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DISTRICT 23 GALAXY NEWSLETTER



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RECENT AND NEAR FUTURE HAPPENINGS IN D23

We just completed the D23 fall conference in Jacksonville. Those in attendance agree it was a fun weekend and a great opportunity to visit with friends from other squadrons in the district. The Jacksonville Squadron put on another great weekend. One of the highlights was the Saturday morning presentation on raising the Costa Concordia, the cruise ship that ran aground near Giglio Island.



Vessel Safety Exams are a great way to expose United States Power Squadron to the public. The 47 vessel safety examiners in D23 are having another great year. As of this writing they have performed 633 exams with 491 passing (a 77% rate). If you have not had your vessel examined in 2015, contact one of your squadron or district examiners today.

Do you know D23 has a Facebook page? P/C Earl Gillespie, P established a page and has done a fantastic job maintaining it with District and squadron news and activities. Check it out on Facebook at United States Power Squadron D23. For any squadron that does not have a Facebook page, Earl has offered to help you start one. Please contact him.

Commanders, officers, committee chairs and members join us for the District 23 Training Meeting & Winter Council being held at the **ARC Conference Center**, 100 Jimmy Huger Cir., Daytona Beach, FL 32117 on **Saturday, 9 January 2016**. A more detailed agenda is forthcoming but expect there to be an emphasis on training.

Mark your calendar for 15 February- 21 February 2016 for the USPS annual meeting to be held in the Rosen Center in Orlando. Let's all take advantage of the meeting being relatively close to the squadrons in D23. Go to www.usps.org and look at the many activities and tours available during the week, especially the leadership development seminars on Wednesday and Friday.