ON THE HORIZON

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General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, 17 June, 2009 at 2000 (8:00 PM) Dinner/Drinks/Social optional at 1830 (6:30 PM)



Boating is fun... we'll show you how



Know your Knots??

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tie away!





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!



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Dundalk Receives D5's 2nd Place Membership Achievement for Large Squadrons—2008

Pictured are P/C Bernie Karpers, Jr., N and P/C Ken Finck, AP accepting the award from District 5







The First Rendezvous of 2009

Safe Boating Weekend (May 15, 16, 17) Was A Success!!!

Can you identify the Safe Boaters having the most Fun??
On which boat were they??





















COMMANDER



Safe Boating weekend is officially over and we had a great time at Baltimore Marine Center for our first official cruise of the season. Topping the list of activities, (at least important ones), our VE's conducted at least 20 VSC's on Saturday. Fantastic job by all of our Examiners who were busy all morning and well into the afternoon running around BMC's extremely long piers.

After the VSC's, we all partied over on After Hours II. Approximately 30 members and guests participated in what turned out to be a fun-filled evening of food, laughter, camaraderie and, um . . . oh what was that other thing . . . OH Yeah! RACING!!!!!! Who says you need to be in the Pimlico infield to have a good time. Great job P/C Tracey and Roy Stuenes for the planning and execution of the rendezvous.

Last night, I had the pleasure of listening to P/C John Hall and P/C Brooks Riley talk about Dundalk and the USPS for over 90 minutes on the Behind the Mike internet radio show. If you missed it, you can download a podcast of the show or catch a re-broadcast of it. Podcasts can be downloaded, or simply played, from http://feeds.feedburner.com/wbtm. The show last night was Show #131. You can also download/listen to the first show Brooks did back on 27 July, 2008 – show #72. Great stuff guys. You really do us proud.



It had come to my attention that we had some problems at Blue Fins last month. Many are concerned about the upcoming crab season and how it will impact our meetings. Rest assured your Bridge and Executive Committee are actively trying to remedy the situation. Stay tuned and be ready for a possible quick change in locations. If you are not already on the Dundalk email listserve, now would be a very good time to register. Otherwise, you may be getting a phone call from the Telephone Committee advising of a new location.

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)

Even if you pay careful attention to safety, dangerous mechanical problems can crop up on the best-maintained boat. That's why the U.S. Coast Guard recommends that all recreational boaters (including personal watercraft users) take advantage of the free Vessel Safety Check (VSC) program every year.

VSCs are offered by experienced members of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and the United States Power Squadrons®, two of the nation's premier volunteer boating safety organizations. A VSC is your best way of learning about problems that might put you in violation of state or federal laws or, worse, create danger for you or your passengers on the water.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Hi, everyone. Well.....it certainly seems that DSPS's boating season is well on it's way for 2009. I would like to extend my personal thank you to P/C Connie Barry, JN and her VSC committee members for their hard work at Baltimore Marine Center for our "shake down cruise/vessel safety check weekend". GREAT JOB!!!

There will be many great events coming up this season where we can enjoy the camaraderie of each other and hear of our cruising and fishing stories. It is also time for us to be prepared to assist other boaters whether be in education or physical help. It is also a time when DSPS should be "visible" to other organizations. So, you may, from time to time, get a call or e-mail from me asking you to participate in community activities around the area. After all, safe boating through education is what we are all about.

Our next "big event" is the Northern Chesapeake Practice Nav Contest to be held at

Maryland Yacht Club. Please, mark your calendars and attend. Not only is it a great place to spend a weekend (with or without a boat) but it helps us "get geared up" for the famous D/5 Nav. Contest to be held in Cape Charles, VA in July. So.... "come on down" for the weekend. If you haven't participated before, try it, you'll like it!!!!

As always, please feel free to contact me if I can be of any help.

In the mean time, enjoy safe boating and hope to see you on the Bay soon.

Lt/C K. J. "Fuzzy" Jones, S

Executive Officer

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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?quid=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.

EDUCATIONAL OFFICER



DUNDALK SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON

Squadron Boating Course Schedule For 2009

June 23, 2009 7:30 PM

Anchorage Marina

2501 Boston St

Baltimore, MD 21224

Meets 4 consecutive Tuesdays 7:30 to 9:30 PM

September 8, 2009 7:30 PM

Anchorage Marina

2501 Boston St

Baltimore, MD 21224

Meets 8 consecutive Tuesdays 7:30 to 9:30 PM

<u>September 10, 2009 7:30 PM</u>

Luther Memorial Lutheran Church

5401 Eastern Ave

Baltimore, MD 21224

Meets 8 consecutive Thursdays 7:30 to 9:30 PM

Lois M. Nehmer, Education Officer

seo@uspsdundalk.org

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SECRETARY'S REPORT



Hello everyone. I have been in Hawaii since the 28th of April and will be home by the time you read this. While away, our new Roster has been completed and was handed out at May Membership meeting. For those not there it will be mailed to you. A big "hats off" to Lt Stuart Newborn, S for "picking up the pieces" in my absence and getting the job done.

While I was away, our Assistant Secretary, Greg Letsch, attended both of May's Executive Committee meeting and the General Membership meeting. He took minutes from which I will prepare the formal meeting minutes and report on them at our June Membership meeting.

Let's not forget the very active boating season planned by your Cruise Committee, which began in May with the Safe Boating Weekend in the inner harbor.

Respectfully submitted, Lane Letsch, DSPS Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT



By now everyone should have paid their 2009-2010 Squadron dues. Under the Anniversary billing, National does all the work with respect to receiving member dues. Once they receive the dues, they then deposit the money that is due to Dundalk directly into our account. This saves Dundalk money that we used to spend on postage. National also sends the membership cards directly to the member.

Your Bridge is looking forward to a great summer, please come out and participate in our cruises and meetings.

Respectfully submitted, Richard D. Bussey, P

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



We have had some very interesting meetings and our last one with Cammie Kane was informative to all of us who travel to the Inner Harbor. Thank you Tom Barbuiti and Denise for getting our speaker for the meeting.

Our June meeting will be a real educational experience. Rolf Stuenes and Tony Van de Wal will be demonstrating how to tie knots and which knot to use for what purpose. Many of us have forgotten how to do these knots and this will be a real refresher course. Bring along some lines and tie away!

P/C W. Brooks Riley, AP is conducting an Officers Training class. If you have never taken this course, contact Brooks. It is a very educational course especially for new members of Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron.

The Safe Boating weekend and Infield Preakness Party was a lot of fun. We always have a good time when we do events like these. Hopefully you were able to attend and if not, plan to attend one of our cruises and join in the camaraderie of our members.

Our Ship Store has some new hats as well as new shirts. Contact Tracey Stuenes for more information. DSPS burgees are also available.

Hope you have signed up for the Practice Navigation Contest and dinner being held at Maryland Yacht Club. Contact the Barry's to see if you can still sign up for this event. 410-962-5482.

Last fall we tried to have an outdated Flare burning but the weather did not cooperate at all. The winds were about 25 knots and the rain was falling. We have rescheduled this event for Saturday, August 1, 2009 at the Baltimore Yacht Club. The event will take place, weather permitting, at 4:30 P.M. Please plan to attend and bring your outdated flares with you.

There is no meeting in July except the Executive meeting. The Membership meeting will be held August 19, 2009.

Have a Safe Boating Season and we look forward to seeing all of you on the Chesapeake Bay this summer.

Respectfully submitted, Lt/C Suzann Bussey

Carbon Monoxide

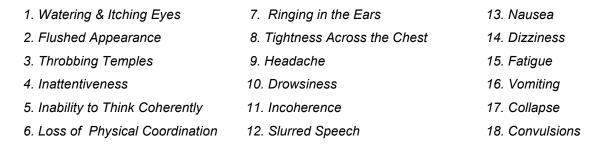
Carbon monoxide (CO) can harm and even kill you inside or outside your boat!

Did you also know:

- * CO symptoms are similar to seasickness or alcohol intoxication?
- * CO can affect you whether you're underway, moored, or anchored?
- * You cannot see, smell, or taste CO?

CO can make you sick in seconds. In high enough concentrations, even a few breaths can be fatal? Most important of all, did you know carbon monoxide poisonings are **preventable**? Every boater should be aware of the risks associated with carbon monoxide - what it is; where it may accumulate; and the symptoms of CO poisoning. To protect yourself, your passengers, and those around you, learn all you can about CO.

Sequence of Symptoms:





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.

Although observers are not required for this contest, we urge each skipper to take members on board who they wish to train as observers or contestants; the Committee may assign members to your boat for this purpose. Chart #12278 is used for the contest. Although the contest is on Saturday, please join us on Friday if you can. Schedule of events:

Friday, June 26, 1800 welcoming pitch-in cocktail party, BYOB; dinner on your own. The club will be open for dinner (quite good when we were there in March) or you may grill at the pavilion (bring your own charcoal).

Saturday, June 27, 0800 Continental breakfast at the pavilion



0900 Captains' meeting and contest registration at the pavilion

1200 Navigation Contest

1730 Pitch-in cocktail party at the pavilion (BYOB)

1900 Dinner in the Club house with awards to follow





Choice of country roasted pork loin, chicken marsala or flounder Florentine all served with salad, veggies, rolls, coffee/tea/soda, etc. and chocolate mousse for dessert.

Sunday, June 28, 0830 Pitch-in breakfast at the pavilion

	ESERVATION FOR	M (June 12 rese	rvation cut-	off date)
Name of Skipper:		`		,
Mate and/or guests:				
Boat Length:Bear	m:Draft:	Arrival date/t	time:	
Departure date/time	Must leave b	y 1100 on Sund	ay	
Boat in contest? Yes/no	Contest entry	y fee\$10.00/boa	t \$	
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Electric 30 Amp \$5/night or				
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#Adult dinner @ \$42 each:	porkchicken	flounder	=	\$
#Children under age 10 @ \$12 e	ach (specia	ıl menu) =		\$
TOTAL (checks payable to Dun	dalk Sail & Power S	quadron)		\$
Mail to: Howard/Connie Barry, 13	30 W. Hill St, Baltimo	re, MD, 21230,		
410-962-5482 (24	1/7 recorder)			

ARE YOU PROTECTED BY THE RIGHT FIRE EXTINGUISHERS?



Recently, I was on board a 43' wooden cabin cruiser visiting the lived aboard. During the course of discussion, I happened to ask about his fire extinguishers. To my astonishment, he had only one fire extinguisher, and when we looked at it, the gage indicated it was fully DISCHARGED. Moreover, it was rated only a BC. As we all should recall from our basic Squadron Boating course, "B" is for flammable liquids, such as alcohol, gas and kerosene, and "C" is for electrical fires, most commonly, but not exclusively, occurring in the engine room.

Looking around, I noticed all the wood construction and trim, the cloth curtains, the rugs, and all the paper laying around, just the kind of combustible solids meant for the "A" component of an ABC extinguisher. I thought, "WOW, what if..."? Having only one fire extinguisher, and a fully DISCHARGED one at that, is bad enough. That's like having no extinguisher at all – enough to fail an inspection at best. But as I looked around his boat, I realized that it is just as bad, if not worse, not to have the right type of extinguisher to deal with the very real potential of a fire that needs ABC. And only one is inadequate.

I had a heart-to-heart talk with the owner, and being the reasonable person that he is, he assured me that corrective measures would be taken right away. The boat now has an ABC. One more would be better.

Since this encounter, I received the May 2009 issue of Boat US Magazine. Lo and behold, on pages 38 and 39, there appears the article, "That Was a Little Scary." I recommend a careful read of this article, and then visiting www.boatus.com/foundation/findings/46, cited at the end.

My wife, Shana, and I read the Boat US article and watched the videos twice. It was a refresher and an eye opener. We now have a better appreciation of just HOW important it is to have sufficient ABC extinguishers on board rather than just BCs. The videos show how a BC extinguisher used on an A fire not only didn't put it out, but can cause the fire to flare back up. In an emergency, we are going to grab the closest extinguisher and start spraying. We are not going to waste time matching the extinguisher to the type of fire. That's why it makes sense to have extinguishers that are ready to fight any type of fire. Further, we did not realize that full discharge occurs in only about eight (8) to ten (10) seconds. This is why two, and perhaps three, extinguishers would be a safer course. Yes, in a well maintained vessel, a fire may be unlikely, but what if...? Locate extinguishers near engine room, galley and at a remote location in the boat. (power squadron boating course material). You shouldn't have to travel more than half the distance of the boat to get an extinguisher. If you cannot reach the extinguisher quickly, it is worthless. (BoatUS/NFPA). And, remember to follow the "PASS" method: P-pull pin at top of cylinder; A-aim nozzle at base of fire; S-squeeze or press handle; S-sweep contents from side to side at base of the fire until it goes out.

As the article and videos point out, "the type of extinguisher you have really does matter" (article p. 39). Interestingly, the American Boat and Yacht Council, "recommends that boats under 65 feet use ABC-rated extinguishers." (Article p. 39). On our boat, "Court Ship", we currently have two "ABC" and three "BC" fire extinguishers.

The CG requires:

Minimum number of hand portable fire extinguishers required						
Vessel Length	No Fixed System With approved Fixed Syst					
Less than 26'	1 B-1	0				
26' to less than 40'	2 B-1 or 1 B-II	1 B-I				
40' to 65'	3 B-I or 1 B-II and 1 B-1	2 B-1 or 1 B-II				

Remember, these requirements are just absolute minimums. After our recent experience on the above wooden vessel, coupled with our rather coincidental education with the Boat US article and videos, we will be replacing 3 BC extinguishers with ABCs. When something makes perfect sense, it just makes perfect sense.

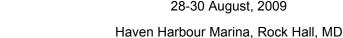
Jay Seidenman



Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron's

19th Annual Crab Feast



















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 =\$	a 22
	# Children under 12 @ \$10 = \$	
	<u>TOTAL</u> \$	

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 <u>loafersglory1@verizon.net</u>

Reservations not accepted after August 22, 2009





USPS, District 5







D/C and Mrs. Ralph A. Bernard

Welcome to the District 5 !! District 5 is one of 39 Districts of United States Power Squadrons and we have 37 individual squadrons that make up this District. We are located in the Mid-Atlantic part of the eastern seaboard and cover five (5) states: New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia. District 5 is the biggest district of United States Power Squadron and its boating activities are centered in the Chesapeake Bay and its many tributaries.

We have many boating outings throughout the year and these are located all over the Bay from the northern part, near the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal to the southern areas around Norfolk, Virginia. Not only does the District have combined events but individual squadrons go boating together.

United States Power Squadron is based on a triangle: Civic Service, Self-Education, and Fraternal activities for its members. We teach a basic boating course, which is recognized by all five (5) states and the District of Columbia for their certification. We also have advanced courses that range from basic boating and charting to navigating, using the stars. All of the advanced courses are offered to members at no cost for the instruction and students pay for the materials used. Recently, United States Power Squadron started two (2) hour seminars to teach basic subjects such as; boat handling, GPS, weather, and radar. These and many other seminars, which are too numerous to list, are outstanding courses for boaters to learn or re-learn what may have been forgotten. District 5 members will also inspect your vessel to make sure it is in compliance with all regulations at no charge. Upon successful completion, the vessel can display a "Vessel Safety Check" sticker to indicate the vessel is "ship shape."

If you are looking for a boating organization that combines education and FUN, then I cordially invite you to join the United States Power Squadron. With the amount of vessels on the waterways at the present time, it is very important to look at the safety of boating, we do that, and it is also important to have fun while we are boating and we do that.

Let's all go out and have some Fun and Safe Boating!!!!!

"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 'em 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 PARTCIPATION!!!!

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

P/C Brooks Riley









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Email: question@uspsdundalk.org

vsc@uspsdundalk.org

Web: http://www.uspsdundalk.org

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Meetings: 3rd Wednesday

6:30 pm for Dinner, 8 pm for Meeting

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Meetings with knowledgeable guest speakers on interesting topics to include Homeland Security, First-Aid, Weather, Bay History, Winteriz ing/Commissioning, Engine Maintenance

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June 17 General Membership Meeting — <u>"TO BE ANNOUNCED"</u>

You'll be tied up in Knots

June 26-28 Practice Navigation Contest — Maryland Yacht Club

Learn new navigation skill & sharpen up on old ones!

July 17-23 District 5 Southbound Cruise

Join the rest of District 5 on a leisurely southbound cruise to the

rendezvous in Cape Charles.

July 23-26 District 5 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.



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