

# ON THE HORIZON

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## General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, 19 November, 2008 at 2000 (8:00 PM)

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

**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!



### Small Boat Unit of US Navy's Force Protection/Anti-Terrorism Operations Protects US Ships Abroad



Don't miss this rare opportunity to hear Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class (EXW) Michael Canapp, US Navy Reserve, discuss his recent deployment in Fujairah, United Arab Emirates. Michael is a member of the Maritime Expeditionary Boat Detachment 422 (formally IBU 25), which is based in Annapolis, Maryland. This unit provides Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection to US Military, DOD and Coalition ships while at anchorage, in transit and in port. When in CONUS, this Small Boat land based Unit trains primarily on the Chesapeake Bay and York River in Virginia, while also providing real world missions for the US Naval Academy. Michael is a qualified Expeditionary Warfare Specialist and Small Craft Coxswain. Congratulations to Michael on his upcoming promotion to Boatswain's Mate 1st Class, which will take place the second week of November.

### DSPS—HOLIDAY MEETING & PARTY

DECEMBER 10, 2008, 6:30 p.m. (See Details Inside on Page 2)



## Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron



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*Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron  
Holiday Party*  
*For Members, Family & Friends*  
*Wednesday, December 10th, 6:30 PM*  
*American Legion Post*  
1331 Seling Avenue in Rosedale  
(Directions in the Roster)

The Squadron will provide sandwiches, salads, sodas and cake  
from Barron's Deli at Lexington Market  
There will be music, raffles, and a cash bar.  
Bring an hors d'oeuvre or dessert to add to the party.  
Don't forget a gift for the Chinese Gift Exchange! (\$10)

Cost is \$5.00 per person (children are free)  
**with reservations before Dec. 5th.**

\$10.00 at the door for adults, \$5.00 for children

Send reservations **before Dec. 5th** to  
D/Lt Sue Bussey  
1410 Bonnett Place Unit D  
Bel Air, MD 21015-5302  
443-567-5692

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADULTS \_\_\_\_\_ CHILDREN \_\_\_\_\_  
TOTAL ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_





# EXECUTIVE OFFICER



As the boating season comes to an end, the only outside event left for us is the Baltimore Boat Show, which will be held from 21 – 25 January, 2009 at the Baltimore Convention Center. We will have the D/5 Education Trailer and SeaVester. If you haven't volunteered for an event lately, or if you've

never volunteered, (or even if you volunteer all the time), WE NEED YOUR HELP! This is a great way to meet your fellow members, earn loads of hours towards merit marks AND get into the show for FREE!!!! I'll have our sign-up sheet at the membership meeting, BUT you can also call or email me with your time slot preference(s).



I want to extend a hearty congratulations to Connie Barry and her team of VE's. They've racked up an impressive number of Vessel Safety Checks this year – 137 as of our last membership meeting.

I've said this before and I'll say it again. PLEASE!!!!!! If you have not done so already, sign up for our email list-

serve. It's easy. visit our website, [www.uspsdundalk.org](http://www.uspsdundalk.org), and click on "Join our discussion group". That will open an email message and all you have to do is send it. It's that easy. You'll be registered to send and receive messages on the DSPS list-serve. If you don't know what that is, it's just like a private email group where any messages sent to the list-serve will be sent to everyone signed up for it. This is the fastest way to get updates on information, for example if a show has been cancelled, or if a group of members wants to try to plan an informal raft-up, or if you have a question relating to your boat, (or anything really).

As always, I'm available if anyone has a question, comment or complaint. Also, if anyone would like to volunteer to assist with an event, please let me know. I can be reached by email at [xo@uspsdundalk.org](mailto:xo@uspsdundalk.org) or by cell phone at 410-456-5854.

Respectfully submitted,

Lt/C David Seidenman, AP

## There is still time to have your boat in Middle River's Parade of Lighted Boats!

Middle River's Parade of Lighted Boats will be happening Saturday, November 29, 2008. You'll notice in the upcoming marketing it's the same exact route as last year. Same restaurant viewing locations and same public viewing area at Wilson Point Park, keep an eye out for more details in The Avenue in early October.

To ensure we have as many boats as years 1 through 4 (16 - 20 boats each year) instead of the only 7 boats that showed up for last year's 5-year anniversary, this year we have individual scout troops and other youth programs from local churches, schools, and PAL centers designing the decorations for boats that don't have the manpower to decorate, but want to have their boat in the parade. So...we're looking for boats to get decorated. In other words the boat owner commits to driving the boat in the parade while the youth teams have fun designing and installing the decorations on the owner's boats around various themes and competing amongst the other youth design teams. So...being in the parade will be as hassle-free as possible for boat owners and lots of fun for local youth.

Besides marking the date on the calendar, if anyone has a boat to register, or any Christmas lights from their home's holiday decoration supply that we can borrow for the parade and promptly return on Nov 30th in time for their house decorating plans, we greatly appreciate it.

So far we have LOTS of youth teams working on design efforts, but not enough boat owners that aren't hauling out their boats before the parade.

Are any of the Dundalk member boat owners willing to receive the "festive decorating royal treatment" and be in this year's parade? We have everything from Pirates on the Chesapeake to traditional holiday themes that these kids are magnificently designing in teams, but we need the boats. A lot of folks at other marinas have indicated that they have to be hauled out by a date prior to the parade or else lose their ability to haul-out this year so we're trying to replace those boats with new parade boats.

People can call us at Chesapeake Bay Memories Charities 410-918-2225.

Thank you,  
Penny Soteria  
Director, Chesapeake Bay Memories



# EDUCATIONAL OFFICER



## USPS courses available to members:

### ADVANCED GRADE COURSES:

Five Advanced Grade courses are offered by USPS. They are designed to be taken in sequence because each builds on skills taught in the previous course.

**Seamanship** covers basic deck seamanship, marlinspike (knots and ropes), anchoring and rafting, basic boat care and maintenance, and nautical and USPS customs and etiquette.

**Piloting** is the first and most basic navigation course, covering chart reading, course plotting, and basic coastal or inland navigation, including basic GPS usage. This course goes into more detail than the charting information covered in the public courses.

**Advanced Piloting** covers more advanced coastal navigation techniques, navigation in tides and currents, and more advanced GPS usage.

**Junior Navigation** teaches the basics of offshore navigation, including basic celestial navigation using the sun and offshore course planning.

**Navigation** is the most advanced navigation course taught by USPS, covering more advanced celestial navigation techniques, emergency navigation, and additional sight reduction techniques.

### ELECTIVE COURSES:

Six Elective Courses are offered by USPS. They cover separate and independent topics and therefore may be taken in any order according to a member's interests and time.

**Engine Maintenance** covers the operating principles and basic care and maintenance of outboard and inboard engines, including diesels.

**Marine Electronics** covers installation and maintenance of both boat electrical systems (AC and DC) and marine electronics (VHF radio, radar, GPS, etc.).

**Cruise Planning** covers topics of interest for someone planning a cruise--whether for just a weekend or for a year--including preparation and planning, anchoring, security, chartering, and cruising outside the US.

**Weather** covers weather forecasting and reading weather patterns on-board.

**Sail** covers everything from the basic elements of how a sailboat works to sail trim, rig tuning, and sailboat racing.

**Instructor Development** teaches effective communication skills for not only USPS instructors but everyone, covering various methods of presenting information to others, effective use of audiovisual aids (including PowerPoint), etc.

Consider taking one or more of these courses. Contact your SEO at [seo@uspsdundalk.org](mailto:seo@uspsdundalk.org) or 410-686-2262.

Respectively submitted,  
P/C Lois Nehmer, SN

## FOR THE GOOD OF THE SQUADRON!

### From a student who recently completed the Squadron Boating Course with P/C Ken Finck:

"Dear Ken, I'd like you to know how very much I enjoyed my introductory boating class, and what a fine instructor you are. It's been a long time since I've sat in a classroom, and I found myself greatly looking forward to every Tuesday night for the past eight weeks. Even my fellow students were good fun! As soon as boating season begins next spring, I'd like to have you on board for a safety inspection, and hopefully our paths will cross again as I take more advanced boating classes from the Power Squadron. Thank you for helping to make this new pastime such an enjoyable one during my first three months as a boater! "

# ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Your DSPS Administrative Department sends its Best Wishes for a Safe & Happy Holiday Season!

Lt/C J. Streett Broadbent, AP  
[ao@uspsdundalk.org](mailto:ao@uspsdundalk.org) or (410-598-0833)

# GENERAL SURVEY OF DUNDALK SAIL & POWER SQUADRON MEMBERS

(Fax completed surveys to Stuart Newborn, 410-252-8033 or mail to 9754 Ashlyn Circle, Owings Mills MD 21117)

**(If you have already submitted a completed survey, please disregard—and thank you)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ How long a member of DSPS? \_\_\_\_\_

How often do you attend general meetings per year? (Please circle)

1 to 3                      4 to 7                      8-11

Do you have a suggestion for a future speaker or topic for a general meeting?

\_\_\_\_\_

What was the last Squadron course you took? \_\_\_\_\_ When? \_\_\_\_\_ Which courses or seminars would you be interested in taking in the future?

\_\_\_\_\_

What areas do you prefer for attending meetings, seminars or educational courses?

(list in order of preference 1-2-3, with 1 being 1<sup>st</sup> choice)

Essex/Dundalk: \_\_\_\_\_ Towson/Timonium: \_\_\_\_\_ Owings Mills/Reisterstown: \_\_\_\_\_

Canton: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please indicate location): \_\_\_\_\_

Do you own a boat? \_\_\_\_\_ Where do you keep it? \_\_\_\_\_

Are there other DSPS members at your marina/club? \_\_\_\_\_ Approximately how many? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there a private room available to hold meetings or courses? \_\_\_\_\_

How many DSPS or District cruises/rendezvous do you normally attend per year?

0 \_\_\_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 2-3 \_\_\_\_\_ 4 or more \_\_\_\_\_

What type of cruising are you interested in participating? (Please check all that apply)

Week or longer \_\_\_\_\_ Weekend (2 or 3 nights) \_\_\_\_\_ Overnight \_\_\_\_\_ Daytrips \_\_\_\_\_

What destinations would you like to see us schedule?

\_\_\_\_\_

What were the primary reasons for your joining the Power Squadron?

\_\_\_\_\_

Why did you join Dundalk instead of another Power Squadron?

\_\_\_\_\_

*Your DSPS Executive Committee thanks you for taking the time to complete this survey.*

*This information will help us to better serve the needs of our members.*





United States Power Squadrons



# Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron

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

### 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

#### Courses and Seminars include:

- America's Boating Course, Seamanship, GPS, Engine Maintenance, Piloting, Advanced Piloting, Marine Electronics, Cruise Planning, Junior Navigation, Sail, Navigation, Weather and more.

#### Safe Practice with Friends

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

### Learn More about America's Boating Club

Email: question@uspsdundalk.org  
vsc@uspsdundalk.org

Web: http://www.uspsdundalk.org

Phone: 410-282-6464

Meetings: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday  
6:30 pm for Dinner, 8 pm for Meeting

BLUE FINS Restaurant  
8247 Eastern Ave, Essex, 21224

### Members Save Money

#### Great Benefits available to USPS members include:

- Up to a 23% discount on boat insurance
- 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](http://www.usps.org/national/admin_dept/membenefits.htm)



**Costs: Individual \$50 / Individual with Family \$75 + \$25 Initiation Fee** (Membership effective through 5/31/09)

Individual: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional: \_\_\_\_\_

Email : \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Amount Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron - Receipt:

Membership Type: Individual: \_\_\_\_ Or

Individual with Family: \_\_\_\_

Amount Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## November—December 2008 Calendar

November 6-9	<b>USPS D/5 Fall Conference—Solomons, MD</b>
November 19	<b>General Membership Meeting—Blue Fins</b> <i>Michael Canapp, Expeditionary Warfare Specialist &amp; Small Craft Coxswain</i>
December 10	<b>Holiday Party—Rosedale American Legion Hall</b> <b>Note: New Date - 2nd Wednesday, not 3rd</b>
January 21	<b>Cruise Planning—Blue Fins</b> Featuring Dundalk's own P/C Read Van Zile
January 21-25	<b>Boat Show—Baltimore Convention Center</b> Volunteer to help at the D5 Education Trailer

**SAFE BOATING THROUGH EDUCATION**