

ON THE HORIZON

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General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, 20 August, 2008 at 2000 - Dinner/Drinks/Social optional at 1830

First Aid on the Boat and at the Dock -

Do you know what to do?



Speaker: Dr. Barry Cohan

Dr. Cohan will demonstrate the proper use of an AED, discuss emergency situations that may arise on and around the boat, as well as the First Responder's program. Dr. Cohan is a practicing dentist (since 1974), has been the Fleet Surgeon at Baltimore Yacht Club for the past 4 years where he implemented their First Responder's program, and is a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary where he is a Vessel Safety Examiner and has earned the rank of Coxswain. The Coxswain has the authority to direct all boat and crew activities during the mission and modify planned missions to provide for the safety of the boat and the crew. In addition, Dr. Cohan has the prestigious **AUXOP** member designation for having completed the following six advanced specialty courses: Seamanship, Navigation, Communications, Search & Rescue, Patrols, and Weather.

NEW LOCATION! Blue Fins 8247 Eastern Avenue Essex, MD 21224 410-282-5050

Directions: Exit 38B just off 695 To Eastern Ave. (Rt. 150 towards Essex). Approximately half mile on your right, turn right at the Royal Farm store, then immediately left down to the water—if you go on the bridge, you will miss us!



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Ft. McHenry Flag-Raising 19 July

District 5 Summer Council



COMMANDER

The sight of *Old Glory* being unfurled as the members of the United States Power Squadron, District 5 gathered around her was very exciting. I was full of pride. It was a warm, beautiful summer morning that set the back drop for the spectacular event. The 30 X 40 foot American flag was opened and raised, during the D/5 Summer Council Flag Raising Ceremony at Ft. Mc Henry National Monument and Historic Place. What an outstanding job by P/C Bernie Karpers, Jr., N, who orchestrated the event that was so well attended by more than 170 members of District 5. I'm proud to be an American, proud to be in D/5, and proud to serve with a great squadron, Dundalk!

The entire D/5 Summer Rendezvous weekend and Navigation Contest was a great success. Letters, e-mails, and phone calls are still coming from Squadron Commanders who attended the event thanking all of us for such a grand time. I can only reply that it was a team effort, by all the members of Dundalk. From registration, to our last meeting, and meal together, there was nothing but kind words of appreciation for the detailed planning of the weekend from everyone! Thank you, very much, to those members who so graciously gave of their time and made everything run so smoothly.

Dundalk had two teams in the D/5 Nav Contest, a total of 6 boats! The final results were announced, and Dundalk

took second and third place! With that said, it was our great privilege to be awarded Sourpuss this year. And I think we get to keep him.

Sourpuss will be attending our next membership meeting, as well as the Crab Feast in Rock Hall, in August. P/C Read Van Zile will make his famous Sourpuss Punch for our "Nite Cap" party on Friday night, August 22nd. Don't forget to wear and bring your favorite Nite Caps, and bed time snacks.

I also want to inform the squadron of a few members who are in the running for the Busted Shamrock. Seems P/Lt/C Stuart Newborn needed to wash the hull of *Roman V* upon returning from the Inner Harbor... fully dressed, in the water, without a life jacket...? Also, it was reported, and I understand there is sufficient photographic evidence, that *Battlewagon* approached the Baltimore Inner Harbor Marine Center with no one at the helm...? What's up with that P/C John Hall? I haven't got all the reports from the Top Gun Cruise, but I understand there were some issues with docking... for gas. Keep the reports coming in. If you report on a fellow squadron member, you might be eliminating yourself from the award!

Respectfully submitted,
Cdr Tracey C. Stuenes, P
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A Monumental Flag-Raising for D-5

A formal flag-raising ceremony is part of every District 5 Summer Council, but there's never been one like Dundalk put on as part of its duties as host squadron this year. D/Lt Bernie Karpers, S persuaded Fort McHenry to allow the District to raise the huge 17' x 25' storm flag over the historic fort. D/Lt Karpers, who is also a Dundalk Past Commander and physician to Fort McHenry, welcomed scores of District 5 officers, members and guests to the ceremonies. Current Dundalk Commander, Tracey Stuenes also greeted the many Power Squadron visitors.

P/D/C Bill Seldon emceed the honor guard which saluted all the attending District 5 Bridge officers, Squadron Commanders and other dignitaries. Another Dundalk Past Commander, Sandra Davis, was a member of that honor guard.

Ranger Scott Sheads, historian for Ft. McHenry, offered a brief history of the fort and its flags. He reminded the crowd that 194 years ago Fort McHenry gained a prominent part in the nation's history during the War of 1812. On Sept. 12, 1814 50 British war ships mounted a 48 hour bombardment of the fort from 6 miles away.

Francis Scott Key, aboard an American flag of truce vessel observed the raising of the American flag over the fort after the conclusion of the bombardment. This moved him to write our National Anthem, *The Star Spangled Banner*. That made it all the more moving when District 5 member Sharon Richards sang the anthem after the flag was raised.

Ranger Sheads also stated that there are more sites on the Chesapeake Bay relating to the War of 1812 than any other place in the U.S.

Following Ranger Sheads remarks, the District 5 attendees unfolded the massive storm flag which was then attached to the pole and raised. The flag is an exact replica of the flag which flew over the fort during the bombardment.

Respectfully submitted,
P/C Rick Boardman, AP

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

What a great boating season so far for the Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron, and a job well done by all of our Vessel Examiners. Thank you for your time and hard work!



In fact, we did such a great job at Baltimore Marine Center during Safe Boating Week in May, they asked us to come

back for another VSC day on 2 August. We will be sure to report on it in the September Horizon.

As always, I'm available if anyone has a question, comment or complaint. Also, if anyone would like to volunteer to assist with an event, please let me know. I can be reached by email at xo@uspsdundalk.org or by cell phone at 410-456-5854.

Respectfully submitted,
Lt/C David Seidenman, AP

CONGRESS RESTORES 35-YEAR EXEMPTION FOR RECREATIONAL BOATS FROM PROPOSED EPA PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS

NO NEW PERMIT FOR BOATS REQUIRED

ALEXANDRIA, VA, July 22, 2008 - In a remarkable display of bipartisan support for recreational boating, both the House and Senate today passed S. 2766, "The Clean Boating Act of 2008" which will permanently restore a long-standing exemption for recreational boats from permitting requirements under the Clean Water Act. The legislation now goes to the White House for the President's signature.

Congressional action was spawned by a U.S. District Court decision in September 2006 under which an estimated 17 million recreational boats would have fallen under Clean Water Act permit requirements effective September 30, 2008. The permit would have dictated maintenance and operation procedures and potentially subjected boaters to citizen lawsuits as well as a penalty system designed for industrial polluters.

"This is a fabulous victory for common sense and it just goes to show what can be done when the boating public, the marine industry and its representatives in Congress row together in a bipartisan way," said BoatU.S. President Nancy Michelman.

BoatU.S. Government Affairs Director Margaret Podlich was quick to shower praise on a boatload of legislators who did much of the heavy lifting including Sens. Bill Nelson (D-FL) and Barbara Boxer (D-CA) and Representatives Jim Oberstar (D-MN), Steve LaTourette (R-OH), Candice Miller (R-MI) and Gene Taylor (D-MS). A complete listing of all legislators involved will be available at <http://www.BoatUS.com/gov> soon.

BoatU.S. has worked for more than a year with the National Marine Manufacturers Association and a broad coalition of stakeholders to resolve the problem before the permitting deadline.

"One of the real keys to success here was our collective ability to activate the grassroots," said Podlich, noting that tens of thousands of letters and e-mails were generated by boaters and anglers over the course of the past 12 months.

BoatU.S. is the nation's leading advocate for recreational boat owners with over 650,000 members.

EDUCATIONAL OFFICER

We've had a summer break but classes will soon be back under way. All the students enrolled in the ABC course at the Anchorage Marina in June passed the test.

The Fall Schedule for the Squadron Boating Course is:

09 September, 2008; at the **Anchorage Marina, 2501 Boston Street, Canton**, 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM for 8 Tuesdays.

09 October, 2008; at **Luther Memorial Church, 5401 Eastern Avenue, Greektown**, 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM for 8 Thursdays.

30 September, 2008; at **Dundalk High School, 1901 Delvale Avenue, Dundalk**,

There are two Hands-on GPS courses scheduled for Dundalk High School on:

25 September, 2008: 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM for 3 Thursdays.

30 October, 2008: 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM for 3 Thursdays.

We are presently awaiting the results of the AP exams and a N exam.

Hope you all are thinking about what class you would like to take this Fall. Did you know that you get credit for taking a seminar and there is no test and the time frame is only about 2 hours.

Let's get Dundalk back on the educational track. Take a course, any course--advanced grade, elective or seminar. Hope to see you in a class.



Respectively submitted,

P/C Lois Nehmer, SN

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President Bush Signs Clean Boating Act of 2008!

July 30, 2008

It's a great day for boating! Last night on the way home from Ohio on Air Force One, the President signed S. 2766 "The Clean Boating Act of 2008" into law. This picture shows Representatives Steven C. LaTourette (R-OH), a champion of this common sense legislation and Patrick Tiberi (R-OH). Thank you to the thousands of boaters nationwide who helped get this important bill passed into law!

Margaret Podlich

VP Government Affairs, BoatU.S.



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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Mark your calendars for the General Membership Meetings – Stu & Dianne have set up some great speakers.

This month: **Wednesday, August 20th**

First Aid on the Boat and at the Dock - do you know what to do? Speaker: ***Dr. Barry Cohan***

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Weather Forecasting Meteorologist with WJZ-TV Speaker: ***Bernadette Woods,***

Bernadette's talk will include predicting potential changes and dangerous conditions that could arise on the water. Bernadette received a 2006 Emmy Award for Best Weathercaster.

Also be sure to seek out the Captain of Roman V and get his "version" of how he will probably be nominated for the Broken Shamrock Award. It's hilarious!!

The summer is moving on, but there are many activities with which to join for the fun! Please review your Horizon for the details. See you there!

Next month:

Wednesday, September 17th

Respectfully submitted,
Lt/C J. Streett Broadbent, AP
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Operations Training

The following members have successfully completed the USPS OTP program:

- P/C Dick Bussey
- Lt Sue Bussey
- 1/Lt Irene Solesky
- Lt Tony Solesky
- Lt/C Lane Letch
- P/Lt/C Bill Dahle
- Lt/C Streett Broadbent

All the Bridge Members of the Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron have completed the OTP program in compliance with the D/5 directive. I thank them for giving their time to participate in this important program. Certificates of completion will be presented to each of the participants at a future meeting.

P/C W. Brooks Riley, AP

OTP Instructor

Please Join Us For the Last Cruise of the Summer

St. Michaels on September 12 – 14th

St Michaels Marina (800-678-8980) www.stmichaelsmarina.com

N38 Degrees 47.132 W076 Degrees 13.229

Marina has nice amenities, along with a Swimming Pool, and Bike Rentals,

Enjoy the sights, and take in some shopping. There will be great end of the season bargains in the boutiques in town!

Please make your own Slip Reservations with marina as soon as possible!

Inform marina that you are with Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron

Friday	1800	Sunset Hors d'oeuvres & Cocktail Party
Saturday	0900	Pitch in Breakfast
	1000	Scavenger Hunt & Shopping
	1800	Pitch in Cocktail Party
	1900	Dinner in town
Sunday	0800	Pitch in Breakfast

Bring your favorite cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres to share Friday night

For more information, call Tony Solesky 410-832-5887 or Jay Seidenman 410-653-8823

Good Fellowship, Good Boating, Great Shopping

If you plan to come by car, there are plenty of nice Bed & Breakfasts in town.

Check out the web site www.stmichaels.org

Hope to see you there!

D/5 Navigation Contest

The 2008 Summer Rendezvous navigation contest was a great success, for some. Everyone had a great time and learned something about their boating and navigation skills. The weather was great the seas a little choppy. There were a few crab pots and some commercial traffic.

I would like to thank the Navigation Contest Team, Herb Rambow – flag and co-chair, Pass & Review Boat - Miss Kelsey Captain Rich Norris, Committee Boat – Bay Dazzled Captain Art Worns, Time recorders Pat Worns, Jan Rambow, Connie Beltz, and Spotter Josh Reichard.

Twelve boats entered and twelve boats finished, with all assigned observers. We had three novice boats and two finished in the top five positions. First Place individual Lady J – Captain & Navigator John Wilmot, Potomac River. Second place individual was Kokomo – Captain & Navigator Bob Hannabery – Novice, Delhigh. Third place Roman V – Captain Stuart Newborn, Navigator Joanne Day, Dundalk. There were some problems on the course, rumors of crew getting sick causing a perfectly timed turn to be missed and a minor scrape causing another turn to be missed. Someone claimed that one of the commercial boats got in their way, not sure why a commercial boat was on our course, or was the contest boat off course.

Team Awards. A Novice team from Delhigh took first place, Dundalk captured second and third place.

Dundalk Sail & Power is the custodian of Sourpuss.

The result everyone has a better understanding of their boat's performance in all kinds of seas, increased confidence in their boating skills and many of new friends.

Looking at the returned paperwork everyone figured out his or her "contest time (or "target time") just getting back to the finish line closest to its "contest time" was the problem.

Individual Awards

1. **Lady J – Potomac River** (0:05 Late)

Captain John Wilmot

Navigator Joan Wilmot

Observer Read Van Zile

2. **Kokomo – Delhigh – Novice** (0:21 Late)

Captain Bob Hannabery

Navigator Bob Hannabery

Observer Ann Baily

3. **Roman V – Dundalk** (1:01 Early)

Captain Stuart Newborn

Navigator Joanne Day

Observer Con McGinley

4. **Rat Ark – Dundalk** (1:11 Late)

Captain Walter Neese

Navigator Lois Nehmer

Observer Maryellen Colston

5. **Angel Anne III – Delhigh – Novice** (2:13 Early)

Captain Russell Fontanna

Navigator Jim Zigenfujss

Observer Tom Clark

6. **After Hours II – Dundalk** (2:19 Early)

Captain Kathy Karpers

Navigator Bernie Karpers

Observer Randy Meisner

7. **Lady Jean – Delaware River** (3:12 Early)

Captain Andrew Petruska

Navigator M. Melvin Sharlow

Observer Anthony Van De Wal

8. **Sea Paws – Kingsway** (4:31 Early)

Captain Bill Nelson

Navigator Jeff Stevens

Observer Camila Stemrish

9. **Jenny Lynn II – Dundalk – Novice** (5:34 Early)

Captain Steven Dalgarno

Navigator Steven Dalgarno

Observer Paul Dondero

10. **Consiglia – Dundalk** (6:37 Late)

Captain Howard Berry

Navigator Rolf Stuenes

Observer Mari Anne Ponzio

11. **Battlewagon – Dundalk** (6:43 Late)

Captain John Hall

Navigator Roy Stuenes

Observer J Louis Arandd

12. **JR's Toy – Delaware River** (7:28 Late)

Captain Fred Shallcross

Navigator Harvey Klamt

Observer Bill Dahle

Roman V—3rd Place Individual Award



Battlewagon approaches
Boat with D/5 Bridge



D/5 Navigation Contest Commander's Trophy

1st

Delhigh (3:05)

Kokomo

Angel Anne III

2nd

Dundalk (3:24)

After Hours II

Battlewagon

Rat Ark

3rd

Dundalk (4:24)

Consiglia

Roman V

Jenny Lynn II

DuPont Trophy

1st Place Individual

Lady J – Potomac River

Captain – John Wilmot

Navigator – Joan Wilmot

Observer – Read Van Zile

The squadron with the most boats running:

Dundalk “6”

The WJZ Trophy

Potomac River

The CBYCA Trophy

Roman V – Dundalk



**And the crowd went wild when it was announced that
Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron is custodian of Sourpuss!**



Getting ready for Fort McHenry



Way to go Dundalk!

Salutations and appreciation are due to the Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron, Cdr Tracey Stuenes, D/1/lt Bernie Karpers and P/C John Hall for the masterpiece theatre presentations on the local FOX News channel this AM. I caught the 0808 presentation where Bernie did all the talking... but covered VSC and other items.

Tracey did well with the life preserver (which I believe is now the term of choice) and John held the VSC sticker in good stead.

Folks watching the channel know that the Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron is on the map and working to promote recreational boating safety.

Our caps are off to you and a well deserved "**BRAVO ZULU**" to the awesome team.

"...Proud to be District 5..."

J. Brian Becker
410 442-1230

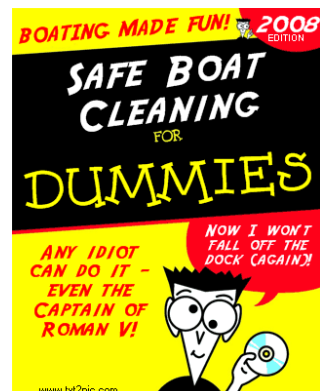
D/5 Sail Regatta and Fall Festival

10-13 Oct 2008 Haven Harbour, Rock Hall MD



For more information visit the D/5 web site:
<http://uspsd5.org/>

Book of the Month!



Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron's

18th Annual Crab Feast

22-24 August, 2008

Haven Harbour Marina, Rock Hall, MD

Friday Arrival: Dinner on your own, then Pajama Pier Party at 2000—Bring and wear your favorite night caps along with your bedtime snacks to share.

Saturday: Crab feast starts at 1500 with crabs, corn on the cob (steamed with Old Bay), hamburgers, hot dogs, beer, soda and dessert.

AND: live music by our favorite, Dave Brand

Sunday: Pitch in breakfast at 0900

Bring your friends, neighbors, relatives, marina or yacht club neighbors (and mallets and knives). This is our biggest event of the season!
All food to be eaten on premises - sorry, no carryout service.



Name _____ Arrival Date _____ Time _____

Adult feast tickets ____ x \$ 39.00 = \$ _____

Children under 12 _____ x \$ 10.00 = \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

NEW FOR 2008: PLEASE MAKE YOUR SLIP RESERVATIONS FOR BOTH NIGHTS DIRECTLY WITH HAVEN HARBOUR 410-778-6697 OR 800-506-6697

Please make checks payable for the crab feast to "Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron" and mail to:

P/C Read Van Zile, AP, 812 Cold Spring Rd, Baltimore, MD 21220-4330

Phone 410-335-4161 e-mail: loafersglory1@verizon.net

Reservations a must by August 16.

August—September 2008 Calendar

August 20	General Membership Meeting—Blue Fins First Aid on the Boat and at the Dock—Dr. Barry Cohan
August 22-24	Crab Feast—Haven Harbour, Rock Hall
September 12-14	St. Michaels—Last Cruise of the Summer
September 17	General Membership Meeting—Blue Fins Weather Forecasting—Bernadette Woods WJZ-TV



SAFE BOATING THROUGH EDUCATION