

# ON THE HORIZON

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## Don't Miss Our Next Membership Meeting

June 18, 2014 at 1930 (7:30 PM)

**Featured Speaker : The Honorable Helen Delich Bently - On the past, present and future of the Port of Baltimore**

### COMMANDER



I'm in the unique position of chairing both the practice navigation contest and the District 5 navigation contest. But what is a navigation contest? Let me tell you a little story about my first navigation contest.

I got together with a couple of fellow classmates from our recently completed AP course and we decided to run my boat, *Sea Lestial*, in the contest. We had a great teacher in Rolf Stuenes and aced the course. This contest thing should be a breeze with all this fresh knowledge in our heads-right?

It was Rick S, Rick B and myself. We decided it would be best if I went by Rick too, so whatever happened good or bad it would be Rick's fault. And boy was it ever! The other Ricks, not me of course. One Rick decided he was going to document the whole thing on video. We'll call him Camera Rick. That left just Navigator Rick and Captain Rick, but we knew we could pull it off.

Our first mistake was when Camera Rick missed the change to the monitoring channel at the meeting. The appointed time came for the start. We crossed the start/finish line with no problems. We weren't sure what the flag was supposed to look like and we sure didn't see it. About a mile later we saw what might have been a flag off in the distance but couldn't be sure. But it did seem odd that everybody else let us start on our own. I mean we were rookies but we probably wouldn't have hit THAT many boats. Maybe there was a problem on the committee boat? Still couldn't raise anybody on the radio? Oh well, we're out here having fun anyway.

So now we had to guess: Did we start at 1300 or 1315 or somewhere in the middle. The fate of our first win hung in the balance. The pressure was on! At this point Camera Rick wasn't really much help. We debated. He only had questions. We split the difference, figuring at least we'd only be off by 7 1/2 minutes or so. What does that mean? Well, the navigation contest is usually made of six courses to operate your boat on. You are given five of them, which leaves you somewhere out in the bay. You have to figure out the last leg yourself.

The easiest way is to plot it on a chart and draw a line back to the start. Just measure the course and distance right off the chart. You can also do a trigonometry solution on a calculator or computer. Once they match, you know where you are supposed to be. Now the real world kicks in. How good is your compass and deviation table? How accurate is your speed curve? How good is your helmsman? Did they watch the compass and the horizon, or are they just riding along?

Wind, waves, current, dodging crab pots, other boats-everything moves you from where you should be. This is where real boating kicks in. What's the relative bearing of that mark? What tower is that? What town is that? Wait-no that's a sailboat. Didn't we already pass that crab pot? You get the idea.

Well, we found our way back and celebrated. The Three Ricks can attest that on that day, our very first contest, we were the first ones back to the marina. We were enjoying lunch and drinks with our observer whilst the others were still out there. We would not be dissuaded by the argument that the contest was about being back to the start finish line at the correct time. We were first and that's that!

What about this year's contest? It will be a ton of fun even if you don't have three or more Ricks on your boat. We will start off the Captains Meeting by introducing the rules and guidelines of the contest. We'll hand out your orders just like in years past. This year however we'll be there to teach you how to solve the return leg. We'll go over anticipating for set and drift. We'll even solve the problem for you before you leave the dock. You'll be able to use every electronic device you can think of. What's the challenge then? After the first four legs, you will have to turn everything off-we're back to Prince Henry the Navigator. On the last leg, you will set your heading and hope you get it right.

Bring your boat and friends or we'll find you a ride. Either way come on out and enjoy the fun!

Respectfully submitted, Commander John L. Hall, AP

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## EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Greetings members of the Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron. We are now in June. Wow one-half of the way into the year, and the start of summer. I do want to wish everybody a safe and happy boating season.

Twila Nahama, has requested more material for a second time. She is doing an outstanding job as a **V.S.E. (Vessel Safety Examiner)**. It looks like she will be Dundalk's number One **VSE** person again this year. We are doing great work but we are still looking for a committee chair for the program, You don't have to be a VSE to volunteer for the job. We just need someone to keep the lines of communication open and the supplies flowing. If you need to have your vessel (or your friend's boat examined) please call or e-mail our Commander (he too, is a VSE member). Don't forget to have your dingy and kayak checked too.

I am sorry if you tried to reach me by e-mail and

did not get a response but my computer system has not been communicating so well, as of late.

I too, have not been doing so well either. (not ill) of late. I am sorry for not making the May 21st. membership meeting. I truly enjoy the meetings but my health has prevented me from making all of them. I can only ask the membership to think about replacing me on the bridge. It is the right thing to do so I can take time to recover from my troubles. I have spent more time in the hospital in the last two years, then my whole life.

I can feel for other squadron members who can not make the meetings. If you can't make a meeting or two or if you notice someone missing please reach out to them and let them know that their friends are still thinking of them and miss them. If you are able -do try to come, if you and your family can make it.

## TREASURER'S REPORT



**IMPORTANT!** For reimbursement of DSPS expenditures for an approved budget item, you **MUST** submit a receipt with details to include payee, amount, and purpose. If not an approved budget item, approval is also needed from either the Executive Committee or the General Membership. This documentation is required by the IRS, and the State of Maryland. If you are purchasing items for the

squadron please be sure to use our tax exempt certificate so we don't have to pay sales tax,

Respectfully submitted,  
Lt/C Richard D. Bussey

**EDUCATIONAL OFFICER**



**ABC3 Course:**

**West Marine:** May's class had 2 students, both passed. June's class has 0 students.  
Thanks to Ken Finck for teaching!

**Sail:**

Ten out of 16 students took the exam on Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. Exams have been sent in for grading.  
Thanks to Bob Crimmins for teaching!

**Instructor Development:**

Class just finished with one student. The class is complete. We will be sending in the Lesson Plan to National for final Grading.  
Thanks to Ron Basener for teaching!

Respectfully submitted,

Lt/C J. Streett Broadbent, AP – SEO



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## ***ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER***



### New Roster is Underway

The Squadron will soon go to press with its 2014-2015 Roster and Handbook, which will be distributed to all our members. Now is the time to check your personal listing in last year's roster, letting our secretary, David Blades, or me know of any additions, corrections, or revisions that are needed. Dues should also be current so we know you are still a member! Finally, if you would like to help underwrite the cost of the new roster, advertisements are only \$25.00 a page. Please let David or me know of your interest by the end of June.

### Upcoming cruises

We certainly hope to see you on June 20-22, 2014 for our cruise to the Red Eye Yacht Club, which includes a steak dinner on Friday night and the Wurst Cookout Ever on Saturday afternoon. Come by land or by sea, but reservations are required. Then, on July 11-13, 2014, the Squadron is hosting the Northern Chesapeake Bay Rendezvous & Practice Navigation Contest at Pleasure Cove

Marina on Bodkin Creek. Again, there are activities planned for both land and water, so please join us for another great weekend of fun and education.

### Crab Feast on August 23, 2014

Finally, be sure to mark your calendars for the Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron's 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Crab Feast in Rock Hall, Maryland. Besides good food and a great time, the Crab Feast is also an important fundraiser for the Squadron, so be sure to invite your family and friends so we have a terrific turnout this year. Our new location at The Sailing Emporium will accommodate a big crowd, so we're planning to distribute tickets to every member of the Squadron in hopes that you will buy two, and sell two! Let's make the Crab Feast on August 23, 2014 our best ever!

Respectfully submitted,

Lt/C Douglas B. Riley, AP

Administrative Officer

## ***SECRETARY'S REPORT***



As the Secretary of the Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron it is my privilege and pleasure to work with a group of individuals dedicated to ensuring that the Squadron runs smoothly and efficiently. One of my duties as Secretary is to take minutes from both the General Membership and Executive Committee meetings. In the short time that I have been engaged in this duty I have come to recognize a recurring theme coming up at every meeting; many opportunities to serve with and learn from a great leadership team available to provide mentoring in many areas of

Squadron operations. For me personally my involvement at this level of the Squadron has provided me with a great sense of satisfaction and pride for helping achieve our goals of education in and promotion of safe boating. For more information just come to a meeting or talk to the Commander or any Bridge Officer and open a new door for yourself and for the Squadron.

Respectfully submitted,

Lt/C David Blades, AP

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Please indicate if you will be in the contest and your Boat Name & Size \_\_\_\_\_

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## Navigation Contest Revisions to Rules and Guidelines

The contest is being revised to include all of the currently available navigation tools. It is a hands-on application of the Advanced Piloting course. During the contest, the goal will be to pilot your boat as accurately as possible for all legs of the course. The original rules for the final two legs shall remain in effect. At the Captains Meeting, the contest orders will be given out to all captains. This will allow them to plot their courses ahead of time and plan their routes. We will also go over anticipated tides and currents.

It is hoped that this event will incorporate Safety, Education and Fun. Captains and crews are encouraged to make this a social outing with food and beverages. There is no restriction on who may be on your boat or help you on it. Bring your family, friends, and dock mates.

- 1) All participating boats should have a current VSC decal.
- 2) Crew and Vessel safety and the Rules of the Road supersede all other rules.
- 3) Orders shall be given out at the Captains meeting to all contestants
- 4) Speed for power boats will be 6 to 10 knots.
- 5) Speed for sailboats will be 3.5 to 6 knots.
- 6) Vessels must run all legs for the prescribed time.
- 7) Course laid out for power boats will maintain at least 6 ft MLLW.
- 8) Course laid out for sailboats will maintain at least 8 ft MLLW.
- 9) The Captains Meeting will be an A/P seminar and discussion.
  - a. Experts will be there to instruct and to help with the plotting.
  - b. We will plot the actual courses on charts at the meeting.
  - c. We will review tide and current charts.
  - d. We will share ideas on current technology and web sites.
  - e. A/P topics such as current and tide prediction will be covered.
  - f. We will learn about new apps for navigation and how to use them.
  - g. We will discuss how to allow for set and drift when operating your boat.
  - h. We will discuss how to make a deviation table for your compass and a speed curve for your boat. Under the new rules it will be possible to work on these during the contest.
  - i. Everyone is invited to this seminar.
  - j. Captains and Navigators from different teams and squadrons are encouraged to share information and ideas. The goal is to make us better boaters and friends.
- 10) Every means of navigation will be permitted up until the last two legs. Yes this includes iPads, GPS, smartphones, depth finders, sextants – EVERYTHING.
- 11) On the second to last leg, only compass and tachometers may be used. All electronics must be turned off or covered. Depth finder (in depth mode only) may be left on for safety.
- 12) The last leg rules remain in effect. Throttles and heading must be set within 30 seconds of turning on the last leg. Watches must be turned in.
- 13) During the contest, we will encourage the use of Internet based AIS (free) on all vessels
- 14) Non participants will be able to track the contestants on the screen at the marina or their web browsers.
- 15) Observers provided for other boats must be USPS members for safety reasons.



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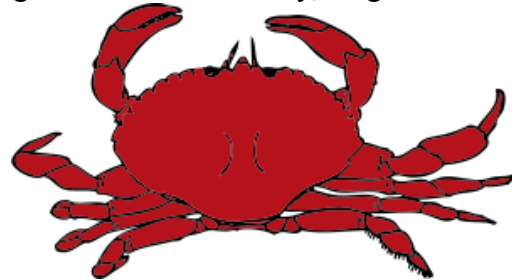
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Figure 9-1 • Quick Guide to Shipboard Flag Display

Flag	When Flown	Power Yacht without Mast	Power Yacht with Signal Mast	Sailing Yacht One Mast	Power or Sailing Yacht Two Masts
U.S. Ensign U. S. Yacht Ensign	0800 to sunset	Flag staff	Flag staff	Flag staff. Option underway Peak of gaff or or 2/3 up leech of mainsail	Flag staff Option underway Peak of aftermost gaff or 2/3 up leech of aftermost sail
Foreign Ensign	In foreign water (local custom)	Bow staff	Strbrd Sprdr (outbrd hlyrd)	Strbrd Sprdr (outbrd hlyrd)	Strbrd Sprdr (outbrd hlyrd) foremost mast
	Foreign dignitary aboard	Bow staff	Bow staff	Bow staff or forestay	Bow staff or or forestay
USPS Ensign	Day & night* (Note 1)	Antenna amid- ship or bow staff*	Strbrd Sprdr* (Note 2)	Strbrd Sprdr*	Foremost Strbrd* Spreader
Officer (Note 3)	Day & night in commission	Antenna under USPS Ensign	Masthead	Masthead	Aftermost Masthead
Private Signal	Day & night in commission	Bow staff	Masthead	Masthead	Aftermost Masthead
Squadron or Yacht Club Burgee	Day & night in commission	Bow staff	Bow staff	Bow staff or masthead	Foremost Masthead
Union Jack	0800 to sunset (Note 4)	Not flown	Not flown	Not flown	Jack staff
Officer-in- Charge	Day & night during activity	Above Officer flag	Above Officer flag	Above Officer flag	Above Officer flag
Cruise Pennant	Day & Night during activity	Antenna above USPS Ensign	Strbrd Sprdr above USPS Ensign	Strbrd Sprdr above USPS Ensign	Foremost Strbrd Sprdr above USPS Ensign
Owner absent	Day & night (Owner absent)	Not flown	Strbrd Sprdr (Note 5)	Strbrd Sprdr (Note 5)	Foremost Strbrd Spreader (Note 5)
Guest	Day & night (owner absent guest in charge)	Not flown	Same as owner absent	Same as owner absent	Same as owner absent

\* Only when in commission and under command of USPS member.

Note 1. In U.S. waters the USPS Ensign may be flown in lieu of and under the same conditions as the U.S. or Yacht Ensign.

Note 2. If foreign ensign flown, inboard starboard spreader halyard or port spreader.

Note 3. Officer (incumbent or past)

Note 4. When not underway on Sundays or holidays or when dressing ship.

Note 5. But inboard of foreign or USPS Ensign if flown (or at port spreader if necessary)



## SAFE BOATING THROUGH EDUCATION

### Calendar

June 18	Membership Meeting—Dinner Available at BYC
June 20-22	Wurst Cookout—Red Eye Yacht Club
July 2	Executive Committee Meeting
July 11-13	Practice Navigation Contest—Pleasure Cove Marina
July 26-Aug 1	D5 District Cruise
Aug 1-3	Summer Council and Rendezvous / Nav Contest
Aug 20	Membership Meeting—Dinner Available at BYC
Aug 20-22	Crab Feast at Sailing Emporium
Sept 6-13	Star Spangled Spectacular—Baltimore



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