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General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, 18 FEBRUARY 2009 at 2000 (8:00 PM)

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

Speaker: P/C John Hall, AP

DSPS 2009 CRUISE PLANS

LOCATION: Blue Fins 8247 Eastern Avenue Essex, MD 21224 410-282-5050
Exit 38B just off 695 To Eastern Ave. (Rt. 150 towards Essex). Approximately 1/2 mile turn right at the Royal Farm store, then immediately left down to the water—if you go on the bridge, you will miss us!

Next General Membership Meeting

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& VOTING OF 2009-2010 OFFICERS

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Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron

Invites you to our annual

Change of Watch

Dinner & Dance

Friday, March 20, 2009

At

Sparrows Point Country Club

919 Wise Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21222

Cash Bar 6:00 PM Dinner 7:00 PM Dancing 'till 11:00 PM

Deadline for reservations: March 8, 2008

See enclosed reservation form

COMMANDER

As I sit here in my office, composing this article, I see a beautiful light snow falling. When it's cold outside, I like to find a cozy spot on my sofa, and catch up on some reading. What a perfect opportunity to take advantage of continuing education courses offered by our squadron. I am so looking forward to attending the Weather Seminar next week. What are you waiting for? Dig into something new, challenge yourself, expand your boating knowledge.

Another winter event that I attended recently was the Baltimore Boat Show. It just makes you want to be back on your boat enjoying the Chesapeake Bay! The D/5 Education Trailer, Sea Vester, and members of several neighboring squadrons were there promoting safe boating, and education to the public. We had folks from Pennsylvania to Virginia, who attended and were interested in boating courses. D/C Brian Becker had information cards for attendees to fill out, for follow up contact, if they were interested in VSC's or boating courses. I anticipate that we will have several folks to contact. The public is still interested in boating despite our economy. Boating is fun, we can show them how!

Our annual Change of Watch is fast

approaching. Seems like I just got started... now my watch is about over. The support I received from all the members has been a tremendous blessing. From the Bridge Officers, to each Committee Chair, to all of my aids, and to the membership, your kindness and willingness to serve will never be forgotten. You have made this a very memorable and successful year for me, and for our squadron. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart.

I'm excited about the new Bridge coming in. I want to encourage members to get involved. Your talents and abilities are what make us a great squadron. It was exciting for me to take a membership application from Leslie Heins at the Baltimore Boat Show. She had taken Basic Boating from P/C Ken Finck. Her enthusiasm and willingness to share her abilities of publishing and graphic arts was refreshing. I'm looking forward to working with Leslie, and other new members who want to be an intricate part of a dynamic, and enthusiastic power squadron.

Respectfully submitted,
CDR Tracey C. Stuenes, P



<http://www.usps.org/national/natmeetings/Anaheim/Anaheim/Anaheim.html>

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

As of this writing, we are in the middle of the 2009 Baltimore Boat Show weekend. I want to take this opportunity to thank all those who volunteered their time to help our man our booth and District 5 Education Trailer, and operate SeaVester. These events are made successful by the efforts of folks like P/C's Ken Finck, John Hall, Bernie Karpers, Walter Neese, Howard and Connie Barry, Brooks Riley and (soon to be P/C) Tracey Stuenes, as well as Rolf Stuenes, Bill Dahle, Kathy Karpers, Bob & Mary Ellen Porak, Jim Redding, Mae Trott, Brian Hall, Tom Clark and Al Fittipaldi. Our success at the Boat Show was also dependant upon a joint effort and cooperation from all area District 5 Squadrons. In that light, I would further like to thank District 5 Commander, Brian Becker, P/C Joe Parks, Cdr. Guy Thompson, Cdr. Jeff McKinney, as well as Alan Karpas, Doug and Mary Eufemia, Jim Atwell, Liz Thompson, Beth Thompson, Gail Becker, Paul Mermelstein, and Dick Williams. I'd also like to give a special Thank You to our closest neighbors, the Sue Island Sail & Power Squadron – thank you to P/C's Roy Bands and Sandy Bean, as well as Richard Koch and Ken Horne. I don't know for sure yet whether Cdr. Rudy Zinn or P/C Vince Trabona were able to make it, but I know they wanted to, so thank you to them as well. If I left anyone out, I am truly sorry – you all deserve very high praise for your efforts.

And now, for your monthly reminder to join our email list-serve. It's easy. Just visit our website, www.uspsdunk.org, and click on "**Join our discussion group**". That will open an email message and all you have to do is send it. It's that easy. You'll be registered to send and receive messages on the DSPS list-serve. If you don't know what that is, it's just like a private email group where any messages sent to the list-serve will be sent to everyone signed up for it. This is the fastest way to get updates on information, for example if a show has been cancelled, or if a group of members wants to try to plan an informal raft-up, or if you have a question relating to your boat, (or anything really).

As always, I'm available if anyone has a question, comment or complaint. Also, if anyone would like to volunteer to assist with an event, please let me know. I can be reached by email at xo@uspsdunk.org or by cell phone at 410-456-5854.

Respectfully submitted,

Lt/C David Seidenman, AP

EDUCATIONAL OFFICER

The boat show is over. The days are getting longer. Maybe this is a good time to think about taking a boating course.

There will be two public boating courses beginning in February:

Tuesday February 3, 2009 at 7:30 PM

Anchorage Marina

2501 Boston Street

Baltimore, MD 21224

P/C Ken Finck, AP--Instructor

Thursday February 5, 2009 at 7:30 PM

Luther Memorial Lutheran Church

5401 Eastern Avenue

Baltimore, MD 21224

P/C Brooks Riley, AP--Instructor



We also will be offering the Seamanship Course beginning:

Tuesday February 3, 2009 at 7:30 PM

Luther Memorial Lutheran Church

5401 Eastern Avenue

Baltimore, MD 21224

P/C Read Van Zile, AP--Instructor



If you are interested in any other advanced grade or elective course please let me know and we will try to get a class organized.

Watch for the various seminars to be offered this year. These course are only two hours. There is no exam and they are for credit

Hope to see each one of you in a class this year.

Respectfully submitted,

P/C Lois M. Nehmer, SN

seo@uspsdundalk.org or (410-686-2262)

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Administrative Officer

1/24/08

We had about 36 members attend the last General Membership Meeting. Read Van Zile did an Outstanding job in presenting "How to Plan a Cruise"!! For those who weren't there, you missed out on the excellent presentation and the fellowship!



One new member was sworn in!



Bernie Karpers and Earl Tingstrom welcome Douglas Riley to Dundalk

There are several activities planned for the next couple of months. Come join in the fun! Please review your Horizon for the details. See you there!



Respectfully submitted,

Lt/C J. Streett Broadbent, AP

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NOTE TO ALL DSPS MEMBERS:

There is a continuing problem with having correct/up to date mailing, e-mail and phone number information for members. Not only on the squadron level but District and National as well.

Please, if you have any changes, let the Squadron Secretary know so they can inform those who need the updated information. This way, we can make sure that you are always kept informed as to upcoming events and you won't be "left out in the dark". It also saves everyone \$\$ where printing & postage are concerned.

THANK YOU

To: Lt/C W. Lane Letsch, Secretary
 From: Squadron Nominating Committee
 Subject: Nominations for Squadron Positions for the 2009-2010 Bridge Year

 In accordance with squadron bylaws, the following active members in good standing are nominated for the positions noted, as candidates for election at the squadron annual meeting scheduled for March 18, 2009.

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| Commander | David S. Seidenman |
| Executive Officer | Katharine J. Jones |
| Educational Officer | Lois M. Nehmer |
| Administrative Officer | Suzann Bussey |
| Secretary | W. Lane Letsch |
| Treasurer | Richard D. Bussey |
| | |
| Assistant Education Officer | Steven C. Dalgarno |
| Assistant Treasurer | Michael R. Dulany |
| Assistant Secretary | TBA |
| Six Members At Large | Ronald V. Basener |
| Executive Committee | Jennifer Dalgarno
Steven C. Dalgarno
David Isherwood
James H. Redding
Anthony Van De Wal |
| Nominating Committee | Tracey C. Stuenes |
| Auditing Committee | James H. Redding |
| Rules Committee | Consiglia P. Barry |

Respectfully Submitted,
 Walter K. Neese, Chairman

SPRING CONFERENCE 2009 and INCOMING BRIDGE OFFICER TRAINING

Ahh, spring, that magical time of year when all boaters' fancies turn to ... Spring Conference!
26 through 29 March at the Princess Royale Hotel in Ocean City, Maryland.

The conference will be full of training for the new squadron bridge officers coming aboard. This is an important source of information that all new officers need to take advantage of. In fact, anyone who has aspirations of joining their squadron's bridge needs to attend one or more of those sessions.

Friday is Squadron Hospitality Suite night, a premier event which is always a boatload of fun. Hospitality Suites give squadrons an opportunity to display their ingenuity, creativity, and sense of fun. Every squadron is encouraged to put their collective members' heads together and come up with an idea for a suite. If your squadron can't support a hospitality suite on its own consider teaming with another squadron. Hospitality Suite reservation forms are available on the web and in Mark V. For more information, contact D/Lt Kenny Perigo, JN, at ktperigo@earthlink.net.

Do you like raffles? The raffle table is going to be crammed with items of all sorts to try your luck on. It will be better than a giant yard sale. Wander up and down the table; you are sure to find lots of things that tickle your fancy.

The Conference will convene Saturday morning at 0800. This will be a short event, followed by seminars to aid all your squadron departments. Commanders, encourage your committee chairs to get involved in these; many are in round-table format and provide the opportunity to share ideas and experiences while learning from what others have tried.

Food? Saturday night there will be a fantastic banquet to celebrate the district, the individual squadrons, and highlight the district Changes-Of-Watch. Come say farewell to District Commander Brian Becker and welcome aboard new District Commander Ralph Bernard. Then Sunday morning the new D/C traditionally hosts a poolside breakfast reception where everyone can meet the new bridge and get something to eat at the same time.

March 27, 28 and 29, 2009, at the Princess Royale in Ocean City. Mark those dates in your calendars, make your reservations early, and most importantly, come to Ocean City and start the boating season off right.



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Learn More about America's Boating Club

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

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http://www.usps.org/national/admin_dept/membenefits.htm



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Date: _____

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