



ON THE HORIZON

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**OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 18 , 2017.**

COMMANDER

David Blades, N



Where has the summer gone? As I write this column we are just about one week out from the autumnal equinox. The days are definitely getting shorter and generally cooler. Fall is upon us and, almost unbelievably, so is the time when we will have to, once again, take S/V Tiphys to her winter home. There is, however, ample opportunity to get in some more great sailing as October is usually one of the better months for good windy days. There is nothing quite like anchoring in a quite cove on a crisp autumn evening with the leaves turning in their stunning display of bright reds and yellows to the sound of a flock of geese on their journey south for the winter.

Also, as I write this I am reminded of how fortunate we are to live in the area of the mid-atlantic. The memories of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma are still fresh and we have yet, at this point in time, to discover exactly what toll they have taken in terms of damage to property and loss of lives. Rarely are we in Maryland subjected to weather events of the magnitude of these storms. This does not mean, however, that I do not believe that we could be impacted by such an event. Hurricane Isabelle and Superstorm Sandy come to mind. It has been a while though and complacency is something that I am not immune to. It seems that a well thought out storm plan is something that has escaped my attention. Time to get working on that!

It seems that Rock Hall is fast becoming our weekend getaway of choice. We have been there a record five times this year. Once to anchor for Fourth of July fireworks, once to the Sailing Emporium and three to North Point Marina. The three to North Point Marina were to lay the groundwork

for the Nav E. Student Celestial Navigation Rendezvous. This year marked the 2nd annual occurrence of this event. This year we had 25 students representing 5 Squadrons from District 5 including two Sea Scouts. The weather was magnificent with many opportunities for everyone to get a sextant in their hands and learn the basics of determining their location on earth by using the sun, moon, stars and planets. I would like to extend a much deserved "Well done!" to Squadron Lt. Susan Rudy for her work in planning this weekend and bringing it to fruition. If you missed it this year then keep an eye and an ear open for next year's event. Everyone in attendance agreed that given this year's success that there should indeed be a 3rd annual Rendezvous.

That's it for this month. I hope to see everyone either on the water or at one of our meetings and remember "safety first"!

Respectfully submitted,
CDR David Blades, N



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.

Celestial Navigation Weekend Taps Support of D5 Squadrons – by Lt. Susan Rudy, N

The 2nd Annual Nav E. Student** Rendezvous was held September 8 through 10 at North Point Marina in Rock Hall, as organized by Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron. The covered pavilion by the jetty was the perfect location for formal instruction and peer-to-peer mentoring, as 26 students had a chance to learn, refresh and practice knowledge and skills of celestial sight taking.

We were extremely lucky with our weather window, coming as it did between the major tropical weather systems hitting the U.S. in early September; our concerns continue with those impacted. There were many opportunities for sight-taking on the sun, moon, stars and planets, including morning and evening twilight, meridian transit, and two- and three-body fixes.

Many participants contributed to the smooth flow of the weekend. Kudos to our instructors Randy Williams & Mike Minard (Wilmington), David Blades & Susan Rudy (Dundalk), and Sam Lyness (Annapolis) who prepared lecture topics and informative handouts, and also to Carol Rechner (Annapolis) who pinch-hit when an instructor was suddenly called away. Many more experienced celestial navigators were on hand to help with one-on-one mentoring in the use of the sextant for the un-initiated or rusty celestial navigators.

Thanks go out to our host Lori Campbell of North Point Marina who made arrangements for our group and allowed us unfettered use of marina facilities. Also, special thanks to Annapolis members Georgiana Maszczenski and Peggy Slattery, who provided hospitality for our potluck meals.

Finally, much appreciation is due to our USPS community members who participated. We had 30 overall attendees from 5 different squadrons (Miles River and Nanticoke, in addition to Dundalk, Annapolis and Wilmington), as well as a contingent of Sea Scouts who were transported and hosted at the event by Dundalk member Doug Riley. Nine squadron boats were in attendance. It was exciting to watch our group come together to share knowledge and enthusiasm for the topic. As District Commander C.M. Kohlenberg commented at the wrap-up, 'This is what we do in USPS'.

There was much enthusiasm for repeating the event next year... stay tuned and stay in touch! Send email to SFRUDY@gmail.com to be on the advance mailing list for 2018.



Looking for Stars at Twilight



Sharing Knowledge in the Pavilion



Sight Taking with Sextant

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

J. Streett Broadbent, AP



1. Vessel Safety Checks:

- a. DSPS
- b. 74VSC's; Passed 55 (75%); by 6 VE's (12.3 VSC's per VE)
District 5 Statistics:
- c. 2,318 VSC's; Passed 2,102 (90%); by 149 VE's (15.6 VSC's per VE)
National Statistics
- d. 23,771 VSC's; Passed 21,853 (91%); by 1,506 VE's (15.8 VSC's per VE)
Final entries for Awards must be made by **Oct. 31st**.
Squadron Tallies (Not all Tallied Yet)



UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS DATE: 9/12/2017

VESSEL SAFETY CHECK FOR YEAR- 2017 Dist# 05 Dundalk Sail & Power Decals sent: 130

NAME	TOT.CHECKS	# PASSED	LAST CHECK DATE
Consiglia P. Barry	10	6	6/10/2017
Ronald V. Basener	4	3	7/11/2017
J. Streett Broadbent	19	16	8/29/2017
Kenneth H. W. Finck	26	16	9/01/2017
Glenn B. Haldeman	8	8	6/10/2017
John Lewis Hall	7	6	5/20/2017

TOTALS Dundalk Sail & **6** **74** **55**

Last Year (2016) 6 39 25

Difference **Same** **+35** **+30**



Our VE's minus Connie

Respectfully submitted,

LT/C J. Streett Broadbent, AP

EDUCATIONAL OFFICER
John L. Hall, AP



Those of you who have been using marine VHF radios for years are probably aware that you have only been allowed to use them on board the vessel. It was a big no-no to even use them from the dock. The FCC was petitioned to allow near-shore use of marine VHF to communicate between vessels and their crews. They objected based on the potential for interference between land based communication and the needs of vessels underway. However upon further consideration they have amended the rules to allow such use.

Under the revision posted in FCC 16-119 handheld marine VHF radios may be used only in areas adjacent to the water, such as docks and beaches. In addition onshore communications must relate to the operational and business needs of the vessel. Also transmission must be limited to the minimal practicable transmission time.

This is really good news. One of the reasons the FCC revised the rules is the hope that it will promote more widespread use of VHF radios. This should encourage more monitoring of VHF radios. Even if it is just to see if I forgot something in the car.

The fall conference will be in King of Prussia Pennsylvania October 27-29th. The schedule has been posted on the D5 website. Education is a primary focus of the fall conference and this will be great opportunity to learn about the courses, materials, techniques and resources that are being developed. It is also our opportunity to help create to future of education in the United States Power Squadrons.

Stay safe out there and keep learning

Calendar of Pending Courses:

<u>Course</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Member / Non Member</u>
Cruise Planning	Essex	In progress	8 weeks	\$49/\$79
Next session	Essex	TBD		
Seamanship	Essex	7:00 PM 9/21/17	Seven weeks	\$52 / \$100
Advanced Piloting	Anchorage	7:00 PM 9/21/17	Eight Weeks	\$72//\$117
Junior Navigation	TBD	4:00 PM 11/5/17	Ten Weeks	\$72//\$117
Piloting	Essex	7:00 PM 2/1/18	Eight weeks	\$65 / \$113

Respectfully submitted,
Lt/C John L. Hall, AP - SEO



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Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of the month
Dinner 6:00 pm, Meeting 7:30 pm

The Bowman Restaurant

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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
Glenn Haldeman, AP



There is always something...

“Celestial navigation is based on the premise that the Earth is the center of the universe. The premise is wrong, but the navigation works. An incorrect model can be a useful tool.”

-Kelvin Throop III

The upcoming Second Annual Nav E Celestial Navigation Rendezvous looks SO interesting. I can't quite commit yet, but I hope to be there. Thanks to Susan and David for putting this together. I'm certainly "new to the world of sextants".

It is said that there is always something going on with an old 1978 boat like mine. **My Way** is now more new than old and the sea gods are merely keeping me busy. Recently, after coping with a suddenly dead engine on the way out of my fairway, it was determined that the fuel pump was not delivering sufficiently. Two fixes present themselves. One is a new pump for a mere \$600 and competent installation. Second is an inline electric fuel pump inserted in my brand new fuel line. Fuel pumps come in lots of flavors starting at \$10. I opted for a better Facet brand pump and will wire it to the starting switch (thank you John Hall for the electrical course) as soon as it arrives. I did try the cheapo version and it works. I know I'll feel better by sacrificing larger boat bucks to those demanding sea gods. AND it is not a Magyver fix since I found it on the internet. Sigh, one must work to maintain a good relationship. I really like my boat.

Just in case there is an interest in the subject of engines, I too have been waiting for a USPS engine course to appear. I passed on similar offerings as too pricey or maybe I was not really ready to digest the full value. I'm ready now and signed on for the Bay Bridge Trawlerfest **“Everything You Need To Know About Diesel Engines”** 2 day course with Nigel Calder & Steve Zimmerman. These guys wrote the books so it MUST be good, right? I'll let you know how it goes.


BTW, I found the 3rd fire extinguisher I mentioned in a previous article. It was properly in the sleeping quarters, a point made during VSE exams.

September's meeting brings us a presenter from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Haldeman, AP

Administrative Officer



**DUNDALK SAIL & POWER SQUADRON'S
CRUISE & EVENTS & D/5 SCHEDULE 2017**

October 13-15, 2017 → Squadron Raft-Out & Frostbite Cruise, Strawberry Point, Frog Mortar Creek, Middle River, Maryland

October 21, 2017—Honor Guard for Baltimore Yacht Club's Commodores Ball

October 27-29, 2017—D/5 Fall Educational Conference—King of Prussia, PA

(see registration form in this issue)



TRUFFLE, The Boating Safety Dog!!!!

Greetings, boaters! No breaking news in the world of note-taking, thankfully, so here's a check of the newswires:

- Fatal Accident Conviction: I just learned the resolution of a fatal boat crash that occurred near the Key Bridge in 2015. About a month ago, Timothy Jay Wilson, 57, was convicted in Baltimore County Circuit Court of two counts of negligent manslaughter and one count of causing life-threatening injuries with a vessel while intoxicated. On their way back to Bear Creek at about 2:30 a.m. July 26, Wilson's 34-foot speedboat slammed into one of four lighted concrete structures that mark the main shipping channel and protect the bridge. The boat then careened into the seawall at Fort Carroll, where it stopped. Two passengers—Windy Lawson, 37, and Kimberly Ervin, 45, both of Baltimore, were ejected from their seats near the bow and killed. They were not wearing life jackets. The victims, some clinging to the vessel, called 911 and were rescued by first responders. The two bodies were recovered later that day. Mr. Wilson was sentenced to 18 months of home detention.
- License-free Fishing: Normally the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) requires a Maryland fishing license with the appropriate stamps for whatever fishing you might be doing. HOWEVER, there are a couple of dozen areas in the state where fishing can be done without a license. Among the nearby ones are:

Anne Arundel - Annapolis--Maryland Route 450 old bridge at the Severn River.

Baltimore County - Cox's Point on Back River and Deep Creek, near Weaver's Marine.

Baltimore City –

- Canton Recreational Pier at Boston Street
- Middle Branch Park from fishing pier south of the Hanover--Potee Street Bridges, to Hanover - Street Bridge over Middle Branch
- Canton Waterfront Park

Note that they do require registration, which can be done online for free at <https://compass.dnr.maryland.gov/dnrcompassportal>. And you can find more locations at <http://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/Pages/license-free.aspx>.

- Storm Prep: As I write this, I am watching with some trepidation the formation of Hurricane Irma in the eastern Atlantic. It will have hit – somewhere - by the time you read this. Part of my job entails dealing with the debris left by disasters of any kind in Maryland – I am not a heroic first responder, and am not important enough to be invited to spend the disaster in the State's fancy emergency management HQ up at Camp Fretard; but after the winds or waters have died down, they look around and say, "What the heck are we going to do with all of this soggy crap? Let's call that idiot over in Solid Waste, he'll know." So, I know the enormous power of Mother Nature, and have seen up close the debris left by many disasters – the La Plata tornado, hurricanes Isabel and Sandy, and in other places the Northridge Earthquake and industrial accidents. An approaching storm always fills me with uncertainty and concern: Should we pull the boat out? Or will doubled dock lines and battening the hatches be enough? Will the boat, or even my house, survive? I can't give you any advice about all that except watch the forecasts, and act sooner rather than later. Better a false alarm than a stove boat.

That's all from your humble scribe,

Lt/Cdr Edward M. Dexter, P, Secretary

TREASURER
Lt/C Douglas B. Riley, AP



The Squadron spends nearly \$200 a month printing and mailing to members far-and-wide our award-winning newsletter, *ON THE HORIZON*. The bridge and committee chairs put much time and thought into the columns, news, and announcements that appear, and P/D/C Fuzzy Jones, AP – following in the large editorial footsteps of P/C John Hall, AP, the late-great Lt George “Bud” Yent, AP, the still-great Lt/C J. Streett Broadbent, AP, P/Lt/C Stuart Newborn, S, and P/C Rick Boardman, AP (artfully assisted by Lt Brande Neese, S) – does a wonderful job as Editor-in Chief. Still, *ON THE HORIZON* is a significant expense for the Squadron.

To save money, the newsletter is now printed in black-and-white, although it always appears in full-color on the Squadron’s website.

The costs of publication are generally covered by the small profit we make on the Wurst Cookout of the Summer and the Squadron’s Annual Crab Feast. Unfortunately, this year, neither of these events – which are the only fundraising we do - received wide membership support. This means that, if we continue to distribute a printed, mailed copy of our monthly newsletter to every member of the Squadron, we’ll have to dip into our savings by the end of the year.

So I am suggesting that, just as MARK 5 is now distributed on-line by the District, the time may have come for electronic delivery of *ON THE HORIZON*. Granted, a few of us are not yet connected to the World Wide Web, but special arrangements can be made for these members. For everyone else, all we would need is an email address to ensure a quick, easy, and inexpensive way to stay in touch. What do you think?

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

MEET DSPS NEWEST MEMBERS!!!!
Megan Quesnel
Jon & Kathy Dopkeen
Pictured with our
Membership Chair—Susan Rudy
And
Commander David Blades



FALL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE IS COMING UP SOON!!!! MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW AND SEE WHAT D/5 HAS INSTORE!!!! LOTS OF NEW EXCITING THINGS.



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Friday Evening: Commander's Cocktail Party	FREE – FREE – FREE – # attending: _____
Saturday Lunch Buffet with presentation about the wreck of the <i>Andrea Doria</i>	
Soup, coleslaw, pasta salad, garden salad, fresh fruit, baked ham, roast beef, turkey breast, three types of cheeses, bread and rolls, desserts, coffee, tea, iced tea	# attending ___ @ \$ 24 / per person = \$ _____
Saturday Night Banquet	
Chicken marsala	# entrees ___ @ \$ 39 / per person = \$ _____
Herb roasted salmon with tomato caper relish	# entrees ___ @ \$ 39 / per person = \$ _____
Herb roasted pork loin with mustard sauce	# entrees ___ @ \$ 39 / per person = \$ _____
Pasta primavera	# entrees ___ @ \$ 39 / per person = \$ _____
Served with seasonal salad, bread and rolls, coffee, tea, iced tea, chocolate fudge cake	Subtotal: \$ _____

Conference Registration:

First: Click this [link](http://USPSD5.org) to register for the conference or go to [HTTP://USPSD5.org](http://USPSD5.org) and click on the Fall Conference registration button.

Second: Write a check to **D/5 Fall Conference 2017** and postmark it by **16 October** to:

Doris Brecht, 401 Ryers Ave., Cheltenham, PA 19012-2115

You'll receive an email confirmation of your registration.

Hotel Reservations: Reserve your room directly with the Radisson by clicking on this [link](#) and using the Promotional Code: **USPS** or by calling 610-337-2000 and asking for Radisson Reservations for **US Power Squadrons**.

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