



24th Bridge

Fall Conference 2007



United States
Power Squadrons

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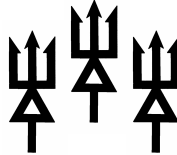
District 24



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District Commander Richard E. Mahrenholz, JN



A big thank you to Joe and Pat Venhoff and the Louisville Squadron for a very successful Summer Rendezvous. The committee, under the able leadership

of Kim Fisher, had a fun-filled weekend for everyone attending. Even though the weather didn't cooperate on Friday night, it didn't slow anybody down. After all, we're boaters and what's a little rain to boaters?? The shrimp boil was delicious and the scavenger hunt was fun, even though a little wet. Saturday was cloudy but that kept the temps down. We had a very good Membership Seminar led by Lt/C John Brenner followed by lunch and the all-important bathtub "Red Neck Regatta". The evening of reminiscing with the golden oldies was fun and nostalgic. Thanks again to all for the hard work.

Our biggest focus, on National, District, and Squadron levels, continues to be membership. After this year's renewal process, the USPS active membership will probably be below 40,000 for the first time in approximately fifty years. We MUST begin taking proactive steps to reverse this downward trend. It is imperative that we put on "a new face" at all levels in order to encourage new members to join. We need to focus on excellent courses taught by excellent instructors. We need to make our meetings and other activities interesting to a wider variety of individuals. We each must focus on attempting to help increase our membership. We will be sharing some of the things we learn at this upcoming Fall Conference.

Again, I want to stress the importance of keeping your e-mail addresses up to date for your District Bridge and especially the District Newsletter Editor (Ron Eberhart). We are trying very hard to move toward handling all our paperwork electronically. I hope the next D/24 Bridge will be primarily in electronic form and only those who have no e-mail will receive a printed copy. This will save us a great deal of money in printing and postage. I know some of the Squadrons are now sending their newsletters electronically and I would like to encourage all of you to follow suit.

P/C Damon Davis and his committee have been working very diligently to possibly realign some of our District meeting dates in the future to be more in alignment with the National and Squadron meetings. There will be much more information provided at the Fall Conference.

I hope to see all of you at this Conference in Cincinnati. Kay Ladd and her squadron have worked very hard to provide an interesting and entertaining weekend for us. So let's get out there and get 'er done!

CHIEF COMMANDER'S REPRESENTATIVE
R/C Anthony J. Aquilato, AP

Anthony has been an avid boater for more than 30 years, traveling the waters of the Long Island Sound and the Hudson River on various power boats ranging from a 25' Owens to a 37' Mainship.

His career in USPS began in 1978 when he took a Public Boating Course given by the Bronx Power Squadron. After joining, he was asked to help form a provisional squadron, and in 1982 was privileged, when as a Charter Member he was among those at the Governing Board in Washington, D.C to receive the City Island Power Squadron Charter. He was enthusiastic for the opportunity to give back some of the knowledge that he had received, and began teaching at the Public Boating Course, as well as teaching Seamanship to new members.

Anthony was a member of the first CIPS Bridge holding the office of Secretary. He ascended through the Chairs and became City Island's fourth Commander in 1985. After completing his term in office he became active on the District level; and in 1990 assumed the position of Treasurer on the D/4 Bridge. He again rose through the Chairs and became D/C in 1994.

On a National level he has served on the Flag and Etiquette Committee, Planning Committee, was the first R/C of the newly-formed Member Benefits Committee. Presently he is Chairman of the Committee on Nominations, and also serves on the Operating Committee. He most recently Co-Chaired the USPS 2006 Fall Governing Board in New York City. He is a Life Member of USPS, and has earned 28 Merit Marks. Anthony holds a 100-ton Coast Guard Captains license.

In his professional life he is a Project Engineer and Construction Manager, having studied Civil Engineering at both Fordham University and NYU.

He has been married to Vincene for 44 years, and is the proud father of two sons and one grandson.



DEO REPORT — D/Lt/C Tom Woods, JN

The District 24 Fall Conference will have some thing for everyone interested in furthering their boating knowledge through USPS Courses.

SEO MEETING

For our D/24 Squadron Educational Officers and Assistant Education Officer we are offering a tour of the USPS Educational Home Page at the morning meeting. D/24 SEOs and Assistant SEOs will breakfast with the Commanders from 0630-0730 in the revolving restaurant atop the Radisson before the morning meeting at 0730-0900 on the 16th floor. In addition to our tour of the home page, we will discuss any educational issues in the squadrons and any issues that come up at the Fall Governing Board in Norfolk. I am asking all D/24 Squadrons to please send a representative to this meeting if the SEO or Assistant SEO can't make it.

TEACHING AIDS

This is a time for our annual Teaching Aids Competition. I would like each squadron to enter a teaching aid in this competition. In the past we have had good participation in this event and I would like to continue this tradition. In past couple of years Cincinnati, Dayton, and Louisville have taken top honors in various categories at the USPS National Meeting. Presentation of the Teaching Aids will be made at the morning meeting. Please have them to me first thing Saturday morning at the latest.

EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS

Boater Certification Program

Starting after lunch at 1330, P/D/Lt/C Sam Richey will give a presentation on the Boater Certification Program. We would like each Squadron in D/24 to have one representative involved in this program. This presentation will give you information you can take back to your Squadrons to generate interest in this new and exiting program. Sam made a short presentation on this program at our rendezvous. This presentation will have more details and more time for questions.

Instructor Recertification Seminar

The second part of our program will be an Instructor Recertification Seminar. There are a number of Squadron Boating Course Instructors in D/24 who will need to be recertified soon. With Cincinnati being a central location for many of our squadrons, this is a good opportunity for instructors to get recertified. All public boating course instructors should plan to attend this seminar if your certification is about to expire. The seminar will last a little over an hour and is a quick way to get recertified.



**Cincinnati Sail & Power
Squadron WANTS YOU TO BE A
"SURVIVOR"
D/24 Fall Conference
November 2 — 3, 2007**

Your "Survivor EXPERIENCE" will begin at the Radisson Riverfront in Covington KY on Friday November 2, 2007 (1500 —1700). Join the

"Tribes" on the 16th floor with a great view of the city. You will dine on your own at the Revolving Restaurant on the top floor of the Hotel or one of the many restaurants within walking distance. We will have menus on display at registration to assist in your choice.



PLAY SURVIVOR: Upon your return, the Survivor challenges will begin (2000). Come dressed in jungle attire and bring along a torch you have constructed using a flashlight. Best torch wins a PRIZE. You will meet, socialize, and participate in Survivor Challenges with **RODGER BINGHAM from Season 2 of Survivor "The Outback"**. The ultimate Survivor Winner will receive a PRIZE.

So...come dressed to outwit, outplay, and have a great time!

On Saturday morning you can partake of the bountiful breakfast buffet (\$9.95) on the top floor in a section reserved for D/24, with meetings to follow for Commanders and SEO's on the 16th floor.

Spouses/guests will be transported to Covington's breathtaking Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption for a tour, \$3.00 per person. They will return to the Hotel to have for a buffet lunch with the members. In the afternoon you will be offered an assortment of activities that will include:

- Lounging by the Pool
- Freedom Center (Sign-up at Registration for transportation)
- Taft Museum Shopping in the Main Strasse Village
- Newport on the Levee for Shopping

Hotel Reservations: Call the Radisson Riverfront by October 2

668 West Fifth Street, Covington KY; phone: 859-491-1200

Request the Cincinnati Power Squadron Room Rate of \$87 plus tax.

Registration will be \$64 for meals and expenses.

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS?? SEND TO: roneberhart@sigeom.net. We are emailing the D/24 Newsletter and will only mail to those without an email address. P/C Ron Eberhart, P— D/24 Newsletter Publisher

SPECIAL NOTICE — CALL TO THE MEETING

In accordance with District 24 By-Laws Article 5; Section 5.4;5.4.2 and Section 5.5 this shall serve as the official notice that the **District 24 Fall Council and Fall Conference Meeting** will be held at Radisson Riverfront, 668 W. 5th Street, Covington, KY Saturday, 4 November 2007 at 0930. *D/Lt/C Donald R. Cloyd P, Secretary*

REMINDER - Squadron Commanders must send their list of delegates to the District Treasurer.



**DISTRICT 24 FALL
EDUCATION CONFERENCE
"Survivor Experience"
2 – 4 November 2007**

Host: Cincinnati Sail & Power Squadron

Friday 2 November:

1500 – 1900	Registration in the Lobby
1530 – 1800	Hospitality Open – 16th Floor
1800 – 2000	Dinner on Your Own – ask to see menus
2000 – 2300	Survivor Party in Hospitality Room - 16th Floor Wear your jungle attire and bring your torch

Saturday 3 November:

0630 – 0730	Breakfast Buffet in the Revolving Restaurant
0730 – 0900	Commanders and SEO's Meeting 16 th Floor Parlor A & C
0900 – 0930	Guests Coffee and Danish - Hospitality
0930	Guests depart for tour of Basilica
0930 – 1200	Fall Council and Conference First Floor "Thoroughbred"
1230	Lunch - Top Floor, Revolving Restaurant
1330	Education Department Seminar
1330	Guests transported to pre-arranged activities
1630 – 1830	Hospitality Open
1900 - 2000	Social Hour (COD) Bar 16 th Floor "Texas and Mark Twain"
2000 – 2130	Banquet, Awards, Silent Auction Ballroom, 1st Floor
2130 – 2300	Dessert and Coffee in Hospitality

Sunday 4 November:

0830	District Bridge Meeting – Hospitality Room
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**DISTRICT #24 -- UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRON
FALL EDUCATION CONFERENCE REGISTRATION
2 - 4 NOVEMBER, 2007**

Rank: _____ Name: _____ Grade: _____ Squadron: _____

Guest Rank: _____ Name: _____ Grade: _____ Squadron: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____
City/State/Zip: _____ E-mail: _____

MEALS	Basicila Tour \$3.00 or sign-up at registration	Saturday Lunch \$23.00 ea.	Saturday Banquet \$41.00 ea	Total
Please indicate number for each meal				\$ enclosed

_____ **Designated Delegate (Delegates must register with this form)**
(conference fee paid by D/24 or local squadron)

Payment must be included with Conference Registration

MAIL CHECK (payable to D/24 Fall Conference) & Registration Form to:

P/C Ed Hoffman, JN 859-441-1068
86 Mel Lawn Dr. marcktwain@fuse.net
Ft. Thomas, KY 41075

REGISTRATION AND FEE MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY 26 OCTOBER, 2007

UNIFORM OF THE DAY:	
Friday Evening	"Jungle" or Casual
Saturday Conference	Uniform "G", Blazer, or Suitable Attire
Saturday Evening Banquet	Uniform "A", or Suitable Dinner Attire

Please indicate spouse/guest Saturday afternoon preference; transportation only will be arranged.

___ Freedom Center ___ Taft Art Museum ___ Shopping, Main Strasse or Newport Levee

Note: Meal prices include meeting room set-up and Squadron expenses

HOTEL RESERVATIONS SHOULD BE MADE BY EACH INDIVIDUAL:

Radisson Riverfront	Request Cincinnati Power Squadron Rate
668 West Fifth Street	\$87.00 plus taxes
Covington, KY 41011	Block to be released on Oct 2
859-491-1200	

SATURDAY LUNCH

"The Steamboat Buffet"

Your server will bring you an endless selection of
Your Choice of Caesar or Chef's Salad and
Soup of the Day

Buffet Selections are *changed Daily but could include*
such Riverview Specialties as:

Missouri Pot Roast with Pearl Onions
Roast Beef Hash "21"

"All-American" Grilled Chicken Breast
Fresh Roast Turkey Breast & Dressing

Pasta Prima Vera

Seafood Newburg

Chicken Breast with Lemon Dill Sauce

Italian Sausage Ziti

Seasonal Fresh Vegetable

Creamery Mashed Potatoes

Pork loin with Roasted Apples

And Many More

Including Iced Tea

SATURDAY DINNER

"The Prime Rib Buffet"

Traditional Caesar Salad

Display of Fresh Sliced Seasonal Fruit

Tri-colored Julienne Vegetable Pasta Salad

Rolls and Butter

Chef Carved Rib of Beef with Au Jus and

Horseradish Cream

Stuffed Chicken Breast with Yellow Boursin Cheese

Garlic mashed Potatoes

Green Beans Almandine

Dessert to follow in Hospitality