

ON THE HORIZON

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Next Membership Meeting is Wednesday February 17th at the Bowman Restaurant at 7:30 PM. This month we celebrate Founder's Day and we will have special guest D/1st/Lt Melvin Shralow, JN as our featured speaker. Those planning on having dinner should begin arriving for dinner around 6 PM.

COMMANDER



Even though I don't want to I have to admit It is definitely still winter as evidenced by the snow on the ground and the possibility of canceled or postponed events. The good news is Punxsutawney Phil did not see his shadow and so is predicting an early end to winter. I agree—or at least I know spring will be here way before the boats are ready.

As this issue goes to press we have just completed the cruise planning party and what a party it was. I'm sorry we missed some of you due to the rescheduling but then some others were able to attend that were out of town on the original date. We had originally thought about just postponing it one day but with all that snow it just wasn't happening.

I want to thank everyone who contributed and especially Mary who happens to be my Chief Aide as well as the District Chief Aide. I'm not sure that has ever been done before. The Chief aide is responsible for planning, organizing and hosting all of the Commanders events. What a job Mary has done this year for two commanders.

At the party we laid out a plan for a great cruising season. Somehow we jumped from July to August to May to September and then back to June. But we managed to get through it all. We're also hoping to join up with other

squadrons and members from those other squadrons over the summer. There is a complete schedule on page 7 but of course just about everything is still in the planning stages as we are starting to contact marinas, double check conflicts and the like.

We're going to some places we haven't been in quite awhile. For example we are kicking off the season with a shakedown cruise to HarborView marina. I can't remember the last time the squadron went there. Our good friend Bill Flohr is now working there and I am sure will give us the red carpet treatment as always. We are headed to Worton Creek marina in July where we hope everyone will join us to for a send off of the Top Gun Cruisers to New York City. In September we will be returning to Annapolis and of course we won't forget the big favorites of the Wurst cookout in June and the Crab feast in August.

There is a lot of fun to be had between now and that first boating cruise. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the membership meetings, The D5 Spring Conference and of course the Change of Watch in April. It's time to be talking about boats and boating!

See you soon.

Respectfully submitted,
Commander John L. Hall, AP

HELP WANTED

Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron is hosting the District 5 Spring Conference in Ocean City on April 1st-3rd. P/C Steve Dalgarno, N is chairing the event and can use as much help as you can spare. What can you do you ask? First of all contact Steve and let him know you are ready to help. The conference runs Friday through Sunday. A lot of us will be there Thursday night for the Chili dinner to kickoff the weekend. Once the conference starts we'll need people to staff the raffle table and to staff the registration table. Incoming Cdr Douglas Riley, AP will need help with his fantastic hospitality suite and we're hosting the Commander's reception Saturday night. Even if you can't make it that weekend we still need to round up items for the raffle table.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER



PRACTICAL LESSONS

I've been thinking a lot lately about how much I've learned since Ken Finck invited me to attend a meeting of the Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron on November 19, 2008. *Lorenzo* had become mine in August of that year, and I promptly signed up for the Basic Boating Course that began in September at the Anchorage Marina. Ken was my first instructor, then Lois Nehmer, and Streett Broadbent as I progressed from Seamanship to Piloting to Advanced Piloting. Along the way, I've taken electives such as Using GPS, Engine Maintenance, and Marine Electronics, so ably taught by Rolf Stuenes, Fred Schwing, and John Hall. Thanks to these wonderful instructors, I have become a capable skipper!

Even our monthly meetings are filled with practical lessons. Our speaker on November 18, 2015 was David van den Arend, a Certified Professional Yacht Broker. I chuckled to myself during his presentation as he espoused the many reasons why a prospective buyer should always hire a broker, particularly *this* reason: "A broker can take the emotion out of the process." What emotion, I thought to myself. Surely, buying a new boat can be nothing but

fun!

I made an offer last month on a 40' cruiser, not my ultimate dream boat (that would be Streett's Viking 44) but a boat that Eileen and I could afford right now that would give us a second stateroom and move us from gasoline to diesel. As the owner was between brokers and eager to sell, I made a low, but not unreasonable, offer with the usual contingencies. His response came swiftly: **YOUR OFFER IS REJECTED IN ITS ENTIRETY! DON'T EVER GO NEAR MY BOAT AGAIN!! AND BY THE WAY, YOUR MOTHER DRESSES YOU FUNNY!!!**

Lesson learned: "A broker can take the emotion out of the process."

By the way, during the entire time I've been a member of the Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron, we've had but two Squadron Educational Officers: First, Lois Nehmer from 2008–2012, and second, Streett Broadbent from 2012-2016. What a yeoman's job they have done for the Squadron, and for me. My sincerest thanks to you both!

Respectfully submitted,
Lt/C Douglas B. Riley, AP 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 6:00 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.

EDUCATIONAL OFFICER



ABC Courses:

Tidewater Marina:

The course is scheduled to start Feb. 2, 2016 at 7:00 PM. The class will run for 5 consecutive Tuesdays, with the exam given on the last night. Six students have signed up so far.

DNR Boat Maryland Course:

We have submitted a "Waiver Letter" to be able to teach this course for 2016. We just received the waiver! There is a thought to offer this course to boat brokers at the Boat Show for free - if they help promote our squadron. Julie Brown of the DNR would like a listing of "all" courses being offered: advanced, elective, seminars, etc.

Other Possible Class Locations:

Still need everyone's help finding locations for classes that will not charge us.

Towson United Methodist Church: 501 Hampton Lane, Towson, MD 21286

Open Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays – No Thursdays

Cost = \$20/Night

We do not have a cost from St. Ursula's Church as yet. Brooks is negotiating.

Dick Bruns is checking into Weavers Marina as a place to hold classes.

News from District Education Committee:

Dundalk must submit **ED-80** (New SEO's & ASEO's) 60 days before the COW.

D-5 is working on a "**Blog**" to provide a means of communication between SEO's, ASEO's, etc.

A new **VHF/DSC board** is under development in the Richmond squadron.

D-5 just received a new **Bullex Bullseye Fire Extinguisher Trainer**.

It looks like **HQ-800 training** will be provided at the Spring Conference.

D-5 will have sessions on **Distance training and education** at the Fall Conference.

Open CPN is becoming the navigation software for all USPS courses. It is a Chartplotter and GPS Navigation Software. Go to <http://opencpn.org/ocpn/download> for a free download.

Respectfully submitted

Lt./C J. Streett Broadbent, AP – SEO

Boat Owners Association of The United States

(BoatUS) Celebrates 50th Anniversary

ALEXANDRIA, Va., February 3, 2016 – In 1966, boaters could buy a new mid-sized cruiser for about \$7,000, out-board engines had just surpassed 100 horsepower, and recreational boating was growing on a large scale across America. It was also in '66 that the nation's largest recreational boating group, Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS), got its start thanks to founder Richard Schwartz who saw a need to make recreational boaters' lives better.

His vision of offering representation, improving safety, providing quality services at competitive prices and saving boaters money was all rolled up into the "service, savings and representation" motto that remains at the core of the

more than half million member organization today.

"BoatUS has always been there for boaters and always will be," said BoatUS president Margaret Podlich. "Whether it's helping boaters have a safe day on the water, ensuring that boating taxes go to boating programs, offering competitive boat insurance coverage, or having the largest on-water towing fleet in the nation, BoatUS is proudly the single source of exceptional service and savings. We're steadfast in our commitment to protect boaters and their rights, making boating safer, more affordable and accessible." BoatUS will be celebrating its golden anniversary in 2016 with a series of special member events and coverage in its flagship publication, *BoatUS Magazine*, and other programs.

Go to <http://www.boatingworld.com/news/50th-anniversary> to see the complete article.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



Last month I wrote about the warm winter we were having. I have heard it said that in Maryland if you don't like the weather wait a couple of days and it will change. It now seems that truer words have never been spoken. Winter storm Jonas proved that in spades. The weather folks said we got 30 inches. It seems like I shoveled at least 60. The other day I saw an article about the snow pile from the 9 FEET of snow they got in Boston last year. It had been trucked to an area in South Boston, much like ours was taken to M&T Bank Stadium, and piled 75 feet high. The article was written because it had finally all melted away the day before. The article was written on JULY 15th!!! Let's hope that our winter isn't quite that active! Fortunately the new cover we had made for S/V Tiphys had been completed and installed 2 days before Jonas arrived.

This past weekend Susan and I spent Saturday at the Baltimore Boat Show enjoying the time with our Squadron mates at the District 5 display. There was a lot of traffic at the trailer, and the various training aids. Not to slight Sea Vester, the safe boating simulator and fire extinguisher trainer were of particular interest. There was also a lot of

interest in the educational aspects of the United States Power Squadrons and many people asked about training that might be happening close to them. Fortunately, there are many Squadrons in District 5, and it seemed as though everyone left with enough information to satisfy their interests.

I am hoping that next month I will be writing about how much we enjoyed seeing everyone at the Cruise Planning Party being held at Commander John and First Lady Mary Hall's home. This is always a lot of fun, with a lot of good food. I can't wait to discover where the warm breezes of spring and summer will be taking us. Perhaps we will see you at one of the cruise destinations uncovered at the party. We certainly hope so!

Respectfully submitted,
Lt/C David Blades, JN
Administrative Officer

SECRETARY'S REPORT



If you haven't done so yet, please send in your reservation form and check for the D/5 Spring Conference in Ocean City MD. The reservation form is in this issue. This event is hosted by the Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron, and we look forward to seeing you in OC!

Start saving at our Online Store - **take 25% off any order with no minimum purchase!** Go to <http://dundalksquadron.qbstores.com/OC/SF6210> for your discount. Available merchandise includes polos, tees, button down shirts, jackets, sweatshirts, hats, bags – available

in multiple colors, plus 3 logos to choose from (2 logos for hats). Make sure to bookmark the main site at: <http://dundalksquadron.qbstores.com>.

Send changes in your information for DB2000/National or our mailing list directly to me at: stuartnewborn@gmail.com.

Respectfully submitted,
Lt/C Stuart Newborn, S
Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT



At our January General Meeting, a budget for the fiscal year beginning March 1, 2016 was presented and approved by the DSPS membership.

Once we get our new QuickBooks software, I will work with the Commander and incoming Treasurer on getting our data loaded into the computer, and then every expense will be coded to the proper budget line item, or if need be, an exception to be approved by the Executive Committee.

The Squadron's finances are in good shape and we aim to keep them that way. All bills have been paid and the books are current. Remember to use the Expense and Deposit Forms.

Respectfully submitted,
Lt/C Richard D. Bussey, P
Treasurer

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SAVE MAN OF WAR SHOAL

It appears that the Corps of Engineers is intent on dredging the oyster shells from an area known as Man of War Shoal. The shoal is located on a line drawn from North Point to Craighill Lighthouse, officially listed as Craighill Channel Lower Range Front Light Station. The shoal is in an area well known for fishing and crabbing, and is not in any area of significant commercial navigation. It does not pose a danger to recreational boat activity.

The intent of the Corps is to dredge the oysters and shells, and transplant them to oyster bars in the southern areas of the Chesapeake Bay. The Corps of Engineers has done this type of dredging to every major oyster bar north of the Bay Bridge. The result has been total destruction of each oyster bar and fishing area. Over the last several years, each site that has received transplanted oyster shells has failed due to silting from the run off of the Susquehanna River Dam. At a meeting on February 2, 2016 with the Corps of Engineers, and attended by three Maryland State Representatives, and

one Maryland State Senator, The Chesapeake Bay Foundation, as well as the recreational and commercial fishing organizations, all have registered opposition to this plan.

Please take a moment to notify the Corps of Engineers about your feelings for this project. Please send your opinion not to dredge Man of War Shoal to the Corps of Engineers. Your comments should be sent before 17 February 2016. Please direct your communication to:

Ms. Abbie Hopkins
ATTN: CENAB-OPR-M
Baltimore District Corps of Engineers
Email: abbie.hopkins@usace.army.mil

Respectfully submitted by,
PDC Bernie Karpers, Jr., M.D., N

Cruising Schedule 2016

May 20-22 National Safety Week Shakedown Cruise

Our first cruise of the season, we will be at the Baltimore Marine Center at HarborView. 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-11 The WURST cookout ever at Red Eye Yacht Club

Always a great time, come by land or boat! Plenty of good fun and lots of fun!

June 17-19 Tilghman Island / Practice Navigation Contest

Join us as we head for Knapp's Narrows Marina and Inn on Tilghman Island. We're planning on an ice cream social for Friday night, Captain's meeting and A/P seminar Saturday morning, and Navigation Contest and boat ride Saturday afternoon. 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 needed.

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.

July 8-10 North Bay Cruise and Barbecue

We're headed up to Worton Creek marina for a relaxing weekend get-a-way. Saturday afternoon will feature an Eastern Shore Chicken barbecue. Time is always kept a little differently on the Eastern Shore so the 5 o'clock cocktail hour will be starting at 4!

July 10-17 The Commanders Top Gun Cruise to New York

Departing immediately from the North Bay cruise we are headed to Cape May and beyond. We're still working out the details, but we are headed up to visit the Statue of Liberty and New York City. Join us on the whole cruise or just part of the way!

July District 5 Rendezvous / USPS District 5 Summer Council & Navigation Contest

Dates to be determined.

August 19-21 Crab Feast in Rock Hall at the Sailing Emporium

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. Bring the kids to this one, there's a nice pool, and a trolley ride from the marina to town.

September 16-18 Last Cruise of the Summer to Annapolis

This is the officially the last cruise of summer as the first day of Fall is September 20th. We're still working out which of the many fine marina's in Annapolis we will be going to. Come and join us for the weekend it is a great trip by car or by boat.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS – MARCH 16, 2016

Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron
2016 to 2017

The Bridge As presented by the Nominating Committee

Commander	Cdr Douglas B. Riley, AP
Executive Officer	Lt/C David J. Blades, JN
Educational Officer	Lt/C Robert Crimmins, AP
Administrative Officer	Lt/C _____
Treasurer	Lt/C Stuart Newborn, S
Secretary	Lt/C _____

Assistants As presented by the Nominating Committee

Asst. Education Officer	D/Lt Rolf Stuenes, JN
Asst. Treasurer	D/Lt Barbara Blaker, AP
Asst. Secretary	NONE

Executive Committee Ten members are elected; six are presented by the Nominating Committee.

1	Lt Susan Rudy, JN	6	P/Lt/C J. Streett Broadbent, AP
2	PIC Ron Basener, SN	7	
3	PIC Anthony Van de Wal, N	8	
4	PIC Brooks Riley, AP	9	
5	Lt Dianne A Newborn	10	

General Committees (Elected)

Nominating Committee

D/Lt Tracey Stunes, P

One (1) year remaining
Five (5) years remaining

Rules Committee

Five (5) years remaining

Auditing Committee

P/C Dick Bruns

Two (2) years remaining
Three (3) years remaining

RESERVATION FORM
United States Power Squadrons D/5 SPRING CONFERENCE
April 1-3 2016
Ocean City, Maryland

MEMBER: Rank _____ Name: _____ Grade: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

SQUADRON: _____ POSITION: _____ FIRST TIMER? _____

E-mail: _____ PHONE: _____

SPOUSE/OTHER ATTENDEES:

Rank: _____ Name: _____ Grade: _____ First Timer? _____

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ACTIVITIES SELECTIONS

SATURDAY LUNCHEON CHOICES:

Trio Salad of Chicken Salad, Tuna Salad & Tossed Garden Salad # _____ @ \$18.00 = \$ _____

Twin Hamburger Sliders w/ Chips, Pickle, Potato Salad # _____ @ \$18.00 = \$ _____

Coffee, Decaf Coffee, Tea & Iced Tea

SATURDAY BANQUET ENTREE CHOICES:

Jumbo Lump Maryland Crab Cakes # _____ @ \$42.00 = \$ _____

Beef Bourguignon w/ Red Wine, Onions, Carrots, Mashed Potatoes # _____ @ \$42.00 = \$ _____

Vegetarian/Gluten free Stuffed Pepper # _____ @ \$28.00 = \$ _____

Coffee, Decaf Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea

Dietary restrictions _____

OPTIONAL Room raffle ONE FREE NIGHT (October 1, 2016 - April 20, 2017)

1 Ticket \$5.00 or 3 Tickets for \$10.00 # _____ @ \$5 or \$10 = \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to: 2016 D/5 Spring Conference

SEND TO: Lt/C Stuart Newborn, S
 9754 Ashlyn Cr
 Owings Mills, MD 21117
 Phone: 410-356-5320
 E-mail: stuartnewborn@gmail.com

**MEAL RESERVATIONS must
 be received by March 2, 2016**

Recommended Dress: Thursday/Friday/Saturday – USPS/Squadron Shirts Banquet – Uniform A with bowtie

MAKE RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY WITH HOTEL - Call Reservations Dept. at 877-995-7875

Use the Reservation ID Code: U.S. Power Squadron, District 5

Princess Royale Hotel

9100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, Maryland
 Non-Smoking Venue - Handicapped Rooms available on a request basis

Rates: Ocean view/pool view Suite: \$109.00 per night Friday/Saturday Ocean Suite: \$149.00 per night
 2BR/2BA Oceanfront Condo: \$239.00 per night, 3BR: \$269.00 per night
*(rates listed above do **not** include taxes)*

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY 25 FEBRUARY 2016 TO ENSURE USPS RATES

DIRECTIONS: From RT 90, turn left onto Coastal Hwy. Hotel will be on the right.



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Members Helping Members

Adventure, Fun and Learning

On-the-water activities, cruises, rendezvous, raft-ups for a day weekend or week – something for everyone!

- 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



Members Build Boating Skills

Courses and Seminars include:

- America's Boating Course, Seamanship, GPS, Engine Maintenance, Piloting, Advanced Piloting, Marine Electronics, Cruise Planning, Junior Navigation, Sail, Navigation, Weather and more.

Safe Practice with Friends

- Cruises, Competitions, Trips
- Help out and crew, or use your boat

Costs: Individual = \$86 / Individual + One Additional Active = \$132. \$20 new member administrative fee.

Individual: _____

Additional: _____

Email : _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Amount Paid: \$ _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Learn More about America's Boating Club

Email: cdr@uspsdundalk.org

Web: <http://www.uspsdundalk.org> or

<http://www.uspsd5.org>

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

The Bowman Restaurant

9306 Harford Road, Parkville, MD 21234

Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron - Receipt:

Membership Type: Individual: ____ Or

Individual with Family: ____

Amount Paid: \$ _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____



SAFE BOATING THROUGH EDUCATION

Calendar

February 17	Membership Meeting — The Bowman on Harford Rd
February 15-21	USPS National Meeting in Orlando, FL
March 16	Membership Meeting — The Bowman on Harford Rd
March 31—April 3	D5 Spring Conference in Ocean City, MD
April 9	DSPS Change of Watch—Baltimore Yacht Club
April 20	Membership Meeting — The Bowman on Harford Rd
May 18	Membership Meeting — The Bowman on Harford Rd

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