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***DISTRICT THIRTY  
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***2016-2017***

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## Commander's Message



Thank you for the honor and privilege of serving as your District Commander. I am so "pumped" to be a part of our continued growth. Believe it or not, District 30 has grown 36%.

After the 2015 annual meeting in Jacksonville, we welcomed the Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron near Grove Oklahoma and the Beaver Lake Sail and Power Squadron near Fayetteville Arkansas to District 30. Another squadron connected with the Sea Scouts, their adult leaders, and the general public to increase their numbers. We have another squadron with their eyes set on growth after connecting with a planned marina and contact with a boating club showing interest in boat safety and education. Finally, it goes without saying, our ongoing dedication to sharing our boating knowledge and skills are our primary sources for growth.

Each individual squadron has worked together as a team to define the roles appropriate to their own squadron. We've had to combine offices, cut some duties, streamline our meetings, but whatever the choices we have made, it has worked for District 30.

In reviewing the squadron bridge officers for District 30 I see a lot of high energy leadership, wisdom, and experience. With this wisdom and experience I see good use of resources. One resource I think we tend to overlook is the National website for the United States Power Squadrons, <http://www.usps.org>.

Those of us who are able to attend the Fall Governing Board and/or Annual Meeting find out about the wealth of resources first-hand. The best resource to date has been the new National website that launched in March of 2015. The website is attractive, easy to navigate, 21<sup>st</sup> century, and as I said before, very informative.

If you haven't been to our National website recently I highly recommend you visit the site as soon as possible. There are seven seminars online: Planning Your Cruise; Weather for Boaters; All about Marine Radio; Boating on Rivers, Locks and Lakes; Hurricane Preparations for Boaters; Partner in Command and How to use GPS. As United States Power Squadrons members we get 20% off the retail price of the seminar. Each seminar is about an hour in length, interactive and informative. <http://www.usps.org/edonline>.

Coming in October 2016, the Digital Media Library will be launched. The library will feature video "shorts" that can be linked to your website. Some of the topics featured include: Steering Basics; Pivot Turn; Maneuvering on Plane; Anchoring; Man Overboard; Docking; Securing the Boat; and many more. The videos in the library will be the "hooks" you need to attract the public and/or keep your membership refreshed and knowledgeable.

One of the best advances coming from National is Operations Training in 3---three hours that is. Check it out at: [http://www.usps.org/national/ot/operations\\_training.html](http://www.usps.org/national/ot/operations_training.html).

I look forward to visiting with you, and working with you.

Best regards,  
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**HISTORY OF DISTRICT 30**

District 30 of the United States Power Squadrons was formed in Spring 1975 out of six squadrons from District 20. These were: Clinton, Cedar Rapids, Des Moines, Kansas City, Quad Cities and St. Louis. Led by our Commander Vince Bobenhouse, the district grew and added squadrons in Waterloo (IA), Jayhawk (Topeka, KS), Missouri Ozarks (Lake of the Ozarks, MO) and Omaha (N). Later we were joined by Boulder Valley Sail and Power Squadron (Boulder, CO) and Mile High (Denver) which transferred from District 28. Some of our Squadrons did not survive and were dissolved (Jayhawk, Mile High, Quad Cities, Omaha, and Missouri Ozarks). Two Rivers (Clinton), transferred back to District 20. District 30 covers a very large geographical area. We serve the states of Arkansas, Iowa, Missouri, Oklahoma, Kansas and Colorado. The district holds two Council meetings and two Conferences each year.

## **D30 Calendar of Events**

### **2016**

August 21-27 Governing Board Pittsburgh, PA  
Sheraton at Station Square

October 7-9 Fall Conference Branson, MO hosted by Four Rivers  
Grand Plaza Hotel

### **2017**

February 19-26 Annual Meeting Orlando, FL  
Rosen Centre

April 28-30 Eagle's Landing Resort  
Grove Oklahoma

September 12-17 Governing Board Dallas, TX



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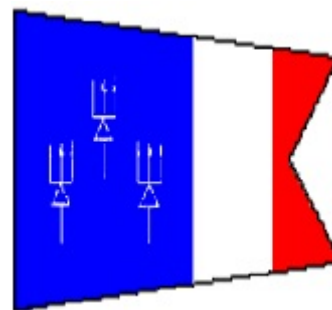
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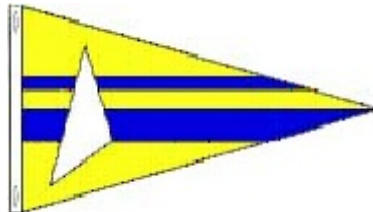
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The Des Moines Sail and Power Squadron is a fun group of people who care about helping the public enjoy boating while having fun doing it!

We are located in Central Iowa. Our state has many lakes, but the major four in Iowa are:

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Red Rock  
Rathbun  
Okoboji

One very important purpose of the Des Moines Sail & Power Squadron is EDUCATION. Our group also likes to explore different waters during the summer. Many of our members have taken exciting boat trips to: The Missouri River, The Mississippi River, Lake of the Ozarks, Chicago and surrounding Waterways.





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The Four Rivers Sail & Power Squadron is one of more than 450 squadrons of the United States Power Squadrons (USPS). Our principal aims are threefold:

- (A) To promote public boating safety.
- (B) To increase boating knowledge among our members through special courses, text books, examinations and national certification.
- (C) And to enjoy boating activities with family and friends.

Our newsletter, the Charlie Noble (an old sailor's name for the chimney poking through the deck from the galley below, where all hands could warm themselves off-watch and tell stories), circulates once a month to all members. USPS has awarded the Charlie Noble with the coveted National Publication Award many times since 1994. roster of members (with home addresses, phone numbers and boat names) is updated annually and distributed to all members. A current copy of the bylaws is also available on request. Each month, from the national headquarters, squadron members receive the informative magazine, The Ensign.



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Many marinas offer fishing guides, boat and personal watercraft rentals, parasailing, and chartered yachts. These marinas offer a full line of boat services, equipment and repairs. You'll find a lively selection of fun summertime apparel and nautical gift items in most marina ship stores. Several marinas also feature fine dining with boat slips for guests arriving by water, and even live entertainment.

The over 60,000 members of the United States Power Squadrons are men and women who share an interest in recreational boating - both sail and power and a commitment to safe Boating.

The Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron is one of 450 squadrons that make up the United States Power Squadrons. Squadron activities include boating education opportunities for members; community service, including boating courses offered to the public; and on and off the water social activities. The USPS Boating Course and the BoatSmart Course are offered several times each year on Grand Lake. Most insurance companies offer discounts of 5% to 15% on boat insurance premiums for those who pass these courses.





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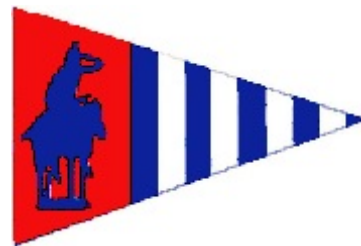
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Based in Kansas City, our emphasis is Boater Safety, which includes holding boater education classes and performing vessel safety checks. We look forward to picnics, dinners, and "on the water" boating activities.



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St. Louis Sail and Power Squadron was chartered on 12 May 1955 mainly by three St. Louisans. P/C Wilson Dalzell, JN, President of Premier Studios; P/C Otto McDaniel, AP, an executive with Southwestern Bell Telephone Company; and P/C Fridtjof S. Egilsrud, AP, former Professor of Engineering at the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, New York; and later associated with his brother-in-law General Lief Sverdrup of the Sverdrup and Parcel Engineering firm in St. Louis.

Past Commander Egilsrud was a member of a power squadron unit on Long Island Sound in New York and for

many years was an avid yachtsman on the Eastern seaboard. Together these three men felt that the St. Louis recreational boating community had a great deal to gain by the formation of a squadron to promote education in respect to safe boating not only of the members but the St. Louis community of boaters in general. A short time later these men were joined by a former officer of the British Navy, P/R/C Nigel White, N.

The St. Louis Sail and Power Squadron (SLSPS) is a fraternal boating organization for those interested in all things boating, whether it be paddling, sailing or power boating. As a not-for-profit educational organization SLSPS is dedicated to making boating safer and more enjoyable through education and civic service. Please take time to look around this website to familiarize yourself with our club and if you are from the region (or just visiting) we hope you will come and visit us.



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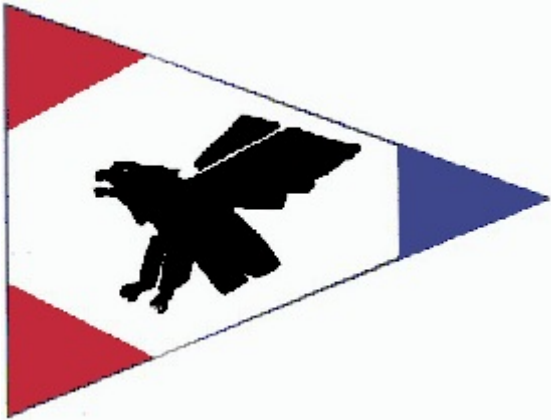
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Founded in 1914, our parent organization, USPS, is a private nonprofit, non-governmental, and non-military association of pleasure boaters, both motor and sail. Boat ownership is not a requirement for membership. Nationwide, USPS enrolls about 50,000 members, making it the largest private association of boaters in the world. National headquarters are at Raleigh, N.C. Our 450 squadrons are organized into geographic districts throughout the 50 states and overseas. The Waterloo Sail and Power Squadron belongs to District 30, which includes Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Colorado.

### Social and Organizational Activities:

Dinner meetings - During the off-season, from September through May, Waterloo Sail & Power Squadron members meet once a month to dine together in an area restaurant or park, to hear a speaker or watch a program of nautical interest, and to enjoy each other's company. It's a family event that keeps us going until the ice thaws. Generally these meetings are held on the third Saturday of the month and details are presented in the Charley Noble.

### Hosting District Conferences:

District 30 Conferences are held twice yearly in the fall and in the spring. Each of the nine squadrons in the district takes a turn at hosting these conferences.

### Special Trips :

When there is enough interest, the Waterloo Sail & Power Squadron may coordinate trips by bus or caravan to out-of-state boat shows or other trips to destinations to enjoy a play or special concert.

## United States Power Squadrons' Pledge

"I do solemnly pledge to:  
Abide by the Bylaws of the United States Power Squadrons®  
Promote high standards of navigation and seamanship;  
Maintain my boat and operate it legally;  
Render assistance whenever possible;  
And conduct myself in a manner that will add prestige, honor,  
and respect to the United States Power Squadrons."