

# ON THE HORIZON

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## **Don't Miss Our Next Membership Meeting September 17, 2014 at 1930 (7:30 PM)**

Master Chief Melvin Johnson, USNR-Retired and the wreck of the Lady D.  
At BYC—This will be a pitch-in meeting so bring something to share.

### **COMMANDER**



Wow—a lot has happened since our last newsletter. We tried something new for our August meeting. Instead of meeting inside we had an outside meeting with a fireboat demonstration.

Since we were outside we had a little cookout to go with the meeting. Originally we were going to provide all the food but we put in a gentle request for people to bring salads or deserts and our members really stepped up to the plate. What a feast. Someone came over to me and said “You run a squadron full of great people.” Thanks guys and gals for stepping up.

In addition to the fireboats the meeting featured a gorgeous sunset and a rainbow. Our admin department really delivered on this meeting. As we were enjoying the food, sunset and rainbow we had three fireboats pull up. We were allowed to board them and examine their equipment.

We were also treated to a show of their fire fighting ability. This was quite interesting as first one boat then two

had issues. Pumps wouldn't start. No worries though as the third boat quickly jumped to action and hooked up their equipment. Everything was fine until they turned on the pump and gave an unsuspecting boat and crew a little soaking.

Next up was the crab feast. We had a very light drizzle off and on all day. What's a little rain -we're boaters after all! Right? We finally decided to move inside. In less than an hour we relocated everything. We had to move from one end of the marina to the other, We cleaned out the marina shop. We moved about 15 very heavy tables and got all the food ready to go on time. We even walked the tent for Norm and Carlos to setup under and the Party was on! You might recall I said many hands make light work and we proved it that weekend Way to go Dundalk! What a crab feast, What a weekend!—Don't miss it next year!

Respectfully submitted,  
Commander John L. Hall, AP

### **District 5 Navigation Contest Results**

Place	Boat	Squadron	Finish	Captain / Navigator
1	Following Z's	VA Beach	01:17 late	Dick Zahn / Mark Stanley
2	Lady Jean	Delaware	02:01 early	Andy Petruska / Ben Wright
3	Battlewagon	Dundalk	02:56 early	Mary & John Hall
4	After Hours II	Dundalk	03:37 early	Bernie Karpers / Rolf Stuenes
5	Rat Ark	Dundalk	05:18 late	Walter Neese / Lois Nehmer-Shiff

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## EXECUTIVE OFFICER



### WHERE HAS THE TIME GONE?

I do hope one and all have enjoyed the summer this year with the Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron. The planning Committee has done very well in setting up functions for its members this year. A big thanks goes to our Commander for supporting the Squadron. Knowing he has a family with children in school and a full time job makes him a very hard worker.

Now as fall is coming, I hope you all look at your education level, and think about taking an education course with the Squadron. Lt/C Streett is the man to speak with. He has a full line up of boating courses one can fill their evening with (at home or in the class room).

I would like to thank all of the Vessel Safety members for doing their part in checking vessels for safety. The biggest things, as in all years, are out of date flares and

running light(s) out. This has been a big help to boaters, not only to keep them safe, but also to keep them from getting a ticket from the D.N.R folks. Good going gang! I have missed P/C Connie Barry as Chair, she has done an outstanding job in past years. Dundalk is still looking for a special person to fill this position.

Keep Safe, and Well Wishes as the Fall Weather comes.

Respectfully Submitted,

P/C Ken Finck, AP

Executive Officer

## TREASURER'S REPORT



The Squadrons' Crab Feast went very well despite the not so good weather. Thanks to Doug Riley and his workers that made it a success.

I am concerned that we are not retaining the members that are being offered a free membership after attending the basic boating course. Most of the people that are given the free membership never follow up on the offer or even attend a meeting to learn what we are all about. As a result, we are carrying them as non-paid and it appears as if our membership is declining. Somehow, we must find a way to bring new members into the Squadron in order to

assure our longevity.

Once again I would like to remind the membership to submit receipts for purchases made for the Squadron. Also, please use the Squadron's tax exempt number for SQUADRON purchases only. You may contact me for the number.

Respectfully submitted,

Lt/C Richard D. Bussey,  
Treasurer

## ***EDUCATIONAL OFFICER***



### **ABC Courses:**

#### **West Marine:**

Congratulations to John & Lisa Walton for passing – both above 95.  
Thank you to Ken Finck for teaching!



### **Instructor Development Course:**

Robert Crimmins has completed all the course requirements, and his Lesson Plan. The Instructor Evaluation has been sent to National for grading.  
Thanks to Ron Basener for teaching!

### **WOTI:**

The class had 4 students – everyone passed!!  
Thanks to Read Van Zile and Lois Nehmer-Schiff for teaching!  
Thanks to Sue Bussey for arranging!

### **Instructors Meeting:**

Had to be postponed due to an urgent meeting at Bowleys.  
It will be scheduled at a later time.

### **Electronic Navigation (ENCE):**

The Electronic Navigation course is now available from our Educational Department catalog  
([www.usps.org/x/x.pl/x/x.cgi?eddept/cart/catalog.html](http://www.usps.org/x/x.pl/x/x.cgi?eddept/cart/catalog.html))

### **Weather for Boaters:**

The US Power Squadrons, in partnership with the BoatUS Foundation, has just released the online version of Weather for Boaters: A Boater's Guide to Forecasting Winds and Storms. This is the Basic Weather and Forecasting seminar, implemented online in a fully interactive manner and renamed to appeal to non-USPS boaters. Go here for more info.: <http://www.usps.org/edonline> The cost is @29.95 through Sept. – normally \$40.00,

Although the classroom versions of our USPS seminars are the most beneficial, the online versions are available to you if a classroom version is not offered in your area.

Respectfully submitted,

Lt/C J. Streett Broadbent, AP – SEO

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## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



### A good time was had by all!

We had a lot of fun in August with a cookout at BYC featuring three fire boats from the Bowley's Quarters' and North Point Edgemere Volunteer Fire Departments and, of course, the Squadron's 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Crab Feast at The Sailing Emporium in Rock Hall. A bit of rain at the cookout gave us a beautiful rainbow, and a bit more in Rock Hall caused us to seek cover in the Boat Repair Shop where we dined shoulder-to-shoulder beneath a huge sailboat. The crabs were delicious, the music sublime, and no one left hungry. It was really a grand time!

My thanks to everyone who helped with both events, but especially John Hall and Susan Rudy, our best ticket sellers, Connie Barry, Kathy Karpers, Sue Bussey, and Eileen Riley, our chief crab handlers, Tracey and Roy Stuenes and Dick Bussey who cooked undeterred in the rain, Fred Shallcross for the sweet corn and mighty-fine tomatoes, and Joanne Day for the extraordinary Peach Cake. I also want to thank Tom Riley, Brian Hall, and all the guys and gals who, 45 minutes before the start of the Crab Feast, moved *everything* so efficiently indoors, and then – three hours later – packed it all up again and left the place spotless. What a Squadron we have!

### Our September 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Our membership meeting in September will feature Master Chief Melvin Johnson, U.S. Navy Reserve-Retired, who will recall for us that terrible day of March 6, 2004, when the Lady D, a pontoon boat with 25 occupants, flipped into the frigid waters of the Inner Harbor. Master Chief Johnson was among the Navy reservists whose response that day saved many lives, although five were still lost. Master Chief Johnson continues to work with the Sea Cadets at the Navy Operational Support Center at Fort McHenry. Come celebrate the good work of a good man.

### Our October 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Our speaker in October will be Captain John Hamill of The Association of Maryland Pilots. By law, every ship that enters Maryland waters must have a state-licensed pilot at its helm, steering the ship into port. This means that every seagoing vessel bound for Baltimore must be met by a pilot at the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay, where the pilot takes command of the ship, steering it through the deep-water channel - often with clearance of less than three feet! Come hear about the life of a Chesapeake Bay pilot.

Respectfully submitted,

Lt/C Douglas B. Riley, AP

Administrative Officer



## SECRETARY'S REPORT



My, oh my, where does the summer go? It seems like only a short time ago that Susan and I were commissioning Tiphys for the upcoming sailing season. Now we are making plans to join our Squadron friends at the Last Cruise of Summer at the Georgetown Yacht Basin, and very much looking forward to it!

Since my last column we have done quite a bit of sailing with the Crown Jewel being the Crab Feast in Rock Hall. Many thanks to Administrative Officer Lt/C Doug Riley for his organization of the event, and to all who helped to make it the great success that it was. We had several friends in attendance and all had a wonderful time. While I am at it, let me also thank Doug for organizing a visit to our August membership meeting by three Fire and Rescue boats from Baltimore County Volunteer Fire Companies. The tours of the boats were fascinating, and the cookout that went along with the event was great fun with lots of delicious food!

Great times on the Bay do come with a price though, and we have been engaged in learning a lot about our boat, particularly the electrical system. We have spent many hours investigating and documenting just how the AC and DC systems work on our boat, with a special emphasis on

the charging systems. All of this is made easier by virtue of the fact that we attended the Marine Electrical Systems course taught by Commander John Hall. The educational benefits of Squadron membership cannot be overestimated.

As I write this, we are preparing to leave on our second week long sailing vacation of the summer with possible visits to the Wye River, St. Michaels, the Little Choptank and/or Solomons. We will see how far the wind and weather allows us to go! We are also looking forward to the Star Spangled Spectacular as our marina provides a front row seat for the Blue Angels and a short trip to anchoring for the fireworks that promise to be an amazing show.

That's all for now. Here's hoping that we see YOU at one of the Squadron events, possibly at Georgetown on September 26 -28. Have a great rest of the summer!

Respectfully submitted,

Lt/C David Blades, AP

Secretary





**Check out our Facebook page for more pictures**



## **DISTRICT 5 SAIL REGATTA AND FALL FESTIVAL**

**11 - 13 October 2014 at Baltimore Yacht Club**

Hosted by Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron

The Sail Regatta will take place on Sunday, 12 October in the nearby waters of Hawk Cove and the entrance to the Gunpowder River, just to the south of Poole's Island. The fishing derby will run on the same day with choice of trolling or live lining in the upper and middle bay areas. That day will conclude with the traditional awards dinner where tales of sailing sagas and excuses for not having fish will be presented.

For those interested in land based activities on Sunday, tours of Glen L. Martin Maryland Airport Air Museum, and historic Ballstone Mansion are available. Martin State Airport is the home of the 175 Tactical Air Wing of the Maryland Air National Guard. Baltimore Ballstone Mansion is a preserved farm dating to the 17th century. Both sites are within a five mile drive of our event. Please make your reservations ASAP!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!!!!!!!!!!!** Please contact Bernie Karpers, 410-456-5534, if you can help out in any way.

### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

#### **Saturday, 11 October**

- 1100 – 1700: Arrive by land or sea Saturday afternoon. & registration (pavilion)
- 1700-1800: Pitch-in welcome cocktail party at the Pavilion
- 1800-1930: Pizza party with complimentary soda, beer & wine (pavilion)

#### **Sunday, 12 October**

- 0800-1100: Registration (pavilion)
- 0830-0915 Continental Breakfast in the Island View Room in BYC club house
- 0915-0945: Skipper's meeting for sail race & fishing boat captains & anglers (pavilion)
- 1000 Sail & fishing boats depart
- 1300-1630 Land lubbers fun (for those who are not sailing or fishing) see attached
- 1800-1830 Cocktail party (cash bar) BYC lounge
- 1830-2015 Banquet & awards presentations

#### **Monday, 13 October**

- 0830: Continental breakfast (and maybe fish?) at the pavilion  
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CHAIR PERSONS SAM LYNESS, SN & HOWARD CUPPLES, AP OF ANNAPOLIS S & P

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## ACTIVITIES SELECTIONS

EVENT REGISTRATION FEE \$10.00/PERSON #----- \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SATURDAY ANGLER REGISTRATION \$10.00/ANGLER #----- \$-----

SATURDAY: PIZZA PARTY W/COMPLIMENTARY BEER  
AND WINE \$10.00/ PERSON #----- \$-----

SUNDAY CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST \$7.00/PERSON #----- \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SUNDAY EVENING DINNER WITH CASH BAR

FRIED CHICKEN DINNER WITH #-----

ENTRÉE NUMBER TWO #-----

DINNER SERVED IN BYC DINNING ROOM \$28.00/PERSON \$-----

MONDAY CONTINENTAL BEAKFAST \$7.00/PERSON #----- \$-----

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## SAFE BOATING THROUGH EDUCATION

### Calendar

September 6-13	Star Spangled Spectacular—Baltimore
September 17	Membership Meeting—BYC. Pitch in meeting.
Sept 26-28	Last Cruise of Summer at Georgetown Yacht Basin
October 11-13	DPS is hosting the D5 Sail Regatta and Fall Festival - at BYC
October 31-November 2	Downrigging Weekend in Chestertown.



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