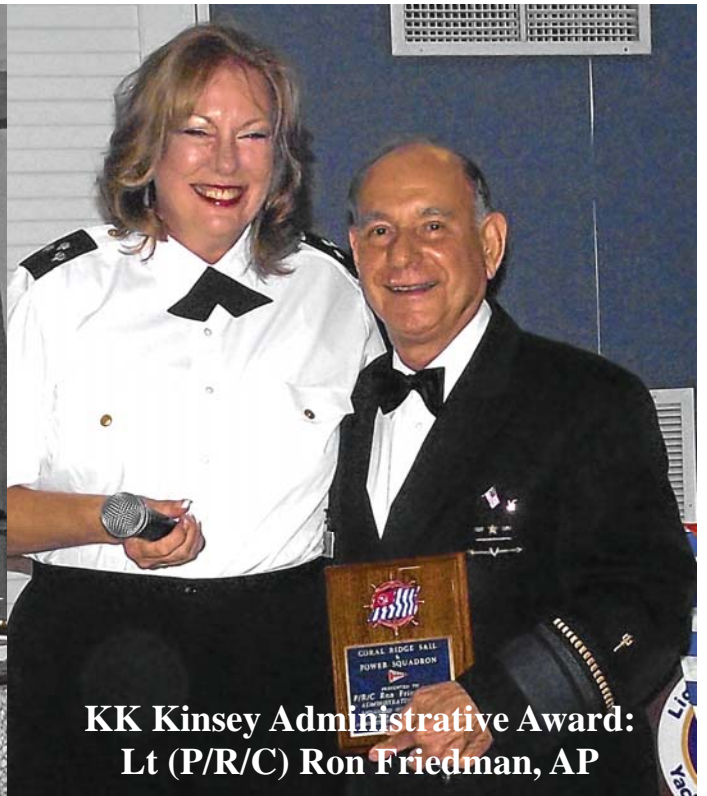


Commander's Awards: Norm Smith, P



KK Kinsey Administrative Award:
Lt (P/R/C) Ron Friedman, AP

*2011 Commander's Ball
& Awards Night*



Senior Member Award:
Lt/C Helena Friedman, S



Education Award:
Cdr Michael Haines, AP

D/8 SPRING CONFERENCE PREVIEW

WELCOME “you all” to the upcoming DISTRICT 8 SPRING CONFERENCE.

Mark your calendars now, (29 April – 1 May 2011) for a great weekend with your friends from all fifteen D/8 squadrons. There will be something of interest for everyone. Add to your boating knowledge and have fun doing it. Just check out the reviews in this newsletter and make your plans and reservations EARLY to join us. Your District Bridge especially encourages all squadron commanders who work so hard for your squadron to join others at the Spring Conference with the same goals and dedication to USPS. A special welcome to First Timers!

Come to the general meeting Saturday and meet the Chief Commander’s representative, V/C Richard Peoples, SN. We will also proudly announce the awards District 8 received at the Annual Meeting in Orlando. Just a preview, District 8 had one of the three top winners in the USPS Membership Award. Who received the Century Award for VSC, “Doing It Right”, and Communications Awards? Who in D/8 is now on the National Bridge? Check out the front page for the Nominating Committee’s proposed slate for 2011-2012.

NOW, contact some squadron friends and new members and ask them to come to the Spring Conference with you. **BE THERE; WE CARE!** Remember, “Boating is fun; we’ll show your how!” - D/C Lena Parsons, JN

The **EDUCATION TEAM MEETING** is on SATURDAY and, due to the large amount of new items, we are inviting everyone who is involved in the squadron educational program. So, whether your role is SEO, ASE0, Instructor, or just interested in education, please attend.

Topics covered include: The new version of HQ-800 * Boat Operator Certification* Weather 08 revised Instructor Manual * Educational Outreach Program * New Instructor Recertification Program * New Seminar “Diesel Care and Repair” * New Learning Guide “Calculations for Navigators”

This is a chance to get answers to questions you may have about the Educational Department and share any ideas that you think will be of value to other squadrons. – Stf/C Al Bruhin, SN

The **PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICERS** meeting will consist of implementing the public relations function in your squadron, creating the initial plan, plus a presentation on homeland security and how it affects all of us. Along with the latest news from the National M&PRCom, there will be a “show and tell” book of the USPS presentation for consideration of a postage stamp honoring USPS and our upcoming 100th anniversary. All are welcome. Remember, promotion leads to boating course attendance which leads to increased membership. – P/R/C Bill Husted, SN

COOP CHARTING FOR CURRENT “CHARTERS” AND BEGINNERS

We will cover developments from the Annual Meeting in Orlando * What systems are compatible for DepthWiz * Some of the common mistakes made when starting out * How to start, your group, the equipment choices you can use and what other squadrons are doing * Where to get the software needed (all free) for Coop Charting * Question and answer period with the current users * Other programs that are available through Coop Charting. - P/C Bill Heimbaugh, S

If you would like to find ways to increase membership while maintaining squadron membership, you won't want to miss the **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE SEMINAR.**

Topics will include: “Membership Benefits” from National (and there are a lot of new ones) * New Recruiting and Retention tool “B.A.R.S.” Belong, Achieve, Recognize, Status * Unified Membership * 6 month free trial memberships * Squadron's Success Story (Lt Katherine Thomas, P will talk about Vero Beach Power Squadron's success in obtaining and retaining members.) * Doing It Right Award and Member Involvement Retention Award * VIP Award and other awards for which your squadron can apply.

Bring your questions. - D/Lt Mary Dodd, SN

D/8 SPRING CONFERENCE PREVIEW

VSC/SAFETY WORKSHOP - D/Lt Allan B. Furtado, N

The VSC Program helps to achieve voluntary compliance with federal and state recreational boating safety laws, particularly with regard to the carriage of safety equipment while raising boater awareness about safety and environmental issues through voluntary contact by a vessel examiner (VE). VE discussions with recreational boaters is designed to motivate maintaining and operating their boats in a safe manner, taking boating safety courses to increase their knowledge and skills in boating, and promoting safe boating.

Plan to come to the District 8 VSC/Safety Workshop. Discussions will be held on * How to approach a boater to perform a VSC. (What works for you) * Roundtable discussions on where to look for VSCs. * How to add your name to the Internet VSC Locator * Demonstration of Life Jacket operation, testing and repacking * Discussions about new USCG Life Jackets. * Tips on new forms for "Paddle" boats. * Laser Fire Demo.

Forms and various supplies will be available. Limited supply of extra decals will be available.

SECRETARY WORKSHOP - This seminar will include Tricks of the Trade, Short cuts, and How to be "The Perfect Secretary". A question and answer period will follow. E-mail me ahead of time at DAP307@juno.com if there is a specific question you would like to have discussed.

Looking forward to seeing the secretary of each squadron! - D/Lt/C Doris Pfenniger, P

All our **SQUADRON TREASURERS** should attend the Treasurers' seminar if at all possible. There are a lot of changes going on that we all need to understand. The National Treasurer will be available to answer any questions for us. If you are a squadron treasurer and are unable to attend, try to send your assistant or another member of your squadron to represent you. It won't be a waste of your time. I'll also be passing out free gifts.

Hope to see all of you there. - Stf/C Bill Gillette, AP

FIRST TIMER'S RECEPTION will be held in the concierge room following the conference meeting. Don't miss the opportunity to meet the district bridge and the chief commander's representative.

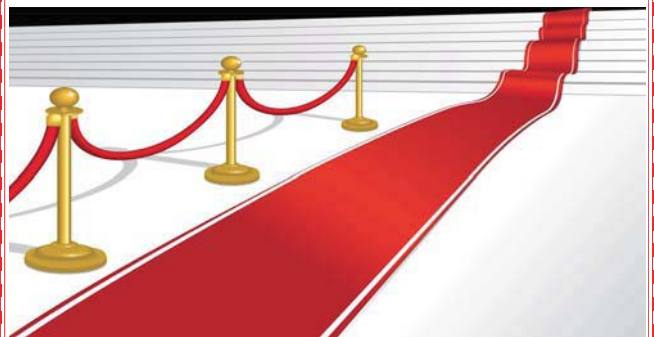
Topics for **SQUADRON OFFICERS' MEETING** will be but not limited to:

1. Various successful methods used to expand squadron membership and increase retention
2. Grant money available to squadrons from West Marine
3. Review of new membership dues structure and what it means to our squadrons
4. Youth poster contest participation and how to increase membership
5. National awards and recognition
6. Summer rendezvous at Pier Sixty-Six
7. General discussion of any items of interest to the group

All squadron bridge officers are encouraged to attend. - D/Lt/C Jack Doyle, SN

FRIDAY EVENING

A Hollywood - Red Carpet Event with squadron cocktail parties, special photography and a post-dinner cordial/coffee affair. Music and dancing provided. Dress like your favorite Hollywood character, Red Carpet formal with bling or other appropriate attire.



SATURDAY EVENING

A very special Dinner Event. Following the District Commander's cocktail party, dinner participants will be invited to a VIP hors d'oeuvre/cocktail event in the Absinthe Lounge of the hotel. After dinner and dancing, the District Commander will host a cordial and coffee reception in the concierge room for all members. Saturday night dress is Uniform A with bowtie (black-tie optional) or appropriate attire.



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FRIDAY 29 APRIL 2011

1400-1645 USPS® Registration
 1500-1630 Fall Council

1845-2230 Reception/Cash Bar
 1930-2230 "Red Carpet Event"

SATURDAY 30 APRIL 2011

Uniform D or suitable attire

0830-1030 Palm Beach Café
 0900-1000 Vessel Safety Check/Safety
 0900-1000 Secretary Workshop
 0900-1000 Public Relations/Homeland Security
 0900-1200 Education Team

1015-1100 Treasurers Workshop
 1015-1215 Cooperative Charting
 1015-1215 Membership

1330-1600 Conference

1900-2230 Reception/Cash Bar
 1930-2230 Banquet Uniform A with bow tie or suitable attire.

SUNDAY 1 MAY 2011

USPS Casual or suitable attire

0900-1200 Squadron Officers Meeting

FRIDAY EVENING "RED CARPET EVENT": \$ 42.50

Mixed Greens Salad

Choice of Entrée:

Grilled Tilapia with Pineapple Mango Relish *Almond Crusted Chicken with Orange Beurre Blanc,*

Herb Garlic and Red Pepper Risotto
Green beans with Caramelized Onions

Choice of Dessert:

Tiramisu *Bourbon Chocolate Bread Pudding with Vanilla Bean Sauce*

SATURDAY BANQUET: \$ 50.00

6.00pm: Hospitality Hour with Hors D 'Oeuvres served in Absinthe Bar

Iceberg Wedge with Diced Tomato, Bacon and Blue Cheese Crumbles

Choice of Entrée:

Chicken stuffed With Boursin Cheese *Herb Roasted Pork Loin with Red Onion Compote*

Buttered Fingerling Potatoes
Oven Roasted Asparagus with Herb Butter

Choice of Dessert:

Vanilla Bean Mousse Parfait *Chocolate Mousse Cake*

10.30pm: Cordials served in D/C Hospitality

Complete and mail reservation form to: P/D/Lt/C John A Belkengren, AP, 1415 Truman Ave, Key West FL 33040

Note: Meal reservations and check must be received by 22 April 2011

DISTRICT 8 SPRING CONFERENCE MEAL RESERVATION				FRI	SAT	TOTAL
				\$42.50	\$50.00	
				Please CIRCLE choice of one Entrée and one Dessert		
				Fish OR Chicken Tiramisu OR Brd/Pudding	Chicken OR Pork Parfait OR Mousse	
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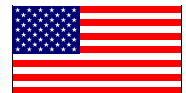
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