

# ON THE HORIZON

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## "Next" General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, **21 October, 2009** at 2000 (8:00 PM)  
Dinner/Drinks/Social optional at 1830 (6:30 PM)

Our speaker for October is Eileen Riley, the wife of Doug Riley. She will be speaking and showing videos of her trip to Kuwait, Afghanistan and Iraq with the U.S. Military.

This should be a very interesting meeting so please plan to attend. She has been away for several months and I know her family is glad she has safely returned.



### New Location:

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# 2009-2010 BRIDGE

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## November Meeting Information

### “Energy Conservation and Innovative Practices at the Back River WWTP”

**Nicholas H. Frankos**

Plant Manager

Back River Wastewater Treatment Plant



**Site Area. 466 acres. Service Area. 140 square miles. Design Capacity. 180 MGD. Hydraulic Capac-**

Mr. Frankos has worked over 25 years in Baltimore City's Wastewater Facilities Division. He has been Plant Manager at Back River WWTP since 1994. The Back River Plant is designed for 180 MGD and is the largest wastewater treatment plant in Maryland. It is a regional facility handling flow from Baltimore City and County. Mr. Frankos supervises over 300 employees and oversees an annual budget of 50 million dollars.

- \* Graduated from Baltimore City College – 1969
- \* Graduated from University of Maryland- 1974
- \* BS Degree Environmental Science
- \* 1974-1981 Worked as a research assistant for the Maryland Environmental Services at the USDA Research Center, Beltsville MD
  - Conducted research on various types of sludge utilization methods, such as composting and land application; on soil, plant and groundwater systems.
- \* Hired by Baltimore City DPW in 1981 as an Operations Engineer at the Back River WWTP.
  - Responsible for directing the Sludge Management Program
- \* Promoted to Plant Manager in 1994 and responsible for all aspects pertaining to the operation and maintenance of the facility.

# COMMANDER



Dear Dundalk members,

The season truly is winding down now. We've completed almost all of our scheduled cruises, save our Frostbite Cruise to Baltimore Yacht Club for their Halloween Party, 31 October, 2009.

I've heard that Dundalk boats did very well in both the D5 Sailing Regatta and the Fishing Tournament. My information is that Rolf took 2<sup>nd</sup> place sailing with Scandia and Bernie won 1<sup>st</sup> place fishing with After Hours II. No surprises there.

Well, that's all for now. I hope to see everyone at the Membership Meeting on 21 October, 2009.

Remember that our meetings are at the Elks Club Lodge in Essex, 1007 East Homberg Ave., Essex, MD 21221. See you all there.

As always, I remain available if anyone has a question, comment or complaint. I can be reached by email at [cdr@uspsdundalk.org](mailto:cdr@uspsdundalk.org) or by cell phone at 410-456-5854.

Respectfully submitted,

Cdr. David S. Seidenman, AP

# EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Wow.....it is really hard to realize that fall is indeed upon us. The summer boating season was certainly full of adventures and fun.

As you know, D/5 had their Sail Regatta and Fall Festival at Herrington Harbour in Southern Anne Arundel County. We were fortunate enough to have a few DSPS members there and hope next year we will have more in attendance.

The first weekend in November is the D/5 Fall Educational Conference to be held in Rockville. This is the event where everything is centered around education. If you have never been to one of these conferences, I would recommend that you do. It is full of information.

I will be helping Annapolis Sail & Power Squadron at the 38th Annual In the Water Power Boat Show this weekend. In return, I have been assured that we should have some of their members help us with the Baltimore Boat Show this winter. Speaking of the Boat Show, P/C Tracey will be in touch requesting help in manning the booth and working with Sea Vester in January. Mark your calendars NOW so you can be available to participate.

We, DSPS, are looking for more ways to "get the word out" that Dundalk and USPS are the best ways to get a great education for safe boating. If you think of any event(s)

where we may want to participate, please let me know.

Take care and please feel free to let me know if I can be of any assistance to you.

Lt/C Katharine J. "Fuzzy" Jones, S

Executive Officer



### FRIENDLY REMINDER TO ALL:

Please remember to let us know if you go away for the winter or move to another address. Also, if you change your phone or cell phone number(s) so we can make sure you are kept informed of upcoming events. Please give all changes to our Secretary who will in turn notify National and everyone else who needs to have the information.

THANK YOU.

# EDUCATIONAL OFFICER



## DUNDALK SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON Squadron Boating Course Schedule For 2009

Anyone interested in taking the **Navigation Course** starting in September, please contact me or Dennis Henderson. If there are people interested he will teach the course. But he needs to know by the Middle of September so he can prepare.



**Piloting** will begin sometime in late October or early November. Please contact me or Streett Broadbent if

Lois M. Nehmer, Education Officer

[seo@uspsdundalk.org](mailto:seo@uspsdundalk.org)

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### District 5 Sail Regatta & Fishing Tournament

Herrington Harbour was a beautiful place. Too bad Steven and I couldn't stay for the awards on Saturday night.

The fishing practice on After Hours II was a bust, it was a very rough and windy day on Friday. The cocktail party on Friday night turned out to be a beautiful evening. Sometime during the cocktail party a stuffed banana with my face on it appeared hanging from one of our rods on the boat. Who knows who did it???

Jennifer Dalgarno



# *ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER*



Our speaker for the month of October is Eileen Riley, the wife of Doug. She will be speaking and showing videos of her trip to Kuwait, Afghanistan and Iraq with the U.S. Military. This should be a very interesting meeting so please plan to attend. She has been away for several months and I know her family is glad she has safely returned.

The D/5 Sail regatta and Fall Festival takes place at Herrington Harbor South the weekend of October 2-4. It promises to be a great time. There is something for all everyone. Talk to Bernie to see how to fish!

November will be the speaker from the Back River Treatment Plant and I am sure he has lots of information for us. Shana Seidenman has secured this speaker for us and we appreciate her efforts to bring us this updated information.

October 31, 2009 will be our Frostbite Cruise and evening at Baltimore Yacht Club. There will be slips available for those needing dockage. Call Gary the dock master at BYC 410-682-2310 if you need a slip. There will be a pitch in cocktail party in the pavilion at BYC at 5 P.M.. Please plan to come and bring a light snack. Dinner

will be served in the clubhouse. I am awaiting the menu and cost from them and will keep you posted by email.

We hope to have a good turnout again this year.

The menu for our October meeting will be Chicken Parm or Roast Pork, mashed potatoes, sauerkraut veggie

Price will be \$11.00 per person. Beginning in November we are looking at a buffet. Pat at the ELKS lodge is working on a different menu for us and the price will be about the same. Please make your reservations for dinner by October 14, 2009.

Glad to see Tony Van De Wal,N at the meeting after his illness. Also, Bill Dahl is home and awaiting phone calls from everyone. We hope to see you soon Bill.

D5 Fall Conference is approaching on Nov. 6-8. It is being held in Rockville, Maryland. Let's try to get together and attend the conference--even for a day!

LT/C Suzann K. Bussey, S  
Administrative Officer

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# *SECRETARY'S REPORT*



The DSPS Secretary seldom has prepared an input for the issues of "On the Horizon", but I do wish to provide an input to this month's publication.

I would like to thank the Assistant Secretary, Greg Letsch, for his yeoman's effort in filling in for me when I was out of town. The Bridge and Executive Committee has commented that Greg has done an excellent job when asked to perform the secretarial duties at both the Executive Committee and General Membership meetings. The old expression of: "if you want a job done right, give it to a busy person" certainly applies here.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lane Letsch, DSPS Secretary

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# *TREASURER'S REPORT*



**Just a reminder for those who haven't paid their dues, please do so ASAP**

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard D. Bussey, P Treasurer



## 2009 Crab Feast “Report”



[To refresh your memory, you might want to see the January, 2009 issue of “On the Horizon” which is available on line in case you no longer have or keep the hard copy.]

### **Where’d they go?                      Where’d they go?**

**Shelley:** “Jimmy, where did they go?”

**Jimmy:** “Where did who go?”

**Shelley:** “Come on now, you know who I mean! - that nice group of people who come to Haven Harbour for their crab feast each year on the weekend before Labor Day”

**Jimmy:** “Oh, that group. You mean the ones who have that thing they call **Sourpuss** that you like so much?”

**Shelley:** “Yes, that’s the group. They’re always such fun and seem to have a good time. They have people from other States and people with fancy titles like **Past District Commander** and things like that. And yes, I do think that Sourpuss is just the cutest thing. I’d like to take him home. “Whoops, I guess I shouldn’t say that.”

**Jimmy:** “You’re right you shouldn’t say that.”

**Shelley:** “Sorry, hon.”

**Jimmy:** “Hon?”

**Shelley:** “Yeah, hon. Oh, you’re just not with it. That’s what everybody in Baltimore says – especially waitresses.”

**Jimmy:** “If you say so”

**Shelley:** “So....where did they go? I also missed seeing that cute little beer guy, Herbie something or other”

**Jimmy:** “You know I heard that he spent the day sitting at the bar at the American Legion Hall in Rock Hall. Now, I didn’t actually see him there – it’s much too far a crawl for me from Haven Harbour to the American Legion Hall, but I had it on good authority that he wasn’t dispensing beer this year, but instead, was drinking it.”

**Shelley:** “NO!”

**Jimmy:** “Yes!”

**Shelley:** “Well, why was he down there in the first place? He belonged up at Haven Harbour!”

**Jimmy:** “Well, the story I heard was that because of a high possibility of bad weather they decided to have it inside”

**Shelley:** “Well, of all the nerve! But I guess you can’t blame them – sitting outside in the rain eating crabs (OH, how I hate to say that) wouldn’t be much fun and..... I get to be around Sourpuss for another year”

**Jimmy:** “Well, my inside source gave me more information. Now PLEASE, don’t interrupt me as I tell you the story. As you may recall, the weekend of the crab feast had a hurricane offshore and another low pressure center aiming for us from the Texas area. Until 2009, they had never had bad weather for the feast and it had always been outdoors at Haven Harbour. There had never been a “Plan B”. Well, they finally had to have a “Plan B” with the terrible weather reports. With the help of the folks who supply the crabs, they were able on very short notice to have their feast inside at the American Legion Hall. With the help of a lot of people – including members of the American Legion, things seemed to go smoothly.”

**Shelley:** “Except we missed it ‘cause they didn’t call us and tell us”

**Jimmy:** “I know. My source continued by saying that many people want to continue to have it indoors as it is air conditioned; no heat and smoke blowing in your face from the grills, no bugs. There are, of course, some drawbacks. For one thing it’s more expensive as they had to rent the hall and buy the beer from the Legion – which is why you didn’t find your ‘cute’ little beer boy. Plus, quite a few people think that having it outdoors makes it more informal, people mingle more and have time to sit and talk even after the music is over, after the crabs are gone and they’re cleaning up and there’s no rush to get on the Trolley (another expense). My source tells me that a rough calculation is that it’s divided roughly 50/50 inside/outside.!”



## 2009 Crab Feast “Report” (Cont.)



**Shelley:** “So we don’t know where they will be next year.”

**Jimmy:** “Well, yes and no”

**Shelley:** “What pray tell does that mean?”

**Jimmy:** “It means that it will be at one of two places, either indoors or outdoors. They’ll make up their mind later. And....while you were giving this Sourpuss guy the eye, Read told me the following:

*My thanks to the many people who helped in so many ways – some visible, some behind the scenes. In no particular order (with certain exceptions) the helpers were: Connie Barry; Dick & Sue Bussey; Fuzzy Jones; Lane and Lynda Letsch; Tracey and Roy Stuenes; Bobby Blaker; Rolf Stuenes; Stuart, Diane and Sydni Newborn; Jennifer Dalgarno; Ken Finck; Ron & Susan Hines; Greg Letsch, Lois Nehmer; Walter Neese; Bob Coleman; Dave Seidenman; also several Associate members such as Freddy Shallcross and Al Ponzio.*

*I also want to thank the many Associate members, members of other Squadrons and members of yacht clubs who come to our event. We love having all these people many of whom have been joining us for years.*

*Extra special thanks go first of all to Joanne Day who works tirelessly the day of the feast and has worked for many, many hours behind the scenes helping us buy our supplies at the lowest possible price. Also of great help – as usual – are Brian Hall who carried anything and everything for us and finally Rolf Stuenes who I think had the place cleaned up in almost no time at all. My sincerest thanks to you all.*

*For those of you who like a few numbers: Our attendance was up from last year by about 11% to 189. We had 15 bushels of crabs with about 1 bushel left over; about 550 ears of corn with about 50 left over; 12 lbs of hot dogs, 12 lbs of bratwurst, 30 lbs of hamburgers – some of each left over; 3 full size bakery sheets of peach cake and lots of soft drinks.*

We hope you enjoyed Palmtree Charlie as we’ve engaged him for next year.

**Mark you calendars now for the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Crab Feast to be held on August 28, 2010.**

**Jimmy & Shelley yelling in unison: THANKS TO EVERYONE !!!**



## Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron Cruising Schedule.

October 30<sup>th</sup> – November 1<sup>st</sup> Frostbite Cruise & Halloween Party at Baltimore Yacht Club.

If you are not a BYC member please contact Sue Bussey for more information. Dockage is very reasonable.

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I am planning on attending the following events

October 30<sup>th</sup> – November 1<sup>st</sup>. BYC Friday \_\_\_\_ Saturday \_\_\_\_ Sunday Morning \_\_\_\_

# of Persons attending \_\_\_\_ Transportation Boat or Car

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# The Real Dundalk!

Friends of mine visited Ireland recently. Before they left, I was told that her uncle came to the US from Dundalk and he had asked her to purchase a souvenir for him. Getting into the act, I asked for some, too, telling her that I'd bring them up to the squadron so the Commander could use them for prizes or raffle them off.

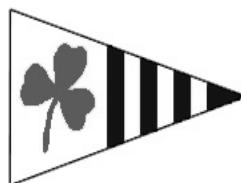
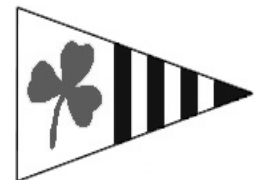
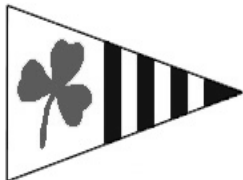
Early one morning, the couple visited a small town just north of Dundalk, a very friendly place where the people recognized them as Americans (I think the camera around his neck had something to do with that!) and began talking to them. In this pleasant mood, they drove into Dundalk. The streets were deserted and, she said, almost spooky! They went in to a couple of shops but did not find anything marked "Dundalk". In the last shop, she asked the proprietress whether she had a tee shirt with "Dundalk" on it.

The answer was, "Why would you want one?"

Guess we're better off with the Dundalk we know!!

Below are some pictures of "Dundalk"

D/Lt Micky McNelis, P



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<b>JN:</b>	<b>WIN A CHARTPLOTTER</b>
<b>Weather:</b>	<b>WIN A BAROMETER</b>
<b>Marine Electrical Systems:</b>	<b>WIN A MULTIMETER</b>
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*To enter the drawing, all you need to do is the following:*

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



## SAFE BOATING THROUGH EDUCATION

### October—December 2009 Calendar

October 21	General Membership Meeting
October 31	Frostbite Cruise at Baltimore Yacht Club
Nov 6-8	D/5 Fall Education Conference— Rockville, MD
November 18	General Membership Meeting
December 16	General Membership Meeting and Holiday Party



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