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Organized in 1914, USPS is a non profit, educational organization dedicated to making boating safer and more enjoyable by teaching classes in seamanship, navigation and related subjects. Our members are boating families who contribute to their communities by promoting safe boating through education. We enjoy participating with our fellow members on the water and in the classroom. USPS has some 45,000 members organized into 450 squadrons across the country and in some US territories. USPS is America's largest non-profit boating organization and has been honored by three US presidents for its civic contributions.

USPS Membership Benefits:

- ▶ Save Money, up to 23% on your Boat Insurance (20% based on courses completed and another 3% for a Vessel Safety Check)
- ▶ Enjoy Special Organizational Discounts on valuable services including Maptech, Nobeltec, Dell Computer discounts, Boat/US Membership, long-term health insurance, and more. Go to http://www.usps.org/national/admin_dept/membenefits.htm for details.
- ▶ Members Helping Members through a Port Captains Program that includes cruising/travel tips based on local information
- ▶ USPS University offerings and Boat Operator Certification recognized and endorsed as the standard of advanced education for the recreational boater.
- ▶ Opportunities to have FUN that include land based as well as on-the-water recreational and civic service activities.
- ▶ Social events, potluck dinners, picnics, parties and interesting meetings with special guest speakers on topics of interest to boaters.

Education Requirement for Membership

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USPS or NASBLA approved courses include: USCG Captain License, graduate degree from the US Naval Academy, USCG Academy or US Merchant Marine Academy and any boating course carrying NASBLA certification.

Membership Qualifications:

To qualify for active membership in the United States Power Squadrons, you must:

- Be able and Willing to Contribute Time, Energy and Skills to the Objectives of USPS
- Be Accepted By The Squadron Executive Committee
- Be At Least 18 Years of Age
- Have Paid All Applicable Entrance Fees and Dues

Membership Types:

<u>ACTIVE MEMBER</u>	<u>ADDITIONAL ACTIVE</u>	<u>FAMILY OR APPRENTICE/SEA SCOUT</u> ‡
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		‡ Receives THE ENSIGN (Apprentice/Sea Scout)

USPS Policy On Human Rights:

USPS, its districts, squadrons and members shall at all times observe all federal, state and local Human Rights Laws, regulations and ordinances applicable to any USPS activity, procedure or practice. At no level; National, District or Squadron, may any person be refused membership, denied office or be prevented from participating in any activity because of any fact or circumstance which would identify that person as one of a protected class of individuals under the Human Rights Laws, regulations or ordinances of any governmental jurisdiction where the person resides, or where USPS conducts business. "

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