AP-IN	CW
2026	P/D/C Chad Lowney, AP	Dul
2027	Open	
2027	Open	
2027	Open	

### Nominations Committee

2027	Open	CW
2025	P/R/C Al Wentworth, SN-ACN	Door
2026	P/C Len Robinson, S	Dul
2025	P/C David Budde, AP	GB
2027	P/R/C Jim Pahl-Washa, SN-IN	Mad
2025	Cdr Roger Quinlan, S	M/M
2025	Cdr Thad Smyczek, SN	Milw
2026	P/D/C Kevin Wehrmann, S*	Mtk
2027	P/C Suzanne Carman, S	Osh
2025	Cdr Kris Harmon, AP	STP

### Audit Committee

2025	P/D/C Bill Dohr, SN-CN	CW
2025	Arthur Stickle, S*	Mtk
2027	Open	

<b>Flag Lieutenant</b> P/D/C David Fine, N Mtk
<b>Chaplain</b> D/Chpln Don Duncan, JN Mtk
<b>Law Officer</b> MN-P/R/C Greg Korstad, SN-IN Mtk WI-P/R/C Maury Rice, JN-IN CW
<b>Law Committee &amp;</b> MN-P/R/C Greg Korstad, SN-IN Mtk WI-P/R/C Maury Rice, JN-IN CW

**District Commander**  
D/C Jennine Fine, S

**Immediate Past District Commander**  
P/D/C Chad Lowney, AP

**Executive Officer**  
D/Lt/C Dennis Schultz, AP-CN

**Administrative Officer**  
D/Lt/C Caroline Fritsch, AP  
**Assistant Admin Officer**  
Open

**Education Officer**  
P/R/C Wes Koplitz, JN-CN  
**Asst. Education Officer**  
Open

**Secretary**  
D/Lt/C Bernie Dohr, AP-IN  
**Asst. Secretary**  
P/D/C Bill Dohr, SN-CN

### Alternates Nominations Committee

2025	Open	CW
2025	Open	Door
2025	Cdr Amy Herstad-Einbu, S	Dul
2025	Open	GB
2025	Open	HV
2025	Lt Julie Pahl-Washa, P	Mad
2025	Open	M/M
2025	Open	Milw
2025	Open	Mtk
2025	P/C Carl Jansen, AP	Osh
2025	Lt/C Ed Manor, S	STP

<b>Marketing Committee</b> Open
<b>Public Relations</b>
<b>Liaison Officer</b>
<b>Safety Chairman</b>
<b>Legislative Officer</b>
<b>VSC Officer</b> P/C Dan Saniti, P Mtk
<b>Homeland Security</b>
<b>Cooperative Charting</b> D/Lt/C Sandra Broekema, S Mtk

<b>Member Benefits</b>
<b>Boating Activities</b>
<b>Operations Training</b>
<b>Chairman Squadron Dev</b>
<b>Membership Committee</b> P/C Dan Saniti, P Mtk
<b>Member Involvement</b>
<b>Personnel Committee</b>

<b>Education Fund Rep</b>
<b>Chairman USPS Guides</b>
<b>Chairman USPS Seminars</b>

**Treasurer**  
D/Lt/C Tracy Gustafson, AP-IN  
**Asst. Treasurer**  
D/1<sup>st</sup>/LT DJ Delahousaye, S Mtk

**Property Officer**  
Open

**Ship's Store**

<b>Webmaster</b> P/C Rob Gaddes, P Mtk
<b>Roster</b>
<b>IT Chair/Contact</b> P/C Rob Gaddes, P Mtk
<b>Publications Editor</b> D/Lt/C Jennine Fine, S Mtk
<b>Ensign Correspondent</b>
<b>Photographer</b> Open
<b>Historian</b> Open

\* Committee Chair



2024/2025  
Watch Year



Appointed Positions by D/C
Elected Positions

Updated 6 May 2024



Help Wanted !!! – District 10 is looking for people interested in taking on a current roles at the District level. Key needs are:

- ⇒ D10 Assistant Administrative Officer
- ⇒ D10 Assistant Education Officer
- ⇒ Publications Editor

Feel free to reach out to any member of the Bridge if you want more info. Taking on one of these roles is a great way to see what goes on at the District level and we could really use your help!

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