

ON THE HORIZON

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★ **February General Membership & Founder's Day Meeting** ★
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★ **"Powder Coating Instead**
★ **of Bottom Painting?"** ★
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★ **8:00 PM Wednesday, February 20, 2008** ★
★ Dinner/Drinks/Social optional at 6:30 PM. ★
★ **NEW LOCATION SCHOONERS** ★
★ **7703 Belair Rd (695 to exit 32A, 1/2 mile on left) 410-668-5053** ★

DSPS is fortunate to have Chuck Bell of Atlantic Coatings, Inc. of Stevensville MD, to tell us all about this new technology now available for marine use. Atlantic Coatings, Inc has announced a joint venture with Xiom Systems, Inc to provide Mobile Polymer Powder Coating services to the marine industry throughout the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Xiom has developed both a mobile application system and special polymer formulations specific to recreational and commercial marine applications. The anti fouling formulation has tested to be incredibly effective at keeping growth off the bottom, while also being very sensitive to the environment. Instead of a liquid paint, the polymer formulation is a powder which is applied "thermally" to the bottom of a vessel. The system can be used to apply the anti fouling coating to metal, fiberglass and wood hulls including metal and composite running gear such as prop's, rudders, etc. Testing has shown this product to exceed the performance of the best conventional liquid coatings. The Polymer Anti Fouling coating has been tested by The Florida Institute of Technology, and was developed in part by the US Navy. After almost 6 months of immersion the coated panels not only are bare of fouling, but testing also shows a leech rate of less than one percent. In the Chesapeake—this could mean a four to five year period between bottom jobs! Check out the photos on Page 3.

March 12 General Membership & Annual Election Meeting

Mark your calendars to attend this important meeting! In addition to the elections, we will have the "The Busted Shamrock Awards Show" by Commander John Hall, AP. See details on Page 2.



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COMMANDER

Greetings once again from your Commander. A lot has happened since our last issue of the Horizon. The Cruise planning party was a huge success with over 30 people attending. My thanks to Mary and the kids for doing all that hard work getting the house ready for a large party. We've got a real interesting cruise schedule planned for 2008. In addition to the published schedule we'll be adding some more events where we join other squadrons on their trips. If you are new to boating or new to the squadron you can contact me and I'll arrange a mentor to guide you on the cruise.

January also saw our first meeting at Schooners on Belair Rd. We had a great turnout and presentation. We'll be meeting there for the next few months. Make sure you check the Horizon or our web site for the meeting location as we may change it again. Our presenter was Marina Life. They showed us what they can do to help you with cruising and making reservations. As one longtime member mentioned to me "We've been doing that for free for years." That's true and its one of our many benefits as members of this great organization. But marina life also has some discounts at marinas and restaurants around the bay. They also offer a discount to power squadron members so make sure you let them know if you decide to join.

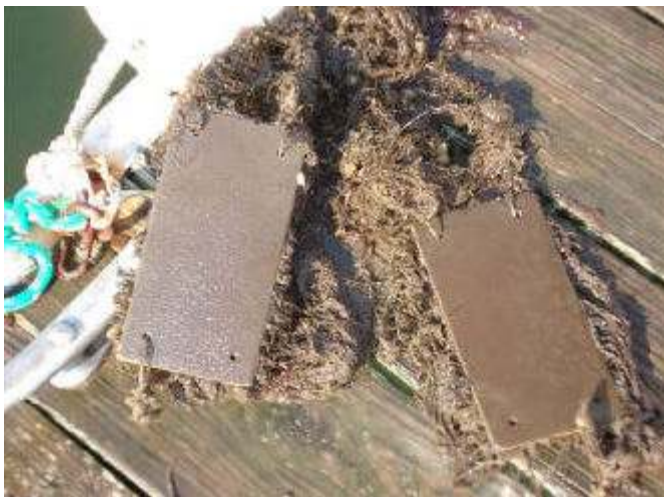
A special guest at the meeting was Sea Scout Melissa Roesner. She was involved in a rescue at sea with her group of a USPS member and will be honored at the National meeting in Dallas. Our squadron has decided to help her make the trip to Dallas and she has become an apprentice member of Dundalk. Look for a more detailed write-up in The Ensign and in a future issue of the Horizon.

It seemed like right after the meeting the boat show got started. This year the Power Squadrons had a much larger presence. This primarily came about through the hard work of Executive Officer Tracey Stuenes and P/C Bernie Karpers. But the work didn't stop with them as many members put in time and a lot of hard work to make it such a success. The other local Squadrons also were there to provide a lot of help too. Without their help, I doubt we could have pulled it off. We had to staff both the booth and the District 5 educational trailer. For the first time we taught seminars to the public. Sea Vester made many new friends, but still wasn't able to find anybody with fresh fish. The entire event was a huge success. You may have seen all the people that had signed up to work the boat show but believe it or not we still could have used a lot more people there.

I am saddened to report that my old friend P/C Tom Marlowe passed away in January. When I joined the squadron he seemed to be "Treasurer for Life". He and I always shared a cheerful word. Tom was Treasurer for 15 years. But he did a lot more than that. Since joining in 1972 he accumulated 34 merit marks. That's a lot of service to the squadron! As Commander, I led a large honor guard at the funeral home. Thanks to P/C Lois Nehmer who celebrated the squadron ceremony. Tom's wife, Barbara, was very moved by the ceremony and the outpouring of Tom's longtime squadron friends. It was good to see some longtime members in addition to some of our regulars. So long Tom. We'll miss you.

Respectfully submitted,
CDR John Hall, AP

Photos of Performance on Test Panels Using New Powder Coating from Atlantic Coatings



It can be seen that the coated side of the test panels are free from any growth. The rope has a great amount of grass growing from it with barnacles also attached.



This picture shows the uncoated side of the test panel. The back is covered in grass, barnacles, and mussels so much that the test panel surface is barely visible.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Burrr! We've settled into our winter months, and are all looking forward to spring! Even though it's cold outside, many of our members have been taking advantage of the mild winter, and have been working on their boats. I am so looking forward to warmer months, and getting our boat back in the water.

Speaking of boats, there were some beauties at the Baltimore Boat Show, in January. Sail and power boats were on display, along with the D/5 Education Trailer and Sea Vester. This year we had the opportunity to share with the public a new venue. Yes, Sea Vester had a repeat showing, and was embraced by children and adults. The D/5 Education Trailer was a grand attraction, and everyone who passed by walked through and was educated on some of the new PFD regulations. Several attendees sought us out to inquire about safe boating courses. We were more than happy to give them the nearest Squadron's Education Officer info, along with dates and times of upcoming courses. Our own, SEO, P/C Walter Neese, N, had a team of instructors to teach seminars on Weather at the Helm, GPS, and VHF Radio. It is my understanding

that the seminars were a great success and were attended well by the public. This year the Baltimore Boat Show took on new horizons for DSPS, and the District. Thank you to each member who volunteered at the booth, taught seminars, those who operated Sea Vester, and those who presented safety information at the D5 Education Trailer. A special thank you to Cdr. John Hall for all of the scheduling between squadrons. It took a lot of time and effort from everyone in planning this event. Job well done!

And finally, I want to encourage all members to attend the Spring Conference in Ocean City, March 28th - 30th. Please call and make your reservations. The registration information is in the Mark 5. And if you are planning to attend Spring Conference, you are invited to attend our planning meeting for the Hospitality Suite. We are meeting at my home on Sunday, February 17th at 2 PM. Hope to see you there.

Respectfully submitted,
Lt/C Tracey Stuenes, P



USPS D/5 OFFICER TRAINING & SPRING CONFERENCE 27-30 March, 2008



Princess Royale Hotel, 9100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, Maryland
Reservation Form: http://uspsd5.org/spring08/reg_form_spring_conf.doc

Attention: on Deck for 2008 - Change of Watch!

FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2008

The year 2008 is here, and it is time to mark your calendar so you don't miss any of the many exiting Squadron events. Our first early spring event is the Change of Watch dinner and dance.

Please note it will be on a Friday night a week earlier than normal due to Easter and St. Patrick's Day conflicts. Get your reservation in the mail now to avoid overlooking the deadline for this special event. Reservation form is on Page 7.

This is the event we honor our outgoing officers in appreciation for all their hard work and jobs well done, present awards for special accomplishments, and welcome the new Bridge Officers who will lead us through the next year. We hope you will be there to observe and celebrate this special occasion. The date to note is Friday, March 14, 2008, and the place will be Sparrows Point Country Club, which has plenty of free parking. We will have music for your dancing pleasure after the dinner, and a brief Change of Watch ceremony. Fund raising through other activities has contributed to this function and is again keeping tickets at bargain prices.

You do not have to be a Squadron member to attend this affair. Line up a table (8 to a table) of personal friends, Squadron friends or come by yourself. The main thing is to "be there" and enjoy a fabulous evening. The sign-up sheet is on the opposite page - mark the date now and send in your reservation as early as possible. The reservation deadline is March 8, 2008.

Change of Watch Committee

EDUCATION OFFICER

The schedule of courses to be offered to the public in early 2008 has been published [see below]; we are offering the *Squadron Boating Course* and Dundalk's *Hands-on GPS*. Notices are being distributed to various marine publications. Flyers will be available at the February meeting, and members are encouraged to post them at local marinas and boat stores.

We presented three USPS University seminars at the boat show in late January, *Using GPS, Onboard Weather Forecasting, and Using VHF and VHF/DSC Marine Radio*. They were offered in a shortened, "teaser" format at no charge, and with no student materials distributed. Thanks to P/C Lois Nehmer P/Lt/C Rolf Stuenes, P/Lt/C Ray Schiff for their efforts in these presentations. Plans are in process for the real seminars to be launched at venues such as marinas and boating stores, or at events such as the county waterfront festival, safe boating week, etc. Suggestions welcome.

On member courses, Seamanship and Advanced Piloting are scheduled to begin in February, as follows:

Seamanship starts 21 February at Luther Memorial Church, 10 Thursdays

Advanced Piloting starts 12 February at MD Presbyterian Church, 12 Tuesdays.

The first class is scheduled for 7:30pm in each case. Members who have not taken Seamanship are invited to attend that first; Seamanship is the cornerstone of advanced boating education that USPS offers.

Members who are interested in other elective courses should advise me of their interest – these include Weather, Sail, Cruise Planning, Engine Maintenance and Marine Electronics. Inquiries have already been made for Engine Maintenance and Marine Electronics classes; if a handful of interested students contact me for either one, we will add the class. Otherwise both are regularly scheduled in the fall.

Respectfully Submitted,
P/C Walter Neese, N

seo@uspsdundalk.org or 410-598-5292 (cell phone)

February—April 2008 Public Course Schedule

Squadron Boating Course: passing this course earns a Maryland-approved boating course certificate; in addition to the certificate requirements, an introduction to charts, plotting and dead reckoning is included. It consists of eight 2-hour sessions; Cost: \$58.

21 Feb., 2008 Luther Memorial Church, 5401 Eastern Avenue, Baltimore MD 21224 8 Thursdays, 7:30-9:30pm

25 March, 2008 Anchorage Marina, 2501 Boston Street, Baltimore, MD 21224 8 Tuesdays, 7:30-9:30pm

03 April, 2008 Dundalk High School, 1901 Delvale Avenue, Dundalk, MD 21222 8 Thursdays, 7:30-9:30pm

Hands-on GPS - includes a review of basic charting skills and examines how the GPS supplements these to allow effective navigation: students perform tasks required our hand-held units to navigate a short cruise on the Chesapeake Bay. Cost: \$78.

14 February, 2008 Dundalk High School 3 Thursdays, 6:30-9:30pm

29 April, 2008 Dundalk High School 3 Tuesdays, 6:30-9:30pm

Contact: seo@uspsdundalk.org or 410-282-6464

TO ALL DUNDALK PAST COMMANDERS.....

AT THE APRIL MEETING, THE POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT WE WILL BE INDUCTING A NEW MEMBER INTO THE RANKS OF THE GREEN AND WHITE HAT.

THIS IS A MEMORABLE AND TRAUMATIC OCCASION FOR ANY OUTGOING COMMANDER, WHO HAS BEEN PLACED "IN LIMBO" BY THE MEMBERSHIP...WILL HE BE DEEMED WORTHY TO ENTER OUR GLORIOUS RANKS, OR WILL HE BE FORCED TO "SWEAT IT OUT" FOR ANOTHER MONTH.....???

BE SURE TO BE THERE FOR THE APRIL MEETING.....DIG OUT YOUR GREEN AND WHITE HAT, AND PARTICIPATE IN THE FUN AND FROLIC AS WE, THE OLD CORRODED COMMANDERS DECIDE HIS FATE.....





2008 DSPS Cruise Schedule



May 16-18 National Safety Week Shakedown Cruise: Our first cruise of the season, we will be at the Baltimore Marine Center. We have an opportunity to "shake down" our own boats and others at the marina before the season kicks off. It's a great time to inspect the safety equipment on your vessel and make sure last years equipment hasn't expired.

June 20-22 Practice Navigation Cruise: Learn new navigation skills or sharpen old ones and have a lot of fun during this weekend "across the Bay." Enter your own boat or volunteer to crew on someone else's. No prerequisite courses or knowledge.

June 22-29 Commanders Cruise:

June 22nd - 24th Herrington Harbor South. The Caribbean on the Bay. Don't miss some fun in the sun.

June 24th - 27th River Marsh Marina in Cambridge—a beautiful marina, don't miss the opportunity to experience excellence on the Bay, or our croquet tournament.

June 27th - 29th Annapolis—Details to be announced.

Fourth of July Fireworks: Many of our members are Fireworks Chasers. From the Beautiful Inner Harbor, to Middle River to Rock Hall, What will you see? Hook up with us, and raft out. It's a lot of fun.

Raft Outs: Speaking of Raft Outs, be sure to check out our web site to see when we "Hook Up" together. You never know when a few members want to get together and spend the day or the night at one of the quiet coves on the bay.

July 12-17 District 5 Southbound Cruise: Join the rest of District 5 on a leisurely southbound cruise to the rendezvous in Baltimore.

July 17-20 District 5 Rendezvous at the Baltimore Inner Harbour Marine Center: USPS District 5 Summer Council & Navigation Contest. Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron is hosting this event and is expected to make a grand showing in the D/5 Navigation Contest. There's a lot to see and do in Baltimore!

August 22-24 Crab Feast in Rock Hall at Haven Harbour Marina: We invite you, your family and friends to attend our Squadron's most popular annual event. There's live music, crabs, burgers, fresh corn, and conga lines. Not to mention the Friday night pajama pier party! Bring the kids to this one, there's a nice pool, and a trolley ride from the marina to town.

September 12-14 Last Cruise of the Summer to St Michaels Marina: We are headed south to St. Michaels to enjoy the sunsets and bargains at the shops in town.

October 10-13 D/5 Sail Regatta: Columbus Day weekend, location to be announced.

October 25 Frostbite Cruise at Baltimore Yacht Club: Frostbite Cruise! Are you up to some chilling fun? Join us in Middle River at the Baltimore Yacht Club for a fun Halloween Party.



Top Gun Cruises - Something for everybody.

Pick the one that suits you the best. All cruises stay together until Cape May

Top Gun Cruisers in Training July 20th - 26th

Sun - Baltimore to the C&D canal
Monday, Tues, Wednesday - Cape May
Thursday, Friday - Chesapeake City
Saturday - Home

Top Gun Cruise - to Cape May, NYC and back. July 20th - July 28th.

Sun - Baltimore to the C&D canal
Monday - Cape May
Tuesday - Atlantic City
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday - NYC
Saturday - Atlantic City
Sunday - Cape May
Monday - C&D canal or Home



Top Gun Cruisers Instructor Level - to Cape May, NYC, Port Washington, Montauk & back. July 20th - July 30th.

Sun - C&D
Mon - Cape May
Tues, Wed - NYC
Thurs - Port Washington
Friday - Saturday - Montauk
Sunday (route will be dependent on the weather and the Captains)



DUNDALK SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON
INVITES YOU TO OUR
ANNUAL CHANGE OF WATCH DINNER & DANCE

FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2008

Sparrows Point Country Club 919 Wise Ave., Baltimore MD 21222

* Cash bar 6:00 pm * Dinner 7:00 pm * Dancing 'til 11:00 pm * Guests are Welcome

Live Music by Norm & Carlos – selections to please everyone

Cost: \$42.00 per person Dress: Uniform A or suitable Civilian Attire (Coats required, NO jeans please)

RESERVATIONS: Please list all members in your party & menu choices. Each table seats eight.

Menu Choices: 1. Flounder Florentine 2. Chicken Roma 3. Roasted Prime Rib

1. _____ # ____ 5. _____ # ____
2. _____ # ____ 6. _____ # ____
3. _____ # ____ 7. _____ # ____
4. _____ # ____ 8. _____ # ____

Your Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Make checks payable to Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron and mail early to:

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February — April 2008 Calendar	
February 19-24	USPS Annual Meeting — Dallas, Texas
February 20	Membership Meeting — SCHOONERS
March 12	Elections/ Membership Meeting — SCHOONERS
March 14	Change of Watch — Sparrows Point Country Club
March 27-30	D/5 Spring Conference — Ocean City, MD
April 16	Membership Meeting