

2025 COMMITTEES

Under Educational Department:

Assistant 1st/Lt Richard E. Keefer

Chairman of Local Boards:

America's Boating Course	Committee-P/C Vincent A. Cooley, JN
Advanced Grades	Committee
Elective Courses	Committee

America's Boating Course:

Detroit Yacht Club
Motor City Marina-Wyandotte
TBD

Seminar:

Flare Demonstration P/C Douglas R. Rocho, P

P/C Donald C. Van Pelt Memorial Fund:

Chairperson	P/C Joseph C. Tatham, SN
Co-Chairperson	P/D/C Bryan L. Bartlett, SN

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P/C Donald C. Van Pelt Memorial Fund

In May 1954, two years after P/C Donald C. Van Pelt, N died, a memorial fund was set up by his brother for the "Encouragement of the Study of Celestial Navigation". The Van Pelt Committee was formed by deed of gift in 1955 to support the Educational Department.

The Trustees were charged with administering the Fund so "the greatest possible encouragement be given the members of Detroit Power Squadron to attain the Navigator rating in USPS® and to continue to improve their proficiency in celestial navigation".

The Trustees have purchased and maintained sextants for use by USPS® members in the Junior Navigation and Navigation classes. Over the years, the P/C Donald C. Van Pelt Memorial Fund has supplied sextants to hundreds of students in DPS and other District 9 squadrons.

It is due to the dedication of the Trustees who have managed the Fund all these years, and to the generosity and support of squadron members and their families who have donated sextants, that this unique service is able to continue.

The Van Pelt Committee consists of:

Chairperson

P/C Joseph C. Tatham, SN

Co-Chairperson

P/D/C Bryan L. Bartlett, SN