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**NEWSLETTER**



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Greetings everyone. I hope you all had as much fun as I did at our Fall Conference. D/C Fehr and I do hope you liked the way we changed things up a bit to make it more fun and interesting this year. Please let us hear your thoughts on the matter. With that in mind, we have made a good start on the Conference reformat work and the output of our committee meeting should be making its way out to the Squadron Commanders in the next month. Please discuss within your Squadrons and let us hear back from you before the Winter Council.

D23 was represented at the GB meeting held in Washington, DC recently by D/C Bill Fehr, N; D/Lt/C Kurt Mikat, SN; myself and our wives. We had an enjoyable time and had the opportunity once again to meet new people in our organization from around the country. It is always a great opportunity to hear key and influential speakers and to recharge, as they say, our batteries. For an overview of the key pieces of information from the GB, see my report that D/Lt/C Mikat, SN recently sent out via SailAngle mail.

I highly encourage all D23 members to attend the next National meeting to be held once again in Jacksonville 18 through 25 January 2015. There will be the usual full week of interesting things to do and training and meetings to attend. It is always an exciting time and Jacksonville is a great city to visit.

Speaking of meetings, please don't forget the Winter Council is scheduled for January 10<sup>th</sup> at the ARC in Daytona Beach. Please mark your calendars. One other reminder of note is that the Nominating Committee is beginning to prepare the new slate of officers. I encourage you all to step up and volunteer to support your District.

As we move into the fall and winter months, and the north begins to freeze over and boaters start pulling their boats out and frantically 'winterizing' them, let us all be grateful for our good weather and year-round boating. However, now is not the time to become lax in our own boat maintenance, courtesy on the water or being ever mindful of safety!

Yours in safe boating.