

ON THE HORIZON

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NEW MEMBERSHIP MEETING PLACE

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

Come and check out our new digs—The Bowman Restaurant at 9306 Harford Rd, Parkville, MD 21234. Our feature speaker this month will be Mr. Bryan Jackson, a forecaster for the National Weather Service. Bryan will be speaking on the National Weather Service's marine products and warnings, and presenting case studies and current topics of interest and concern for their Marine Weather Program.

COMMANDER



What a wonderful September for the Squadron. We kicked off the boating with the District 5 Fall Festival at Maryland Yacht Club. The weather couldn't have been any better when I came over on Friday. Saturday, however, the wind kicked up just a bit. It might have even been a bit windier than the sail regatta folks would have preferred. Susan Rudy has a nice article on page 7 about it.

It was also a little rough for the fishing contest but we were on the mighty Rat Ark so no worries there. Fishing was slow but one of our party hooked onto a *Rhinoptera bonasus* and boy what a fight. The pictures on page 9 tell the story.

Our membership meeting featured the canvas geezer P/C Ron Knight. Ron really knows his stuff and covered everything from material selection to proper care and storage of your boat's soft goods. He's more than willing to answer more questions or loan tools if you need them. However he strongly advises that if you need work done—get it started now. ALL the canvas guys will be busy in the spring.

The last cruise of summer was just about perfect. It also gave me a chance to exercise some of the new electronic toys I've installed this year. We picked up dinner on

the way down to the boat and when we left I started at a leisurely cruise speed so we could eat dinner.

I noticed the sun seemed to be pretty low on the horizon. One way to determine elevation of a celestial body is to make a fist at arm's length and count how many fists from the horizon to the body. Each fist will be about 10 degrees. I had a little over one fist and the sun moves at about 15 degrees per hour. Uh-oh. Dinner cruise is over. Battle Stations! Full speed ahead!

The run up to Havre de Grace is fairly tricky and I wouldn't be getting there until after dark. Without all the gizmos I'd definitely be going very slowly. With the RADAR, AIS, chart plotter and camera I was able to keep up full speed right up to Harve de Grace. We arrived just as it became completely dark. Fortunately there was a welcoming committee of Squadron members waiting to show us into our slip with flashlights and cell phones. The whole weekend was great. I can't wait to tell you all about it in person.

Respectfully submitted,
Commander John L. Hall, AP

Our New 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 October 21st 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.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Fair Weather Sailor

I readily admit that I am a fair weather sailor. Granted, my first cruise with the Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron, the Shakedown Cruise in May 2009, ended on a wet and very windy Sunday morning. As a brand new boater without crew, I was wisely instructed by Bernie and Kathy Karpers that I would leave *Lorenzo* at Baltimore Marine Center and return to Middle River on *After Hours II*. We left shortly after breakfast, and it was a wild and crazy ride back to Middle River, rocking back-and-forth and side-to-side on Bernie's fly bridge. I was grateful, indeed, to have heeded the Karpers' advice!

Of course, as soon as *After Hours II* was safely docked at the Karpers' home, Bernie announced, "That was FUN! Let's go get *your* boat!" And so we did, with Kathy dutifully driving Bernie and me back to Canton, where we set out again in the pouring rain and 8-foot seas (or so it seemed!) back to Middle River. It was a wonderful way to begin cruisin' with you guys!

Of course, this doesn't compare to the Frostbite Cruise of 2011 when an early snow storm blanketed Chestertown and kept up all confined at Rolph's Wharf Marina until Mon-

day. I had invited a friend from the Midwest to join us who questioned the wisdom of returning, even on Monday morning, to the western shore. He kept saying, "There are small craft warnings in place!" To which I kept repeating, "But *Lorenzo's* not a small craft." Fortunately, that proved reasonably true, and I got him to BWI and his flight home on time, albeit *drenched* from the crossing. He has yet to respond to any of my frequent invitations to come back.

This all came to mind as, midweek, I battened down the hatches and added new lines to *Lorenzo* as Hurricane Joaquin headed our way. Fortunately, *Joaquin* decided to stay well offshore, but it's been a good reminder that NOAA's very first Safe Boating Tip is: "KNOW THE WEATHER." Please take a minute now to review NOAA's *Safe Boating Weather Tips* included in this edition of *On The Horizon*.

Respectfully submitted,

Lt/C Douglas B. Riley, AP

Executive Officer

El Faro lost at sea

Many of the sailing group may remember the El Faro docked on the east side of the channel in Baltimore as we have gone out to sail and returned home. The Coast Guard reported today she has sunk off the Bahamas in Hurricane Joaquin with thirty three souls aboard.

Eternal Father, strong to save,

Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!

May they rest in peace.

Lt Robert Crimmons, AP, Assistant SEO

EDUCATIONAL OFFICER



ABC Courses:

St. Ursula's Church:

Thanks to Brooks Riley, the first ABC course will be held October 8th at 7:00 PM. Brooks, Ray Schiff & Lois Nehmer-Schiff will be teaching.

Tidewater Marina:

Ron Basener & Jim Redding have set up a course with Tidewater Marina which will start Feb. 2nd, 2016.

Anchorage Marina:

Ken Finck, Bob Crimmins and Streett will be meeting with Anchorage Marina to set up courses for ABC and other advanced classes,

DNR Basic Boating Course – “Boat Maryland”:

Five Instructors had their final DNR training on Sept. 30th at BYC.
Public Courses (4) to be scheduled.

Thank You Julie Brown!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



Seated: Julie Brown & Streett Broadbent
Standing: Jim Redding, Rolf Stuenes,
John Hall & Ron Basener



Julie & Her Truck

Weather Course:

Started September 17th at Doug Riley's office in Towson with 4 students.

Instructor Recertification:

This class to be rescheduled in October.

Advanced Courses:

Planning/Scheduling for the following courses will be set by the next meeting:

- Seamanship
- Piloting
- Advanced Piloting
- Marine Electrical Systems
- Sail

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

Safe Boating Weather Tips from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

You know the weather...

It can be both friend and foe. Calm winds and seas make for enjoyable power boating, waterskiing, and fishing. A fresh breeze and a light chop provide an invigorating sailing or wind surfing experience. But the sudden emergence of dark clouds, shifting and gusty winds, torrential downpours and lightning can turn a day's pleasure into a nightmare of distress. Here are some tips on how to keep your pleasure and safety to a maximum.

Plan for boating fun...

Several days ahead of time start listening for the National Weather Service extended 5-day outlooks on NOAA Weather Radio, AM/FM radio, and TV. The outlooks give general information to help you decide whether or not to continue making plans.

Before setting out...

Pay close attention to the TV weathercast and listen to detailed marine weather forecasts on NOAA Weather Radio. Take note of small boat cautionary statements, Small Craft Advisories, or Gale or Storm Warnings in the forecasts. The Advisories and Warnings (see definitions) alert mariners to higher winds and waves either occurring now or forecast to occur up to 24 hours from now. Advisories and Warnings for conditions expected later give mariners time to take action to protect life and property.

After setting out...

Don't touch that dial! Stay tuned to NOAA Weather Radio. You know the weather - it changes! The change often occurs out of your sight and may be headed your way. Updated warnings and forecasts are aired immediately on NOAA Weather Radio, alerting you to changes that may require action on your part. But you can help yourself... It's up to YOU!

While on the water, stay alert...

- Check NOAA Weather Radio broadcasts for latest warnings and forecasts.
- Watch for signs of approaching storms:
 - Dark, threatening clouds, which may foretell a squall or thunderstorm.
 - A steady increase in wind or sea.
 - Lightning flashes.
- An increase in wind opposite in direction to a strong tidal current may lead to steep waves capable of broaching a boat.
- Heavy static on your AM radio may be an indication of nearby thunderstorm activity.
- If a thunderstorm is approaching, head for shore if possible. Get out of your boat and away from the water. Find shelter immediately.
- If a thunderstorm catches you while afloat, remember that gusty winds and lightning pose a threat to safety.
 - Put on your personal flotation device and prepare for rough seas.
 - Stay below deck if possible.
 - Keep away from metal objects that are not grounded to the boat's protection system.
 - Don't touch more than one grounded object a shortcut for electrical surges passing through the protection system.

A decorative border of pumpkins surrounds the text. The pumpkins are arranged in a rectangular frame, with a single row of 20 pumpkins at the top and bottom, and vertical columns of 10 pumpkins on the left and right sides.

D/5 FALL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

30 OCTOBER—1 NOVEMBER

CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL, CHERRY HILL, NJ

Get ready for a ghoulish weekend 30 October to 1 November at the District 5 Fall Conference. Absecon Island with help from Kingsway & Delsea are planning a ghostly experience beginning with the Friday night Halloween Party. There will be non-stop dancing. Get your costumes ready as prizes will be given in several categories (to be named later).

On the serious side, the Educational Conference at Cherry Hill will begin a new look. Yes, we will continue to focus on our educational activities. However, we will introduce several new topics to help SEO's, instructors and other interested squadron members promote boating education.

First, we are going to have an all hands' session to highlight important information and provide tools and techniques to help squadrons educate. For example, we will present updates to the educational program, courses and seminars in one session open to all that were introduced last fall. Want to learn more about marketing our courses? Stf/C Paul Mermelstein, SN of the national marketing committee will give you many ideas and thoughts on how to do it better.

Next, we will present topics and seminars on familiar subjects, but with a different perspective. Are your seminars not delivering the right information? Come learn what makes a good seminar for your audience. Cdr Mike King, AP of the Wilmington Squadron will tell you how to combine education with your summer cruising. These topics and others will be introduced for the first time at this conference.

Come to Cherry Hill this Halloween to learn and socialize with your United States Power Squadrons family from District 5!

D/Lt/C Chuck Wells, SN—D/5 Educational Officer



D/5 2015 FALL CONFERENCE RESERVATION FORM

**30 OCTOBER - 1 NOVEMBER 2015,
CROWNE PLAZA, CHERRY HILL, NJ**



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ACTIVITIES SELECTION:

Friday, 30 October

Halloween Costume Party # _____ @ \$10.00 \$ _____

Saturday, 31 October

Members' Luncheon

Chicken Fiesta Salad # _____ @ \$24.00 \$ _____

King of Turkey Club/Chips # _____ @ \$24.00 \$ _____

(includes Sliced Fruit, Carrot Cake, Coffee Tea)

Banquet

Chicken Madeira w/Mushrooms # _____ @ \$40.00 \$ _____

Grilled Tilapia # _____ @ \$40.00 \$ _____

(includes Chef's Salad, Potato, Vegetables,
Cheesecake, Coffee, Tea)

All events include Cash Bar Total \$ _____

Reservations must be placed by Friday 09 October 2015

Make checks payable to "Absecon Island Power Squadron"

Send to:

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If you have questions, please contact:

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Or by calling (1 888 233 9527) and mention **Absecon Island Power Squadron, three-letter code - AIZ**

DUNDALK RECLAIMS THE HISTORIC THAU-REESE TROPHY AT D5 REGATTA

In its 50th running, the District 5 Sail Contest was reclaimed by Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron at the D5 Fall Festival and Sail Regatta, held at Maryland Yacht Club on September 12, 2015.

The Thau-Reese Rear Commander's Trophy for the U.S.P.S. District 5 Sail Contest was initiated in 1962 and first claimed by Delaware River Power Squadron. Since then, it has passed between thirteen D5 squadrons including Absecon, Annapolis, Kent Narrows, Main Line, Northern Virginia, Patapsco River, Prince Georges, Sue Island, Susquehannock, Rockville, and Wilmington.

The current Dundalk winner is Captain Susan Rudy of SV Tiphys. First Mate David Blades and Race Tactician Lynn Egan share the credit and the award. A hard fought second place was taken by Captain Lou Cates of Patapsco River Power Squadron on Ruggala, assisted by crew members John Linsenmeyer and Beth Thompson. The challenging race conditions included rain, winds gusting to 20 knots and 3 foot waves on the Patapsco River.



This is the fourth win for Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron in the 54 year history of the event. It was most recently brought home by Rolf Stuenes in 2007, 2008 and 2010. Sue Island's Willard Scott also won the trophy three times in the 1980's.



Current defenders Susan Rudy and Team Tiphys hereby issue a challenge to all Dundalk sailboats to start practicing now for next year's race. We hope to have a good showing to keep this D5 tradition sailing for another 50 years!

Respectfully Submitted by
Lt Susan Rudy AP



SECRETARY'S REPORT



I am the Squadron's contact for all changes to the roster, DB2000 (the United States Power Squadrons' database), and the On the Horizon mailing list. Send all changes to

stuartnewborn@gmail.com.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at The Bowman Restaurant for our general meetings.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



As I write this column I'm wondering what the future of hurricane Joaquin is in relation to the Chesapeake Bay. My hope is that, when you read this, Joaquin will be a distant memory of yet another storm, that at a time in its overall duration, was projected to have a major impact on our area, but actually veered away to the northeast and vanished in the expanse of the North Atlantic. Only time will tell.

The boating season is quickly coming to a close and along with that Susan and I are busily working to get S/V Tiphys prepared for storage on the hard. Several changes and upgrades are planned for this offseason. We take heart that after a long winters nap she will be better than ever and will once again take us to many familiar places and some not so familiar.

The Last Cruise of Summer to Havre de Grace was a lot of fun and a big success. Six boats made the trip and several members arrived by car. Special thanks to Rolf Stuenes for coming and continuing the search for the NOAA geodetic markers, and also to P/C Brooks Riley for leading the sing

along after dinner on Saturday evening. What a great schedule of boating activities we had this year. I can't wait for the Cruise Planning meeting for next season. I hope to see you there.

I am pleased to announce that the speaker for the October Membership Meeting will be Mr. Bryan Jackson, a fore-caster for the National Weather Service. Bryan will be speaking on the National Weather Service's marine products and warnings, and presenting case studies and current topics of interest and concern for their Marine Weather Program. This will be followed by a question and answer session. This is a rare opportunity for our membership to learn from a professional meteorologist. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the Bowman Restaurant for the meeting and perhaps dinner beforehand. Be sure to come and bring your questions for Bryan!

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

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Top Left: Megan Humphry battled and battled the cownose ray for 45 minutes.

Bottom Left: Meanwhile her husband Brad (Asst AO D/1st/Lt JN) sat there and ate lunch. He made sure to never lift a finger just to show how much confidence he had in Megan. True Story!

Top Right: We got the monster but it almost broke the net.

Bottom Right: The fishing crew—It was THIS BIG





Left: Executive Officer Douglas Riley and his latest crew member from his college days.

Right : The fleet at Havre de Grace



Left: Commander John Hall and his Admiral Mary.

Right: We were tucked in quite nice and tight . Susan and Dave skillfully piloted their boat out Sunday morning



Left: P/D/C Frank Wright telling another tall tale.

Right: Dinner out on the town.



Left: It's five o'clock somewhere.

Right: Jennifer Dalgarno cooking breakfast on Rat Ark





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SAFE BOATING THROUGH EDUCATION

Calendar

October 21	Membership Meeting—The Bowman on Harford Rd
Oct 29-Nov 1	D5 Fall Conference, Cherry Hill, NJ
November 18	Membership Meeting—The Bowman on Harford Rd
December 16	Holiday Party / Membership Meeting



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