

ON THE HORIZON

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Our next Membership Meeting is on Wednesday, August 17, at 7:30 p.m., at The Bowman Restaurant, 9603 Harford Road. The August program features John & Carol Swope, friends of member Anders Vik. They have some interesting "it happened to me" stories. Those planning on having dinner should arrive at The Bowman Restaurant by 6:15 pm

COMMANDER



WHAT I LEARNED DURING MY SUMMER VACATION

As our new 44' Viking (formerly known as *Easy Streett*), with powerful diesel engines and experience in the big blue sea, was not quite ready, Eileen and I embarked upon the Top Gun Cruise aboard our old, but beloved, 34' gas-powered *LORENZO* – notwithstanding sage advice that little *LORENZO* was no longer up for such an adventure. And so it seemed. As the cruise began, *LORENZO* got less than a mile under her belt before that belt failed, and her port engine overheated. Thus, with the Top Gun Cruise finally underway, Eileen and I returned to Worton Creek on one engine, dejected, imagining our adventure to be over before it had even begun.



I have a sense for how George Washington felt as, with the war almost lost, he glanced toward the ocean and saw the French fleet arriving to save the Revolutionary Cause. In our case, it was the glorious vision of *BATTLEWAGON*'s tuna tower silhouetted against the sunrise as John and Mary Hall returned to save the day. Five hours and two marine supply stores later, we again set out, catching up with the rest of the Top Gunners in Cape May before nightfall.

Remarkably, *LORENZO* spent four days in the Atlantic Ocean – cruising along at 20 knots – without incident, but suffered a second broken belt and torn hose as we reached our northernmost destination on the Hudson River. A local mechanic and some remarkable innovation by Captains Hall, Dalgarno, and Neese saved the day, and *LORENZO* made it safely

home to Baltimore.

In my eight years of boating, I have become a pretty good helmsman and fair-to-middling navigator, but I have always left engine maintenance to others. Granted, I've taken the Engine Maintenance and Marine Electronic courses offered by the Squadron, but these were, for me, an intellectual exercise rather than practical training. Thus, before the Top Gun Cruise, I arranged for *LORENZO* to be checked out by professionals, to be as ready as she might be for such a trip. In hindsight, it is remarkable that I never checked the belts *myself*. Granted, it is nearly impossible to see these belts, let alone to change them, on *LORENZO*. In fact, it was amazing to watch John Hall and, later, the mechanic in New York lay across the engines, contort

their neck-and-shoulders, and, somehow, work upside down to replace the errant belts. Clearly, no one had done this aboard *LORENZO* in quite a long time!

What I learned during my summer vacation is that, to be a good boater, it is not enough to know how to set a course or to back smoothly into a slip. One must also know the basics of engine maintenance and marine electronics, and be competent (and confident) enough to deal with problems as they, inevitably, arise while underway. Old *LORENZO* was definitely the weak link on the Top Gun Cruise, but as John Hall, Steve Dalgarno, and Walter Neese came to her rescue time-and-again, I realized I had three excellent teachers and, more so, would never be so dependent upon them again.

Respectfully submitted,
Douglas B. Riley, Commander

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER



At the May Membership Meeting, we were very fortunate to have P/D/C Marty Lafferty, AP as our guest speaker. Marty gave a presentation on a series of safe boating videos that District 5 is making for the District 5 Media Library. Susan and I were honored when we were asked if we would be willing to participate, along with S/V Tiphys, in one of the videos. We readily agreed and coordinated our roles with P/D/C Lafferty, who would be serving as the filming director for this series.

We sailed up to Worton Creek to join several other Squadron and District 5 boats in participating in the North Bay Cruise and Moviemaking Extravaganza. It seems that every time we participate in a Squadron event I think that it would be almost impossible to have that much fun again, and so far I've always been wrong. This trip was no exception. We arrived at Worton Creek around noon after a great sail up from our home port, and set off looking for director Marty and his stage manager and spouse, Sari. We learned that our segment, proper docking technique, would be filmed later that afternoon. When our time came we listened intently to Marty's direction and after a few takes were gratified to hear Marty exclaim "That's a whoop!" We can't wait to see the finished videos. What an honor to be a part of this series and to help promote safe and proper

boating techniques. Many thanks to Marty, Sari and everyone who participated in this worthy cause. I count nine District Boats total, with SEVEN from Dundalk! Our on-the-water participation is growing. Come on out, the fun continues!

As I mentioned in my last column, I am working with a certified CPR/AED/First Aid instructor to set up a class for our Squadron members. The First Aid portion of the class is geared specifically to situations that can and do materialize when on the water or at a marina. If you spend time around boats for any reason, the skills taught in this class can mean, literally, the difference between life and death. I have taken this class and found it to be VERY practical and informative. Please let me know if you are interested in participating by sending an email to xo@uspsdundalk.org.

Respectfully Submitted, Lt/C David Blades, JN

Executive Officer

Our Meeting Place

The Bowman Restaurant on Harford Road. 410-665-8600. Our regular meetings are on the third Wednesday of each month (except July) and start at 7:30 Those of us planning to eat should plan to arrive around 6:15 p.m. and we'll order from the menu. Those not planning on eating may arrive at any time but the meeting will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. The best parking is on the left of the building and then enter through the double doors on the side.

The Bowman Restaurant is located at 9306 Harford Rd, Parkville, MD 21234, just OUTSIDE the Beltway, on the left-hand side as you head north – across from the CVS Drugstore. in a private meeting room.
www.thebowmanrestaurant.com

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



A Man's GOT to Know His Limitations

(Harry Callahan aka Clint Eastwood, Magnum Force, 1973)

I have spent much enjoyable time this year in the boat at the dock. I have "boat on the brain". It's contagious because others have it too. It dawned on me that I knew little about the boat workings. Generalities were in hand with no hands-on experience. So what? Almost everything worked as it was supposed to. No worries and yet...

So I focused. I began a boat immersion process. I joined the Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron (DSPS) and online groups, took classes, participated in Power Squadron and marina activities, and even worked at the local West Marine a whopping 4 hours per week. I talked, I asked questions and then I DID. There is SO MUCH out there!

The big AHAAH! moment, and the point of this article, is the Marine Electrical course taught by John Hall of our very own DSPS. Warning: This may appear as stern smooching.

It's shocking, but I learned that basic items were lacking and others were poorly executed. Like so many boats, My Way had drifted from ABYC standards. Maybe a 38 year old boat predates standards? Perhaps, but I could not ignore residential wiring. Or a missing shore power shutoff or battery switch. Maybe the lack of GFCI circuit protection tops the bill? And the spaghetti in the console?

I found the course to be engrossing, fascinating and maximally educational. Ignorance is not bliss. Everyone should enroll. This opened my eyes. I applied this new knowledge and have spent quality time with My Way, a 1978 Mainship 34 diesel trawler.

I pulled residential wiring and added GFCI receptacles. A very smart charger has taken the place of an old one oozing brown gunk. The shore power circuit breaker is installed with some extra slots and the battery switch install is nearly complete. I added battery and galvanic isolators making the process more challenging. The course included what some of the extras are and why they are useful and how to determine proper wire gauges to use, fuses and much more of course. Heat shrink connections are fun.

Most important is that I believe the boat is safer. I have more confidence and a better idea of how things work. This can be gained only by getting up close and personal. But, A man's GOT to know his limitations, and so I plan and move deliberately through this process.

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Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Haldeman, S, Administrative Officer,

TREASURER'S REPORT



Greetings from your Squadron Treasurer!

Proud to announce that Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron will receive a Certificate of Merit and a place on this year's Educational Fund Honor Roll.

Make sure to use our Check Request form when a check needs to be sent to a vendor or to you for reimbursement of a budgeted or approved expense. Also use the Deposit Request form when turning in cash or checks collected for Squadron events and education.

Visit our online Ship's Store at <http://dundalksquadron.qbstores.com>! There is always a discount, so make sure to log in to see what you can save in ordering Squadron merchandise. Available merchandise includes polos, tees, button down shirts, jackets, sweat-

shirts, hats, bags – available in multiple colors, plus 3 logos to choose from on most items. If you don't see the item you want, go to www.queensboro.com and see if it is there. If so, email me the item name and number and I will add it to our online Ship's Store. There are too many items available to include them all, but happy to add any you would like.

The Squadron's bills are paid and we are in sound financial shape! Contact me at stuartnewborn@gmail.com if you have questions for the Treasurer or about the online Ship's Store.

Respectfully submitted, Lt/C Stuart Newborn, S,
Treasurer

EDUCATIONAL OFFICER



Calendar of Pending Courses (details and all registrations online):

Our next course will be Seamanship starting September 22 – 8 weeks.

Educational tip of the month: When you're topsides on any kind of boat –

Wear good shoes providing traction. Today most boat shoes have a wear-ashore function so people can look hot or cool (pick one) like us. Unfortunately, for durability, fashionable shoes have a hard sole so they won't wear out. You want a sole that's soft, sticky with a non-skid pattern.

Use handholds on the boat while working or moving about. That's what they are there for. And if they are not there, use anything you can hold onto, standing rigging, a secured on-deck dinghy, etc., and lifelines as a last resort. Always keep in mind the adage "one hand for yourself, one hand for the boat."

At night or if you're in a heavy sea, and you have to be on deck, tethers and harnesses.

Do not stand in the bight of a line. The bight is the V formed by a line entering and leaving a turning block. The force there is much greater than the load on the line itself and if the block fails and goes flying... well you don't want to be there.

For different reasons you don't want to stand in or on a coiled line. If it's not under load, it's easy for you to slip, even with your sticky, soft, non-skid boat shoes, and if the line is or will become under load, you stand a good chance of getting lassoed around your ankle and hauled onto your bottom. Does everyone know how to set a splint?

CONTINUE TO HAVE A GOOD SUMMER! BE SAFE OUT THERE!

Respectfully submitted,

Lt/C Robert Crimmins, AP - SEO



Worton Creek Movie Making Extravaganza

Top Left : My Way and Game Plan.

Lower Left: Digital Media Library movie making cast and crew safety meeting. Everyone participating had to attend the safety meeting and sign release forms so Marty could make stars out of us!



Upper Right: Finding shade for the pitch in cocktail party. It was hot but the drinks were Soooo cold!



Lower Right: Dinner at Harbor House Restaurant on Worton Creek.





Top Left: After Hours II departing with most of the fleet to Cape May.



Top Right: It's not the New York Harbor if you aren't dodging Ferries. Jenny Lynn II gives the Staten Island Ferry a wave.



2nd Left: Battlewagon NOT departing for Cape May. Returning to repair Lorenzo.



2nd Right: We have arrived! There is no other skyline like that one.



3rd left: After Hours II arriving at Cape May. Lorenzo and Battlewagon are just leaving Worton Creek at the same time.



3rd Right The view from our boats. The Colgate Tower in Jersey City is in the left foreground and Manhattan in the background.



4th Left: The view from the infinity pool at Canyon Club.



4th Right The new Tappan Zee bridges being constructed. A few days after we went under it one of the cranes collapsed onto the existing bridge.



Bottom Left: We had a nasty short chop for the long long run from Cape May to New York Harbor. Yes the sea was angry that day.



Bottom Right: Walter, Michelle and Eric relaxing on Lorenzo.

SECRETARY'S REPORT



Did you know Maryland boasts a rich maritime history, a vast array of freshwater and saltwater venues and an enthusiastic constituency of recreational boaters who have more than 180,000 recreational vessels. Standing by to serve citizens and visitors alike are more than 600 marinas and 500 public boat ramps and launches.

Boosting the economy: Recreational boating is not only good for the spirit but also is a boon to Maryland's economy. It supports more than 13,000 jobs and adds \$2.4 billion annually to the economy, according to the National Marine Manufacturers Association.

The lifeblood of the Department of Natural Resources Boating Services' efforts is the Waterway Improvement Fund—the five-percent vessel excise tax paid when a boat is registered and titled in Maryland.

Since its inception in 1966, the fund has provided more than \$300 million for 4,500 projects at more than 300 public boating access sites. The fund also supports services such as ice breaking, navigation aids, as well as the management of the Clean Marina Initiative.

In fiscal year 2017, nearly every county will receive a portion of the \$10.5 million allocated for the improvement fund. Governor Larry Hogan and the General Assembly approved a list of 60 projects, including dredging local navigation channels, developing and maintaining public boating access facilities, installing marine sewage pumpout facilities, and purchasing safety and rescue vessels. Funds can also be used to leverage federal grants for various boating projects.

A history of success: The *Clean Marina Initiative* began in 1997 as a collaboration with the Marine Trades Association of Maryland. This voluntary program provides incentives for marinas to embrace best management practices for pollution reduction. To date, 131 Maryland marinas have become certified through the program and 24 other facilities have become Clean Marina Partners.

The Marine Sewage Pumpout Grant Program is one of the most successful pumpout initiatives in the nation. More than half of the 600 marinas statewide have used federal Clean Vessel Act and state Waterway Improvement funding to purchase and install pumpout facilities. Together, these marinas properly dispose of approximately two million gallons of boat sewage each year, helping clean up Maryland waterways. Many of these marinas receive additional money to help pay for operation and maintenance costs.

Boating Infrastructure Grant funds have supported 15 projects throughout the state. Notable projects include renovations of the Annapolis City Dock, the Baltimore Inner Harbor Marine Center and the Oxford Town Dock. These projects help ensure that the owners of larger recreational transient vessels are able to enjoy the cultural and historic opportunities that make Maryland one of the premier boating destinations in the world.

Boating Access funds, matched by Waterway Improvement and local funds, have supported the renovation and construction of 33 boat ramps from the Atlantic Ocean to the upper Potomac River. Three of these projects—West Ocean City Harbor, Franklin Street in Cambridge and Talbot County's Oak Creek Landing—received the States Organization for Boating Access Outstanding Project Award.

Most recently, Boating Access funds were used for the renovation of Broad Creek Landing in Harford County and the Coulboun Creek ramp in Somerset County.

Additionally, in one of the most significant local projects of its kind, these funds covered \$1.3 million of the approximately \$2 million Fort Smallwood Park Boat Ramp, the first ramp owned and operated by Anne Arundel County.

The bottom line: When the federal, state and local governments work together with a supportive marine trades industry, good things happen.

Respectfully submitted,

Lt/C Dick Bruns, Secretary



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Members Helping Members

Adventure, Fun and Learning

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- 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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Costs: Individual = \$90. Individual + One Additional Active family member = \$141. (Each Additional family member \$20)

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Learn More about America's Boating Club

Email: cdr@uspsdundalk.org

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Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of the month
Dinner 6:00 pm, Meeting 7:30 pm

The Bowman Restaurant

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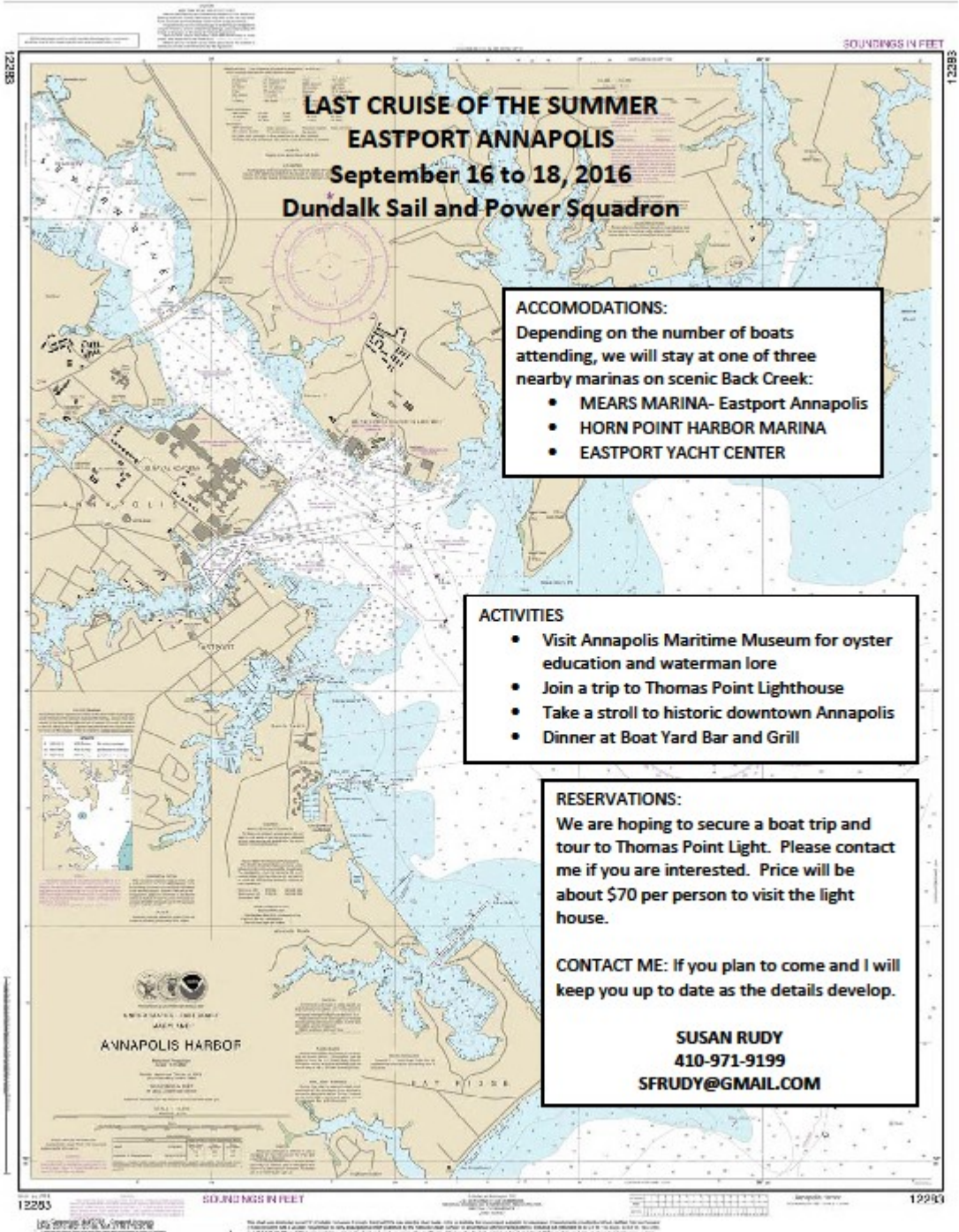
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**LAST CRUISE OF THE SUMMER
EASTPORT ANNAPOLIS
September 16 to 18, 2016
Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron**

ACCOMODATIONS:
Depending on the number of boats attending, we will stay at one of three nearby marinas on scenic Back Creek:

- MEARS MARINA- Eastport Annapolis
- HORN POINT HARBOR MARINA
- EASTPORT YACHT CENTER

ACTIVITIES

- Visit Annapolis Maritime Museum for oyster education and waterman lore
- Join a trip to Thomas Point Lighthouse
- Take a stroll to historic downtown Annapolis
- Dinner at Boat Yard Bar and Grill

RESERVATIONS:
We are hoping to secure a boat trip and tour to Thomas Point Light. Please contact me if you are interested. Price will be about \$70 per person to visit the light house.

CONTACT ME: If you plan to come and I will keep you up to date as the details develop.

**SUSAN RUDY
410-971-9199
SFRUDY@GMAIL.COM**

ANNAPOLIS HARBOR
SOUNDINGS IN FEET

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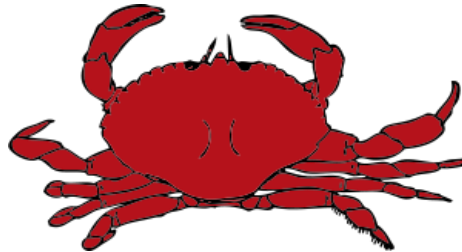
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Name: _____ Boat name: _____

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SAFE BOATING THROUGH EDUCATION

Calendar

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| August 17 | Membership Meeting – The Bowman on Harford Rd |
| August 19-21 | Crab Feast—Sailing Emporium in Rock Hall |
| August 21-28 | USPS Governing Board in Pittsburg |
| September 16-18 | Last Cruise of Summer—Eastport / Annapolis |
| September 21 | Membership Meeting – The Bowman on Harford Rd |
| October 21-23 | Fall Festival, Sail Regatta and Fishing contest |
| November 17-20 | Fall Educational Conference |

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