2018 Youth Poster Contest
Sponsored by the National Membership Committee
(New Contest Period: Contest ends August 17, 2018)

The USPS Youth Poster Contest Awards promote youth appreciation and respect for recreational boating, and the message that safe boating is always fun boating.

The Contest is open to children ages 6–14, which is divided into three age groups:

1) Ages 6 – 8  
2) Ages 9 – 11  
3) Ages 12 – 14

Squadrons should conduct local contests and submit winning posters to their respective District for judging. Posters submitted to the National Membership Committee for judging must be endorsed by each District Poster/Membership Chair as the point of contact.

The 2018 Poster Theme:

“America’s Boating Club Saves Lives”
Artwork should illustrate how safe boating through education, on the water skills, and proper use of equipment save lives.

Rules

- Each district may submit one poster in each age category.
- Each entry must be submitted on poster board or heavy construction paper; size 15”x20” or 14”x22”
- Entries must be judged at the district level to select winning entries for submission at the National contest level.
- Squadron and District judging deadlines are a local decision.
- Only District First-Place winners in each age category will be accepted for judging at the National level.
- Posters may be sketched lightly with pencil, but the result must be in color suitable for photography.
- Professional illustrations, photos, copyrighted or trademark material, purchased or computer generated are not allowed and will disqualify the entry.
- Posters must not to be folded.
- Posters will be judged on the Theme, message and artistic representation.
- Only one entry per person is allowed. All entries become the property of the United States Power Squadrons, which reserves the right to display and reproduce.
- Contest entry forms must be complete, legible, and attached to the back of their poster.
- Annual Contest entries must now be delivered to the Fall Governing Board Meeting. This year’s meeting will be held in Minneapolis, MN. Posters must be received by Friday, 17 August 2018, for judging.
- First, Second and Third Place Winners will be announced for each age category during the Minneapolis Meeting. Awards are underwritten by a grant from the OMC Foundation.
# 2018 Youth Poster Contest Submission Form

**Artist Age Category:**  
- 6-8  
- 9-11  
- 12-14  

**Artist Name:** ____________________________________________

**Home Address:** __________________________________________

City ___________________    State: _________    Zip Code ________

**Was this a School/Group Entry?**  
- Yes ☐  
- No ☐  

(If Yes, enter School/Group Info Below)

**School/Group Name:**

**School/Group Address:**

**School City:**

**Teacher Name:**

### MANDATORY SQUADRON & DISTRICT INFORMATION

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- Please complete submission forms as neatly as possible.
- Unreadable and incomplete forms will be disqualified.
- Attach all completed submission forms to the back of each poster entry.
- Squadrons must work with their respective Districts to determine District submissions to National Contest.
- District 1st place winners in each age category should be submitted for National Judging.
- The District Poster Contact/Chairperson is responsible for delivering all 1st Place winners to the National Annual meeting and returning awards to respective winners. Contact information must be provided.
- National submissions become the property of USPS, which reserves the right to display or otherwise use the submission.
- Further information on the National Competition will be posted on the National Membership pages of [www.USPS.org](http://www.USPS.org).

- **All submissions are due 17 August, 2018**