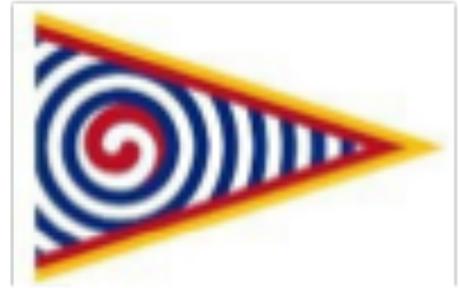


# Fly the WSPS Squadron Burgee

Consider getting involved with our Fly the Burgee campaign. WSPS members are encouraged to fly the WSPS burgee (pronounced ber'jē) 24/7 on their boats so the public knows who we are and we can more easily identify fellow WSPS members at the harbor or on the water. WSPS has 50th anniversary burgees for sale at its cost of \$20. Contact Bob Sloat at [resloat@comcast.net](mailto:resloat@comcast.net), mobile (847) 767-4507 or stop by his boat at S 3-25 in Waukegan harbor to pick up a burgee.



For WSPS on-the-water events such as a cruise or a raft up, it is recommended that participating members fly the WSPS burgee. Fly it when out on the water even if not involved in a WSPS event to proudly show your membership in our organization.

## **Basic Rules for Flying the Burgee**

For sailboats, fly the WSPS burgee from the starboard spreader. For a power boat, fly the burgee from the bow staff. For power boats without a bow staff, fly the burgee at the top of an equipment mast or if equipment limitations prevent this, fly the burgee from a spreader halyard. USPS rules allow the burgee to be flown both day and night when under way or at your slip.

The US flag is normally flown from the stern of both power and sail boats. Sailboats may also fly the US flag from the back stay of a Marconi rig. Flying both the US flag and the burgee as described above is proper flag etiquette.

If you have a question on how to fly your burgee or other flags go to [USPS.org](http://USPS.org) and in the site index go to How Do I and select How to Fly My Flags section for additional guidance. There is a detailed booklet available from USPS on Flag etiquette.

Please don't fly the WSPS upside down! The correct way is shown above. Remember whitecaps breaking to help get it right. Also, the burgee on your WSPS badge is shown correctly.

## **Squadron Burgee Heraldry**

Some background on what our burgee means. The WSPS pennant is designed to depict movement and power. The central motif, the wave scroll, sets up the illusion of a twisting movement around which the circular blue bands revolve. This movement is never ending. By converting the horizontal blue bands of the USPS Ensign into circular bands, we have retained the essence of the USPS colors. The gold edging was added in 2007 honoring our 50th anniversary as a USPS squadron.