



Midwestern Pilot

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District 30 Celebrating 48 years 1975-2023



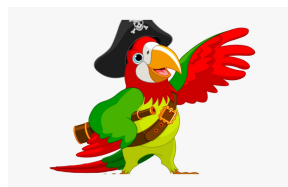
Commander's Corner

I hope everyone is enjoying the new year. We have just returned from Orlando, after attending the Annual meeting. There are a lot of new and exciting things happening. The first thing to happen this year was electronic voting and a full live stream of the annual meeting for all members unable to attend in person. This will continue for future meetings. Did you live stream, if so what did you think? I think it is important to inform, communicate and facilitate the changes being planned as we move forward and work in the post pandemic world. I need your input and help as members to do so. Changes have been implemented to voting to be more inclusive and representative. Every club Commander has a vote at the national meetings as well as the delegates designated for each club. It is important that you exercise those voting rights. There will be more changes coming as we modernize, streamline to meet the needs of our members. Every member should take the opportunity to observe a meeting and see how meetings at National progress. You will have an opportunity to attend one in Kansas City August 29 to Sept 2nd, 2023. Reservation information is available on the members site under National Meetings committee. We as an organization do not exist without you the members, ask questions, share

idea's, talk to your District officers, if we do not have an answer for you, we will find out the answer. Sometimes the out of the box suggestion may be workable or parts can be adapted.

The reality is America's Boating Club, United States Power Squadrons needs to modernize, adapt and grow to continue as an organization. The process may be painful at times, but I ask you to stay with us and help us grow into our future. We may look and operate somewhat differently in the future, but we still have an audience to reach and friends to make Help us reorganize, reenergize and grow to meet future challenges as we move forward.

*Tracy Simpson, AP
District 30 Commander
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Help Wanted

We the District need your help to define our role. With the Bylaws changes, you as the Clubs are in control, How do you want the District to be involved or lead? How do we revitalize our education programs? Do we need to develop more localized content and focus less on ABC3, more on Boat handling and advanced

courses? Civic activities?

How can we improve Communication, share resources, start growing our local profile and participation? We will be discussing this at the Fall Conference, please share your thoughts.

America's Boating Channel

Have you checked out America's Boating Channel? There is a new season of videos available and A Big Announcement coming in April, stay tuned!

The production team is looking for help, they need field producers, viewership promotion, smart tv operations, and inlet Drone videos. If you think you could help or have an idea to share contact Marty Lafferty, Marty.Lafferty@AmericasBoatingChannel.com



Nautical Trivia

If you are in VHF radio contact with the Coast Guard or Coast Guard Auxiliary, they may direct you to switch to a channel followed by the word "alpha". What does the "alpha" designation mean?

Cooperative Charting is Back!

The Cooperative Charting program is more than just Geodetic survey markers and chart verification. Did you know it also includes ATON verification, Bridge verification and Marina Surveys. These are great activities for a rendezvous or just a fun outing of a few members. Check out the Committee page on the Members website under the Executive Department.

Scuttlebutt

Do you have the America's Boating Club APP? Check it out , Add it to your phone, it makes a great reference tool when talking to potential members or other boaters. It is available on Google play from Bluestone Apps.

Attendance count from the Annual meeting: 321 present, online 105, Live streaming another 87 members.

Bylaws updates are happening as we speak, if you need help please contact the District rules committee or our Rules Representative Mary Ann Jensen.

The motion to raise member dues by \$5.00 was approved, please watch for your renewal notice.

Nautical Trivia Answer



Alpha designates that your radio must be set on "U. S." rather than "International" to receive and transmit.



In our Thoughts

Please take a moment to remember those among us dealing with health challenges or recent loss of a loved one.

Send a card, drop a note, call someone. We miss their smiling faces.

Fall Conference

Details are coming, we are finalizing plans now. Would anyone be interested in an after meeting Mississippi cruise to Dubuque on the Twilight? Let us know, the meeting will be in mid to late October.