

# ON THE HORIZON

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## **Next Membership Meeting is November 18, 2015 at 1930 (7:30 PM)**

Our featured speaker this month will be David van den Arend. Dave is a Certified Professional Yacht Broker and will be speaking about the best processes to follow when either purchasing a new or new-to-you boat, or selling one. If you are coming for dinner plan to arrive by 6:15 PM. Feel free to mingle prior to sitting down and ordering.

## **COMMANDER**



Mary and I recently attended the District 5 Fall Conference in Cherry Hill, NJ. We were both very busy with Mary working as the chief aide and of course I was doing double duty as the district flag officer and your squadron commander. While doing both jobs really takes all of my time it also affords a unique opportunity to see both sides of an issue.

One of the great things about these district and national events is sharing ideas with other members. We're all working towards the same general goals but often times we have different ideas about how to get there. I can tell you from first hand experience that the District bridge is really dedicated and working hard on the issues we face.

National level members are also working hard on our issues. A few of us had dinner with National representative P/R/C Bob Palmer on Thursday night and by the time we finished he had filled two and half napkins with ideas to take to national. Bob later told me it filled up two full pages of notes. I know there is no way to implement everything but I also know there are a lot of good people working to see what can be done.

If you haven't been to a fall conference before the first thing you need to know is it is all about the education. The prestigious Prince Henry award is handed out at this conference. The award is given to the squadron that has

done the best work in teaching Junior Navigation and Navigation. The Caravelle award is given to the squadron that has done the best job of teaching Seamanship, Piloting and Advanced Piloting.

These awards were given to District 5 by Portugal. We were honored to have the Portuguese Ambassador's Representative, Navy Captain Jose Galrito and his wife Margarida on hand to assist in awarding these trophies. They enjoyed our banquet and awards dinner Saturday night so much that they asked if they could also attend Sunday mornings conference. We truly enjoyed talking Captain Galrito and his wife throughout the weekend.

I found out that Captain Galrito is based in Washington and as such is a land locked captain without a ship. We invited him to attend the Summer Council and he most graciously accepted. Hopefully we'll get him out on the water with us. I don't know if he's related to Prince Henry or not but I call first dibs on having him as my navigator!

Respectfully submitted,  
Commander John L. Hall, AP

## **HELP WANTED**

Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron is hosting the District 5 Spring Conference in Ocean City on April 1st-3rd. P/C Steve Dalgarno, N is chairing the event and can use as much help as you can spare. What can you do you ask? First of all contact Steve and let him know you are ready to help. The conference runs Friday through Sunday. A lot of us will be there Thursday night for the Chili dinner to kickoff the weekend. Once the conference starts we'll need people to staff the raffle table and to staff the registration table. Incoming Cdr Douglas Riley, AP will need help with his fantastic hospitality suite and we're hosting the Commander's reception Saturday night. Even if you can't make it that weekend we still need to round up items for the raffle table.

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## EXECUTIVE OFFICER



### Conferences Galore!

The Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron was well represented at the District 5 Fall Conference in Cherry Hill, NJ. Indeed, many of our members hold district positions, among whom the following attended the conference on October 30 – November 1, 2015:

D/C Fuzzy Jones, AP	District 5 Commander
D/F/Lt John Hall, AP	Flag Lieutenant
D/Lt Mary Hall, P	Chief Aide to District Commander
D/Lt Connie Barry, JN	Aide to District Commander
D/Lt Bobbie Blaker, AP	Aide to District Commander
D/Lt Joanne Day, SN	Aide to District Commander
D/Lt Kathy Karpers	Aide to District Commander
P/D/C Bernie Karpers, N	Fleet Captain / Medical Officer
D/1 <sup>st</sup> /Lt Jim Redding, P	District Assistant Treasurer
Sft/C Walter Neese, SN	Chairman, Electro-Magnetic Systems
D/Lt Rolf Steunes, JN	Navigation Contest
D/Lt Doug Riley, AP	Legislative Committee
D/Lt Read Van Zile, AP	Aide to District Commander

One item of business transacted at the Fall Conference was approval of our proposed budget for the upcoming District 5 Spring Conference in Ocean City MD from March 31 – April 3, 2016, which Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron will host. Be sure to mark the first weekend in

April upon your calendars as we shall need *everyone* from Dundalk to make the Spring Conference a great success, and to celebrate Fuzzy's year as District Commander. The Bridge is grateful to P/C Steven Dalgarno, N and Jennifer Dalgarno, P for taking the lead and serving as chairs of the 2016 Spring Conference. Let's all be sure they have our support and all the hands needed to plan and execute a memorable Spring Conference.

You should also consider attending the Annual Meeting of the United States Power Squadrons to be held in Orlando, Florida from February 15 – February 21, 2016. Orlando is a wonderful place to visit in February, and *this* Annual Meeting is particularly important because our own P/C Anthony Van de Wal, N will be recognized for a half-century of service to the United States Power Squadrons and awarded his 50<sup>th</sup> Merit Mark! Like Rolf Stuenes who received his 50<sup>th</sup> Merit Mark last year, Tony is still among our most-active members, currently teaching the Weather course to another generation of boaters. We salute you, Tony, for 50 years of excellence in boater education and safety on the water!

Respectfully submitted,

Lt/C Douglas B. Riley, AP

### Our Meeting Place

The Bowman Restaurant on Harford Road. 410-665-8600. We will have a meeting room reserved from 6:00 to 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday November 18th, 2015. Those of us planning to eat should plan to arrive around 6:00 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.

The Bowman Restaurant is located at 9306 Harford Rd, Parkville, MD 21234, just OUTSIDE the Beltway, on the left-hand side as you head north – across from the CVS Drugstore.

## ***EDUCATIONAL OFFICER***



### **ABC Courses:**

#### **St. Ursula's Church:**

Exam was given on 11/5/2015.

### **Weather Course:**

Is running at Doug Riley's office in Towson with 5 students.

### **Instructor Recertification:**

The class was held October 21<sup>st</sup>. Thanks to Ray & Lois for teaching! Attendees included:

Streett Broadbent, Bob Crimmins, Joanne Day, Ken Finck, Lois Nehmer-Schiff, Ray Schiff, Rolf Stuenes & Read Van Zile.



### **Instructors' Meeting:**

The Instructors' meeting originally scheduled for November 18<sup>th</sup> at the Bowman Restaurant has been CANCELLED and will be rescheduled for a another date. The main focus will be the schedule for courses for 2016.

### **Other Possible Class Location:**

Towson United Methodist Church: 501 Hampton Lane, Towson, MD 21286  
Open Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays – No Thursdays

Lt./C J. Streett Broadbent, AP - SEO

## ***ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER***



Well the sailing season is officially over for us as S/V Tiphys is winterized and on the hard for the cold winter months to come. We were able to get in one last cruise before the haul-out which satisfied us just enough to get through the winter, but leaves us longing for the time when the sun rises earlier and sets later. We are now officially waiting for the Cruise Planning Party to be scheduled so that we can learn of our 2016 Squadron cruise destinations. I'm sure that wherever we end up it will be a lot of fun. It always is!

Our October membership meeting featured a weather professional in forecaster Bryan Jackson of the National Weather Service. Bryan is the Marine Program Leader at the NWS and presented topics related to the National Weather Service's marine products and warnings paying special attention to our local boating area. The presentation was very informative and entertaining with lively question and answer opportunities interspersed within the topics.

Our speaker for November will be Mr. David van den Arend. Dave is a Certified Professional Yacht Broker

and will be speaking about the best processes to follow when either purchasing a new or new-to-you boat, or selling one. Don't miss this opportunity to learn from an industry professional. David has been a professional broker for many years and has amassed a wealth of knowledge relating to not only the brokering of yachts, but also many other facets of the marine industry.

We are getting several leads from the Annapolis Boat Shows, both sail and power, and our Membership chairperson, Lt. Susan Rudy, AP, is busily following up on them. Her efforts, and those of Member Involvement chairperson Lt. Dianne Newborn, are very much appreciated. These are functions vital to the Squadron. Please consider volunteering some time to assist Susan and Dianne. They will appreciate the help and you can earn some time toward your next, or maybe first, Merit Mark!

Respectfully submitted,  
Lt/C David Blades, AP  
Administrative Officer

## ***SECRETARY'S REPORT***



Since we are an organization dedicated to safety, I thought it appropriate to mention an item most of us have that could be beneficial for our personal safety - our automobile's remote, as most are equipped with a panic mode. Besides using when getting in your car to hopefully send a would-be attacker running, you should keep it in your hand when walking to your car, especially in a parking lot or parking garage. Also, keep it nearby when in your home, then if you hear someone trying to break in you can set it off, but

should test it first to see if you are close enough to your car to set off the panic mode.

Send any changes in your information for DB2000/National or our mailing list directly to me: [stuartnewborn@gmail.com](mailto:stuartnewborn@gmail.com)

Respectfully submitted,  
Lt/C Stuart Newborn, S  
Secretary

## ***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, P  
Treasurer

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## Ahoy there Mates!

Your Nominating Committee is trying hard to provide a full slate of candidates to elect at the Annual Meeting, but we are getting unusual resistance when asking people if they are willing to hold office.

Our first priority is to find a promotable Assistant Squadron Education Officer to work with our proposed new SEO. We also are looking for an Administration Officer and a Secretary. There are other vacancies we think will be easier to fill, that we are still working on.

If you know someone that would be good in one of the offices, talk to them, and if they are agreeable, notify one of the committee members listed below. Also, if you

haven't been approached, but think you would like to be considered for the office, also talk to one of the following Committee members.

Let's not embarrass Dundalk by having blank spaces in the District Roster!

Your Nominating Committee,

D/1st/Lt Jim Redding

D/Lt Mary Hall

P/C Ernie Molnar



## THE DUNDALK SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON

Cordially invites you and your boating friends

To our annual Holiday Party at

**THE BOWMAN RESTAURANT**  
**9306 Harford Road, Parkville, MD 21234**

Wednesday, December 16, 2015

From 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

### Buffet Dinner

*Seafood Newburg w/ Rice - Sliced Roast Beef - Baked Chicken  
Honey Glazed Baked Ham - Hot Vegetable du Jour  
Garden Salad - Seasonal Fruit Salad - Rolls & Butter  
Chocolate Fudge Cake, Coffee, Hot Tea, Iced Tea & Sodas  
All for just \$25.00 per person (\$10.00 for children under 12)  
Price includes taxes and gratuity. Cash bar available.*

#### **A Pirate Gift Exchange!**

(If you'd like to participate, please bring a wrapped gift valued at no more than \$15.00 to competitively swap and exchange!)



The collection of new, unwrapped toys for  
**TOYS FOR TOTS!**

A special visit from  
**SANTA VAN ZILE!**

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**Be sure to let us know you'll be attending!**

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Adults at \$25 each \_\_\_\_\_ Children at \$10 \_\_\_\_\_ Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please send this form and your check payable to DSPS, by **December 9, 2015**, to: Lt/C Doug Riley, 623 Wilton Road, Towson, Maryland 21286.

**RESERVATION FORM**  
**United States Power Squadrons D/5 SPRING CONFERENCE**  
*April 1-3 2016*  
*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 CHOICES:**

Trio Salad of Chicken Salad, Tuna Salad & Tossed Garden Salad

# \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$18.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Twin Hamburger Sliders w/ Chips, Pickle, Potato Salad

# \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$18.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Coffee, Decaf Coffee, Tea & Iced Tea

**SATURDAY BANQUET ENTREE CHOICES:**

Jumbo Lump Maryland Crab Cakes

# \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$42.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Beef Bourguignon w/ Red Wine, Onions, Carrots, Mashed Potatoes

# \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$42.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetarian/Gluten free Stuffed Pepper

# \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$28.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Coffee, Decaf Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea

Dietary restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

**OPTIONAL Room raffle ONE FREE NIGHT (October 1, 2016 - April 20, 2017)**

1 Ticket \$5.00 or 3 Tickets for \$10.00

# \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5 or \$10 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Make Checks Payable to: 2016 D/5 Spring Conference**

**SEND TO:** Lt/C Stuart Newborn, S

9754 Ashlyn Cr

Owings Mills, MD 21117

Phone: 410-356-5320

E-mail: stuartnewborn@gmail.com

**MEAL RESERVATIONS must  
be received by March 2, 2016**

**Recommended Dress:** Thursday/Friday/Saturday – USPS/Squadron Shirts

Banquet – Uniform A with bowtie

**MAKE RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY WITH HOTEL - Call Reservations Dept. at 877-995-7875**

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

**Princess Royale Hotel**

9100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, Maryland

Non-Smoking Venue - Handicapped Rooms available on a request basis

**Rates:** Ocean view/pool view Suite: \$109.00 per night Friday/Saturday Ocean Suite: \$149.00 per night

2BR/2BA Oceanfront Condo: \$239.00 per night, 3BR: \$269.00 per night

*(rates listed above do **not** include taxes)*

**ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY 25 FEBRUARY 2016 TO ENSURE USPS RATES**

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



## **Battery Basics** - How to take care of your boat's batteries

I have two batteries on my boat with a switch to turn on one battery, two or none. One is a starting (cranking) battery. The second is a deep cycle (marine) battery, which has less instant energy but thicker plates so it can withstand a number of discharge cycles.

If you take good care of your batteries, they should last you at least four years. Eighty percent of all battery failure is related to sulfation build-up, which occurs when sulfur molecules in the acid discharge onto the plates. The lead plates become coated, and the battery dies. Here are a few things that can cause sulfation and shorten your battery's life:

- The battery sits too long.
- The battery cables aren't clean or tight.
- The battery is stored without energy input.
- The battery is undercharged.
- The battery is not checked, and the electrolyte level gets too low, exposing the plates to air.
- The battery sits in extreme heat (over 100 degrees Fahrenheit).
- Cold weather is hard on a battery. The chemical reaction slows down and provides less energy.

The battery has a drain on it while not being charged. If there is a short or electrical equipment running, such as an automatic bilge pump, a battery could discharge completely.

Battery charging is important. Energy must be put back, and the sooner, the better. The alternator in your engine is a battery charger, but be aware that it can overcharge. While I tend to charge the batteries before taking the boat out, it would be wiser to charge them upon returning to the dock. This would leave the battery fully charged and ready for the next outing.

Check the age of your batteries (the month and year of manufacture should be printed on them). You can check specific gravity with a hydrometer and the output with a voltmeter. Compare these numbers to those recommended for your battery.

If a new battery is in order, determine the type needed. Starting batteries should have the highest reserve capacity available. Deep cycle batteries should have the greatest amp hour rating available. Make sure that the battery type and size are appropriate for your boat and that the terminals match your boat's cable hookup. Lastly, make sure to buy a fresh battery. Check the date to see how long it has been sitting on the shelf. *—Rex Allen Holden*

## **Winterize your engine** - Get your boat ready for the winter months

For many boaters, it's time to start thinking about winterizing your boat if you haven't already. Below are steps for winterizing your boat's engine. If you don't feel comfortable doing it yourself, let the marina do it for you.

Install "ear muffs" or "flush muffs," which you can buy at most marine stores, on the lower outdrive unit(s). Attach a water hose to the ear muffs, turn on the water and adjust the flow. Start the engine, making sure it's in neutral or idle.

Let the engine run until the thermostat opens, approximately 10 to 15 minutes. This means the engine has reached its operating temperature of 170 to 180 degrees. The thermostat must open for the antifreeze to circulate throughout the entire engine block.

Fill the antifreeze tank with five gallons of -50 degrees Fahrenheit antifreeze and place the filled tank on the swim platform. Repeat for each engine.

After verifying that the engine is at operating temperature and that the thermostat is open, disconnect the water hose and replace it with the antifreeze tank hose. (Better yet, get two sets of ear muffs, and just pull one set off and put the other set on. It's a lot faster and easier.)

Turn the antifreeze tank hose on. Allow four of the five gallons of antifreeze to run through the engine block. Look for the water to turn pink. Once it does, turn the engine off. Do not restart the engine; it has now been winterized.

If you have dual engines, repeat the process on the other engine. *—Jerry Uber*





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## Members Save Money

### Great Benefits available to USPS members include:

- Up to a 23% discount on boat insurance
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## Learn More about America's Boating Club

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<http://www.uspsd5.org>

**Meetings:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month  
Dinner 6:00 pm, Meeting 7:30 pm

The Bowman Restaurant

9306 Harford Road, Parkville, MD 21234

## Members Helping Members

### Adventure, Fun and Learning

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

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

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**Costs:** Individual = \$86 / Individual + One Additional Active = \$132. \$20 new member administrative fee.

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**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Amount Paid: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron - Receipt:

**Membership Type:** Individual: \_\_\_\_\_ Or

Individual with Family: \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount Paid: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



## SAFE BOATING THROUGH EDUCATION

### Calendar

November 18	Membership Meeting—The Bowman on Harford Rd
December 16	Holiday Party / Membership Meeting — The Bowman
January 20	Membership Meeting — The Bowman on Harford Rd
February 17	Membership Meeting — The Bowman on Harford Rd
February 15-21	USPS National Meeting in Orlando, FL
March 16	Membership Meeting — The Bowman on Harford Rd
April 1-3	D5 Spring Conference in Ocean City, MD

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