

## New Members

Lt/C Doreen Larson, S  
Secretary and Membership Chair

I am glad to report that we have three new members in our Squadron. If you see new faces at any of our meetings, please introduce yourself. Our new members are **Dr. Vincent Mandracchia, his wife Denise Mandi, and Alpesh Mittal.** (Dr. Mandracchia appears on the revised membership roster as Vincent Mandi.)

Alpesh Mittal recently completed our ABC Safe Boating course and is looking forward to taking more classes. At this time he does not have a boat. Dr. Mandracchia's boat is named Knot on Call. □

## 10% Discount for DMS&PS Members

These local businesses support the Des Moines Sail and Power Squadron. They provide support in a number of ways and also realize that promoting safety through education helps promote the industry they rely on to make a living.

To show their support, they are offering discounts on many of their products and services to members of our squadron. You must show your current membership card at the time of the transaction to receive your discount.

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## Boater's Top Ten New Year's Resolutions

From The BoatU.S. Foundation

To help boaters have even better boating experiences, the BoatU.S. Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water suggests these top ten New Year's resolutions that will make your boating safer, cleaner, and more rewarding for everyone aboard:

1. Teach a child or friend how to sail, or introduce them to boating.
2. Check your flares, fire extinguisher and other safety equipment to be certain it's in good condition and up-to-date. The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and U.S. Power Squadrons offer free vessel safety checks that can help identify these or any other potential problems.
3. The next time you go fishing, experiment with circle hooks. These fish-saving hooks will save an angler's excitement of the catch for another day—or perhaps even for your own child.
4. Familiarize yourself with an online weather service so it becomes a routine part of your pre-departure planning. Knowing potential conditions before you go makes float planning easier.
5. Fuel up your boat without spilling a drop overboard this entire season and contain engine room drops and spills with bilge pads and socks. The cumulative effects of a little drop here and there can add up.
6. Purchase and wear an inflatable life jacket. Being comfortable in your life saving, personal floatation device means you will use it.
7. Tune your engine. An engine running at top performance can drastically reduce harmful exhaust or oil emissions and you'll get more miles to the gallon.
8. Set up some easy to identify, separate trash and recycling containers aboard. A readily available disposal system helps everyone keep trash out of the water.
9. Save the alcohol for when you arrive safely back at the dock. Over half of

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## The Prairie Schooner

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all boating accidents and about a third of boating fatalities are alcohol related.

10. Make a donation to your favorite educational or marine conservation group. In doing so, you will make a positive difference for every boater, and gain a great sense of personal satisfaction. □

(The BoatU.S Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water is a national 501(c)(3) nonprofit education and research organization funded by recreational boaters nationwide. For more information visit the BoatUS Foundation web site.)

Source: [www.Commanderbob.com](http://www.Commanderbob.com)

### **Don't count your chickens before they hatch**

**Definition** *don't assume success before the outcome.*

This proverb is the moral of one of Aesop's Fables, written in the sixth century B.C. The Country Maid and her Milk-Pail is a fable about a young girl daydreaming about what she would do with the milk she was carrying on her head. First, she would make cream to sell at the market and then, with the money she made, she would buy eggs that would hatch into chicks which she would sell. With that money she planned to buy a dress, which would turn the heads of all the young men in town, all of whom she would refuse with a toss of her head. Thinking of this, she tossed her head, and the milk tumbled down, dashing all her hopes.



### **Chicken Related Facts**

Chickens can't swallow while they are upside down.

Chickens absorb vitamin D from the sun through their combs.

There are more chickens than people in the world.

The largest recorded flight of a chicken is 13 seconds.

# Des Moines Sail & Power Squadron

## Change of Watch



**Saturday, 10 January 2009**  
**1800 (6:00 PM)**  
**Installation of New Officers**

**Comfort Suites**

**Next to Living History Farms**  
 11167 Hickman Road, Urbandale, IA

Come and support your Power and Sail Squadron by attending our Annual Installation of Officers Meeting.

### **Choice of entrée:**

Prime Rib

or

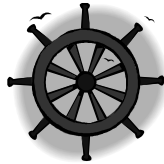
Smoked Pork Chop

Cost: \$25 per person.

**RSVP to Pat: 278-2821 for your reservations & your choice of entrée by Monday, 5 January**

**T**his lake is partially located in a state where there is no sunrise to sunset PWC operating restriction and another state which has very restrictive PWC laws. It's the 3rd deepest lake in the U.S., at 1,645 feet, and is 22 miles long and 12 miles wide, with 71 miles of shoreline. It's also more than a mile above sea level. What's the name of the lake and the two states in which it's located?

# Nautical Quiz



1. What is a tomalley?  
(Hint: it turns green when cooked.)
2. Name the body of water that carries about 30 billion gallons every second.
3. What do Bermuda, Miami and San Juan, Puerto Rico, all have in common? □

Source: *Relative Bearings* January 2008  
Rariton Bay Power Squadron

1. A lobster's liver
2. The Gulf Stream
3. They form the points of the legendary Bermuda Triangle.

*Mark Your Calendar*

5 Jan 09  
Monday, 1800

Executive Committee Meeting  
Hilltop Restaurant

10 Jan 09  
Saturday, 1800

**Change of Watch**  
**Comfort Suites, Urbandale**

17-22 Feb 09

USPS National Annual Meeting  
Hyatt Regency, Anaheim, CA

5, 12, 19, 26 Mar 09  
Thursday

Safe Boating Class  
Place to be announced

24-25 Apr 09  
Friday & Saturday

District 30 Spring Conference  
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Clayton, MO

8-13 Sep 09

National Governing Board Meeting  
Kansas City, MO

# Happy New Year

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