

ON THE HORIZON

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General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, 15 October, 2008 at 2000 (8:00 PM)

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

This One's For You Dundalk!!!

Interactive Meeting on what's happening with Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron—find out about upcoming events and our new Marketing Program, which new courses and seminars are available, AND most important, hearing from our members on what YOU would like to see.

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!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for the Wednesday, November 19, 2008 General Meeting

Boatswain's Mate Second Class (EXW) Michael Canapp, US Navy Reserve, is a member of the Maritime Expeditionary Boat Detachment 422 (formally IBU 25) based in Annapolis, Maryland. Recently back from deployment in Fujairah, United Arab Emirates. 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. Petty Officer 2nd Class Canapp is a qualified Expeditionary Warfare Specialist and Small Craft Coxswain.

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September 17th DSPTS Meeting a hit!

DSPTS had another meeting with over 50 in attendance at Blue Fins Restaurant! Dundalk's members and guests looked forward to this meeting with Bernadette Woods, WJZ TV Meteorologist, as guest speaker—and Bernadette did not disappoint. During her talk on Weather Forecasting, Bernadette discussed and handed out information on web sites to visit, which should prove helpful in the future. This was followed by a great Questions & Answers session, informative and at times funny as well. Blue Fins certainly did their part, giving DSPTS the whole room, providing good food and service, and a private bar. Plan on attending our upcoming meetings and events! Look for details throughout this issue of the Horizon.



P/C Ken Finck with speaker, Bernadette Woods.



Bernadette Woods talks to DSPTS Members and guests.



DSPTS Secretary, Lt/C Lane Letsch, prepares to take Minutes of the meeting.

Boats along the road washed up by storm surge.



Every boat owner is supposed to have a "hurricane plan" to protect his boat. Some plan! This marina is in Galveston, TX.



Boats on the road on Galveston Island, TX.



These photos and comments are from a 9/17/08 article in BoatTEST.COM, where they felt the boat owners in the Houston-Galveston area seemed not to have done much to protect their boats from the surge, especially given the fact there was plenty of warning on Hurricane Ike.

On behalf of DSPTS, I want to express that our thoughts and prayers go out to the people of Texas for their losses during Hurricane Ike.

- Horizon Editor

COMMANDER

Greetings Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron members!

I'm very proud to be part of a squadron that is enthusiastic about safe boating. We put into action on the water, what we've learned in the classrooms. We are the "Cruising Squadron!" It's been exciting seeing members participate in our summer cruises up and down the bay. You, the members, are the folks who make each event a success and prove that times spent together are the best times of all.

Speaking of getting together, our membership meetings have been outstanding. We have had a tremendous turn out of members and guests. If the numbers keep increasing, we'll need to find a larger location to meet! The speakers have been informative, and well received. And the conversation around the dinner table as we share what we've been doing on our boats has been exciting. Especially those that will qualify for the Busted Shamrock! If you've missed a few meetings, plan to attend this month!

Your Bridge is set on a course to move the squadron forward! We are working on strategies to increase member involvement, and new members. A new Marketing Committee has been formed and has already met a few times. Brochures are being developed to highlight our squadron so you, our members, will have a tool to use when talking to friends about our great squadron, and the benefits of becoming a member. You can find a sample of the brochure on Page 11 of this issue, and note the current price for joining DSPS is \$50 for an individual and \$75 for an individual with family, effective through May 31, 2009.

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. Be safe out on the water, and tell someone about United States Power Squadrons, America's Boating Club!

Respectfully submitted,
Cdr Tracey C. Stuenes, P
410-282-0790

USPS NEWS



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 09, 2008

Governing Board Surprise

Governing Board Meetings can be pretty predictable. Meetings, seminars, tours and lots of socializing in the halls of the hotel. The Detroit Governing Board started out that way. Many of our members got to visit the tall ship "Highlander Sea" and some were privileged to do some sailing.



On Thursday, that changed. All of a sudden, the hotel is filled with security personnel and at times the elevators are locked in place. **Steve Erickson** the D/16 photographer has a curious streak and decided to find out what was happening. Lo and behold, the Republican ticket of **John McCain** and **Sarah Palin** were entering the building and Steve captured the moment.

Be sure to join us in Anaheim for the 2009 Annual Meeting. We'll have a new president and vice president by then and who knows, they might pay us a visit.



<http://www.usps.org/national/natmeetings/Anaheim/Anaheim/Anaheim.html>

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Baltimore Boat Show will be held from 21 – 25 January, 2009 at the Baltimore Convention Center. We will have the D/5 Education Trailer and SeaVester so we'll need lots of volunteers. I'll be posting sign-up sheets shortly. REMEMBER, volunteers get into the show for FREE!!!!

PLEASE!!!!!! If you have not done so already, sign up for our email list-serve. It's easy. Just visit our website, 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 from 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).

Our recently formed Marketing Committee has been working hard to develop a flyer that will provide the public and

prospective members information about DSPS and USPS. Thanks go to David Isherwood for getting the ball rolling on this project. We should have a final product available for our new mini-seminar series at the West Marine in Canton, set to start on 4 October, 2008.

This seminar series is designed to introduce people to DSPS and USPS by presenting a shortened version of the new seminars. Topics presented will include Onboard Weather Forecasting, GPS and Skipper Saver.

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 or by cell phone at 410-456-5854.

Respectfully submitted,

Lt/C David Seidenman, AP

Chesapeake Bay Memories needs Dundalk's help!

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

The Squadron Boating Course class that registered on 9, September at the Anchorage Marina has 6 students enrolled with P/C Ken Finck, AP as instructor.

A Hands-on-GPS course is scheduled to register on Thursday, 25 September at Dundalk High School, 1901 Delvale Avenue, Dundalk from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM for 3 consecutive Thursdays.

Another Squadron Boating Course is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, 30 September at Dundalk High School, 1901 Delvale Avenue, Dundalk from 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM.

A third Squadron Boating Course will register on Thursday, 9 October at Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, 5401 Eastern Avenue, Greektown 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM.

Another Hands-on-GPS course is scheduled to register on Thursday, 30 October at Dundalk High School, 1901 Delvale

Avenue, Dundalk from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM for 3 consecutive Thursday.

We have two people interested in Engine Maintenance. We need a few more to start a class. Please contact the SEO if you are interested in this class.

Congratulations go to Frank A. Tedeschi and William P. Carter, III for completing the requirements for the Educational Proficiency Award.

Respectively submitted,

P/C Lois Nehmer, SN

seo@udspsdundalk.org or 410-686-2262



West Marine Seminar Series

As part of the new DSPS marketing campaign, the short seminars at the West Marine store in Canton kick-off on October 4th. Weather will be given at 1100 (11 AM) and GPS at 1300 (1 PM). As a bonus to those becoming a member of Dundalk at any of the seminars, Dundalk will pay the \$25 initiation fee. Spread the word, and be sure to give the new marketing flyer with membership application in this issue to a prospective member!

For the Good of the Squadron

This is a commercial.

But, first of all, my compliments to P/Lt/C Stuart Newborn, S on bringing Ms Bernadette Woods, WJZ-TV meteorologist, to the September meeting of the membership of Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron. Her presentation elicited more questions and comments from the floor than any that I have heard in my short time with Dundalk.

Mark Twain observed, just as at the September meeting: "Everyone talks about the weather, but no one does anything about it."

But Dundalk, you **can** do something about it.

Take the United States Power Squadron Weather Course.

The thirteen weeks that you will devote to the Weather course will provide you with a basic understanding of the dynamics of the vapors and gasses that surround our planet. You won't be a meteorologist when you complete the course, but you will be able to make short term forecasts that will enable you to be a safer, more comfortable boater.

P/C Anthony Van de Wal, N

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

We had about 42 members plus guests attend the last General Membership Meeting. We got to hear about "Weather Forecasting" from Bernadette Woods, who is a Meteorologist with WJZ-TV. It was a very interesting discussion with several questions during follow-up.

If you didn't make the meeting, Blue Fins restaurant gave us the entire room to ourselves and are really trying to work with us. However, we do have a team looking into new locations. The team is Tracey Stuenes, Sue Bussey and myself. We have gotten a lot of good feedback from

some of the members and the Survey that Stu Newborn is taking. If you have good ideas about some restaurants or other locations that might be a good spot – please contact one of us.

Summer is officially over, but there are still many activities in which to join in the fun! Please review your Horizon for the details. See you there!

Respectfully submitted,
Lt/C J. Street Broadbent, AP
ao@uspsdundalk.org or (410-598-0833)



DUNDALK SAIL & POWER SQUADRON
HOLIDAY MEETING & PARTY
DECEMBER 10, 2008, 6:30 p.m.

The annual Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron's Holiday Meeting and Party will be held this year at the Rosedale American Legion Hall located at 1331 Seling Avenue Rosedale, Md.

Directions: From the Beltway (695) take exit 34 to Route 7 west (toward the city), go approximately 1.3 miles to Seling Avenue, turn right and go 0.1 mile to the hall (on the left).

We will have a catered Buffet style dinner, watch for details coming soon.



Again this year we will be having a Chinese Auction. Everyone that wishes to participate will bring a unisex gift of \$10.00 value.



Note date is the 2nd Wednesday, not 3rd!



DUNDALK FROSTBITE CRUISE

**AT BALTIMORE YACHT CLUB OCTOBER 25, 2008
OUTDATED FLARE BURNING 4:00 P.M. NEAR THE PAVILLION
APPROVED BY THE U.S. COAST GUARD**

PITCH-IN COCKTAIL PARTY TO FOLLOW

DINNER IN CLUBHOUSE

MENU

**SALAD BAR-TACO BAR-BURGERS-
CHICKEN STRIPS—MACARONI & CHEESE
COOKIES-COFFEE & TEA
MUSIC BY JOEY MCCANN
FUN FOR ALL AGES- HAUNTED HOUSE,
COSTUME PARADE, SCARECROW MAKING
SURPRISES GALORE**

**COST: \$22.00 PER ADULT—CHILD: \$9.00
ALL INCLUSIVE**

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE IN AND PAID BY 10/18/08
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO 'DPS' AND MAIL TO:
THE BUSSEY'S, 1410 BONNETT PL, UNIT D, BEL AIR MD 21015**

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT CHAIRPERSONS
SUE OR DICK BUSSEY 443-567-5692**

**If you need docking arrangements, call Garey at BYC,
410-682-6745**

HAVEN HARBOUR MARINA – ROCK HALL, MD

Registration Form – District 5 Sail Regatta and Fall Festival

For Schedule of Activities go to: <http://uspsd5.org/Festival2008ActivitiesSchedule3.doc>

October 10 thru October 13, 2008

Co-Hosts: Delhigh and Susquehannock Power Squadrons

Welcome Power & Sail, Trailer Boats and RV's

MEMBER: Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____

ADDRESS: Street _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

SQUADRON: _____ Pos. _____

CONTACT: E-mail _____ Phone _____

BOAT INFO: Name _____ Length _____ Beam _____

RV INFO : Length _____

Make your own reservation with the Marina 410-778-6697 or 800-506-6697

For Hotels, Motels to stay, see Event Announcement on D/5 Website <http://uspsd5.org>

Spouse/other attendees:

Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____

Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____

Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____

Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____

Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____

Will contribute case of beer, soda, water, or wine to Ice Chest Yes _____ (circle one)

Catered Swan Point Inn Dinner Buffet - Saturday # _____ x \$19 = _____

Children (6-12) # _____ x \$5 = _____

Pruitt's Swan Point Inn Banquet Dinner- Sunday

Steak and Crab Cake # _____ x \$32 = _____

Chicken Marsala # _____ x \$32 = _____

Fried Shrimp # _____ x \$32 = _____

Chicken Chesapeake # _____ x \$32 = _____

(Children's Menu Available @ Dinner)

Fishing Derby 4 Hours (Bait, Beer, and Soda) # _____ x \$5 = _____

Registration Fee # _____ x \$5 = _____

(Per Adult, includes Coffee Bar, Poker, Games, Awards)

TOTAL _____

Make Checks payable to: Hampton Rhoads Power Squadron

Send To: D/Lt Gary K. Kirts, AP, 400 Kings Point Avenue, Smithfield, VA 23430, 757-357-2317, kirtssmthfld@aol.com

**USPS D/5 FALL CONFERENCE RESERVATION FORM
6-9 November 2008 - Solomons, Maryland**

(See Event Schedule at <http://uspsd5.org>)

MEMBER: Rank _____ Name: _____ Grade: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

SQUADRON: _____ POSITION: _____ FIRST TIMER? _____

E-mail: _____ PHONE: _____

SPOUSE/OTHER ATTENDEES:

Rank: _____ Name: _____ Grade: _____ First Timer? _____

Rank: _____ Name: _____ Grade: _____ First Timer? _____

Rank: _____ Name: _____ Grade: _____ First Timer? _____

ACTIVITIES SELECTIONS

FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL - 1930 - 2130 # _____ @ \$10.00 \$ _____

SATURDAY LUNCHEON

Turkey Wrap with potato salad and cole slaw # _____ @ \$18.00 \$ _____

Vegetable Wrap with potato salad and cole slaw # _____ @ \$18.00 \$ _____

SATURDAY BANQUET ENTREE CHOICES:

USDA Choice Prime Rib of Beef # _____ @ \$35.00 \$ _____

Grouper Au Poivre Grilled to perfection # _____ @ \$35.00 \$ _____

OPTIONAL

Room raffle 2 FREE NIGHTS 1 ticket for \$5.00 or 3 for \$10.00 # _____ @ \$5 or \$10 \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to: 2008 D/5 Fall Conference

SEND TO: P/C Barbara Walter, AP
29961 Skyview Drive
Mechanicsville, MD 20659-6118
Phone: 301 884-4696
E-mail address: last-chance@comcast.net

Uniform – Friday – USPS/Squadron shirts. Saturday – Team casual. Banquet – Uniform A with bowtie. Sunday Conference – Blue Blazer.

Holiday Inn Select Solomons 155 Holiday Drive, Solomons, MD 20688

Reservations: 1-800-356-2009 and use the Reservation ID Code U68

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE GUARANTEED BY: 6 OCTOBER 2008

Single: \$104.00 Double: \$104.00 Suite \$169.00 – \$219.00

NOTE: All rooms include Complimentary Coffee Maker/coffee, Iron/Ironing Board, Hair Dryer.

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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)

Name _____ How long a member of DSPTS? _____

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 1st 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 DSPTS members at your marina/club? _____ Approximately how many? _____

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

How many DSPTS 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 DSPTS 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.



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- Take your own boat or crew on someone else's
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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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- America's Boating Course, Seamanship, GPS, Engine Maintenance, Piloting, Advanced Piloting, Marine Electronics, Cruise Planning, Junior Navigation, Sail, Navigation, Weather and more.

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- 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: 3rd 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
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- Map and Navigation software discounts
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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: _____



October—December 2008 Calendar

October 10-13	D/5 Sail Regatta & Fall Festival
October 15	General Membership Meeting—Blue Fins <i>This One's for You Dundalk!!!</i>
October 25	Frostbite Cruise to Baltimore Yacht Club
November 6-9	USPS D/5 Fall Conference—Solomons, MD
November 19	General Membership Meeting—Blue Fins <i>Michael Canapp, Expeditionary Warfare Specialist & Small Craft Coxswain</i>
December 10	Holiday Party—Rosedale American Legion Hall Note: New Date!

SAFE BOATING THROUGH EDUCATION