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COMMANDERS' DESK

Cdr Rich Norris, JN

Hello all. The Delhigh Bridge hopes all of you have enjoyed your summer! We doubt anyone can complain of a long, hot, dry summer this year. Long - never; hot - you said it; dry - yeah right! As we're sure you know, August was the wettest month in history for the Lehigh Valley; wettest by almost an inch! Luckily the river flooding (at least here) wasn't as bad as it could have been, thanks to prudent water management of the Delaware in New York State. And then came September, not wanting to be left in the shadows, adding more to the water tables. Anyone who didn't see water in their basement, at least some, well, doesn't have a basement!!

And how about them Pigs! More than 40 Delhigh members and guests had no idea the night we all attended the Iron Pigs ballgame, that we were watching a championship play-off team! Great job Pigs! We know you'll be back again in next year's championship series and this time you'll win!

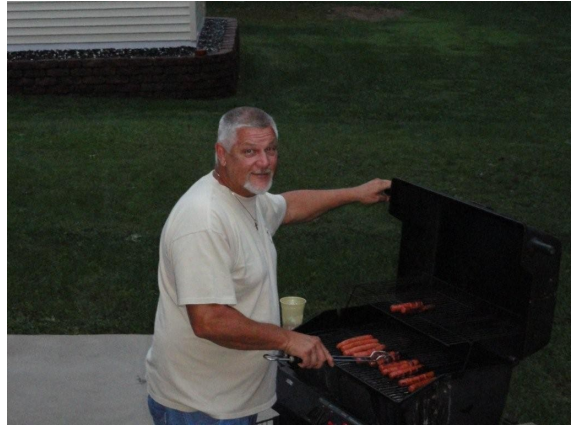
We are pleased to welcome aboard five new Delhigh members who are recent graduates of our ABC Public Boating Course: Cindy Kalmar, Matt Kaminskis, Matthew Schrey, Mary Jo Schulze, and Rachel Schulze. Congratulations to you all. We also wish to welcome our new Cyber Member, Clare Moyer. Cyber members join USPS® on-line, and then squadrons in their vicinity ask them to join their squadron. We're pleased Clare chose Delhigh! Let's get them involved so they truly benefit from all Delhigh has to offer.

Believe it or not, the Nominating Committee is on the prowl again! They are looking for Delhigh members interested in helping to steer the ship, as well as various other positions. Please contact Past Commanders' Bob Rendish or Jeanette Meisner if you're interested in helping out in any way. It's truly gratifying being a part of this group! Don't forget to join us in the Delhigh and D/5 upcoming events listed in this issue. We always look forward to sharing these times with all our membership, so don't be left out!

Due to health reasons, I was unable to attend the USPS® National Governor's Board Meeting held this year in Greensboro, NC, but Delhigh's Executive Officer did attend and will convey his, and Ginny's experiences in the Executive Officer's column.

Time goes by too fast these days. Life's too short to waste any precious moment. Let Delhigh contribute to those moments; you'll be glad you did!

Delhigh's August Meeting



EXECUTIVE OFFICER

P/C L. Chris Brown, JN

The National USPS Governing Board met in Greensboro, North Carolina from 14-Sept thru 17-Sept. District 5 attendance was about the normal number of people. Ginny and I attended and represented Delhigh at the meeting held on 17-Sept in the Four Seasons Sheraton. We also attended Friday and Saturday Cocktail Parties in the Commander's Suite, Friday about 200 National people visited our hospitality suite and about 50 D/5 er's visited on Saturday before the banquet. It is fun learning the culture of the area, including the \$5 heaping plate of North Carolina Bar-B-Q and two sides with a \$2 bowl of Brunswick Stew at Stamey's downtown restaurant. The Greensboro area is noted for its furniture manufacturers and sales warehouses, but our poor planning did not provide an opportunity to shop for some needed boat furniture at the annual sales because when we were ready to shop everything was closed on Sunday. Of course we knew that from previous experiences, but senility of two old codgers prevailed and we got nothing done except eat and begin our trip home. Our alternative plan was to drive home on the beautiful Blue Ridge Parkway. And that we did from Winston Salem to Roanoke which was a wonderful ride in the mountains. Monday, we hoped to do the Skyline Drive part of the Appalachia's but now the weather did not co-operate and cloud cover prevailed above 2000 feet. So we drove home at the base of the mountains passing through small towns one might never visit, like Grottos, Shenandoah, Stanley, and Luray. It was definitely cattle country, and picturesque with streams and woodlands. Over the past few years, we have definitely enjoyed the before and after times surrounding the late summer Governing Boards and mid winter Annual meetings.

Well, some may ask what did we do at the Governing Board....glad you asked, if you didn't I'll tell you anyway. On Thursday I attended the National Squadron Development Committee meeting and

listened to their presentation on "How to Revitalize a Squadron". The afternoon was the General Meeting for Squadron and District Officers. Friday, I attended two seminars in the morning, one on Radar taught by Bob Sweet and the other a new offering on "Tides and Currents" taught by a member of the National Committee. During the last four years, neither Ginny nor I could attend the many presentations about boating done so well at the National level because of our District involvement; we now have more time to enjoy the good things that are offered. Ginny attended a presentation by Terri Flag on Social Networking, primarily focused on electronic media available today. Terri is a new USPS employee at Raleigh Headquarters chartered to help Squadrons and Districts communicate better. Her services and expertise are available on request. Saturday was the board meeting with various stimulating speeches from the Coast Guard and other safe boating organizations. We partner with many boating organizations including the Safe Boating Councils and Coast Guard Auxiliary. Partnering with the outside boating groups is playing more of a role in USPS, in particular, as related to "On the Water Training" for members (BOC) and newly organized program to do the same for the public who wish training. A grant has provided USPS the ability to purchase a National Training Boat and tow vehicle, both on exhibit at Greensboro. Using this new boat, District 5 will offer on the water training for both members and the public at Passagemaker's Trawlerfest in Baltimore 7-9 Oct and at the Annapolis Sail and Powerboats shows this Fall.

Growing membership is still the primary focus everywhere. At the National level, membership is increasing with the emphasis on the "Coming About" programs. The six month free national membership programs are helping the cause. The new member process is solidly in place to register new members online. A new Delhigh roster will be available on line at the D/5 website very shortly. This can be printed to hard copy for those in need, and available updated all the time for reference. This will happen and be ready before the end of the year. My last comment pertains to a dues increase voted positive at the Governing Board. The amount is another \$2 for individual membership and carried through the family unit. There was little opposition to the increase at the voting to approve, but D/5 and Delhigh did vote against the increase as it does tend to counter the growth of membership.

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Boating is fun... we'll show you how®

National needs to find more productive methods of increasing revenues than year after year continuing to tax its members. The money does go to make good things happen and support the safe boating proposition which requires increasing revenues. One can argue it goes to good cause, so \$2 more is not stifling. I believe we need a moratorium on dues increases to minimum the impact of losses due to retention of members and a stronger program to cut costs and generate revenues elsewhere. Again \$2 is the cost of a cup of coffee, I hope you do not let this deter from your membership in our squadron. Ginny and I hope to see all of you at the many Delhigh Squadron and District events in the future, and maybe even at a National event if it fits into your schedule.

SEO

Lt/C Doug McKenzie, JN

The boating season is starting to wind down (sadly!) and the time for taking classes and renewing your knowledge of our favorite pastime is quickly coming upon us! It's not too late to sign up for our Seamanship class starting on 8 Oct. We also have Marine Electronics scheduled to start on 9 Feb.

The ABC class scheduled for 8 Sept was postponed. I only had one student signed up and will try to run the class soon with a few more students. To get our newest members excited to learn about chart reading and plotting I will be teaching the 2nd half of the ABC course to all who are interested. It gives a great introduction to charting and leads right into our Piloting course.

USPS offers many elective courses along with our 'regular courses' (Seamanship, Piloting, Navigation). They are: Marine Electronics, Engine Maintenance, Sail, Weather, and Cruise Planning. These are excellent courses and I highly recommend them to you all. Marine Electronics is already scheduled to start 9 Feb but any of these classes can be taught if there is enough interest. Please let us know if you are interested in any of these classes. I personally thought the weather class was one of the most challenging and useful classes I have ever taken.

Enjoy the rest of the boating season and we'll see you in class!



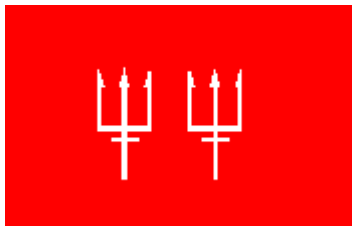
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Please look up Delhigh Power Squadron on FaceBook and help us make our page better! Join us to find out what other members are up to and to post your own pictures and stories to share!

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Kathleen Nowroozani, JN

Wow! The kids are back in school and it sure is getting cold! How does the summer seem to go by so fast and the winter seem to last forever? I guess you can take the girl out of California, but you can't take the California out of the girl! Fall is my favorite season here on the east coast. The colors are so pretty in the fall. We love to take the boat out and watch the trees change color, but that means that boating season is almost over. We start packing our sweat-shirts and beanies instead of our ball caps for a boat ride and there won't be many more afternoons spent watching the boys swim around the boat this season. We start thinking about dropping the boat off to have it winterized, but it is such a sad thought.

The nice thing about being the Administrative Officer is that I am always looking ahead. This year I will be attending my first Oktoberfest meeting and my first Road Rally! It is exciting to be a part of the planning and to see things really starting to come together. The holiday party, too, is coming along. So while boating season may be coming to an end soon, and that makes us all a little teary-eyed, it is nice to know that I will still be able to spend time with some of my favorite people! Please come out and join us! We are always excited to see you, new members and old friends alike.



ASST. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

P/C ROBERT RENDISH, P

This year's Chesapeake Bay Rendezvous at Haven Harbor Marina stands out as one of the best rendezvous when it came to the food. This was the first time I experienced a pig roast at a Delhigh event, and we ate well at the Commander's dinner Friday night. The pork was very tender and full of flavor. We later enjoyed two versions of pork barbeque. One of the best pig roasts I've attended.

As has been the case for the last few years, I arrived early in the evening, not able to get away from my responsibilities at work as early as I would have liked. Plus, when I did depart the area, the traffic and the accident I was behind, took me an additional hour and 15 minutes to Rock Hall. Nonetheless, the Past Commanders who were able to arrive early, or even the ones who arrived the day before, did an outstanding job of cooking the pig just right. A job well done!

One of my responsibilities as a Bridge officer over the years, or now as Assistant Administration Officer, was to ask for gifts and giveaways from local businesses, marinas, restaurants, stores, etc. to raffle off as a thank you to the members who are attending the rendezvous, and who have made a difference in the power squadron. Whether they instructed a Safe Boating class, or helped to organize an event, or helped the squadron in some way, this is our opportunity to say "Thanks." It takes some work organizing a rendezvous making sure the marina has slips, the restaurants and caterers have the information they need, and planning a fun filled weekend for everybody to enjoy. Thank you to Commander Rich Norris, Executive Officer Chris Brown, Administration Officer Kathleen Nowroozani, the 2011 Delhigh Bridge, and all those who helped in making this rendezvous a success.

The Delhigh Power Squadron would like to thank all of the businesses, marine stores, marinas, restaurants, etc. who were very gracious and generous to offer merchandise, gift certificates and more for our raffle giveaway to our members at Saturday night's incredible buffet dinner at Swan Point Inn.

Armetta's Restaurant – Emmaus, PA
Ace Hardware – Rock Hall, MD
The Brass Rail Restaurant – Allentown, PA
Giant Food Store – Emmaus, PA
Haven Harbor Marina – Rock Hall, MD
Peter's Marine – Allentown, PA
Mike & Nikki Lebeduik, Bethlehem, PA
Shangy's Beer Distributer - Emmaus, PA
West Marine – Rock Hall, MD



VESSEL SAFETY CORNER

P/C Michael Lebeduik III, AP

Once again it is almost time to put our boats in dry dock. This should give you the opportunity to go over all your safety items to make sure they are in proper condition for storage until spring. If there are any questionable items, give one of our squadron VSC's a call. This will allow you to get the items needed for a speedy VSC examination in spring.

Test your lights, horn, bilge pump and blowers. Check your flares, life jackets, and first aid kit. Yes, you will have to retest in spring, but at least you know all items were in working condition at the end of the season. If there is a problem in spring it should be a simple fix.

Thanks to everyone that had a VSC completed this year. We are looking forward to another successful year in 2012.

Vessel Safety Examiners, please send your completed forms to the VSC Chairman so we are able to bring our squadron records up to date and submit our records to National by 24 December 2011 to be included in the year end report. The deadline for all your VSC forms to be turned in is 17 December 2011.

Thank you for all you are doing to make this program a success and keeping the public informed.

Contact: **Michael Lebeduik, III** at **610-994-1705**



Swinging the Lamp

Ahoy there once again!!! Dad gum it, each year it blows by faster than the last! It's gotten to a point where a guy can't cop a few winks anymore, cause when ya do, summer's blown by before ya wake up! It's makes me dizzy .

Will somebody tell me who ticked off the ladies whose names start with "I?" I mean first it was Isabel; this year it was Irene. Can't someone get the National Weather Service to go from "H" to "J" and just skip I??? Anyway, we hope everyone's boats fared well and no one sustained any hurtin.

In the past, it's been brought to my attention (i.e. stuffed in me face), that these columns come across to negative sometimes. Well, if you lived in this crotchety old body, with salt water in your veins, crab trimmed toenails, and drinking zinc cocktails, you'd be a bit grumpy, too!

I recently read a good article (I heard that – yes I can read!) about boat dummies with wrenches in their hands. The article was in Soundings™ and it made a lot of sense. Basically, it cited the fact that even someone who couldn't fix an open jar (which we suspect applies to many reading this message) can fix many things on their boat, by simply applying common sense, being patient, planning well, having the right tools, and a fat wallet... (I made up the last one) You'll find the article in the October 2011 issue if interested.

Don't know if you were aware, one of Delhigh's members boat converted into a 1 lung floating condo at the beginning of the season. Well, rumor has it, it may be completely repaired and back to 100% operational, just in time to have it hauled!!!! Hey, ya gotta hand it to em; he burned one heck of a lot LESS FUEL than you did this year I bet!

Well, nuff said. It's time for my hourly nap! This ol geaser is signin off. 'Til next time, be safe, be happy. After all, boating is fun - got it!

The Lampmaster





Go With Confidence

USPS Districts 5 Fall Council and Conference 3 – 6 November 2011

Wyndham Gettysburg
95 Presidential Circle
Gettysburg, Pa 17325

MEMBER: Rank _____ Name: _____ Grade: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

SPOUSE/OTHER ATTENDEES:

Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____

Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____

ACTIVITIES SELECTIONS

“Dinner with the Bridge” Thursday, Hickory Bridge Farm Restaurant # _____
Read details in article in Mark 5 or on D5 web site – Family style dining set in a 190 year old barn. Restaurant
Opening for only D5, cost is \$30 per person which includes food, tax and gratitude. Pay as you go.

Friday, 4 Nov – “Meet & Greet” to include Fields of Freedom Film # _____
At Gateway Theater at Wyndham Conference Complex @\$10.00 _____

Saturday, 5 Nov – Social Luncheon # _____ @\$24.00 _____

Saturday, 5 Nov – Banquet with Award Ceremony # _____
Sautéed Breast of Chicken Piccata @\$37.00 _____
Roasted Herb Crusted Pork Loin # _____ @\$37.00 _____

Special Dietary requirements _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

Make Checks Payable to: 2011 USPS D/5 Fall Conference – Cut off for Activity Reservation is
21 October 2011

SEND TO: D/Lt Barbara J. Walter, AP
29961 Skyview Drive
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If you have any questions contact P/D/C Arlene Anderson, AP at 757-357-6319

Hotel Reservation are made directly with Wyndham Gettysburg, 95 Presidential Circle, Gettysburg, Pa 17325,
(866) 845-8885 or (717) 339-0020, use Reservation Code of USPS D/5 to get conference rate of \$119.00 plus tax.
Cut off date for D5 rate is 11 October 2011.

Delhigh's 2011 Land Navigation Contest

The 16th Annual Fall Road Rally

12th November 2011

----Rain or Shine----

If you've never been on one of Delhigh's road rallies, you have no idea what you have been missing. Attendance of this event keeps growing.

This is NOT a race.

It is a day for a drive on roads that you would probably never think to travel and a day spent with your family, spouse, friend(s), or companion. Please invite your friends. The more entries we have, the more enjoyable the day.

The object is to follow the directions, look for the pictures along the way, answer a few questions and just enjoy the day and the scenery.

*** It is suggested that there are at least three people in each vehicle to help locate pictures and answer questions.

It will start at the North End Wanders Athletic Association, 308 Woodlawn Ave. Bethlehem, PA 18017, phone number (610)-691-9437, where we will meet for breakfast and get our instructions. Breakfast will start at 9:45 am, instructions will start at 10:30 am. PLEASE be at the N.E.W.A.A. by 10:15 am before the instructions start. First car out will start approximately 11:00 am.

Find your way to the half way point, turn in your first set of instructions and receive your second half of instructions to get you to the **final destination**. At the final destination you will turn in ALL PAPERWORK!

The dinner will be held at a location *other than* the road rally final destination.

At the final destination, you will then be given directions to get to the dinner location which is - *America On Wheels Museum* in Allentown

We are looking forward to seeing everyone again.

The Road Rally Committee:

Cyrus Nowroozani, JN

Kathleen Nowroozani, JN

Nilsa Lebeduik

Michael Lebeduik, III, AP





2011 Delhigh Road Rally Reservations Form

Reservations Form MUST be returned by 3 Nov. 2011

Send a completed form and check made payable to: **Delhigh Power Squadron**

Send to:

**P/C Michael Lebeduik, III
3925 Carter Road
Bethlehem, PA 18020**

Questions:

**Home Phone: (610) - 691-3348
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Of people attending: _____

Of children under 10 years old: _____

Of cars participating: _____

Is this your first Road Rally with Delhigh? YES _____ NO _____ (Attended how many? _____)

Your Phone #: _____

Your Email Address: _____

NAME (s) of individuals in car: _____

Buffet Style Dinner Menu

Tossed Garden Salad, with House Dressing
Home Made Meatloaf with Gravy
Home Made Whipped Potatoes
Regular and Decaf Coffee, Assorted Teas

Fresh Baked Rolls with Butter
Fresh Roasted Turkey with Bread Stuffing
Fresh Seasonal Vegetable (Chef Choice)
Cake

**(Alcoholic beverages are on your own tab. There will be a limited bar selection.)*

The price includes:

Buffet Breakfast, Road Rally, Admission to *America On Wheels Museum*, Dinner at the museum and one adult beverage of your choice..

Number of people attending 'Full Event' x 35.00 = \$ _____

Number of people attending 'Museum and Dinner' Only ... x 30.00 = \$ _____

Total: \$ _____

COME AND ENJOY THE DAY!!!!



Save the date for the annual
Delhigh Holiday Party
Saturday
10 December 2011

**Full Details by E-Mail and
Mail**



Oktoberfest

5 October

Please join us for *Oktoberfest*, our covered dish October meeting held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Arrive at 1800 with your dish to share. Meeting starts at 1900.

Please let Kathleen know if you are attending and what you plan to bring.

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Commander Bob's - Let's Not Be Fuelish

How many explosions did you have on your boat the last time you took her out of the slip? None? Well, if you were using an internal combustion engine, you had thousands of explosions within a few feet of you and your passengers. And if those explosions involved a volatile fuel like gasoline, you can be grateful that each of those explosions occurred in a controlled atmosphere like the inside of your engine's cylinders.

Each year, people on or near boats suffer painful and debilitating burns or even death from fuel vapor ignition in an uncontrolled environment. Vapors from leaking fuel lines, corroded fuel tanks or poor ventilation skulk in the low areas of your boat, and create one of the most feared hazards of all. It's a molecular chain reaction, and it's sudden, chaotic... and devastating.

With proper safety procedures and precautions, uncontrolled explosions on board your boat are nearly always preventable. Just remember these equipment and fueling tips:

Equipment

Have your fuel lines inspected regularly. Look for loose fittings or cracks in the lines, and if you see a problem, fix it. If you use portable fuel tanks, check them for corrosion or pitting. Make sure the vents work properly, and that there is a vapor-tight, leak-proof cap on the tank. If your tanks are permanently mounted, have them inspected annually. Be certain that they are vented to the outside of the hull, and that fill pipes are outboard so that spills will not end up in closed compartments.

Before You Fuel

If you have a boatload of people, and they're not all needed for the fueling process, suggest they leave the boat and go browse around the Marina gift shop. The fewer people around the gas pump when you're fueling the better. If any do insist on staying aboard, remind them not to smoke. Shut off all your engines, electric motors and galley stoves, and close all compartments, ports, windows and hatches. The idea is to keep the vapors out of those areas when you start fueling. Make sure a fire extinguisher is readily available.

If you're refueling portable tanks, take them out of the boat and fill them ashore. If you spill gasoline on the tanks, wipe them off before bringing them back on board.

During the Fueling Process

Try not to spill fuel on, in or around the boat. In fact, don't spill fuel anywhere. Hold the fill nozzle against the metal side of the fuel filler pipe. The filler pipe is grounded to the bonding system of the boat, and making contact between the nozzle and the pipe at all times will help prevent sparks from static electricity.

After You've Finished Fueling Around

Tightly replace the fuel filler caps. Clean up any spills that you weren't supposed to have in the first place, and properly dispose of the rags you use to clean up the mess. Now you're ready to open up all the hatches, ports and compartments that you closed up prior to starting the fueling process. Before you turn on your ventilation blower in the bilge, do one final check for fumes by using your Jim-Dandy, Super-Stupendous, Vapor Detection Gadget...your nose. If you smell gasoline vapors, you're not ready to flip any switches. Find where the fumes are coming from and resolve it. Finally, get your family back on the boat and out of the Marina gift shop while you can still afford to pay for the fuel you just bought.

If you follow these procedures, and make sure your fuel tank and lines are in good condition, you stand a good chance of avoiding an explosion hazard on your boat before, during and after the fueling process. Aside from fueling, however, there is one other piece of advice about the use of gasoline I'd like to impart.

Don't clean engine parts with gasoline. I personally inspected a boat with a strong smell of gasoline in the engine compartment, only to find out that the backfire flame arrestor had just taken a bath that morning in gasoline. The owner was quite proud that he was showing me an oil and grease-free arrestor. I strongly suggested that he clean it off again, this time with hot, soapy water, and let it dry thoroughly before he turned over that engine.

When it comes to gasoline, it's always best to keep the explosions inside the engine. So don't be fuel-hardy -- take the few extra minutes to do it right. It could make the difference between a disaster and another fun day on the water.

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Boating Trivia

We may hear a forecaster express wave heights as six foot "seas", or six foot "swells". What's the distinction?

A vessel made fast to the bottom using a single anchor is said to be 'anchored'. If two anchors are used, the boat is said to be _____.

Born in 1394, he established a naval observatory for the teaching of navigation skills, and is considered by most historians as chiefly responsible for Portugal's "age of exploration". Who was he?

If you heard a seaman refer to the term 'small stuff', what is likely to be the object of his or her attention?

Lines of equal barometric pressure are called isobars. But what are lines of equal magnetic variation called?

What are the three factors that determine the load a boat places on ground tackle?

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OCTOBER

William T.	Tinsley	10	
Patrick J.	William T. Flannery	16	10
Randy	Patrick J. Meisner	21	16
George	Randy Jacobs	23	21
George	George Jacobs		23

NOVEMBER

Cyrus	Nowroozani	2
George	Kelchner	10
John K.	Kudera	19
Matthew	Schrey	30





Membership Meeting & Activity Schedule

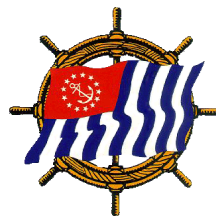
Please note the times and locations of the upcoming meetings and activities

Octoberfest
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
 5 October

NO NOVEMBER MEETING

Road Rally/Land Navigation Contest
 11 November
 Breakfast and starting point
North End Wanders Athletic Association
 Dinner
Wheels of Time Museum

Holiday Party
 10 December
 TBA



District 5 & USPS National Events

D/5 SAIL REGATTA & FALL FESTIVAL
 30 Sept - 02 October 2011
 Herrington Harbor South
HOSTED BY: Annapolis, Dundalk & Rockville

D/5 Fall Conference
 3-6 November
 Gettysburg, PA



- Answers to Trivia Questions
1. Seas originate at your location, swells originate somewhere else.
 2. Moored
 3. Prince Henry the Navigator
 4. Line or rope less than one inch in circumference.
 5. Isogons or isogonic lines
 6. Wind drag, wave action (tide), and current