

**UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS**  
**DISTRICT 9**  
**STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE**

Title:

**AWARDS**

No. 17

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**1. EDUCATIONAL AWARDS**

Educational statistics for scoring calculations are to be obtained from the USPS® Education Department after the end of the Educational Year and used in all Educational Award scoring unless otherwise indicated. The squadron membership numbers used here are based on 30 June membership (year-end). The educational year is 1 July to 30 June.

**A. Prince Henry Award**

1. Presented to the D/9 squadron with the highest percent of members achieving the grade of Navigator during the educational year.
2. Scoring: (Scores are calculated by USPS Ed. Dept. and sent to D/9 DEO in July.)

$$\frac{\text{No. of students completing N in the current year} \times 100}{\text{total members per USPS Ed. Dept.} - (\text{No. of Ns, beg. Ed. Year})}$$

3. Perpetual D/9 award and D/9 certificate – 2nd and 3rd place mentioned.
4. Presented at the D/9 Fall Conference.

**B. R/C Donald C. Beran, N Educational Achievement Award**

1. Presented to the D/9 squadron with the highest percent of its members who have earned the USPS Educational Achievement Award during the educational year.
2. Scoring: (Scores are calculated by USPS Ed. Dept. and sent to D/9 DEO in July.)

$$\frac{\text{No. of Educational Achievement Awards rec'd in the current year} \times 100}{\text{total members per USPS Ed. Dept.} - (\text{No. Ed. Achieve Awards, beg. Ed. Year})}$$

3. Perpetual D/9 award and D/9 certificate – 2nd and 3rd place mentioned.
4. Presented at the D/9 Fall Conference.

**C. R/C James E. Ryan, N Advanced Grades Award**

1. Presented to the D/9 squadron with the highest percent of Advanced Grades earned in the educational year to the number of members eligible to take the courses.
2. Scoring: (Scores are calculated by USPS Ed. Dept. and sent to D/9 DEO in July.)

$$\frac{\text{No. of Advanced Grades rec'd in the current year} \times 100}{(\text{total members per USPS Ed. Dept.}) - (\text{No. of Ns, beg. Ed. Year})}$$

3. Perpetual D/9 award and D/9 certificate – 2nd and 3rd place mentioned.
4. Presented at the D/9 Fall Conference.

**D. R/C Glen H. Howell, N Elective Courses Award**

1. Presented to the D/9 squadron with the highest percent of Elective Courses completed in the educational year to the number of members eligible to take the courses.
2. Scoring: (Scores are calculated by USPS Ed. Dept. and sent to D/9 DEO in July.)

$$\frac{\text{No. of Elective Courses completed in the current year} \times 100}{(\text{total mbrs per USPS Ed. Dept.}) - (\text{No. of mbrs with Edu. Ach. Award, beg. Ed. Year})}$$

3. Perpetual D/9 award and D/9 certificate – 2nd and 3rd place mentioned.
4. Presented at the D/9 Fall Conference.

**E. P/R/C George A. Richardson, N, Educational Performance Award**

1. Presented to the D/9 squadron with the highest percent of the total number of Advanced Grades earned and Elective Courses completed to the number of members eligible to take the courses in the educational year.
2. Scoring: (Scores are calculated by USPS Ed. Dept. and sent to D/9 DEO in July.)

$$\frac{\text{Adv. Grades rec'd} + \text{Elec. Courses completed in the current year} \times 100}{(\text{total mbrs per USPS Ed. Dept.}) - (\text{No. of mbrs with Edu. Ach. Award, beg. Ed. Year})}$$

3. Perpetual D/9 award and D/9 certificate 2nd and 3rd place mentioned.
4. Presented at the D/9 Fall Conference.

**F. Boating Course Award**

1. Presented to all D/9 squadrons meeting the scoring criteria.
2. Scoring: (Scores are calculated by USPS Ed. Dept. and sent to D/9 DEO in July.)

Must have at least one boating class graduate as reported on USPS form ED 27 during the educational year for each active and additional active squadron member as shown by USPS Education Department records at the close of that educational year.

3. D/9 certificates.
4. Presented at the D/9 Fall Conference.

#### **G. Teaching Aids Award**

1. Presented to the D/9 squadron with the best teaching aid exhibit displayed at the D/9 Fall Conference.
2. Scoring:  
To be judged by the D/9 Educational Department at the Fall Conference.
3. Perpetual D/9 award and D/9 certificate – 2nd and 3rd place mentioned.
4. Presented at the D/9 Fall Conference.

#### **H. District Teacher of the Year Award**

1. Presented to a D/9 squadron member who has demonstrated excellence in teaching skills.
2. Scoring:  
Squadron commanders should submit the name of candidate and qualifications to D/9 DEO for judging by the D/9 Educational Department.
3. Certificate sent by USPS Headquarters and completed by D/9 DEO.
4. Presented at the D/9 Fall Conference.
5. The winning member's name shall be submitted to USPS as the District 9 candidate for the USPS Charles F. Chapman Teacher of the Year Award.

## **2. COOPERATIVE CHARTING AWARDS**

**A.** NOAA Cooperative Charting year is 1 April through 31 March.

#### **B. Squadron Award**

1. Presented to the D/9 squadron with the highest percent of credits received in the recently completed year for reports sent to NOAA above the number of credits for honor roll.
2. Scoring:  
Scores calculated by NOAA.
3. Perpetual D/9 award and D/9 certificate – 2nd and 3rd place mentioned.

4. Presented at the D/9 Fall Conference.

### **C. Individual Award**

1. Presented to the D/9 member with the highest percent of credits received in the recently completed year for reports sent to NOAA above the honor roll requirements in his/her squadron.
2. Scoring:  
Scores calculated by NOAA.
3. D/9 Certificate (by D/9 Coop. Charting Chairman) – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place mentioned.
4. Presented at the D/9 Fall Conference.

## **3. MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AWARDS**

Membership numbers for determining membership awards are published by USPS for every district and squadron as of the end of each month. The Membership Year is 1 January to 31 December.

### **A. Membership Acquisition Award**

1. Presented to the D/9 squadron with the highest percent of increase in number of members between D/9 Spring Conferences.
2. Scoring:

Total incr. in squad. membership between the previous and present 28 February X 100  
Total number of members on previous 28 February

3. D/9 Certificate - 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place mentioned.
4. Presented at the D/9 Fall Conference.

### **B. The Commander's Cup Award - Member Involvement**

1. Presented to the D/9 squadron with the highest percentage of merit marks awarded based on eligible squadron members as of 1 January.
2. Scoring:  
Based on USPS squadron merit mark records published at the end of the year.
3. Perpetual D/9 award and D/9 certificate - 2nd and 3rd place mentioned.
4. Presented at the D/9 Spring Conference.

## **4. BOATING SAFETY AWARD**

1. Presented to the D/9 squadron which had the most outstanding or unique boating safety program between D/9 Fall conferences.
2. Scoring:  
Judging to be managed by the D/9 Safety Committee.
3. Perpetual D/9 award and D/9 certificate.
4. Presented at the D/9 Fall Conference.

## **5. PREDICTED LOG CONTESTS AWARDS**

### **A. District Champion Award**

1. Presented to the D/9 member with the lowest percent of error in a District 9 approved contest held during the calendar year.
2. Scoring:  
Determined by District 9 Predicted Log Chairman from results of contests reported by squadron Predicted Log chairmen.
3. Perpetual D/9 Trophy and D/9 certificate - 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place mentioned.
4. Presented at the D/9 Fall Conference.

### **B. Novice Award**

1. Presented to the first year participant with the lowest percentage of error in a District 9 approved contest held during the calendar year.
2. Scoring:  
Determined by District 9 Predicted Log Chairman from results of contests reported by squadron Predicted Log chairmen.
3. Perpetual D/9 Trophy and D/9 certificate - 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place mentioned.
4. Presented at the D/9 Fall Conference.

### **C. Eastside Champion Award**

1. Presented to the D/9 member with the lowest percentage of error in an annual Eastside District 9 approved contest held during the calendar year.
2. Scoring:  
Determined by District 9 Predicted Log Chairman from results of contest reported by host squadron.
3. Perpetual D/9 Trophy presented at contest.
4. Certificate presented at the D/9 Fall Conference - 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place mentioned.

#### **D. Westside Champion Award**

1. Presented to the D/9 member with the lowest percentage of error in an annual Westside District 9 approved contest held during the calendar year.
2. Scoring:  
Determined by District 9 Predicted Log Chairman from results of contest reported by host squadron.
3. Perpetual D/9 Trophy presented at contest.
4. D/9 Certificate presented at the D/9 Fall Conference - 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place mentioned.

#### **6. SAILOR OF THE YEAR AWARD**

1. Presented to a D/9 member for demonstrating proficiency in the practice of sailing seamanship, sailing navigation and for outstanding performance aboard a sailing vessel bearing the ensign of the United States Power Squadrons.  
Criteria to be included in the nomination:
  - (a) The most accomplished sailor during the most recent 18 months, OR
  - (b) The sailor making the most significant contribution toward sailboat education, OR
  - (c) The sailor who best promotes sailing activities within the squadron, OR
  - (d) The sailor with lifetime accomplishments in sailing proficiency, sailing education or promoting sailing activities
2. Scoring:  
Determined by District 9 Sail Activities Chairman and a minimum of two other District 9 active members. Written nominations are to be submitted to the Sail Activities Chairman by the Friday following Labor Day in September. Each squadron may submit one nominee per year.
3. Perpetual D/9 Trophy and D/9 certificate.
4. Presented at the D/9 Fall Conference.

#### **7. YOUTH POSTER CONTEST AWARDS**

1. This event is coordinated with the USPS Youth Poster Contest. The theme and rules are posted early each year in the Ensign and on the USPS Web Site.
2. The District 9 MI Chair will obtain suitable awards and for the winners in each category of the District 9 Youth Poster Contest. Such awards are not to exceed

- twenty-five dollars (25.00) each. Participation certificates are to be supplied by the D/9 MI Chairman.
3. All non-winning entries will receive recognition in the form of a D/9 certificate, ribbon or other suitable memento as deemed appropriate by the District 9 MI Chair.
  4. Contest judging is to be done at the D/9 Spring Conference and coordinated by the D/9 Youth Activities Chairman.
  5. D/9 Awards to be presented at the D/9 Spring Conference.
  6. Additional contests may be held at the discretion of the Youth Activities Chairman such as at a D/9 Rendezvous. Judging and awards will be at that event.

## **8. VESSEL SAFETY CHECK AWARDS**

### **A. Squadron Award**

1. Presented to the squadron with the highest percentage of Vessel Safety Checks between 1 January and 31 December.
2. Scoring: (Scores are calculated using the number of Vessel Safety Checks posted on the National Website inclusive of a calendar year of 1 January and 31 December, divided by the total number of active squadron members as of 1 March of the calendar year being calculated. Calculations for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place squadrons are to be completed by the District 9 VSC Chair and results forwarded to the District 9 Awards Chair.)

$$\frac{\text{No. of Vessel Safety Checks X 100}}{\text{(total active members, 1 March from USPS National Directory)}}$$

3. Perpetual D/9 Trophy and D/9 certificate - 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place mentioned.
4. Presented at the D/9 Spring Conference.

### **B. Individual Award**

1. Presented to the member performing the most Vessel Safety Checks between 1 January and 31 December.
2. Scoring:  
Determined by the District 9 VSC Chair using the number of Vessel Safety Checks performed by a District 9 member and posted on the National Website inclusive of a calendar year of 1 January and 31 December. Names of the 1st, 2nd & 3rd place members are to be forwarded by the District 9 VSC Chair to the District 9 Awards Chair.
3. D/9 Certificate – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place mentioned.
4. Presented at the D/9 Spring Conference.

## **9. GENERAL EXPLANATIONS FOR ALL AWARDS**

1. A perpetual award is a trophy or plaque retained by the recipient for one year and thereafter returned to the District 9 Awards Chairman.
2. A personal award is a certificate retained by the recipient. Unless otherwise indicated, it is printed by the D/9 Awards chairman.
3. Scoring for each category of awards shall be based on the total number of squadron members of every class of membership eligible to participate in that activity.
4. Ratios used in scoring formulas are multiplied by 100 to yield "percent values" instead of decimal values.

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