



**UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS®**  
**SAIL AND POWER BOATING**  
**DISTRICT 9**



Fall District Conference Meeting  
23 October 2010  
Holiday Inn French Quarter – Perrysburg, OH

**Call to Order**  
**National Anthem**  
**Pledge of Allegiance**  
**Invocation**

**D/C James D. Draper, JN**  
**District 9 and Guests**  
**P/R/C Patricia A. Johnston, SN**  
**D/Lt Douglas R. Rocho, P**

**Welcome Comments**

**Introduction of D/9 Host Committee**  
Pat Jarmon, Themes and Decorations  
Ken Matthews, Entertainment  
Sally Lemus, Hospitality  
Don Howett, Registration  
Mary Ann Jensen, Seminars  
Rich Gallop, Reservations  
Laddie Hudson, Finances  
Frank Bauer, Spouses Program  
Bill Dresden, Ship's Store  
Mike Rachuk, Conference Coordinator

**D/C James D. Draper, JN**

**Order of Business**

There being no objection, the District Commander announced that the order of the meeting will be altered to expedite the meeting.

**D/C James D. Draper, JN**

**Recognition of Departed Members**

Frank N. Hansen, P	Alpena
Don G. Pixley, N	Birmingham
Loyd A. Burgess, JN	Birmingham
Peter H. Thornton, SN	Dearborn
Patricia L. Loga	Flint
Marion Crossman	Grand Traverse Bay
Richard Newman, S	Grand Traverse Bay
Joseph Welburn	Grand Traverse Bay
Roger D Todd, S	Kalamazoo
George LaPlante, Jr., SN	Mt. Clemens
E. Jack Harlan, AP	Port Huron

**D/C James D. Draper, JN**  
**D/Lt/C Mary Ann Jensen, JN**

Prayer

**D/Lt Douglas R. Rocho, P**

**Introduction of National Officers and P/D/Cs**

**D/Lt/C James D. Draper, JN**

**National Officers**

P/R/C John D. Alstetter, SN  
P/R/C Patricia A. Johnston, SN  
P/R/C Shirley Y. Van Rhee, JN  
P/R/C Gene R. Van Rhee, SN  
P/Stf/C Sally C. Lemus, P  
Stf/Cdr John C. Bennett, SN  
Stf/C Don C. Fiander, SN  
P/Stf/C Linda J. LaLonde, P  
Stf/C Denise C. Samu, AP  
P/R/C Ronald C. LaPlante, SN

**Past District Commanders**

1986 P/C/C Gene R. Van Rhee, SN  
1990 P/D/C James R. Leonard, SN  
2001 P/D/C John C. Bennett, SN  
2003 P/D/C Richard P. Gallup, SN  
2004 P/D/C Michael J. Rachuk, SN  
2005 P/D/C James G. (Jack) Knaggs, SN  
2006 P/D/C Denise C. Samu, AP  
2008 P/D/C Denise Brooks, AP  
2009 P/D/C Bryan L. Bartlett, SN (Junior)

**Introduction of Guests**

Harry Kyle, Publisher, *Scuttlebutt* Magazine

**P/D/C James R. Leonard, SN**

**Determination of a Quorum**

The District Secretary reported that a quorum was present.

**D/Lt/C H. Jay Stevens, SN**

**Review of Voting and Floor Privileges**

**D/Lt Laddie L. Hudson, Jr., SN**

**Acceptance of Minutes of 2010 Spring Conference**

A copy of the minutes of the 2010 Spring Conference was previously distributed.

Motion: It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the 2010 Spring Conference be approved. The motion carried. The approved minutes are filed with the 2010 Spring Conference Report.

**D/C James D. Draper, JN**

**Chief Commander's Message**

National Representative Kenneth D. Link, SN, delivered the Chief Commander's written message to the Conference on behalf of the Chief Commander. A copy of C/C Dvorak's message is attached to the Conference Report. R/C Link delivered his Chief Commander's Representative's Remarks to the Conference. A transcription of his remarks is included in the Conference Report. R/C Link's remarks were followed by a brief "town hall" meeting for questions and comments. R/C Link's responses to questions are included in the Conference Report.

**R/C Kenneth D. Link, SN**

**Awards**

**D/Lt/C Mary Ann Jensen, JN**  
**D/C James D. Draper, JN**  
**R/C Kenneth D. Link, SN**  
**D/Lt Frank Muylaert, JN**

A listing of the awards presented is included in the Conference Report.

**Committee Reports**

**Report of the Planning Committee**

**D/Lt David Brooks, AP**

A copy of the Planning Committee Report was included in the seat packet and is included in the Conference Report. Planning Committee is working on expediting the meetings. The Committee has received a couple of suggestions, including utilizing SailAngle and teleconferencing to expedite meetings. The Committee would welcome further suggestions. One suggestion is being implemented on a trial basis. The Spring 2011 Council Meeting will be on the Friday of the Spring Conference, rather than in the month preceding the Conference.

**Report of the Rules Committee**

**D/Lt Laddie L. Hudson, Jr., SN**

The Rules Committee had no report.

**Nominating Committee**

**D/Lt Bryan L. Bartlett, SN**

The Nominating Committee is continuing to conduct interviews for District position nominations.

**Report of the Conference Coordinator**

**P/D/C Michael J. Rachuk, SN**

The Conference Coordinator's Report was included in the seat packet and is included in the Conference Report. The Conference Coordinator wishes to thank everyone who worked on the 2010 Fall Conference. Birmingham will be hosting the Fall 2013 instead of the Spring 2012 conference. Spring 2011 will be hosted by Lansing.

**D/9 Department Reports**

**Treasurer**

**D/Lt/C William A. Stano, JN**

A copy of the District Treasurer's Report was included in the seat packet and is included in the attachments to the minutes. We are in good shape financially. Income this year is down 26%, squadron assessments are down 9%. Expenses are up slightly.

**Secretary**

**D/Lt/C H. Jay Stevens, SN**

A copy of the District Secretary's Report was included in the seat packet and is included in the Conference Report.

**Administrative**

**D/Lt/C Linda J. LaLonde, P**

A copy of the District Administrative Officer's Report was included in the seat packet and is included in the Conference Report. The theme for this year's Ao Seminar was "Chase 'em, Catch 'em, Book 'em," a *Hawaii-50* theme.

**Educational**

**D/Lt/C Donald C. Fiander, SN**

A copy of the District Educational Officer's Report was included in the seat packet and is included in the Conference Report. Because the national policy allows for non-members to take all courses, the DEO is requesting that squadrons no longer refer to advanced and elective courses as "member courses." The courses should be referred to as "elective" and "advanced" courses. The USPS on-line database is being expanded to accept records of non-members taking these courses. The Boat Operators Certification is now available at the Coastal Navigation Certification level. We had 22 new JNs this year, 13 new Ns, and seven new SNs.

**Executive**

**D/Lt/C Mary Ann Jensen, JN**

A copy of the District Executive Officer's Report was included in the seat packet and is included in the Conference Report. We will be purchasing a new District boat show display and updating the graphics.

**Commander**

**D/C James D. Draper, JN**

A copy of the District Commander's Report was included in the seat packet and is included in the Conference Report. The District Commander announced the reimbursement of the \$25.00 USPS initiation fee to squadrons for members joining between 1 Feb 2010 and 30 November 2010. The USPS initiation fee is being discontinued for new members as of 1 December 2010. Checks will be mailed to the squadrons. District committee members and officers are requested to provide their merit mark information to the District Commander as soon as possible. The District Commander thanked the Detroit Squadron for a creative puzzle event during the Friday night hospitality event. As other squadrons may have good ideas for membership development and need funding support, the Budget Committee will be asked to look at "Squadron Initiatives" as a budget line item.

**Unfinished Business**

**D/C James D. Draper, JN**

There was no unfinished business.

**New Business, Resolution & Referrals from Seminars**

**D/C James D. Draper, SN**

There was no new business or referrals from seminars.

**For the Good of the District**

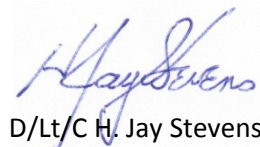
**D/C James D. Draper, SN**

There was no business for the good of the district.

**Adjournment**

The 2010 Fall Conference was adjourned at 15:50.

Respectfully submitted,



D/Lt/C H. Jay Stevens, SN  
District Secretary