



Houston Sail and Power Squadron
a unit of the United States Power Squadrons®



Benefits of Membership



USPS activities focus on the three sides of the triangle

1. Self Education – HSPS offers its members a comprehensive boating education through advanced grade and elective courses:

Advanced Grade Courses

- **Seamanship:** Covers Skipper Responsibilities, Marlinespike and Splicing, Weather, Emergencies, Docking, Anchoring, Trailing, Hull Design, Propulsion systems, Nautical Rules and much more.
- **Piloting:** Covers Charts and Aids to Navigation, Mariners Compass, Plotting and Steering Courses and Dead Reckoning. There is a new emphasis on GPS and use of Chart Plotters and Maptech charts.
- **Advanced Piloting:** Covers Advanced Positioning Techniques, Effect of Tides and Currents on YOUR boat, Use of Bearings and Electronic Navigation including Radar.
- **Junior Navigation:** How to use a Sextant and Offshore Navigation.
- **Navigation:** Covers Advanced Offshore Navigation Techniques.

Elective Courses (take anytime)

- Marine Electronics
- Weather
- Sail
- Instructor Qualification
- Cruise Planning
- Engine Maintenance

Self Study Learning Guides

More than two dozen self study courses on such subjects as Water Sports, Boat Insurance, Oceanography, Sailing, Radar, GPS, and more.

Benefits – Take Seamanship, Piloting and Advanced Piloting to complete your study of Coastal Navigation. Add Weather, Engine Maintenance and Marine Electronics to further advance your skills. **At this point your nautical education will exceed that required for a Captain's License. Practice your skills, gain experience and you will become a competent and knowledgeable skipper.**

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2. Civic Service – Our members promote boating education and safe boating through participation in civic activities:

- **Public Education** – USPS is the foremost provider of quality public boating education.
- **Co-Operative Charting** – HSPS works with NOAA to keep charts up to date. Example – Houston Sail and Power Squadron has “adopted” Galveston Bay Chart #11326 for Co-Op charting activities.
- **Vessel Safety Checks** – HSPS conducts vessel safety checks. These checks are honored by the U.S. Coast Guard and other law enforcement agencies.
- **HSPS programs** are promoted through participation at boat shows and other public events.

3. Fraternal Boating Club:

- Cruises and Rendezvous.
- Navigation Contests and Fishing Tournaments.
- Networking with other boaters
- Monthly Dinner Meetings (often with marine programs).
- Monthly Executive Board Meetings.
- Both District and National Meetings.

Benefits –Have more fun with your boat...meet new people with similar interests. Become a proud member of HSPS.

More Benefits:

Reduced Boat Insurance Cost:

- Discounted for USPS classes and having a vessel safety check.
- Generally better coverage for less money.

Marine Discounts:

- Boat U.S Membership
- Sea Tow and Vessel Assist (towing services)
- Dell Computer (10%)
- Maptech – Discount on Software—Free Charts
- Nobeltec – Discount on Software and Charts
- West Marine (Power Squadrons Discount Program)



Subscription to: USPS' monthly magazine, *The Ensign*, and the Houston Sail and Power Squadron's monthly newsletter, *The Bay Neigh*.

USPS has some 40,000 members organized into 440 squadrons across the country and in some US territories. USPS is the world's largest non-profit boating organization and has been honored by three U.S. presidents for its civic contributions. HSPS has been honored on numerous occasions for its educational and civic contributions. HSPS is dedicated to making boating safer and more FUN!

For more information on our public boating courses and class schedules visit our website at: www.uspshouston.org

Dues Information -- First Year Dues:

Active Member **\$122**, Family Member **\$156** +\$9 for additional active members. Make Checks payable to Houston Sail and Power Squadron

