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Bell Rings for Past Commander Dennis Nugent, SN

Because his term was relatively recent P/C Dennis Nugent, SN is well and fondly remembered by many current active Dundalk members and will be sorely missed. P/C Nugent held the post of Commander in 1990-91 and also was Squadron Education Officer in 1995 – 96. P/C Nugent died in June from injuries from a fall related to a long-time illness.

P/C Cdr Lois Nehmer, DN says that Dennis was a valued member of Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron who gave generously of his time, talent, and knowledge to further the education of his fellow members. She adds, "Many members who now wear the insignia of this squadron are beneficiaries of his constant efforts to make Dundalk a stronger and better squadron. He set lofty goals for those who followed after him. His accomplishments are permanently inscribed in the archives of Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron and in the memories of those he leaves behind."

"Dennis was very committed to Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron and its goal of safe boating through education. When the squadron needed an instructor for the weather course, Dennis took a weather course from the local community college so that he could teach the course."

P/C Nehmer recalls that at the District Spring Conference of 1990 just after Dennis became commander, Dundalk's hospitality suite was a take

off on the Keystone Cops. Dennis had been an officer with the Baltimore County Police Department before he retired and that's how he came to use that theme.

Cdr Bernie Karpers, N remembers Dennis as a "colorful" personality who enlivened the Navigator course the two took under Marty Wolfson who held a PhD in math. Because of Dennis' bright mind and inquisitiveness the discussions often wandered far from the material covered in the course. Cdr Karpers noted that Dennis' wife Fran has been a loyal support for Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron.

P/C Read Van Zile recalls that it was then Cdr Nugent who was first presented the "crew comforter" ax handle by an Irishman who was curious about Dundalk's shamrock burgee. This occurred during a cruise stop in St. Michael's. Thus began the tradition of awarding the ax handle each year to the crew on a squadron cruise who has had the meanest captain.

P/C Nugent is survived by his wife Fran, who has been a loyal source of support for Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron. P/C Ken Finck remembers that Dennis and Fran were actually married by P/C Ken Nehmer at a Dundalk Squadron Hospitality Suite. The theme of the suite, of course, was a wedding chapel.

COMMITTEE CDR BERNARD S. KARPERS, N

Our summer cruise schedule is now in operation. So far we have completed the Safe Boating Weekend, which served as a shake down cruise. *Di version* with Stu and Diane Newborn made her debut. After that came the raft out event. Due to high winds and concern for safety the location was changed to Frog Mortar Creek, Middle River.

On the weekend of June 24th our practice navigation contest took place in Rock Hall. Six boats competed and Dundalk had the two best times. We realize the importance of this event, because it is the tune-up for the annual District 5 Navigation Contest. This year the practice event was sponsored by Delaware River. The annual District 5 navigation contest will take place just off of Cape Charles, Virginia. This event is in conjunction with the annual District 5 Summer Rendezvous, July 20 – 23, 2006.

This year Dundalk Squadron will be leading the way to the annual District 5 Rendezvous with the Southbound Cruise. At this time the skippers of *After Hours II*, *Aye, Aye, Irene*, *Battlewagon*, *Consiglia*, *Grumpy*, and *Rat Ark* have registered for the meeting. Members of our squadron are needed to help with the social events on the cruise. In order to enter two teams into the navigation contest, we will need two more boats to agree to participate, About 22 members of our squadron are going to the rendezvous. I realize the distance is great, but we need your participation either with your vessel or as a guest in order to have enough people to participate in the navigation contest. Remember each boat will need at least four persons, and one those will serve as a vessel observer. It would be great to enter six boats from Dundalk Squadron. We are the defending team. We have won this event for the last three years and our second team took third place. You can bet the competition will be tough, but we must prevail!

Following the summer rendezvous your Top Gun Cruisers will

begin their annual cruise. At this time *After Hours II*, *Aye, Aye Irene*, *Battlewagon*, *Consiglia* and *Rat Ark* are doing the TGC. We have boats from Patapsco River, Ocean City, Delaware River and Miles River participating in this cruise. The TGC will visit three states; Virginia Beach; and Wachapreague, Virginia, Ocean City, Md; and Cape May, New Jersey. We expect to return home on 31 July .

So now is the time to find out what is happening. Do not wait until the summer membership meeting to find out how our squadron is doing. Come on and be part of a fun time.

The Executive Committee has been active. Presently we are looking into our corporate status, planning to attend the National Governing Board Meeting August 15 –20, 2006 in New York City and developing a flyer type handout promoting Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron. I am quite proud of all of you in the squadron. The treasurer reports that 89 percent of those eligible to pay dues have paid. We have new members who have not yet been billed, but their participation is expected to bring us to 99 % dues paid by the end of June. Thank you for your support. It truly encourages the Executive Committee. With the current membership and added new members we can expect at least 4 to 5 percent growth this year. Way to go Dundalk! This month we welcome Diane Newborn and Victor Obringer as new members.



Two of Dundalk Squadron's newest vessels tied up together at the June raft out. John Hall aboard *Battlewagon* chats with Vikki Seidenman aboard *Court Ship*.

There will not be a general membership meeting in July. The next membership meeting will be in August. That meeting will happen after the top gun cruise and before the annual crab feast at Rock Hall. The crab feast is a must event and we will bring you up to date on our cruises at that time. Who will win the cherished Irish Crew Comforter, and which members will be in competition for the Busted Shamrock? Now is the time to scout out your nominations for these awards.

STU & DI'S EXCELLENT ADVENTURE

We were very excited as we made preparations for our trip to Inner Harbor East for Safe Boating Weekend. We were also a little nervous as this was going to be our first overnight trip since getting *DiVersion* late last year. Don't get the wrong idea, we were used to battling the elements. In fact I remember one trip to Solomons Island on our bowrider, fighting those huge 2-3 foot waves all the way down - and talking about the elements, do you think it was easy sleeping on those hard mattresses at the Holiday Inn?

Back to the trip. We departed from our slip at Sparrows Point on Saturday morning with Capt. Stu at the helm of *DiVersion*, ably assisted by Admiral Di. Wait a minute - when did that promotion take place? Last I remembered Di was my First Mate, now an Admiral? When I asked how that happened, she responded it was in the same paragraph in our marriage contract, you know the one where it says she gets two votes and I get one. I keep looking, but for some reason can never find it, must be the small print - where are those glasses when you really need them?

Back to the trip. Skies were clear, visibility excellent, but the wind was picking up as we came out of Bear Creek into the Patapsco for our journey all the way to the Inner Harbor. I knew I would have to be alert and we were well prepared (using our knowledge from our Safe Boating course). We had the GPS set, charts out, PFD's handy, and lines ready. Isn't this just great?

As we neared the entrance to Inner Harbor East, I called on my VHF of the arrival of *DiVersion* (and I remembered not to say "Over and Out" when finished as Read had told us in the Seamanship course). Bernie, who must have heard my transmission, called on my cell phone to see the slip location so they could help me dock, which was great since ours was the last slip against the pier and the wind was now pretty strong. When I approached the slip, Bernie was there, along with other squadron members (Bob and Howard, not sure who else as I tried to concentrate on docking). We finally got in and the lines secured with a big assist from Rolf on the shore power cable. We were docked right next to Tracey and Roy on *Tracilla*, across the pier from Walter and *Rat Ark*.

Once in, we checked out the Dundalk Booth, and watched Vessel Safety Checks being performed by squadron members. We assisted in the docking of *Battlewagon* with John and Mary (and family) on board. A little later, Bernie and Kathy hosted lunch on *After Hours II*, and then we all had some fun with betting pools on the Preakness. We also visited with

Howard and Connie aboard *Consiglia* with Read, Joanne and Fuzzy among those on board. Afterwards Brande, Rick and Nancy joined several of us for dinner at Sabatino's. Good food and great company! Isn't this just great?

We returned to *DiVersion* to get ready to turn in for the evening and were confronted with a major problem -- the electric was not working properly. The battery chargers were working, as was the air, but what were we going to do without our TV/DVD player? As usual when confronted with a serious problem, you can count on your fellow squadron members as Roy, Walter, John and Brian worked to find the problem and solution, which they did. As we prepared for our first night of sleep on the boat, watching a DVD of old Lucy shows, the Admiral asked just how much beverage I had consumed? I'm not sure why the question, guess it could be because the DVD was in Spanish and I hadn't noticed. After working the menu it was switched to English and seconds later the Captain was lights out. Isn't this just great?

After waking early Sunday morning (0600 hours), I made coffee and was just sitting on the boat looking out at the water, the sky, and the other boats - what a great feeling! After Di got up, we took a walk around the marina. A little later, several of us met at the picnic tables for a pitch-in

breakfast. With the wind starting to pick up again, we decided it was time to get ready to depart for home. We left the slip with no problems (thanks to Bernie, Read, and Howard's help from the dock). And there I was at the helm, the wind at my face, hearing the sound of the engine, and with the sun shining brightly on the Patapsco - Isn't this just great?

Back in our slip at Sparrows Point, Di and I sat on *DiVersion* and reminisced about our trip to Inner Harbor East. We talked about all the squadron members who were there, and besides those mentioned above we enjoyed seeing Bobbie, Ken, Mary Ellen, and David and family. If you haven't participated in any of the Squadron activities, you don't know what you are missing. So get ready and join your fellow squadron members and friends on the next trip.

What a weekend! What a squadron! This is Dundalk, promoting safe boating and having fun! Wasn't that just great?

Respectfully submitted,
Lt/C Stuart Newborn



EDUCATION P/C WALTER K. NEESE, SN

Five students attended the four-week ABC course launched during National Safe Boating Week. All passed the final exam and received certificates. One further student sat for the ABC exam having bought the course online, and also passed. We are expecting four new members from the group.

Dundalk's fall boating courses are listed at www.usps.org. The entire fall public course schedule is summarized as follows:

Anchorage Marina	Squadron Boating	07 September, 2006	7:30 to 9:30 pm; 8 Thursday eves.
Dundalk High School	Squadron Boating	19 September, 2006	7:30 to 9:30 pm; 8 Tuesday eves.
Dundalk High School	GPS	03, 05, 10 October	2006; 6:30 to 9:30 pm
Dundalk High School	GPS	24, 26, 31 October	2006; 6:30 to 9:30 pm
Dundalk High School	GPS	14, 16, 21 November	2006; 6:30 to 9:30 pm
St. John's Lutheran	Squadron Boating	12 October, 2006	7:30 to 9:30 pm; 8 Thursday eves.

Of Advanced Grades and Electives, Navigation classes continue, with completion expected just before or just after the summer cruising season; Advanced Piloting classes will go on until 15 August.

Advanced Grades and Electives courses to be offered this fall are as follows:

Piloting	Mondays	18 Sep – 27 Nov
Seamanship	Tuesdays	19 Sep – 14 Nov
Junior Navigation	(Tuesdays)	12 Sep -
Navigation	(Tuesdays)	12 Sep -
Weather	Tuesdays	12 Sep – 28 Nov
Marine Electronics	Tuesdays	19 Sep – 21 Nov
Engine Maintenance	Thursdays	21 Sep – 16 Nov

The locations of classes are still being arranged, and dates and times are tentative, subject to instructor approval.

D/5 Needs Help in Hosting National Conference Next in 2007

Why is planning at District 5 for the a conference one year away starting so early? Well, it is a National USPS Government Board meeting, which will take place in Norfolk next September, not just a district or squadron affair. D/5 is host to USPS members across the country who will attend.

D/5 is asking squadrons for assistance in a number of areas.

For a fund-raising raffle, creative members are encouraged to donate arts and crafts. They may contact Pat Smith at 410-822-3339 or [HYPERLINK "mailto:kgs@dmv.com" kgs@dmv.com](mailto:kgs@dmv.com). D/5 is also asking each squadron to contribute a door luncheon prize valued between \$15 and \$20. The prize should reflect the unique location of each squadron. The contact for this is Marian Franck at 410-745-9521 or [HYPERLINK "mailto:dmfranck@atlanticbb.net" dmfranck@atlanticbb.net](mailto:dmfranck@atlanticbb.net).

Greeters are needed for each day of the conference, September 4 – 9 to welcome the hundreds of out-of-town guests. Contact Drex Bradshaw at 757-238-9104 or woebegonedaze@wmconnect.com to volunteer.

D/5 is also encouraging all members just to attend because there will never be an easier national meeting to attend than one right here in our own district. Contact the event chairman Norman Franck at 410-745-9521 or wnfranck@toad.net.

Practice Navigation Contest Results

Every year, Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron tunes up for the big District 5 navigation contest with a practice navigation contest along with Delaware River Power Squadron. Delaware River hosted this years event at Rock Hall on the weekend of June 20. Here are the results:

1. AFTER HOURS II	Dundalk	18 sec. early
2. RAT ARK	Dundalk	1 min. 3 sec. late
3. JR'S TOY	Delaware River	1 min. 45 sec. early
4. CAROLE IV	Delaware River	2 min. 46 sec. early
5. LADY JEAN	Delaware River	3 min. 34 sec. early
6. CONSIGLIA	Dundalk	7 min. 38 sec. Late

Delaware River got team bragging rights as their total error came to 8 min. 5 sec. while Dundalk clocked in at 9 min. 41 sec. off the mark. Dundalk was not deterred because of the fact that many times the team who comes in second in the practice often does quite well in the District contest. This year's D-5 event will take place on July 22 in Cape Charles, Virginia.

CALENDAR 2006

August 16 General Meeting

Come hear all the stories about the D5 Cruise, the Navigation Contest and the Top Gun Cruise. Boulevard Diner @ Merritt and Wise Aves., 1830 for dinner, 2000 for meeting.

August 25 Crab Feast at Rock Hall.

All the crabs, corn on the cob and burgers you can eat. Don't miss Dundalk's most popular event. Bring the whole family and all your friends. BYOH (bring your own hammer). See the reservation form in this issue.

September 9 Fort McHenry's Defenders Day Fireworks

All we will be rafting out on Saturday to watch the fireworks display over Fort McHenry.

September 15-17 Last Cruise of the Summer

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September 20 General Membership Meeting

At the Boulevard Diner. Dinner and/or Drinks optional at 6:30 p.m. Meeting begins at 8:00 p.m. The food is good and the camaraderie is even better.

October 18 General Membership Meeting

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October 20-22 Frostbite Cruise to Havre de Grace

This year we're going to head up north. With any luck the trees will be in full fall foliage and we will have clear crisp weather.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER LT/C TRACEY STUENES, P

June 2006

Splash! I can hear them now, all of our boats hitting the water. It's exciting to start a new boating season, especially with all the new members and boats to join us on our rendezvous.

Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron has a lot going on this year. Did you miss the cruise planning meeting this past January at the home of Lt/C John Hall, AP? We had a great time planning cruises for our squadron, and for the district. So far, we've had our Safety Cruise, a raft out, practice navigation and Fourth of July fireworks cruises. If you missed any of these cruises, you won't want to miss the ones coming up. There are registration forms for all the cruises. Sign up early! A complete list of cruises is available on our web site.

Our monthly membership meetings are held at the Boulevard Diner in Dundalk, on Merritt Boulevard. Dinner starts at 1830 (6:30 PM) and the business meeting starts at 2000 (8:00 PM). Lt. Dianne Newborn is heading up our Meeting & Programs department. If you have an interesting and informative speaker in mind, please give Dianne a call, and she will schedule them in.

Just in case you missed one of the meetings, and are in need of information, our web site is the place to go. www.usps-dundalk.org.

Lt/C John Hall, AP is always updating our web site. If you haven't visited the site lately, log on and check out what all the chatter has been about... the arrival of *Battlewagon*... there is a grand picture of her in our photo gallery.

Our publications department, P/C Rick Boardman, AP and Lt. Brande Neese, S is hard at work putting together the *Horizon* each month. Congratulations on the award they received, 3rd place in the Snyder Award Competition. Thank you to everyone who submits articles. What? You have an interesting story, and haven't shared it with us? And you have a picture, too? Well, send it in. We want to hear all about it! Speaking of pictures, a special thank you to P/C Connie Barry, JN and P/C Howard Barry, JN who always have their cameras in hand to capture those great moments at our meetings, events, and rendezvous. Don't be camera shy when they point at you. Just smile and say "cleat." These great shots go in our scrapbook. Lt. Mary Ellen Peters, P, our Historian, has done a fine job at putting together pictures from last years cruises. This was the first scrapbook we had in several years. Thanks Mary Ellen for all of your hard work.

Roy and I just came back from Key West. We had the pleasure of meeting Commander Ryan Reeder, SN, and his wife P/C Coni Reeder, AP, of the Key West Sail & Power Squad

ron. We exchanged burgees, and news letters. KWSPS has just celebrated their 50th anniversary in District 8. It was great to share information, and I encourage members to seek out squadrons, especially when you are away on vacation.

And finally, Lt. Roy Stuenes, P has ordered new polo shirts, hats, long sleeve tees, and jackets for our Ship's Store. Lt. Brande Neese, S designed our DSPS logo, and burgee for our new apparel. All of the shirts and jackets come in sizes Small - 2XL. If the first shirts are completed before our next membership meeting, Lt. Roy Stuenes will model one. There will be an order form with pricing at the next membership meeting.

See everyone soon!



4 Boats and 1 dinghy.
1 beach and 2 dogs.
? pancakes and 1 bottle of syrup.
4 cabins and 1 "tuna tower"
6 boys and girls and 8 parents
5 TV's.

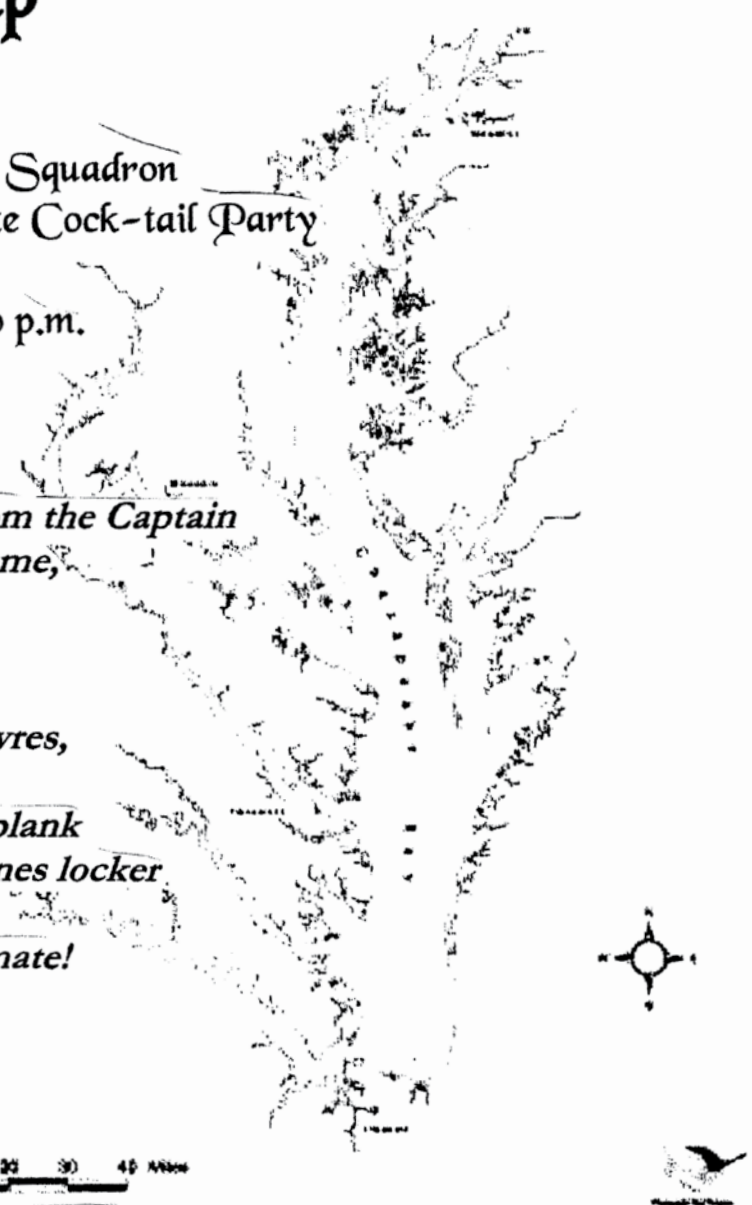
By Ryan Seidenman

Treasure Map

Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron
Pirates of the Chesapeake Cock-tail Party

Friday, August 25th 5:00 p.m.

*Aye, ye swabbies...
We be havin' an order from the Captain
Be in ye best pirate costume,
Bring ye painted ladies,
And fly ye colors.
We be feastin' on ye
Pirates booty, hors d'oeuvres,
Ale and strong drink.
Ye might be walkin' the plank
And dining with Davy Jones locker
If you miss this
Swash-buckeling party, mate!*



Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron's 16th Annual Crab Feast

25-27 August, 2006
Haven Harbor Marina, Rock Hall



Friday: Arrival and dinner on your own. You'll also need to make your own slip reservations for Friday. This is strictly first come first served, as they may not have as many slips on Friday as they will on Saturday.

Saturday: Crab feast starts at 1500 with crabs, corn on the cob (steamed with Old Bay), hamburgers, hot dogs, beer, soda and dessert.

AND Live music again by DAVE BRAND

Sunday: Pitch in breakfast at 0900.

Bring your friends, neighbors, relatives, marina or yacht club neighbors
(and mallets and knives).
This is our biggest event of the season!

Name: _____ Arrival date: _____ Time: _____

Boat name: _____ Length _____ Beam _____ Draft _____

Sail Power

Phone #: _____ Special needs or requirements? _____

Length _____ x \$ 1.95 = \$ _____
((\$54.60 minimum)

30 amp line x \$ 6.50 = \$ _____

50 amp line x \$ 13.00 = \$ _____

3% tax on slip and electric = \$ _____

Adult feast tickets _____ x \$ 36.00 = \$ _____

Children under 10 _____ x \$ 10.00 = \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Please make checks payable to "Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron" and mail to:
P/C Read Van Zile, AP, 812 Cold Spring Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21220-4330
Day 410/335-4161
email: loafersglory1@verizon.net
Reservations a must by August 16.

Please remember to make your own reservations at the Marina for Friday night:
410/778-6697 or 1/800-506-6697

Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron Last Cruise of the Summer

At Lankford Bay Marina

on the scenic Chester River

(_____)
September _____th – _____th

Friday: Cocktails & ice cream Dinner on your own

Saturday: Cheeseburger in Paradise Cookout cheeseburgers hot dogs
dill pickles etc Everyone is asked to bring a salad or dessert
for the cookout dinner

until ??? Captain Ron Movie Festival

Sunday: Pitch In Breakfast

No of Adults _____ x _____

No of Kids & Under _____ x _____

Slip Fees:

Friday night dockage per foot x _____ feet _____

Saturday night dockage per foot x _____ feet _____

Electric / amp per night _____

/ amp per night _____

Cable TV per night _____

Total _____

Please make checks payable to Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron Reservation

Deadline is September 1st For more info call John Hall at