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2009 Spring Conference and Officer Training

Ahh, spring! That magical time of year when all boaters' fancies turn to... Spring Conference! 26-29 March at the Princess Royale Hotel in Ocean City, Maryland.

The Conference will have training for the new incoming squadron bridge officers. All new officers should take advantage of this important source of information. In fact, anyone who has aspirations of joining their squadron's bridge would benefit from attending one or more of those sessions.

Friday is Squadron Hospitality Suite night - a premier event which is always a boatload of fun. Hospitality Suites give squadrons an opportunity to display their ingenuity, creativity, and sense of fun. Every squadron is encouraged to put their collective members' heads together and come up with an idea for a suite. If your squadron can't support a hospitality suite on its own, consider teaming with another squadron. The Hospitality Suite reservation form is on page 5. For more information contact D/Lt Kenneth Perigo, JN, at ktperigo@earthlink.net.

Do you like raffles? The raffle table is going to be full of all sorts of items to try to tempt you. It will be better than a giant yard sale. Wander up and down the table. You are sure to find lots of things that tickle your fancy.

The Conference will convene Saturday morning at 0800. This will be a short event, followed by seminars to aid all your squadron departments. Commanders, encourage your committee chairs to get involved in these meetings - many are round table format and provide the opportunity to share ideas and experiences while learning from what others have tried.

Food? Saturday night there will be a fantastic banquet to celebrate the District, the individual squadrons, and to highlight the District Change-of-Watch. Come say farewell to D/C J. Brian Becker, AP, and welcome aboard the new D/C Ralph Bernard, P. Then Sunday morning the new D/C traditionally hosts a poolside reception where everyone can meet the new bridge and get a bite to eat.

27-29 March 2009 at the Princess Royale in Ocean City. Mark those dates in your calendars, make your reservations early, and most importantly, come to Ocean City and start the boating season off right!



Commander's Message

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The holidays are over and the District team has been on the road. From the reports of the representatives, the events were well attended and enjoyed by all. The gift exchange has taken many spirited forms and seems to be growing in popularity. Looking forward, we have many Founders Day Celebrations coming up and your District team will attend 30 Changes-of-Watch from 6 February through 9 May 2009. Attending the events is truly one of the highlights of the term of any District officer and I am happy to report that all except two events have been filled as requested.



The *Pride* is serviced, ready for the cold blasts we have been getting, and is more than prepared for the last two cruises of her term. Word is that several Squadron Commanders will be going to the USPS Annual Meeting at Anaheim where the Colonial Provisional Squadron will come aboard. After that, the *Pride* will make her final run to Ocean City where the eagle will land. For the record, unknown friends have presented me with 11 eagles and 13 squirrels to date - my thanks to you all.

I thank the Squadron Officers for their support and their candid comments in their replies to the messages and program ideas forwarded to them during the year. The complimentary ones were appreciated and shared with the Bridge. The lesser compliments were also shared with the Bridge in one more effort to recognize what works and what does not work so well.

It's a New Year and it is time to make some resolutions:

I resolve to be encouraged by the strength in our squadrons. The New Year will present continuing challenges. Our membership numbers are not as large as we would like, but our enthusiasm, interest, and camaraderie will prevail.

In this New Year, I will do just a little more for the squadron than I did in the last year. Something new, or more of the same.

In this New Year, I will teach, or assist in teaching at least one class; or, I will take a turn at a boat show event. Sharing my skills with the public will be fun.

In this New Year, I will recruit, and then mentor, one new member. I believe I will ask many, but I will not be dissuaded.

In this New Year, I will invite one past member, or more than one, to return and enjoy the squadron's activities. In this New Year, I will "adopt" and encourage one member to become active.

With these few ideas in mind, remember, "Today is the first day of the rest of your life."

~D/C J. Brian Becker, AP



Nominating Committee Report

In accordance with Section 2.9.1 of the District 5 bylaws, the Nominating Committee recommends the following members for the elected officer and elected committee positions for the year 2009-2010.

ELECTED OFFICERS

Commander	D/Lt/C Ralph A. Bernard, P	Absecon Island
Executive Officer	D/Lt/C L. Chris Brown, JN	Delhigh
Educational Officer	D/1st/Lt Walter K. Neese, SN	Dundalk
Administrative Officer	D/1st/Lt Bernard S. Karpers, N	Dundalk
Secretary	Cdr Guy B. Thompson, AP	Patapsco River
Treasurer	D/1st/Lt Milton Cloud, AP	Richmond
Assistant Educational Officer	P/R/C/ William L. McManimen, N	Pennsway
Assistant Secretary	Lt/C Maryellen Colston, AP	Mid-Potomac
Assistant Treasurer	Lt/C Charles (Chip) F. Yost, AP	Rockville
Assistant Administrative Officer	Cdr James A. Gorman, AP	Potomac River

ELECTED COMMITTEES - NEW MEMBERS - OTHER MEMBERS WILL REMAIN

Auditing

for 3 years P/C Abraham Forman, AP Virginia Beach

Nominating

for 3 years D/C J. Brian Becker, AP Patapsco River
Cdr Kenneth J. Hesterberg, JN Cambridge
P/C Fred F. Stiehl, P Ocean City

Rules

for 3 years Cdr Arthur J. Worns, P Kent Narrows

Planning

for 2 years Chair, Stf/C Robert R. Palmer, SN Richmond
for 3 years Lt/C Robert T. Hannabery, AP Delhigh

In accordance with section 6.1. of the District 5 bylaws, additional nominations may be made by written petition signed by ten members from at least three different squadrons and submitted to the District 5 Secretary at least fifteen days before the election, which will be the date of the District 5 Spring Conference.



Respectfully submitted,
~P/D/C Richard N. Nitschke, SN

Crossing Paths

Combined D/5 and D/27 2009 Summer Rendezvous

Bay Creek Marina and Resort
Cape Charles, Virginia
23-26 July 2009

It is not too early to start planning next summer's boating activities. This combined District 5 and District 27 event will be a fun-filled time for all - sail boaters, power boaters, boaters who love boating with dinghies, canoes, kayaks, or even land yachts, and members who just love being around good friends on the water.

The committee is planning many interesting and fun events for the weekend in Cape Charles, Virginia. There will be a Navigation Contest, a Poker Run (for the smaller boats), tours, games, USPS fellowship, and we wouldn't be USPS members if we didn't throw in a little food.

Start now to plan to attend this new adventure. It is the first time that we will combine districts for a summer rendezvous. The committee is working hard to make this a wonderful summer activity. This is what USPS is all about - Fun and Boating!

Details will finalized soon so check the web site for updated details:
http://members.cox.net/summer_rendezvous_2009

~P/D/C Arlene Anderson, AP



USPS D/5 OFFICER TRAINING and SPRING CONFERENCE
26 March - 29 March 2009 - 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?** _____

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

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

ACTIVITIES SELECTIONS

(tax and gratuity included)

SATURDAY LUNCHEON

Chef's Salad, with ham, turkey and Swiss cheese # _____ @ \$18.00 \$ _____

Overstuffed turkey and Swiss cheese sandwich # _____ @ \$18.00 \$ _____
Homemade potato chips and slaw

SATURDAY BANQUET ENTREE CHOICES:

Prime Rib of Beef # _____ @ \$37.00 \$ _____

Broiled Chesapeake Bay Lump Crab Cakes # _____ @ \$37.00 \$ _____

Children's entrees available upon request.

OPTIONAL

Room raffle **ONE FREE NIGHT (1 October 2008 to 30 April 2009) - Two winners**

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

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to: 2009 D/5 Spring Conference

SEND TO: P/C Barbara Walter, AP

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Phone: (301) 884-4696 E-mail address: last-chance@comcast.net

Uniform of the day: Thursday/Friday - USPS or squadron shirts

Saturday - USPS Blazer with grey slacks; Banquet - Uniform A with bowtie



Princess Royale Hotel

9100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, Maryland

non-smoking and Handicapped rooms available by request.

Reservations 1-800-476-9253

Reservation ID Code: U.S. Power Squadrons, District 5

All reservations must be made by 5 March 2009 to ensure USPS rates.

Rates: Oceanview/poolview Suite \$99 per night Wednesday thru Saturday

Oceanfront Suite \$129 per night 2BR/2BA Oceanfront Condo \$219 per night



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

It Happened in 2008



Many cocktail parties enjoyed,



Friends registered for a conference



Lessons learned,

**Hospitality Suite Reservation Form
Hospitality Suites: Friday 27 March 2009**

**Reservation Deadline: 20 February 2009
Rooms Assigned on a First Come, First Served Basis**

Normal Check in Time - 1600 (Early check-in dependent upon availability.)
Check-out Time - 1100

Cost:

Cost for Suite - \$99 /day, plus tax \$ 99.00

Add:

\$30 per Suite for bed removal (includes two six-foot tables) \$ _____
\$13 per day per tub - Ice (two 20-pound bags) \$ _____
\$15 - each additional table \$2.00 each chair \$ _____
Total amount \$ _____

Hospitality Suite Preference

Please do not contact the hotel directly regarding the Hospitality Suites.

Suite locations are on the D/5 website. If there is a preference, please request first and second choice room number (s) below. Otherwise, a suite will be assigned.

First Choice: _____ Second Choice: _____ No Preference: _____

Squadron: _____

Name of Responsible Party: _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Phone _____ Email _____

Credit Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____
Type of Card: MC Visa Discover Amex Diners

Mail form to: Lt/C Kenneth T. Perigo, JN, 403 Breton Beach Road,
Leonardtown, MD 20650
(301)475-3175 Email: ktperigo@earthlink.net



Much food eaten, and



A new squadron formed.

Sash Alternative for Women

In 1995 the USPS Governing Board approved the wearing of a formal sash in lieu of Uniform A with bowtie by women members.

Order Form for USPS Sash

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

“Front” Measurement: _____

“Back” Measurement _____

White: _____ Black: _____

Send with check for \$45 to:
Cheryl Fetty
37 Pennington Avenue
Mays Landing, NJ 08330
(609) 625-1598

How to measure:

- 1) Put on a dress or suit with which you would wear the sash.
- 2) “Front” measurement. Using a tape measure, measure from the middle of your left shoulder across your body to two inches below your waist. Do not pull tape too tight.
- 3) “Back” measurement: Measure from middle of left shoulder across your back to two inches below your waist on the right.

The shoulder board should be worn on the left shoulder and the USPS wheel at the level of your heart. For additional information, contact R/C Roberta Dougherty, AP, National Membership Committee Chair.

The D/5 Southbound Cruise

Hey! Just because we’ve had a few days with 40-knot winds and a few nasty cold days, don’t be down in the dumps. Just close your eyes and think about how much fun we’re going to have on that Summer Cruise to Cape Charles. Make believe you are sitting on the back deck of your boat drinking a cold one or sipping a martini watching the sunset, and chatting with new friends from D/27. All that may be stretched your imagination a bit, but just put 17 July through 27 July on your calendar, ‘cause we’re really planning a **BLAST** for the Southbound Cruise and then the Rendezvous with D/27 at Cape Charles. With gas at a buck a gallon, this trip might be cheaper than driving.

After our first round of planning, and of course we’ve learned that all things are subject to “change”, our schedule looks something like this:

Fri, 17 July	Annapolis Yacht Basis	start	Dinner on your own
Sat, 18 July	Calvert Marina - Solomons	44 nm	Crab Feast
Sun, 19 July	Calvert Marina - Solomons		Dinghy Poker Run
Mon, 20 July	Coles Point - Potomac	40 nm	Fried Turkey
	dinner?		
Tues, 21 July	The Tides - Rappahannock	61 nm	Bus trip to winery
Wed, July 22	The Tides		Tournament - Par 3
			golf course
Thurs, 23 July	Cape Charles - Bay Creek	34 nm	Cook out - BYO
			meat
Fri, 24 July	Cape Charles		
Sat, 25 July	Cape Charles		Nav. Contest
Sun, 26 July	Point Lookout	53 nm	Cookout - Leftovers
Mon, 27 July	Thomas Point	56 nm	Bon Voyage

Well, does that run down sound like a **BLAST**? So spread the word and start planning the trip. We will give you more info at Spring Conference.

Safe boating!

~D/Lt John Wilmot, JN
Chairman



Cooperative Charting
Workshop - May 2008



New Cooperative Charting Program for 2009 NOAA-USPS D/5 Workshop

The 2009 workshop at the Atlantic Marine Center, Norfolk, Virginia on 1-2 May will feature a dual track training approach in which one track will emphasize the non-technical cooperative charting activities, and the second track will emphasize depth surveys. Both tracks will cover planning, data gathering requirements, data collection, and submitting a report using CCWeb (Cooperative Charting Website). Weather permitting, each student will have an opportunity to board a NOAA work boat to have a first hand look at some of the equipment being used including the use of side-looking SONAR.

For the non-technical, or traditional, cooperative charting activities the workshop will cover all of the tasks required for updates to Coast Pilot books, nautical charts, small craft charts and facility updates. Emphasis will be on entering the reports into CCWeb.

For those who want more dedicated and hands-on experience in using Depth-wiz and entering the data in CCWeb, the Depth-wiz track will be a dedicated and hands-on experience on route planning, running the route in a boat (weather permitting), recording the data, and preparing the data for submission using CCWeb.


When asked about the value of USPS cooperative charting efforts, Douglas Harpine, Senior Cartographer, Nautical Chart Branch, NOAA, said that, "if [we] didn't do the work, the work would not get done." Cooperative Charting is an area where USPS can make a difference for the safety of all recreational boaters.

Cooperative Charting is fun. It is a squadron activity you can do immediately after becoming a USPS member. Hope to see you 1-2 May 2009 at the NOAA-USPS D/5 workshop. Registration form on page 10.

~P/R/C Steve Leishman, SN
Chairman



Richmond's New Burgee



A new burgee was approved for Richmond Sail and Power Squadron at the Annual Meeting in Anaheim. The design features a bateau headsman on a field of blue, surrounded by five stars. The headsman represents the early bateau traffic that was almost unique to the James River, and which was so important to the early growth of our country. The stars are for District 5. The red and white chevrons represent the forward movement of the squadron. The colors (red, white and blue) represent both the National ensign and the USPS ensign, and there is a gold edge in celebration of the squadron's fifty years. You'll be seeing it soon on the Bay, so watch for it!

Mark 5 Needs YOUR Help!

Are you planning to move this year? Have you moved in the past six months? Do you winter somewhere warmer and sunnier? If you answered "yes" to any of those questions, please pick up your phone and call your squadron secretary to change your address!

Most of us put in a "forward" when we move, but did you know that it expires in six months and then everything goes back to the mailer - postage due?

One of the requirements of bulk mailing - like some squadron newsletters and the Mark 5 - is that the US Postal Service is now requiring us to use their Return Service to correct addresses. The cost of return service for the Mark 5 is 42 cents per copy.

For the December issue we received nearly 3% of the newsletters back as undeliverable. Many were people who have a temporary winter address, but the majority were simply out-of-date addresses. We download a new address list every quarter for the Mark 5, but we really need your help in contacting your squadron secretary so that s/he can update your address changes as quickly as possible with national.

This is an expense that we did not anticipate and have not had in the past. We would like to keep it as low as possible - so that we can continue to mail the Mark 5 - and your timely updates will be a big help in succeeding.

Thanks for your help!

~ Editor

Cruisin' with Education

Spring is coming, soon!

When you read this it will be nearly spring and time to start the task of dewinterizing our boats. Time to check the equipment and clear away any accumulation of pine needles, leaves, dirt and dust - wash, clean and wax - make chrome and stainless steel and everything aboard shipshape and in Bristol fashion. It is also time to start planning for the fun of being on the water - places to visit, people to meet and food to enjoy - and to commit to cleaning out the cobwebs of your mind by taking another course or seminar. The list of seminars continues to expand, and each requires only about two hours to get up to snuff on a topic of value to your boating expertise. There is no exam at the end, but you do get excellent references to have around when you need them.

As this issue goes to press a number of the more popular seminars are being finalized in new formats. Several have already been modified to include narrated instruction on the CD, so you can soon access them for home study more easily. Classroom experiences are still the best, but with the time and travel involved, a number of folks will find this approach to be a better fit for their busy personal lives. Efforts are also underway to make some of the seminars available on-line - much the way the new Seamanship Course is available through the services of the University of Western Florida's distance learning organization.

We Still Need Instructors

While we are creating new formats for the terrific new materials in courses and seminars, there is also a recognition that similar efforts are going to be needed to sustain and grow our instructor ranks. Enlisting some of our former instructors to teach the new short seminars will allow them to continue to share their passions with the newer members and the public. To assist in this effort, National has announced they will be implementing some new tools in our outreach to instructors - current, returning and new. Our instructors are every bit as much a part of the Education Department as any committee member. Nationally they will be approached to offer their opinions, assistance, and willingness to test new ideas. Blogs will soon be implemented on the national web site for each subject area so that instructors can share ideas with each other as well as with the committee. There will be an expansion of the train-the-trainer programs and tools to effectively train instructors - whether new, returning or active - to make them comfortable with our newer materials to meet the expectations of the membership for sharpening skills and staying current in a world that will continue to change.

While it is desirable to have USPS Certified

Instructors lead every class, it is only a requirement for those leading the public boating courses. If you want to conduct a single seminar or to help teach one of our traditional member courses, just contact your SEO to get involved. Everyone has skills that can be used.

Rescue 21 System is Powerful

Rescue 21, the newest radio and locating system now implemented by the US Coast Guard all around the Chesapeake Bay, has more capability than we knew about. Experiencing this system's capability to hear vessels in distress is something we seldom get to experience. At Fall Conference at Solomons we learned that the sophisticated listening systems at the Baltimore Coast Guard Station could receive the "red button" signals from the D/5 dummied up VHD Demo Unit from inside the closed conference room at the hotel. None of the local boats reported receiving the call. What this tells me is that when you need their help, the USCG teams are most likely going to be able to communicate with you throughout your distress, even when other boaters may not be able to hear your call.

Thank goodness for this new technology that is helping to keep us safe when we are boating.

Have fun!

The Hospitality Rooms held Friday night at Spring Conference help reinforce how much fun we can have together. Many use educational themes to inspire and test our capabilities either in planning, assembling, or sharing. I hope you will be able to join in that experience and then carry it forward by joining with other squadrons from across this district in on-the-water events during the boating season. Sharing sea stories and fishing tales, and helping to keep the boats running are both part of what makes boating fun. You are a part of our lore and we are all better because of your part.

We Know Life Jackets Save Lives!

While dewinterizing our boats we also need to check the condition of life jackets and replace or update as needed. It is also important to check the appropriate size to fit the users. Children have a way of getting bigger over the winter and last year's jacket may be too small. Spring is coming soon!

Still Cruisin' with Education,
~D/Lt/C Robert R. Palmer, SN
District Educational Officer





KENNERSLEY MARINE CENTER

Kennersley Marine Center is a simplified boating retreat located on seven beautifully landscaped acres, complete with a sparkling pool, large playgrounds and picnic areas. The marina is protected from NE winds by its location on Island Creek off of the Chester River. It's just a short ride to the historic towns of Chestertown and Centreville, MD. Kennersley has an unusually strong sense of community and is a tranquil change from the fast pace of the routine marina on the Bay.

Call to plan your weekend rendezvous! You will enjoy your Kennersley experience.

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Cooperative Charting Workshop - 1-2 May 2009
National Ocean Service - Atlantic Marine Center
439 West York Street - Norfolk, VA 23510
Deadline: 25 April 2009

Rank _____ Name: (1) _____ Grade: _____
(as it will appear on the certificate)

Rank _____ Name: (2) _____ Grade: _____
(as it will appear on the certificate)

Certificate No: (1) _____ (2) _____ Depth Wiz Instruction: yes: _____ no: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Home phone: _____ Squadron _____

Squadron Chair? yes: _____ no: _____ 1st Timer? yes: _____ no: _____

Workshop Registration fee:	_____	@ \$ 6.00	\$ _____
Saturday box lunch at AMC	_____	@ 10.00	\$ _____
Saturday buffet dinner	_____	@ 31.00	\$ _____
Total payable to D/5 Cooperative Charting Workshop 2009			\$ _____

Mail to P/R/C/ Norma J. Parrish, AP, 1024 Porte Harbour Arch, #201, Hampton VA 23664
Phone (757) 224-4302 email: normaparrish@cox.net

Schedule: (Tear off at above line and keep.)

Friday, 1 May 1400 - 1700 Check in and registration - Hotel lobby
 1730 - 1830 Cocktail hour (included in registration)
 Governor Dinwiddie Hotel - Dinner on your own

Saturday, 2 May 0745 - 1810 Coffee and Donuts at AMC
 0810 - 0830 Introduction and announcements
 0830 - 1200 Workshop
 1200 - 1230 Lunch
 1230 - 1600 Workshop
 1800 - 1900 Cocktail hour
 1915 - 2115 Cash Bar in Dining Room
 1930 Dinner Buffet at the Governor Dinwiddie Hotel

Hotel Reservations: Governor Dinwiddie Hotel, 506 Dinwiddie Street, Portsmouth, VA 23704
Telephone: (757) 392-1330 - Specify Group "D/5, USPS" - Deadline 25 April 2009
Hotel room rates: \$80.00 single or double plus tax - Complimentary Hot Breakfast Buffet
After 25 April 2009 Reservations on a space available basis

Activity Deadline is 25 April 2009 - no activity refunds after that date.



Directions: The hotel is located at the corner of Dinwiddie and High Streets



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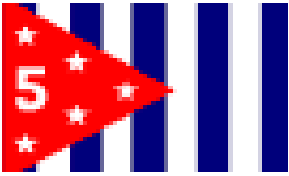
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