



# ON THE HORIZON

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Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron

**THERE IS NO EXECUTIVE MEETING IN AUGUST, BUT OUR REGULAR MEETINGS RESUME ON AUGUST 16, 2017.**

**COMMANDER**

*David Blades, N*



Greetings everyone, I hope that your summer is going as well as ours is! So far this summer we have joined our Squadron mates at the Shakedown Cruise to the Anchorage Marina in Baltimore, the Wurst Cookout Ever at Redeye Yacht Club, the District 5 Sail Regatta and Fishing Tournament at Spring Cove Marina in Solomons and an impromptu raft out for 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks at Rock Hall. It seems that there is always something fun going on with Dundalk.

Our on-the-water event is the Celestial Navigation Rendezvous. If you are interested in gaining some insight into the world of celestial navigation or honing skills that you already possess then this is your opportunity. Join us at North Point Marina in Rock Hall on September 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> (rain date September 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>) for an introduction to this fascinating subject. Sextants will be available and instruction in their use will be taught along with other relevant topics. Please see details in the flyer included in this newsletter.

Coming up on September 23<sup>rd</sup> is our 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Crab Feast. This year, in an effort to increase attendance at what is our most important event and our largest fund raiser of the year, we have moved to the western shore of the Chesapeake Bay and the Baltimore Yacht Club. The flyers for this event are also available in this newsletter, both the printed edition and the online edition. Feel free to make copies to give to your family and friends and take a moment now to set this date aside to join us at our new location and help to make this year's Feast the best ever!

On a personal note while we were in Solomons for the D5 Sail Regatta and Fishing Tournament. Susan and I had an opportunity to go for a sail on the Patuxent River aboard the Dee of Saint Mary's, a 56 foot long skipjack berthed at the Calvert Marine Museum. All onboard had an opportunity to act as a part of the crew with Susan serving as helmsman. This is the type of thing that the memories of a lifetime are made of. I doubt that we would be in a position to have this experience were we not members of the United States Power Squadrons and Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron in particular.

Speaking of the United States Power Squadrons, our National organization, if you have received your new roster packet, thanks to P/C Doug Riley, then perhaps you noticed the new logo at the top of the accompanying Commanders letter. This new logo, designed by the National USPS organization, represents the future of our organization and is designed to be inclusive of all who participate in various on the water activities whether power, sail or personal watercraft. I personally like it very much and I'm looking forward to our future, from my perspective it is bright and promising!

Respectfully submitted,

David Blades, N

Commander

## 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.



**DUNDALK SAIL & POWER SQUADRON  
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO OUR  
27<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CRAB FEAST!**

**Crabs, crabs, crabs and corn-on-the-cob, hamburgers, cheeseburgers,  
hot dogs, and sausages, vegetables, peach cake, ice cold beer and sodas**

*Live Entertainment!*

Saturday, September 23, 2017

3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**BALTIMORE YACHT CLUB**

800 Baltimore Yacht Club Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21221

----- Reservation form -----

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Boat name: \_\_\_\_\_

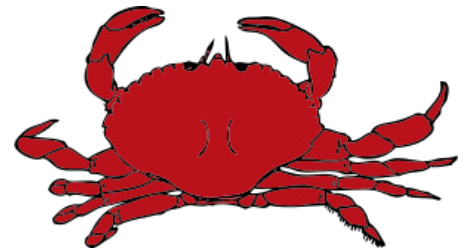
Arriving:  By land  By sea  Friday, September 22  Saturday, September 23

Friday night pitch-in cocktail party (1800)

Saturday afternoon crab feast (1500-1700)

Sunday morning pitch-in breakfast (0800)

- Number of adults \_\_\_\_\_ at \$45.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - Non-crab eaters \_\_\_\_\_ at \$25.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - Children (under 13) \_\_\_\_\_ at \$15.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



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Lt/C Douglas Riley, AP

623 Wilton Rd., Towson, MD 21286

For more information, call Doug Riley at 410-825-9632

Please make your slip reservations directly with Baltimore Yacht Club (410)682-2310

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### **EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

**J. Streett Broadbent, AP**



## Executive Officer Report

### 1. Vessel Safety Checks:

#### a. DSPS

i. 55 VSC's; Passed 41 (74%); by 6 VE's (9.2 VSC's per VE) {No Change}

1. Ken Finck has mailed me some he did recently & I will enter them ASAP

We have done more VSC's than what has been recorded.

**Please enter your VSC's on line.**

#### b. District 5 Statistics:

i. 1,469 VSC's; Passed 1,340 (91%); by 147 VE's (10.0 VSC's per VE)

#### c. National Statistics

i. 16,588 VSC's; Passed 14,217 (91%); by 1,475 VE's (10.4 VSC's per VE)

d. The VE Shirts have arrived. I would like to pass out to our VE's at the August GMM (General Membership Meeting)

e. I have sent out extra decals to all that have requested them. (We received 80 decals from USPS.)

Respectfully submitted,

LT/C J. Streett Broadbent, AP

# **EDUCATIONAL OFFICER**

*John L. Hall, AP*



The movie Dunkirk is out in theatres this month. In 1940, before the US entered World War II, the allied forces had been pushed back to the town of port of Dunkirk and were on the brink of being forced to surrender or be destroyed. With almost 400,000 troops stranded and not enough ships the British called on every private boat that could sail across the English Channel and back again. Many of these were recreational boats or fishing boats and in many cases the skipper of the boat volunteered. Other boats were manned by makeshift crews and volunteers. The fact that these were civilians in civilian boats offered them no protection from the Germans. Many crew members were killed and many small were sunk or destroyed.

These boaters had to put all their navigation skills to good use. Although the English coast was within sight of Dunkirk the evacuation routes did not go directly across the Channel. They had to navigate unfamiliar waters, through night and day and do it by dead reckoning. Back then that would probably be a poor choice of words. Maybe "Seat of your pants" would have been better. But it simply means there are no visual aids and you are doing everything by how fast the boat is going and your compass heading.

The students who just completed the piloting course can appreciate this. Of course our OTW (on the water) class only had to dodge crab pots – not mines, artillery and enemy aircraft. Our education courses still start with the basics that they needed 77 years ago.

Some of the boats that participated in the evacuation are still around and you can find out more about them from the Association of Dunkirk Little Ships. [www.adls.org.uk](http://www.adls.org.uk) Many of these are still active as privately owned yachts. In fact twelve of the original boats were used in the filming of the movie.

Back to the present - The Piloting course has completed and the tests have been sent in to be graded. Hopefully we will have results soon. There will be a makeup exam for anyone who did not get a chance to take the exam the first time around or needs to retake it. I will coordinate the date with the instructor and students. Stay safe out there and keep learning

Respectfully submitted;

Lt/C John L. Hall, AP

Educational Officer

## **Calendar of Pending Courses:**

<u>Course</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Member / Non Member</u>
Cruise Planning	Essex	In progress	8 weeks	\$49/\$79
Next session	BYC	12:00 PM 9/23/2017		
	Essex			
Seamanship	Essex	7:00 PM 9/21/17	Seven weeks	\$52 / \$100
Piloting	Essex	7:00 PM 2/1/18	Eight weeks	\$65 / \$113
Advanced Piloting	TBD	Fall 2017		\$70//\$115

### **Learn More about United States Power Squadrons**

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**Web:** <http://www.uspsdunk.org> or  
<http://www.uspsd5.org>  
**Meetings:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month  
Dinner 6:00 pm, Meeting 7:30 pm  
The Bowman Restaurant  
9306 Harford Road, Parkville, MD 21234

## **ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

**Glenn Haldeman, AP**



### More on Boating Activities

**“A good traveler has no fixed plans and is not intent on arriving.”  
- Lao Tzu (570-490 BC)**

I mentioned last month that there are LOTS of boating activities. My moving on-the-water time is about to greatly increase and, hopefully, displace the on-the-land activities. I had my boat on land last week with several projects. I hoped to finish in 3-4 days because after a week, the fees come by the foot. I ended up using every last minute of my time allowance. I also drank just about everything on board. When this is read, you may have forgotten how hot it was. The heat made for a slower pace.

A word of advice for boat owners: Check your thru hulls. One of my main projects was to do just that. I had 39 year old gate valves throughout the boat when proper seacocks or balls valves are current technology. I had 4 gate valves as thru hulls and 4 plastic transducers (one functional). The brass thru hulls all had a tinge of pink indicating a weakening of the bronze. The plastic transducers all showed a certain amount of wear. One gate valve that I thought was closed was actually half open with a nonfunctioning turning handle. This was attached to a pinched off hose in the head. I feel lucky.

Also mentioned last month, I recently became a Vessel Safety Examiner (VSE). On my leisurely 3 hour indirect cruise back from the boat yard, I was boarded by the US Coast Guard for the first time. I was safely moving at 5.9 mph in the inner harbor. I believed I was fully current with everything, but still, it puts one on alert. It was really a non-event with me anticipating their needs with my new VSE skills. I did find one blip. Although I am required to have 2 fire extinguishers, I would have bet money I had a third one in the forward sleeping area just like we suggest during a VSE. Sigh.

Our presenter for August will be will be Mr. Erhard Koehler, manager of programs for the Nuclear Ship Savannah which is harbored right here in Baltimore! If you come across someone that the squadron might enjoy please feel to drop a line and I'll attempt to make contact. Looking forward to Rock Hall!

Respectfully submitted,

Lt/C Glenn Haldeman, AP

Administrative Officer



**SECRETARY Lt/C Ned Dexter, S**

G'day', sailors! Lots happening in the dark and glamorous world of minutes-taking! However, I am sworn to secrecy so I can't tell you all of the scintillating tales of splendor and woe that I could relate (hah, we do hear EVERYTHING). So, in lieu of the mysteries of record-keeping, here are some items from my boating and Homeland Security Committee agenda:

July 4th Safety: For the second consecutive year, the Fourth of July holiday ended without a boating fatality, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Police reported. Statewide there were 15 boating accidents, an increase of three over 2016, and officers arrested 12 boaters for operating under the influence of alcohol, the same number as last year. The most serious boating accident occurred in Ocean City Saturday July 1 when a Kawasaki personal watercraft struck the Route 90 bridge around 4:30 p.m. It was determined that the bridge was not at fault, so the operator received citations.

High and Dry: From June 30 through July 2, DNR's police unit teamed up with the U.S. Coast Guard for Operation Dry Water, a 9 year old national campaign to crackdown on impaired boating. Saturation patrols focused on high-traffic areas and traditional hot spots. Since its inception, the campaign has resulted in 82 arrests. Officers issued 526 citations during the holiday, a 6.2 percent increase over 2016. Tickets were issued for violations such as: exceeding the 6-knot speed limit, insufficient number of life jackets, a lack of boat safety equipment, and exceeding crabbing and fishing limits. So obviously there is a need for our continued educational service out there!

S/V Certainty: On a personal note, we were delayed getting dear Certainty, the Skipper's Rhodes 22, into the drink, as we were consolidating our households. It was an experience not unlike trying to fit 20 pounds of potatoes in a 5 pound sack...that was already full of potatoes. But she's in her slip at Parkside Marina on Frogmortal Creek, and Old Faithful, her 1981 9.9 hp Evinrude, ran like a champ. Let the fun begin!

So, keep an eye on the weather, and safe boating!!!

Your humble scribe, Lt/C Ned Dexter, S, Secretary

**TREASURER'**  
**Lt/C Douglas B. Riley, AP**



We hear often these days that politics has never been nastier, that our leaders in Washington have never been meaner. But July 11, the date upon which I write this, reminds us that public discourse, from the very beginning of our Republic, has been vigorous, vicious, and vulgar.

Just 28 years after our Declaration of Independence, at dawn on July 11, 1804, the sitting Vice-President of the United States, Aaron Burr, and the former Secretary of the Treasury, Alexander Hamilton, met in a duel to settle, once-and-for-all, their political differences. Vice-President Burr had recently run for governor of New York, and General Hamilton (a rank he attained in the Revolutionary War) had accused Burr repeatedly of terrible things – of favoring his own business interests over the nation, of personal corruption, of exaggerating his military record, and of being “a profligate, a voluptuary in the extreme.”

Hamilton had already survived ten duels during his career, often because no shots were fired. But Burr had a different plan, and Hamilton died the next day from a shot to his abdomen, leaving behind seven children (his eldest son had died in a duel 2 ½ years earlier), and his wife, Elizabeth Schuyler Hamilton, who survived her husband by more than 50 years! As for Burr, after a brief period in hiding, he was acquitted of murder and returned to Washington, DC to complete his term as Vice President. In the turmoil of his time, he presided over the impeachment trial of Samuel Chase, a justice of the Supreme Court, in the United States Senate.

It is reassuring that the tumultuous times in which we live are not unique, that our Nation is strong not in spite of, but because of vigorous, and sometimes vicious and vulgar debate. And for those who will ask what this article has to do with my Squadron office, well, there is a natural affinity between the treasurer of any organization and our Nation's first and greatest Secretary of the Treasury.

But, even more so, in the early morning hours of July 11, 1804, Vice-President Burr and General Hamilton departed from Manhattan, and crossed the Hudson River, in boats. History might have been different if only they had known, like us, the camaraderie of America's Boating Club.

Respectfully submitted,

Lt/C Douglas B. Riley, AP Treasurer



*2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Nav. E.*

# **Celestial Navigation Rendezvous**

**September 8 to 10, 2017**

(rain date Sept. 15-17)

**North Point Marina, Rock Hall, MD**

**Weekend features orientation and practical experience with tools of the USPS JN and N courses. Session topics to include: use of sextant, star ID, sight planning, sight taking, and more. All skill levels welcome. Join in on some or all sessions.**

FOR SLIP & ROOM RESERVATIONS, CONTACT NORTH POINT MARINA AT 410-639-2907. The marina is just inside the Rock Hall Harbor jetty on the north side, with ample space for a variety of boats. A covered pavilion by the jetty provides a great home base for sight taking and instruction. Rooms are available for weekend guests. Address: 5639 Walnut Avenue, P.O. Box 298, Rock Hall MD, 21661.

**PLEASE LET US KNOW ASAP IF YOU ARE THINKING OF COMING, SO WE CAN ARRANGE FOR INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS.** Preferred response by Aug 30, or earlier if possible.

**Contact: Cdr. Dave Blades 410-971-6895 or Susan 410-971-9199; <SFRudy@gmail.com>**

## **FRIDAY 9/8/17**

1500: Friday afternoon early arrival, orientation topics, sun sights  
1730: Dinner informal, walk to Harbor Shack or cook out on pavilion grills  
1924: Sunset- prepare for evening twilight  
1945 to 2025: Evening twilight sights: Saturn-Arcturus 2-body fix  
2030: Tram ride to town for ice cream.

## **SATURDAY 9/9/17**

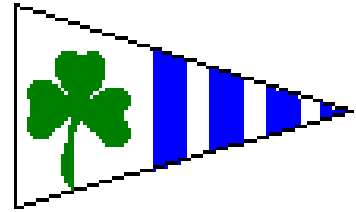
0530 to 0630: Morning twilight sights: Moon; Menkar-Alpheratz 2-body fix  
(morning/breakfast/lunch on your own/walk into Rock Hall)  
1230-1330: Meridian transit of the sun  
1400-1700: Celestial navigation topic sessions, one-on-one instruction, afternoon sun sights.  
1730: Pitch-in snacks at pavilion  
1922: Sunset- prepare for evening twilight  
1949 to 2023: Evening twilight sights: Saturn-Arcturus 2-body fix  
2030: Walk to dinner at Waterman's Crab House  
2130: Star gazing on docks

## **SUNDAY 9/10/17**

0530 to 0630: Morning twilight sights, Moon & 2<sup>nd</sup> magnitude stars  
0900: Pitch-in breakfast  
1100: Departure



**DUNDALK SAIL & POWER SQUADRON'S  
CRUISE & EVENTS SCHEDULE  
2017**



**PLEASE NOTE CHANGES!!!!**

July 30 - August 4, 2017 → Top Gun Cruise, Norfolk to Baltimore via James River, York River, Yorktown, Williamsburg, and Tilghman Island

September 8-10, 2017—NAV E Celestial Navigation Cruise, North Point Marina, 5639 Walnut Street, Rock Hall, MD 21661 410-639-2907 Rain Date: Sept 15-17.

September 22-24, 2017 → Crab Feast Cruise & Crab Feast, Baltimore Yacht Club, 800 Baltimore Yacht Club Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21221 410-682-2310

October 13-15, 2017 → Squadron Raft-Out & Frostbite Cruise, Strawberry Point, Frog Mortar Creek, Middle River, Maryland

October 21, 2017—Honor Guard for Baltimore Yacht Club's Commodores Ball

October 27-29, 2017—D/5 Fall Educational Conference—King of Prussia, PA







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