



# Hiawatha Valley Sail and Power Squadron's *Mini-Tales of Hiawatha*



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It appears that spring has actually arrived and I can't wait for the promised 70's today.

The purpose of this short mailing is to inform you of items that are coming up that may be of interest to our membership. The second goal is to look to our members to get "fannies" in the seats for the upcoming public boating class in Red Wing.

The first event on our door step is our first, first Friday coming up on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00 pm until???

Once again Larry and Joy Bumgardner will be our hosts at Muddy Waters in Prescott, WI. Last year I was surprised at the great



turnout even though we had 13" of wet snow just days before. The staff at this quaint little bar had built a six foot snowman on their back deck. Those that attended had a great time.



Muddy Waters is at 231 North Broad St. in Prescott just across from Hasting just passed the bridge into town. The restaurant has a full bar and menu. We hope you can join us to



complain about the long winter and talk about the upcoming boating season.

The June 1<sup>st</sup> Friday will be June 6<sup>th</sup> at Mallards on the St. Croix, hosted by Rocky and Vickie Nordquest, at Bayport Marina. The Squadrans would appreciate volunteers for 1<sup>st</sup> Fridays for the remainder of the year.

We have a public boating class coming up in Red Wing beginning on April 26h. We were lucky to get an article in the Scuttle Butt in their April edition that should be in your mail box shortly. Shown below is that article.

## 100 Years of Making the Water Safer---

### And Having Fun Doing It



The United States Power Squadrans recently celebrated their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Jacksonville Florida.. The organization began in Boston Massachusetts on February 2, 1914.

We begin the new millennium with our first safe boating class scheduled for this April. We also continue to work with our partners we have established through our alliance with the Brunswick Corporation and their Premier Dealers. Once again John Wooden's company, River Valley Power and Sport in Red Wing has "stepped to the plate" and not only is sponsoring our public boating class but also providing his new location to hold the class. River Valley Power and Sport has recently moved to a new larger building in Red Wing to house his larger inventory of boats, marine



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engines and accessories. John's new location is on highway 61 west of Red Wing in the building that had previously been the Ford garage.

Our second partner is the City of Red Wing and the new manager of the marina operations at Bay Point Park and Colvill in Red Wing's new manager is Joe Melson. The City is providing funds to accommodate a continental breakfast for the morning classes as well as allowing

us



to lower the cost to the students for their materials for the class. The class we are teaching is the American Boating Course Third Edition.

This is a course for the new boater as well as someone that has been boating for years. The course is Coast Guard Approved, prepares for state licensing for minors and reduces boat insurance premiums. Materials include a 244 page full-color book, comprehensive boating information, introduction to navigation, and two CDs. Formats are designed to familiarize the student with the fundamentals of safe boating and qualify for certification in most states that require boating education before operating a watercraft. The class is 8 hours in length with a continental breakfast for the students. The class will be two consecutive Saturday mornings, April 26<sup>th</sup> and May 3<sup>rd</sup>. We encourage online registrations at the link below or scan the QR code. The cost is \$29 per person including the breakfast. Onsite registration will begin at 8:00 am and the class is 8:30 am until 12:30 pm. The

location again is River City Power and Sport at 3859 highway 61 north, Red Wing, MN 55066. For additional information go to the web site at

<http://www.usps.org/cgi-bin-nat/eddept/800/getregform.cgi?C-14319>



This class offered is a public service of Hiawatha Valley Sail and Power Squadron. Hiawatha Valley is a local unit of United States Power Squadrons, District 10. Our area of concentration is south of the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, and south of the Minnesota River including Red Wing Minnesota.

### *About United States Power Squadrons®*

USPS is a volunteer organization of men, women and families who have a common love and appreciation of recreational boating. USPS has about 50,000 members in almost 450 local Squadrons; USPS is the world's largest private boating organization which promotes safe boating through education

### **Seamanship Class Coming Up**

Recently a letter went out to our members that joined recently and wanted to take the next step in their journey in education. We have four students lined up and hope for more. If you don't have the "**S**" behind your name consider taking the class. Noted



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below is the letter that went out with details of the course.

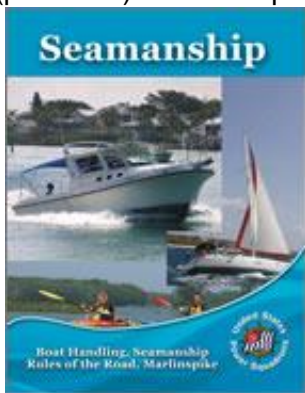
With our never ending winter with below zero temps and more snow than we've seen in years it's been a little hard to think about boating. I assure you this will change and spring we be here.

Most if not all of the new members that participated in the fall boating class last October have expressed interest in taking the next step in education. The first step in USPS advanced courses is Seamanship.

The purpose of this letter is to explore putting together a Seamanship class and fit it into the busy schedules we all have.

My preference would be to start the class in April with evening classes. I would like to explore doing some of the class via the internet with just a couple of in person class sessions

What I'm proposing is the first class and the last would be at my old office training room in Lakeville. The other sessions would be via Go To Meeting by Citrix. All you need is a computer or tablet and a good internet connection. You also need either a headset (preferred) or a microphone and speakers.



There is no cost and you can see the presentation and hear the instructor as well the other students on line. The number of sessions will be approximately five

lessons. I would suggest the middle of the week, i.e., Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. The start and end times would be 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The cost for the materials is \$49.00. The Student Kit includes the

Student Manual, the "One Minute Guide to the Nautical Rules of the Road", and the Knot Practice Board. You can share material; however, having your own material is preferred

The first "face to face" class for Seamanship will be held **Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>** at the AWC office in Lakeville.

## Seamanship Description

The Seamanship 2012 course is the next step after completing America's Boating Course, 3rd Edition (ABC3), taking the knowledge and skills learned there and expanding and extending them with this newly updated edition. Or make Seamanship the first step into building boating confidence and competence for safe and fun on-the-water adventures. Seamanship 2012 presents material applicable to both power and sail, covering such topics as the construction and functioning of a boat, the skipper's responsibilities, preparing the boat for use, handling and maneuvering a vessel under various conditions in close quarters and on the open water, rules of the road, anchoring, emergencies, and marlinspike/basic knots. The Appendices cover boating into the waters of Canada and Mexico, the effects of weather on the boater's health, and general information on obtaining a US Coast Guard captain's license. It is suggested that Seamanship be scheduled over nine two-hour class sessions, one session for each



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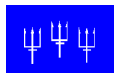


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chapter and one session for the proctored test.

Please take a close look at your schedules and see if you can make this work. I know you will find it interesting. Either call me (612-282-5785) or e-mail (<mailto:bcons@advancedwireless.com>) .and and let me know what day of the week would work best for you and I will try to accommodate as many folks as we can:

We have been extremely lucking this year with a full bridge and most all of our committee chairs filled as well.



Commander Stu Ohr, S



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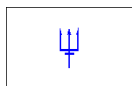
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The District 10 Spring Conference was held in Lake Elmo the end of March. HVSPS's D/C Marie Coons, P was retired as Commander of D10 and Dale Perry has taken over the helm for the

New Year. It was a great time to see friends from around the District.

The Bridge of D10 has several event scheduled for the year, the first being the summer rendezvous hosted by Duluth. I'm sure it will be a great time.

Hiawatha Valley walked away with some "hardware" from the conference, obtaining the status of Five Stars for HVSPS for the watch year of 2013. Of the 10 Squadrons in D10 only two Squadrons received all five Stars, HVSPS and Minnetonka.



The reason we obtained this honor was due to our hosting of the Spring Conference as well and more importantly we were the only Squadron that had positive growth measured at 7.5% for 2013. We were able to have this growth because of the eight plus members that joined mostly from last fall's ABC class. This is why it is so important to make sure we get students into the class coming up. Please encourage boating friends and family to take a course and join us in the new season coming up.

Thanks!

Stf/C Ben Coons, JN-CN, Education Officer