

ON THE HORIZON

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"Next" General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, **20 April, 2011** at 2000 (8:00 PM)
Dinner/Drinks/Social optional at 1830 (6:30 PM)

April Meeting Information

Captain Greg Letsch will present his navigation techniques that he uses at the Baltimore Boat Show.

The presentation uses a board simulating a river and navigational aids.

There will be audience participation.

Don't miss this—it should be Educational & Fun!!

LOCATION:

Johnny Dee's Banquet Room; 1706 Joan Ave. ; Baltimore, Md. 21234
410-665-7000

"Order Your Dinners" from a Link on our DSPS Website

Link = <http://www.uspsdundalk.org/rsvpmeeting.htm>

(Or, by Contacting Lt/C Lane Letsch, S - 410-997-4957)

ALL ACTIVE DUNDALK PAST COMMANDERS



P/C W. BROOKS RILEY, AP
for all Dundalk Past Commanders

Please bring your "official" Past Commander's green and white stove pipe to the April meeting - Just in case we decide to allow the most junior half-past commander into our Glorious and Esteemed Ranks.



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2010-2011 BRIDGE

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COMMANDER

Wow! What a great weekend at the Spring Conference in Ocean City, Md. DSPTS had quite a large group in attendance and the participation for our Hospitality Room was outstanding!

The hats were all set for all of the participants as they left the darkened room once their trip was completed. The tow boat and the police boat were quite busy as our guests ran aground or made navigation errors. There were many compliments from our visitors. I would like to personally thank those who helped and participated in either making the boats, securing the lights on the boats, handling the boats at the door or any other thing they did for DSPTS. Our member traveling the longest distance to help out was Debbie Bayless coming from Texas! John Hall was instrumental in the lighting and Bernie made the boats.

We have some of our newer members who worked tirelessly on the weekend as well as older members. Those who made the Hospitality Room work were : Tracey, Roy and Rolf Stuenes, John and Brian Hall,

Debbie Bayless, Ron and Susan Hines, Jennifer and Steve Dalgarno, Mae Trott, Bobbie Blaker, Read Van Zile, Joanne Day, Lane Letsch, Streett Broadbent, Dale Ruthenberg, Anne and Ron Basener, Chris and Lois Nehmer and Dick and myself.



Remember that participation is lots of fun and gives you the ability to meet other squadron people and all get involved!

Thank you to all and remember that we have lots of activities planned for the rest of the year so come on out and get involved with us!

Respectfully submitted,

Respectfully submitted,
Cdr. Suzann K. Bussey, S
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<u>Next Meeting Reminders</u>		
Executive Meeting:	May 4 th	American Legion Post (Seling Ave.)
General Membership Meeting:	May 18 th	To Be Determined



Mark Your Calendars!
Dundalk's 50th Anniversary Gala.
Saturday, September 10, 2011 at Baltimore Yacht Club.



EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Congratulations to Cdr. Sue Bussey, S and to all her new Bridge members! The Change Of Watch went very well with an excellent attendance—until the fire alarm ended it prematurely. Oh well, “Stuff” happens!

The Spring Conference in Ocean City was quite an event. Dundalk’s Hospitality Suite “Night Moves” proved to be very popular and well received. Thanks to all the Dundalk Troops that made it possible!! Special thanks to Bernie’s boats and John Hall’s buoys which were very realistic.

The Change Of Watch saw our own Bernie Karpers sworn in as District Commander, Walter Neese as District Educational Officer, and Fuzzy Jones as Secretary. The Reception on Sunday morning by Dundalk for the new Commander was excellent. Tracey Stuenes got the members organized and the event came off without a hitch.

Next year, Dundalk will be the “Host” Squadron for the Spring Conference. This will require a lot of preparation and planning. We will start the process very soon.

Up next we have some Honor Guard requests. Galloway Yacht Club’s opening is May 7th at Middle River; May 8th at Crescent Yacht Club; and May 29th at Baltimore Yacht Club. Please let me know if you can participate.

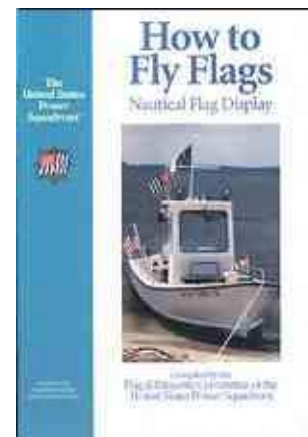
Co-op Charting is coming up April 30th.. Those that are interested, let me know and I will give you the details.

Respectfully submitted,
Lt/C Steven Dalgarno, N
410-374-9794



Flag Etiquette

In 1998, USPS in consultation with the U.S. Coast Guard, Coast Guard Auxiliary, New York Yacht Club and other yachting authorities developed an updated nautical flag code, *How to Fly Flags, Nautical flag Display* for use on private vessels. The new nautical flag code is flexible enough to accommodate the wide variation in construction of modern pleasure craft. New configurations of boats, riggings and the like have slightly modified the traditional points of honor. Use of antennas, fishing towers, outriggers, sailboat backstays, portside halyards, and double hoisting are all new to the nautical flag code. The [booklet is available from USPS Headquarters](#) and various marine retailers around the country for around seven dollars.



What is a Vessel Safety Check (VSC)



A Vessel Safety Check is a courtesy examination of your boat (Vessel) to verify the presence and condition of certain Safety Equipment required by State and the Federal regulations. The Vessel Examiner is a trained specialist and is a member of the United States Power Squadrons or the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. They will also make certain recommendations and discuss certain safety issues that will make you a safer boater.

This is not boarding or a law enforcement issue. No citations will be given as a result of this encounter. We will supply you with a copy of our evaluation so that you may follow some of the suggestions given. Vessels that pass will be able to display our distinctive VSC decal. This does not exempt you from law enforcement boarding, but you can be prepared to make this a positive encounter. (Spring is Coming!)

Moving? Changes in Information??

Please remember to let us know if you go away for the winter or move to another address. Also, if you change your phone, cell phone number(s) or e-mail addresses so we can make sure you are kept informed of upcoming events. Please give all changes to our Secretary who will in turn notify National and everyone else who needs to have the information.
THANK YOU!!!

EDUCATIONAL OFFICER



This picture shows P/C Read Van Zile, AP teaching ABC-3 at West Marine .

The last class of the ABC-3 Course completed on March 29, 2011 at the West Marine store at 8640 Pulaski Highway in the Golden Ring Shopping Plaza. I am pleased to announce that all students passed and that we may have a few who will be joining our squadron. Future classes will begin the first Tuesday of each month at this location through October.

Engine Maintenance course to begin in April 5th in Towson.

Our first ABC-3 classes started under the new Brunswick/USPS Partnership this past Saturday at Riverside Marine, April 2nd. Six students were in attendance. We have scheduled classes with Riverside Marine out though November,

We are in Desperate Need for Instructors for the ABC classes and others. Please contact me to volunteer. We can not succeed w/o You!!!



Lt/C J. Streett Broadbent, AP
Squadron Educational Officer
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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



The District (D/5) Spring Conference in Ocean City, MD is now history and, I believe, a real success. First, a past commander of DSPS was installed as Commander of D/5 – Bernard Karpers. He has limitless energy and we can expect to see a very active District of the USPS. This will challenge; and frankly, already has; DSPS.

We are considered by many the best squadron in the district. With this notoriety comes responsibility. We must grow and maintain interest among members. There were many good ideas floated at the conference to do this in the next several issues of the Horizon, I will discuss many of

these ideas. Just to wet your appétit with a few of the ideas are: 1) squadron activities not requiring arrival by boat – like cookouts (hotdog/hamburger style), 2) different types of speakers at the membership meetings and 3) give simple tasks to members who do not generally participate in squadron activities. The idea is to increase member involvement and participation.

Respectfully submitted,
Lt/C Lane Letsch, P

TREASURER'S REPORT



A Big "Thank You" to P/C Richard D. Bussey, P for all his work over the past 6 years as our treasurer!! I look forward to working with everyone as your new Treasurer

Respectfully submitted,
Lt/C Ronald Basener, SN
Treasurer



SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary's Annual Report – March, 2010 to 2011

This final report covers the time period from March, 2010 to March, 2011. The Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron (DSPS) have lost only a few members during this period, while overall, throughout the country, membership has declined by approximately 5%. DSPS has been very active during this period, with several cruises, courses and community activities. Our treasury has declined a couple thousand dollars since this time last year. I don't see this as a big problem, but it is an issue that must be watched.

I have reviewed the attendance lists over the last year for the General Membership meetings. It fluctuates by a few; but, in general, it is the same members. We have between 29 and 44 members attending. Even for the Holiday meeting/party in December, our attendance is around 50 members. This is from a total membership of the Squadron of about 150. What this tells me is that most members are in the squadron for reasons other than knowing what is going on in the squadron.

I presented three questions to the membership in the March, 2011 publication of "On the Horizon". Those questions were: 1) Would you be interested in a position of greater responsibility in the Squadron, 2) Would you be more likely to attend the General Membership meetings if it were held on a different evening, 3) Would you be more likely to attend the General Membership meetings if they were held in a different location. To date, I have received NO responses to my three (3) questions, which tells me that either Squadron members are not reading the publication or they are ambivalent to participation/attendance in/to the Squadron/meetings. I have received a few verbal responses from members on the Executive Committee who always come to meetings.

Let's welcome Twila Nahama as our new Secretary!!

Respectfully submitted,
Lt/C Lane Letsch, P



2011 Change of Watch Awards

The following Awards were presented by P/C (Now D/Lt/C) Katharine (Fuzzy) Jones, S during our Change Of Watch:

David J. Heikkila Fellowship Award - D/Lt Kathy Karpers

The Robinson Award - Lt Doug Riley, P

Neal A Sibley Jr Trophy - P/C John Hall, AP

Dundalk Navigator's Trophy - Mary Hall, P

Napping Navigator Award - Stuart Newborn, S

Crew comforter - D/Lt/C Walter Neese, SN

Busted Shamrock: Nominees: Brian Hall, Tracey Stuenes, Steve Dalgarno, Sue Bussey

winner: Lt/C Steve Dalgarno, N (You need to ask Steve how he won this one!!!)

"Matching Fund" for D/LT/C Bernie S. Karpers, Jr., N

The cost of holding office at the District and National levels can be quite expensive. As you know, our own DC Bernie Karpers, N is now the District 5 Commander for next year. He is expected to travel, attend numerous events, pay for room and lodging, etc.

One of our members, who wants to remain anonymous, has set up a "Matching Fund". Any money donated to help Bernie pay for his expenses, will be matched—up to a point.

Please contact P/C Ronald Basener, SN, Treasurer to make your donation and support Bernie..

Election Results - March 16, 2011

Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron - 2011 to 2012

The Bridge

Commander Executive Officer Squadron Education Officer Administrative Officer Treasurer Secretary	As presented by the Nominating Committee Lt/C Suzann K. Bussey, S Lt/C Steven Dalgarno, N Lt J. Streett Broadbent, AP Lt/C Wm. Lane Letsch, P P/C Ronald Basener, SN Twila Nah ama
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Assistants

Asst. Education Officer Asst. Treasurer Asst. Secretary	As presented by the Nominating Committee P/C Tracey Stuenes, P D/Lt James H. Redding, P
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Executive Committee

Ten members are elected; six are presented by the Nominating Committee.

1	Lt/C Richard D. Bussey, P	6	P/C Read Van Zile, AP
2	Lt Jennifer J. Dalgarno	7	<u>Susan Hines</u>
3	P/Lt/C Rolf Stuenes, JN	8	<u>Richard Bruns</u>
4	Christopher Nehmer	9	<u>P/C John L. Hall, AP</u>
5	D/Lt Lynda L. Letsch	10	<u>P/C Tony Van de Wal, N</u>

General Committees (Elected)

Nominating Committee

Chair	P/C John L. Hall, AP	1 year remaining
	D/Lt/C "Fuzzy" Jones, S	2 years remaining
	P/C Tracey Stuenes, P	3 years remaining
	P/C David S. Seidenman, AP	4 years remaining
	<u>D/Lt James H. Redding, P</u>	5 years remaining

Rules Committee

Chair	P/C Howard P. Barry, Jr., JN	1 year remaining
	P/C Consiglia P. Barry, JN	2 years remaining
	P/C John L. Hall, AP	3 years remaining
	Lt Douglas P. Riley, P	4 years remaining
	<u>P/C Ronald Basener, SN</u>	5 years remaining

Auditing Committee

Chair	<u>P/C John L. Hall, AP</u>	1 year remaining
	<u>Lt/C Wm. Lane Letsch, S</u>	2 years remaining
	<u>P/C Mae Trott, P</u>	3 years remaining

Bold indicates the candidates nominated and voted in during the meeting.

REPORT—USPS D/5 OFFICER TRAINING & SPRING CONFERENCE

25 MARCH – 27 MARCH 2011 – Ocean City, Maryland

It was an exciting weekend at the Princess Royale Hotel in Ocean City as the new officers of District 5 were sworn in. Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron is proud to report that three of our members are now serving on the District Bridge.

Commander D/C Bernard S. Karpers, N
District Education Officer D/Lt/C Walter K. Neese, SN
Secretary D/Lt/C Katharine (Fuzzy) Jones, S

Traditionally, the incoming District Commander's squadron hosts a reception on Sunday morning. With the help of our new First Lady, Kathy Karpers, Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron's members went to work. Planning and shopping, transporting and chopping! I believe we had 32 members of our squadron who attended the weekend festivities and all hands were on deck as we prepared for the reception.

Deciding on our menu was the easy part. Kathy wanted something elegant but simple, delicious and nutritious. She packed up all of her personal silver and crystal, labeled every box and supplied us with everything from table cloths to oven mitts.

Once we had our menu, we went shopping. Cdr. Sue Bussey led the way through Sam's Club with Lt. Jennifer Dalgarno, Kathy Karpers and I in tow. We managed to fill 5 huge buggies! It was comical when we checked out, and tried to pack up our vehicles. Where were we going to put all this stuff? No problem, just a few phone calls, and P/C John Hall and P/Lt/C Rolf Stuenes came to the rescue. Also, P/C Read Van Zile's car was packed to the brim with orange juice, and P/Lt/C JoAnn Day's supply of shrimp. D/Lt/C Fuzzy Jones had all of our paper goods, and champagne glasses. Everyone chipped in to deliver the supplies to Ocean City.

Saturday afternoon the duties of chopping, slicing and setting up were assigned. Within a short period of time, we were well on our way to serving an estimated 300 friends at the reception. Lt/C Streett Broadbent and Dale were in their suite with all the cantaloupe and red peppers. P/C John Hall and Lt. Roy Stuenes joined them. Susan & Ron Hines prepared hundreds of ham sandwiches, and diced strawberries. P/C Dick Bussey cut up 10 pineapples. Debbie Bayless joined us from Texas, and she was a wiz along with Lt. Mary Hall keeping the pastry tray filled. P/C Lois Nehmer, and Chris Nehmer prepared and served the asparagus, and P/C Mae Trott served on the brunch line as well. P/C Ron Basener and his wife Anne were greeting friends from D/5 and asking them to sign the guest book, while Lt/C Lane Letsch and P/C Jim Redding guided folks to the reception line. Everyone seemed to enjoy the brunch and the mimosas and champagne that P/C Read Van Zile, P/C John Hall and P/Lt/C Rolf Stuenes were pouring. It seems everyone was willing to pitch in where ever needed.

The reception was blessed with a dusting of snow which made for a beautiful view. Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron was honored to host this event and to welcome the new Bridge Officers of D/5. We are looking forward to an exciting year with our new D/C Bernie Karpers.

See the pictures on Page 10.

Respectfully submitted,
P/C Tracey Stuenes, P

THANK YOU

BY BERNIE AND KATHY KARPERS

Our hearty congratulations to our new Commander, Sue Bussey, S and Bridge of the Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron.

We thank the members of our squadron for all their effort of time and dedication to make a great hospitality suite during the Spring Conference of District 5 in Ocean City, Maryland. The District Commander's Reception on Sunday morning was appetizing, beautifully arranged and provided a friendly environment with tasty and well prepared foods. The best in all of these endeavors is the happy team spirit of our members. We wish to thank everyone for your proud participation while showing that Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron is the best.

2011 DSPS Change of Watch



2011 DSPS Change of Watch (Cont.)



District 5 Spring Conference & Change of Watch

Congratulations to D/C Bernard S. (Bernie) Karpers, Jr. N who just became our new D 5 Commander!!!



District 5 Spring Conference & Change of Watch (Cont.)



DSPS Receives Awards at District 5 Spring Conference

Hi, everyone.

Just wanted you to know DSPS has done it again!!!!

The following are awards we received:

Superior Achievement in Squadron membership Growth

2010 New Member Award for 9 new members

2010 Growth award for 1% membership growth

2010 3rd place Large Squadron Award for VSCs

National Communications Committee Award - Distinctive Communicator award for the staff of "On the Horizon" in recognition of Distinctive performance for USPS Publications

National Communications Committee Award - Distinctive Communicator award for the staff of our Web Site in recognition of Distinctive Performance for USPS Websites

CONGRATUATIONS to all !!!

P/C Fuzzy



SAFE BOATING WEEKEND



First Rendezvous of 2011



Inner Harbor East Marina

www.innerharboreast.net

20, 21 & 22 May, 2011

Friday night: Dinner on your own. We will be close to Little Italy and Fells Point.

Saturday 1000 to 1500 (10:00 a. m. to 3:00 p.m.): Vessel Safety Checks

Saturday 1800+/-: Watch the Preakness

Saturday 1900: Pitch-in cocktail party leading right on into pitch-in dinner. Let us know what you plan to bring for dinner.

Sunday 0900: pitch-in breakfast

Call the marina at 410/625-1700 to make your slip reservations. Be sure to say that you're with Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron

Adults for dinner @ \$10 \$ _____

kids 12 and under @ \$5 \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

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Johnny Dee's Banquet Room & Lounge
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Individual with Family: ____

Amount Paid: \$ _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____



SAFE BOATING THROUGH EDUCATION

April - June 2011 Calendar

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|-------------------|---|
| April 20 | General Membership Meeting |
| May 18 | General Membership Meeting |
| May 20-22 | National Safety Week Shakedown Cruise Our first cruise of the season, we will be at the Inner Harbor East Marina. We have an opportunity to "shake down" our own boats before the season really kicks off. It's a great time to inspect the safety equipment on your vessel and make sure last years equipment hasn't expired. We'll be doing free Vessel Safety Checks for everyone who would like one. |
| June 15 | General Membership Meeting |
| June 24-26 | Practice Navigation Cruise Learn new navigation skills or sharpen old ones and have a lot of fun during this weekend. This year we'll be running the contest from Baltimore Yacht Club. Enter your own boat or volunteer to crew on someone else's. No prerequisite courses or knowledge. |



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