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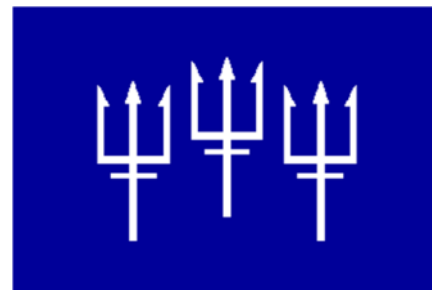
## ***Ponce de Leon Inlet Sail & Power Squadron***

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**Cdr Lawrence J. Willwerth, AP**



My term as commander is about to end. It has been an exciting year for me. We have made two significant changes in our policies which are for the better of the squadron. Most prominent among these is revising our bylaws, which includes changing our fiscal year to January one. This change coincides with District and National and, of course, the real calendar we all live by.

The other change is paying the meal and lodging costs for our bridge officers when attending the District Annual Meeting, This policy includes a substitute when a bridge officer cannot attend. Hopefully this action will encourage more needed participation with mutual benefits.

Our Change of Watch/Christmas Party is to be held at the Smyrna Yacht Club on December 16. I would like to see every member attend. The charge for all members will be twenty dollars, with the Squadron picking up the difference. The cost for guests is thirty-four dollars.

I give my sincere wishes for the Squadron to prosper in the coming year with its new slate of officers.

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**Executive Officer**  
**P/C Paul E. Reichert, AP**

**Views and Thoughts from my Deck**

Our annual oyster/shrimp roast was again a success. A big reason is our chief cook, Cdr Larry Willwerth, AP, and his boss/wife, Joan. They work very well together. Thank you to both of you. This year Larry and I went out and harvested about a bushel of oysters. It was my first time, and I look forward to next year. Pictures of the event are on Page 8.

The island, where we hold the roast, is just to the east of the ICW and we anchor on the east side of the island. This avoids the large wakes put out by the big boats. While watching some go by, one wake was big enough to surf on. This time of year, and again in the spring, many boats are being moved from point A to point B as quickly as possible. The captains moving these boats get paid by the trip and are not worried about their wakes for which they are responsible. By the time you get your boat back under control and check the passengers, the big white boat is gone. Watch for these wakes and be sure everyone is wearing their LIFE JACKET.

P/C Bill Myers, SN, will again provide his boat, trailer, and tow car for the New Smyrna Beach parade, at 4:00 PM, Saturday, 4 December (line up at 3:00) and the Edgewater parade, 10:00 AM, 11 December (line up at 9:00 AM). We will need decorators, walkers to pass out flyers about our January Safe Boating Class, and a shuttle driver. The drivers are needed to take the walkers from the finish site to the starting point prior to the parade. Call Bill @ 426-7799 to volunteer.

I want to thank all that helped out in the Executive Department. With good volunteers it makes everyone's job easier. We had a successful Safe Boating Week and participated in the Florida "Wear It" campaign. Also, I send a special thank you to all who, at the last minute, stepped forward to help out with the filming done at the Coast Guard station. We had about 150 volunteer hours.

Best wishes for the upcoming holidays and see you at our Change of Watch, 16 December.



**Squadron Education Officer:**

**Lt/C Will Benny, SN**



A public boating course has been tentatively scheduled for 29 January. We will be promoting this course at the New Smyrna Beach Christmas boat parade on 4 December and at the Edge-water parade on 11 December. Please see the appeal for help at these two events in the Executive Officer's Report on Page 2.

**Exciting New Program for Education at the USPS Annual Meeting**

EXPO is a great non-intimidating way to allow the average member to converse with the department staffs about things he/she is interested in rather than sit and listen to some irrelevant agenda. We have taken the attitude that these meetings are for the members. Finally, we think we are getting it right.

**This information was provided by the USPS National Meetings Committee. See the Annual Meeting description on Page 11.**

You have already seen significant changes in Education. Hopefully, if you come to the National meetings, you can play catch-up on some of the things that were just too new. Don't miss the Educational Department EXPO Booths on Thursday. All of the Course Chairpersons and Stf/C's who are attending will be there to answer your questions. We are concurrently running a seminar for the attendees of the OTW-BOC session on Monday and Thursday at 0800 to 1000. On Friday, there will be a seminar on chart plotters and automatic identification systems (AIS). On Friday, we will also conduct the Open Educational Meeting from 1300 to 1530.

**On the Water Training**

Becoming an Inland Navigator Certifier authorizes you to teach the USPS Safe Powerboat Handling program to certify Boat Operators at the Inland Navigator level. You can satisfy the on-the-water portion of the requirements for Inland Navigator Certifier by attending a one-day session near Orlando on the Sunday following the USPS National Meeting.

**Two New Leadership Classes**

This time at Disney, there will be an AO and an XO Class on leadership. The class sizes will be held to 40 each. But, there will be two extra sessions to fill the demand. There will be two AO classes and one XO class on Wednesday, with an XO class on Thursday. Whereas these groups are designated AO and XO, anyone who registers in advance can attend. There will be no on-site sign-up this time. Sign up early to ensure that you get in the class. The new DXO/SXO courses designated for Executive Officers, will be offered on both Wednesday and Thursday. All candidates must complete DAO/SAO to attend. This class contains all new material that builds upon the DAO/SAO course.



**Administrative Officer**

**P/C Elaine Reichert, AP**



*Please join us for  
Ponce de Leon Inlet Sail and Power Squadron's  
Change of Watch*

*To be followed by:  
Our Holiday Celebration of dinner and dancing  
Reservations due by 11 December 2010*



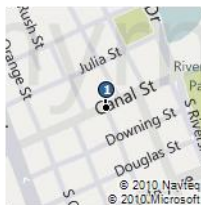
- When: 16 December 2010*
- Where: New Smyrna Yacht Club*
- Time: Socializing - 1800 Dinner 1830*
- Menu: choice of Prime Rib or Salmon*
- Fare: Twenty dollars for members - thirty-four for guests*
- Dress code: Uniform A - bow tie or appropriate civilian attire*
- Music: Dance and listen to the sounds of Sharon and Barry Sturms*

*Reservations: Required and honored -  
calling committee or to PC Linda Allen, SN, 423-1945*

**Come and join the breakfast bunch 0830 at the following dates and places  
(No reservations required)**



**1 December: 0830 Golden Biscuit, Canal Street, NSB**



- Future**
- 5 January: Country Kitchen**
  - 2 February: Lighthouse Café**
  - 2 March: Mom's Home Cooking**



**November Breakfast  
Holiday Inn Beachside**

**2011 District and National Events**

- 22 Jan: Winter Council Meeting - Daytona Beach
- 31 Jan - 5 Feb: USPS Annual Meeting - Disney Florida - Coronado Springs Resort
- March: Spring Council & Conference
- May: Summer Council Meeting & D23 Picnic - Titusville
- 12-17 Sept: Governing Board Meeting - Sheridan Four Seasons, Greensboro, NC
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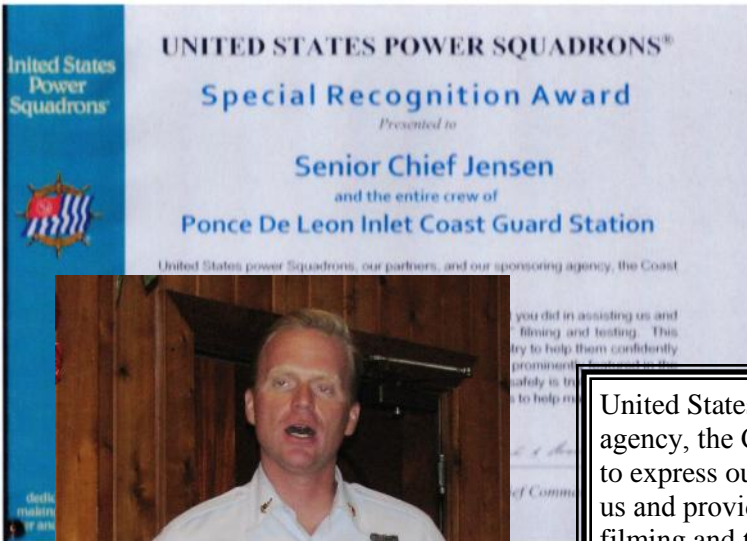


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We welcome your comments on this edition of the EnLIGHTener and your contributions to the November edition. The deadline for all material is Sunday, 17 October.



## Special Presentation to the Coast Guard at the October General Meeting



United States Power Squadrons, our partners and our sponsoring agency, the Coast Guard's Boating and Safety Division would like to express our deepest appreciation for all that you did in assisting us and providing facilities for "Practical on the Water Training" filming and testing. This program will be offered widely to boaters across the country to help them confidently and competently handle their boats. Your station will be prominently featured in the video used in training and will demonstrate that boating safety is truly a team effort. Clearly, you all went above and beyond your regular duties to help make this program a success.

## General Meeting, 28 October at Blackbeard's



Cdr Willwerth demonstrates the latest technology for harvesting and consumption of Oysters



Prof. Lou McNally, from the Meteorology Program at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University gave an entertaining and thought provoking talk on his past career in weather journalism and his current research on global warming



Presentation of Certificates of Completion for the Paddlesmart Seminar

## Oyster Roast, 13 November at Dick's Island (Photos by Paul Reichert)





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### Executive Committee

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Executive Officer - P/C Paul E. Reichert, AP  
Education Officer - P/C Robert D. Johnson, AP  
Administrative Officer - \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary - Lt/C Myrna M. Courage, S  
Treasurer - Denise Benny

Members at Large     Cdr Lawrence J. Willwerth, AP  
                                 Lt Lora E Moses  
                                 P/C Don R. Woods, AP  
                                 P/C Bruce T. Jennings, SN  
                                 1/Lt Joan T. Jennings

### Elected Assistants

Assistant Education Officer     Lt Paul J. Yeaton, P  
Assistant Secretary                1/Lt Norman Slifkin  
Assistant Treasurer                P/C Linda C. Allen, SN

### Elected Committees

#### Nominating Committee

Chairman - one year term     Lt Thomas J. Brownson, P  
   Two year term     Lt Lora Moses  
   Three year term     Paul Eberle

#### Rules Committee

Chairman - one year term     Lt Martha A. Woods  
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   Three year term -     Hugh Avant

#### Auditing Committee

Chairman - one year term     Lt Charlotte Behr, P  
   Two year term     Lt Michael W. Stubbs  
   Three year term     Lt Roger E Bushnell



### Squadron Birthdays in December

Denise Benny	12/5
Ken Courage	12/31
Paul Eberle	12/9
Maggie Hawk	12/4
Joan Jennings	12/13
Leslie Kelly	12/7

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# Join USPS At Disney In 2011, Jan 31 to Feb 6



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## Want Excitement? Join Us At Disney's Coronado Springs

If you didn't attend the 2010 Annual Meeting, it's not my fault that you missed the fun.

The meeting, to say the least, was well attended beyond our expectations.

Some of the meetings and presentations had to have additional chairs brought in. That's a fact.

This year we expect an even larger crowd of those who didn't attend.

We are making changes that you don't want to miss.

EXPO will be on Thursday for example. We will have more outside presenters and interesting outdoor boating events on the schedule.

If you missed some things you wanted to go to at

Disney, you will get to see them this time. No one sees Disney in one visit or two for that matter. So put on your walking shoes and plan on seeing more this time.

Also, we are providing a bus to the "House of Blues" and Cirque Du Soleil as a package. See the show for only \$66.65, including the bus ride.

You may pick from the menu at "House of Blues" and order as much or as little as you like. You can get dessert or just a drink, because it is a la carte and "Dutch Treat". Meaning, you pick from the menu and pay your own bill.

Don't worry the meals are very reasonable and the food is good.

### Special points of interest:

- Register today on-line for the USPS Annual Meeting in Disney
- Register today for House of Blues and Cirque du Soleil event
- Register for Leadership Classes
- Participate in On the Water Training



## Change In USPS Program, New Year

New On-Line Registration at [www.usps.org/php/registrations](http://www.usps.org/php/registrations)

Your cries for more interesting National Meetings have not gone unheeded!

We are moving the meetings in that "more interesting" direction.

Change comes slowly when people have been used to doing things one

way for years. Pay attention to the great line-up of meetings from the Educational Department.

Also, we moved EXPO to Thursday to give the members who come in for the Wednesday Leadership classes something to

do on Thursday. Fridays schedule was always too crowded.

What we are trying to do is move away from some of the dull Thursday administrative meetings to more instruction and seminars.

See the description of the Annual Meeting seminars in the Education Officer's Report on Page 3

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