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*Our Very Own, Ed Hoover is Now Our District 8 Commander! Congratulations!*



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## Greetings, Ladies and Gentlemen –

More than 4,400 boating accidents...more than 700 deaths...more than 2,900 injuries. Those are the 2016 and latest statistics available. Should we be concerned? You betcha!

Can we ever do enough to promote boating safety and the need for safe boating education? Probably not, but we can - and should - keep trying.

Summer is prime time for boating-related activities for the majority of U.S. enthusiasts. As a prelude to National Safe Boating Week in May, the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) hosted its 2018 Spring Aboard campaign March 18-24 to encourage boaters to take a safe boating course.

This is where you come in. As USPS leaders in Florida, your help is needed to publicize and otherwise promote this effort by any and all means possible. For starters, access the site, [www.springaboard.org](http://www.springaboard.org), for a complete overview of the campaign and how you can contribute to its success. Most important among the subject headings is the Resources link.

With the support of your district and squadron Public Relations Officers, map out a Communications Plan involving personal appeals as well as traditional and social media. Abide by the Calendar. Also note the artwork for a variety of on-the-water audiences to include those aboard PWCs, kayaks, paddleboards and sailboats. Notify and keep after those PROs and constantly spread the word among your bridges and members.

With all the NASBLA partners listed for this campaign, this is the time for USPS, "America's Boating Club," to excel. After all, safe boating education is our primary mission.

Now, all ahead, go!

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## Time To Start Planning For A Very Special Event

Our very own squadron cruise is coming again in November.

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*From the Commander* CDR JIM DEARMOND, AP

It is not every day I get to sing the praises of a member of our squadron, but today is one of those very special days. A new member of our squadron, new since October of last year, has taken on the huge responsibility of managing our biggest asset, our headquarters building. She is



Pam Piccone, S

Pam Piccone, S, and she is amazing. Pam has taken on this responsibility as though it was her own personal asset. She has identified many things that needed attention and brought those matters to the Executive Committee. Pam cannot walk through the building without making certain everything is in "Tip-top" shape. Pam, thank you for your tireless efforts in ensuring our headquarters will be ready to serve all our squadron needs.

I encourage every member to thank Pam for her significant contribution to the squadron. Next time you see her, please say "thank you".

Changing gears, our USPS District 8 just held its Spring Conference in Palm Beach Gardens. The Saturday conference meeting itself is required for managing the proper operation of the district. All the squadrons, including ours, play an active role in this process.

However, I'm not going to talk about the Conference meeting. It's all the other activities that are "amazingly" worthwhile. Saturday mornings are reserved for workshops, and we had some dandies. How about learning how to use Social Media more effectively? Or, learning how a sextant works, including going to the beach and doing your own sighting? Or, listening to a very special lecture about all that's happening to take care of the

waters around us? Good stuff! These are some of the highlights.

One of my favorite activities is spending time with wonderful people from other squadrons. USPS members are the GREATEST! As all of you know, our squadron is terrific at holding social events. Attending the Conference is a very special way to extend that and make new friends here in South Florida.

Now, here is the best part-all these activities are FREE. If you want to attend the Saturday lunch or dinner, there is a charge for those meals, otherwise all you need do is bring yourself.

Stay tuned for details of the District's Fall Conference coming up in October. You will not be disappointed.

At this month's General Meeting, we inducted three new members, more GREAT additions to our squadron. Be sure to say hi and welcome them when you see them. Oh, I almost forgot, their names are Tom and Colleen Grigg and Mike Camilli, all very welcome additions to our organization. In fact, for those of you that attended the Spring Conference, you probably met Tom and Colleen. They were a HUGE help in putting the Hospitality Suite together on Saturday. Thank you, Tom and Colleen.

One last and certainly not least thing about the conference, our very own Ed Hoover was installed as District Commander. All of us are so proud of Ed, and I know that the talents and time he has contributed to our squadron will benefit the other squadrons in our district as he assumes the important position of District Commander.

Have a GREAT month and come join us for some good fun!




**D/8 Hospitality Suite Helpers - Thank You**

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	Most Recent	Cumulative
Darryl Aubrey	\$100 (04/19)	\$1700
Cal Cearley	\$1000 (04/18)	\$1000
Art & Mary Dodd	\$ 70 (12/18)	\$ 138
Kathy & Bill Eldridge	\$100 (03/19)	\$2600
Mary & Bob Flucke	\$200 (02/19)	\$ 600
Myra Hoffstein	\$100 (01/19)	\$2600
Jeanne Kirch	\$ 80 (4/19)	\$ 80
Joyce Newman	\$500 (03/18)	\$2075
Jim Palmer	\$100 (06/18)	\$ 700
Barbara Roemmele	\$200 (06/18)	\$1300
<b>Ray &amp; Estelle Rutkowski</b>	<b>\$200 (05/19)</b>	<b>\$ 600</b>
Nancy Sweeney	\$100 (01/19)	\$1300
Arlene Widmayer	\$650 (01/19)	\$4744
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## From the Educational Officer LT/C ARTHUR DODD, SN

The March Basic Boating class had two students – both passed.

The May Basic Boating class, May 6, 8 & 10, is at the North Palm Beach Library. This is the last class using the BoatSmart student manuals and our PowerPoint slides.

The June Basic Boating class, Saturday June 22 & Sunday June 23 at PBSPS Headquarters, will be the first class to use the USPS ABC3 student manuals and the USPS PowerPoint slides. This is a big change for us; hopefully it goes smoothly.

Cruising and Cruise Planning, taught by P/C Ken Peters, SN, starts May 2 at 7 PM at Palm Beach Palm Beach Sail & Power Squadron Headquarters. This is NOT a class about taking a trip on a cruise ship; this is about going on an adventure in your own boat. Perhaps you would like to take a cruise around southern Florida, or up the Intra-coastal, or maybe down to the Caribbean. These are beyond the usual weekend or even week-long trip, stopping at marinas. These require serious planning to minimize risks and problems. Topics covered by this class include cruise preparation and planning, boat and equipment, anchoring, security, chartering, cruising outside the U.S., crew and provisioning, communications, navigation, weather, and emergencies.

Quite a lot of material; but our expert, P/C Ken Peters, SN, will lead you through it.

While reviewing the ABC3 material in preparation to teach it, I came across something interesting. All of you are familiar with the “Divers Down” flag, red with a diagonal white stripe. Some of you may also know of the international “divers” flag, the Code Flag Alpha, blue and white with a swallowtail fly



(see below), often seen on the commercial dive boats.

They are the same thing, right? Not quite. It turns out that there is a little difference between the two. The “Divers Down” flag marks where the divers are and is often attached to a float that goes with the divers via a tether. It signals other boats to keep clear by 300 feet in open water, 100 feet in restricted water (channel or inlet). The Code flag Alpha is flown from a vessel supporting diving operations and signifies a vessel restricted in maneuverability due to the divers. Both flags are to be taken down when there are no divers in the water; however, I’ve seen many a dive boat come flying in the inlet with the flags flying high. Also, Florida law requires that you have a “Divers Down” flag anytime you are doing underwater activities. This includes snorkeling from the beach. I had a friend get a ticket for snorkeling from the beach without a dive flag.



### Palm Beach Sail & Power Squadron 2019 Course Schedule

#### Advanced Grades

Course	Length/Day	Start Date	Exam Date	Instructor	\$
Seamanship	10 Weeks/Mon	6/24/2019	8/26/2019	P/Cdr Rick Wood, JN	\$70
	10 Weeks/Mon	12/2/2019	2/3/2020	P/Cdr Rick Wood, JN	\$70
Piloting*	8 Weeks/Mon	9/23/2019	11/4/2019	Lt Mike Galvin, SN	\$80
Adv. Piloting**	13 Weeks/Weds	12/5/2019	2/27/2020	TBD	\$90
Junior Nav	20 Weeks/Weds	Continues	5/22/2019	P/C Darryl Aubrey, SN	\$100
Navigation	Scheduled as needed			P/C Darryl Aubrey, SN	\$160

\* Seamanship advisable but not mandatory before Piloting and Sail Courses.

\*\*Seamanship and Piloting must be passed prior to taking Adv. Piloting

#### Elective Courses

Weather	8 Weeks/Weds	7/24/2019	9/11/2019	TBD	\$70
Cruise Planning	9 Weeks/Thurs	5/2/2019	6/27/2019	P/C Ken Peters, SN	\$70
Marine Electr. Sys	8 Weeks/Thurs	9/12/2019	11/7/2019	Lt Larry Rudner, SN	\$60
Marine Comm.	8 Weeks/Mon	TBD		TBD	\$60
Sail*	12 Weeks/Thurs	1/9/2020	3/26/2020	Lt Jon Arck, P	\$70
Instr. Development	4 Weeks/	TBD		P/Cdr Rick Wood, JN	FREE
Engine Maintenance	10 Weeks/Mon	In Progress		P/C Ken Peters, SN	\$70

1. All courses will be held at PBSPS HQ Building, 1125 Old Dixie Hwy, Lake Park
2. All classes begin at 1900 (7PM)
3. Participants are requested to register for classes at least two weeks in advance.
4. Fees listed are USPS member's prices.
5. Non-member's fees are 2X member's prices.
6. Fee for 2 people sharing materials is 1.5X member's prices.



# May Events

2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 11:00 am Lunch Bunch Duffy's	3	4
5	6 5:30 pm Mischief Monday LeMetro	7 7:00 pm Monthly Board Meeting	8	9 11:00 am Lunch Bunch Duffy's	10	11
12	13 5:30 pm Mischief Monday Grande's	14 6:00 pm General Meeting Sandpiper Cove	15	16 11:00 am Lunch Bunch Duffy's	17	18 11:30 am Boating Rendezvous Water-
19	20 5:30 pm Mischief Monday Ke'e Grill	21 5:30 pm Topsy Tuesday Waterway Café in Tiki Hut	22	23 11:00 am Lunch Bunch Duffy's	24	25
26	27 5:30 pm Mischief Monday Duffy's	28	29 5:30 Wacky Wednesday Draft House	30 11:00 am Lunch Bunch Duffy's	31	

Duffy's, corner Hwy 1 & PGA Blvd, PBG, Waterway Café, 2300 PGA Blvd, Palm Beach Gardens,  
 Ke'e Grill, 14020 U.S. Hwy 1, Juno Beach Le Metro, 1155 Main St #120, Jupiter,  
 The Draft House, 713 US-1, North Palm Beach, Sandpiper's Cove 116 Lakeshore Dr, North Palm Beach,  
 Cool'A Fish Bar, 11340 Legacy Ave E-100, Palm Beach Gardens, Grande's 4580 Donald Ross Rd, PBG  
 Call Nancy Lawrence for RSVP 561-346-5907

### SIX MONTHS AT A GLANCE: 2019

- 2 MAY CRUISE PLANNING STARTS
- 11 MAY 2019 ON-THE-WATER-EVENT
- 18 MAY RENDEZVOUS MAYBE POKER RUN?
- 15 JUN RENDEZVOUS MAYBE RAFT-UP?
- JUN 2019 ON-THE-WATER-EVENT MAYBE BAHAMAS?
- 19-21 JULY 2019 DISTRICT 8 CRUISE TO BAHAMAS
- 15 JUL RENDEZVOUS

*A Captains' meeting before an on-the-water event is important to ensure raft-up procedures do not damage anyone's boat. Captains' attendance is*

AUGUST LONG TRIP SOMEWHERE  
 OCTOBER ON-THE-WATER-EVENT  
 NOVEMBER - CRUISE- (SEE PAGE 2)

### Awards...Awards...Awards

Our District 8 Spring Conference was held recently and your squadron came home with a bunch of awards.

First, two of our Vessel Safety Examiners were awarded by the District for their contribution to boating safety. They are Bill Eldridge and Hank Resch. In addition, Bill Eldridge was also awarded the Century Club for the second year in a row.

Next, the squadron's website received the Distinctive Communicator Award along with the squadron's newsletter, the Afterdeck News, receiving its own Distinctive Communicator Award. Well done Laura Z. and Bill E.

The squadron received the USPS Educational Fund Certificate of Merit. This is a very special recognition of our contribution to an important program promoting boating safety.

Finally, the squadron received an Honorable Mention Award for Squadron Growth. This is, also, a very important award and represents our commitment to growing our squadron into a force for boating safety in Palm Beach County.

I thank everyone in the squadron that is making our organization shine. I am proud of all of you.

Cdr Jim DeArmond, AP



*Hospitality Honoring Ed Hoover*



*Greg & Colleen Grigg, new members, jumped right in and were a tremendous help in planning, ordering food, setting up & bartending! A big thank you to them!*



*Come for the Education Stay for the Friends!*





# District 8 Spring Conference, Fun & Education Continues!



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## Operations Training: STF/C MARY DODD, SN

The next few months my articles will concentrate on committees in the various departments that need your help. I have asked each Department Head to give me a list of committees where help is needed. Remember, one of the requirements of an Active Members is that

you are willing to contribute time, energy, and skills to the United States Power Squadrons. So as you read this article, think about how you might contribute to the squadron.

We will start with the Administration Department. This Department is responsible for internal activities such as Membership, Member Involvement, social and boating activities etc.



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The Membership Committee consists of a Chair and 2 additional members. The committee members are encouraged to be familiar with the policies and procedures outlined in the current edition of the United States Power Squadrons Membership Manual as well as dues, entrance fees, and application forms.

Duties include processing all new membership applications and presenting to the Board of Directors (BOD) the name of every person applying for squadron membership. They will work with the Boating Course Chairperson to develop methods

to follow up with prospective members. They should be aware of activities and procedures in education, administration, and social events.

The Squadron Member Involvement Committee (SMIC) is composed of two (2) members appointed annually by the Commander. Their responsibilities include:

- Ensuring that all members are kept aware of the educational, service, and social activities of this squadron.
- Working closely with the Membership Committee to ensure that new members become quickly involved in squadron activities.
- Encouraging new and active members, as well as inactive members, to participate fully in squadron educational and social activities.
- Providing warm and enthusiastic welcomes to members in attendance at every educational class and social function.
- Monitoring the changing needs of the membership and communicating these needs to the squadron's BOD.
- Keeping the Membership Manual up-to-date.
- Surveying a member's skills and interests.
- Reporting findings to the squadron BOD and nominating committees for committee and squadron officer assignments.
- Keeping the calling committee active.
- Contacting the squadron membership monthly regarding educational and social programs.
- Developing a buddy mentor program for new members so that they may be properly assimilated into squadron activities.
- Presenting the squadron orientation programs.
- Submitting the Member Involvement Retention Award application to national.
- Assisting with contacting nonrenewal.

The Public Contact: The Public Contact is responsible for contacting new cyber members which National submits to the squadron inviting them to join the squadron. This person again should be familiar with squadron activities, dues, entrance fees, and application forms.

If you would like to serve on any of these committees email or talk to Lt/C Laura Zavalia, AP: [zavaliausps@gmail.com](mailto:zavaliausps@gmail.com) or call 561-701-1503




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Commander's P.S.

I have heard that our monthly general membership meeting we hold on the second Tuesday, September through June is not clear to our members. I'm sorry for the oversight. Our general membership meeting that we advertise in the back of our newsletter is referred to as the General Meeting (This is the same as our general membership meeting.) The important thing to note is the meeting itself starts at 8:00PM after dinner and all members are welcome to attend for FREE! Those that choose to have the dinner at 7:00PM will have to pay for the dinner. In either case make your reservation if you plan to attend.

## Why Celestial Navigation? By Captain Mag

Recently in my Junior Navigation class, the question arose, "Captain, why are we banging our heads against the wall so hard?" Well, perhaps this will help 'splain why!

### "For Electronic Back-up

GPS is wonderful. Worldwide coverage and reasonably priced receivers (both installed and handheld) contribute to maritime safety through accurate positioning of vessels, yet some back-up is needed. Instances of electronic failure, total electric failure, lightning strike damage, and flooding are often reported. Even battery-powered handhelds can be knocked out in these ways. Batteries can get run down, spares can be lost. The GPS system itself is not guaranteed to always be in operation.

The best possible primary/back-up system combinations have these four characteristics in common:

1. They have independent power supplies.
2. They receive data from different sources.
3. Each system verifies correct operation of the other.
4. The back-up system is always in use; not left off until needed.

*Celestial/electronics is the only navigation combination that meets the above requirements.*

### For Maintaining Skills

GPS will track your boat, steer your boat, and wake you up in the morning. Some say it will even take your boat across the ocean for you. Without establishing a discipline, one's navigational skill (and for that matter helmsman's skills) will be jeopardized. The key to safe passage making, navigation is the time-proven DR track. It should be maintained and updated with fixes, whether celestial or electronic. This yields valuable information about current set and leeway, and steering and compass errors which will be needed in the event of a navigational emergency. A good discipline to establish involves turning off the GPS for extended periods of time, and navigating celestially. This hones navigational skills, yields the desired DR track, certifies correct GPS operation; and keeps your back-up system tuned, verified, and ready to rely upon if needed. Your reward will be a well-kept chart and log, an understanding of the forces affecting your passage, and pride in navigational accomplishment.

### For Tradition

Tradition isn't for everyone. There are pragmatists who reject unnecessary activities out of hand, yet most professionals revere the traditional as well as the modern. Who can contemplate an 18th century brass and ebony sextant and not wonder what it was like to peer through it at the heavens, and bring an evening star down to a twilight horizon from the deck of a tall ship? To sense the approval of those who witness this magic-like prowess? To triumph at a landfall well predicted? To know he can navigate any ocean without help from anyone else? The sextant (and its predecessors) is central to the history and tradition of sailing. Its image is used in logos, letterheads, and media publicity about sailing. Authors appear with them on dust jackets. Good sailors appear with them on deck.

### For Enjoyment

Fun is doing something that is both easy and difficult. Easy to get started with like playing chess or hitting a golf ball, but having enough depth that mastery does not come easily. What could be easier than reckoning the longitude by simply observing the sunrise or sunset, or steering by a star? Almost as easy is the finding of latitude at noon, but how about identifying the navigational stars? Recognizing the planets? Accounting for the parallax of the moon?

More experienced celestial navigators can use an unknown star shot through a hole in the overcast, shoot planets in broad daylight, predict sunrise underway, and calculate great circle distances.

Being familiar with the night sky is like having a giant road map overhead. One star may be over London, another over the Azores, and the moon over San Juan—all showing relative distance and direction from you. It connects you back to the world in a way that diminishes the sensory deprivation of a featureless sea. People enjoy using sextants, even from a backyard with an artificial horizon. It's one of the few nautical activities that can be done without a boat, or even getting to the water!\*\*\*

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There is a certain self-confidence, a certain swagger, even a certain arrogance, if you will; that comes from earning the JN, N and SN ratings. Those attaining these higher ratings are given a special respect by fellow members of US Power Squadrons.

There is an upcoming meeting in Louisville in September. The hotel link is now active on the meeting web page. Why should I go? Seminars will be more hands on this time. Do you need help with DB2000? Bring your laptop and expect to find a session on installation and basic use. Also expect to find a session on Merit Marks. These are examples of what's coming. Do you make good use of the Information Center on the web site? Come learn about that. What about HQ800? Are there topics you'd like to see? Now is the time to get your "oar in the water". We'll see you in Louisville!

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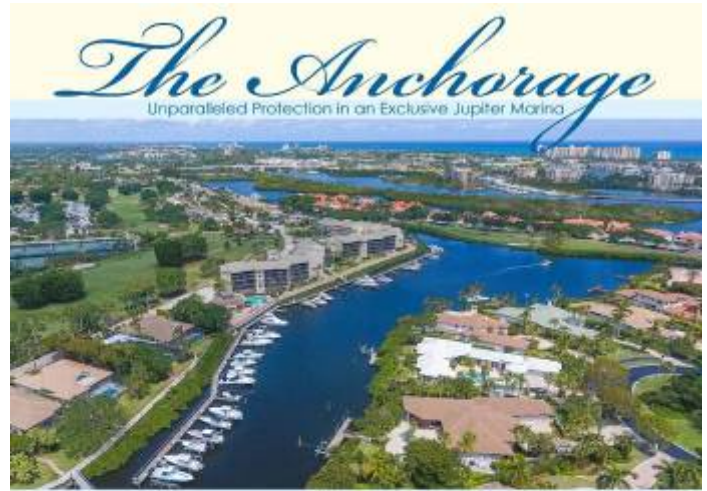


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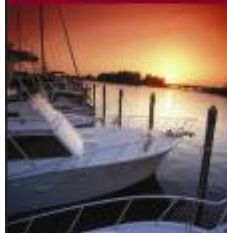
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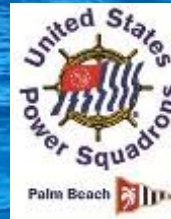


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# AFTERDECK NEWS

MAY 2019

"Come for the Boating Education... Stay for the Friends."



From the  
Administrative  
Officer:

LT/C  
LAURA ZAVALIA, AP

Help Wanted!  
The Editor of this publication is seeking anyone who can help with putting it all together every month. She is overloaded with work and it is affecting the quality of this publication.

## General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, 14 May  
Social 6:00 pm, (Cash Bar)  
Dinner 7:00 pm — Program 8:00

**\$35.00** per person

Reservation Deadline: 4 pm, Thursday, 9 May

**For Reservations Contact:**

Nancy Lawrence  
561-346-5907  
or c21nancyla@aol.com

Please note: Whenever the Squadron schedules a dinner event, it assumes financial responsibility for all reservations. Reservations are a MUST. *Once you have made a reservation, you are responsible for the cost of the dinner.* If you need to cancel, call Nancy before the deadline, and she'll cancel your reservation.

Guest Speaker - Page Proffitt

Page is a member of the East Coast Sailing Association and will be travelling here from Melbourne. He will show us applications for our phones for use on the water.



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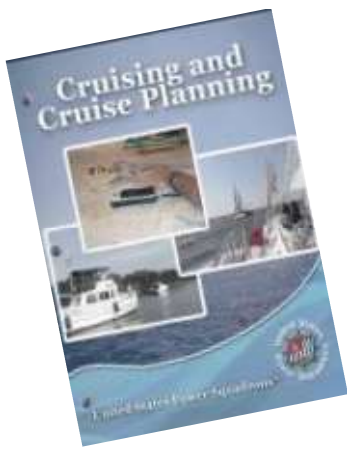
### Menu

#### Entrée Choices:

Sliced Steak  
Chicken Picatta  
Grilled Salmon

All served with Caesar Salad, Rolls and Coffee or Tea  
Dessert: Apple Cobbler or Fruit Cup





## Cruise Planning Course

**Thursdays:**

**Cost: \$70**

**Beginning 2 May** Runs for 9 weeks, Ending 27 June

**Location:** Squadron Headquarters 1125 Old Dixie Hwy., Lake Park

### Elements Covered:

- Cruising boat considerations (boat selection)
- Equipment and Systems
- Anchoring and Anchorages
- Crew selection ● Emergencies
- Meals and provisions
- Communications ● Security
- Formalities in Foreign Waters/Customs
- Chartering ● Weather *and more*



**Ken Peters, SN  
Instructor**

Registration: Call Instructor Ken Peters 321-432-8071—[KPeters1@gmail.com](mailto:KPeters1@gmail.com)

Registration deadline: Right now! ● Class begins 2 May — 7 pm

Course Description: **Cruise Planning** is designed for members who cruise on either a sail or power boat (owned or chartered). It covers the traditional subjects while reducing redundancy with other USPS courses. It includes the planning and preparation necessary for safe enjoyable, short or extended cruises on both inland and coastal waters. **Cruising:** Describes four cruises that have been selected to illustrate the variety of U.S. cruising areas and the distinct challenges they present.