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To: D/C L. Chris Brown, JN
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Subject: Secretary's Report, Summer 2010

Mark 5: The problem with the delivery of the Mark 5 continues to cause heartburn. An increasing number of the newsletters are being returned. Reasons vary by season; during the winter the primary reason was people on vacation. For the latest summer issue the primary reason for returns was members moving. Several proposals are evolving. With shrinking membership it is important that we concentrate on cost constraints. Of major concern is the Post Office's announced intent to seek another rate increase this year.

Sail Angle: I have started a Secretary's Group on Sail Angle. Membership on that group is extremely light but I will keep plugging away at it. Membership on Sail Angle overall is showing a very disappointing increase. D/Lt John Hall, AP, the Sail Angle Chair, thinks that he should be the moderator for Sail Angle and I believe he has approached the D/C with this. The Mark 5 is now on Sail Angle in a separate group, not many members but we can push it to get more, and John is the moderator for that group.

A meeting of the IT group was scheduled but due to circumstances beyond our control it was cancelled. No plans are in the works to reschedule that meeting. Likewise, a regional workshop for Secretaries featuring DB2000 instructions and familiarization that had been scheduled for September 18 had to

be cancelled. Again, no plans to reschedule that workshop are underway.

Visits: I attended the Delhigh Valley squadrons Education Cruise on the Delaware River. It was educational and besides that it was a lot of fun. I did manage to get lost in Philadelphia while trying to get back home but this is fairly normal for me.

I presented a 50-year membership plaque and pin to a member of the former Sue Island squadron. Also a second 50-year member plaque was mailed to a member of Elizabeth River (No pin was received with that plaque).

Dundalk held a cruise and picnic at Red Eye Yacht Club north of Baltimore. I could not spend much time there but I did go to the BBQ on Saturday afternoon. Dundalk had invited one of the Yacht Club's to participate as well so there were a lot of people at the gathering and it was a lot of fun.

I attended a meeting of Nanticoke Provisional squadron. This was well attended and included members from both Blue Hen and Cambridge. Nanticoke picked up 2 new members that night. Also I managed to find time to attend one social gathering of my home squadron ... actually a surprise retirement party for one of our members.

Education: I instructed one public course (ABC) and assisted in one advanced course (Seamanship). For my own Certificate, I took and passed the **JN** test.