

# ON THE HORIZON

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Our next Membership Meeting is on Wednesday, November 16th, at 7:30 p.m., at The Bowman Restaurant, 9603 Harford Road. **John Cly, General Manager, GROCO Marine Products of Stevensville, MD, will present on seacocks, US versus China manufacturing pros and cons, strainers and toilet pumps!** THIS IS A PROGRAM NOT TO BE MISSED! There will even be hands-on samples and catalogs. Those planning on having dinner should arrive at The Bowman Restaurant by 6:15 pm

## COMMANDER



### How I Got Into Boating

Over the years, the Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron has had many excellent speakers, but my personal favorite was Congresswoman Helen Delich Bentley, who addressed us at Baltimore Yacht Club on June 18, 2014. For me, the best part of the evening was before she even spoke. I was Mrs. Bentley's designated driver that day (the price she extracted to accept our speaking invitation) so upon arriving at BYC from another event, Mrs. Bentley and I sat outside the meeting room waiting for people to arrive – which they never seemed to do! The room was set up for 100, but there was absolutely no one around. Beginning to panic, I suggested a tour of the building, which included, of course, BYC's dining room. What a joy to walk into the dining room and find it filled to capacity with Squadron and BYC members all come to hear Mrs. Bentley! And, what a thrill when, upon seeing Mrs. Bentley enter, the dining room burst into spontaneous and enthusiastic applause! At the age of 90, Helen Delich Bentley was still a star.

I recall also that I borrowed that day Eileen's Honda CRV as it was more accessible than my low-riding Sebring convertible. But, remembering well her Congressional days, when Mrs. Bentley had smashed Japanese radios on the Capitol steps, I did everything I could to conceal the Honda name and logo during our travels. But Mrs. Bentley missed little, and when we arrived at BYC she demanded to know, "What kind of car is this?" I took a deep breath and sheepishly admitted, "It's a Honda."

"Good for you!" she exclaimed, "Do you know we now import more than *three-quarter of a million cars* through the Port of Baltimore every year! And, most of them come from Japan!" Mrs. Bentley loved the Port and its history, but she was always looking ahead.

In 1990, Congresswoman Bentley played a key role in my election to the Baltimore County Council. She

gave me advice, staff, contributors, endorsements and, finally, in the last week of the campaign, when Eileen and I were completely out of money, she personally paid for our final ad in the Towson Times. When I won, she never asked for anything in return, but did hope I would rezone a building she owned on York Road in Timonium. Concluding that redevelopment there would be bad for the adjacent neighborhood, I denied the change - and she never said a word. However, years later at a fundraiser, I shamelessly told that story to illustrate that (1) I always do what I believe is right, and (2) Congresswoman Bentley is so honest that, during the re-zoning process, she never once suggested, "You owe me, Doug, so rezone my land."

But, when my sanctimonious little speech was over, Mrs. Bentley crossed the room, slapped my face (truly), and growled, "Damn it, I'd forgotten about that. You be at Loch Raven Diner tomorrow morning at 7:00!" She turned on her heel and left.

I didn't sleep much that night, but I was at Loch Raven Diner the next morning at 7:00 a.m. That's when Mrs. Bentley gave me the following excellent advice: "Doug, when you're hosting a fundraiser and asking people to give you money, for goodness sakes, don't tell them you're not going to do what they want if you win!" Then, she looked me square in the eye and pronounced: "I swear to God, you are the dumbest politician I have ever met!" Ironically, a few months later, the voters agreed, and that was the end of my political career.

And, that's how I got into boating.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas B. Riley, AP  
Commander

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## EXECUTIVE OFFICER



In many ways autumn is my favorite season. Crisp clear days, the vibrant colors of turning leaves, and the strong cool breezes and low humidity that make sailing at this time of year very special. These things are, of course, tempered by the slow and inexorable shortening of the daylight hours meaning the perceived need to be at anchor or in a marina slip creeps in ever earlier. I do find, though, that as the boating season comes to an end that there are many things boating related that present themselves to fill the months until we once again return to the waters of the Chesapeake. A couple of big ones for me are the Baltimore Boat Show at the end of January, and the First Aid and CPR/AED course that I still have in mind as a good thing for the Squadron. I will be seeking assistance for both of these events so if by chance you are looking for something to fill YOUR offseason, and earn some hours for a Merit Mark by the way, then please contact me and let me know where your interest lies. It would be nice to hear from some members that maybe haven't been to a meeting or Squadron event for a while. If you've been thinking that it would be nice to become more active in Squadron activities but didn't know where or how I can help!

Also coming with the end of boating for the year comes the fun of several events that do not require a large body of water; the first will be the Squadron's Annual Holiday Party (flyer for the party enclosed elsewhere in this newsletter) on December 14<sup>th</sup> at the Bowman Restaurant.

If you remember last year's then you probably recall how much everyone enjoyed the food and fellowship. January brings the annual Cruise Planning Party where we gather to decide the destinations for our 2017 Chesapeake excursions. Not too long after planning the cruises will be the Change of Watch. Check back later for details on these and other possible events including those for District 5. I went to Ocean City for the first time last year for the D5 Spring Conference and had a great time!

Last month I wrote about the upcoming D5 Sail Regatta and Fall Festival. Unfortunately the whole event was cancelled due to some rather extreme weather conditions. Nonetheless several Captains who would have sailed in the regatta met, with others, at the Mission BBQ in Annapolis. The purpose was for each Captain to tell the story of how they won the race anyhow. Some were based in the real world. Some included intervention by King Neptune, bizarre weather and astronomical events, Somali pirates, assistance by Navy stealth destroyers, the Starship Enterprise... well you get the picture. In the end P/D/C Marty Lafferty won first place and rightfully so given the photographic evidence he presented of the pirates! Oh, and the food was pretty good too!

Well that puts to rest this month's column. Hope to see YOU soon!

Respectfully Submitted, Lt/C David Blades, JN

## Our Meeting Place

The Bowman Restaurant on Harford Road. 410-665-8600. Our regular meetings are on the third Wednesday of each month (except July) and start at 7:30 Those of us planning to eat should plan to arrive around 6:15 p.m. and we'll order from the menu. Those not planning on eating may arrive at any time but the meeting will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. The best parking is on the left of the building and then enter through the double doors on the side.

## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



### It's HOT out there

**"The cabin of a small yacht is truly a wonderful thing; not only will it shelter you from a tempest, but from the other troubles in life, it is a safe retreat." — Francis Herreshoff, Boat Designer**

### Headline: August 17, 2015, "NYC Enters Official Heat Wave"

That's the day we entered the kingdom of the (really) Big Apple. One might presume that this area can be imagined long before arriving. One should expect a New York street scene, as in big, crowded and noisy. However, the oversized arena and chaotic swarm of boat traffic that is the New York harbor is a sensory challenge and a thrill at the helm. The tugs handling barges or making double time to the next task are heavy equipment worker bees on a mission. Water taxis and ferries seem to buzz around like angry wasps but are really on straight line paths between stations. Mind your toes. The prudent mariner might avoid this. The wave action is truly random. Giant hands are at play frothing up the water. And there we are, insignificant, slow and plodding, a draught horse with blinders, heading toward Lady Liberty. I found it best to keep a light hand on the wheel, maintain a steady heading, attempt eye contact with other captains and keep breathing. I continue to wonder why boats don't come with rear view mirrors and turn signals.

We arrived mid-afternoon at the Liberty Marina and RV Park. Emphasis on RV. This is a different civilization than the peaceful tie-ups along the canal. Huge 40' land

yachts are idling outside of registration, no doubt, enlarging the ozone hole overhead. The many voices of all manner of tourists from everywhere are evident. These are not impatient, local city dwellers, but seasoned travelers making the transition from motion to stillness. In sum, this was a good enough place to stay a night.

Across the canal is Liberty Landing Marina. Adjacent to Liberty state Park, it is easily twice the price and, perhaps, more refined. Both of us have visited the area and really just want to crank up the AC, walk a bit, have a good dinner and rest a bit. We also had the hottest, steamiest shower ever. Given the heat wave, there is no relief found in the public shower facility. It was busy, but clean, with lots of hot water. Ordinarily, a huge plus, but interior visibility and drying conditions were poor making our visit memorable.

On the subject of AC, this may be the best system on my Mainship 34. The previous owner had recently installed a 16K BTU unit, sized for a 40 footer, that created our cool, safe retreat every evening. I'm sure some of my best ever sleeps were aboard, rocking in a cool cocoon.

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Glenn Haldeman, S, Administrative Officer,

## TREASURER'S REPORT



### Greetings from your Squadron Treasurer!

**Start saving at our Online Store: [dundalk-squadron.qbstores.com](http://dundalk-squadron.qbstores.com)**

**Take 15% off your order with no minimum through November 14, 2016!**

This is the only way to order your Squadron clothing and merchandise besides burgees (see below). There is always a discount! Available merchandise includes polos, tees, button down shirts, jackets, sweatshirts, hats, bags – available in multiple colors, plus 3 logos to choose from on most items. If you don't see the item you want, go to [www.queensboro.com](http://www.queensboro.com) and see if it is there. If so, email me the item name and number, and I will add it to our online Ship's Store. There are too many items available to include them all, but happy to add any you would like.

**BURGEES:** Burgees may be ordered through P/C Tracey Stuenes at [Webelieve2@comcast.net](mailto:Webelieve2@comcast.net). We currently have on hand a number of 12" x 18" burgees, which are available to purchase at our membership meetings for \$23.75. Larger burgees, in batches of six, may also be ordered.

The Squadron's bills are paid and we are in sound financial shape! Contact me at [stuartnewborn@gmail.com](mailto:stuartnewborn@gmail.com) if you have questions for the Treasurer or about the online Ship's Store.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lt/C Stuart Newborn, S,  
Treasurer

## EDUCATIONAL OFFICER



**Calendar of Pending Courses** (details and registrations online):

<u>COURSE</u>	<u>START DATE</u>	<u>DURATION</u>
Seamanship	December, 2016	Special
Piloting	January 24, 2017	Eight weeks

Registration for all our courses is online, which must be completed 3 weeks before the start date. The above courses will be posted on the USPS website by November 14. Check the Weekly Blast for further updates. The instructions on how to find one of our courses online and register are as follows:

- Go to USPS.org
- Click on Boating Courses
- Click on Courses -- a drop down menu should appear
- Click on the kind of course you want, e.g. Piloting -- a textual message appears
- Click on Find This Course Near You -- fill in the Form that appears
- Click on Locate -- our DSPS course should appear
- Click on Click Here to Register
- Fill in Registration Form -- (using your certificate number should expedite)
- Fill in rest of Registration Form
- Click Submit

**Educational tip of the month:** Whether you're leaving your boat in the water over the winter or hauling it, you'll have to winterize it, or pay someone else to do it. Winterizing essentially means getting anything that can freeze or clog off the boat (water expands when it freezes and that can break valves, rupture hoses, etc.) and replacing it with antifreeze, per the manufacturer's instructions. The main areas of concern are the domestic systems, water tanks and connecting hoses, the head, sinks, pumps, and the engine. To keep (condensed) water out of the fuel tank, fill it and add stabilizer. There are many good guides and checklists on the web; just search 'winterizing boats'.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Respectfully submitted, Lt/C Robert Crimmins, AP - SEO

## Winter Book Club, Anyone?

"Finding North: How Navigation Make Us Human" - by George Michelsen Foy

The book tells the story of the author's recreation of a sailing voyage to understand how his great grandfather perished in an accident at sea. He plans his trip to use only the navigational tools available at the time of the original voyage- charts, compass, sextant, dead reckoning, and visual knowledge of the landscape.

Intertwined is a journalistic inquiry into all things navigation. Starting with neuroscience, he explores how cells know to "navigate" and differentiate in a developing organism. In London, he attends the school where cabbies learn to memorize the city grid. He visits a Greek Island to experience the shrine to the ancient god of navigation. He travels on a sailing cargo ship with mariners who navigate between the islands without electronic equipment. He makes a trip to the military installation to learn how GPS really works.

The link between all this is a basic process, similar to memory, that links places to events in our lives, so we can know who we are, and find our way to the things that are important, even in the face of fear and loss.

Consider reading this book! If you're interested in getting together with your squadron pals on a cold dark winter evening (when all the boats are safely put away) to share reflections, contact me, and we'll organize a book club.

*Lt Susan Rudy, N*

## SECRETARY'S REPORT



At social gatherings where there are boaters, the conversation sometimes turns to the use of mooring buoys. Either someone desires to place just one, or a club or organization desires to have more solutions to limited slips or they are just looking to make some extra income. Here are some of the facts on mooring buoys.

Mooring buoys are secured to the ground by either being drilled into the waterway bed or by being attached to a heavy mushroom or similar anchor, with enough weight to hold the boat in place. To ensure the buoys do not hinder the safety of others, there are restrictions and requirements placed on them.

The State does not require a permit for single recreational mooring buoys. The federal government requires no permit either, granting permission under the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. However, a mooring buoy may bear ownership identification. The DNR suggest using the state registration number, documentation number or vessel name. Mooring buoys shall be colored white and shall have a horizontal blue band around the circumference of the buoy, centered midway between the top of the buoy and the water line.

### **Mooring buoys may not be established in the following areas:**

- Public shellfish beds
- Private shellfish beds, unless permission is obtained from the leaseholder
- Cable crossing areas
- Designated beach and swim areas in the Severn River
- Controlled ski areas in the Severn River and South Rivers in Anne Arundel County.

Moorings shall be placed in such a position that the area encompassed by the arc of the swing does not extend more than one-third the open water distance from the mean high water line on one shore to the mean high water line on the opposite shore. Also, the arc of the swing must not impede or obstruct access to the land of any riparian property owner, the access and proper use of any public access point, or otherwise hinder the orderly access to and use of waterways by the general public.

Kent County, the City of Annapolis and the towns of Oxford and St. Michael's, Maryland have local mooring requirements that also must be met. Group recreational moorings must be registered with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

A commercial mooring buoy refers to a buoy in which the owner or permit holder charges a fee or other form of consideration for use of the buoy to secure, berth or moor a vessel in the waters of the State. The federal government requires that all commercial moorings go through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) to register for a permit. The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) and the Corps file joint permits together. Therefore, the process should be started by contacting MDE - Tidal

Wetland Division (410-537-3837).

**On another topic:** Nearly every single Marylander benefits from oysters, so why is the state Oyster Advisory Commission considering opening up oyster sanctuaries to harvesting to the all-important, water-filtering Chesapeake icon?

The Oyster Advisory Commission (OAC) was encouraged by state officials to recommend relaxing the state's oyster plan. Nobody is sure why. The existing plan is working. About 76 percent of the state's oyster grounds can still be harvested by watermen. About 24 percent are closed to harvest, and on those sanctuaries, oysters are growing and slowly rebuilding the natural three-dimensional reefs that used to be common in the Chesapeake. **In addition to filtering water and providing habitat, these reefs are expected to boost reproduction and help oysters recover throughout the Bay.**

Maryland's existing oyster strategy was a response to a six-year 2009 study by Maryland, Virginia, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers who found that native oyster restoration is an important part of saving the Chesapeake Bay, and should be scaled up. Both Maryland and Virginia committed to restore oyster habitat and populations in ten tributaries by 2025. Until now that work has progressed mostly on schedule.

**Perhaps the commission was created as a vehicle for the seafood industry.** Twice the number of watermen are harvesting now compared to a few years ago so they are exhausting available oyster supplies much faster and clamoring for more. Sanctuaries make an easy target. Mark Belton, Secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, appointed mostly watermen and industry affiliates to the OAC.

It's not surprising, then, that the OAC is considering opening up sanctuaries to harvest. The commission also is considering substantially reduced spending on large oyster restoration projects.

As recommendations from the OAC are finalized in the coming months, Marylanders are faced with a choice: Allow these recommendations to move forward based on the views of the commission's unbalanced membership, or ensure that the group's actions reflect the care and concern of all Marylanders.

**Citizens can share their thoughts with OAC and state officials in writing, by phone, or during public comments at commissioner meetings. The commission meets the second Monday of each month, 6 p.m. at the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Tawes State Office Building, Annapolis, Maryland. Anyone is welcome to attend and make remarks during the public comment segment of each meeting.**

R Respectfully submitted,

Lt/C Dick Bruns, Secretary



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## Members Save Money

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- 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



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**Meetings:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month  
Dinner 6:00 pm, Meeting 7:30 pm

The Bowman Restaurant

9306 Harford Road, Parkville, MD 21234

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# THE DUNDALK SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON

Cordially invites you and your boating friends

To our annual Holiday Party at

**THE BOWMAN RESTAURANT**

**9306 Harford Road, Parkville, MD 21234**

**Wednesday, December 14, 2016**

**From 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

Buffet Dinner

*Seafood Newburg w/ Rice - Sliced Roast Beef - Baked Chicken*

*Honey Glazed Baked Ham - Hot Vegetable du Jour*

*Garden Salad - Seasonal Fruit Salad - Rolls & Butter*

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## SAFE BOATING THROUGH EDUCATION

### Calendar

November 16	Membership Meeting – The Bowman on Harford Rd
November 17-20	Fall Educational Conference
December 14	** DATE CHANGE ** Holiday Party and Membership Meeting
January 18	Membership Meeting – The Bowman on Harford Rd
January 26-29	Baltimore Boat Show

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