

# TONKANAUTS

A unit of the United States Power Squadrons Sail and Power Boating

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## Commander's Message Cdr. Jud Champlin, AP

## ISLAND DOCKING STICKERS 2010 REQUIREMENTS



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If you would like to purchase a 2010 docking sticker for Streater Cove, you will need to have taken and passed an 'advanced course' approved by the Minnetonka Power Squadron as well as have received a merit mark within the preceding two years.



These requirements were enacted by the Membership



in September 2007 and the two year 'grace period' has now expired.

Seamanship is the introductory 'advanced course' and its final offering before next fall has been scheduled for March 23 2010 to April 27 2010.

Please contact Jeff Schott  
[yachtster@comcast.net](mailto:yachtster@comcast.net)  
if you need to enroll.

If you have questions about the requirements to obtain an island docking sticker for the 2010 season, please contact any of the Bridge Officers.



# Notice of Annual Elections

Editor



When: Thursday, January 14th, 2010 – 19:00hr  
 Where: The Sheraton Minneapolis West Hotel (Ridgedale)  
 12201 Ridgedale Drive, Minnetonka

We will be electing our Power Squadron's 2010 officers as well as conducting other business at hand.  
 We need your attendance to insure that a quorum of members is present.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this important Squadron event!

Bridge	2010-2011 Proposed
Commander	Lt/C Bob Brown
Executive Officer	Lt/C Rob Gaddes
Administrative Officer	Lt Keith Kask
Education Officer	Lt/C Jeff Schott
Secretary	Lt/C Tina Langhans
Treasurer	Lt Ric Palmer

Executive Committee	2010-2011 Proposed
Member at Large	Lt Marc Heisenfelt
Member at Large	Lt Rob Goltz
Member at Large	Mark Hanus
Member at Large	Troy Hamlin
Member at Large	Karen Buellesbach
Member at Large	Jeff Hoffman

## Rules Committee:

Lt Greg Buellesbach, 2010  
 Lt Dave Fine, 2010  
 Lt Steve Camp, 2011  
 Lt Barb Dorn, 2011  
 Lt Bud Broekema, 2012  
 Dave Gilmore, 2012

Assistant Bridge Officers	2010-2011 Proposed
Asst. Admin. Officer	Rob Wright
Asst. Education Officer	Lt Don Duncan
Asst. Secretary	Steve McCulloch
Asst. Treasurer	Rebecca Skelley

## Nominations Committee (nominated from floor)

P/C Tracy Gustafson, 2010  
 Lt Lois Palmer, 2010  
 P/C Jim Crowley, 2011  
 Lt Arlan Opstedal, 2011  
 \_\_\_\_\_, 2012  
 \_\_\_\_\_, 2012

## Endowment Committee

P/C Mike Skelley, 2010  
 Lt Galen Golz, 2010  
 P/C Dan Goldman, 2011  
 Lt Lief Chaffee, 2012  
 P/D/C Jeff Hamilton, 2012

## Audit Committee:

Lt Sandra Broekema, 2010  
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## *Win Valuable Prizes!*

Take and complete a USPS Course  
between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010!

*United States Power Squadron members can take any one or more of the following courses between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010 to be eligible for the following prizes:*

<b>Seamanship:</b>	<b>WIN A HANDHELD VHF RADIO</b>
<b>Piloting:</b>	<b>WIN A HANDHELD GPS</b>
<b>Advanced Piloting:</b>	<b>WIN A SET OF NAVIGATIONAL SOFTWARE</b>
<b>JN:</b>	<b>WIN A CHARTPLOTTER</b>
<b>Weather:</b>	<b>WIN A BAROMETER</b>
<b>Marine Electrical Systems:</b>	<b>WIN A MULTIMETER</b>
<b>Engine Maintenance:</b>	<b>WIN A MULTIMETER</b>

*To enter the drawing, all you need to do is the following:*

1. Take and complete the qualifying course or courses between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010
2. Successfully pass the examination before June 30, 2010
3. You will be automatically entered in the drawing

*The Available Prizes:*

- |                                  |                                   |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. For Seamanship                | (3) Handheld VHF Radios           |
| 2. For Piloting                  | (3) Handheld GPS                  |
| 3. For Advanced Piloting         | (3) Sets of Navigational Software |
| 4. For JN                        | (1) Chart Plotter                 |
| 5. For Weather                   | (3) Barometers                    |
| 6. For Marine Electrical Systems | (3) Multimeters                   |
| 7. For Engine Maintenance        | (3) Multimeters                   |

*The winner's names will be drawn at the 2010 Governing Board held in Seattle from August 30th through September 4th, 2010.*



## A Check List For Getting Underway Reprinted from BoatU.S.



Capt. Eric Mold, a retired Air Force pilot, wrote Boat U.S. a while ago about the importance of making and using checklists aboard a boat. Now that he's getting older, Capt. Mold describes himself as "list crazy", but it wasn't always so.

Years ago, when he was learning to fly airplanes, he'd dash through his pre-flight checklist "with a cadence that almost equaled the speed of sound."

He and the other young military pilots viewed the long list of safety checks with youthful impatience, even though he says there were incidents that might have been averted if the pilots had taken the routine a little more seriously.

There have been lots of boats that ran out of gas, got lost, had engine breakdowns, sank, burned, grounded, or had crews turn mutinous because

the skippers forgot to open an engine intake, add oil, fill the gasoline tank, clean out the strainer, pack a lunch, etc. A lot can go wrong when you get sloppy on the water.

The checklist below is meant as a guide only. Use it during the off-season hiatus to custom-make a checklist for you own boat and needs. And don't forget to use it next summer!

### The Basics

- Install the drain plug. If the boat is kept on a trailer, davits, or dry stack, the drain plug should have been out while the boat was being stored. On any boat, be sure to check the bilges.
- Are you sure the boat is not overloaded? If the boat is under 20', check the capacity plate for the maximum persons and weight the boat should carry.

### Gear

- PFDs. Is there a PFD for each person aboard? Are they in plain sight or do you need to let people know where they are? How about the rest of the basic equipment; flares (check the expiration date), flashlight, anchor, first aid kit, spare oil, drinking water, tool kit, bilge pump or bailer?
- Does everyone know how to operate the head? Learning by experience could be embarrassing for them as well as troublesome for you.
- Do you have a chart for the area where you will be going? Is it at the helm where you can refer to it often?
- Do you have a BoatUS Towing Guide aboard or the name and phone number of the local TowBoatUS tower? If you have a cell phone aboard, TowBoatUS on Lake Minnetonka can be reached at 612-282-8616.

### Safety

- Position your nose as low as possible in the bilge and sniff for gasoline or propane vapors. If any are detected, get everyone away from the boat and notify your dock master or harbor authorities.
- Switch on your VHF and listen to the NOAA weather forecast. When you're done, leave the VHF radio set on channel 16.
- Are there children or guests aboard new to boating who should be cautioned about keeping hands and feet inboard and away from lines, winches and cleats; staying seated; holding on when going below; or avoiding other hazards?

### Engines and Generators

- Open seacocks, fuel valves, and align battery starting switches.
- Check fuel, engine oil and coolant levels.
- Look at hoses, fittings, tanks, thru-hull fittings, etc. Leaks, loose wires, etc. could be a sign of serious trouble and should be investigated.
- Run bilge blower for at least four minutes before starting the engine.
- Check flow from overboard discharge to make sure cooling water is being circulated.
- Disconnect AC power cord, water hose, and unnecessary dock lines.
- After a warm-up period, check gauges for proper readings. Also, recheck engine for leaks.

### Personal

- Stow loose gear to prevent it from spilling onto the cabin sole; open or close ports and hatches to keep water out but provide ventilation according to anticipated sea conditions.
- Wind and current. Observing can help or hinder a smooth departure. Plan maneuvers before casting off.
- Cast off! Bring in the fenders to look trim and ship shape, and coil dock lines so they are ready to use. And don't get so distracted as you leave the marina that you fail to watch out for incoming boats.

# Calendar Of Events

## JANUARY

8—Holiday Party—1800hr  
Bayview Event Center



11—Advanced Piloting  
Piece Church-St. Louis Park

14 — Annual Election—1900hr  
Sheraton Mpls West Hotel

20-24 — Boat Show

25—Public Boating Course  
Hopkins High School

## February

5—National Meeting, Orlando FL  
27—Change of Watch  
Sheraton—Ridgedale

## March

22—Public Boating Course  
Hopkins High School  
23—Seamanship Course  
Piece Church-St. Louis Park

## April

30—Fitting Out Party  
Bayview Event Center

## May

4—Public Boating Course  
Peace Church-St. Louis Park

The Knot Work'n Island Band is looking for talented musicians that also enjoy boating. Squadron membership would be a plus.



We have an immediate opening for a bass player and are always looking for additional musicians.

Interested?

Contact Jeff @ 612.720.1397 or

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# Ship Store

Editor



Did you know that we have an official Minnetonka Power Squadron Ship Store? Choose from a wide selection of apparel including logos and custom embroidering.

It's a great way to show off your boating spirit and support the squadron!

Check it out on the web at: <http://spsminnetonka.promoshop.com>



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