



2025 District 5 Educational Conference

7-9 November 2025
Doubletree Resort by Hilton Lancaster
2400 Willow Street Pike
Lancaster, PA 17602



Friday, November 7

1500 to 1900	Registration	Lobby
1900 to 2100	Commander's Reception	Commander's Suite (Room number provided at Registration Desk)

Saturday, November 8

0800 to 1500	Registration/Secretary's Desk/Raffle	Lobby
0830 to 0900	USPS® Educational Update V/C Chuck Wells, SN	Pennsylvania A & B
0900 to 1100	Instructor Recertification Seminar	Pennsylvania C&D
0900 to 1000	Educational Upgrades (Site Index, HQ800, SEO Training On-line Exams)	Pennsylvania A&B
1000 to 1100	Intro to New Marine Battery Seminar	Pennsylvania A&B
1100 to 1200	Revised ABC/3 Course	Pennsylvania A&B
Noon to 1330	Member Luncheon (Preregister by Oct 22)	Palm Court
1330 to 1530	Effective On-line Teaching Seminar	Pennsylvania C&D
1330 to 1500	How to Grow your Squadron	Pennsylvania A&B
1500 to 1600	On-the-Water Updates	Pennsylvania A&B
1600 to 1700	Fire Extinguisher Skills	Pennsylvania C&D
1600 to 1700	Argo Navigation Software	Pennsylvania A&B
1800 to 1900	Cash Bar	Pennsylvania A&B
1900 to 2130	Awards Banquet (Pre-register by Oct. 22)	Pennsylvania A&B

Sunday, November 9

0700 to 0800	Buffet Breakfast Must preregister by 22 Oct	MADE Bistro Lobby Level
0830 to 1000	Round Table with USPS® National Officers	Pennsylvania ABCD
1000 to 1030	District Council	Pennsylvania ABCD
1030 to Noon	District Conference	Pennsylvania ABCD

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Hotel Registration Link

Reserve by October 8 for special rate

<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/lswvdt-900-146680c7-a12f-495f-a823-7a9996e78f61/>

(Google Users may have a problem with this link – use another browser)

Conference Registration Form Options:

- Pre-register for meals by October 22

Fillable - https://www.uspsd5.org/events/2025/23012_fillable%20registration.pdf

PDF – https://www.uspsd5.org/events/2025/23012_registration.pdf

Word - https://www.uspsd5.org/php/get_doc.php?item=750

Suggested Dress

Friday Casual

Saturday Day – Shirt with ABC or USPS Logo (Bridge – Polo Shirts)

Saturday Evening – Blue Blazer/Gray Sacks or Business Dress

Sunday – Shirt with ABC or USPS Logo (Bridge – Polo Shirts)

Raffle and 50/50

Tickets will be on sale at the registration deck from 0800 to 1500 on Saturday, November 8.

SESSION DETAILS

USPS® Educational Update – Our past DEO will review the current plans for USPS® Educational Department and recent course, seminar and service updates

Instructor Recertification Seminar – Not only is this an opportunity to renew your certification to teach ABC/3 to the public, this seminar is a useful refresher on teaching skills. Whether you teach ABC/USPS course or teach as part of your business or church, you will find these updated skills useful.

Educational Upgrades – The national educational department has implemented improvements to help us be more effective and efficient in training our members and the public. Items to be discussed are the Educational Department Site Index, the revised HQ800, SEO training seminars and tools, on-line exams and an opportunity for the Henry Sweet Foundation to pay for course materials.

Revised ABC/3 Course – The Public Education Committee has recent released an upgrade ABC/3 course. What are the changes and how do we use this tool to attract new students.

Intro to New Marine Battery Seminar - The newly released Marina Battery seminar is quite popular and useful to our members and potentially an effective recruiting tool for squadrons. This session will explain the course and how to present it.

Effective On-line Teaching Seminar – Teaching on-line requires a separate set of skills than teaching in person. This seminar will provide key skills to be an effective on-line instructor and avoid pitfalls traditional

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instructors have fallen into when trying to teach on-line. It includes sections of the revised Instructor Development Course developed specifically for on-line teaching

How to Grow your Squadron – What techniques, activities and philosophy have the Smith Mountain Lake Squadron and Northern Neck Squadrons adopted to successfully grow their squadron. What resources are needed and what are realistic expectations in conducting a growth program.

On-the-Water Updates – The recent work on squadron liability insurance has precipitated changes in the On-the-Water training content and procedures for USPS.

Fire Extinguisher Skills and New Visual Distress Signal – Every boater, whether captain or crew, should know how to operate a fire extinguisher and perform display Visual Distress Signals. And these skills are required for the basic Boat Operation Certification. Whether your goal is to improve your personal skills or pursuing Boat Operator Certification, this is an opportunity for hand-on learning. See how we can teach these skills with a little imagination and without a threat to the hotel.