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From: D/C L. Chris Brown, JN

To: District 5 Officers and Members

Subject: District Committee Status at Summer Council 14-Aug-2010

The following is general status report of the Committees reporting to the District Commander and the General Membership. All Committees are reporting they are busy conducting the necessary Business of the District.

Personal Committee- P/D/C Norma J. Parrish, AP

This committee is responsible for collecting information about how District and Squadron Members might wish to participate and provide service as leaders or committee members at the District 5 level. Resume forms were distributed at Spring Conference and Letters for District Participation and Resume were sent to many members over the past several months. The response to these forms were analyzed by the committee and distributed to the District Bridge and District Nominating Committee for review. Only with this information does the District know of the wishes to contribute as put forth by our members. We thank all of you for your timely responses. At any time, if you would like to participate on any District committee or in some leadership challenge, contact Norma or any Bridge Member. We would be pleased to hear from you.

Nominating Committee – P/D/C Arlene Anderson, AP

The District Nominating Committee reviews member's wishes to participate in District and National affairs, particularly people interested in leadership roles. The committee schedules interviews with members to discuss their participation interests. These interviews are conducted during the various Conferences of the District. Nominations are made to the membership for elected positions. The committee will be active during Summer Council and throughout the balance of the year. We appreciate your interest in the willingness to serve.

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Rules Committee – D/Lt Richard Heckhaus

This committee handles and interprets the compliance of many of the operation procedures of the District, including the preservation of the District Bylaws. The committee has under consideration some bylaw changes, including the latest referral as to the the need to audit Seavester operations. Reports of the committee are made at District Council and Conference.

Planning Committee – R/C Robert R. Palmer, SN

The Planning Committee orchestrates the strategic direction of future endeavors of District focus and activity. The committee works hand in hand with the District Bridge to resolve both current and future issues evolving during the governing of District 5 and to define and follow the best possible practices and policies. Currently the Committee and the District Bridge has rewritten the District Mission Statement and created a revised list of Goals and Objectives for consideration and review of the membership. This information is included in the Summer Council Commanders Packet and will be posted on the District Website for member information. We encourage you as Commanders and Members to review this package at your Squadron meetings and feedback your observations and comments to the Bridge and/or Planning Committee. It is clear that the District is composed of Squadron Members wanting to find the best ways to help Squadrons manage through their daily operations.

Budget and Finance – D/Lt James Redding, P

This committee has been very active during the past several months working on the 2011-12 Budget. The Budget is becoming increasingly difficult to balance each year as a result of declining membership (revenues decrease) and increasing costs (increasing expenses). Expense control has seriously resulted in holding expenses to the minimum, such as using electronic publishing for the MARK 5, and flat lining officer's expenses. In 2011, we, the committee and the bridge, have chosen not to increase dues and cover any shortfalls that occur in the budget revenue to be paid from District capital. The budget

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summary and details are included in the Squadron Commander's packet for review and vote to approve at the Summer Council.

Law Committee – D/1st/Lt Mel Shralow, AP

The Law committee is constantly interpreting the law needs of the District and is available to help squadrons when they are asked. You have been aware of their activity through several articles written in the District Newsletter.

USPS Education Fund – P/R/C Franklin P. Wright, SN

This committee monitors and administrates for the District the contributions given by the Squadrons to the National Education Fund. These funds in part contribute to the excellence of the materials available to aid teaching programs we all use in our Squadron education programs to members and the public. To qualify for the Honor Role, a Squadron contributes \$1 for each member in their squadron. We hope this continues in the future to support our education projects.

Squadron Activities – D/Lt Phyllis Zindulis, P

When your Squadron wants representatives from the District for any event, including Holiday Parties, Founder's Day, and Change of Watch, your requests need to be coordinated from your "yellow sheet" submissions. When you know of the dates and times, part or total needs, please submit them to Phyllis early so that proper planning by the Bridge can be accomplished to meet your visitation needs. The form can be submitted electronically or hand written, see your commanders handbook and CD.

Merit Marks Coordinator – D/1st/Lt William J. McManimen, III, N

Just as in the Squadron, District Merit Marks must be co-ordinated and submitted to National for deserving individuals. Department Heads, Event Chairs, and the Commander submit names deserving recognition for this coveted award. Please be timely in providing Bill this information.

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Parliamentarian – D/Lt Ben Sooy, III, AP

To guarantee that our meetings run smoothly, Ben and his committee monitor the process at all our important meetings. If you wish to learn more about these procedures for your Squadron, Ben will conduct a workshop at Fall Conference that you may wish to attend.

First Aide/ CPR Group – D/Lt Alan Karpas, JN

This is a new committee and project in 2010. It is important in our boating education to include health and emergency health issues in your learning. This will be required of a “Coastal Navigator” in his future training. Alan has stepped forth in this key initiative and is visiting squadrons and helping them satisfy this critical need. You may wish to participate in the day long Friday Session at Fall Conference to earn your certification. Contact Alan for additional information and schedule your participation. We thank Alan and his growing Committee for their work; it is a goal to have a First Aide/CPR representative for each Squadron in the future. Let Alan know if you would like to help with this important new program.

Ginny and I have travelled extensively by car and on the water to many events in the past months. We have enjoyed tremendous hospitality from the Squadrons and Members. Some of our visits included the NOAA Workshop, Kent Narrows Predicted Log, Wilmington Co-OP Charting, Potomac River Pig Roast, Delaware River Cruise sponsored by Host Squadron Trenton Falls, Wilmington and Annapolis Cruise Picnics, Delhigh Rendezvous at Skipack and Trailer Event in AC, Practice Nav hosted by Delaware River, and the Boy Scout Jamboree. We appreciate the opportunity to visit and will continue to do so wherever possible. It is amazing the number of new friends we make with each visit.

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