

ON THE HORIZON

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"Next" General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, **19 August, 2009** at 2000 (8:00 PM)

Dinner/Drinks/Social optional at 1830 (6:30 PM)



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Ray Dobe

I hope you are familiar with the "Great Big Idea" behind the Carefree Boat club. The perfect alternative to boat ownership!

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“REMINDER” - D-5 & Sea Vester Need Your Help!!!

While D-5 members were at the International Boating Water Safety Summit in Panama City, Sea Vester was photographed and joined the contest.

The winner - closing on 7 September, will receive an IPOD which will go in the trailer for more asset base.

I ask each of you to:

- First: Spread the word and the link....
Second: Open the link and vote for Sea Vester... His caption reads Seavester the
If you look close at the picture, he is behind a Viking cutout.
Third: Vote once a day.... It's a little slow having to enter your email each time, but – who knows, we just might win IF enough of you join the fun.

<http://www.floatyourselfcontest.com/gallery/floato.php?guid=octeeekueicyyaaaaseo>



Sea Vester is a teaching aid for use with small children.

Sea Vester allows the barrier to be broken between a strange adult and small children.

Sea Vester is a member of Nansemond River Power Squadron.

He travels throughout the five states of District 5 of USPS® teaching boating safety.

COMMANDER



Last month, I reported that June was almost over. Well, I never would have guessed it but the same thing is happening to July, so I'd better be quick.

I don't have the official report yet, but I've heard that Dundalk is going to be looking for storage space soon to accommodate all of the awards we won at the D5 Summer Rendezvous. I'm sure we'll be hearing much more about that in the near future.

The Top Gunners are well on their way and should be home soon. Safe journey to all.

The Commander's Cruise is coming up faster than I'd like to think about right now, so make sure your reservations are in by the deadline. This should be a nice relaxing trip, of course to be followed immediately by our Annual Crab Feast in Rock Hall. I hope to see all of you there.

And now, for the biggest news of the month – BILL DAHLE IS HOME!!!!!!!!!!!!!! With any luck, we'll see him at the August Membership meeting.

Speaking of which, please, please, PLEASE – remember that the August meeting IS NOT at BlueFins, but it will be at the Elks Club Lodge in Essex, 1007 East Homberg Ave., Essex, MD 21221. I'll see you there on Wednesday, 19 August, 2009.

See you all out on the Bay.

As always, I remain available if anyone has a question, comment or complaint. I can be reached by email at cdr@uspsdundalk.org or by cell phone at 410-456-5854.

Respectfully submitted,
Cdr. David S. Seidenman, AP

What are Vessel Safety Checks???



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.

If you haven't had yours checked it's not too late!!



EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Hi. Everyone! Wow, what a wonderful Summer Rendezvous and Council in Cape Charles. We were joined by D/27 for the weekend. The weather held out for us, the flag raising was "impressive", the camaraderie was great and everyone had a great time. Say the least, Dundalk had 4 boats in the navigation contest and won almost all of the awards including that wonderful man, "Sourpuss"!! Yes, he's back with DSPS again this year and from what he has told me he is extremely happy to be among "friends". He is safe and sound in his private "resort" and is enjoying great meals, good nights sleep and much deserved rest and relaxation.

I must also say, to everyone who participated in the contest, what a great job you did. John Hall and his crew on Battlewagon won many awards. DSPS has a lot to be proud of not only to Battlewagon but to Consiglia and her crew, Rat Ark and her crew, Jenny Lynn Too and her crew for "jobs well done".

There are still many great weeks ahead for enjoyable boating. The Commander's cruise is just around the

corner immediately followed by the "Best Crab Feast on the Bay". The cruise begins on 25 August at Mears Marina, Kent Narrows, a leisurly trip "up the Chester" to Lankford Bay Marina where we will stay for 2 nights and then off to Haven Harbour in Rock Hall.

We have many other events coming up in the next months and always keep in mind the Baltimore Boat Show in January.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please always feel free to contact me and I'll do my best to help.

Continue to have great fun this summer and look forward to seeing you at the upcoming events.

Again, congratulations to all that won awards at Cape Charles.

Lt/C Katharine J. "Fuzzy" Jones, S

Executive Officer

EDUCATIONAL OFFICER



DUNDALK SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON

Squadron Boating Course Schedule For 2009

September 8, 2009 7:30 PM

Anchorage Marina
2501 Boston St
Baltimore, MD 21224

Meets 8 consecutive Tuesdays 7:30 to 9:30 PM

September 10, 2009 7:30 PM

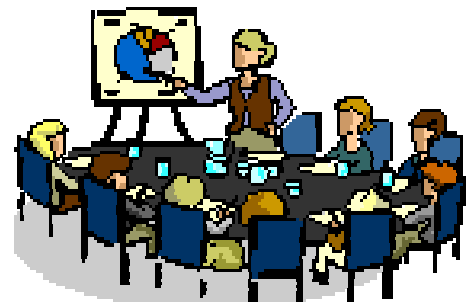
Luther Memorial Lutheran Church
5401 Eastern Ave
Baltimore, MD 21224

Meets 8 consecutive Thursdays 7:30 to 9:30 PM

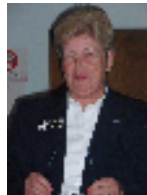
Anyone interested in taking the **Navigation Course** starting in September, please contact me or Dennis Henderson. If there are people interested he will teach the course. But he needs to know by the end of June so he can prepare.

Lois M. Nehmer, Education Officer

seo@uspsdundalk.org



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



I am told that a good time was had by all who attended the Summer Council in Cape Charles. Some felt the seas more than others apparently but all have survived thus far. They are returning as I am writing this article.

Congratulations and Kudos to our own Lynda Letsch for taking first place in the Historian Scrap Book competition. Way to go Lynda!

Our August meeting will be held Essex Elks located at 1007 E. Homberg Avenue. Dinner will be available for those desiring to eat there. The menu is Lasagna, salad and garlic bread OR Meatloaf and the trimmings. Both menu items are \$10.00 including tax and tip. You MUST pre order the meal with me by August 13 for your meal on August 19. This is to ensure that there is enough of both meals for the Elks members as well as the DSPS members.

We have a guest speaker, Ray Dobe, from Carefree Boating who promises to be an interesting speaker. His company is in the business of supplying boats to those who want to continue some boating but do not want to continue to be a boat owner. Come on down and hear what they have to say. You may find you are very interested in Carefree Boating.

Don't forget the Crab Feast on the weekend of August 28,

29, and 30. P/C Read Van Zile will not accept any reservations after August 22. Cost is \$39.00 per adult and children under 10 \$12.00. The Crab Feast is being held at Haven Harbour in Rock Hall. This is always a sellout so get your check to Read NOW. See you there.

The September meeting is going to be one of a kind presented by P/C Brooks Riley. Bring your on board small tool box to this meeting. There will be prizes and lots of fun! Mark your calendar not for September 16, 2009.

October 21 will bring us a meeting chaired by Doug Riley which promises to be very informative.. Those Riley men seem to follow each other don't they??

November 18 is the meeting chaired by Shana Seidenman with a talk from a member of the Back River Waste Water Treatment Plant. All sounds very interesting.

Please mark your calendars now for the third Wednesdays of the month. We always have out meetings then and hope to see all of you in attendance.

LT/CDR. Suzann K. Bussey

Administrative Officer

SECRETARY'S REPORT



Don't forget the August meeting will be held at the Essex Elks Club

Address: 1007 Homberg Avenue

Essex, MD 21221

Phone: 410-686-7797

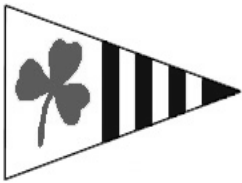
Respectfully submitted,
Lane Letsch, DSPS Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

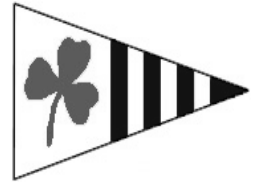
Just a reminder for those who haven't paid their dues, please do so ASAP

Respectfully submitted,
Richard D. Bussey, P Treasurer





Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron
COMMANDER'S CRUISE



25—28 AUGUST 2009

Tuesday, 25 Aug - Arrive at Mears Kent Narrows -

There will be a pitch-in cocktail party at 1700

We will then go to Harris' Crab House for dinner

Wednesday, 26 Aug—Take a leisurely trip "up the Chester" to Lankford Bay Marina

Again, a pitch-in cocktail party at 1700

Dinner on your own

Thursday, 27 Aug—We will have an excursion to Chestertown for lunch

Cocktails & cook out & educational games at the Pavilion at 1800

BYOB—DSPA will provide hamburgers & hotdogs—please bring a dish to share

Friday, 28 Aug—Depart Lankford Bay and travel to Haven Harbour Marina for the 'BEST CRAB FEAST ON THE BAY'

Contact the following for slip reservations no later than

AUGUST 11

Mears Marina—call Lori 410 827 8888

Lankford Bay Marina—call John 410 778 1414

(tell them you are with the Dundalk S&P group)

Name: _____

Guest(s): _____

Reservations: \$10 per person/ \$5 per child under 12 _____ = \$ _____

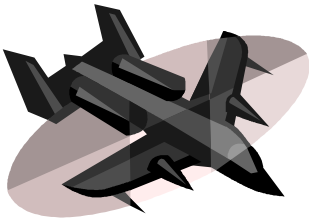
Please make check payable to DSPS & mail to:

L/C Fuzzy Jones c/o Blue Heron Mailing 314 N Aurora St Ste C Easton, MD 21601-3609

Day 410 770 3400 Evening 410 827 6779

E-mail kjones@blueheronmail.com

PLEASE CUT OFF THE BOTTOM OF THIS PAGE BEFORE SENDING IT!



Top Gun Cruise

Reported by Jennifer Dalgarno



We have had great weather except for the winds, makes the bay very rough for travel. Very Hot!!! Dundalk cleaned up. John (although not many participated from other squadrons) won, Walter second, Howard third and we were fourth. Won all the trophies and Sour Pus. We had fun. Weather is toooooo hot!!!! Leaving this morning for Manteo about 30 miles or so. We are in Coinjock NC and have to go across Albemarle Sound. I think expected winds again today with possible thunder showers.



Excluding the Banana conspiracy, and missing Crab Burgee. I would say ALL had a wonderful time with Lots of Laughs. Entertainment was provided by the Hall children and Captain Bernie "Viper". Kathleen kept the group on an even keel. Captain John Hall "Maverick" did a fabulous job on leading the convoy, and breaking down all the waves. Captain Al "Pretty Boy" tried to keep us all looking bristol, that's a big job with this crew!!!! Mary Hall and Marianne put together a fabulous Italian dinner in Norfolk for all on our North Bound trip. I very much enjoyed being one of the kids and making sure the entire trip was documented with the help of First Mate Brian Hall. I apologize for accusing him of erasing the disc, Oops, Card, without his expert computer help I would have been in Big Trouble! Brian had provided all the technical expertise, keeping me straight was a big job! Thanks All for a Wonderful
T r i p ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! !

Jennifer AKA (not sure what name they gave me??) How about "Shutterbug"

More to come in the next Horizon!!

Haven Harbour Marina



**Kick Up Your Heels & Mosey On Over
to the Pavilion by the Pool
Friday, August 28th
7 PM till all the vittles are gone**

**We're gonna have a
Boot Scootin', Root Tootin' Good Time
Bring your vittles to share and some
moonshine in your mason jars
Wear your favorite cowboy hat and boots
Be ready to swing your partner!**





Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron's

19th Annual Crab Feast



28-30 August, 2009

Haven Harbour Marina, Rock Hall, MD



Friday: Arrival party 1800 – 2100 (separate flyer) and dinner on your own.

Saturday: Crab Feast starts at 1500 with crabs, corn on the cob (steamed with old Bay), hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, sliced tomatoes, beer, soda and dessert.

Live music by "Palmtree Charlie"



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 tickets _____ @ \$39 = \$

Children under 12 _____ @ \$10 = \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____



Please make your slip reservations for both nights directly with Haven Harbour 410/778-6697 or 1-800/506-6697 and tell them you're with Dundalk Power Squadron.

Please make checks payable for the Crab Feast to "Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron" and mail to

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

Phone 410/335-4161 email loafersglory1@verizon.net

Reservations not accepted after August 22, 2009



Sue Creek Raft Out / Party In

Reports say that everyone had a "Great" Time! Below are some pictures from the outing.

It looks like the Ring Toss was a big hit!



**Read —
The Other Way!!**

"What's in the Box ???"

We take care to be sure that our boats and gear are kept in good order... But what about the tools we use onboard to make the repairs?? Are the screwdriver blades rounded off? Bent? Are the jaws of wrenches dinged up? Sockets rounded from improper fit? And, are all the items in your tool box in good order, or are they the remnants from the basement or garage workshop?? Twisted shafts?? Rusty?

September's program will cover the "necessary items" you should have, as well as those more "exotic" - may never need them but "nice to have" items.

Be prepared to bring your "on board small tool box " to the September meeting and take part

PRIZES !!!!! FUN !!! AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION!!!!

By the way.....do you have a fid??

P/C Brooks Riley





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On-the-water activities, cruises, rendezvous, raft-ups for a day weekend or week – something for everyone!

- Many locations throughout the Chesapeake Bay
- Commander's Cruise and Top Gun Cruise to ports as far away as Philadelphia, Cape May, New York, the Outer Banks, etc.
- Take your own boat or crew on someone else's
- **Social Events:** Pitch-in meals, picnics, theme parties, and our Annual Crab Feast

Meetings with knowledgeable guest speakers on interesting topics to include Homeland Security, First-Aid, Weather, Bay History, Winterizing/Commissioning, Engine Maintenance

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Amount Paid: \$ _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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Email: question@uspsdundalk.org
vsc@uspsdundalk.org

Web: <http://www.uspsdundalk.org>

Phone: 410-282-6464

Meetings: 3rd Wednesday
6:30 pm for Dinner, 8 pm for Meeting
BLUE FINS Restaurant
8247 Eastern Ave, Essex, 21224

Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron - Receipt:

Membership Type: Individual: ____ Or

Individual with Family: ____

Amount Paid: \$ _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____



SAFE BOATING THROUGH EDUCATION

August—September 2009 Calendar

August 19	General Membership Meeting - Elks Club, Essex
August 25-28	Commander's Cruise—"up the Chester"
August 28-30	Crab Feast—Rock Hall
September 16	General Membership Meeting
September 25-27	St Michaels Cruise—Enjoy the Town that fooled the British.



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