

DELHIGHLIGHTS

A Newsletter of the Delhigh Power Squadron

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UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS

2009 Rendezvous Much More Than Boating

By Cathy Jean Kehlner

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George and I had not been on a rendezvous since we sold our boat five years ago, and we were thrilled when we received a call from Rich and Bea Norris inviting us to be their guest on Miss Kelsey III for Delhigh's Rendezvous weekend. We met them at Haven Harbor on Friday morning. It was the best. As I was walking down the dock, we spotted familiar faces: Dennis and Connie Clifford were here from Ohio. Again, 5 years since we had seen them. What a great surprise!

We started our journey from Rock Hall to Harrington Harbor North accompanied by "One Moor Time", Chris and Ginny Brown's boat. The water was perfect, and our "Captains" got us there safely. As we stepped off Miss Kelsey, the Delaware River crew was arriving. We helped Howard and Linda Steckel tie up their boat and slowly met up with everyone from the squadron. The hot and sultry day drew everyone to the pool for a quick dip before the cocktail hour. At six o'clock the delectable dishes started arriving at Delhigh's tent. I'm no food critic, but it was a definite five star night. After sharing recipes, catching up on people's lives and trading funny boating stories, we headed to dinner.

With our bellies already full, we attempted to eat dinner at the Calypso restaurant. It was then that our commander, Jim Ziegenfuss, informed us of the scavenger hunt and dice run planned for the weekend. The scavenger hunt included quite an interesting group of items we needed to find. The dice run was mapped out to visit 3 boats to roll dice and then two more rolls at the cocktail parties. Winners would be picked for high, low and middle rollers.

After dinner, everyone scattered, some entertaining the guests they had invited, some staying at the Calypso Tiki bar and partying, and still other smart individuals going back to their boats to get a good night's sleep. Of course, I'm married to the Ever Ready Bunny, so we stayed up and partied. As we were returning to the boat, we heard some laughter coming from Eric and Amy Blom's boat. Eric, Amy's brother, and his fiancé, Lindsey, were aboard. As we got a little closer, we laughed to see Howard Steckel on board with them (Howard and the kids). As usual, it looked like Howard was doing his best to retain his youthful attitude.

Saturday was a do as you please day. Jane Grande, Andy Burke, and Jenny and George Jacobs took the scenic trolley tour and enjoyed a nice lunch at Chesapeake Beach. The Ziegenfuss clan attempted to do some water boarding, but as Amy Blom told me later, the wake from the other boats made it a little difficult. I really do think her husband Eric has to stop making Amy get in the water and test it first.

MEETING REMINDER

The August meeting will be held on the second Wednesday, August 12, 2009. The change of date was necessitated because of the conflict with Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and their commitment to support Music Fest. General meeting starts at 1900.



Jim and Minna Ziegenfuss and Howard and Linda Steckel, along with Jeanette and Randy Meisner, and their guest, P/C Bob Rendish, took a short cruise and enjoyed a nice lunch at "Thursday's" on the West River, even though it was Saturday.

Some of us took the lazy avenue and stayed to enjoy a relaxing Saturday at the pool. We were definitely entertained by Anthony and Abigail Fontana and their friends. Amy Fontana and I enjoyed our "healthy" Orange Crush drinks. Good thing Russ Fontana had his bike and dingy or we would not have seen them all weekend...their boat was docked on "E" dock, and the rest of the Squadron on M, N, and O docks. The only boat farther than Russ's was Kokomo on "C" dock. That made a loooong walk for Bob Hannabery, his daughter Diane and her fiancé' Keith.

As I walked around the Marina, (did I neglect to say "large"), I was amused at all the feather hunters walking around the grounds. At one point I asked George where he was going. His reply, "bird hunting." The scavenger hunt had everyone busy. I watched people trading Tums and bobby pins throughout the day. The scavenger items were being vigorously collected.

Saturday night was a repeat performance of our 5 star cocktail party. Yummy.....more good recipes! The theme of the night was a Hawaiian luau. The kids were all decked out in their grass skirts and everyone got leis. Even Abigail's doll was dressed in Hawaiian garb. Jim Ziegenfuss called all the past commanders to the front and surprised them by having Amy Blom and Lindsey Hayes give Hula dance lessons to this distinguished group. They included: Rich Norris, George Kelchner, Dennis Clifford, Bob Rendish, Jeanette Meisner, Brent Rhoads, Ginny Brown, and Chris Brown. With each wearing a grass skirt, they all took the part, and were perfect sports. Well, two things about that dance lesson: Past Commanders, don't leave your day jobs and Commander Jim---they will get even.

Five boats were successful at gathering all the items for the scavenger hunt. The red hats were iffy but accepted. Jenny Jacobs broke the tie by having the most Hawaiian decorations on her body. Dinner was started with a tower of fruit and a buffet of chicken, fish and barbeque. Oh yes, and good cake too. Amy Fontana and the children present announced raffle winners. Thanks to P/C Mike Lebeduik, who secured most of the prizes, and to all the people and companies contributing to this, no one went home empty handed.

We woke up Sunday morning to a fantastic breakfast. Did Delhigh ever think of opening up a restaurant? The entire bridge helped to make it another successful feast with Amy Fontana and Minna Ziegenfuss scrambling eggs, and Bob Hannabery grilling sausage. The rest of the food was contributed by the members. More than I could have imagined.

After breakfast, Amy Fontana announced the winners of the dice run. Chris Brown won first prize for low roller. Jeanette Meisner and Lisa Rhoads tied for second as high rollers, and Brent Rhoads won for middle of the road.

There were a couple of negatives about the weekend: It went too fast, and we had to say goodbye to good friends. Past Commander George and I want to thank Bea and Rich for their wonderful hospitality. (Give Nikki a hug for me.) We also want to say that no words can express our gratitude to the bridge (planners XO Russ Fontana, Cdr Jim Ziegenfuss, Asst AO Bob Rendish, and Mike Lebeduik for prizes) for hosting such a successful and fun weekend. The 2009 Rendezvous was impressive. 14 boats; 55 attendees. (Yes Brent, Jane and their family did make it by boat on Saturday). Not wanting to miss the event, Joe and Cam Stemrich traveled by land and stayed in their fifth-wheel. Ron Laudenslager, who couldn't quite get his boat commissioned for the event, made it too, traveling by car for the luau and dinner Saturday night. Four of the boats were guests from other squadrons and marina's, (along with the Fontana's, they were ending a week-long trip on the bay) giving us all an opportunity to meet new people.

The successful 2009 Delhigh Rendezvous was a major accomplishment and was only achieved through hard work, sincere devotion, and dedicated member participation. Good job, Delhigh!

Thanks again, "The Kelchner's"



2009 DELHIGH RENDEZVOUS



2009 DELHIGH RENDEZVOUS PHOTO GALLERY



No Delhigh Losers in Atlantic City

by Joe Stemrich

It didn't matter if you came by boat, drove your car, lived near AC or got towed in by Boat US® everyone who came to the First Annual Summer Trailerboat Rendezvous had a great time.

Kathy and Doug McKenzie were the first to arrive with their 26 ft Sea Ray, docked at the Trump Marina at the "H" dock and in AC "H" stands for "party Hardy", on Friday afternoon. Their guests Nancy and Mike Alderesso checked into the Showboat Casino Hotel and Joe and Cam Stemrich arrived by car after experiencing some engine trouble and had their boat towed back to Stone Harbor Marina where it is under the care of a certified boat doctor (again). Thanks to the hospitality of the McKenzies the four had a great time aboard "Happy Hours". Some of the group enjoyed an intimate dinner at Angelina's Italian Restaurant, an excellent dining experience off the casino circuit (reasonably priced) yet close enough to walk to - although we didn't. Libations were enjoyed on the "H" dock while the Trump Marina provided two bands free of charge through out the day for the Delhigh group and anyone of their guests. Some gambling instructions took place since the McKenzies were Casino Virgins. That's right it was their first time in a casino and Joe Stemrich showed them how to win \$150. (The amount goes up every time the story is told.) Some of the group attended a concert to see The Blues Brothers.

On Saturday the group got off to a late start, for personal reasons, and went to the beach to hang over, I mean hang out. Camilla was AWOL for a short time which caused some minor worry to the other rendezvous participants until she was discovered at a slot machine. After the beach the group were guests of the Foundation Club for a private party at Harrah's Hotel and Casino's indoor pool, "The Pool" as it referred to by private party guests was an exciting experience were all the coolest people hang out .

That evening the Delhigh Rendezvous group attended a grilled steak dinner at the Sommers Point, NJ, home of Delhigh members John and Teresa Unger. Perfectly grilled steaks, salads and scallops wrapped in bacon were just a few of the items on the menu. After a dinner like that there can only be one thing to do... more partying. The McKenzies went back to the casino were they finished the night on a winning streak.

On Sunday morning the Delhigh members participated in a pot luck breakfast (with several of the other parties there) that consisted of quiche, fruit salads, a nutty dish this writer can not completely describe - but it was another feast. As we untied the boat and prepared to close out the first annual Summer Trailerboat Rendezvous, it was unanimously agreed upon by all participants that the rendezvous was a rousing success and we will do it again next year.

If you are thinking you missed out on a great boating weekend you are right, but do not despair we want your input for when you can make it next year because those of us who attended know it will be even more fun with you there.



TRAILER BOAT RENDEZVOUS COMMITTEE LOOKING FOR ALTERNATIVE IDEAS

P/C Bob Rendish, P

In the last 2 years, the Delhigh Power Squadron's Trailer Boat Rendezvous has experienced tremendous participation from it's members, friends of the squadron and other USPS members including District 5 Bridge officers.

It's been exciting to see some members of the squadron who primarily boat on the Chesapeake Bay, plan for this little event and come to beautiful Lake Wallenpaupack in the Pocono mountains. I've been thrilled to see members who used to boat here and at other lakes, really enjoy themselves and remember the old days of lake boating and socializing with family and friends.

The last two years the squadron has been extremely fortunate to have within it's membership, Bill and Vickie Tinsley. They have a beautiful home on Lake Wallenpaupack and have for the last 2 years been exceptionally gracious and generous in hosting the Trailer Boat Rendezvous. This year it came to our attention that it was suggested to change the date to allow members to participate at another event. As the Trailer Boat Rendezvous has evolved, the Tinsley's wanted to accommodate the change in the date and insisted that we continue to have them host our event. We later learned that their daughter, Whitney and fiancé Nick, were getting married the following weekend. After much discussion, it was decided that the squadron would not have the rendezvous hosted by the Tinsley's, to allow them the necessary time and space to help plan and have their daughter's wedding.

At this writing, the committee is looking into alternatives for the Trailer Boat Rendezvous as well as the possibility of canceling the event this year. If anybody has any ideas or suggestions, please contact Bob Rendish at rjr1@enter.net or 610-967-2210, or Commander Jim Ziegenfuss at jimzig@frontiernet.net or 610-498-3742.

Enjoy the summer!



The Commander's Deck

Cdr Jim Ziegenfuss, JN

I'd like to say thank you.....on behalf of National, District, and Delhigh, I'd like to say "Thank you" to our members and volunteers for the countless hours you devote to making Delhigh a very productive and energetic squadron.

Since our inception in 1961, Delhigh has been fortunate to have members come forward and take leadership roles to keep our squadron active and stable. We've seen leaders train, develop, and inspire new members so that they, too, could lead some day and when the younger members were ready, they took over.

Unfortunately, that's not the case at every squadron. Just recently, I attended a dinner to mark the end of the Pennsway Power Squadron. While there, I met some wonderful people who have worked with as much passion and energy as any Delhigh member ever has, but they just could not fill all the positions necessary to keep their squadron alive, and voted to disband.

We hope some of Pennsway members will pick Delhigh as their new squadron. They were a good squadron, and have many fine members. The invitation is open, and I hope they consider us. Recently I learned that the Lancaster Squadron has also been decommissioned. Although we are rather far to have Lower Berks and Lancaster County residents join Delhigh, Bob Hannabery and Ed Muschlitz will help to proctor USPS Safe Boating Exams for people from that area. While it's a short term solution to safe boater education, the long term problem is that the void left by these two squadrons may hurt new boaters that want to join a local organization, and may long term limit the growth of D/5 and USPS®.

So I'd like to say "Thanks" again. To recognize the Delhigh members who currently take active roles in our squadron as officers and chair people, I've tried to list all the positions for which we have volunteers. I'm impressed by the number of people we have working for us. Some are very active and others able and ready for their jobs to begin. Many wear multiple hats. Some take one job, but all are committed to making Delhigh better.

If I missed your name, I am sincerely sorry. Please call. If I added your name to a role for which you are unfamiliar, call me for that too. I'll try to convince you to take the job. Delhigh needs you.

So take a minute and go over the list. And when you bump into someone who is helping to lead our squadron, or even held a position in the past, tell them "Thank you." They deserve it.



2009-10 Delhigh Elected and Appointed Positions

<i>Commander</i>	Jim Ziegenfuss	<i>Executive Officer</i>	Russell Fontana
<i>Squadron Education Officer</i>	Bob Hannabery	<i>Admin Officer</i>	-----
<i>Secretary</i>	Tom Oberdoester	<i>Treasurer</i>	Jennie Jacobs
<i>Sq. Asst Education officer</i>	Jeanette Meisner	<i>Assistant Admin. Office</i>	Bob Rendish
<i>Assistant Secretary</i>	Ginny Brown	<i>Assistant Treasurer</i>	Jane Grande
<i>Membership Chairman</i>	Joseph Stemrich, Sr.	<i>Squadron Safety Officer</i>	Jason Gaydos
<i>Member Retention Chairman</i>	Joseph Stemrich Sr.	<i>Squadron Flag Lieutenant</i>	George Jacobs
<i>Member Involvement Chairman</i>	Joseph Stemrich, Sr.	<i>Fleet Captain</i>	Brent Rhoads
<i>Public Relations Chairman</i>	Camilla Stemrich	<i>Merit Marks Chairman</i>	Jeanette Meisner
<i>Delhighlights Editor</i>	Bea Norris	<i>Change of Watch Chair</i>	Brent Rhoads
<i>Delhighlights Asst. Editor</i>	Ginny Brown	<i>Operations Training Chair</i>	Brandon Morrow
<i>Vessel Safety Check Chairman</i>	Michael Lebeduik	<i>Squadron Historian</i>	(All)
<i>Adv. Courses-Local Bd Chair</i>	Bob Hannabery	<i>Ship's Store</i>	Jane Grande
<i>Boating Course-Local Bd. Chair</i>	Ed Muschlitz	<i>Rules Committee Chair</i>	Rich Norris
<i>Squad ABC Safe Boating Chair</i>	Ed Muschlitz	<i>Planning Committee Chair</i>	Brent Rhoads
<i>Seamanship Chairman</i>	Rich Norris	<i>Nominating Committee Chair</i>	Jeanette Meisner
<i>Piloting Chairman</i>	Fran Montuori	<i>Christmas Giving Chair</i>	Marilyn Ludwig
<i>Advanced Piloting Chairman</i>	Bob Hannabery	<i>Computer Systems Chair</i>	Bruce Nodine
<i>Junior Navigation Chairman</i>	Jim Ziegenfuss	<i>Entertainment Chair</i>	George Kelchner
<i>Navigation Chairman</i>	Joe Marakovits	<i>Boating Certification Chair</i>	Bob Hannabery
<i>USPS Seminar Chairman</i>	Jeanette Meisner	<i>Trailer Boat Rendezvous Chair</i>	Bob Rendish
<i>Engine Maintenance Chairman</i>	George Kelchner	<i>Atlantic City Cruise Chair</i>	Doug McKenzie
<i>Co-op Charting Chairman</i>	Greg Meyer	<i>Road Rally Chair</i>	Michael Lebeduik
<i>Weather Chairman</i>	Charles Rush	<i>Squadron Webmaster</i>	Russell Fontana
<i>Sail Chairman</i>	John Kudera	<i>DB2000 Updater</i>	Joseph Stemrich
<i>Marine Electronic Chairman</i>	Ken Iwaszek	<i>Squadron Property Officer</i>	Ed Muschlitz
<i>Cruise Planning Chairman</i>	Ginny Brown	<i>Children's Activities Chair</i>	Amy Fontana

PLUS: All members who plan, teach, and participate on committees and join in activities.

Executive Committee

Jeanette Meisner
Joseph Stemrich, Sr.
Brent Rhoads
Bob Rendish

Ed Muschlitz
Randy Meisner
Rich Norris

Dick Garnjost
Chris Brown
Bea Norris

District 5 Positions Held by Delhigh Members

District Executive Officer
Aids to the District XO

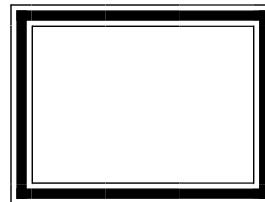
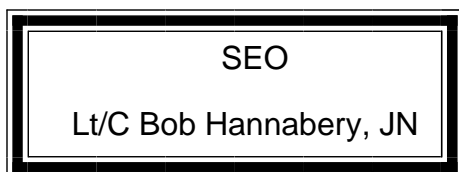
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Michael Lebeduik
Joseph Stemrich, Sr.
Rich Norris
Jeanette Meisner
Virginia Brown
Michael Lebeduik
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Bea Norris
Rich Norris
Virginia Brown
Bea Norris

Aids to the District Cdr.

Mtgs & Rendezvous Chair
Mtgs & Rendezvous Comm.

Seavester Committee
D/5 Nominating Comm.
D/5 Planning Comm.
District Chair-VSC
District Asst Chair-Sail
Boating Course-Asst Chair
Boating Course-Reporting
Boating Activities-Power
Mark 5 Publications Comm.
Activities Bulletin Bd

Michael Lebeduik
Michael Lebeduik
Bob Hannabery
Michael Lebeduik
John Kudera
Bob Hannabery
Bob Hannabery
Russell Fontana
Virginia Brown
L. Chris Brown



The spring Seamanship class is now officially completed. As I predicted last month, 100% of the students in the class passed the final exam! Congratulations to Richard Hoffeld, Kim Karaman, Keith Knoblach, Kathy McKenzie, Bruce Nodine, Cyrus Nowroozani, Kathleen Nowroozani, Kenneth Pohlidal, Camilla Stemrich, Joseph Stemrich Jr., Joseph Stemrich Sr. and John Unger. We look forward to seeing all of these great students in our fall Piloting course!

The Education Department met on June 11, 2009 to plan the education calendar for 2009-1010. Thank you to all who attended this planning session.

We have scheduled three classes of the new USPS public boating course, "America's Boating Course 3rd Edition". These 6-week courses will be offered on Thursday evenings at Peter's Marine in Allentown beginning at 7:00 PM on September 17, 2009, January 14, 2010 and March 11, 2010. Contact Ed Muschlitz (610-262-9128) for more information on these courses.

We will also be offering three advance grade classes in the coming year. These 10-12 week classes will be held at our classroom in Holy Trinity.

Piloting will be offered in the Fall, beginning on September 15, 2009. Piloting is the first of the navigational classes focusing on techniques for piloting a boat in coastal and inland conditions. The course emphasizes planning and checking along with the use of GPS for determining position, and introduces digital charting along with traditional charting, compass and dead reckoning skills. Plotting, labeling, use of the compass, aids to navigation and a host of related topics are included in this all-new approach to coastal and inland piloting. Contact Fran Montuori (610-437-4718) for more information on this course.

Advanced Piloting will be offered in the Winter, beginning on January 14, 2010. The new course remains the final part of the inland and coastal navigation series. This material continues to build on the base developed in Piloting and

includes practical use of additional electronic navigation systems and other advanced techniques for finding position. It is such a change from the previous AP course, it will be worthwhile for those already having taken AP to tune their information on this class.

Junior Navigation will be offered as an informal class, led by Jim Ziegenfuss. Junior Navigation is the first of a two-part program of study in offshore (open coast) navigation. It is designed as a practical, how-to-course. Subject matter includes: basic concepts of celestial navigation; how to use the mariner's sextant to take sights of the sun; the importance and techniques of accurate time determination; use of the Nautical Almanac; how to reduce sights to establish lines of position (LOPs); and the use of special charts, plotting sheets and other navigational data for offshore positioning and passage planning. Contact Jim (610-250-0809) for more information on this course.

Seamanship will be offered in the Spring, beginning on March 2, 2010. Building on the basics of recreational boating presented in the ABC3 public boating courses, Seamanship adds foundational information for continuing boater education. The course contents should facilitate knowledge development for increased safe operation of recreational boats and provide the basis for completion of USCG licensing examination. Emphasis within the course has been placed on higher level boating skills, rules of the road, and marlinspike. Contact Rich Norris (610-366-0475) for more information on this course.

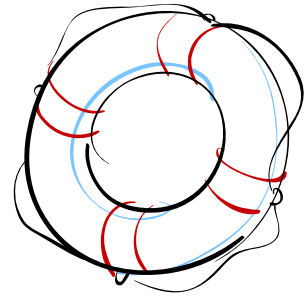
Our very successful USPS Seminar Series at Peter's Marine has ended for the summer. Many thanks to Jeanette Meisner and all of the seminar instructors for making this program a huge success. We look forward to presenting a new series of seminars beginning in the Fall.

Enjoy the rest of your summer boating season!



Water Safety Festival at Blue Marsh Lake

P/C Jeanette Meisner, P



On Sunday, 14 June, Delhigh Power Squadron participated in the Water Safety Festival at Blue Marsh Lake. Delhigh was one of twenty three exhibitors that participated in the festival.

Our day started at 0930, a beautiful, sunny Sunday morning. Sixteen Delhigh volunteers assembled to set up the D/5 Education Trailer, Seavester, free raffle, safety game and ship store at our assigned area in the Dry Brooks Use Area. Fortunately, we were positioned under a very nice shade tree where we also ate lunch. For those who have not yet seen the District 5 Education Trailer, it is full of safety information, USPS® course information, USPS member info and samples of life jackets, anchors, knots and more. The trailer even comes equipped with a flat screen (squadron must supply a computer) and boat safety DVD's to run.

On the Friday before the festival, Joe and Camilla Stemrich traveled to the western shore of Maryland to pick up the D/5 Education trailer and Seavester and towed them to the event on Sunday.

Seavester with the help of Mike Lebeduik, Randy Meisner and Rich Norris talked to children about water safety and safe boating throughout the afternoon.

Bob & Mark Rendish brought their 18' Stingray boat and parked aside of the trailer. We then hung the USPS Vessel Safety Exam Banner from their boat.

Delhigh's raffle prize donated to us by the Boat & RV Superstore on Rte 61 was a \$150.00 gift certificate. Festival attendees filled out an entry form and dropped it into the large official Delhigh raffle container. At the end of the day the winner was picked and the grand prize winner was a member of the Philadelphia Water Rescue Team. She was surprised and happy that her entry was selected. Thank you once again Boat & RV Superstore and Joe & Camilla Stemrich for securing the generous gift certificate raffle prize.

Delhigh also participated in the festival's safety game. Our safety game was called "Safety Ring Toss". A rope was attached to a throw cushion, a hula hoop was placed approximately 15' away. The object of the game was to throw the cushion inside the hula hoop. The participants had fun and learned how to safely help someone who might have fallen into the water.

Throughout the day each exhibitor gave a 20 minute presentation. Delhigh's Bob Rendish towed his 18' Sting Ray in front of the bleachers by the water. Mike Lebeduik took the head set microphone and began his presentation of a Vessel Safety Exam. The presentation was smooth and flawless. Ted Shelson from Peters Marine videotaped the entire presentation and posted it to Peters Marine web site. Check it out at www.Petersmarine.com. Great job Mike and Bob!!

Thank you to all Delhigh members who came out to help and make the event a great Delhigh success! Jim & Minna Ziegenfuss, Joe & Camilla Stemrich, Bob & Mark Rendish, Mike Lebeduik, Bob Hannabery, Rich Norris, Ed Muschlitz, Tom Oberdoester & Ann Marie, Ron Laudenslager, Randy & Jeanette Meisner and new member Paul Himmelberger.




HAPPY BIRTHDAY

AUGUST

Jason	Gaydos	4
Jeanette	Meisner	8
Rhonda	Herring	11
Andrew	Devine	11
Edward	Muschlitz	11
Lloyd C.	Brown	16
Amy A.	Fontana	20
Donald	Ludwig	27
Charles	Rush	31

SEPTEMBER

Eileen M.	Muschlitz	1
Thomas C.	Oberdoester	6
Richard C.	Norris	6
Joanne	Hannabery	7
Kenneth H.	Herring	9
Chrys	Cronin	9
Greg	Mayer	16
Virginia H.	Brown	20

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Ahoy There to All,

It's sad that things like this still happen knowing it could have been avoided. Here is an article from 4th of July weekend.

Jason Gaydos

After finding man's body in the Delaware, Coast Guard stops search for boy

July 5, 2009 Morning Call

The Coast Guard has suspended the search for an 11-year-old boy missing in the since Friday night along with a 43-year-old man whose body has been recovered.

Officials said the effort was suspended at about 1 p.m. Saturday after rescuers searched about 26 square miles of the river for about nine hours.

Petty Officer 3rd Class Crystalynn Kneen, a Coast Guard spokeswoman, says the boy and two men were on a 16-foot recreational boat near the Tacony-Palmyra Bridge. The boy went into the water Friday evening, and one of the men jumped in to try to rescue him. The other man told authorities that by the time he turned the boat around, he had lost sight of the two in the water. The man's body was recovered early Saturday about 200 yards away. Officials say neither was wearing a life jacket.

Director of Operations Policy, Rear Admiral J.W. Underwood of The U. S. Coast Guard "It is the parent's responsibility to keep their children safe when on the water and insisting on wearing life jackets is one of the best ways to do that.

"Just like you make your kids wear bike helmets, make them wear life jackets."

Many adults believe themselves capable of diving into the water to rescue a child who falls overboard. This is a dangerous misconception. Adults may not notice a child falling overboard right away. Children who fall in may not surface immediately. It can be difficult to locate a child in the water—especially when the vessel is in motion. Life jackets could prevent approximately two-thirds of all boating-related drownings of children ages 14 and under. In fact, in most states, children under 13 must wear life jackets. It's the law.

According to the National SAFE KIDS Campaign, drowning remains second only to motor vehicle accidents as the leading cause of unintentional injury-related death among children ages 1 to 14. Furthermore, children are much more likely to practice safe habits when they experience similar behavior by parents and caregivers. "We have done research that indicates children whose parents wear life jackets around water are more likely to wear one themselves," says Jen Medearis Costello, program manager at the National SAFE KIDS Campaign. "Therefore we recommend that parents not only actively supervise their children around water, but also demonstrate safe behavior—including wearing life jackets."

The Coast Guard strongly recommend adults always wear life jackets as well – not only to keep themselves safe, but to demonstrate safe behavior for their children.

The U.S. Coast Guard is asking all boat owners and operators to help reduce fatalities, injuries, property damage, and healthcare costs related to recreational boating accidents by taking personal responsibility for their own safety and the safety of their passengers. Essential steps include always wearing a life jacket and requiring passengers to do the same; never boating under the influence; completing a boating safety course; and getting a free vessel safety check annually from local U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary or United States Power Squadrons®



Membership Meeting & Activity Schedule

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

August Membership Meeting

12 August 2009
(NOTE DATE CHANGE)
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Bethlehem, PA
1900

September Membership Meeting

2 September 2009
Coca Cola Park
Ironpigs Baseball Game
Reservations required for PPL Pavilion
1805

Trailerboat Rendezvous

26-27 September 2009
Lake Wallenpaupack
(Times/Activities to be Determined)

October Membership Meeting

7 October 2009
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
(Octoberfest Covered Dish)
Social @ 1800

November Membership Meeting

4 November 2009
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
1900

Delhigh Land Navigation Road Rally

14 November 2009
Starlight Diner
0900

December Membership Meeting

No Meeting Scheduled

Holiday Party

12 December 2009
Historic Hotel Bethlehem
1800

Upcoming District and National Events

USPS Annual Meeting (Governing Board)

8-13 September 2009
Hyatt Regency Town Center
Kansas City, Missouri

Sail Regatta and Fall Festival

Herrington Harbor South
2-4 October 2009

Fall Educational Conference

Rockville Hilton, Md.
5-7 November 2009

USPS Annual Meeting

Coronado Springs Resort
Orlando, FL
1-6 February 2010

Road Rally Getting Mapped Out

P/C Michael Lebeduik has reported that the Land Navigation Road Rally is in the planning stages, and full details, (along with the reservation form), will be announced in the next Delhighlights. The date will be November 14, 2009. All Teams will meet for instructions at the Starlight Diner on Rt. 100, just south of the Rt. 78 interchange at 0900. **Save the date....**should be fun as usual.



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