

ON THE HORIZON

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General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, 20 May, 2009 at 2000 (8:00 PM)

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

BALTIMORE WATER TAXIS



The company's President/CEO is [Cammie Kane](#), wife of the late founder.

Baltimore's magnificent Harbor, is home to Ed Kane's world famous; one of a kind water transportation system of boats called The Water Taxis. The system has evolved into its present state after over 25 years of operation. We estimate, in that time, we've boarded about 16 million passengers. Phew! We operate anywhere between three to fourteen blue and white boats operating each day (depending on the season). These boats range in size from 26 passengers to 84 passengers and in the course of your day of sightseeing and exploring, you'll be riding in lots of them what fun!

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Do You Know Your Flag Etiquette??

Is your boat FINALLY "ship - shape and Bristol Fashion" and ready for the new boating season???
All ready for that VSC person to give a "look-see" and the "OK" for your inspection???

I'll bet a beer (and I know I will lose a few of these bets) that many have overlooked the most visual of the distinguishing items on the boat.....That of a new squadron burgee or that new USPS Ensign.

When a flag becomes weather-worn and tattered at the hem, it is ok to remove the tattered area and re-hem the flag. If, it is in really bad shape, faded and ripped beyond repair, then it should be replaced, and the old flag properly disposed of. Do not just throw it in the trash. There is a proper ceremony to destroy worn out flags. Contact the local VFW, American Legion Post or Boy Scout troop and they will do it for you.

Do not store your flags when they are wet, let them dry thoroughly in order to prevent mildew. There is nothing like seeing a line of members' boats tied up at a marina or Yacht Club with those crisp white with green shamrock burgees snapping from the bow staff and the USPS Ensign waving in the breeze from the stern staff or backstay.

Be sure to get the proper size for your boat...

"Rule of Thumb" for flag to boat size...

<u>USPS or National Ensign....</u>	<u>Burgee</u>	
up to 24 feet (loa.).....16" x 24"	up to 26 ' (loa)	12" x 18"
25 to 30 feet20" x 30"	26 ' and over	16" x 24".....
31 to 36 feet24" x 36"		
37 to 48 feet30" x 48"		

See the SQUADRON SUPPLY OFFICER / SHIPS' STORE for your squadron burgee, USPS Ensign or cruising pennant. You can also get your USPS Ensign at your local marine store or flag supply outlet

P/C W. Brooks Riley, AP
for the Flag & Etiquette committee

COMMANDER



Okay, Show of hands – who has their boat in the water and commissioned? If your hand's not up, what are you waiting for? We're the Squadron that cruises and you can't do that if your boat's not afloat. Well, you've still got a couple of weeks left before our first rendezvous of the season – our Shakedown Cruise to Baltimore Marine Center in Canton during Safe Boating Weekend, 15 – 17 May, 2009. I hope to see all of you there so you can get your spring VSC done, (on the 16th), AND have a great time hangin' out together. Make your reservations now.

I want to apologize to everyone for not being able to make it to the April membership meeting. It will probably happen again one or two more times throughout the year, but I really wanted to see Tracey Stuenes wearing her green and white stove-pipe. I hope someone took a few pictures. If so, I'm sure I'll see them in this issue, right Streett? Oh well. I do want to thank our XO, Fuzzy, for filling in for me.

Regarding our cruising schedule, it's not too late to start planning, so please make sure you put all of the cruise

dates in your schedules now. Go ahead, I'll wait. All done? Good. By the way, For those of you who are on the Dundalk email list-serve, (and that SHOULD be all of you), you probably already know this, but for the rest of you, be advised that we have been invited to participate in Wilmington Power Squadron's annual summer cruise, 20 – 27 June. Likewise, as far as I'm concerned, any USPS member is always welcome to join us on any of our rendezvous, cruises or get-togethers. If you would like details on Wilmington's summer cruise, please contact me by email.

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

Dundalk's Past Commanders' Club

P/C W.BROOKS RILEY, AP presided over the induction of Dundalk's Newest, "HALF-PAST" Commander, P/C Tracey Stuenes, into the "Ranks" of Dundalk's Past Commander's Club, where she will now start her journey to become "AN OLD CORRODED COMMANDER". Brooks was assisted by many Past Commanders. At one point it was doubtful that Tracey would make it, but in spite of everything—she did!! CONGRATULATIONS Tracey!!?!!



EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Happy Spring to everyone.

I want to thank everyone for their assistance at the last meeting as I "filled" in for our Commander.

This past weekend, I spent Sunday at the Bay Bridge Boat Show helping Kent Narrows S&P at their booth and with Sea Vester (my little "buddy"). It was an extremely hot day, but we gave out lots of information about USPS and recommended that people who inquired about us that they take a safe boating course through one of our squadrons and then become members. I know I referred at least a dozen people to various squadrons in D/5 including, but not limited to, Dundalk, Potomac and Rockville.

Our next event, Safe Boating weekend in Baltimore is sure to be great and I am sure that our VSC chairperson, P/C Connie Barry, JN and her "crew" will do a fine job in conducting the safety checks. If you know of someone who keeps their boat at the marina and you happen to speak with them before the event, mention the fact that DSPS

will be there to perform the safety checks and have them sign up at the marina office for a time on Saturday.

I will keep my eyes and ears open for upcoming area events where we may want to participate and "spread the word" how great USPS is especially Dundalk.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting and as always, if I can be of any assistance to you, please don't hesitate to let me know.

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

Executive Officer

410 770 3400 kjones@blueheronmail.com

By the way, if you see our newest members, Bob & Linda Coleman, make sure to congratulate them on the purchase of their first yacht. (yes, I mean yacht. I saw it at the boat show and she's gorgeous!! A 63 ft Ocean Reef)

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.

EDUCATIONAL OFFICER



DUNDALK SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON Squadron Boating Course Schedule For 2009

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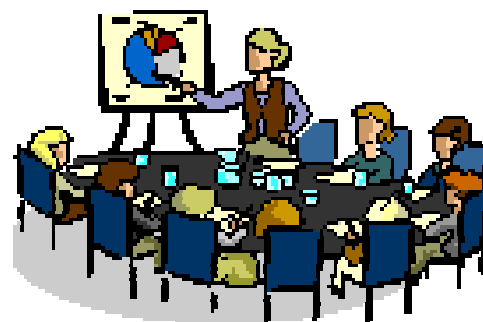
Anchorage Marina
2501 Boston St
Baltimore, MD 21224
Meets 4 consecutive Tuesdays 7:30 to 9:30 PM

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

September 8, 2009 7:30 PM

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



Lois M. Nehmer, Education Officer

seo@uspsdundalk.org

410-282-6464

Attention All DSPS Members — DUES ERROR!!!

If you have not figured it out by now, there was a huge billing error regarding Power Squadron dues. Do not be alarmed if you receive a dues notice that is much higher than what you had been paying. I am told that the error has been corrected and that you will be receiving a new dues notice. You should only pay the dues notice that says "**CORRECTED COPY**" on it. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

If you know of a member who is not on the listserve, please call them and alert them to this issue. After you do this, please tell them to sign up for the listserve.

I apologize for any distress or inconvenience this may cause.

Thank you.

David

Commander David Seidenman, AP

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



Here we are reading another informative Horizon newsletter. It is nice to receive the notices of future happenings so we can mark our calendars for the dates. We are trying very hard to be able to move our mailing date forward so all members receive the Horizon the first week of the month.

We have been conducting boating classes and have received new members from those classes. We recently installed two new members at the April meeting. They are Linda and Robert Coleman. Introduce yourself to them and ask them about their trip with their new boat!

Our May meeting is being hosted by Tom Barbuti and Denise. It promises to be a very interesting talk and one I am sure you will not want to miss. The speaker will be Cammie Kane, President of Baltimore Water Taxi. For those of you not familiar with the taxi, it is compared to a bus line on the water. They run all day and until 10 P.M. most nights during the summer. They provide transportation to Fort McHenry, restaurants and an all day ticket allows you to explore many places and neighborhoods around the harbor. Don't miss this one!

Our June meeting will be a hands on seminar being conducted by our own Tony Van de Wal with the help of Rolf Stuenes. We will be learning the art of knots. Which ones to use for what situation. Should be very interesting to see what we all remember!

Don't forget the Safe Boating Weekend being held at the Baltimore Marine Center May 15,16, and 17. Our VSC members will be conducting vessel safety checks and can always use your help manning the booth at the Baltimore Marine Center. There is also a Preakness party planned at that location. See further details in the Horizon.

The Practice Navigation Contest will be held on June 26,26,28 at the Maryland Yacht Club. Many activities are also being planned for this weekend. Contact Howard or Connie Barry for more details.

Our annual crab feast has been scheduled for August 28,29,and 30 at Haven Harbor Marina in Rock Hall, Maryland. Please remember to make your slip reservations directly with the marina. there is a sign up sheet enclosed in this issue for the Horizon.

Until next month, Safe Boating and let's hear about your experiences on the Chesapeake Bay.

Remember the General Meeting is May 20,2009. Hope to see you there.

Respectfully submitted

Lt/C Suzann K. Bussey

Vessel Safety Check

The VSC chairperson, P/C Connie Barry received the second place award for (2008) most VSC done by a Squadron, during this years Spring Conference at D-5. All members with boats need to help out this year by contacting one of the VSC's people and asking to have their vessel check. Even if you boat is not ready, please call anyway, The VSC have a 10% discount ticket to give you to buy the items you may need to get to pass your vessel check. The per cent is ten per cent!

Email, call, or see us at a meeting.

Thank you for the help
VSC committee person

P/C Ken Finck / 410-360-3330



SECRETARY'S REPORT



I would like to report on our last Membership Meeting and offer the status of the preparation of the new Roster and Squadron History Report.

We had a wonderful turn-out at our last general membership meeting (April 15). We had 41 members and two guests at the meeting. Perhaps it was due to the speaker, Mr. Peter Imirie, who offered his thoughts on how to teach safe boating skills – particularly to children (a complete description of Mr. Imirie's background and credentials can be found in the April issue of "On the Horizon"). Or perhaps it is simply normal (we have nearly 40 members at every meeting). I would like to think the later, not to take away from our speaker. We generally have a great turnout and I hope we can increase this number. Dundalk is a vibrant and active squadron and is recognized by both the District and the National leaders as very active.

The annual squadron History Report will have been submitted when you receive this. The report documents the squadron member's activity highlights for the year. It covers education, cruise and community involvement activities – to name a few areas it covers.

The 2009/2010 Roster is in the process of being finalized. We plan on distributing the new Roster by the end of June. We will have an accurate, complete list of our membership by then. Please remember to send your membership checks to National by their "due date" in order that we have an accurate membership list.

Respectfully submitted,

Lane Letsch, DSPS Secretary

What is USPS??

Organized in 1914, USPS is a non profit, educational organization dedicated to making boating safer and more enjoyable by teaching classes in seamanship, navigation and related subjects. Our members are boating families who contribute to their communities by promoting safe boating through education. We enjoy participating with our fellow members on the water and in the classroom. USPS has some 45,000 members organized into 450 squadrons across the country and in some US territories. USPS is America's largest non-profit boating organization and has been honored by three US presidents for its civic contributions.

What are the activities of USPS

Each squadron's activities involve the three primary objectives of USPS: community service, continuing education, and enjoying the friendship and camaraderie of our fellow members

What community and civic services does USPS perform?

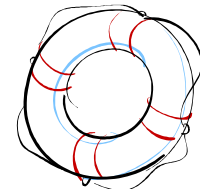
Local squadrons offer boating safety courses on a regular basis to boaters in our communities. These courses are open to the public and there is no age limit for participants. USPS squadrons have offered these courses for over half a century and have educated more than 3 million boaters to date. Successfully completing a USPS boating safety course meets the educational requirements for boat operation in all states.

In a cooperative program with the US Coast Guard Auxiliary, squadron members conduct courtesy Vessel Safety Checks of boats at the request of their owners. Our members also help the National Ocean Service keep our nautical charts accurate by reporting chart corrections, and our local squadrons participate in many other community improvement projects.

What social activities do members enjoy?

Participating both on-the-water and off with fellow members who are skilled in boating is a rewarding and enjoyable experience. On-the-water activities include cruises, rendezvous, sail races, navigation contests and even fishing derbies. Activities ashore include meetings with marine programs, parties, dinner-dances, picnics and field trips.

The First Rendezvous of 2009
**Safe Boating Weekend, May 15, 16,
 17**

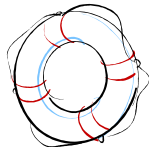


At Baltimore Marine Center

410-675-8888

Free Onsite Vessel Safety Checks

Saturday, May 16th, 10 AM – 4 PM



Friday Night Dinner on the Town.



Then join us for the Preakness Party Saturday at 1700. Pitch in Cocktail party followed by the infield dinner. We'll be serving traditional infield food like Chicken Wings, Hot Dogs, Barbeque and Salads. Maybe even a few Black Eyed Susan's. We'll have a few races of our own while we're waiting for the big event.

Please contact Baltimore Marine Center to make your slip reservations.

\$2.50/foot and \$18 for shore power

410-675-8888

Saturday Infield Preakness Party

of Adults for Dinner _____ X \$10.00 = \$ _____
 # of Kids 12 & Under for Dinner _____ X \$5.00 = \$ _____
 Total = \$ _____

Checks payable to Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron should be mailed to:

Roy Stuenes
 1934 Midland Road
 Baltimore, MD 21222
 410-282-0790



Please reserve early; reservation deadline May 8th



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 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

RESERVATION FORM (June 12 reservation cut-off date)

Name of Skipper: _____ Rank: _____ Boat Name: _____

Mate and/or guests: _____ Squadron: _____ Tel: _____

Boat Length: _____ Beam: _____ Draft: _____ Arrival date/time: _____

Departure date/time _____ Must leave by 1100 on Sunday

Boat in contest? Yes/no _____ Contest entry fee \$10.00/boat \$ _____

Charges

Slip Fee \$1.50/ft/night x _____ Ft x _____ Nights _____ = \$ _____

Electric 30 Amp \$5/night or

50 Amp \$10/night x _____ Amp x _____ Nights _____ = \$ _____

#Adult dinner @ \$42 each: _____ pork _____ chicken _____ flounder = \$ _____

#Children under age 10 @ \$12 each _____ (special menu) = \$ _____

TOTAL (checks payable to Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron) \$ _____

Mail to: Howard/Connie Barry, 130 W. Hill St, Baltimore, MD, 21230,

410-962-5482 (24/7 recorder)



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Members Save Money

Great Benefits available to USPS members include:

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- Boat U.S. Membership and Towing discounts
- Map and Navigation software discounts
- Up to 12% discount on Dell Computers
- Tax Deductions on Dues and some Travel Expenses
- And more, go to the USPS web site for a full list of benefits: http://www.usps.org/national/admin_dept/membenefits.htm

Members Helping Members

Adventure, Fun and Learning

On-the-water activities, cruises, rendezvous, raft-ups for a day weekend or week – something for everyone!

- Many locations throughout the Chesapeake Bay
- Commander's Cruise and Top Gun Cruise to ports as far away as Philadelphia, Cape May, New York, the Outer Banks, etc.
- Take your own boat or crew on someone else's
- **Social Events:** Pitch-in meals, picnics, theme parties, and our Annual Crab Feast

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



Members Build Boating Skills

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- Cruises, Competitions, Trips
- Help out and crew, or use your boat

Costs: Individual = \$70 / Individual + One Additional Active = \$110 (Membership effective through 5/31/10)

Individual: _____

Additional: _____

Email : _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Amount Paid: \$ _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Learn More about America's Boating Club

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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: \$ _____

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SAFE BOATING THROUGH EDUCATION

April—June 2009 Calendar

- May 15-17** **National Safety Week - Shake Down Cruise**
Vessel Safety Checks available on Saturday, 16 May
- May 20** **General Membership Meeting—Blue Fins**
Meeting is being prepared by Tom & Denise Barbuiti—
Informative
- June 17** **General Membership Meeting—Blue Fins**
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.