# ON THE HORIZON

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Our next Membership Meeting is on Wednesday, December 14th, at The Bowman Restaurant, 9603 Harford Road. This is our Holiday Party. Reservations required by **December 7th!** See Flyer on page 9 for more details.

### COMMANDER



### **Merit Marks**

According to the District Five roster, Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron has 120 active members, of whom I have recommended 40 to receive a Merit Mark for calendar year 2016. This means that, during the past 12 months, a full one-third of our members gave at least 20 hours of dedicated service to the United States Power Squadrons at the squadron, district, or national levels.

To simply attend a meeting or conference, or to take part in a squadron cruise or cocktail party, doesn't count, nor does travel time unless, like Dick Bruns, one is towing the District 5 trailer to a boat show. Moreover, a commander's recommendations must be very specific. For example, while recognizing Ryan Dalgarno's excellent work as "chief grill man" at both the Wurst Cookout Ever and Crab Feast, the District monitor suggested that, in the future, we include the number of hamburgers, hot dogs, and sausages he actually cooked! (I wonder if this means we should also distinguish between the knackwurst, weisswurst, and wiernerschnitzel served ...)

According to the USPS Operations Manual:

A "Merit Mark" (MM) is awarded by the chief commander to a member for substantial personal effort in furthering the interest, programs and objectives of USPS, its districts and squadrons. It is a coveted

award; it is by and large the only official recognition members receive for their efforts. Only one merit mark may be awarded in a year to a member, no matter how extensive the contribution. A certificate is issued, and a special insignia may be worn on USPS uniforms. Recommendations for a merit mark are made by squadron, district, rear and vice commanders to the chief commander of the USPS.

For our squadron alone - not counting district or national service — we had three members who, in just the past year, provided more than 200 hours of their time in furthering the interest, programs, and objectives of the United States Power Squadrons. We had eight others who gave between 90 and 175 hours in leading Squadron activities. And, another 12 of us put in more than 40 hours each in substantial service to the United States Power Squadrons. Altogether, more than 2,400 hours of service have been recorded by the Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron in 2016!

So, hats off to the following members of the Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron who have worked so hard in the past year to make our Squadron a success:

Respectfully submitted, Douglas B. Riley, AP, Commander

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### **EXECUTIVE OFFICER**



With S/V Tiphys safely on the hard and winterized, sailing season is now officially over for Susan and me. It was a great season overall. We were able to visit some of our favorite "old chestnut" locations and destinations, and added a few more to our list. We also spent a lot of time with our fellow Squadron cruisers enjoying their great friendship as well as some delicious food and fun! A look back takes me to the Shakedown Cruise at Harborview Marina in Baltimore. The Wurst Cookout at Baltimore Yacht Club, the Practice Navigation Contest at Tilghman on Chesapeake, The North Bay Cruise at Worton Creek, The Crab Feast in Rock Hall, and the Last Cruise of Summer in Annapolis. With those in mind I'm now looking forward to the Cruise Planning Party in January. The on-the-water portion of the boating season may be over, but the fun and food continues! Look for more details in upcoming issues of On the Horizon and also in the Blast.

Something else that happened in the past year for us was to pursue the Grades of Junior Navigator and Navigator. This was a two part in depth study of Celestial Navigation, and has been a fascinating topic in which to immerse ourselves. The rewards are definitely worth the time and work. Having completed them has also had the side

benefit of adding new perspectives to a long time hobby of mine which is astronomy. I am motivated now, more than ever before, to keep an eye on the sky. The more I look up, the more I see and perceive. We have several ideas brewing to keep us engaged in these topics, and to also encourage others to participate: stargazing, workshops, and a book club. Stay tuned for details. Again, keep an eye on this newsletter and the Blast for upcoming events and opportunities.

As I write this column the wind is howling outside, the multicolored leaves are swirling. A front blew through yesterday evening bringing sleet and a 25 degree temperature drop in 3 hours - a little taste of what winter has in store for us. Whatever winter brings I'm fortified by memories of Squadron gatherings, anticipation of what's upcoming (you are coming to the Holiday Party aren't you?), and the seemingly bottomless mug of hot coffee, tea or cocoa. Spring is just around the corner. See you soon!

Respectfully Submitted, Lt/C David Blades, N

**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.

### EDUCATIONAL OFFICER



### **Calendar of Pending Courses** (details and registrations online):

COURSESTART DATEDURATIONSeamanshipDecember, 2016SpecialPilotingJanuary 24, 2017Eight weeks

For details and registration for our courses, check online. Registration must be completed 3 weeks before the start date. Watch the Weekly Blast for changes. The instructions on how to find courses online and register follow. Any questions or problems, please contact: SEO@uspsdundalk.org

Instructions for Online Registration. Go to USPS.org. Click on Boating Courses. Click on Courses -- a drop down menu should appear. Click on the kind of course you want, e.g. Piloting -- a textual message appears. Click on Find This Course Near You -- fill in the Form that appears. Click on Locate -- our <u>DSPS</u> course should appear. Click on Click Here to Register. Fill in Registration Form -- (using your certificate number should expedite). Fill in rest of Registration Form. Click Submit.

A contemplation for the season: The boat, which carries its people forward, was an early symbol of church in Christianity, which this month every year celebrates the birthday of the Savior. And as far as we can tell the dhow, which reorients its people to the wind, comes to us from early Islamic tradition which this month this year celebrates the birthday of the Prophet. Yet it is the Jewish tradition, not known to be seafaring, which this month celebrates the rededication of the Temple, that has given us one of the most beautiful prayers for those in peril on the sea:

Some went off to the sea in ships... / They saw the works of the Lord, the wonders of God in the deep. / He spoke and roused a storm wind; it tossed the waves on high. / They rose up to the heavens, sank to the depths; their hearts trembled at the danger. / They reeled... their skill was of no avail. / In their distress they cried to the Lord, who brought them out of their peril, / Hushed the storm to a murmur; and the waves of the sea were stilled. / They rejoiced that the sea grew calm, and that God brought them to the harbor they longed for... (Psalm 107, vv. 23 – 30)

All of us on the Bridge of the Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron wish that you reach the harbor you long for. HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!

Respectfully submitted, Lt/C Robert Crimmins, AP - SEO

### SECRETARY'S REPORT



### **Legislative Affairs Officers Report**

Last month we officially saluted our veterans on November 11, 2016. As a humble "Thank You", the Department of Natural Resources has several programs and special rates for military veterans, active duty service members, and prisoners of war. Here is a brief summary:

Many of our state parks are available for resource based recreation activities at no charge throughout the year. Others will vary the service charge with the day of week and season of year. There are several options for those facilities that do have a service charge. For active duty military, you may enter free of charge by showing military I.D.

Day-Use Waiver for Active Duty Military / Maryland National Guard - Any member of the Maryland National Guard and all active duty military personnel who display their active duty military identification card to the gate attendant at any Maryland State Park day-use area will have their day-use entrance service charge waived. The waiver is valid for the military identification card holder only. No other facility service charges will be waived.

Day-Use Waiver for Veterans on Veterans Day (November 11) - All applicable day-use entrance charges are waived for all veterans on Veterans Day. This waiver applies to both resident and out-of-state veterans.

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Half-Price Day-Use Discount for Veterans - Any veteran of the United States Armed Forces is to be charged one-half (50%) of the applicable day-use entrance charge. This discount applies to both resident and out-of-state veterans. The half-price discount is applicable to the veteran only and not others in the same vehicle, unless a per-vehicle charge is in effect at the time. In that case, the per-vehicle fee is discounted by 50%.

### Wounded Warrior and Veteran Outreach Program

- This multi-faceted program provides our service men and women with unique opportunities in MD state parks. Explore what's available for you, including:

OPERATION: CAMPOUT! Program

Warrior Hike - "Walk Off The War" Program

**Warrior Canine Connection** 

The Paralyzed Veterans of America Bass Tour

### <u>Non-profit Organizations working with Maryland State</u> <u>Parks</u>

The Greenwell Foundation, Inc. - http://

www.greenwellfoundation.org/. The Greenwell Foundation offers veterans opportunities to participate in its inclusive and accessible programs including Horseback Riding, River Riders Kayaking, Vets Helping Vets, and Operation Warrior Refuge. All of these activities have therapeutic value for our nation's recovering servicemen and women. The Greenwell Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that works in partnership with the Maryland Park Service to provide accessible and inclusive programs, services and facilities for all community members, with and without disabilities, in Southern Maryland. The Foundation is based in Greenwell State Park.

Chesapeake Region Accessible Boating (CRAB) - http://www.crabsailing.org/. Chesapeake Region Accessible Boating (CRAB) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that offers specially arranged sailing and racing events for Wounded Warriors and their families. In cooperation with the Paralyzed Veterans of America, CRAB has offered two-day sailing clinics specifically for learning to sail and race. They provide weekday and weekend sails for recovering warriors and their family and friends, and schedule sails for individual family members/friends and group sails for multiple people. They operate out of Sandy Point State Park.

<u>Fishing in Maryland</u> - If you are a resident of Maryland on active duty with the armed forces and are on leave with official leave orders, you may fish without a fishing license in Maryland.

<u>Complimentary Fishing Licenses</u> - DAV/POW: A complimentary lifetime license is available to Maryland residents who are 100% service connected disabled veterans or former prisoners of war. The license incorporates both the non-tidal angler's license and the Chesapeake Bay sport fishing license. It does not, however, include the trout stamp. Applicant must furnish a letter of disability or a letter of certification from the Veterans Administration with their initial application.

<u>Hunting in Maryland</u> - Complimentary <u>POW/DAV</u> Hunting Licenses: A complimentary lifetime hunting license is available to Maryland residents certified as a former prisoner of war or a 100% service connected disabled American veteran (Veterans Administration documentation required). The lifetime license is available only at the department's <u>Licensing and Registration Service Centers</u> and includes the bow stamp, muzzleloader stamp, and furbearer permit. The Maryland Migratory Game Bird Stamp is not part of the Complimentary License. The Migratory Game Bird Stamp, Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp, and the <u>Big Game Harvest Record</u> are required for each year and can be obtained from a <u>Licensing and Registration Service Center</u>, a <u>sport license</u> agent, or online at:

https://compass.dnr.maryland.gov/dnrcompassportal. For more information, contact the Department of Natural Resources at 410-260-3220.

### **Hunters in the Armed Forces**

Maryland residents serving in the United States Armed Forces and stationed in Maryland must purchase a Resident Hunting License before hunting, unless they are on official leave and possess a copy of their official leave orders.

Maryland residents serving in the United States Armed Forces, while hunting during official leave in Maryland, do not need to purchase a hunting license, deer stamps, or the Managed Hunt Permit; however, they must purchase a Maryland Migratory Game Bird Stamp, a federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp, and a Furbearer Permit and comply with the Hunter Education and Safety Requirement.

Any nonresident serving in the United States Armed Forces whose duty station is in Maryland must purchase a Resident Hunting License before hunting.

Any nonresident serving in the United States Armed Forces who is on leave in Maryland, but not stationed in Maryland, must purchase a Nonresident Hunting License before hunting.

Respectfully submitted, Lt/C Dick Bruns, Secretary

### ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



### It's a REALLY BIG OCEAN

"If you ever want to see how small you are in the plan of God, just stand at the edge of an ocean."
-Patrick Ness

This adventure was mostly fait accompli. I never planned to buy a slip or a boat. From first hearing the term "diesel trawler" to purchase was 25 days. In 33 days more I was promoted to Captain by a mutinous crew. There is much going on between the buying and the getting: finding a traveling partner, transfer of funds, transfer of ownership and boat lessons. Boat lessons are the best part. I think I'll be doing that for a long time. I omit trip planning from the process because there was a dearth of this vital activity. There was a mental plan of sorts, but mostly it was a start and an end.

Examining each leg of the trip, the possibilities of just one future segment were more than vexatious. Please consider that first was the familiar-to-me Lake Erie. Sure, it is large and because it is shallow, it can and did kick up quickly. Anticipating that there are lots of places to duck into, I was OK with Lake Erie. The sedate canal and the mighty Hudson River were but a gentle cruise. Even NY Harbor is a friendly spot. I never worried about where the end of the day was.

The trip from NY harbor to anywhere, means that

you have to go into the REALLY BIG OCEAN. And this is what disturbed the Sandman. From NY to the nearest place to enter the ICW is 40 nm at Manasquan, NJ. That's nautical miles and not those "little sister" statute miles. A long stretch of the REALLY BIG OCEAN and thoughts of "I need a bigger (and faster) boat" kept the juices flowing late at night. Even though I was going to pass by Asbury Park made familiar to me by The Boss, Bruce Springsteen, Sandy Hook was on my path, and we all know what the last big storm did there.

And why, do you suppose, the fishing is so good over the many shipwrecks in the Manasquan area? It's because of the REALLY BIG OCEAN and the hazards of traversing an inlet. They should really call them outlets because inlets are designed to keep you out. I didn't learn of the hazards of the Manasquan inlet and the shipwrecks until afterwards. Therefore, I can fully justify my focused anxiety. Let's reflect upon Barnegat Inlet for a moment. BI is another 20 nm south and the next possible entrance into the ICW. That adds up to an entire day of travel. Even among landlubbers, Barnegat Inlet has enough stature to earn respect. It's Manasquan or bust!

Respectfully submitted,

Lt/C Glenn Haldeman, P, Administrative Officer,

### TREASURER'S REPORT



Happy Holiday Wishes from your Squadron Treasurer!

SHIP'S STORE: Visit our online Ship's Store at http://dundalksquadron.qbstores.com! This is the only way to order your Squadron clothing and merchandise. 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, sweatshirts, 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

Still time to place your order for the holidays! Make great gifts!

them all, but happy to add any you would like.

BURGEES: Burgees may be ordered through P/C Tracey Stuenes at Webelieve2@comcast.net. We currently have on hand 12" x 18" burgees, which are available to purchase at our membership meetings for \$23.75 or by contacting Tracey. Larger burgees, in batches of six, may also be ordered.

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. If not an approved budget expense or was approved prior, must have the expense approved by the Executive Committee. Also, please use the Deposit Request form when turning in cash or checks collected for Squadron events and education.

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

## **Navigators Piloting and Charting Reference Card**



Navigators Quick Reference Card DESCRIPTION DIAGRAM ITEM Course (090 True) written above line, Speed (10.5 Knots) written below line DR Plot \$ 10.5 Time (24 Hour) Written at **DR Position** angle to semicinde denoting DR position Lightly draw line with Time OMD, True bearing beneath 020 1040 Square located where dashed Estimated Position perpendicular line from DR position touches LOP Circle where two or more Visual Fix perallel to LOP lines GPS LORAN Time and method (if relevant) intersection of a given LOP and another LOP advanced **Running Fig** Triangle with Time written Known Position 1020 Summary of Common Navigation Drafting Symbols and Their Usage

The Navigators Piloting and Charting Reference Card puts the commonly used coastal navigation formulas and symbols on one handy card for easy reference. This card helps prevent mistakes when tired, or when doing your Navigation Class homework.

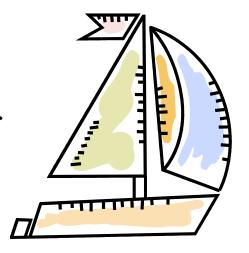
Even with today's use of GPS and chart plotters, being able to calculate Speed / Time / Distance as well as properly plot a course on a chart is a useful skill. Electronics can fail and if you take a Coastal Navigation Class or Coast Guard Masters Class you will get to know very well the formulas and constants on the Navigators Piloting and Charting Reference Card.

Having the most commonly used formulas in one place for easy reference and not on scraps or paper that seem to get lost at the critical time, prevents a lot of stress and helps prevent mistakes from using the wrong formula because of being tired.

The Time / Distance / Speed calculations are already worked out, but the good old "60 D Street" circle is also on the Navigators Piloting and Charting Reference. To use the "60 D Street" circle place a finger over the variable needed and the formula for that variable are the variables you can see arranged in the proper order.



# CRUISE PLANNING PARTY!



Come one, come all. You are hereby invited to a Cruise Planning Party for the Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron at the Halls. Bring your calendars and ideas for a great boating season. We will be serving chili and cornbread (and who knows what else).

When: Saturday January 7<sup>th</sup> 2:00 to 6:00 (and beyond).

Where: At the Halls 702 Stone Barn Rd Towson Md, 21286 410-823-5698

What to Bring: Good cheer, Calendars, Cruising Guides, Ideas and maybe some good eats.

R.S.V.P to jhall767@gmail.com or 410-823-5698 If you'd like to bring a dish please indicate what you are bringing.

If you can't make it please send us your ideas.









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http://www.uspsd5.org

3rd Wednesday of the month Meetings:

Dinner 6:00 pm, Meeting 7:30 pm

The Bowman Restaurant

9306 Harford Road, Parkville, MD 21234

### **Members Helping Members**

#### Adventure, Fun and Learning

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- 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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## THE DUNDALK SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON

Cordially invites you and your boating friends

To our annual Holiday Party at

# THE BOWMAN RESTAURANT 9306 Harford Road, Parkville, MD 21234

Wednesday, December 14, 2016

From 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

### Buffet Dinner

Seafood Newburg w/ Rice - Sliced Roast Beef - Baked Chicken
Honey Glazed Baked Ham - Hot Vegetable du Jour
Garden Salad - Seasonal Fruit Salad - Rolls & Butter
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All for just \$25.00 per person (\$10.00 for children under 12)
Price includes taxes and gratuity. Cash bar available.

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February r 16 Membership Meeting – The Bowman on Harford Rd



**Calendar** 

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**Cruise Planning Party!** 

**Baltimore Boat Show** 

**Holiday Party and Membership Meeting** 

Membership Meeting - The Bowman on Harford Rd

December 14

January 7

January 18

January 26-29

