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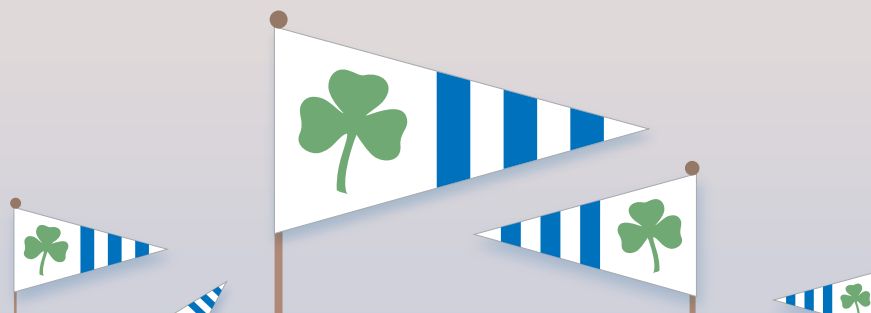
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Thank you.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to ALL!

I feel I have officiated over some good Dundalk membership meetings but September's was the best yet. Awards were given out, cake was eaten, and "Happy Birthday" was sung. Everything could not have gone better and I am so very honored to have been your commander on that night. More people are coming to our meeting, eating and really enjoying each other's fellowship. As I sit at the head table drinking my coffee, I look over the people setting before me, and I see how they enjoy talking to one and another.

It's good to see old and new faces, Read, Joanne, Johnny, Bob and Mary Ellen just to name a few. I am thankful to have such support, and our efforts have not gone unnoticed by the District 5 bridge. Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron is alive and well, with the ongoing activities overseen by Lt/C Bernie Karpers, Lt/C John Hall, our Education Department headed up by P/C Walter Neese and P/Lt/C Ray Schiff. So won't you come and join the Dundalk Fun Team? It's the third Wednesday of each month.

25 Years...

It is my honor to congratulate two squadron members for 25 years membership in the United States Power Squadrons. P/C Brooks Riley and Lt. Robert A. Liberto each have been awarded a special Gold-Wreathed Pin with the number 25 in it's center.

Crab Feast...

Everything turned out GREAT! The 2005 Crab fest did very well. The tickets count was 176, our best ever. A super time was had by all. The music was the top of the line and people were on their feet dancing. The crabs, corn, burgers, hot-dogs and other treats were the hit of the party. P/C Mark Bruss, Dale Bruss, and Lt/C Tracy Stuenes kept the grill hot and the food coming while Joanne Day, Bobby Blaker and crew passed out the corn & the hot steamed crabs. No one left with want of more food to eat.

There where a lot of old and new friends to talk to and get to know. Now if we could only get this many people to our membership meetings I think I would go in shock.

There is no question that the biggest pat on the back for this wonderful party goes to one outstanding person, P/C Read Van Zile. For many years Read has put this

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PLEASE NOTE that the starting time for dinner at the general meetings has been moved up to 1830 in an attempt to prevent the late starts for the business meeting which are still set for 2000. The next meeting is Nov. 21st at the Boulevard Diner, 1660 Merritt Ave. in Dundalk.

together and has brought us good weather to do it. The weather was super -- no hot sun, but a very nice cool breeze. There was rain around the area but not at the party.

The drive over there by car, was about 75 miles from Pasadena, but if you came by boat, the distance was much, much less. And if you were a sailboat person, the price of fuel was just right.

So mark your calendars for next year's crab party. It will be the weekend before Labor Day weekend. Hope to see you there!

Get Well Wishes...

The squadron would like to send best wishes to Lt. Fran Koukias. We understand she will be off work for six

weeks to recover from a three day stay the Greater Baltimore Hospital.

We also hear that Lt. Tom Clark was in and out of the hospital for some health problems but we're glad to hear he's back participating in the JN class.

Your commander wishes you all a good autumn. Stay safe and take another boating course. See you at the next membership meeting on the third Wednesday of the month at Boulevard Diner. Members, if you know of a fellow boater looking to join a great organization, bring them in for dinner at the diner. And if they don't have a craft, well that's okay too! We always need committee people. Put some happiness in their life, and show them the good times!

A safe fall season to you. ✦

Crab Feast Packs 'em In

A record 175 people jammed Haven Harbor Marina in Rock Hall on August 27th to enjoy all the crabs they could eat along with corn on the cob, burgers, hot dogs, beer and sodas. Oh and some good old foot-stomping music as well. A few showers peppered the morning but the luck o' the Irish brought the sun back, as always, for the afternoon feast.



Nancy Codori pits the Sooks vs. the Jimmies.



Children know how to have fun.

The festivities began the evening before with a competition for best crab costume. Mark and Dale Bruss walked – or should we say “clawed” -- away with that one. In addition Nancy Codori put on a crab trivia contest between two teams. In that one, the “Jimmies” prevailed over the “Sooks.” Both contests were held aboard *Rat Ark*.

Many, many volunteers from Dundalk SPS made the event possible, and they were led by P/C Read Van Zile, A/P. For four years now Read has organized the crab feast, which has become the top annual event for the squadron both in terms of participation and money raised. However, he asked for a volunteer to step forward to chair the project for next year. ♣

With the call from the commander for merit mark recommendations we know our year is coming to a close. Merit mark recommendations for the executive department have been submitted. Now it is on to the Frostbite Cruise and even more interestingly the possibility of going fishing in the vicinity of Old Road Bay. This area has been hot in the last two years and from reports it is doing well now. I will let you know.

Our committees continue to be active. The boat show committee is awaiting coordination of Dundalk's effort with those of other squadrons. This may take place late in December, so members be prepared to react and help when called upon by the committee chairman, Lt John Rice, S.

Lt Dave Seidenman, P (Public Relations) reports publicity of our education effort will be in the neighborhood

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newspapers this coming month. Apparently this effort will extend from Towson to Essex. So keep a look out for news stories and report all sightings. Goose and Viper of Top Gun fame with the help of Maverick have prepared an article for the winter issue of *Mark 5*. So look for this one too. It appears the news is getting out.

Our vessel safety committee continues to be active. P/C Connie Barry, JN reports we are at the same level of activity as last year, and she is urging our inspectors to keep pressing for more examinations.

D/Lt and P/C Howard Barry, JN of the Liason And Legislative Committees has been attending appropriate meetings, and reports there is nothing of concern for us at this time. It appears we are holding our own in the effort to change the navigation contest rules. ➡

Corrected District 5 Nav Contest Results

Due to editing error, an incorrect table listing the individual results was published in last month's *Horizon*. *Gafia V* should have been 9th, not 19th.

The corrected table is as follows:

1	SLEEP ON IT	LATE	0:00:01
2	SHARK TOOTH	EARLY	0:00:14
3	JR'S TOY	EARLY	0:00:25
4	SURPRISE	EARLY	0:00:42
5	SEA LESTIAL	EARLY	0:00:44
6	COMFORT ZONE	LATE	0:00:52
7	RAT ARK	LATE	0:00:59
8	CHERLIN	LATE	0:01:08
9	GAFIA V	EARLY	0:01:52
10	PATSY'S PLEASURE	LATE	0:02:08
11	AFTER HOURS II	EARLY	0:02:19
12	RED RYDER	EARLY	0:02:57
13	CONSIGILA	LATE	0:03:04
14	NANSEA GALE	LATE	0:03:58
15	LADY JEAN	EARLY	0:04:20
16	CARAL IV	EARLY	0:05:29
17	THE GREAT COMMISSION	EARLY	0:06:21
18	COPACETIC	LATE	0:06:21
19	STEELEN TIME	EARLY	0:07:02
20	SEMI GLOSS	EARLY	0:07:03
21	GOOD NEWS	LATE	0:23:47

Do You Have Caller ID?

Perhaps you need a 406 EPIRB. Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons are emergency transmitters which provide timely, accurate information to rescue agencies to expedite finding an emergency location. The practical application to boaters is to automatically send for help in the event of capsizing or other catastrophic event when the pilot may be incapacitated or otherwise engaged. EPIRB's are especially recommended for offshore cruising where they have saved numerous lives.

There are two categories of EPIRB's available analog (121.5 MHZ) and digital (406MHZ and a 121.5MHZ honing signal). Needless to say, like everything else today digital is the latest and greatest. Class A and B are analog; Category I, II, and PLB's (Personal Locator Beams) are digital. Class A and Category I float free and turn on automatically, they should be stored outside the cabin so they can float to the surface in a emergency. Class B and Category II must be manually engaged.

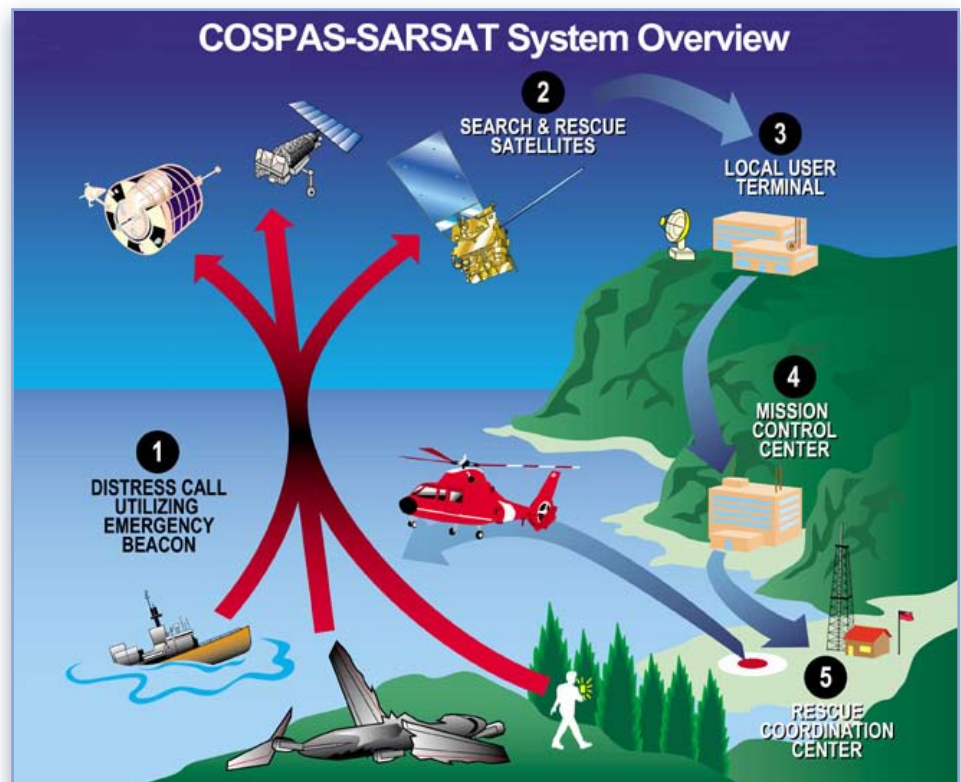


Types of beacons

Keep it Safe! ✦

IN COMPARISON:

	DIGITAL	ANALOG
Accuracy	.05nm w/GPS	12nm 2nm no GPS
Coverage	Global	30% Worldwide
Approx. time To notification	4 min. w/GPS	6 hrs 40 min. no GPS
Identification	Vessel/Point of Contact	Anonymous
Signal Output	5 Watts	.1 Watt
False Alarms	1 in 12	1 in 500 (1/5 from beacons the others from ATM's, stadium scoreboards and other interference.)
False Alert	Cancel by phone	Must be traced to original source.
Cost	\$ 1000 w/GPS	\$ 200-\$ 400 \$ 500 for a PLB



SAIL REGATTA!

The morning couldn't have been more promising for a sailing race. Sunny skies and brisk 15-knot winds. It stayed that way until five minutes before the race's start. That's when the winds died.

That's how the annual USPS District 5 Sail Regatta began. This year's event, hosted by Dundalk SPS at Baltimore Yacht Club, drew a field of four vessels over an event-filled weekend.

It took a while but everybody eventually finished. Here's how the race came out:

	Boat	Time	Captain	Squadron
First	Gambit	1:38:53	Dick Bomstead	Mainline
Second	Niki	2:08:47	Roy Bands	Sue Island
Third	Scandia	2:21:36	Rolph Stuenes	Dundalk
Fourth	New Broom	2:37:47	Paul Geppert	Susqhehannockr

Both District 5 Bridge members who attended, Executive Office D/Lt/C Kay Simpkins, AP and Administrative Officer D/Lt/C Richard Davis, AP, praised Dundalk's handling of the event. The Regatta was coordinated by P/C Dorsey Butterbaugh, JN. 🦋



Left to right: District Administrative Officer Richard Davis, Rolph Stuenes, Dick Bomstead, Roy Bands, Paul Geppert.

Squadron Cruise Provides R&R

Three of the five boats that participated in this year's Squadron Cruise around the mid-Chesapeake Bay were fresh of the Top Gun Cruise to New York and were in need of a little relaxation. Good thing because that's what this year's squadron cruise provided.

After Hours II, *Rat Ark* and *Sleep On It* were joined by *Consiglia* and *Court Ship* at Herrington Harbor South Marina on August 21. It was the first Dundalk cruise ever for *Court Ship*, which carried three generations of Seidenmans. Lt/Cdr Bernie Karpers made two early morning fishing trips



Squadron Cruise participants at Herrington Harbor enjoy the fruits of a successful fishing expedition led by Bernie Karpers. Photo by Jerome Seidenman

with various participants and they came back with enough rockfish to provide the main course for a cookout dinner on Monday night. Bernie and First Mate Kathleen also scouted the new hotel in Chesapeake City as a possible location for squadron and possibly district events.

On Tuesday evening nine cruisers piled on *After Hours II* and headed across the bay to dine at Harrison's Restaurant, which offers great seafood caught by the fishing family that runs it. The next morning four of the boats headed up the Little Choptank River into Brooks Creek where P/C Rick Boardman, AP is building some houses. Water was a little thin and *After Hours II* got grounded at the dock for the better part of the day. *After Hours II* crewman Ben Wright tried for hours to pull her free but was not successful until the tide came sufficiently in. Then all converged at Mears Marina in Oxford on the Tred Avon River off the big Choptank.

On Thursday the fleet took a day trip up the Choptank past Cambridge and the Highway 50 Bridge on up to Suicide Bridge Restaurant. The fifteen-year-old Ben Wright took the helm of *After Hours* and found his way to the restaurant unaided. Surprisingly that venture gave Bernie a chance to show off his mastery of Lithuanian. On the trip back down the river, the boats stopped at P/C Walter Neese's wonderful antebellum home at the head of LeCompte Bay.

The next day it was time to pack up and head north to Rock Hall where the cruise joined in with the crab feast.



7 students are enrolled in the Thursday basic course at Anchorage Marina, P/Lt/C Ray Schiff instructing; due to complete in early November. Another Basic course to be held Mondays is scheduled to begin 10 October at St. John's Lutheran Church.

Pre-registrations for two fall GPS classes have been too few, but Rolf is committing to run the 10 November class at St. John's, regardless of how few attend.

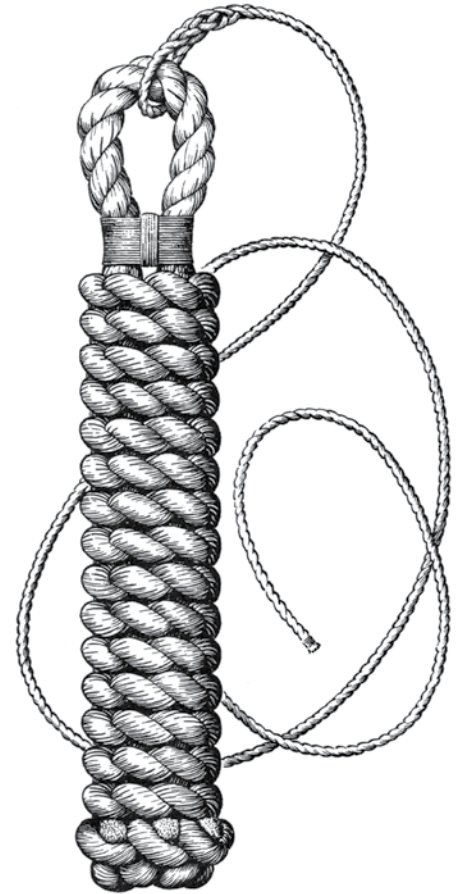
5 students have enrolled in JN, Lt Dennis Henderson instructing, as of 15 September, which is the largest JN turnout in my 6 years in the squadron. We are calling for any squadron sextants members may have in their possession to equip the group.

3 students are signed up for the Sail class; new member Max Robinson brings his many years of experience teaching and sailing as instructor.

Piloting is to restart 7 pm on October 6, Streett Broadbent instructing, at Maryland Presbyterian Church. The first effort at registration produced no students, but about 5 are expected to attend this time. If you want Piloting, let me know as soon as possible, we can probably add you.

Lt/C Bernie Karpers is offering Navigation at his home, beginning October 4.

Pursuant to my request for interest in the last newsletter, I have one member interested in Weather, and one in Instructor Development; barring significant further interest in these, we will wait to offer them until next year. 🍷



Rope Fender



The fleet at Herrington Harbor.

JOANNE DAY GETS THE AXE (HANDLE)

In 1990, when Dundalk and Delaware River Power Squadrons were on their joint annual cruise, we stopped in St. Michael's for a few days. One evening after having been out to dinner, we come back to our boats and a man is hanging around and starts asking questions. He wanted to know about Dundalk's burgee with the shamrock on it. We explain. We introduce ourselves; he introduces himself and his name is Mike Higgins. It turns out he was visiting the U. S. from Ireland and he was delighted to see so many shamrocks! Well, we invited him and his wife to join us for evening Irish Coffee. Being Irish, he certainly didn't turn down an Irish Coffee! We all had a good time.



Is she going to hit him?

"This year two nominations were made: Brande Neese (for Captain Walter)* and Joanne Day (for Captain Rick Boardman). Joanne took the prize for the already overly reported event in which she was bounced by an errant wake into the air and down the steps into the vessel's cabin. The event happened during the first day of the Top Gun Cruise in the Chesapeake Bay just outside the C&D Canal. Lt Day reported at the September meeting that, although her black eye had gone away, her neck was still sore. Captain Boardman protested that he shouldn't be considered "mean" because he didn't intend any harm.

The next morning, while we're having our Bloody Marys, Mike and his wife show up, not empty handed but carrying an axe handle. He gave it to Dennis Nugent, Dundalk's Commander and explained that in Ireland it's a great old tradition to have a "Crew Comforter". Thus was born the Dundalk (and Delaware River) Crew Comforter award to be given to the "meanest" captain and/or the crew of the vessel which has suffered the most during the cruise. The axe handle gives comfort.

There is no single method of choosing the winner.

1. A crew member can stand in front of the cruise group and complain loudly about the Captain and plead for the comforter.
2. A crew member can submit a written complaint about the Captain and plead for the comforter.
3. The various crew members have sometimes written their complaints in poetic form.
4. A crew member can receive the award by acclamation by the entire cruise group.
5. The cruise director can simply make the decision based on his/her observations (this method is handy if the crew member is truly afraid of the captain).

Joanne's winning poem:

*Off to sail the ocean blue.
Nancy, Rick, Evan, me too!
The bay was quite calm but oh what a wake.
My body went tumbling,
It was all I could take.
Rick said, "Let's do it once more."
Would you believe that's when my head hit the floor!
Nancy yelled, "Stop the boat!"
They looked around.
The heads were not working but all still afloat.
On to New York, it was really great.
But pills I must take or I sure do ache.
We love you Rick. Time will pass.
But I'll never forget when I fell on my a__!*

The winners over the years are:

1990	Jean Bachman
1991	Ann Holdstein
1992	Ken Nehmer (YES, Ken!)
1993	Micky McNelis
1994	Micky McNelis
1995	Merilyn Wright
1996	Not awarded
1997	Mary Hammond
1998	Lee Fuse
1999	Connie Barry
2000	Marita Knight
2001	Joanne Day & Bobby Blaker
2002	Not awarded
2003	Kathy Karpers
2004	Not awarded
2005	Joanne Day

Captains, look out!
P/C Read Van Zile, AP

OCTOBER

SQUADRON CALENDAR

October 22

Frostbite Cruise
at Sparrows Point Country Club

Our last cruise for the squadron this year. By boat or by car it's an easy trip. Come join us to celebrate and share the good times we had this year. The sign-up sheet is in this issue.

November 4-6

D/5 Fall Conference

Come to Silver Spring, since we are going to have a lot of fun and get information on all of the new educational programs. You also have to ask yourself; Am I up to date on all of the new electronic teaching tools, computers, projectors, software, plus all of the updated classes? Do I have the latest info on Instructor Development and the Vessel Safety Check Program? Get details in your *Mark 5* or at:

www.usps.org/localusps/d5/

November 16

General Meeting

Join us at Boulevard Diner for the meeting which will feature a presentation by Penny of "Chesapeake Bay Memories", a charity which has benefitted over 6000 area children in the last few years. Dinner at 1830 (optional), meeting at 2000.

December 21

General Meeting

Please come for the annual holiday celebration with hilarious gag gift exchanges, music, food and, oh yes, liquid refreshment. Dinner at 1830 (optional), meeting at 2000.

PLEASE JOIN US!



❄ 2005 Frostbite Rendezvous ❄

Registration deadline Oct. 14

It is hard to believe that winter is rapidly approaching and it is time to close the boating season with the Frostbite Rendezvous. The Frostbite Rendezvous will be held at the Sparrows Point Country Club at the mouth of the Patapsco River on Bear Creek. It is a relatively short run from your homeport and can easily be reached by car if the weather does not cooperate or you have put your boat away for the season. By car take the Beltway Merritt Blvd. exit, stay on Merritt Blvd. for approx. 2.3 miles, turn left (East) on Wise Avenue approx. 1.8 miles to the Sparrows Point Country Club entrance on your right. We hope you will join us and celebrate the closing of an active and very successful boating season.

Dress Code applies away from the pier, no Jeans, T-shirts or Denims permitted in the club.

Saturday, October 22

1700 Pitch-in Cocktail Party
1845 Dinner at Sparrows Point Country Club

Sunday, October 23

0900 Pitch-in Breakfast

Name of Skipper: _____ Phone: _____

Name of Mate & Guests: _____

Boat Name: _____ Boat Length: _____ Beam: _____ Draft: _____

Arrival date & time: _____ Departure date & time: _____

(You may come in Friday; Club Dinners are available off the Menu)

CHARGES

Slip Fee: \$ 30.00/night x _____ nights *(includes electric)* Total \$ _____
(Only 30 Amp. outlets, bring splitter if needed)

SATURDAY DINNER

❄ Prime Rib of Beef: \$ 32.00 x _____ persons \$ _____
(w/Horseradish & Yorkshire Pudding)

❄ Chicken Chesapeake: \$ 32.00 x _____ persons \$ _____
(Chicken Breast topped w/Crab Imperial)

❄ Flounder Paupietts: \$ 25.00 x _____ persons \$ _____
(Wrapped around Fresh Spinach, Swiss Cheese & Roasted Peppers, baked in a Light Champagne Sauce)

• Vegetable crab soup included with above entrees •

Total \$ _____

(Checks payable to Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron)

Chairperson: Rolf Stuenes
1916 Robinwood Road, Baltimore, MD 21222
Phone: (410) 285-0047

— Please note the registration deadline and comply with dress code. —