

ON THE HORIZON

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Don't Miss Our Next Membership Meeting

January 21, 2015 at 1930 (7:30 PM)

Mr. Laurie Davis of the Boy Scouts of America will give a talk on the Sea Scout program in Maryland. At BYC—This will be a pitch-in meeting so please bring something to share.

COMMANDER



Well the new year is upon us. We had a great boating season last year and I'm looking forward to an even better one next year. Although the boats are all winterized and put away for the year it doesn't mean we don't have anything to do.

Our Administrative Officer, Douglas Riley, AP is busy at work lining up speakers for the next year. He did a great job last year and is looking for your help this year. Please drop him a line if you have an idea. January starts off with a great speaker on the Boy Scouts of America and Sea Scouts.

Also in January we have the national meeting in Jacksonville Florida from the 18th through the 25th. Some of our members will be going for the whole week. I will be going down the day after our January meeting. This meeting is a great opportunity for all members. Please let me know if you will be there.

At the end of January we have the Baltimore Boat show. We need help staffing it. Please see the help wanted ad below. This year we'll have a special treat in the form of a boating simulator for training. Dundalk is looking into purchasing it's own simulator for use locally to

teach safe boating and promote the squadron. I think it will be a wonderful tool for us to have. Please let me know what you think.

P/D/C Bernie Karpers, SN has been hard at work trying to secure some grants to reduce the cost to the squadron. It will still be expensive in time and money-but it should have fantastic returns to the squadron. Even if you do not work the boat show please stop by the booth and check it out.

March features our elections and our Change of Watch at Baltimore Yacht Club. The squadron does a lot of good work in the boating community but we need people to step up and lend a hand. We have many people who offer to assist but few who offer to run an event. This year please consider chairing an event, working on a committee or an taking an elected office. It's more fun than work and like I said we've already got a lot of assistants lined up for you.

Summer is coming !

Respectfully submitted, Commander John L. Hall, AP

HELP WANTED— THE BALTIMORE BOAT SHOW

The Baltimore Boat Show runs from January 29th through February 1st. We need help staffing the trailer. Our mission is to promote safe boating and this is a great opportunity to meet the general boating public and educate them about safe boating and what a great organization the United States Power Squadron truly is. In addition to helping the public you will gain free admission into the boat show.

This year we've got something new planned. We're hoping to have an interactive computer simulator. For a lot of us this will be the first chance to see one in person. This simulator features multiple display screens and real boat controls. It gives the student a very realistic learning opportunity while being able to be in a classroom environment. It is really something to see.

Please contact Commander John Hall or P/C Tracey Stuenes and let's get this event staffed!

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Goodbye warm weather. Hello winter and 2015!
 What will this New Year bring?

The Squadron is trying to find a way for people with walking disabilities to attend our Change of Watch Dinner on Saturday, March 21st by parking below at Baltimore Yacht Club and catching a ride to the top of the hill. Look for more information in the Change of Watch invitation.

The Nominating Committee is looking for members to move up in the world. Please talk with Walter Neese or Sue Bussey if you are up to the job. The Squadron needs you! It takes active members to keep the Squadron going, so please help out.

Don't forget the get together at Commander Hall's house for cruise planning on Saturday, January 10, 2015.

Good food and great people all working for one thing – to make our 2015 cruises the best ever! You don't need a boat to take part in this event, so please attend.

I want to thank all the great people who have supported me in my time with the Squadron. My problem now is health, as it is with some of you. Our get up and go has got up and went!

May we all have good health and a happy, prosperous New Year! Stay safe and drive carefully.

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:

We will be having an Instructors' Meeting **January 21, 2015 at 6:00 PM** at BYC.
At that time we will be setting up the Training Schedule for 2015.
Fred Schwing will no longer be able to teach the 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 12-15 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 held at the Holiday Inn in the Inner Harbor - 301 W Lombard St, Baltimore, MD 21201.
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 possibly teach some of their associates ABC. They may also be interested in some of our advanced courses. ABC would be taught over this winter at Hunt Valley.
Please contact me if you would like to participate and help.

Respectfully submitted,

Lt/C J. Streett Broadbent, AP – SEO

Help Save a Child's Life - Become a Life Jacket Loaner Site

ANNAPOLIS, Md., December 8, 2014 – Waterfront businesses, local organizations or government agencies can help themselves, and at the same time, also possibly help save a child's life. All they have to do is join the nation's largest Kids' Life Jacket Loaner Program offered by the non-profit BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water. By becoming one of the Foundation's new no-cost loaner site locations available for 2015, a local business or group can have positive interaction with the boating public when a jacket is needed for the day or weekend. However, loaner site applications will only be accepted at www.BoatUS.org/life-jacket-loaner until March 1, 2015.

BoatUS Foundation Kids' Life Jacket Loaner Program loans out over 140,000 each year nationwide at no cost to borrowers or loaner sites.

For the full article, go to: <http://www.boatus.com/pressroom/release.asp?id=1062#.VLAJynvLqr8>

SECRETARY'S REPORT



So another sailing season has come to a close. S/V Tiphys is now on the hard and awaiting the day when we will once again have her launched. Between now and then there is a lot of work to be done. Our offseason list includes plans to upgrade our electronics and replace some of our canvas among other things. Only time will tell how many of the items on this list are actually accomplished. Either way, Captain Susan and I are already excited about another summer of fun and exciting sailing on the Chesapeake!

The Squadron Holiday Party this year was a wonderful event! There were LOTS of great food, yummy deserts and many friends with which to share it all. There was a pirate's gift exchange, which was enjoyed by all, and I still have some regret for not snagging the lava lamp when I had the chance!

There was also an appearance by Read Van Santa Zile who expressed his heartfelt thanks to all who contributed to the worthy cause of Toys for Tots. Read

collected two large boxes of toys that will be distributed to those in need.

If you didn't make the Holiday Party or haven't seen your Squadron friends for a while the next opportunity will be at the Cruise Planning Party at the home of Mary and John Hall on Saturday January 10th beginning at 1:00 pm. Why not come out, bring a snack to share, enjoy some food and friendship, help plan our cruising agenda for the season and get in an early mood for some warm weather on the Bay? We hope to see you there!

Respectfully submitted,

Lt/C David Blades, AP

Secretary

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



Hopefully, the January edition of *On the Horizon* will arrive *before* our Cruise Planning Meeting on Saturday, January 10, 2015, at 1:00 p.m.! In many ways, the Cruise Planning Meeting is our most important gathering of the year, during which we plan our cruise and activity schedule for the upcoming boating season. Whether you have a favorite cruise destination or somewhere new and exotic in mind, please come on January 10th and we'll try to make it happen. The Cruise Planning Meeting takes place at the home of Commander and Mrs. John Hall, 702 Stone Barn Road, Towson, Maryland 21286.

Another important date for your calendar is Saturday, March 21, 2015, when the Squadron will assemble at Baltimore Yacht Club for our annual Change of Watch Dinner. Then, the following weekend, March 27-29, 2015, is the District 5 Spring Conference in Ocean City, Maryland. We'd sure like to have a big turn-out from Dundalk for both events.

We're also looking forward to learning all about the Sea Scout program at the Squadron's next membership meeting on Wednesday, January 21, 2015, at 7:30 p.m.

And don't forget to volunteer for the Power Squadron's Information Booth at the Baltimore Boat Show from Thursday, January 29 – Sunday, February 1, 2015. Please touch bases with Tracey Steunes for a time.

It's going to be a great year for the Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron!

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 21092-2006

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

Music by Straight Ahead Band
Greg Moxey and Dennis Franco



FROM LEGENDS TO PIRATES!

If you missed any of our meetings in 2014, you missed some wonderful speakers!

True to the educational goals of the United States Power Squadrons, we learned a great deal in the year past, and had a lot of fun doing so.

In May, we heard from Brian Wessner of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, who taught us all about water quality in the Chesapeake Bay and what needs to be done to make the entire bay swimmable and fishable again.

In June, our guest was a Maryland legend, The Honorable Helen Delich Bentley, for whom the Port of Baltimore is now named. Helen delighted us with her history of the Port of Baltimore, and she was delighted, in turn, to receive a standing ovation following her informative address and witty sidebars. Deservedly, our meeting room was filled to capacity that night.

In August, we had fire boats! There were three of them altogether from the Bowleys Quarters and North Point-Edgemere Volunteer Fire Departments, joining us with Lieutenant Joe Walters and his fire-fighting crews for a cookout at BYC, followed by a readiness exercise as the sun began to set over Sue Creek. It was definitely a night to remember, especially when a nearby pleasure craft crossed into the liquid arch of a water cannon!

In September, we had a very moving talk from Master Chief Melvin Johnson, U.S. Navy (retired), about the 2004 capsizing of an Inner Harbor water taxi with 25 souls aboard and the valiant efforts of the Navy reservists fortuitously drilling at Fort McHenry that saved untold lives.

In October, Captain John Hamil of the Maryland Association of Pilots told us all about the life of a Chesapeake Bay Pilot, meeting ocean-going vessels as they enter Maryland waters and piloting them into the Port of Baltimore and beyond. He shared with us harrowing films of pilots jumping from their boats onto rope ladders to scurry aboard the ships they would soon command. More so, he graphically showed us how very limited is the visibility of a pilot aboard one of those big ships whose bows we occasionally (and stupidly) try to cross.

Then, in November, we had pirates! Two of the fiercest swashbucklers you have ever seen told us all about their pirate adventures aboard the *Fearless*, entertaining children and adults alike on two-hour pirate cruises that originate at Fells Point. They even forced us to talk like pirates, play pirate games, and drink grog!

Of course, in December, we had a visit from Santa Claus who, perhaps on a future visit, will share with us his nighttime trans-oceanic navigational techniques.

And, in January, to balance out the very bad influence of our pirate guests, our speaker will be Mr. Laurie Davis of the Boy Scouts of America, who will tell us all about the Sea Scout Program in Maryland.

We always have fun at our meetings, so be sure to attend and bring along a friend!



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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Learn More about America's Boating Club

Email: cdr@uspsdundalk.org

Web: <http://www.uspsdundalk.org>

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

Baltimore Yacht Club

800 Baltimore Yacht Club Rd Essex, MD 21221

Members Helping Members

Adventure, Fun and Learning

On-the-water activities, cruises, rendezvous, raft-ups for a day weekend or week – something for everyone!

- Many locations throughout the Chesapeake Bay
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- **Social Events:** Pitch-in meals, picnics, theme parties, and our Annual Crab Feast

Meetings with knowledgeable guest speakers on interesting topics to include Homeland Security, First-Aid, Weather, Bay History, Winterizing/Commissioning, Engine Maintenance

Join Today

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

Individual: _____

Additional: _____

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Phone: _____

Address: _____

Amount Paid: \$ _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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Date: _____



SAFE BOATING THROUGH EDUCATION

Calendar

January 10	Cruise Planning Party—At the Halls
January 21	Membership Meeting—BYC. Pitch in meeting.
January 18-25	USPS Annual meeting in Jacksonville FL.
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



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