

ON THE HORIZON

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Don't Miss Our Next Membership Meeting

February 18, 2015 at 1930 (7:30 PM)

We will celebrate Founders Day with P/C Brooks Riley and learn all about marine canvas from P/C Ron Knight! At BYC—This will be a pitch-in meeting so please bring something to share.

COMMANDER



Winter has beset us. I was very disappointed to have to cancel our January meeting. With a quick reversal the very next morning Mary and I were off to the National meeting in Jacksonville, Florida. Wow what a great time. I'm proud to say Dundalk was very well represented with about a dozen members there.

So what's a national meeting like? Well for one it is very impressive. I don't think you can appreciate the size and scope of the meeting without going to one. There are so many districts and squadrons represented that you just can't keep track of them. When you take a step back and look at the number of dedicated and hard working volunteers from across the country you realize what a great organization you are a part of. I encourage everyone to make at least one national meeting. Next year the winter meeting will be in Orlando, FL. I'm sure my kids will want to go—to the theme parks of course.

Later this month, on February 21st, there is a USPS/D5 officer training seminar in Southern Maryland. Details are available on the D5 website www.uspsd5.org. This is a good opportunity for all squadron officers or those who might be moving up to learn about how the squadron works and how to make our local squadron work better. The fee is waived for the first five officers from each squadron. I'm already in—will you get in free too?

The next year will be a very busy one for the squadron. With our own Fuzzy Jones moving up to the District 5 commander position. I know our squadron will give her the support she needs. What's ahead for us? To start the year off we'll be hosting the commanders reception Sunday morning of the Spring Conference, March 27-29, in Ocean City. We'll need to setup a light breakfast for a hundred or two of our closest friends.

Another major district event is the Summer Council July 24-26. This year it will be in Solomons Island Maryland at the Holiday Inn. This is a great place for the event. It is central on the bay and a wonderful get-a-way location.

Nanticoke River Sail and Power Squadron has volunteered to chair the event. They stepped up to the plate at the last minute when another squadron had to bow out. Dundalk is also stepping up to the plate since I've promised them our support as a co-host.

P/D/C Bernie Karpers has volunteered to chair the southbound cruise to the Summer Council. It will run from July 17th through July 23rd. He's already worked out most of the details and will have an itinerary ready almost immediately. The southbound cruise is a great way to spend a week doing a leisurely cruise down the bay.

With all this going on you can see how we'll need volunteers, Lots of volunteers. There are all sorts of things you can help out with. It might be preparing food, taking reservations or just manning the welcome booth. If you are going to be at an event let us know. Even if it doesn't seem like much to you a little bit of help from everybody will go a long way. If you don't usually go to these events this is the year to do it! There will be a lot of old friends there and you'll make a bunch of new ones.

With all this high level National and District stuff going on you might think we've forgotten about Dundalk. Never fear—the always hard working cruise planning committee toughed out the weather and hammered out a great season of boating for this year. Well to be accurate—the fire was roaring, the libations were flowing and buffet (led by Mary's chili) was awesome. I think everybody got plenty of to eat of whatever they wanted but there sure wasn't any key lime pie left at the end. See page six for a nice overview of what we've got planned.

Warmer weather is coming before we know it and with all this going on we could sure use your help to make this another great year for the squadron. Now let's get to it

Respectfully submitted,
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER



A new year and new things to do!

Thanks to Cdr. John Hall, the Cruise Planning Party at his house went very well. Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron now has a new plan for their summer cruises on the bay – and it's a good one, so start planning now! It's more fun to have as many boats going as possible, and also a good thing for safety in case a vessel has trouble. What could be better!

I am a live a board, and I now understand when you live on, eat and entertain on a boat, it is not wise to take her to sea and do the rock and roll thing. I learned that the hard way! Everything went everywhere! Wow!

Now with the C.O.W. coming, a new way of doing things may come about. Whoever is becoming the new Cdr, will, without question, need the membership for sup-

port. Cdr. John Hall did such an outstanding job, he leaves behind big shoes to fill.

Please think about getting involved. There are many things you can do such as join a committee or helping out at a function. You can help to make Dundalk the Squadron you want it to be, and have fun while doing so.

Have a good & safe year!

Respectfully Submitted,

P/C Ken Finck, AP

Executive Officer

TREASURER'S REPORT



The squadrons finances are in good shape. We have made our annual contribution of one dollar per member to the USPS Education Fund. This fund is used to help develop new and improved educational courses and materials for USPS.

All bills have been paid and we have more cash in the bank than at this time last year. Part of this increase is due to well run and well attended squadron fund raising events like the Wurst cookout and the Crab feast. Please

consider how important these fund raisers are to the squadron each year when considering if you can help with them or attend them.

Respectfully submitted,

Lt/C Richard D. Bussey,
 Treasurer

EDUCATIONAL OFFICER



Classrooms Needed:

We **desperately** need to find alternate places to hold Advance Classes – preferably for free - around the Towson/ Middle River area!
Please check places you go (churches, meeting halls, etc.) and look around your communities to seek out possibilities. Your help is Greatly Appreciated!!
This will determine how many Advanced Courses we can teach next year.
The major hurdle with BYC, for many classes, is that we can only teach every other week due to Executive & General Membership meetings. A 12 long week course now takes 24 weeks.

2015 Instructors' Meeting –TBD:

We have tentatively set the Training Schedule for the 2015. This may be modified throughout the year.
Fred Schwing will no longer be able to teach the Engine Maintenance course, so we need a volunteer to step forward. Please contact me if you are willing to teach this class.

MELP - 2015:

The Rectory School in Pomfret, CT has received to “Go Ahead” their 2015 “March Experimental Learning Program”. They will be offering ABC to a group of 13 middle school aged children (and 2 chaperones).
We will be teaching 2 classes covering 2 chapters a class, with the final exam at the end of the second class. Classes will be:
Monday, March 23 from 2-6 PM and
Wednesday, March 25 from 8 AM to 1 PM
Classes will be held at the Holiday Inn in the Inner Harbor - 301 W Lombard St, Baltimore, MD 21201.
Manuals are being shipped to them.
Please contact me if you would like to participate and help.

EA Engineering, Science and Technology:

We have been contacted by EA Engineering, Science and Technology to teach 5 of their associates ABC. Classes will be held on 4 consecutive Thursdays in February. (Start Feb. 5th – End – Feb. 26th - 5:45 PM)
Classes will be taught at their facility in Hunt Valley.
John Hall has volunteered to assist.
They may also be interested in some of our advanced courses.

ABC Courses:

West Marine:

Courses have been placed on the USPS website.

Riverside Marine:

Have called to see if they are interested. Waiting reply.

Sail:

Bob Crimmins has volunteered to teach the course in the Spring. He will get back to me by Mid-February.

Respectfully submitted,

Lt/C J. Streett Broadbent, AP – SEO

SECRETARY'S REPORT



Well the New Year's holiday has come and gone, and Susan and I are now looking around for some activities with which to occupy us during the long, cold non-boating winter. But wait! It doesn't HAVE to be TOTALLY non-boating! We attended the Squadrons' Cruise Planning Meeting and Party and had a great time with our Squadron buddies!

On the 31st of January we will be helping staff the District 5 display at the Baltimore Boat Show, helping to show off a new hands-on boating simulator that promises to draw a crowd, and really put a focus on USPS and its mission of safe boating. We can't wait for our turn at the controls! Also, while we're at the boat show, we may as well spend some time talking with all the vendors about upgrading our electronics, and crafting some canvas for a new Bimini and dodger. Did I mention that the boat show is FREE to anyone who volunteers some of their time to staff the District 5 display?

There's also the Squadrons Change of Watch

coming on March 21st. Why not come out and enjoy dinner and dancing at the Baltimore Yacht Club? We'll be there and would love seeing you there as well. It promises to be a lot of fun. Also, rumor has it that the new roster will be ready for distribution at the Change of Watch. Who needs more incentive than THAT to attend?

Hopefully we will see YOU at one of the above mentioned events, one of the monthly membership meetings, or perhaps at one of the cruises that we have lined up for this summer. Anyone up for spending the summer solstice in St. Michaels? Steamed crabs in Rock Hall? A trip up to Havre de Grace? Come on out! I can smell the Old Bay now!

Respectfully submitted,

Lt/C David Blades, AP

Secretary

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



The Annual Meeting of the Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2015, starting at 7:30 p.m., at Baltimore Yacht Club.

According to our Bylaws, the Nominating Committee must select a candidate for each elective office, and for chairperson of each elective committee, at least 40 days before the Annual Meeting. The Secretary must then send notice of the Annual Meeting, along with the names of each nominee, to all active members of the Squadron at least 30 days prior to the meeting.

So, the deadline for nominations is February 6, 2015.

The work of the Nominating Committee is, of course, confidential until its report is submitted to the Secretary for publication. But, with February 6th fast approaching, it appears that no one has yet agreed to be our next Secretary.

I have just returned from the Winter Meeting of the United States Power Squadrons in Jacksonville, Florida where, at 61, I was one of the youngsters. The keynote

address and several break-out sessions of the conference were devoted to membership and to the recruitment of new blood. The national organization itself has lost 4% of its membership in the past year, and several squadron ensigns were retired.

Dundalk is still strong thanks largely to devoted members of the Bush River Power Squadron and Sue Island Sail and Power Squadron who joined our ranks in Dundalk after their own Squadron's demise. If we hope to buck the trend and to continue as a leading proponent of boating safety and boater education in Maryland, we must all step up to the plate.

I hope you will reassess your role in the Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron and then commit, or recommit, yourself to the future of this storied Squadron and its worthy goals.

Respectfully submitted,

Lt/C Douglas B. Riley, AP, Administrative Officer



COME JOIN US AT
Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron's
2015 Change of Watch

Saturday March 21, 2015
Baltimore Yacht Club

800 Baltimore Yacht Club Rd
Essex, MD 21221

For those needing assistance, there will be a courtesy shuttle from and to your vehicle.

1730 Appetizers
1830 Dinner

MENU

Prime Rib or Single Crab Cake
Caesar Salad

Mashed Potatoes & Asparagus

Dessert: Brownie Sundae

Cash Bar

\$40.00 per Person

RESERVATIONS: Make check out to DSPS and mail by March 11, 2015 to:

Bobby Blaker, 91 Blondell Court, Timonium MD 21093-2006

Make sure to specify your dinner choice. Questions, call Bobby at 410-308-2148

Music by Straight Ahead Band
Greg Moxey and Dennis Franco

CRUISE SCHEDULE 2015

May 15-17 National Safety Week Shakedown Cruise

Our first cruise of the season, we will be at the Harbor East Marina. We have an opportunity to "shake down" our own boats and others at the marina before the season kicks off. It's a great time to inspect the safety equipment on your vessel and make sure last years' equipment hasn't expired.

June 19-21 Cruise to St. Michaels and the Practice Navigation Contest.

We're headed back to St. Michaels this year. We'll be staying at the Harbor Inn Marina. Somehow between the shopping, partying and fine dining, we'll try to work in a Navigation Contest. Learn new navigation skills or sharpen old ones and have a lot of fun during this weekend "across the bay." Enter your own boat or volunteer to crew on someone else's. No prerequisite courses or knowledge needed.

Fourth of July Fireworks

Many of our members are Fireworks Chasers. From the Beautiful Inner Harbor, to Middle River to Rock Hall, What will you see? Hook up with us, and raft out. It's a lot of fun.

July 10-12 The WURST cookout ever at Red Eye Yacht Club

Always a great time, come by land or boat! Plenty of good fun and lots of fun!

July 18-23 District 5 Southbound Cruise

Join the rest of District 5 on a leisurely southbound cruise to the D/5 rendezvous in Solomons Island, Maryland.

July 24-26 District 5 Rendezvous at the Holiday Inn and Marina in Solomons Island.

USPS District 5 Summer Council & Navigation Contest

Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron is co-hosting this event and is expected to make a grand showing in the D/5 Navigation Contest.

July 27-Aug 2 Top Gun Cruise to OBX.

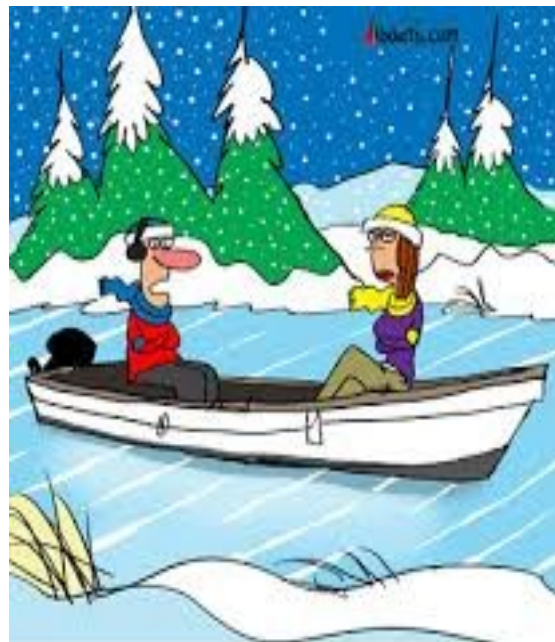
How far will we go? Come along and visit Norfolk, Coinjock, Manteo. Maybe even a trip to Ocracoke! Details will be coming in a future On the Horizon.

August 21-23 Crab Feast in Rock Hall at the Sailing Emporium.

We invite you, your family and friends to attend our Squadron's most popular annual event. There's live music, crabs, burgers, fresh corn, and conga lines. Bring the kids to this one, there's a nice pool, and a trolley ride from the marina to town.

September 18-20 Last Cruise of the Summer to Havre de Grace

We are headed up the bay and up the river to Havre de grace. Come and join us for the weekend.



"Maybe you were right, we should wait until Spring before we take the boat out."

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS – MARCH 18, 2015

Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron 2015 to 2016

The Bridge

As presented by the Nominating Committee

Commander	P/C Kenneth H. W. Finck, AP
Executive Officer	Lt/C Douglas B. Riley, AP
Educational Officer	Lt/C Streett Broadbent, AP
Administrative Officer	Lt/C David J. Blades, P
Treasurer	P/C Richard D. Bussey, P
Secretary	Lt Stuart Newborn, S

Assistants

As presented by the Nominating Committee

Asst. Education Officer	Robert Crimmins, AP
Asst. Treasurer	P/Lt/C Barbara Blaker, AP
Asst. Secretary	NONE _____

Executive Committee

Ten members are elected; six are presented by the Nominating Committee.

1	Susan Rudy, AP	6	Robert Crimmins, AP (unconfirmed)
2	P/C Ron Basener, AP	7	
3	P/C Anthony Van de Wal, N	8	
4	Lt Mary L. Hall, P	9	
5	Lt Dianne A. Newborn	10	

General Committees (Elected)

... but not nominated

Nominating Committee

Chair	D/Lt James H. Redding, P	One (1) year remaining
	P/C Suzann K. Bussey, S	Two (2) years remaining
	P/C Ernest Molnar, AP	Three (3) years remaining
	P/C Steven Dalgarno, N	Four (4) years remaining
		Five (5) years remaining

Rules Committee

Chair	P/C Ronald V. Basener, SN	One (1) year remaining
	Lt William Kincannon, AP	Two (2) years remaining
	P/Lt/C Barbara A. Blaker, AP	Three (3) years remaining
	P/C W. Brooks Riley, AP	Four (4) years remaining
		Five (5) years remaining

Auditing Committee

Chair	Lt Chris Nehmer, AP	One (1) year remaining
	D/Lt Connie Barry, JN	Two (2) years remaining
		Three (3) years remaining

RESERVATION FORM
USPS D/5 SPRING CONFERENCE
27 March – 29 March 2015
Ocean City, Maryland

MEMBER: Rank _____ Name: _____ Grade: _____

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

SQUADRON: _____ POSITION: _____ FIRST TIMER? _____

E-mail: _____ PHONE: _____

SPOUSE/OTHER ATTENDEES:

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

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ACTIVITIES SELECTIONS

SATURDAY LUNCHEON

Trio of Salads/Chicken, Egg, Tossed Garden Plate # _____ @ \$15.00 \$ _____

Twin Hamburger Sliders w/potato salad, chips, pickle # _____ @ \$15.00 \$ _____

SATURDAY BANQUET ENTREE CHOICES:

Jumbo Lump Maryland Crab Cakes # _____ @ \$40.00 \$ _____

Beef Bourguignonne - Beef cooked with
Red Wine, mushrooms, onions and carrots # _____ @ \$40.00 \$ _____

Vegetarian/gluten free Stuffed Pepper # _____ @ \$25.00 \$ _____

Dietary restrictions _____

OPTIONAL Room raffle ONE FREE NIGHT (1 October 2014 to 30 April 2015)

1 ticket for \$5.00 or 3 tickets for \$10.00 # _____ @ \$5 or \$10 \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to: 2015 D/5 Spring Conference

SEND TO: P/C Barbara Walter, AP
11740 Asbury Cir, Apt 1213
Solomons, MD 20688-3068
Phone: 410 394-3232
E-mail address: last-chance@comcast.net

**Meal Reservations must be
received by 25 February 2015**

Uniform – Thursday/Friday/Saturday – USPS/Squadron shirts. Banquet – Uniform A with bowtie.

Princess Royale Hotel

9100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, Maryland

Non-smoking Venue - Handicapped Rooms available on a request basis.

CALL Reservations Dept at 1-800-476-9253

Use the Reservation ID Code: U. S. Power Squadron, District 5

Rates: Oceanview/pool view Suite - \$109.00 per night Friday/Saturday

Oceanfront Suite - \$149.00 per night 2BR/2BA Oceanfront Condo - \$239.00 per night/3BR \$269.00

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY 25 FEBRUARY 2015 TO ENSURE USPS RATES

Directions: From RT 90, turn left onto Coastal Hwy. Hotel will be on the right.



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Email: cdr@uspsdundalk.org

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Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of the month
7:30 pm

Baltimore Yacht Club

800 Baltimore Yacht Club Rd Essex, MD 21221

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Costs: Individual = \$84 / Individual + One Additional Active = \$132. \$20 new member administrative fee.

Individual: _____

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Amount Paid: \$ _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Membership Type: Individual: _____ Or

Individual with Family: _____

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Date: _____



SAFE BOATING THROUGH EDUCATION

Calendar

February 18	Membership Meeting—BYC. Pitch in meeting.
March 18	Membership Meeting—BYC. Squadron Elections. Pitch in
March 21	Change of Watch—BYC.
April 15	Membership Meeting—BYC. Pitch in meeting
May 15-17	Shakedown Cruise to Inner Harbor Marina
May 20	Membership Meeting—BYC. Pitch in meeting
June 17	Membership Meeting—BYC. Dining room will be open



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

DATED MATERIAL

DUNDALK SAIL & POWER SQUADRON

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