

2026 District 5 Educational Conference

12-15 November 2026
Doubletree Resort by Hilton Lancaster
2400 Willow Street Pike
Lancaster, PA 17602

Join Us in Lancaster for the D/5 Fall Conference Weekend!

Mark your calendars and plan to join your fellow members for the District 5 Fall Conference Weekend! This year's agenda is designed with working members in mind, offering a flexible schedule that makes it easier to participate while enjoying time with friends, learning new skills, and celebrating another successful boating season.

We've extended the conference room rate through November 12, giving you the opportunity to arrive Thursday and explore historic Lancaster, with its unique attractions, local sights, and shopping. Make a weekend of it!

And don't forget to bring items for our conference raffle!

Friday, November 13: Reconnect and Celebrate

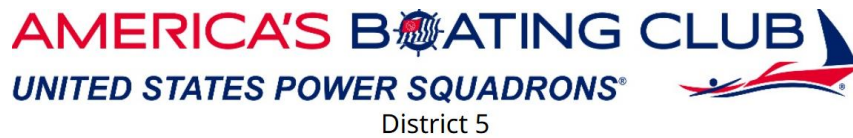
We'll begin Friday evening with an informal reception in the Edward Hand Room on the lower level. It's a great opportunity to reconnect with fellow members, meet new friends, share boating-season stories, and celebrate our accomplishments.

Saturday, November 14: Learn, Share, and Celebrate Success

Saturday is all about education, collaboration, and recognizing achievement. We'll begin with a morning workshop on educational techniques designed for members at all experience levels.

Following a social lunch, we'll continue with practical sessions covering new educational tools, upcoming courses and seminars, and valuable "how-to" training for managing squadron educational programs. Whether you're an experienced education officer or simply interested in expanding your knowledge, you'll find something worthwhile.

Saturday evening, we'll gather for our **Awards Banquet**, celebrating the educational accomplishments of our members and squadrons. We'll also welcome a representative of



the Portuguese Embassy, reaffirming our long-standing relationship in navigational training. It promises to be an enjoyable evening of recognition, fellowship, and celebration.

Sunday, November 15: Your Voice Matters

Sunday morning is devoted to America's Boating Club/USPS and District 5 business. Following a buffet breakfast, we'll host a roundtable discussion with national officers. This is your opportunity to ask questions, share your thoughts, and learn more about the organization's activities and plans.

The morning will continue with a report from the District Executive Committee, followed by the District Conference. Important topics include approval of the district budget, consideration of the squadron assessment, and updates from district bridge officers on activities within their respective departments.

We plan to conclude by midday Sunday, allowing everyone to head home with plenty of daylight for the journey.

Make Plans to Attend!

The Fall Conference is more than a business meeting. It's an opportunity to strengthen friendships, exchange ideas, develop leadership and educational skills, recognize outstanding accomplishments, and help shape the future of District 5 and America's Boating Club.

Your participation matters!

Whether you can join us for the entire weekend or arrive when your schedule permits, we encourage you to attend and be part of the experience.

The complete agenda and registration information are available on the District 5 website at uspsd5.org. Copies are also attached.

We look forward to seeing you in Lancaster November 12–15 for a rewarding weekend of learning, fellowship, recognition, and planning for the future.

Register today, and join us!



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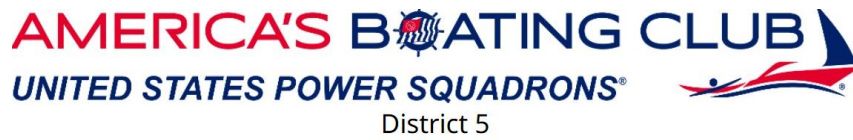
1500 to 1900	Registration / Raffle	Lower Lobby
1900 to 2100	Commander's Reception	Edward Hand Room Lower Level

Saturday, November 14

0800 to 1500	Registration/ Raffle Lobby	Lower Lobby
0830 to 0900	USPS Educational Update by V/C V. Jan Wright, SN-IN National Education Officer	Pennsylvania A & B
0900 to 1200	Instructor Recertification & New Teaching Techniques	Pennsylvania A & B
1200 to 1330	Member Luncheon (Preregister by October 23)	Palm Court, Lower Level
1330 to 1430	On-the-Water Training John Locke	Pennsylvania A & B
1430 to 1700	- On Water Training - Education Department Site Index - New USPS Courses & Seminar Offerings - How to Access & Use America's Boating Channel	
1800 to 1900	Cash Bar	Pennsylvania A & B
1900 to 2130	Banquet & Education Awards (Preregister by 23 October)	Pennsylvania A & B

Sunday, November 15

0700 to 0815	Buffet Breakfast (Preregister by 23 October)	Palm Court Lower Lobby
0830 to 1000	USPS Roundtable - Core Insurance Affinity Program - USPS Strategic Plan - Join online - Direct to Squadron Initiative	Pennsylvania A & B
1000 to 1030	Executive Committee Report	Pennsylvania A & B
1030 to 1200	District Conference	Pennsylvania A & B



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Hotel Reservation Link

Reserve by October 23 for special rate!

<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/lmswvdt-962-db08b46f-dd8f-415c-8427-6d2285262d4e/>

Conference Registration Form:

Pre-register for meals by October 23

Fillable PDF - https://www.uspsd5.org/events/2026/23130_registration.pdf

Suggested Dress - *Don't forget your name tag.*

Friday Evening - Casual

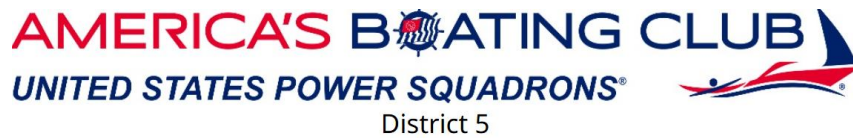
Saturday Daytime – Shirt with ABC/USPS Logo

Saturday Evening –Business Attire

Sunday – Shirt with ABC/USPS Logo

Registration, Raffle and 50/50

Registration and Raffle Tickets will be on sale at the registration desk in the Lower Lobby



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SATURDAY SESSION DETAILS

USPS® Educational Update – The National Education Officer, V/C V. Jan Wright, SN-IN will kick off the conference with news on recent Education Department upgrades, planned improvements and recognition of District 5 contributions to national education activities.

Instructor Recertification Seminar & Updated Teaching Techniques – The session will accomplish two goals – recertification of our instructors and practical exposure to new and effective active learning techniques. Our students are exposed to new, more effective teaching methods – we need to keep pace with the experience and expectations. This is an opportunity to renew your certification to teach ABC/3 to the public. But whether you teach ABC/USPS courses, teach as part of your job, teach Sunday school or give presentations in civic setting, this will be a useful session for you.

Afternoon will focus on Educational Program– 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.

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.

Using America's Boating Channel for teaching and Public Relations – The extensive and rich content of found on America's Boating Channel provides easy to use and impactful messages on boating safety and boating skills. This session will teach you how to access this content and suggestions on how to play for classes and public relations.