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Featured Speaker: Lt Jay Goldsberry, D

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COMMANDER



Hello all stations.

The holidays will be upon us before you know it. Hopefully you have finalized your winterization plans. Our holiday schedule as of now will be a joint party with BYC on Dec. 7. Don 't forget the Toys for Tots campaign contribution. These gifts for our needy kids need to be brought in on December 7th.

On December 18th at our regularly scheduled membership meeting, we will conduct a brief business session, adjourn quickly and move onto the important business of the ever popular Chinese Gift exchange. Gifts should be limited to a maximum of \$10.00. This will be our last squadron function of 2013.

The Fall Educational Conference will be at the Cambridge Hyatt Nov.21-24 so make your reservation now.

Also, while you making reservations, sign up for winter con-

ference in Jacksonville to see Rolf receive his award for 50 Merit Marks.

The new Bridge for BYC is now in place and we look forward to working with Commodore Jim Paluszynski and his bridge.

On a personal note, I will be participating in a 1500 mile offshore sailing rally to Virgin Gorda. We will depart Hampton Va. On Nov. 4 and arrive BVI +/- 10 days later. The trip will take place on a 40ft sailboat. Should be quite an adventure, looking forward to put in practice all the education I have gotten thru USPS. I will try to document as much as possible and give a full accounting after the first of the year.

Respectfully Submitted
 Commander Steven C Delgarno, N

From The Desk of the Executive Officer:

The VSC team has made its Merit Mark report, and the top person with the most checks is:

Twila M. Nahama

Second place was attained by the chairperson herself:

P/C Consiglia P. Barry

It takes a team to make the goal of over **100** checks. The following are the team members, in no special order:

P/Lt/C Rolf Stuenes 12 checks

P/C	John L. Hall	6 Checks
Lt/C	Ronald V. Basener	7 Checks
P/C	Lois M. Schiff	7 Checks
D/Lt	James H. Redding	11 Checks
Lt.	Twila M. Nahama	24 Checks
P/C	Consiglia P. Barry	22 Checks
P/C	Kenneth H.W. Finck	18 Checks

The Dundalk Power & Sail Squadron would like to thank all the team members for supporting the Boating Safety program.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Greetings to one and all.

The rain has stopped for now, and winter is coming too fast. The Fall Education Conference is almost here. Next come the holidays. Where has time gone?

The Commander has put together the merit mark request, and shot them to Al Zuk, who does the final touch ups before sending them to D-5. It is true the calendar year goes to Dec. 31, and there is some "guesstamating" that has to be done, but for sure everyone who worked will get their due awards.

At this time I'd like to thank all the committees and their members who have worked to keep Dundalk Sail and Pow-

er Squadron going. On behalf of all the officers, I'd like to thank all the people who took part in the **Honor Guard** at various functions, P/Lt/C Rolf Stuenes for doing the **Co Op charting** work this year, P/C Tracey Stuenes for the **Baltimore Boat Show** set up and P/C Connie Barry and her team for **Vessel Safety Checks**.

What can I say, D.S.P.S has an outstanding team, and they make the Dundalk Squadron who they are today. **Thank you so very much.**

Respectfully submitted,
D/L Kenneth H. W. Finck, AP

EDUCATIONAL OFFICER



Instructors' Meeting:

There was an instructors meeting tonight to set plans for 2014. The next Instructors' Meeting will be held Nov. 4th, at BYC, before the Executive Meeting

ABC:

We need to have new and more Instructors to step up to teach the courses at West Marine.

Advanced Piloting Course:

Scheduled for the February 4th. Please let me know if your interested.

Marine Electrical Systems Course:

Started Tuesday, Oct 1st with 12 students.

Read Van Zile will proctor the exam as the instructor (John Hall) is also "taking" the course also.

Kent Narrows Cruise Planning Course:

Jay Goldsberry is registering for the Kent Narrows (Chester, MD) Cruise Planning class starting in November. He will be glad to share a ride with Squadron member(s). The course is 6 weeks long and starts Nov. 2nd at 6:30 PM. Please contact Jay if you are interested.

Educational Proficiency Award:

Educational proficiency is awarded to anyone having achieved a grade level of at least Advanced Piloting (AP) and completed at least three Elective Courses Shown is an AP Insignia with the Educational Proficiency Bar below it. The Bar is also added to the JN and N insignia to denote Educational Proficiency



The following people have earned this award:

David J. Blades (Picture)
John L. Hall
Susan F. Rudy

These awards will be given at a District 5 Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Lt./C J. Streett Broadbent, AP
SEO

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



At the October Executive Committee meeting the following question was raised. Are we stuck in time? Are we doing the same things now as we were a few years ago, or are we, in fact, going downhill and following Sue Island's short sightedness and falling apart?

True, in 2011 we had 141 members and now, in 2013, there are 113 members. Thanks to the education department we are instructing more ABC classes than years ago. (except for last year) But, there are so many basic boating courses out there today it's hard to get people to sign up for the U.S.P.S boating classes.

The Squadron needs new blood, with new ideas. We need you, our newer members, to come to the meetings and support the squadron's think tank. Let us know where we need to go to meet the needs of tomorrow. Should we have a "get together" in the summer on Saturday's at the

front of stores like West Marine, or at Boston Street marinas to let people see what D.S.P.S. is all about?

There are more boaters on our rivers and the bay than ever before. So what do we need to do to bring them into our meetings? Our meetings are open to anyone who cares to come. No membership required!

So come to our meetings. Bring a friend, and let them know we care!

I like to thank all the members who have supported the Squadron for so many years; some for more than 25 years. But the Squadron needs the help of our newer members. Think about it. Our doors open!

Respectfully submitted,
D/L Kenneth H. W. Finck, AP

TREASURER'S REPORT



It's that time of year when we are preparing our boats for the winter. It's a good time to take our courses.

Do any of our members have financial expertise? It's been awhile since we have reviewed our investments. We have done okay. Perhaps we could do better.

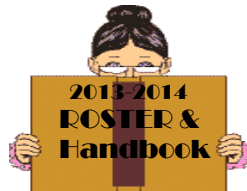
"On the Horizon" is a major expense to the Squadron. Please consider going online instead of receiving a hard copy.

Respectfully submitted,
Lt/C Ronald Basener, SN

SECRETARY'S REPORT



I am happy to report that we have just published the 2013-2014 Roster and Handbook for the Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron. It's been a couple of years since the Squadron last updated this helpful publication and, as another edition is already in the works, I urge you to carefully review your own information, and to send me any amendments or corrections before we go to print again next spring. **We would particularly like everyone's email address!**



Please note that the very last page of the Roster and Handbook is an *errata* sheet for providing revisions to me. In addition, please let me know if there is other useful information you would like the Squadron to include in the 2014-2015 edition.

We distributed the new Roster and Handbook at our general membership meeting on October 16, 2013, and will do so again (1) when the Squadron meets on November 20, 2013, and (2) at the Squadron's Christmas Party on December 7, 2013. After that, we'll mail the balance of them, but as postage is quite high, our goal is to hand-deliver as many as possible.

Again, please carefully review your personal information and send me proper spellings, new telephone numbers and addresses, updated boat information, and especially, your email address. Many thanks from the Secretarial Department!

Respectfully submitted,
Lt/C Douglas B. Riley, AP

BYC and Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron Christmas

At Baltimore Yacht Club
Saturday December 7, 2013

6:00 pm – 6:30 Appetizers
Fruit & Cheese Display

6:45 pm Seated Dinner
Caesar Salad

Roast Beef with Mashed Potatoes and Green Beans
Rolls & Butter
Apple Crisp Dessert

Cost: \$30 (inclusive) *Cash Bar*

8:00 pm
Music and Dancing
Smart Casual Attire

Come join in the merriment before the holidays!
This is a great time for you to get to know your fellow
boaters and members.

Call the BYC Office at 410-682-2310 for all reservations.
DSPS Members should mail or bring payment to Baltimore Yacht Club.
Make checks payable to: Baltimore Yacht Club
800 Baltimore Yacht Club Road
Baltimore, MD 21221

James Paluszynski
Commodore, BYC

Steven Dalgarno
Commander, DSPS





D5 2013 FALL CONFERENCE RESERVATION FORM
22-24 NOVEMBER 2013, HYATT REGENCY, CAMBRIDGE, MD

Member Rank _____ Name _____ Member Grade _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Squadron _____ Position _____ First Timer? _____ E-
Mail _____ Phone _____

Spouse or Other Attendee

Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____ First Timer? _____

Meal Services – Optional

Breakfast - discount available at time of room reservation

Thursday 21 November

Murder Mystery Dinner – Please choose of the following:

Crab cake # _____ @ \$32.00 \$ _____
Chicken Cordon Bleu # _____ @ \$32.00 \$ _____
Steak # _____ @ \$32.00 \$ _____

Saturday 23 November

Optional Saturday Lunch

All meals come with Baked Potato Soup and dessert of Apple Galette

Choice of:

Local Harvest Chicken Breast, Wild Mushroom Stuffing, Pan Juices # _____ @ \$30.00 \$ _____
Amish Style Meat Loaf, Tomato and Brown Sugar Glaze # _____ @ \$30.00 \$ _____
Vegetarian Penne Pasta, Fresh Pesto, Wild Mushrooms, Freshly Grated Reggiano # _____ @ \$30.00 \$ _____

Recommended Saturday Dinner

All meals come with Caesar Salad and a dessert of Pumpkin Cheesecake

Choice of:

Natural Harvest Chicken Breast Stuffed with Dried Fruits & Wild Rice # _____ @ \$45.00 \$ _____
Seasonal Fish with Local Garnishes # _____ @ \$45.00 \$ _____
Gnocchi Alla Romana, Sun-Dried Tomatoes, Tender Spinach and Parmesan # _____ @ \$45.00 \$ _____

Please specify any dietary needs.

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Reservations must be placed by Friday 25 October 2013

Hosted by the Cambridge Sail and Power Squadron

Make checks payable to "2013 D5 Fall Educational Conference"

Send to:

P/C Robert Hammerton, AP
9 Shawnee Rd, Cambridge, MD 21613-1017
bobhamm1@verizon.net
410 228-7682

If you have questions, please contact:

Cdr John O'Reilly. AP at 410-228-1856 or john@yellowsunfish.net

Room Reservations must be made by Friday 25 October 2013 to obtain USPS® discounted rate of \$129.00 plus tax

Reserve your room directly with the Hyatt by visiting the website

https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=10346838

Or by calling 1(888) 421-1442 and mention **US Power Squadrons- District 5 conference**

2013 D5 Fall Educational Conference Schedule

21-24 November, 2013

Thursday, November 21, 2013

1400-1600 Registration
1400-1600 Secretary's Table

Friday, November 22, 2013

0800-1600 Registration Desk Open
0800-1600 Vendor Tables Open
0800-1600 2014 Spring Conference Information
0800-1600 Secretary's Table
0930-1200 Seminars
 Instructor Recertification
 Basic Weather and Forecasting
 VHF/DSC
1200-1330 LUNCH ON YOUR OWN
1330-1430 Committee Meetings & Seminars BOC
 Certifiers
 Closed Meeting Vessel Safety Check
 Workshop
1430-1600 Seminars and Workshops
 BOC Certifier Seminar - 2013 Updated
 HQ-800 Update and Workshop
1615-1715 Jewish Services
1830 DINNER ON YOUR OWN

0915-1030 Educational Dept. Breakouts
 Electro-Mechanical Committee
 Inland Navigation Committee
 Offshore Navigation Committee
1040-1200 Educational Dept. Breakouts
 Instructor Development - new course review
 Boat Handling Committee
 Basic Boating Education Committee
 Boat Operator Certification Committee
1130-1230 Cash Bar
1200-1320 LUNCHEON
1330-1500 Cooperative Charting Open Meeting
1330-1500 Paddle Smart Seminar
1330-1500 Marine Environment Committee
1330-1430 SEO and General Education Meeting
1430-1530 SEO/ASEO Roundtable
1430-1530 See Something Say Something -
 Fight Terrorism on the Water
1540-1645 Ask the Doctor - Part 4
1540-1630 Budget & Finance Open Meeting
1700-1800 Catholic Services
1700-1800 Protestant Services
1800-1900 District Commander's Reception
1900-2200 Cash Bar
1930-2200 Banquet and Awards Ceremony

Saturday, November 23, 2013

0800-1400 Teaching Aids
0800-1400 Parade of Publications
0800-1500 Vendor Tables Open
0800-1200 Registration Desk Open
0800-1200 Secretary's Table
0800-0815 Fall Council Convenes - All Hands
0815-0900 Town Hall Meeting
0915-1030 Member recruitment workshop
1000-1200 Spouse crafts and social time

Sunday, November 24, 2013

0830-1100 Secretary's Table
0900-1100 Fall Conference Convenes

November Membership Meeting

Training Season! - Boating Education at DSPS
November General Meeting
presented by the Education Committee

This presentation is about the coming season of classes, seminars and on-the-water training to be presented by DSPS' top-notch educators. The presentation will include latest updates and developments in Power Squadron learning opportunities along with DSPS initiatives in expanding offerings and outreach to the community. We will also review the Squadron Educational Survey sent out in early November.

The Officers of D I P I

Wish All The Members

and

Their Families



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Very Very

Merry Christmas

And A

Happy New Year

Hope You Had A Horror-full a l l o w e e n



Safety Alert: A Personal Experience

Being totally dependent on electronics in navigating, is placing your trust in a very nebulous and sometimes unreliable source of information. At some point you may have to rely on the old mariners book of survival. My old friend, mentor and co- teacher of Seaman ship Jim Lardusky always started a session with: “Know where you are at”.

The day started out great! Departing in the wee hours of the AM with a clear sky, we set out for St. Michaels . Soon the buoys across the bay for which we were headed disappeared in what I assumed was a fog bank. This being before the days of GPS we were navigating using Loran. By setting the course between aides and using a stop watch we were able to navigate into the Chester River. Then like a bolt out of the blue the Loran ceased to operate and the visibility degenerated to zero minus ten. Continued navigation resulted in operating in ever decreasing depths.

By readings on the depth sounder, we decided to anchor at 10 feet.of depth and sound the bell. From nowhere, a ghostly image emerged from the fog and silently moved on as if a giant hand was pushing this waterman and his vessel through the fog. Again, in absolute silence, he disappeared into the all enveloping fog bank. Bless those watermen, they do know how to operate a vessel. After an hour or so, the fog lifted and we were ounce again underway.

Moral of the story: Have up to date charts, use all the information they offer, don't be solely dependent on electronics and above all ”Know where you are at”.

George “Bud” Yent, Editor

Special Notice

Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron's Christmas Party and Gift Exchange

Will be Held on

December 18, 2013

1930 or 7:30 PM

BYC



This year we will have only one opportunity to contribute to those less fortunate than we.

On **December 7th** at the Joint Christmas Party with Baltimore Yacht club and
Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron

When you attend, please bring an **unwrapped, new toy**, generally speaking, for children between the ages of 2 and mid-teens. I will see that the toys get delivered to the Marines who will wrap and distribute the gifts.

Thanks in advance,

P/C Read Van Zile, AP

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2014 D/5 SPRING CONFERENCE

By Cdr Carl Larsen, Kent Narrows Sail & Power Squadron

The 2014 D/5 Spring Conference at the Princess Royale Hotel in Ocean City, MD is already on the horizon. It will take place on the weekend of 28-30 March.

A number of FUN new events and special activities are being added to the schedule, which will be brimming with workshops, seminars, awards presentations, meetings, parties, and more.

Plan now to enjoy the camaraderie of legendary Friday night hospitality suites, celebrate the successes and accomplishments of fellow D/5 Members and Squadrons, learn what's new for District 5 in the year ahead, and be pleasantly surprised with some exciting enhancements.

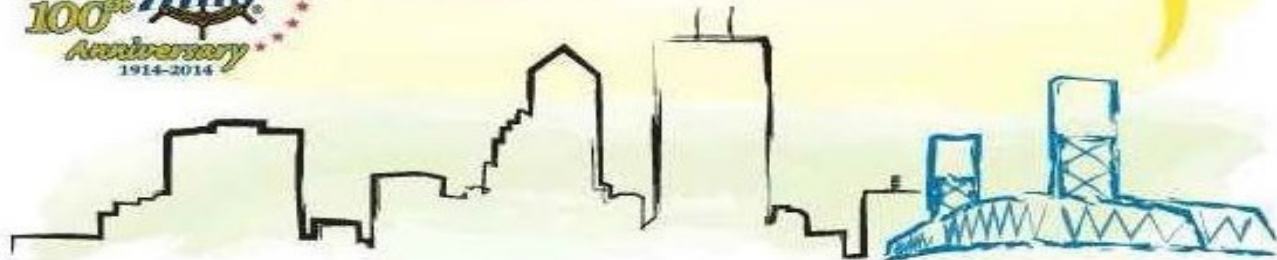
Spring Conference is the one sure cure for cabin fever after the coming winter season, and it's the best way we know to welcome the start of our 2014 boating season!

Hope to see you there!

join us in
Jacksonville!



USPS ANNUAL MEETING
28 JAN.-1 FEB. 2014



USPS 100th Anniversary Gala Celebration

As you arrive in Jacksonville, you'll notice welcome signs at the airport, on posts near the Hyatt Hotel and in the hotel lobby. Here's a brief preview of what you can expect from this gala celebration. Watch your email for further updates.

- All week** Explore Jacksonville! (Tours to be announced.)
- Wed., 29 Jan.** Evening Entertainment at Jacksonville Landing
- Thurs., 30 Jan.** Awards Ceremony and Dinner
- Fri., 31 Jan.** "Yachty Gras" Lighted Boat Parade and Reception/Cocktail Party
Sponsored by the Hyatt Hotel and District Commanders
- Sat., 1 Feb.** Annual Meeting With a Special Flag Ceremony Uniting Squadron Banners and District Anniversary Ensigns, and Evening Mardi Gras Ball and Banquet

Come join the fun, and reserve your **hotel room** at the low rate of \$139 today!
Laissez les bon temps rouler! (Let the good times roll!)

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Please Note: Complete information, registration and hotel reservations can only be done online at this time.

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November- December Calendar

November 6	Executive Committee Meeting
November 20	Membership meeting
November 22-24	Fall Conference, Cambridge , MD
December 4	Executive Committee Meeting
December 7	Joint Christmas Party and Dance
December 18	Membership Meeting & Christmas Party



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