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## DELHIGH POWER SQUADRON

# DELHIGHLIGHTS

**Reaching for the Stars** 

2017-2018



District 5

Commander's Corner

Cdr Kathleen Nowroozani, JN

There is a fine line with a group as old as ours, The United States Power Squadron that is, not just all of us old fogies, between tradition and keeping relevant. Our main priority, as with any group in this day and time, is membership, and yet we are proud of our long-standing traditions.

Potential members are not just brought in by friends or recruited at boat shows anymore, they can now join and/or take the boating course online. It is then up to the squadron to contact this new member to get them involved if they are interested. This takes the face to face contact out of the equation and makes it much more difficult to make a personal connection with the person, which is why getting them on the phone for a conversation is imperative. This is a new position within the squadron, which I feel should be volunteered for by someone who is a good people person, not necessarily default to the current commander, as is now set up by national, as the commander may or may not be the best person for the job depending on personality and willingness.

Another of these old traditions is one that I love, especially as commander: Old Bristol Fashion. Is it a relevant tradition? Not in the least. For those of you that are not aware, this is a tradition where the women of Delhigh receive a flower for the support that they have given their men. who have run Delhigh all year long. This is from a time when women were not allowed to be members, which is clearly no longer the case. That however, does not make the women of Delhigh any less relevant or important. In fact, the women of Delhigh can now hold the highest position of office, and while that does not make those that hold office any more or less important than the women whose primary position is to support their husband in his pursuit to make Delhigh all that it can be, it still makes all of the women of Delhigh important and appreciated. So why is this a tradition that I love as commander when it is clearly outdated? It is because, as commander, I am always happy to have a chance to thank our members. I know that there is a lot of hard work put into many committees and meetings and events, and everyone here at Delhigh is always willing to pitch in. And, let's face it, I like getting to hug everyone too. As a female commander, I have modified this tradition even further. It is not just about appreciating the women for their support and let's face it ladies, our men work just as hard, if not harder within Delhigh as we do, and just like last year, I have not left out the men of Delhigh who, as always, have a large hand in the supporting and running of Delhigh.

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The FAVORITE of old traditions for me, however, is one that Delhigh has had a bad experience with previously. I LOVE when the past commanders roast the outgoing commander when he or she is released from duty. I know that I, very much am EXCITED to be released from service next year and I assure you, that it will not be the same without the love and support and induction into being a past commander, without the embarrassment, of this tradition. I know that a few of you are leery about bringing back this tradition, but I want you to know, it is simply not that easy to get rid of us! I assure you that although there are several things that I do well, I also have a long list of shortcomings that can easily be made into a roast. It is still done at our district change of watch and I am very much looking forward to it returning to Delhigh next year! So much so that I am happy to provide the past commanders a list of shortcomings to choose from, should one be needed.

Thank you all for a great year, I am looking forward to leading you for one more, last year.

Join Delhigh for our April Meeting and Old Favorite Recipe Pot Luck! Wednesday, 5 April 1830 Holy Trinity Church, Bethlehem





Come Join Delhigh Power Squadron for our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Sock Burning! Sunday, 30 April 2017 1400-2000 at the Lebeduik Residence Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided Please bring an appetizer, side or dessert to share. Don't forget your socks!!!

> Please RSVP to Keith at Keith56@aol.com Or 610-509-3526





DELHIGHLIGHTS





Join Delhigh Sunday, 7 May 2017 For Wine Tasting At



Sleepy Cat Urban Winery

1840 W Allen Street Allentown, PA

Time for wine tasting is at 1430.

\$5 gets you wine tasting, however if you purchase a bottle of wine, then the \$5 gets waived. Everyone will pay on their own.

#### MUST RSVP by 30 April 2017

Snacks are welcomed. Music will be provided. Smoking is allowed outside and children are welcomed. However, NO outside alcohol is allowed.

Afterwards we will all meet for dinner to be decided there. RSVP to Chris Ellis at tabby1cat@hotmail.com or 610-390-7159



### Join Delhigh for our May Monthly Meeting at



to watch the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs play the Rochester Red Wings!

When: Tuesday, 9 May 2017 Where: PennTeleData Party Porch (3<sup>rd</sup> Base Side) Buffet: 1805 – 2005 Game: 1905 Cost: \$37.00 each

**<u>NOTE</u>**: The private, upgraded buffet will be served rain or shine and includes the usual burgers, dogs and sides plus fried chicken and Jaindl bbq turkey. If the game is cancelled the buffet WILL STILL BE SERVED. We will meet regardless of the weather!

We have our own buffet this year and a roof over our heads so we can still stay dry in the rain!

Please contact Kathleen Nowroozani at 610-351-5192 or k.now@mac.com if you would like to make a reservation to attend.

Payment is required NO LATER THAN: 7 April 2017.

#### See you at the Ballpark!!!

Last year we had seats that were spread out because of late RSVPs. The sooner you RSVP the more likely we are to have seats together!





Delhigh's Annual Beltzville Lake Clean-Up And Vessel Safety Checks



Saturday, 20 May 2017 Beltzville Lake At the Ramp 0900 – 1200

Bring your family and friends to help with this civic service!

Get out on the lake, help clean up, and join us for lunch!

> Please RSVP to Keith at Keithk56@aol.com by Friday 12 May 2017

## Delhigh's Annual Post Beltzville Clean Up Rendezvous



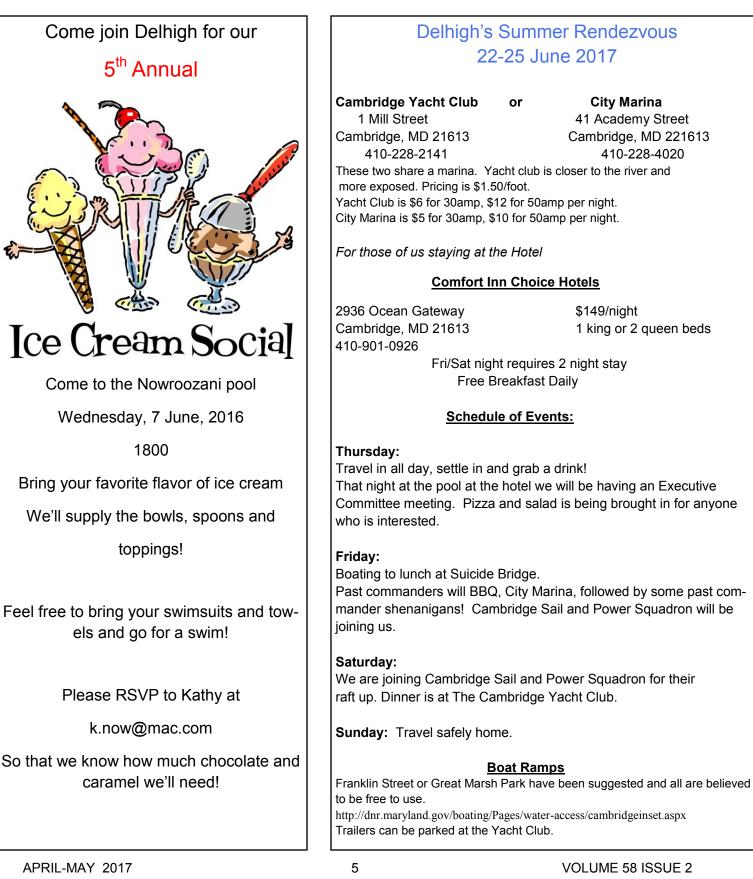
Saturday 20 May 2017 1300 Joey B's 638 Delaware Ave Palmerton

Come try one of their over 100 beers, 16 wines or 130 liquors! Order off the Menu for lunch

Please RSVP to Keith at Keithk56@aol.com by Friday 12 May 2017











2017 Summer Rendezvous Reservation Form			
22-25 June 2017			
Name:			
Address:			
Phone: Email:			
<u>Thursday</u>			
1800 - Executive Committee Meeting, and pizza/salad pool party!@\$7/person			
<u>Friday</u>			
1200 – Suicide Bridge Restaurant	Persons (Order off Menu)		
1800 – BBQ – Delhigh is providing hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, fruit and chips.			
Please bring an hors d'oeuvre or dessert to share.			
Adult	s @ \$ 10 Each		
Kids	@ \$ 5 Each		
<u>Saturday</u>			
1300 – Raft up with Cambridge Sail and Power Squadron			
BYO sandwich and snack	Persons to attend		
1800 – Cambridge Yacht Club			
Caprese Stuffed Chicken	@ \$ 21.00		
Bourbon Glazed Salmon 8 oz. Filet Mignon(Temperature)	@ \$ 31.00 @ \$ 33.00		
<u>Sunday</u>			
Travel Home Safely!			
TOTAL Amount Enclosed \$			
We will bring to share:SodaBeerWater			
Make Check Payable to Delhigh Power Squadron and Mail To: Keith Knoblach Keithk56@aol.com 1026 Lehigh St Allentown, PA 18103 RSVP By 8 June			
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Executive Officer's Report Lt/C Keith Knoblach, AP

Below is a list of various upcoming D/5 Delaware River and Delhigh activities:

21-23 April 2017 - Bay Bridge Boat Show Marina, Kent Island, MD. More information is on the D/5 Website - www.uspsd5.org.

20 May 2017 - Boat Operator Certification Challenge, Castle Harbor Marina, 301 Tackle Circle, Chester, Maryland. More information on D/5 Website

24 May 2017 - Educational Cruise on the Delaware River aboard the Ben Franklin Yacht. Boarding time 1800 and departure will be 1830 at 401 North Columbus Blvd., Philadelphia. Cost is \$ 35 .00 for each adult and \$ 15.00 per child under 12 years of age. Includes buffet.

22-25 June 2017 - Delhigh Summer Rendezvous, Cambridge, Maryland. We have reserved 10 rooms at the Comfort Inn. Cost is \$145 per night. Rooms are 2 Queen size beds or a king size with a sofa bed. Please RSVP to Keith Knoblach at keithk56@aolcom. or call 610 -509-3526 by 8 June 2017. More details in *Delhighlights*.

23-25 June 2017 - D/5 Spring Festival, Sail Regatta and Fishing Tournament, Spring Cove Marina, Rock Hall, Md. Educational Officer's Report Lt/C Doug McKenzie, JN

Mother Nature can be very cruel. After a mild winter, I've been itching to start the spring commissioning process on my boat. Just as I was thinking about taking off the shrink wrap we get hit with a foot of snow and the coldest weather of the season! Proof again that we have to work with the winds and seas, not against them! It's a point I try to make in all the classes we teach, good thing I was listening.

As of this writing, the Piloting course is almost over and our 5 students are doing very well, I'm proud of all of them. We are trying to set up an ABC course for the end of April, dates to be announced. We are also planning Operations Training after the conclusion on Piloting for our new Bridge members. To all our members, if there are any courses you would like to see taught, please let me know and we can arrange it.

USPS® has courses and seminars online available to members; look through the website to see what interests you. You're never too old to learn new things about boating!







Administrative Officer's Report Lt/C Chris Ellis, S

Hello all. Winter is still hanging on but soon the Spring is coming. Now that we set ahead our clocks and are ready to have warmer weather, here are some events coming up to get us in the spirit of warmer weather.

Speaking of warmer weather, on 7 May 2017, we will be having a wine tasting event at the Sleepy Cat Urban Winery at 1430. \$5 will get you the tasting. There will be many bottles to choose from and/or purchase on site. Snacks are welcomed. It will be Purrfect. Hope to see you "kitties" there.

Oh wait it gets warmer....On 9 May 2017 our May monthly meeting will be held at Coca Cola Park, the Iron Pigs stadium. Come join in the fun as the Iron Pigs take on the Rochester Red Wings. Game time is 1905. We will be at the Penn Tele Data Party Porch (3rd Base side.)

The buffet begins at 1805-2005 and the price is \$37.00. Payment is required NO LATER THAN April 7th 2017. Come on out and PLAY BALL!

Now we are getting "fired up" now. Please note the change for the Sock Burning event. It is now on 30 April 2017 at the Lebeduiks' house. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. Please bring an appetizer, side or dessert to share. We will be "burning" down the house. And don't forgot THE SOCKS!

And finally where this fire started.....On 4 March 2017 Delhigh held its Change-of-Watch at the Carriage House Inn in East Greenville, PA. The new bridge was pledged by D/Lt/C Brad Humphrey. Thanks to the Change-of-Watch Committee and thanks to P/C Brent Rhoads for being the M.C. for the evening. A special thanks to D/Lt/C Brad Humphrey and his wife D/Lt Megan Humphrey from District 5 who came to share in this celebration.

For springtime is coming and what better way then to take in some of these great events and enjoy in great fellowship. Enjoy all, think warm thoughts and Happy Spring!



#### MEET THE ELLISES

By Chris and Michele Ellis

Ahoy all. Let me introduce myself, Christopher( Chris) Ellis, the new Administrative Officer for Delhigh Power Squadron, and my wife Michele . We have been members of Delhigh Power Squadron for 3 years now. We were asked to introduce ourselves and tell you a little about us, our likes, our boat and how we got into Delhigh. We promise not to bore you too much, so let's all head down to the dock and set sail on this cruise, shall we.

I was born and raised in Allentown. My wife was born and raised in Hampton, New Jersey. We met at our place of work in 1998 called Laneco. We both at one point worked in the same store and a friend of Michele's introduced us. We dated for a few years and married on 24 May 2003. Since then Laneco went out of business and we both actually still work for the same company but in different Rite Aid stores. I am a store manager currently in Brodheadsville and Michele is a shift supervisor in Fogelsville. We currently reside in Allentown, in what was my grandparents home. We made it our cozy spot filled with 6 cats, our kids. Their names our Ramius, Patches, Wally, Misty, Precious and Josie.

We always loved the water and boats. My mom and dad are the ones that not only got us into boats, but the Power Squadron as well. They currently reside in North Carolina and are members of the Rocky Mountain Power Squad in District 27. My mom is the Commander and my dad is the Educational Officer. So with the knowledge my parents shared about boats and the squadron, we both got very excited to join. Our boat is a Sea Pro 23.5ft with a cuddy cabin. It has an inboard/outboard Mercruiser 220hp engine. She is called "Casting Call." We have boated in Key West a few times, and the Gulf Coast in Punta Gorda, Fla. We also boated in Southport, SC, to Bald Head Island and Carolina Beach and where the ICW joins the Cape Fear River. Here at home we boat mostly on Lake Wallenpaupack. This year we are planning to go off the Jersey coast and go for the ocean. With us currently taking the Piloting coursethrough the squadron, it makes sense to test our knowledge.

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I got in touch with Keith Knoblach. We met, talked on the phone and then signed up for he ABC Class at Peters Marine. From then on the excitement of learning about boating and also belonging to an organization that teaches people, like us, who knew nothing about boats, had us very much interested from the start. We became members of Delhigh and have met great people; people that are now friends. We are happy to be taking courses to learn more and be a better, safer boater. This year we attended our first Delhigh Change of Watch and are heading down to Ocean City, Maryland for another first, the D/5 Spring Conference where I'll be attending seminars related to my new position as Administrative Officer. We both look forward to not only continue growing with Delhigh and learning more about boating, but continuing the great friendships that came out of it. Now, these past few years when Michele and I go out on the water, it really makes us happy. Something about the water, the waves and quality time with Michele makes us both smile. Oh, one thing that brings it all together, and is probably the most important- that we have Jimmy Buffett tunes on board. Yes we are parrotheads!

Besides being a parrothead, I'm also a big fan of Sean Connery and James Bond . Yes, I have posters, movies, you name it. Michele loves Disney, from movies to Pandora charms and anything in between. We love animals and always try to help out local shelters. We both enjoy walking around our neighborhood and just last year started biking together.

OK , it's now time to end this cruise and head back to the dock. I wanted to Squadron members a glimpse of who we are. We both are very happy and very honored to be a part of Delhigh Power Squadron and also to be among the boating community. We look forward to continuing great friendships with you all. Thanks Delhigh for making us feel part of a great family.

Meet the Fleckensteins

By Dax and Erin Fleckenstein

We want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the warm welcome to Delhigh Power Squadron. Dax and I joined a little over a year ago and have really enjoyed getting to know all of you! Recently, I (Erin) have taken on the role of Secretary of Delhigh.

Dax and I have 2 children, Dillon 12, and Bailey, 9. We live in Bethlehem. Dax works as an Environmental Specialist at a power plant and I have been a Realtor for the past 13 years.

We bought our first boat in 2013, a Hurricane deckboat. Being the saltwater/beach lover that I am, we began taking day trips to Sandy Hook, New Jersey, which is a short 1.5 hr drive from our house. We enjoy fishing for fluke, stripers, and whatever else we can catch. Other boating ventures include the Chesapeake Bay, Lake Wallenpaupack, Keuka Lake, NY, and my personal favorite, Barnegat Bay near Long Beach Island, NJ.









## **Dealing with seasickness**

What to do when you get that queasy feeling

Seasickness occurs when your body's inner ear balance system reacts to the unfamiliar motion of the ship, causing an imbalance that leads to nausea. Seasickness often disappears after a few days, but waiting for it to go away is miserable.

Some onboard activities can make seasickness worse. To avoid seasickness,

- Do not go below decks for long, and when below, look out a porthole and gaze at the horizon.
- Do not look through binoculars for any length of time.
- Do not stare at objects your brain interprets as stable, such as a book, needlecraft or a compass.

Avoiding seasickness isn't always possible, but try to stay on deck in the fresh air and focus on anything other than the boat's movement. Facing forward seems to help, along with taking deep breaths and drinking plenty of water. Eating bland foods in the beginning will keep the hunger at bay. Seasickness is easier to prevent than to cure, but you can do a few things when nausea overtakes you.

- Take Dramamine or Bonine, over-the-counter antihistamines that can make you sleepy.
- The prescription anti-nausea medication Phenergan keeps vomiting to a minimum and lessens the chance of dehydration.
- Fishermen often wear prescription Scopolamine patches behind their ears. They should be in place before setting sail and last three days.
- Ginger, a natural herbal cure, comes in various forms such as capsule, chews, chips and root. Make sure you get real ginger.
- There are also wristbands that use acupressure to combat nausea.

Before you shove off next time, try not to consume too much alcohol the night before, stay away from heavy meals and get a good night's sleep. –*Beth Schwab, Reprinted from the USPS Compass* 

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#### SAFETY ADVISORY: RBS ALERT Smoke Distress Signal Recall

The Coast Guard has withdrawn the Certificate of Approval for NAMMO LIAB AB Orange Hand Smoke Distress Signal, due to risk of spontaneous combustion when dropped.

These smoke signals may be labeled and marketed as "Polar MK 4" by NAMMO LIAB AB or as "IKAROS" by Hansson Pyrotech. "IKAROS" Hansson Pyrotech is the more current manufacturing name. There are approximately 2,790 signals with the potentially defect in the US market.

Any signal manufactured after October 2013 must be properly disposed of and replaced with a product that satisfies the vessel's carriage requirements.

DELHIGH POWER SQUADRON BRIDGE 2017-18

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### NATIONAL NEWS



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Squadron Commanders

The Vessel safety Check program is 17 years old. During that time we have performed over 425 thousand vessel safety checks. It is unknown how many lives may have been saved by our efforts.

I'm asking all of you to renew your efforts and support this initiative to increase the number of examiners and VSCs by 20% in 2017.

New members can take the required training and immediately start as a Vessel Examiner and continue to make our waters a better place.

Will you please help?

quie

Louie





## **DISTRICT 5 UPCOMING EVENTS**

Bay Bridge Boat Show Bay Bridge Marina 21-23 Apr, 2017

Boat Operator Certification Challenge Castle Harbor Marina 20-20 May, 2017

Sail Regatta & Fishing Tournament Spring Cove Marina 23-25 Jun, 2017

District 5 Rendezvous Various Points on Chesapeake 22-27 Jul, 2017

District 5 Summer Council <u>Tidewater Yacht Marina</u> 28-30 Jul, 2017

## COME JOIN THE FUN!



### DELHIGHLIGHTS 2017-18 Calendar of Events



April Meeting and Old Favorite Potluck Wednesday, 5 April 2017 Holy Trinity Church, Bethlehem 1830

ABC Course Saturday, 22 AND 29 April 2017 Peter's Marine 0900-1300

Sock Burning Sunday, 30 April 2017 Lebeduik Residence 1400-2000

Wine Tasting Sleepy Cat Urban Winery Sunday, 7 May 2017 1430

May Iron Pigs Meeting Tuesday, 9 May 2017 Coca Cola Park, Allentown 1905

Beltzville Lake Clean Up and Vessel Safety Checks Saturday, 20 May 2017 Beltzville Lake 0900

Post Clean Up Rendezvous Saturday, 20 May 2017 Joey B's, Palmerton 1300

Ice Cream Social Wednesday, 7 June 2017 Nowroozani Residence 1800

Summer Rendezvous Thursday, 22 – Sunday 25 June 2017 Cambridge, MD

July Poolside Meeting and BBQ Wednesday, 12 June 2017 Nowroozani Residence 1800 Social Hour Wednesday, 26 July 2017 Botelho Residence 1800

Musikfest Mania 9 or 10 August TBA

Trailerboat Rendezvous Saturday, 26 August 2017 Blue Marsh Lake/Nowroozani Pool 1000

Chili Cook-off and September Meeting Wednesday, 6 September 2017 Holy Trinity Church, Bethlehem 1630

Game Night Saturday, 16 September 2017 Stemrich Residence

Oktoberfest Meeting Saturday, 14 October 2017 Norris Residence 1700

Beer Tasting Saturday, 28 October 2017 TBA

November Meeting Wednesday, 1 November 2017 TBA

Sporting Clays Saturday, 4 November 2017 Lehigh Valley Sporting Clays 1000

Paint and Wine Saturday, 4 November 2017 TBA Road Rally Saturday 11 November 2017 TBA

Beer Tasting and Tacos Friday, 17 November 2017 Nowroozani Residence 1800

Holiday Party Saturday, 9 December 2017 TBA

January Meeting with Soup or Salad Pot Luck Wednesday, 3 January 2018 Holy Trinity Church, Bethlehem 1830

Game Night Saturday, 13 January 2018 TBA

Friday Fun Night Friday, 26 January 2018 Corcoran Residence 1800

Phantoms Game TBA

Bowling Saturday, 24 February 2018 TBA

Change of Watch Friday, 2 March 2018 Bear Creek Mountain Resort 1800

All Calendar events are subject to change as the bridge sees fit. Please contact Keith at 610-509-3526 or

keithk56@aol.com for more information on any scheduled event.