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P/D/C Andy Havre, JN, RIP

It was with great sadness that Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron learned of the death of P/D/C Andrew Havre, JN. Andy was among the very few Dundalk members to achieve the honor of becoming commander of the entire USPS District 5. In addition he was commander of Dundalk in 1970-71, earned 34 merit marks in service to the squadron and was a Star and Life member of Dundalk. In later years Andy served as squadron historian for a long period.

While Andy was D/5 Commander, another Dundalk P/C, Dorsey Butterbaugh served as his flag lieutenant. Dorsey offered this final remembrance:

Dear Andy,

It is with both sadness and happiness that I write you this letter, my last official task as your flag lieutenant. The sadness is that you have passed on and will no longer be with us. The happiness is that you are now reunited with Alice. I'm sure you both are very happy together again.

Andy, you were a special person in many ways to many people, myself included. I don't know how many years you were actually in the Power Squadron. The number isn't as significant as the fact that you were always very involved. You worked your way up the bridge of Dundalk Power Squadron and then did the same in District 5. Along the way you always kept an eye out for those working with you. You always had a kind word, a gentle piece of advice, and/or a word of encouragement. You never got flustered, you never got mad, and you always had a soft voice and a gentle smile.

I have always given the Power Squadron a lot of credit for teaching me skills in managing time, people and organizations. While I have held various positions during my years, I never learned more nor enjoyed as much as the year I served as your flag lieutenant. It was an honor then. It is still an honor today.

Your family, your friends – we will all miss you Andy. But things happen and life goes on – you taught me that, remember? So I just want to say goodbye. I just want to say that you will be missed. I just want to say you will never be forgotten. I just want to say thank you. Thank you for being a friend. Thank you for being a mentor.

With great affection and fond memories,

Dorsey

REPORT FROM THE TWO SURVIVORS

Shelly: Wow, Jimmy, have you ever seen so many people at a crab feast?

Jimmy: My goodness, no! There were over 200 people eating our former friends and neighbors, but luckily we escaped!

Shelly: Yeah, we were lucky. That group from Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron has never had so many people eating us crabs. I guess the only reason they didn't get us was that they had so much other food like fresh corn the cob, tomatoes, burgers, hot dogs, bratwurst and brownies.

Jimmy: And don't forget about the soft drinks and beer.

Shelly: That's right.

Jimmy: Wow, we really were lucky to escape. You know, Shelly, they seem to have a good time every year. Why that musician fellow, Dave Brand sounded better than ever and I understand he'll be back next year. I'm glad he's coming back. By the way, if I do say so myself, I think you and I looked pretty good out there on the dance floor doing the Electric Crawl, and certainly nobody can get as low under the limbo stick as we can. I'm glad that Walter Neese who was holding the limbo stick didn't step on either of us.

Shelly: Yeah, and did you see that Conga line. They

had a new person leading the Conga line: Dianne Newborn. Boy, was she good, or what?

Jimmy: But did you see how much food they had? I heard a rumor that they went through 16 bushels of crabs, nearly 600 ears of corn and who knows how many hot dogs and burgers.

Shelly: Yeah, I overheard some guy, maybe the guy who runs it, talking about how many people helped him. Yeah, I was noticing how many men were helping: their Treasurer, Dick Bussey, others helping to move and set up tables like Lane Letsch and



These hundreds of crabs all disappeared on August 25th. Anyone knowing their whereabouts is asked to report to the proper authorities.

Photo by P/C Ken Finck, P

Fred Schwing. I also saw Brian Becker working very hard handing out crabs and other things and Ken Perigo handing out desserts. Then there was that nice Howard Barry you know, Jimmy, we've seen him many times before, he must be a hard worker - flipping burgers along with Roy Stuenes (Roy's kinda new to burger flipping for this group). Bill Dahle was everywhere I looked, but mostly helping with the beverages and ice. And then there was that cute beer guy.

Jimmy: What?

Shelly: You know that cute Herbie who was serving the beer.

Jimmy: Oh, come on, whaddya mean cute?

Shelly: Well, I think he is! And he had helpers. And that cute young Brian Hall getting all that ice, my goodness what a hardworking cute young man.

Jimmy: Oh, stop with the cute stuff!

Shelly: OK, OK

Jimmy: Well, I was having fun seeing all of those hard working women (how does he get them to do that?) Wow, that Joanne Day never stopped serving those crabs

Shelly: SHHHHH!!! you're talking about our friends.

Jimmy: Oh, right, sorry! Anyway, I saw that Joanne with Carolyn Shallcross slicing up tomatoes before she was doing you-know-what.

Shelly: Jimmy, keep going.

Jimmy: Oh, yeah, well there was that lady with the funny name. What is it? Oh, yeah, Fuzzy. She was working around and then settled into real work when it was time to serve the brownies.

Shelly: You know, I think she was sneaking some of those brownies, don't you?

Jimmy: Oh, come on, now!

Shelly: Oh, all right!

Jimmy: I saw Mary Hall putting on all those table cloths. And there was that Connie Barry sorting and giving out the corn. You know, Jimmy, she's married to that nice Howard Barry.

Shelly: They're such a cute couple.

Jimmy: Yeah, yeah, yeah. Then, there was Tracey Stuenes flipping burgers. And, you know what? I heard they even imported a senior burger flipper from out west just for the occasion. What's her name? Oh yeah, sure, Dale Bruss - too bad she moved away, I kinda had my eye on her. She and that Tracey are cute.

Shelly: Don't talk to me about CUTE, you hear?

Jimmy: Whoops! Anyway, I hear that they even import members of other power squadrons to come to this feast and help eat all of these crabs and corn. Some of these imports even helped out like Mike Lebeduik from Delhigh Power Squadron, Ken Perigo from Pautuxant River Power Squadron, Brian Becker from Patapsco River Power Squadron as well as Fred (and Carolyn) Shallcross from Delaware River Power Squadron.

Shelly: Psssst, Jimmy, I don't want to say this too loudly, but I heard that this year they had a lot of important people at this feast. I don't know what a District Officer is or a District Bridge is, but I hear they had lots of them. I heard names like Kay Simkins, Brian Becker, that Fuzzy person and Virginia Brown.

Jimmy: I heard that Dundalk had all of their Bridge members and families at the feast: Cdr Bernie Karpers and Kathy you know, Shelly, you gotta keep an eye on that Bernie fellow, he thinks he knows how to fish can you believe?

Shelly: Yeah, I heard that. Isn't that just the silliest thing? He sure doesn't know much about fishing.

Jimmy: Well, that's right. He never caught anybody we knew. Oh, yeah and there was their Exec. Officer John Hall and Mary with their 3 kids, one of whom did little but haul ice all afternoon - and the Halls brought about a zillion relatives. Shelly, he knows as much about crabs and their Commander thinks he knows about fish. Let me tell you how little that John fellow knows about crabs. He called us worst soft crabs he's ever had.

Shelly: Oh, you're kidding

Jimmy: Of course I'm not kidding. I couldn't possibly make that up. GHEEEZ, Shelly!

Shelly: Oh well, they are a strange lot. But do go on about the rest of their bridge. Are they as strange?

Jimmy: Not possible. Also attending was their Admin

Officer Tracey Stuenes and Roy; their Secretary Stuart Newborn and Conga line Queen Dianne and their Treasurer Dick Bussey and Sue.

Shelly: You know Jimmy, you didn't get up any too early Sunday morning. I think you were not in good shape after all that dancing on Saturday or was it the long crawl for you up to Durdings for ice cream? Well, whatever! Anyway, I was up early and that crowd was getting ready to eat again, this time it was for breakfast. But we didn't have to worry about our friends as they weren't serving crabs in the morning. Well, let me tell you, that Sue Bussey and her friends had that breakfast buffet up and running on Sunday morning and it looked great. Course

she didn't invite us to eat anything actually she didn't even see us. Actually, I think you were still asleep. But that's OK all those other people had a good breakfast.

Jimmy: Do you think we've said enough?

Shelly: No!

Jimmy: I should have known! What more could there be?

Shelly: We need to tell everybody that this group is coming back here on August 25, 2007.

COMMANDER CDR BERNARD S. KARPERS, NR

August 2006

Rat Ark, Consiglia, Battlegon and After Hours II have just completed the Triple Header Cruise, which encompassed the Southbound Cruise, the District 5 Rendezvous and The Top Gun Cruise. All three events were spectacular and each port of call presented a challenge but a significant reward. *Aye, Aye Irene* made the first two legs of the cruise. Dundalk, the host squadron for the Southbound Cruise (SBC), was able to cruise in relatively calm waters.

We encountered two severe thunderstorms after we were secured at Knapps Narrows Marina and the Canyon Club at Cape May, New Jersey. We also had wind when needed for a ride on the skipjack *Rebecca T. Ruark*. Unfortunately the wind restarted on the day of the annual District 5 navigation contest. The event was cancelled by D/Cdr Kay Simkins. Dundalk does not retain the trophy, but neither does any other squadron. So we must maintain our high state of preparation for another year.

During the cruises the Commander was able to make observations and has recorded candidates for the coveted Busted Shamrock Award. There is still time for others to qualify.

D/5 Southbound Cruise

Thank you to the 65 persons on the 24 boats that participated in the SBC and stayed on for the D/5 Rendezvous. We were pleased to note there were no serious personal injuries and no significant vessel malfunctions. Well done.

Our initial port of call was Great Oak Landing. Nine boats were present and represented, Dundalk, Miles River, Delaware River, Annapolis, Ocean City And Patuxent River Power Squadrons. Cdr Don and Kathy Urie provided a fried turkey dinner in their home nearby on the upper reaches of Fairlee Creek. We could

see their boat *Time Ode* from their lovely home overlooking Fairlee Creek. The next night all participated in a beach party where we could view boats entering the narrows at Fairlee at sunset.

Day three saw us at Knapps Narrows where we encountered the first of our two thunderstorms. There was no damage, but swimming was interrupted. The next day we managed to get the wind started as 42 persons, now from 18 boats, set sail on the historic and restored skipjack *Rebecca T. Ruark* under the direction of Captain Wade Murphy. Captain Wade was assisted by the younger members on the SBC who took turns at the helm of *Rebecca T. Ruark*. Upon our return to port there was dinner at Harrison's Chesapeake House followed by Irish coffee served by the crew of *Consiglia* using the time honored and revered secret receipt of P/C Read Van Zile, AP.

Along the way of the SBC there were special events to enter. One was the frog hunt and the other the croquet tournament. Photos of frogs with numbers were placed in secret locations. The numbers were recorded and submitted to the committee. The croquet tournament was played early each morning due to the heat. Each course was a challenge, especially that at Knapps Narrows, aptly named St. Andrew's Revenge. Part of that course was over gravel.

Day five found us at Solomons, Md. where the Pautuxant River Power Squadron served an extravagant picnic. This was enjoyed and consumed by all within a matter of three hours. After a short night of rest we were off to Crisfield and the steamed crabs of the lower Eastern Shore. On day seven we arrived at Bay Creek. This is an elaborate resort marina. The difficulty of approach is overrated. All made the transit without incident.

The SBC concluded with a special wine tasting dinner prepared by the marina for those members and guests of Dundalk Squadron. The last day of our cruise was the D/5 commander's reception. Following this Dundalk presented a spaghetti dinner prepared with the help of P/C Read Van Zile, AP, P/C Connie Barry, JN, Lt Bobby Blaker, AP, Lt Kathy Karpers S, D/Lt Fuzzy Jones, P/Lt/C Mickey McNelis, P and associate members Lee Myers, and P/D/C Margie and Ed Zimmerman.

Summer Rendezvous

The D/5 Rendezvous started at the conclusion of the SBC in the town of Cape Charles, Virginia. Bay Creek Marina came alive as 25 squadrons assembled. Memorable events included the flag raising ceremony, dinghy runs, poker runs and scavenger hunts in the town. Golf carts were allowed on the streets of Cape Charles. Cape Charles Mayor Dora Sullivan offered the attendees a presentation about the use of sea glass in art. The mayor gave the District a piece she had made by arranging sea glass in the shape of a fish.

District 5 Commander Kay Simkins, AP won the piece in one of many drawings.



A highlight of the D/5 rendezvous this year was the presence of Chief Commander Ernest Marshburn, S and his wife Diane. They were the guests of P/C Lyle and Phyllis Millan, of Annapolis Squadron, aboard *Indigo*. The chief commander reviewed the Dundalk boats and assisted with our departure from Bay Creek Marina. He and his wife were successfully recruited as associate members of Dundalk Sail And Power Squadron! The squadron pin he received was donated by Lt Thomas H. Clark, AP. Tom just happened to have his Dundalk pin with him.

At the annual award ceremony Ryan Seidenman, son of Lt David and Vicki Seidenman received a second place award for a boating safety poster submitted in the 6 and younger class. Congratulations to Ryan and we hope he continues to participate in this event. In place of the navigation contest, each captain presented a story about his participation in prior navigation events.

During the summer council meeting the fall governing board meeting of the USPS in Norfolk, Virginia for 2007 was discussed. This will be sponsored by District 5. P/D/C. Thomas Dougherty, SN and P/D/C/ William Selden, SN will be co chairman of that event. All squadrons will be asked to participate in the national meeting which has a theme of Education Expo. Our fall D/5 meeting will be held in Suffolk, Virginia November 3-6, 2007 at the Hilton Garden Inn Suffolk Conference Center.



The Top Gun Cruise

After D/5 concluded The Top Gun Cruise started. Due to the threat of heavy weather six boats withdrew and returned home via the Bay route. That left just four vessels to complete the cruise, all of which were original Top Gun Cruisers. On our first leg the cruise split in half with *After Hours II* and *Battlewagon* finding calm seas on the way south to Rudee Inlet near Virginia



Beach. Within an hour of our arrival LT Joanne Day, SN had scouted the beach to identify ice cream parlors and swimming beaches for all to visit the next day.

While the faster boats were at Rudee Inlet, *Consiglia* and *Rat Ark* found rougher weather on their way north to the small Virginia fishing village of Wachapreague. The crews reported that the village was one of the rare coastal towns to avoid any kind of new development or modernization. The town did have two restaurants that were rated as "good" and the locals were described as friendly. On the other hand the supplies were meager, the dock was littered with the body parts of various marine animals and the showers less than "ideal."

Early on Tuesday morning July 25 all the boats except *Rat Ark* departed for Ocean City where they arrived within an hour of each other. Our stay at Sunset Marina, West Ocean City was spectacular. We were greeted by Tony Smith and Terry West, of OC Power Squadron. The next day Terry took the ladies to the boardwalk while the captains of *Consiglia* and *After Hours II* along with P/Lt/C Rolf Stuenes, JN were invited by the captain, mate and owner of *Battlewagon* to participate in an offshore fishing trip. The combined efforts of 4 men and 2 boys were able to capture one 42 pound yellowfin tuna. This occurred within the first 20 minutes of fishing, thus fulfilling our motto, "more luck than skill". The remainder of the day was spent feeding 49 pounds of bait to the world's tuna supply at an astounding rate of one half ounce every 12 seconds. Can you imagine the concentration of those feeding the fish? That evening all of the participants on the TGC had fresh tuna grilled by chef Maverick, John Hall. From time to time he was seen chasing his

son, Mustang and Tug Wright from the grill as they tried to scavenge pieces of the fresh treat. The grilled tuna along with a salad and veggie platter prepared by Lt Mary Hall, S and the bouillabaisse prepared by Cannonball were the main course at a cocktail and buffet dinner in the Ocean City condo home of Carol and Paul, guests aboard *After Hours II*. The next day P/C Dorsey Butterbaugh, JN met us at the marina. We spent that day with him. We left OC with our fill of boardwalk food.

Because the captain and crew of *Rat Ark* had to get back to work ASAP, that vessel had departed Wachapreague for a point further on, Indian River Inlet, where they docked at the state park marina. The facilities were top notch and the beaches wonderful. While there were no restaurants to be found, the seafood store at the park will steam freshly caught creatures so the crew dined on delicious scallops and shrimp, along with whatever they could scavenge from the boat. The next day they made it all the way back to the Middle Branch in Baltimore.

On the morning of July 28 the remaining three boats departed from Ocean City to run to Cape May, which took two hours with three foot following seas. We had an enjoyable stay but were very sad to learn of the death of P/D/C Andrew H. Havre, JN. He was commander of Dundalk in 1970-71. He had 34

merit marks and was a star as well as life member of Dundalk. Our sympathy to his family and friends.

Back Home

During August your commander and his lady accompanied by P/C Howard Barry, JN and P/C Connie Barry, JN travelled to New York to attend the annual Governing Board Meeting of the United States Power Squadrons. Other members attending included Lt Bobby Blaker, AP, P/Lt/ C Mickey McNelis, P and D/Lt Fuzzy Jones of Dundalk Squadron. The crab feast also occurred. I'll have more on these events in the next issue.

During the Columbus Day holiday weekend there will be the annual D/5 Sail Regatta. This year the event will be held in the region of Love Point. *After Hours II* is scheduled to attend. We would like to start a fishing contest during that time for the non-sailor types. There will be a donation to enter with half of the monies received going to the squadron and the other half being divided as prizes.

Finally, I am pleased to announce two new members, Donna Register and Trish Caruana, both of Baltimore.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

LT/C TRACEY STUENES, P

What a beautiful summer

we have had on the Chesapeake. There have been great cruises, good food, and lots of laughs. From Delaware to Virginia, the reports are all the same, fairly calm waters, and a few rowdy cocktail parties. If you have missed out on some of the fun we have had, plan ahead to join us in September, on the Chester River, before the sun sets on our cruising season.

Our most recent event was the annual Crab Feast in Rock Hall, at Haven Harbour Marina. This year proved to be as fun as all the past years. We started the weekend off with a swashbuckling pirate cocktail party. The XO, John Hall, and his family won the costume contest, but several members of the squadron, their family and friends, and some of our district members gave them a run for their money. It was Wendy Nehmer Abrahamson who had the best rendition of a pirate's tale. And thanks to P/C Rick Boardman, and his wife Nancy, we had great fun with the trivia questions. The following day we feasted on some of the best crabs, corn on the cob, burgers and hotdogs on the Eastern shore. It was a year like no other with 220 people in attendance and

40 boats. The fun we had while dancing the afternoon away and enjoying each other's company makes for some of the squadron's best events! Thank you, P/C Read Van Zile, for all the effort you and your team put into making this one of the squadrons and districts most anticipated events. It was a great success.

Congratulations to two of our younger family members, Michelle Hall, and Ryan Seidenman. They both submitted posters to promote safe boating, and won first place for their age groups in our squadron. The posters were taken to the summer council and entered in the district contest. We are very pleased to announce that Ryan Seidenman won 2nd place in the District. Congratulations, again to both of our participants.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the next membership meeting on Wednesday, September 20th, at the Boulevard Diner, on Merritt Boulevard. Dinner is at 6:30 pm, and the meeting starts at 8:00 pm. There will be reports from the summer district council, and cruises, as well as a report from the national meeting, in New York. Don't miss out on all of this information and how it affects our squadron.

BOATING THEN AND NOW

P/C Read Van Zile, AP

We just got back from a trip to Clayton, New York which is on the St. Lawrence Seaway more or less in the heart of the Thousand Islands. Clayton is the home of the Antique Boat Museum, the country's largest boat museum dedicated primarily to fresh water boats and boating. Each year the museum sponsors the annual Antique Boat Show and Auction. This year it was August 4 to 6; for 2007 it will be August 3 to 5. For more information, pull up their website at www.abm.org - look especially under "Our Exhibits", then look at "LaunchBuilding" to give you an idea of the beautiful old mahogany boats on display.

There are two auctions over the weekend selling everything from gorgeously restored boats to hulks that you can hardly believe made it to Clayton on a trailer. However, the owners are ever hopeful that there will be someone at the auction who wants to buy a hulk and bring it back to glory! We didn't attend the auctions, so I can't tell if you if the hulks found new homes. Likewise, I

don't know if some of the real beauties found new homes.

The main feature for us was the many gorgeous varnished mahogany boats brought to the show (these are all in addition to the ones owned by and on display at the museum). They were all in the water, with signs indicating their make, size, age, owner, etc. Remarkably, most had the original engines. The museum uses one of its own speedboats during the weekend to give rides. We went on the ride, of course! The boat was a 30' triple cockpit Hacker Craft (visible on their website). Hacker Craft are not as well known as Chris Craft, but they were legendary in their day; this one had a new 454 cid V8 engine. Taking a ride on the old boat was great fun, but a little rough - those old speed boats had little or no V shape to the hull to soften the ride.

A few "Then and Now" comparisons:

New material? Fiberglass, of course, only needs waxing once or twice per year.

Old material? Wood, mostly mahogany, and almost always varnished. Needed constant work - sanding and varnishing.

Old power? Mostly big old 6 cylinder gasoline engines

New power? Mostly lighter weight big V8 gasoline engines.

Old hats? Mostly straw hats worn with dressy clothes such as blazer, shirt and tie; often long dresses for the ladies

New hats? Mostly ratty baseball caps, often worn backwards, typically worn with T-shirts and shorts (men and women both)

New back deck/cockpit décor? Built-in white naugahide seats, disposable plastic eating and table ware, aluminum cans or disposable glasses and at least a dozen built in drink holders

Old back deck/cockpit décor? Built in upholstered seats on the



speed boats; individual upholstered wicker chairs, table with lace table cloth and real glass glasses on the launches. No built in drink holders.

The finale for the weekend is a parade of the old boats on Sunday afternoon. Nearly all of the boats brought to the event, which have been in the water all weekend, parade around the harbor and the St. Lawrence Seaway. A beautiful sight to behold!

Novelty item this year was an Amphicar. These little cars were built in the early 1960s and can go on land or in the water. A man named Wayne Smith had his at the show and took it out into the water several times while we were there. It's kind of like a miniature version of the Ducks that go around the Inner Harbor. If you're not familiar with them, check out "Amphicar" on Google.

Two of my favorite boats were a beautifully restored 17' 1955 Chris Craft mahogany runabout because for me, that profile (including the famous bull nose) is the quintessential mahogany speed boat. The other was an all mahogany launch from 1915 that has never been restored! It's hard to believe that it has been kept in beautiful condition for 91 years.

If you love the old mahogany boats or if you're interested in any of the old boats, the Antique Boat Show and Auction is a great place to visit.

Hey, Bernie, maybe take the Top Gun Cruise there!

EXECUTIVE OFFICER LT/C JOHN HALL, AP

While this was the second Top Gun Cruise to Ocean City, Maryland, it was the first where we had a capable offshore fishing vessel. The Top Gun cruisers had started talking about maybe doing some offshore fishing aboard *Battlewagon* earlier in the year. We were all excited about it. The only problem was none of us had any real experience with offshore fishing. We went up and down the dock talking to various charter captains. What should we go for? Tuna? Yellowfin or bluefin? Would our heavy rockfish rods, which looked awfully light next to theirs, hold up ok? Everyone was helpful and willing to talk. I guess they figured that no matter how much information they gave us we weren't going to hurt their fishing. One guy said #7 hooks or was that #11? 80# leader no wait 60# no just use 30# and double it. Even when we went to buy bait they wanted to know if we wanted the larger or smaller butterflyfish. I don't know - they just said butterflyfish! If we did catch something where would we put it as none of us had a large enough cooler. We were such rookies we even had to buy a chart with the fishing spots marked on it!

We were all set to head out at 0500. It was still dark when we left and a little foggy. We made our way to the inlet. It was hard to see where we would clear the inlet or even the buoys. But it was very easy to see the waves crashing on the rocks on each side of us. It was a little rough but we cleared the inlet and headed for the fishing grounds. At this point Ben Wright came up and said, "Bernie wants to know where the tackle that we bought yesterday is."



"Right on his boat where he put it so he could rig up the lines last night! Oh no looks like we're going through the inlet again!"

Oh well it was good practice and we were right back out there again.

We were headed for the Hot Dog about 40 nm straight out to sea. We saw some other boats peel off to the south. Others stopped on the near side of the Hot Dog. Nobody seemed to be going where we were going. Did we have bad information? Ratchet up one more notch on the skunk-o-meter. Were we going to even see any fish? We set about putting our lines in the water, trying to remember everything we had been told. You know how it is when ten different people tell you ten different ways to do something? You end up lumping it all together and never quite do what any of them told you.

Well we were fishing. We had our lines in, tossing bait chunks out behind the boat.

Now we wait. Will we get anything good? Or bad? Maybe a Shark! It didn't take too long before a rod doubled over and starting singing out line! "FISH ON!" Everybody started moving. Our best angler Bernie took the rod. Then the fish took him from one side of the boat to the other. The fight was on! We kept moving the other rods out of his way. About 20 minutes later Bernie got the fish close enough to see. What is it? Looks like a yellow fin tuna! We're allowed to catch that right? Once Bernie got that fish up to the boat and he saw the name *Battlewagon* the fish knew he was in trouble and took off on another run. Round two had started!

Now we knew this wasn't a huge fish but he was our fish and we were on Chesapeake Bay rods. After rounds 3 & 4, Bernie managed to get the fish closer to the boat. "Somebody get the gaff! Anybody ever gaffed a fish before? Anybody?" Well it was up to me. Don't miss! That would definitely be a Busted Shamrock moment! I gaffed the fish and lifted. It came halfway up and stopped. I adjusted my grip and BAM it was on the deck! You would have thought we'd won the Super Bowl and World Series Combined the way we were doing high-5's and celebrating. It was a magic moment. As the Top Gun motto says, "It is better to be lucky than good."

We saw more fish but didn't catch any. We didn't really care though. We had that first one and he was plenty. That night we had grilled tuna steaks. They were great - maybe the best ever.

DUNDALK POWER SQUADRON'S Frostbite Cruise and Chili Festival

Friday October 20 - Sunday October 22
Tidewater Marina, Havre de Grace, Maryland

Approx. lat. 39° 33.0' N and lo. 76° 05.4' W

Come join us for the squadron's last boating event of the season in charming
Havre de Grace on the Susquehanna River.

If you come by car, it's only a 35 minute drive from I-95 and the Beltway.

Friday night Party on your own. Several good restaurants are in walking distance.

Saturday if you have time, visit the famous Decoy Museum. Lots of shops!

Saturday 1730 (5:30 p.m.) Chili festival with prizes. YOU bring your best prize-winning chili and liquid refreshments; the committee will provide salad, corn bread, condiments, bowls, plates, utensils, napkins, etc. (and the prizes!)

Saturday, 2100 (9:00 p.m.) Dessert and Irish coffee provided by the committee.

Sunday 0900 (9:00 a.m.) Chip-in breakfast

You need to make your own marina reservations. Please call Tidewater Marina at 1-410/939-0951. Tell them you are with Dundalk Power Squadron.

Entry to Chili Festival \$15 per person.

Please mail check payable to Dundalk Power Squadron and mail to:
P/C Read Van Zile, 812 Cold Spring Rd., Baltimore, MD 21220 410/335-4161 loafersglory@verizon.net

EDUCATION OFFICER P/C WALTER K. NEESE, SN

The fall public course schedule kicks off 7 September with a Squadron Boating course at Anchorage Marina, Ray Schiff instructing. If you would like a schedule for the courses we are offering the public this fall, please visit our website, www.uspsdundalk.org or contact me.

The schedule for member courses is as follows:

	Instructor	Location	Begin 7:30 pm
Advanced Grades:			
Seamanship	Read Van Zile	St. John's Lutheran	Tue 19 Sept 06
Piloting	Streett Broadbent	Md. Pres. Church	Mon 25 Sept 06
Navigation	Bernie Karpers	Instructor's home	Tue 26 Sept 06
Electives:			
Engine Maint'nce	Fred Schwing	Md. Pres. Church	Thu 21 Sept 06
Marine Electronics	Max Robinson	Md. Pres. Church	Tue 26 Sept 06
Weather 101	Lois Nehmer	St. John's Lutheran	Mon 02 Oct 06

Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron Last Cruise of the Summer

At Lankford Bay Marina
on the scenic Chester River

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September th - th

Friday: Cocktails & ice cream Dinner on your own
Saturday: Cheeseburger in Paradise Cookout cheeseburgers hot dogs dill pickles etc Everyone is asked to bring a salad or dessert for the cookout dinner
until ? Captain Ron Movie Festival
Sunday: Pitch In Breakfast

No of Adults _____ x _____
No of Kids & Under _____ x _____

Slip Fees:
Friday night dockage per foot x _____ feet _____
Saturday night dockage per foot x _____ feet _____
Electric / amp per night _____
/ amp per night _____
Cable TV per night _____
Total _____

Please make checks payable to Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron Reservation
Deadline is September st For more info call John Hall at

PHOTOS NEEDED

If you have photos from any of the squadron activities, we need them for our scrapbook. Please bring to the General Meeting or contact our historian, Lt Mary Ellen Peters, P who is working hard and doing a great job for the squadron.

SPEAKERS NEEDED

We still need speakers for many of our General Meetings in 2006-2007. If you have someone you think has a story to tell of interest to your fellow squadron members, please contact Lt Dianne Newborn or Lt/C Stuart Newborn, S at 410-356-5320 or snewborn2003@comcast.net.

Bluefin Tuna in Atlantic Nearing Extinction

Bluefin tuna in the Mediterranean Sea and east Atlantic Ocean are nearing extinction because of widespread illicit fishing, the international conservation organization WWF warns.

In a report released this month, WWF calls for an immediate end to fishing of the once common tuna.

Excerpt from: **NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC NEWS** July 24, 2006 <http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2006/07/060724-bluefin-tuna.html>

CALENDAR 2006

September 15-17

Last Cruise of the Summer

This year we are headed up the Chester River to Lankford Bay Marina. Join us for a relaxing weekend before the cold weather sets in. Trolley service is usually available to Rock Hall.

September 20

General Membership Meeting

At the Boulevard Diner. Dinner and/or Drinks optional at 6:30 p.m. Meeting begins at 8:00 p.m. The food is good and the camaraderie is even better.

October 6-9

D5 Sail Rendezvous & Regatta

Castle Harbor Marina, Chester River, Kent Narrows. This district get-together is not just for sailboats. Our commander is putting together a fishing contest for power boaters as well. Plus there's always the camaraderie.

October 18

General Membership Meeting

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October 20-22

Frostbite Cruise to Havre de Grace

This year we're going to head up north. With any luck the trees will be in full fall foliage and we will have clear crisp weather.

November 3-5

D5 Fall Conference

Hilton Suffolk, Suffolk, VA. All members are encouraged to attend this district event.