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## District 5 Fall Conference Rockville Hilton, Rockville, Maryland 5-7 November 2010

Make your plans now to attend the "Education Conference" in November. In addition to training seminars on Friday afternoon, the Friday schedule will feature two new day-long sessions:

**Leadership Development:** Targeted to Administrative Officers, Assistant Administrative Officers and any member who is a nominee for one of these posts. Anyone recommended by a squadron to attend (e.g., a potential bridge candidate) or anyone else interested in the material is also welcome to attend.

**CPR/AED/First Aid for Boaters:** American Health Association's Heart Saver First Aid course with CPR and AED training. In addition to the standard AHA course is an additional section on medical emergencies unique to boaters, including jellyfish stings, seasickness, fish hook injuries, carbon monoxide poisoning, sunburn, heat stroke and near drowning/hypothermia. Preregistration is required. Contact (301) 767-5905 or alankarpas@verizon.net. Course fee is \$75.



After a day of training be sure to attend the "Jimmy Buffett Party - Stranded on a Sand Bar at Margaritaville." Bring out the beach attire and come socialize, eat and dance the night away with some great friends.

The Saturday program includes briefings on the latest from National, as well as a USPS University seminar. Jim Spaulding will speak about conclusions from his Playful Adult Learning Activity study and there will be a series of seminars on each of the eight National Education Committees, along with a full slate of interest seminars.

Our keynote speaker for the weekend will be John Page Williams, Jr., senior naturalist with The Chesapeake Bay Foundation. CBF fights for bold and creative solutions to the pollution that plagues the Bay and its tributaries, and Mr. Williams will share some of his vast knowledge of the Bay and its history.

Teaching Aids will be featured on Saturday as well, and the D/5 Chapman Award for Excellence in Teaching will be presented at the banquet on Saturday, along with the much coveted Prince Henry and Caravelle Awards.

### Substitute Editor's note:

Thanks to Tom for asking me to help with this issue of the Mark 5. Technology has changed a lot in two years, so there were new challenges and the results are not exactly what I would have wished. Please know that all errors are mine.

~Win Whitehurst

# Commander's Message

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## PARTNERSHIPS HELP FLOAT OUR USPS® BOAT.....

Our District cruise, rendezvous and Council and navigation contest at Solomons were a tremendous success. It was extremely satisfying that C/C Frank Dvorak, SN, V/C John Alter, SN, and P/C/C Ernie Marshburn, SN, and their wives took time to attend these activities. It signifies their respect and support of the D/5 team and recognizes the important role we play in the national organization. The ceremonial flag raising brought chills to many as we honored our tradition on a beautiful morning by the museum and Drum Point Lighthouse. We thank the Patuxent River Sail & Power Squadron for a great job of hosting this annual event.



Fall provides us another interesting round of activity. We have two District events for your attention: the Sail Regatta and Fall Festival 1-3 October and the Fall Conference 5-8 November. These events are described in this newsletter and we hope that you take advantage of these educational activities which are also fun. But the planning for your own squadron's programs must also take priority in the things you do. Many squadrons partner these efforts with local businesses such as marinas, boating clubs and associations, boat dealers, and commercial retailers. These associations help float the education boat and gain public recognition for USPS®. They also provide a good way to acquire new members. The District will partner again this fall with *PassageMaker Magazine's* Trawler Fest which will be held in Baltimore Inner Harbor and Hyatt Regency Hotel 22-26 September. If you wish to volunteer to help contact co-chairs P/D/C Brian Becker of Patapsco Squadron or Al and Marianne Ponzio in the Annapolis Squadron.

C/C Dvorak's message at Summer Council alluded to new national initiatives of partnership ventures with Brunswick Corporation, Boat US, and the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Watch for more information on these endeavors in the future.

May I conclude with this headline, "Overboard P/C's Flag rescued by a Solomons USCGA Safety Patrol on 15 August after the D/5 Summer Rendezvous." Yes, the CGA vessel used one of our fallen flags, floating in the water, as a Man-Overboard exercise and rescued it for salvage. ONE MOOR TIME was docked next to the patrol boat and after we returned from dinner the CGA Captain stepped up to our boat and offered us the "booty" for the day to be returned to the rightful owner. They were obviously aware of our weekend presence!

And thank you very much to whomever left that gigantic turtle pillow in my aft stateroom! After some deliberation, I think he will accompany Michael, Ginny, and me to the Governing Board 1-5 September in Bellevue, Washington, and be designated official District Notes Keeper. We will be looking forward to seeing some of you there, so be prepared for the "Turtlebits Report" coming soon.

Your District 5 Commander, navigating west and serving our District.....CHRIS



## D/5 Supports 100 Anniversary Jamboree

From 26 July through 4 August 2010, D/5 helped UPSP to support the hundredth anniversary Jamboree of the Boy Scouts of America at Ft. A.P. Hill. P/R/C Roberta L. Dougherty, AP, chaired the event that was supported by volunteers from 16 Squadrons from 6 Districts of USPS. Twenty three members from ten squadrons of D/5 provided 85 man days, or 65% of the total of 131 days contributed to the event. The Squadrons were Absecon Island, Annapolis, Delhigh, Dundalk, Elizabeth River, Nansemond River, Patapsco River, Patuxent River, Potomac River, and Smith Mountain Lake. Seavester and the events trailer were there.

The weather during the pre-opening construction days was hot and dry – but bearable. Mid-week after opening, we had a torrential downpour that provided a break from the heat and the ever present dust. The remaining days of the Jamboree were not uncomfortable. District 5 provided more than 60 cases of water to the exhibit team that included the Sea Scouts and the Corps of Engineers. Many contributed materials and dollars to help support the team on site.



Nearly 15,000 Sea Scouts visited over the 10 days. We were fortunate to have USPS C/C Frank Dvorak, SN, and his wife Vivian and P/C/C Ernie Marshburn, SN, and his wife Diane join in for several days as well as D/C Chris Brown, JN. Volunteers rotated among the stations providing fun and education to the Scouts. As one example of the volume of visitors and activity, on Tuesday, 27 July, the gate to the Fort was closed as just over 90,000 vehicles were reported to have passed the gates, and the Jamboree areas could not handle additional numbers.

It was a wonderful experience. It was very rewarding to share in the moments of learning and pleasure as patches were awarded. Much time was spent talking with scouts, scout leaders, and scout parents about USPS, boating education, scouting achievements, and why boating safety is so critical. Many copies of the *WaterSmart from the Start* guides and CD were given to the leaders and many were referred to National to order a set.



Watch the USPS and District websites for additional information on Jamboree 2013. If you are interested in volunteering – let us know.

P/D/C J. Brian Becker, AP



### The Tasks

The USPS exhibit focused on boating education. The scouts had to complete a number of events out of the seven exercises in order to earn their 2010 Jamboree patch. These exercises were:

1. An 8-question quiz relating to simple, basic boating knowledge.
2. The “Bullex Fire Extinguisher Demo” unit. An electronic simulation of putting out a fire.
3. The Volvo-Penta simulator that required the user to dock the boat using the “joy-stick” control device.
4. The Man-Overboard rescue drill in the WaterSmart from the Start Game.
5. Identify five safety features of the 19’ Regal boat.
6. Identify the various types of life jackets.
7. Properly don the life jacket in a simulated emergency.

## Results

# Dundalk and Delaware River Win Navigation Contest

Boat Time	Squadron
1. Battlewagon 0'16" Late	Dundalk
2. Jr's Toy 0'53" Early	Delaware River
3. Lady Jean 0'56" Early	Delaware River
4. La Dolce Vita 1'02" Early	Mid Potomac
5. KoKoMo 1'57" Early	Delhigh
6. Rat Ark 2'29" Early	Dundalk
7. Jenny Lynn Too 3'11" Early	Dundalk

The weather was picture perfect - skies bright blue with fluffy white clouds, a moderate wind and calm seas - for the District 5 Navigation Contest at the District Summer Council and Rendezvous. This year's contest was run where the Patuxent River meets the Chesapeake Bay.

Seven boats ran in the contest, which started at 1330 from green marker "3" and ran into the middle of the bay. The committee boat, "Lady J," provided by D/Lt John Wilmot, waited at anchor at the start/finish line.

The courses and running times varied for each boat, with an average running time of approximately 90 minutes. After finishing the course, each boat passed the District 5 review boat, "One Moor Time," provided by D/C Chris Brown. The D/5 Bridge saluted each passing boat, and the crew of each boat returned the salute and dipped the boat's ensign as a sign of respect.

The time at which each boat crossed the finish line was recorded and the difference calculated between actual finish time and predicted finish time. Boats then were ranked in order of lowest differential first.

The results of the contest were announced at the Saturday evening banquet and awards dinner, with trophies awarded to the successful boats and squadrons.

The Commander's Trophy, awarded to the squadron whose team has the lowest total score error, went to Delaware River Sail & Power Squadron. Second place went to Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron.

The DuPont Trophy, awarded to the individual first place winner, went to Battlewagon, Mary Hall, captain, P/C John Hall, navigator, of Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron.

The WJZ Trophy, awarded to the squadron with the lowest average finish time error for all boats entered from that squadron, went to Delaware River Sail & Power Squadron. The award for the squadron with the most boats running in the contest went to Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron.

The CBYCA Trophy, awarded to the boat with the lowest finish time error among boats that are members of a club affiliated with the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club Association went to Battlewagon. Sourpuss, awarded to the squadron whose boat finished last in the contest was retained by Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron.

The "novice boat" award goes to the boat with a novice crew, meaning that both captain and navigator are running in the contest for the first time, and is awarded only if more than one novice boat has run. This year there was only one novice boat competing, so that trophy cannot be awarded.

The navigation contest has the dual purpose of testing the navigational skills learned through USPS courses and providing the fellowship of shared experiences on the water. Both purposes were admirably served, and all involved had a pleasant day of boating and boasting. We hope to see these boats and others join in this wonderful event next year. We always have room for more boats.

D/1<sup>st</sup>/Lt M. Melvin "Mel" Shralow



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## Educational Department News

Summer Council at Solomons, Maryland, was a great success for the **Boat Operator Certification (BOC)** program in District 5. Thirteen members completed the on-the-water Basic Powerboat Handling (BPH) training under the expert eye of Advanced Certifier Bob Prior of Patuxent River. A total of fifty-six members completed the Fire Extinguisher (FE) training using the new Bullex laser fire extinguisher simulator, on loan from USPS Headquarters. Both BPH and FE are requirements for the Inland Navigator certification level.

As the BOC requirements are achieved throughout the district, certifiers who are qualified to administer the hands-on training sessions become increasingly available in each geographic region. Eight members are now qualified to give the BPH training and more are in the works. To make the on-the-water training available to your squadron, you need to arrange for the time of one of these nearby Advanced Certifiers, for the use of a small boat volunteered from your membership, and a suitable body of water. Interested members of your squadron should be signed up well in advance to take the training. As your members gain these proficiencies, they become eligible for nomination to perform and certify the training within your squadron. Contact D/Lt Larry Graham, SN, the D/5 Chairman for BOC to learn more details. Congratulations to Larry and the BOC Team for the progress at Solomons.

As Chief Commander Frank Dvorak mentioned in his address at the Council meeting, USPS has agreed to embark on a partnership with Brunswick Corporation and its local dealers. Brunswick dealerships will become venues for boater training, namely USPS University courses, seminars and hands-on training, providing space and facilities and equipment as needed. The dealers benefit through enhanced goodwill and recognition of dealer service, as well as increased showroom traffic. Both organizations will make a commitment to promoting events together and will enjoy greater visibility to the public.

The goal is to pilot the program this fall in selected dealerships nationwide. In District 5, selected showrooms of Marine Max, Riverside Marine, Prince William Marine, and Lynnhaven Marine are targeted for the pilot. Featured from the USPS University side will be the ABC3 course and four seminars, Using GPS, Using VHF and DSC Radio, Anchoring, and Trailering. You will be hearing more about this pilot program, especially in the dealer locales, as the fall season continues. The hope is to roll out the program more generally next year with the approach of the new boating season.

May you boat safely and happily through the fall!

Walter Neese, SN, DEO D/5



**P/D/C/ J. Brian Becker, AP, works with a scout on the Volvo Penta simulator.**



**D/Lt/C Walter Neese, SN, helps scouts identify safety features on the boat.**

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**D/5 Sail Regatta & Fall Festival 2010**  
**1-3 October 2010**  
**Mears Point Marina, Kent Narrows**  
**Hosted by: Dundalk, Kent Narrows & Rockville**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

	<b>Number</b>		<b>Total</b>
Event registration fee:	_____	@ \$10.00	\$ _____
Saturday Continental breakfast	_____	@ \$10.00	\$ _____
Saturday banquet & Awards presentations			
Adults	_____	@35.00	
Children 10 & under	_____	@ 15.00	\$ _____
Regatta entrance fee (per boat)		@ 20.00	\$ _____
Fishing tournament entrance fee (per fisherman)		@ 20.00	\$ _____
		<b>Total Amount Due</b>	\$ _____

If you are planning to compete in the race, please furnish all of the following information:

Skipper's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Yacht name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sail number: \_\_\_\_\_ PHRF rating, if known \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron: \_\_\_\_\_

Boat make, model, size & color: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: (circle one)                      Single hull              Multi-hull

I agree to abide by the regulations and sailing instructions governing this event. I agree that it is solely my responsibility to decide whether to start or to continue to race. I voluntarily assume the risk of participation in this event and release the United States Power Squadrons, Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron, Kent Narrows Sail & Power Squadron, Rockville Sail & Power Squadron and those conducting this event from all liability for any injury or damage that may occur.

Owner/Skipper: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make your own slip reservations directly with Mears Marina - Kent Narrows, MD (410) 827-8888.**

**Deadline for event registration is 21 September 2010. Send your completed registration form and check made payable to D/5 Sail Regatta and Fall Festival:**

**Cdr K. J. "Fuzzy" Jones, S**  
**314 N. Aurora Street, Ste C**  
**Easton, MD 21601-3609**

**For additional information call (410) 770-3400 or e-mail [kjones@blueheronmail.com](mailto:kjones@blueheronmail.com).**



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**D/5 Regatta & Fall Festival 2010**  
**1-2 October 2010**  
**Mears Point Marina, Kent Narrows**

**Hotels available nearby:**

Best Western Kent Narrows	(410) 827-6767
Holiday Inn Express	(410) 827-4454
Hilton Garden Inn	(410) 827-3877

**Mears Point Marina info:**

428 Kent Narrows Way N  
Grasonville, MD 21638  
(410) 827-8888

Contact person: Lori

Slip charges:	\$2.00 per foot	single 30 amp: \$7.00	(2) 30 amp: \$12.00
		single 50 amp: \$12.00	(2) 50 amp: \$24.00

**You must make your slip reservations must be made no later than 20 September 2010. Make sure you tell them you are with D/5 USPS.**

**Schedule of Events**

**Friday, 1 October**

1300 on	Arrive by land or sea Friday afternoon
1700-1800	Pitch-in welcome cocktail party
	Dinner on your own at one of the fantastic restaurants on Kent Narrows

**Saturday, 2 October**

0800	Fishing tournament (time to be determined by captains)
	Continental breakfast
0830	Skippers' meeting for sail race
1100	First signal for race
1100 on	Land lubbers' fun (for those who are not sailing or fishing)
1730-1830	Cocktail party (cash bar)
1800-2100	Banquet and awards presentations

**Sunday, 3 October**

0930	Pitch-in breakfast (and maybe fish?)
	Safe voyage to home port

**Come by land or sea and have a great time with D/5 racing, fishing or just visiting with everyone!**



**Summer Council  
and Rendezvous,  
Solomons,  
Maryland**



**United States Power Squadrons  
District 5 Fall Conference  
4-7 November 2010**

MEMBER: RANK \_\_\_\_\_ NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

SQUADRON: \_\_\_\_\_ POSITION: \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST TIMER?: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE/OTHER ATTENDEES:

RANK: \_\_\_\_\_ NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST TIMER?: \_\_\_\_\_

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**ACTIVITIES SELECTIONS**

**FRIDAY - JIMMY BUFFETT PARTY** # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Music, cheeseburger sliders & accompaniments)

**SATURDAY LUNCHEON** # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Buffet includes soup, salad, and entree - choice of beef/chicken/vegetarian)

**SATURDAY BANQUET**

Frenched Breast of Chicken # \_\_\_\_\_ @ 38.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Teriyaki Glazed Salmon # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$38.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetable Neapolitan # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$38.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to: 2010 D/5 Fall Conference** - Meal reservations must be received by 15 October 2010

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1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852  
website: [Http://www.rockvillehotel.com](http://www.rockvillehotel.com)**

**Reservations: 1-(301) 468-1100 Reservation ID Code: US Power Squadrons  
All reservations must be made by 14 October 2010 to ensure USPS rates.**

**Rates:** Regular Room \$99 per night Thursday/Friday/Saturday King Suite with sofa bed \$139 per night

**Directions:** From I-495 (Capital Beltway) take exit 24, Wisconsin Ave/Rockville Pike North on Route 355. Go about 4 miles to just past intersection with Twinbook Parkway. Hotel will be on the right. Parking is free in the garage.

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# Kids' Korner .....

## YOUTH POSTER CONTEST RESULTS



During the D/5 Summer Council at the Holiday Inn in Solomons we displayed thirteen posters that were submitted for the contest. The theme this year was Water Smarts: Boat Safe and Clean. Judging was a challenge because all the entries were excellent. There were 116 ballots cast from many of the members who attended the council.

The results are:

- |                                   |  |        |
|-----------------------------------|--|--------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place 6-8 years   | Garrett Blatt<br>Smithfield, VA<br>Sponsored by Virginia Beach Power Squadron  | Age 8  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place 9-11 years  | Olivia Lawson<br>Callao, VA<br>Sponsored by Northern Neck Power Squadron       | Age 11 |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place 12-14 years | Micalia Wilson<br>Heathsville, VA<br>Sponsored by Northern Neck Power Squadron | Age 12 |



These three posters will be judged at the USPS Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida, in February along with other first place winners from all districts. The national first place winner in each age category will receive \$150, second place receives \$100 and third place will receive \$75.00

Many thanks to all the children who submitted a poster. We appreciate your talent and the time you spent on the poster. I hope you will enter next year's contest, too. Thanks to all who voted and the squadrons for participating in the contest.

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## Coast Guard Inaugurates New Locator Technology for Rescues

On 19 August 2010 the USCG Group Baltimore held an Acceptance Ceremony for the Rescue 21 Project. The project uses the latest in electronic technology to locate mariners in distress on the waters in Group Baltimore's area. It was developed by General Dynamics in conjunction with the USCG Office of Procurement and funded by the Federal Government. This project took three years to develop, but as a result the cost of each rescue operation will be reduced by about 95%.

After the Acceptance Ceremony those who attended were given a tour of the Command and Control Center of the Rescue 21 Project, which is located at the Coast Guard Yard, Baltimore. Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron provided the USCG Group with a list of nearby D/5 squadrons who might be able to attend the ceremony. Although the invitation came during our rendezvous in Solomons, nineteen D/5 members were able to attend. They were from Annapolis, Dundalk, Rockville and Patuxent River Sail and Power Squadrons.

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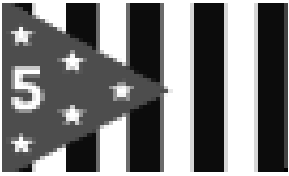
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## Upcoming Events

**1-3 October 2010**  
**Sail Regatta and Fall Festival**  
**Kent Island, Maryland**

**5-7 November 2010**  
**Fall Educational Conference**  
**Rockville, Maryland**

**31 January - 5 February 2011**  
**USPS Annual Meeting**  
**Coronado Springs Resort, Orlando, Florida**

