

ON THE HORIZON

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General Membership Meeting



"Marinalife Makes Boating Easy"

8:00 PM Wednesday, January 16, 2008

Dinner/Drinks/Social optional at 6:30 PM.

NEW LOCATION

SCHOONERS Restaurant and Lounge

7703 Belair Rd (695 to exit 32A, 1/2 mile on left) 410-668-5053

Marinalife was founded over 8 years ago by Joy McPeters, a longtime boater right here in the Baltimore area. Marinalife offers the boating community the most extensive web directory of marina information. In addition to this directory Marinalife members can access our unique marina reservation system, trip planning, weather, maps/charts, mileage, marina reviews and so much more. And although the company has grown tremendously in the last couple years, Joy's passion to make boating easy, stress-free, and enjoyable, has not changed.

Marinalife's Directors of Marketing and Membership will present a 20 minute PowerPoint presentation, which will be an overview of their concierge services, types of memberships, and travel planning tools offered. The presentation will be followed by a Question & Answer session



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Your Bridge & On the Horizon Staff Wish Everyone a Safe & Happy New Year!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!



Greetings friends and members of the Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron. As you all know, the Baltimore Boat Show is coming soon. Dundalk is very lucky to have D/5 Sea Vester and his showcase trailer at the boat show this year. The HELP we need is to operate Sea Vester and man the trailer location (inside the main door downstairs). We have three categories for sign up:



1. Operation of Sea Vester.
2. Assist with the operation of Sea Vester.
3. And most important – sign up to stand/sit by the trailer and communicate with people going by. Talk about education, boating, safety, and anything you can think of to make them a better boater.

Choose when you would like to volunteer, the dates are:



Jan. 23 , Wednesday	17:30 to 21:30 hours
Jan. 24, Thursday	10:30 to 21:30 hours
Jan. 25, Friday	10:30 to 21:30 Hours
Jan. 26, Saturday	09:30 to 21:30 Hours
Jan. 27, Sunday	09:30 to 21:30 Hours



You can sign up in one of three ways:

1. Email me at cankenhelp@juno.com.
2. Call one of the Squadron Bridge members, or me... 410-360-3330.
3. Come to the Meeting and Holiday Party on December 19 - party with us, and sign up too.

You may take any part of the day you wish, from an hour to all day. You may even volunteer for more than one day.— and the best thing is you get in the Boat Show for FREE, just for helping!

Thank you so much and have a very Happy and Healthy Holiday!

P/C Ken Finck

COMMANDER

Welcome to the 2008 edition of the Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron. If you thought 2007 was a busy year, you ain't seen nothin' yet! We just finished a great Christmas party. There were well over 50 people in attendance at the party including our District 5 guests Brian and Gail Becker. We all shared some holiday cheer with both longtime friends and new ones. The gift exchange was a lot of fun. As usual we had a three steal limit on the gifts. The kids seemed to know how to play the game pretty well. My daughter Michelle made sure she was the third person to "steal" the stuffed animal she wanted. It was quite amusing to see Dominic Solesky, who was probably the smallest person there take a toolkit from P/C Walter Neese who was quite possibly the largest person there. Dominic didn't care – he knew what he wanted and he got it. Then the Solesky brothers figured out that if Jimmy "stole" it from Dominic that would be the third time and it couldn't be taken any more. It was all good fun. However it was our last meeting at the Boulevard Diner for a while. Our next meeting on January 16th will be at Schooners on Belair Rd. Please come out and let us know what you think of the place.

On January 12th the Cruise Planning Party takes place at our house on Saturday January 12th from 3 pm until 7 pm and later. Everyone in the squadron is invited. This is a can't miss event. We'll be planning out the cruising schedule for 2008. Where will we go this year? (Besides Rock Hall for the Crab Feast of course) What do you want to see? What neat events do you know about that we could attend? Where is the Top Gun Cruise going this year? Can they really make it Montauk NY without using Bernie math? We need your help!

Speaking of needing help - Dundalk and the USPS are going to have an incredibly large presence at the Baltimore Boat Show this year. You are going to hear about this from everybody, but we have five times as much space as last year and we need help staffing it. Many people have already signed up, but we still need more. We need to staff the District 5 Education Trailer with Sea Vester in addition to our regular booth. Ideally this will require five to six people working at a time. So don't be shy about signing up for hours. You can contact me at cdr@uspsdundalk.org with the hours you'd like to work. This is your chance to share with the public what you like about the Power Squadron. In the past we have been discouraged from soliciting people to join a specific squadron because the booth was shared by other squadrons. The booth is still shared, but I have spoken with District and the other squadrons and everyone agrees that we should be using this chance to recruit members. I'd like to see those people join our squadron, but it still helps us as an organization even if they join another squadron. Now lastly I encourage everyone who would like to learn to operate Sea Vester to attend Wednesday as there will be some training on using Sea Vester. We really need people for Thursday and Friday afternoon and evening at this time.

The future is bright for Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron. I'm looking forward to having a great year. There will be plenty of opportunities to fulfill the purpose of the squadron. Boating Safety, Education and Fun! I'm looking forward to having a great year and everyone taking advantage of as many of these opportunities as we can.

Respectfully submitted,
CDR John Hall, AP

BOAT SHOW SPEAKER SERIES

Dundalk is at it again as DSPS will be coordinating the United States Power Squadrons® presentations for the Speaker Series at the Baltimore Boat Show. The following is the tentative schedule for the USPS instructed courses:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Thursday, January 24	7 PM	Using VHF/DSC Radio
Friday, January 25	7 PM	Onboard Weather Forecasting
Saturday, January 26	11 AM	Using GPS
Saturday, January 26	3 PM	Onboard Weather Forecasting
Saturday, January 26	7 PM	Using VHF/DSC Radio
Sunday, January 27	2 PM	Using GPS

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Happy New Year from the Executive Department. What a year it was! From the fun and laughs we shared cruising, to sharing our adventures at the membership meetings, and for all of the effort in teaching boaters, it couldn't have been a better year. I want to thank all the members who get involved in our activities. If you have missed any of our events, start the New Year off by attending the cruise planning party at Commander John Hall's home. Here's to a fantastic year in 2008!

The Baltimore Boat Show proves to be an exciting event this year. Most of you know we will be having the D/5 Education Trailer, and Sea Vester. If you haven't signed up to volunteer some time, it's not too late. Cdr. John Hall has the master sign up sheet. Mark your calendars, and come out to lend a hand.

Respectfully submitted,
Lt/C Tracey Stuenes, P



**DSPS Holiday Party
December 19, 2007**



EDUCATION OFFICER

Dundalk's instructors in basic boating safety have succeeded in the latter half of 2007 by preparing twenty-five students to earn a passing grade in the Squadron Boating Course exam.

The schedule of courses to be offered to the public in early 2008 has been published [see below]. So far, we have only included the *Squadron Boating Course* and Dundalk's *Hands-on GPS*. In addition to these courses, we will debut three of the new 90-minute USPS University seminars at the Baltimore Boat Show [see Page 3 for details]. The plans for seminars thereafter at venues such as marinas and boating stores, or at events such as the county waterfront festival, safe boating week, etc., will evolve as we learn what works.

Courses for members in early 2008 will begin in mid-February and will include Seamanship and Advanced Piloting, for which schedules will be firmed up for publication in the February newsletter. 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. In particular, I already have an inquiry from a neighboring squadron for our Engine Maintenance course instructed by the famous Fred Schwing. Go Fred! We may launch a class if five people are interested.

Jan/Feb/Mar 2008 Public Course Schedule

<u>Course</u>	<u>Starting Date</u>	<u># of Sessions</u>
At Luther Memorial Lutheran Church 5401 Eastern Avenue:		
Hands-on GPS (short)	08 Jan. 6:30 pm	2 Tuesday eves
Squadron Boating Course	21 Feb. 7:30 pm;	8 Thursday eves
At Dundalk High School , 1901 Delvale Avenue:		
Squadron Boating Course	05 Feb. 7:30 pm	8 Tuesday eves
Hands-on GPS	14 Feb. 6:30 pm	3 Thursday eves
At Anchorage Marina, Boater's Lounge ; 2501 Boston Street:		
Squadron Boating Course	25 Mar. 7:30 pm	8 Tuesday eves

Respectfully Submitted,
P/C Walter Neese, N

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

USPS D/5 and National Happenings



D/5 SAIL REGATTA—Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron Takes 1st!

The D/5 Sail Regatta was hosted by Cambridge Sail and Power Squadron on 6 - 8 October at the Cambridge Yacht Club on the Choptank River. Here are the results:

1st Place -Scandia skippered by P/Lt/C Rolf Steunes, JN, of Dundalk

2nd Place - Mystery skippered by Lt. Jim Harvey, AP, of Cambridge

3rd Place - Moonshadow skippered by P/C Paul Geppert, P, of Susquehannock

The Broken Mast Award—Sea Lion with P/C Mike King AP, of Wilmington



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



NATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING 19-24 February, 2008

HYATT REGENCY DALLAS, TEXAS

Reservation Form: <http://www.usps.org/national/ensign/uspscompass/pdf/dallasform.pdf>

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

If you haven't joined the DSPS Discussion Group, you really should do so. This is the best way to find out about important and timely items such as cancellations of meetings or classes or a change in location. It is also a great place to exchange boating information and ideas, and get answers to your questions. Many people have been helped with their boat and engine problems. Need a surveyor or mechanic or would like opinions on products? Just ask in an email and draw on the knowledge of your fellow members of DSPS. And best of all it is free and there is nothing you have to do—except sign up. Go to www.uspsdundalk.org, scroll down the home page and click on “Join our discussion group”.

We need speakers and topics for our upcoming meetings. If you have any ideas on topics or speakers you would like to hear—we would love to hear from you. Just give me a call or send an email.

I want to wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, I'm available by phone at 410-456-5854 or by email at ao@uspsdundalk.org.



VSC for 2008

Did you know there is a VSC Millennium Club? You heard right, as per Ron La Plante, from National, all VSC examiners can join - just by getting one thousand Vessel Safety Checks (cumulative) during their time as an examiner. Once the person reaches 1,000 checks, they will be awarded a gold pin with a diamond in it for their service.

What a fine item to add to your list of wonderful things you have done with the Squadron to help your community. VSC examiners did over 3,500 more VSC's in 2007 than in 2006 for the Squadrons. One outstanding feat!

If you are not a VSC examiner, and would like to become one, check with P/C Connie Barry, Chairperson, and she will fill you in on the details.

Remember there is a merit mark just for helping the VSC. So won't you please help Dundalk to set an all time new record for how many VSC's our Squadron can get done in one year? We have not come this far to slow down now - and you could not have a better committee to help make this work.

Happy and Safe Boating,
P/C Ken Finck

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.

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

DUNDALK SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON

INVITES YOU TO OUR

ANNUAL CHANGE OF WATCH DINNER & DANCE

FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2008 at Sparrows Point Country Club

919 Wise Avenue, Baltimore MD (Note: the Wise Ave. bridge is closed for repairs. Use North Point Blvd. to Wise Ave. to the entrance of Sparrows Point Country Club)

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

Music by T.J's Dee Jay – selections to please everyone

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

Dress: Uniform A or suitable Civilian Attire (Coats required, NO jeans please)

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

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| 3. _____ # ____ | 7. _____ # ____ |
| 4. _____ # ____ | 8. _____ # ____ |

Your Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Cost: \$42.00 per person Make checks payable to Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron and mail early to:

P/Lt/C Rolf Stuenes

1916 Robinwood Road, Baltimore, MD 21222

Tel.: (410) 285-0047

Deadline for reservations: March 8 , 2008

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SAFE BOATING THROUGH EDUCATION

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