

ON THE HORIZON

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"Next" General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, **19 August, 2009** at 2000 (8:00 PM)

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



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Ray Dobe

I hope you are familiar with the "Great Big Idea" behind the Carefree Boat club. The perfect alternative to boat ownership!

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New Location: Elks Lodge (see Menu Under AO's Report)

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“REMINDER” - D-5 & Sea Vester Need Your Help!!!

While D-5 members were at the International Boating Water Safety Summit in Panama City, Sea Vester was photographed and joined the contest.

The winner - closing on 7 September, will receive an IPOD which will go in the trailer for more asset base.

I ask each of you to:

First: Spread the word and the link....

Second: Open the link and vote for Sea Vester... His caption reads Seavester the
If you look close at the picture, he is behind a Viking cutout.

Third: Vote once a day.... It's a little slow having to enter your email each time, but – who knows, we just might win IF enough of you join the fun.

<http://www.floatyourselfcontest.com/gallery/floato.php?guid=octeeekueicyyaaaaseo>



Sea Vester is a teaching aid for use with small children.

Sea Vester allows the barrier to be broken between a strange adult and small children.

Sea Vester is a member of Nansemond River Power Squadron.

He travels throughout the five states of District 5 of USPS® teaching boating safety.

COMMANDER



Well, June is over and July just is here. Our weather hasn't always been the best for boating, but if I know this Squadron, we're doing the best we can. It's not always about getting out on the water – it's a state of mind; being at the boat, talking about boating, learning and teaching whenever we can.

Last month I mentioned that we conducted at least 20 VSC's during Safe Boating weekend at Baltimore Marine Center. Well since then, I've gotten the official numbers – we did 32!!!! Remember, our VE's are available for examinations upon request. If you haven't gotten your new 2009 sticker, WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

Congratulations to P/C Tracey and Roy Stuenes on the sale of their boat, Tracilla. They are looking forward to the purchase of a nice, larger size bow rider to play around in. Best of luck finding exactly what you're looking for.

On 13 June, 2009, Dundalk provided an Honor Guard, in the 11th hour, to Bush River Yacht Club, for their opening day celebration. I know it's not always possible to participate in these types of activities. Some cannot due to scheduling conflicts, others cannot due to lack of the proper uniform, but for those who do, the service is not frivolous. There's a reason it's called an "Honor" Guard. In the future, if you are capable of participating in an Honor Guard and are given the opportunity, please give serious consideration to providing this valuable service.

Okay, show of hands, how many of you read last month's article on fire extinguishers by Jay Seidenman, S, (my

father)? If you didn't, go grab that copy before it hits the recycling bin. If it's long gone, you can access it on the Dundalk website, www.uspsdundalk.org. I know I learned something from it. Also, I have it on pretty good authority that he might have another article in this very issue on a different topic. Make sure you check it out.

ATTENTION!!!! June was our LAST month at Blue Fins restaurant for our monthly membership meetings. Please pull out your calendars RIGHT NOW and mark them for the August meeting. There will be NO meeting in July, (because you're all going to be out on the water, right?) The August meeting will be on 19 August, 2009 at the Elks Lodge in Essex. If you have any questions about this, please let me know. Watch for details in this and next month's issue.

For anyone venturing out on 4 July to watch fireworks from the water, PLEASE consider the possibility that every other boater except you is CRAZY and/or DRUNK. So, have fun but be careful out there – we want to hear all the wacky boater stories when you get back.

See you all out on the Bay.

As always, I remain available if anyone has a question, comment or complaint. I can be reached by email at cdr@uspsdundalk.org or by cell phone at 410-456-5854.

Respectfully submitted,
Cdr. David S. Seidenman, AP



Vessel Safety Check (VSC)



Have you had a Vessel Safety Check (VSC) yet?

If not, lets help each other. Did you know, if you take your vessel out on the water and you do not have all the mandatory items aboard, you could be ticket by either the CG or DNR ? I am not talking pennies. Missing the class four floatation item could get you a \$42.00 ticket, and the other items are even higher fines. There is no fighting it ! So let the VSC folks help you avoid this. Go on line with Dundalk, or use your roster book and call one of the VSC people to come to you, and check your boat, for any short comings. (When is the last time you checked the expiration date on your flares ?) Here are the VSC people.....

P/C Connie Barry (Chair)
Lt. Earl Tingstrom
P/C John Hall

P/C Lois Nehmer
P/C Howard Barry
P/C Ken Finck

Even if you are not ready for the water, please call one of us, to see what you may need, and get a 10% discount card from West Marine for those safety items . Not only are you helping yourself, you are helping the Squadron make their VSC count with D/5.

I thank you for, helping us help you.

P/C Ken Finck



EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Happy July!!!!!! It's hard to believe that we are already half way through the year. Time sure "flies" when you are having fun boating and enjoying sharing the knowledge of boating safety with others.

I was extremely proud to be a participant in the Honor Guard for Bush River Yacht Club. The day turned out to be beautiful and we had 5 representatives from DSPS there. As mentioned by our Commander, this really is an "honor". When members from yacht clubs and other boating organization proceed through the guard, the guard salutes them, they then salute the American flag and the Commodore of the hosting club. Many of the officers present thanked us for providing this much desired "service". It is a wonderful way for other boating enthusiasts to see the presence of USPS/DSPS. I would like to see us be able to participate in several of these opening events next year.

We are working on the Commander's cruise which will be from Tuesday 25 August and end up at Rock Hall at our Crab Feast on Friday 28 August. Stay tuned for more

details in the coming weeks. This cruise promises to be full of fun and camaraderie. We are planning on visiting one of the most beautiful rivers on the bay, the Chester. Invite your friends & family.

Don't forget the D/5 Summer Council, Rendezvous and Navigation contest which will be held in Cape Charles, VA 23 July to 26 July. Even if you can't come by boat, give serious thought to driving down and joining us and cheering on DSPS entries. This is always a great event and this year, for the first time, D/27 is participating in this event.

Have a great month and remember, safe boating is the only way to go.

Feel free to let me know if I can be of any assistance to you.

Lt/C Katharine J. "Fuzzy" Jones, S
Executive Officer

EDUCATIONAL OFFICER



DUNDALK SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON

Squadron Boating Course Schedule For 2009

September 8, 2009 7:30 PM

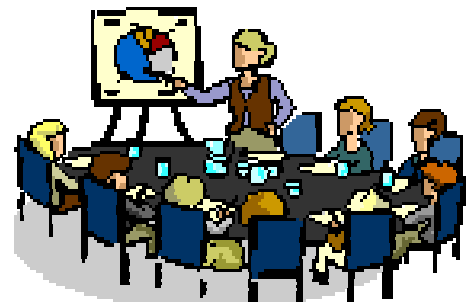
Anchorage Marina
2501 Boston St
Baltimore, MD 21224
Meets 8 consecutive Tuesdays 7:30 to 9:30 PM

September 10, 2009 7:30 PM

Luther Memorial Lutheran Church
5401 Eastern Ave
Baltimore, MD 21224
Meets 8 consecutive Thursdays 7:30 to 9:30 PM

Anyone interested in taking the **Navigation Course** starting in September, please contact me or Dennis Henderson. If there are people interested he will teach the course. But he needs to know by the end of June so he can prepare.

Lois M. Nehmer, Education Officer
seo@uspsdundalk.org



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



MENU items for AUGUST 19,2009 : lasagna, salad and garlic bread OR Homemade meat loaf with veggie. Cost is \$10.00 per meal inclusive of gratuity. Make sure to call in your choice of meal by Thursday August 13,2009 to the Bussey's at 443-567-5692.

This is to ensure that the Elks Lodge and the DSPS are in tune for the first few times we are there and we have no problems! Hope to see you there for dinner and then for our speaker and meeting.

Just a reminder to all of you that there will NOT be a membership meeting in July but we are gearing up for the August meeting at our new meeting place The Essex Elks Club at 1007 East Homberg Avenue.

The July Executive meeting is at the Rosedale American Legion.

Our first **RAFTOUT** of the season will be held July 10/11, 2009 at the Red Eye Yacht Club. There will be a cookout and slips for those desiring not to give up the AC. Slip fees are and other costs are printed in this issue of the Horizon

Our August meeting will have a speaker from The Carefree Boat Club. Ray Dobe will be the guest speaker telling all about his venture into this business. It promises to be enlightening for all.

Hope you have made plans for the Commanders Cruise August 25-28 and ending at Rock Hall for the 19th Annual Crab Feast. If not, contact the Commander and let him know your plans.

The Crab Feast is being handled by P/C Read Van Zile, AP and you must make your reservations prior to August 22, 2009. There will not be any exceptions. Please forward your check to P/C Read Van Zile AP 812 Cold Spring Road, Baltimore, MD 21220-4330. Adults are \$39.00 and children under 12 are \$10.00 Hope to see you there!

The September meeting is bringing a very informative experience. P/C Brooks Riley is our host and he wants us all to bring our "on board small tool box" to the meeting. It will be lots of fun and we will have prizes. Come and participate.

August 1, 2009 will be the burning of outdated flares at the Baltimore Yacht Club. We all have outdated flares so bring yours to the burning. It is approved by the US Coast Guard and we will have fire department and marine police in attendance. Come and join us.

See you all there the third Wednesday of the month. August 19th,2009

Respectfully submitted,
Lt/C Suzann Bussey, Administrative Officer

SECRETARY'S REPORT



As many of you are aware, the new Rosters have been distributed, either in person (if you were at the last membership meeting) or through the mail. I have received three returns, indicating incorrect addresses and I have one member's name and no address. I am listing them here with the hope that we can get the Rosters to the individuals. The four are: 1) James Tsakalas, 2) Frank Dougherty, Jr, 3) Ann B. Gracey and 4) Richard C. O'Connell, Jr.

If anyone knows the correct address for these members, please let an officer know.

The preparation of the Roster is an extremely time consuming activity. The committee is considering preparing a new Roster every other year, with change pages distributed in the off years. Your thoughts on this will be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Lane Letsch, DSPS Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT



Just a reminder for those who haven't paid their dues, please do so ASAP

Respectfully submitted,
Richard D. Bussey, P Treasurer

Results of the Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron Invitation

NORTHERN CHESAPEAKE PRACTICE NAVIGATION CONTEST & RENDEZVOUS

June 26 – 28, 2009 at Maryland Yacht Club on Rock Creek at the mouth of the Patapsco River, hosted alternately by Delaware River Power Squadron and Dundalk Power Squadron.

Hi Captains;

What a beautiful day for a Practice Navigation Contest. Below are the finish results for your record:

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|----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Consiglia , Dundalk | 10 Sec. Early |
| 2. Jenny-Lynn Too, Dundalk | 13 Sec Early |
| 3. Rat Ark, Dundalk | 16 Sec. Early |
| 4. Battlewagon, Dundalk | 27 Sec. Early |
| 5. Lady Jean, Delaware | 51 Sec. Early |
| 6. Eufemia, Patapsco | 1 Min. 06 Sec. Late |
| 7. Jr.'s Toy, Delaware | 2 Min. 04 Sec. Late |
| 8. After Hours II, Dundalk | 4 Min. 40 Sec. Early |



I think the finish times are incredible. 5 boats of 8 with less than 1 Min. error are as good or probably better than what I have ever seen in past District and Local contests. "Eufemia" from Patapsco attended the Practice Contest for the first time and did extremely well. I understand a couple of boats from other squadrons could not come due to previous commitments. Hopefully they can make it next year.

I hope this contest helped you to prepare for the upcoming district contest, it certainly looks like your navigation methods are working. Best of luck to all of you in Cape Charles.

Rolf Stuenes

Consiglia: Rolf, Connie & Howard

Jenny Lynn Too : Steve, Jennifer, Stu & Dianne



Rat Ark: Walter, Mickey & Lois

Battlewagon: Mary, Eric, John & Brian



Lady Jean, Delaware



Eufemia, Patapsco



Finish Line



After Hours: Fuzzy, Kathleen & Bernie



Committee Boat—Easy Streett:
Debbie, Streett, Joanne & Read



AND - A Good Time was had by All!!!



"CAN YOU BE CITED FOR CARRYING EXPIRED PYROTECHNICS ON YOUR BOAT AS BACKUPS?"

Is it legal to use your over 16 foot boat if you have both current AND expired flares on board?
If you answered "Yes", well, maybe not. Consider the following hypothetical situation.

Assume your vessel is equipped with at least the requisite minimum (3) unexpired flares in addition to a number of expired flares. One day, the CG stops you and boards your vessel for a routine inspection. The officer asks to see your visual distress signals and you open a compartment and pull out the three unexpired flares. They satisfy the requirements, and you figure you're good to go, unless there are other issues. But the officer then asks, "Are you carrying any expired flares?" You say "Yes," and from the same location, you pull out the expired flares. The officer politely says he must cite you for two reasons. One, for having expired flares, and two, that the unexpired ones are "not readily accessible". You and the officer are at odds over interpretation of the regulations. Unfortunately, you are headed for a date with an Administrative Law Judge.

On 08 June, 2009, I was speaking with a Coast Guard "Search & Rescue Controller", when he interjected that a boat owner/operator with expired flares onboard **could indeed be** cited under Federal Regulations. That sounded wrong to me, so I decided to do a little research. As I suspected, there is no CFR, (Code of Federal Regulations), that specifically prohibits the carrying or use of expired flares onboard a vessel (over 16 feet) so long as the requisite minimum (3) unexpired flares are also carried. Having said that, I did come across a Regulation which may provide the basis for a citation as in the above example. 33 CFR 175.120, (Stowage), provides that the unexpired flares you are required to carry must be "readily accessible." (see footnote 1.)

Okay, but you might say, well in the example, the flares WERE "readily accessible," weren't they? You opened a compartment and pulled out the unexpired flares, right? Yes, but according to this CG person, if you store your current flares along with your expired "backup" flares, in an emergency, an expired flare might be grabbed by mistake and may not operate properly. This method of storage, mixing current flares with expired ones, effectively makes the current ones "not readily accessible".

So, is it legal to even have expired flares on board? As I stated above, there simply is no Regulation prohibiting the practice, so long as the required current pyrotechnics are also onboard. However, for a more authoritative opinion, I suggest you speak to a lawyer who practices Maritime Law. Personally, I feel that as long as the boater also had the required number of current flares, the boater would not be found guilty of violating any regulation. In fact, both the USPS and the CG position is, and has been, that expired flares should be kept as backup devices. But for those who agree with this position, you should definitely segregate your current and backup flares by storing them, in water-tight containers, in completely separate locations on your vessel, so as to avoid the possibility that the current ones may be said to be "not readily accessible."

(1. Sec. 175.125 provides: "No person may use a boat unless each signal required by sec 175.110 is in serviceable condition and the service life of the signal, if indicated by a date marked on the signal, has not expired." And, section 175.110 provides: "No person may use a boat 16 feet or more in length...unless visual distress signals selected from the list in Sec. 175.130...in the number required, are on board...")

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410-218-3133(C)





Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron's

19th Annual Crab Feast



28-30 August, 2009

Haven Harbour Marina, Rock Hall, MD



Friday: Arrival party 1800 – 2100 (separate flyer) and dinner on your own.

Saturday: Crab Feast starts at 1500 with crabs, corn on the cob (steamed with old Bay), hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, sliced tomatoes, beer, soda and dessert.

Live music by "Palmtree Charlie"



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!

All food to be eaten on premises – sorry no carryout service.

Name: _____ Arrival Date: _____ Time: _____

Adult tickets _____ @ \$39 = \$

Children under 12 _____ @ \$10 = \$

TOTAL \$ _____



Please make your slip reservations for both nights directly with Haven Harbour 410/778-6697 or 1-800/506-6697 and tell them you're with Dundalk Power Squadron.

Please make checks payable for the Crab Feast to "Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron" and mail to

P/C Read Van Zile, AP, 812 Cold Spring Road, Baltimore, MD 21220-4330

Phone 410/335-4161 email loafersglory1@verizon.net

Reservations not accepted after August 22, 2009



Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron Sue Creek Raft Out / Party In

July 10th – 12th
Red Eye Yacht Club on Sue Creek.

Come by boat, by car, by dinghy or by kayak. Raft out in Sue creek or get a spot at the Yacht Club.

Friday – Just hanging out and chillin’

Saturday 1500 Cookout , Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Salads etc. Refreshments need to be purchased from the club (very reasonable) or consumed on your own boat. We’ll have some fun seamanship games and maybe even rekindle the traditional horseshoe pitching contest between the original Bush River crew and Dundalk.

Sunday 900 Pitch In Breakfast

Boat Length _____ Beam _____ Draft _____ Arrival Date _____

Charges :

Friday night dockage (\$15) \$10 slip + \$5 electric = _____

Saturday night dockage (\$15) \$10 slip + \$5 electric = _____

Coming by boat but rafting out (yes / no)

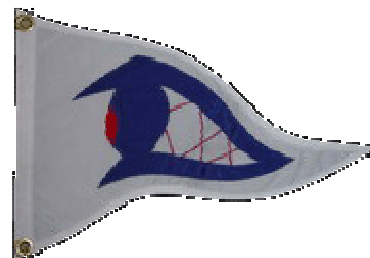
No. of Adults _____ x \$12 = _____

No. of Kids 12 & Under _____ x \$5 = _____

Total (Checks Payable to Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron) _____

Mail to: John / Mary Hall, 702 Stone Barn Rd, Towson MD, 21286

Get your slip reservations in early as space is limited. Reservation Deadline July 3rd. For more info call Tony Solesky at 410-832-5887 or John Hall at 410-823-5698



Red Eye Yacht Club
Contact Info.
2222 Poplar Rd.
Baltimore, MD 21221
410-6865399



"What's in the Box ???"

We take care to be sure that our boats and gear are kept in good order... But what about the tools we use onboard to make the repairs?? Are the screwdriver blades rounded off? Bent? Are the jaws of wrenches dinged up? Sockets rounded from improper fit? And, are all the items in your tool box in good order, or are they the remnants from the basement or garage workshop?? Twisted shafts?? Rusty?

September’s program will cover the "necessary items" you should have, as well as those more "exotic/ may never need 'them but nice to have" items.

Be prepared to bring your "on board small tool box " to the September meeting and take part

PRIZES !!!!! FUN !!! AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION!!!!

By the way....do you have a fid??

P/C Brooks Riley





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- Take your own boat or crew on someone else's
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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

Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron - Receipt:

Membership Type: Individual: ____ Or

Individual with Family: ____

Amount Paid: \$ _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____



SAFE BOATING THROUGH EDUCATION

July - August 2009 Calendar

July 17-23	District 5 Southbound Cruise <i>Join the rest of District 5 on a leisurely southbound cruise to the rendezvous in Cape Charles.</i>
July 23-26	District 5/27 Rendezvous in Cape Charles. USPS District 5 Summer Council & Navigation Contest
July 26 - August 1	TOP GUN Cruise You've heard how great it is. Let this be the year you join us. This year we're headed south from the D5/D27 Summer Rendezvous.
August 19	General Membership Meeting - Elks Club, Essex
August 25-28	Commander's Cruise—"up the Chester"
August 28-30	Crab Feast—Rock Hall



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