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While I sit here writing my last message as your commander I look back into the ship's log to see all the things we have accomplished this year. It has been a lot of fun being your commander and making so many great friends.

My commitment to the squadron was to make our name more visible to the communities around The Chain and have fun doing it. I think we have met that challenge through our participation in the Fox Lake Parade, the Fox Lake Boat Show, the Chicago Boat Show, the Round Lake Clean-Up Day, partnering with local vendors, and our Vessel Safety Check events at multiple locations. All this could not have been done without the participation of all of our dedicated members. Thank you so much for making this a successful year.

We had plenty of events that were just for fun. The Chairs of our events coordinated some great dinners and hosted some fantastic parties. To top that off, our Educational Department did a fantastic job educating the public and our members about everything from safe boating, navigation, and engine maintenance. Thank you Dave Delahunty, Jim Bowgren, Gary Braker and the cadre of certified instructors who devoted their time to keep us all safer and smarter on the water.

Our Annual Meeting is behind us and the new Commander, Gary Braker, AP, is ready to take the helm with a Bridge eager to serve you. Gary has a vision of what is ahead and is charting his course for the squadron. He will need your assistance to accomplish the goals he has for the coming year. Please offer your help as you did for me during my watch. The squadron will be in capable hands and we look forward to another great year.

Thank you all for your support and confidence. It has been an honor to serve as your Commander.

Cdr Ron Herbig, AP

A Short Story

This is an article written by an author from Duluth, MN. The story is about a ship's engineer and his life on the Great Lakes. The subject of the story is the uncle of P/C Ross Gemmill, JN. Ross secured the rights to publish this booklet but the 16 pages would be too large to print here. We have published the complete book under the Public Links page of our website. Click the link to see the entire book and it is an interesting story.

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Up the Hawse Pipe Bruce Liberty: A Brief History of a Ship's Engineer

BRUCE LIBERTY
Up the Hawse Pipe:
A Short History of a Ship's Engineer
by Sheila Packa

Not many people know what life is like on the freighters on the Great Lakes. This is a short history of one mariner, Bruce Liberty, a fleet chief engineer, whose life spans much of the history of Great Lakes ore (and other bulk cargo) carriers, from hand fired steam to modern steam turbine and diesel, including the present day 1000 footers. In northeast Minnesota laker history, he is one of the many proud "hawsepipers" who started at the bottom and climbed the ladder to leadership positions. Unlike seamen who stepped from academy courses into a licensed position up the chain, hawsepipers learned the business from the ground up, on the job. Hawsepipers have the advantage of gleaning the wisdom of senior seamen as they gain first hand experience in the trade as the technology and industry changes. Hawsepipers are a tightly knit group of mostly seasoned sailors that operate the transportation pipeline on the Great Lakes. The boats they work on are monuments of naval architecture, mechanical engineering and navigation.

As an engineer, Bruce Liberty oversaw, contributed to the design, installation and maintenance of the mechanical and electrical systems for many of these lakers, especially in the US Steel fleet. Many of the boats seen on the lake today have been in operation for sixty years; he kept the massive engines in his fleet operating at peak performance.

The shipping lanes are routine, except for other

Annual Meeting 2009



The Annual meeting was held at Wool St Inn on 10 January 2009.

The weather was awful, but our intrepid members were able to overcome the terrible conditions. Dinner was a buffet and it was very good. We had a great presentation from P/C Pat Braker, JN. The presentation was especially appropriate because it included many of the people in attendance such as P/C Bill Struve, AP as well as many of the other Past Commanders from the beginning of COL until now.

We also had a presentation from D/Lt Bill Erdmann, JN. His presentation was an effort to convince us to undertake of hosting a District conference. This is something that the executive committee will have to consider.

We then proceeded with the election of the new 2009 bridge. The Bridge was voted and approved.

The new bridge consists of:

Commander Gary Braker, AP	Executive Officer Jim Geske, S
Admin Officer Shirley Wojcicki	Educational Officer Dave Delahunty, SN
Secretary Vince Byrne, AP	Treasurer David Howard, S
Asst Educational Officer Jim Bowgren, JN	

It's a great bridge, looking forward to a great year.

All in all it was a very pleasant evening.

Lt/C Gary R Braker, AP



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Vice Commander Frank Dvorak, SN

V/C Dvorak, of Bellevue, Wash., joined Bellevue (WA) Squadron in 1975. He served first in the Educational Department as class chairman, chair of the local board of boating, assistant educational officer and then squadron educational officer. He then served as administrative and executive officer before becoming commander. He moved onto the district bridge serving as D/16 commander in 1995. He has been a member of the Governing Board, the Navigation Committee and the Planning Committee, and has been National Secretary. He is currently the National Executive Officer. Life member, 29 merit marks.

Chief
Commander's Rep



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EXPO 2009



"What is EXPO?"

It is a large meeting room where the committees of USPS D20 each have a booth where they

present the workings of their committees to all of D20. Expo is where you'll meet one-on-one with USPS D20 committee members to discuss your squadron ideas, successes and needs. The goal of Expo is to generate a better awareness of the kinds of support D20 committees can provide.

Experience Expo, and you'll return home excited and challenged by new ideas for your squadron. Don't miss it! Saturday, 21 March 1030 - 1200.

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



With all the predictions of gloom and doom in today's economy you could not see it in the faces of the people attending this year's Chicago Boat Show. Attendance, sales, and exhibitors may have been down but the boaters we met were enthusiastic and eager for the boating season to begin. They also were eager to learn more about boating classes and how to have more fun on the water. I am very pleased to see that the Chain-O-Lakes squadron had a great member turn out to work the booth at the boat show. Special thanks to Dave Howard, Joe and Patty Lindholm, Shirley Wojcicki and Ross Gemmill and my wife Cindy Geske.

During the show our goal was to introduce the attendees to the United States Sail and Power Squadron by informing them about the upcoming boating classes. Most were very receptive. They were also impressed by "Illumination", the mini tug boat built by the Land of Lincoln Squadron. It was a big hit with the children and adults.

We also wanted to develop promotional relationships with other groups interested in promoting boating safety through education. Cindy Geske met with Edward C. Fenelon from the National Weather Service and NOAA who is more than willing to speak to any group or squadron on weather in the Great Lakes. She also met with a representative from the Illinois Conservation Police who is also eager to speak to boating organizations.

I met with Chauncey Niziol, an outdoor sportsman and fisherman. He hosts Chauncey's Great Outdoors show on ESPN 1000 - WMVP-AM Chicago radio, 0600 - 0700 on Saturday mornings. Chauncey is more than willing to promote our boating classes on his radio show. He and I are working to develop a promotion with Bass Pro Shop in Gurnee.

This was definitely an exciting weekend to expand the horizons of the United States Power Squadrons.

1st Lt James Geske, S
Boat Show Chair

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

On December 29th we held our second squadron seminar; the first was a GPS seminar held in 2007. This seminar discussed VHF/DSC radios and the Rescue 21 system. All new VHF radios have a red button for summoning help that will notify the Coast Guard and when programmed with an MMSI number (available through the USPS website) will identify your vessel so that the Coast Guard can access a database to pull up pertinent information about you and your boat.

Boating Courses

Boating Classes begin on 7 & 8 April. The class on Tuesdays will be in Crystal Lake at the Park Place Bldg., 406 W Woodstock St., and on Wednesdays in Fox Lake at the Fox Waterway Agency Bldg. on Lagoon St. (behind the McDonalds on Rt. 12 in Fox Lake). Times for classes are 1800 for the first night and then 1830 for all the following classes.

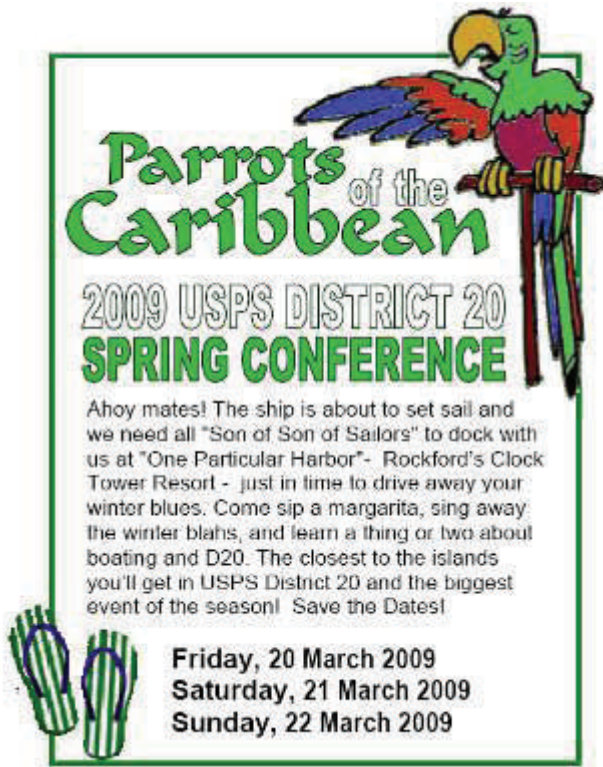
Sincerely,

P/C David Delahunty, SN
Squadron Educational Officer

Department News

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

Mark Your Calendars:



Parrots of the Caribbean
2009 USPS DISTRICT 20 SPRING CONFERENCE

Ahoy mates! The ship is about to set sail and we need all "Son of Son of Sailors" to dock with us at "One Particular Harbor"- Rockford's Clock Tower Resort - just in time to drive away your winter blues. Come sip a margarita, sing away the winter blahs, and learn a thing or two about boating and D20. The closest to the islands you'll get in USPS District 20 and the biggest event of the season! Save the Dates!

Friday, 20 March 2009
Saturday, 21 March 2009
Sunday, 22 March 2009

Make plans to attend the D20 Spring Conference in Rockford. Activities include the indoor water park so bring the future skippers. On Saturday there is a seminar which sounds very interesting: ***Nautical Expressions We Use Every Day.***

Chain-O-Lakes will have a hospitality suite so come out to support the squadron. More information available soon, or contact Cdr Ron Herbig for details.

Welcome to Chain-O-Lakes squadron's newest members, William and Sharon Nicholson! William and Sharon transferred from the DuPage Squadron to be closer to the waters of The Chain where they boat. We hope to see them both at many of the up coming events planned for 2009.

P/C Ross Gemmill, JN
 Membership Chair

SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT

Happy
 Birthday
 to:



Michael Mueller	21 January
Jim Geske	28 January
Paul Lulofs	03 February
Gary A. Fischer	07 February
Peggy Howard	07 February
William K. Bellinger	09 February
Patty Lindholm	17 February
Ann Marie Kida	22 February
Nancy Herbig	23 February

The NEW squadron website is LIVE.
 Enter www.chain-o-lakes.org in your browser.

Don't forget to send any news that you would like to share with fellow COL members to Link-Editor@sbcglobal.net and I'll put it in the following month's *LINK* (edited, of course!).

Lt Nancy Herbig
 LINK Editor

Roster Updates

It is time to make sure your information is up to date before the Change of Watch. Deadline for updates is 16 February.

This year we will include your MMSI number so you can be contacted easily on the water through your VHF radio.

Contact me with any changes you need to make.

P/C Ross Gemmill, JN
 Roster Chair
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DISTRICT TWENTY OPERATIONS WORKSHOP 7 February 2009

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This year our Workshop will host keynote speaker, Sandra Switzer, M.ED. President of her own Professional and Personal Life Coach Business, the core of Sandra's life's work has revolved around facilitating and coaching communication skills while honing personal and professional development skill sets for a variety of audiences. A provocative and thought provoking speaker, Sandy has held training positions with global companies where she was challenged to transform veteran supervisors into "coaching leaders" as well as launching company wide teamwork models and learning organizations. Listen as Sandy explores with us the age old question**WIIFM?** No, that's not the latest adult radio station. It is a vital question we all as leaders must ask ourselves, and then explore with fellow members, as we function as group facilitators and coaches to build relationships that will unlock peoples potential. Sandy will continue to stimulate our thinking during a working lunch. Prizes will also be awarded to some lucky luncheon attendees.

This unique and intriguing full day of events also includes departmental workshops with several D/20 department and committee leaders presenting the latest information in each of their departments. Lastly, you will not want to miss the stimulating discussions and interactions during our famous Town Hall Meeting.

So if you're looking to achieve outstanding results and become a vital part of your squadron's future, be sure to mark you calendar for Saturday, 7 February 2009.

Saturday, 7 February 2009



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<u>1010 - 1115</u>	<u>Town Meeting</u>
<u>1115 - 1130</u>	<u>Break</u>
<u>1130 - 1230</u>	<u>Keynote Speaker</u>
<u>1230 - 1330</u>	<u>Working Lunch</u>
<u>1330 - 1345</u>	<u>Break</u>
<u>1345 - 1500</u>	<u>Department Seminars</u>
<u>1515 -1630</u>	<u>Instructor Re-Certification</u>
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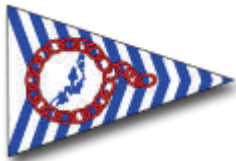
Chain-O-Lakes Calendar

Check the USPS News at USPS.org for recent stories and webcasts about National USPS events.

January		February		March	
07 Jan	Bridge/ExCom Meeting - Host: The Geskes	04 Feb	Bridge/ExCom Meeting - Host: The Herbigs	04 Mar	Bridge/ExCom Meeting - Host: TBA
10 Jan	Founder's Day/Annual Mtg Chair: Shirley Wojcicki	07 Feb	D20 Operations Workshop Hilton, Lisle, IL	7 & 12 Mar	Boating Class Comm Ctr, Lake Villa, IL
10 Jan	Jan/Feb LINK Deadline	25 Feb	Mar/Apr LINK Deadline	20-22 Mar	D20 Spring Conference Clock Tower, Rockford, IL
		28 Feb	Change of Watch		

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