



# Galaxy 23



Information from the United States Power Squadrons

District 23 Bridge

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I may need to introduce myself to District 23 members, I have been a Power Squadron member since Dec of 1992, attained grade of SN, served as SQ Commander in 96, SEO for 4 years and ASEO for 1 year. I am on the "USPS National Boat Operator Certification - On The Water Training Committee", hold certification of IN&CN trainer.

Now Who are You? Let me read about you in applications for awards! This year's 'Chapman Award' (Excellence in Teaching Award) is coming due. Squadron nominations (limited to one per squadron per year) are submitted to their District Educational Officer by 15 July. The forms and instructions are at (<http://www.usps.org/eddept/id/chapman/chapawrdfrm.pdf>).

One candidate selected by District is forwarded to National, who will select five National winners. See (<http://www.usps.org/eddept/id/awards.htm>) for more details.

There are many other awards listed in the "USPS District 23 Awards Manual" at (<http://www.uspsd23.org/D23%20Awards%20Manual%20October%202013.pdf>). Talk to your Bridge about them, you may qualify for one or more!

I hope you will welcome Will Benny SN-CN as the new "Boat Operator Certification Coordinator" for the District. He will be assisting the squadrons with developing the "On The Water" programs. He can answer all questions and assist with the planning and execution of "Practical On The Water" seminars, and "Boat Operator Certifications". He is also a member of "USPS National Boat Operator Certification - On The Water Training Committee" and an IN&CN Trainer.

National's training year is from May 1 to June 30, all completed courses, seminars prior to the close of USPS Educational year are credited to the squadrons and district accomplishments.

District 23 is experimenting with a new method of teaching. ADEO Ernst Hofmann, is spearheading a prototype "Instruction On Line" to conduct a Junior Navigator course on the "WEB" via "Go To Meeting" software package. This may present opportunities for members to take a class, that is not on the squadron schedule, and eliminate travel to a sister squadron. We are looking forward to the success of this innovation!

See you on the water.... Or in the classroom!

**BOATING IS FUN... WE'LL SHOW YOU HOW!!**