



DELHIGHLIGHTS

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"NAVIGATING THE FUTURE" THE 2010 SUMMER D5 CRUISE: A RECAP OF EVENTS

P/C Brent Rhoads, SN

Friday both Jane and I had to work so it was not until Saturday, late afternoon, that we arrived at Haven Harbour via car. After getting our gear stored aboard *Copacetic*, we drove by car to Mears Great Oak Marina on Fairlee Creek. Upon arriving at Mears, we instantly knew where all the D/5 activity was going on. There was a large crowd up near the parking lot, the wonderful smell of food from the cooking grills, the laughter of the people, and the meeting of old friends and the making of new friendships. This was to be the start of the 2010 D/5 Cruise and Summer Council and Rendezvous.

Sunday, 8 August, 2010-Haver Harbour Marina. Jane and I prepare *Copacetic* for a trip across the bay and up the Patapsco River to Baltimore where we will rendezvous across the river in front of Fort McHenry with the other boats from the Southbound Cruise. I should point out at this time that there was a Northbound and Southbound cruise going on at the same time and the meeting point was to be Solomons Island for the following weekend. At 2 PM when all the boats arrived at Fort McHenry we formed a line of vessels and proceeded past the Fort and on to the Inner Harbor East Marina for our slip assignments and a two day stay in Baltimore. While in Baltimore we had various activities planned by other D/5 members, including a Baltimore Orioles ball game. Both Jane and I were amazed at how much the city has changed from when we were last there about a decade earlier. Modern townhouses and apartment buildings now lined the shore replacing the old worn down wharfs that had once been there and adding a new dimension to an old city. Of course the highlight of any trip to Baltimore is the Inner Harbor shopping and, of course, the Inner Harbor restaurants. We very easily could have stayed a third day and thoroughly enjoyed it but we had to move on to Knapps Narrows.

Tuesday, 10 August, 2010- Inner Harbor East Marina. Jane and I prepare *Copacetic* for a trip down the Patapsco to the Bay where we plot a course straight down, past Annapolis on our starboard side and a short time later past Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse also on our starboard side. The weather was wonderfully cooperative as we traveled at about 12 knots slowly making our way to Knapps Narrows and Tilghman Island to our south and east. Upon entering the "Narrows" we proceeded to feed *Copacetic* her daily ration of fuel from the fuel dock. This is the first time I have ever had to refuel all by myself. It was unbelievable that I had to swipe my credit card, pick the number of gallons I wanted, pump my own fuel, stop pumping, swipe card again, pick number of gallons again, start pumping again, and then tip the dockhand. You see, you could only get 60 gallons at one time. Now when you carry 400 gallons, Hmm..! You do the math.

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D/5 Cruise continued...

While at the marina we enjoyed swimming, walking, and of course more good eating. Tuesday evening we enjoyed appetizers and a buffet all prepared by our own D/5 cooks and chefs in the marina social room. Wednesday evening the meal was at the marina restaurant with all sorts of good eats from their menu. A very good time was had by all... that is UNTIL ALL HELL BREAKS OUT.....!!

Thursday 12 August 2010-Knapps Narrows Marina- The members of the cruise party all gather at the marina hospitality room for a continental breakfast. Meanwhile a mass of dark stormy clouds gathers to the northeast. The clouds grow more dense and start to form thunderheads, the wind gains in speed and within minutes the storm hits the island. Winds were clocked at a whopping 83 mph which is hurricane force. Lightening and thunder surround us. A mast on a sailboat is hit. Two homes are struck. Tilghman Island fire trucks are out. Saint Michaels Fire Department comes to back up Tilghman FD; Easton FD backs up St Michaels FD and the situation continues for about 45 minutes. When the storm passed there was hardly a boat that was not damaged. Torn off tops and biminis, sides scraped by the docks, broken windshields, and a dock light stanchion torn from the dock. *Copacetic* was moored with five lines and still the power cord held firmly as she pulled the stanchion out right out of the dock. Nine thirty am after assessing damages, the cruise continues to Solomons without further incident.

Thursday, 12 August thru Sunday 15 August 2010- Arrive at Solomons Spring Cove Marina to participate in the D/5 Summer Council and Rendezvous. There are boats and members from all over the Bay gathered here for the activities which included a Poker Run, Plantation Tour, and Navigation Contest. There were picnics, buffets, games and did I mention FOOD. Delhigh had its own little gathering for its members Thursday evening. Friday evening was a Margarita and BBQ Buffet sponsored by Patuxent River PS. Saturdays' events included a Flag Raising and posting of the Honor Guard, Council Meeting, Nav. Contest, and of course the Dinner and Contest Awards Presentations.

Members of Delhigh attending the event were Rich and Bea Norris, Chris and Ginny Brown aboard *One Moor Time*, Bob and Joanne Hannabery aboard *Kokomo*, Randy and Jeanette Meisner aboard *Stray Current-2*, Jim and Minna Ziegenfuss aboard *Take Five*, Joe and Mary Winegardner, Joe and Cam Stemrich, Mike Lebeduik and Nikki Miranda, Brent and Jane Rhoads aboard *Copacetic*, as well as our adopted members, Brian and Gail Becker.

Sunday, 15 August 2010- Spring Cove Marina- *Copacetic* heads north to Haven Harbor Marina in Rock Hall for the last day of the cruise. The weather was very uncooperative with rain and fog and rough seas the full 60 miles, but *Copacetic* is very seaworthy and took it all in stride which is more than the Captain can say.

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D/5 Cruise continued

All in all, I think everyone had a really great time with 7 days of fellowship, and I would like to take this opportunity to invite all of you along next year to join us. Have a great remainder of 2010.

Brent

Chesapeake Thunderstorm Rolls Over Southbound Boats

By Cdr Jim Ziegenfuss, N

Everyone who boats regularly on the Chesapeake knows that thunderstorms can develop very quickly on the water, some being quite severe.

On Wednesday, 11 August, Minna and I launched our boat at Sandy Point near Annapolis, and planned to meet the Southbound Cruise for their final night at Knapps Narrows, before traveling with everyone to Solomons for the D-5 Summer Council. Wednesday was a beautiful day to boat, and we arrived at the Knapps Marina in early afternoon. Meeting up with everyone was fun, and after spending the afternoon at the pool, we joined the gang for a hearty picnic meal of burgers, dogs, and all the sides you could imagine. We hung out with everyone the rest of the night.

On Thursday morning, I woke up early as usual, and turned on the radio to listen to the news. Apparently I tuned into a Washington, DC station. After several dead spots in the broadcast, the announcer came on to apologize, saying their transmissions were being interrupted by a severe thunderstorm. He reported heavy rain, high winds, and lightning....traveling east. "A straight line might take it through the middle of the bay, I thought".

A little while later we joined the early birds for breakfast at the marina. The discussions centered on a storm heading our way. The "red" areas were right over Knapps Narrows, and a little north of Knapps. Since we left our hatch open, Minna headed back to secure the boat, and within minutes of her leaving, the storm hit.

WOW. For about 45 minutes, the storm wailed through Knapps Narrows. Anyone who was stuck on their boat, had stayed there. And those of us caught in the buildings had to stay put too. They estimated winds approached 70 MPH,

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and rains were in excess of 4 inches. Lighting was all around, and I actually saw one strike a sailboat about 75 feet from our Sea Ray. Twice Ralph and Dave Bernard, who stayed on Ralph's boat trying to hold the canvas together, said they felt tingling from lightning strikes nearby. The winds pushed the rain horizontal, and those boats (like mine) which were docked with their sterns facing west, took a beating. It was so intense, that many people in their boats reported wearing their lifejackets throughout the storm.



Chesapeake 2010 Thunder Storm -view from *One Moor Time*

When the wind and rains subsided, it was apparent we had all just witnessed one of the worst "thunderstorms" the Bay could give us. Although the Southbound Cruise boats didn't sustain any real serious damage, there was an abundance of torn zippers and snaps, ripped canvases, pulled rivets, and damaged rub-rails. After some temporary repairs and a quick cleaning, all the boats would head to Solomon's, over waters that actually offered a beautiful ride. You'd never know we had such a severe storm.

A storm like this may not happen all the time, but really does confirm that boaters need to take all warnings seriously and head for cover at the first sign of a bad weather. This could have been real trouble for small boats. We were certainly glad we were docked, and not in the bay when this monster hit.

Epilogue: The D/5 Summer Council and Rendezvous was very enjoyable. Delhigh entered Bob and Joanne Hannabery's *Kokomo* in the Navigation contest, and came in 5th place. D/Cdr Chris Brown's reception Thursday night was fantastic, and the flag raising ceremony, along with all the other events, were top notch. Minna and I traveled to the Sandy Point boat ramp Sunday morning (early enough to avoid the rough water) and trailered home to Bangor that afternoon. On Monday I cleaned the boat. A layer of pea gravel from the Knapps Narrows parking lot was wedged between the seat cushion and seat back. Just another reminder of the storm that rolled over the Southbound Cruise.

Southbound Cruise/D-5 Summer Council



District 5 Aides finish preparing Commander's Reception



P/C Joe and Mary Winegardner



Left to right: P/C Norris, D/5 Cdr Brown, Cdr Ziegenfuss, P/C Lebeduik, P/C Rhoads.

Delhigh's Land Navigation Contest
The 15th Annual Fall Road Rally
13 November 2010

----Rain or Shine----



Please set this date aside to attend the 2010 Annual Delhigh Road Rally.

If you have never been on one of our Road Rallies before, you have no idea what you have been missing. Attendance of the Rally keeps growing.

This it is not a race.

It is a day spent with your family, a spouse, a friend, or a companion, for a drive on roads that you would probably never think to travel.

Please invite your friends. The more entries we have makes for a more enjoyable day.

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

*** It is suggested that there are three or more individuals in the choice of vehicle to locate pictures and answer questions.

It will start at the Coopersburg Diner, Rout 309, Coopersburg, PA., 18036, phone number, (610)-282-1853, where we will meet for breakfast to get our instructions. (Breakfast is on your own or just be there before the instruction time.) Breakfast will start at 0930 - 1000 , instructions will start at 0920. PLEASE be at the diner by 0910 before the instructions start. First car out will start approximately 0945 – 1000.

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 for dinner.

We will end at a place to eat good food, have fun, and share good fellowship.

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and last place. There will also be a raffle.

This year will be a sit down dinner ending the rally!

I'm positive everyone will be pleased.

All of our past rallies have proven to be a world of fun, enjoyment, and a challenge for the driver and his partner, called, "The Navigator". Communication between driver and The Navigator is a plus. (Ask any anyone who has attended.)

It's simple. **Follow the directions; know right, left and how to count! Just enjoy!!!**

Please send in your reservation form (page 12) by 5 November 2010.

(Please call me ASAP if it is a last minute decision, so I can adjust the final count.)

I am looking forward to seeing everyone again.

P/C Michael Lebedwik, III



Delhigh Holiday Party Announcement

Delhigh is proud to announce that our Holiday Party will be in a new location! We have simply outgrown the small room from years past. This years annual Holiday Party will be held at the Lehigh Valley Hotel and Conference Center at the Best Western in Bethlehem, PA. The party will be held on Saturday, December 18, 2010, with a social hour beginning at 1800 and dinner immediately following at 1915.

Full details will be announced in the next edition of *Delhighlights* and also by invitation.

Please save the date.



Fifty Year Celebration Committee

Ideas to celebrate Delhigh's 50th year anniversary in 2011 are being suggested now. Members who would like to join or chair a committee to lead and organize the activities for this event, please contact any Bridge Officer.



DELHIGH LOTTERY WINNERS

Congratulations to the following winners of Delhigh's August lottery:

Cathy Knoblach, Glenn Elischer, Bill Knoblach, Brian Hannabery, Christina Christison, Joe Armand, Bruce Nodine

Thanks to everyone who participated in this year's lottery. It was a great success.

Happy Birthday

OCTOBER

George E. Kelchner	10
John K. Kudera	19



NOVEMBER

Mark S. Cronin	5th
William Tinsley	10th
Sue C. Rush	14th
Patrick J. Flannery	16th
Randy J. Meisner	21st
George W. Jacobs	23rd
Howard R. Steckel	24th

Delhigh Atlantic City Rendezvous

by Joe Stemrich, AP

The second Delhigh Atlantic City Rendezvous was held 16 - 18 July at the Farley State Park and Marina. This year's Delhigh Trailer Rendezvous coincided with Dundalk Power Squadron's Top Gun Cruise. The Kingsway Power Squadron was also represented by Brad and Megan Humphrey who have a slip at Farley Marina. We also had the pleasure of District 5 Commander Chris Brown and his lovely wife, Ginny, who brought with them Rich and Bea Norris as well as Mike Lebeduik and Nikki Miranda. They made a day trip of it, I'll bet it was cozy ride as they all came in one car. Other Delhigh members who came for the weekend were Joe and Cam Stemrich, Doug and Kathy McKenzie, Cyrus and Kathy Nowroozani and their sons, Oliver and Vince. Gary Corcoran was there too. All total there were 25 D/5 Power squadron members from three different squadrons.

But the weekend wasn't just about the number of people who attended. Three boats left from Manasquan NJ, the Dundalk Top Gun Cruise started the day cruising south from West Point, New York, and others traveled the Garden State Parkway. They came by land and sea and shore. The first boat led by Doug and Kathy McKenzie arrived around 3 PM followed shortly by the Nowroozani's. Then the party began; some people stayed at the Trump Marina Hotel and Casino where there was a pool side party on the third floor of the casino, a pot luck dinner on the dock Friday night, free time to gamble, meet new friends, dance to the afternoon band - or you could just take a nap. There was more partying as we prepared for the District 5 commander and his party to arrive. And then more partying, dancing and gambling. Some gamblers won and some gambles lost but a good time was had by all at the 2010 Delhigh Atlantic City Trailer Boat Rendezvous.



Cyrus, Oliver and Vince Nowroozani



Doug and Kathy McKenzie and Cam Stemrich



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Delhigh Members Cheer the Ironpigs



On 28 July, twenty-nine Delhigh members and guests attended the Lehigh Valley Ironpigs game to cheer on the home team and enjoy a great night of camaraderie. Organized by this year's chairman and Delhigh's Flag Lt. George Jacobs, the evening left everyone with plenty of food to eat, and plenty of memories to share. For the second year in a row, Delhigh enjoyed front row tables in the PPL pavilion area, close to all the action on the field. The first pitch was thrown by Anthony Fontana, accompanied onto the field by his dad, Lt/C Russell Fontana.

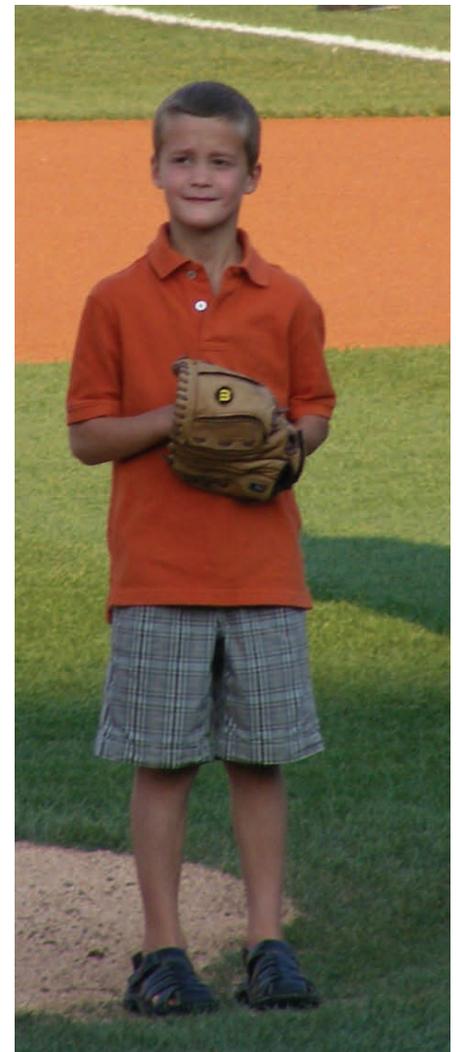
With near perfect weather, and fantastic accommodation by the Ironpigs organization, this event again proved to be a winner for Delhigh.



Home Run.....and the crowd roars.....



Tailgate party!!!



Batter up!!!!



**The Commander's
Deck**
Cdr Jim Ziegenfuss, JN



SEO
Lt/C Bob Hannabery, AP

It seems like just yesterday we were prepping our boat for its first run of the year, and now we're counting the days before we begin our winterizing checklist. The old saying "Time flies when you're having fun" could not have been more appropriate this year.

Between Squadron, District, and Family boating trips, I hope everyone's summer was as enjoyable as ours. Warm weather, outstanding activities, and great people to share every adventure could easily define the summer of '10. We went to new places, and met people we hadn't known before. We did things that were new to us, and further confirmed that USPS is a great organization doing terrific things for its members. Given our passion for the water and boats, belonging to Delhigh and USPS continues to be a solid investment to both on-water safety and our collective enjoyment of the hobby.

Although the summer of '10 is nearly over, the fall continues to provide opportunities to stay involved. From educational classes to monthly meetings to outside activities, I hope every member can find at least one thing to attend. There are two District events scheduled this fall, the D-5 Sail Regatta and Fishing Tournament in October, and the District Fall Conference in November. In Delhigh, we're looking at our annual Oktoberfest Membership Meeting in October, the Road Rally and Land Navigation contest in November and the Holiday Party in December. Plus, if you haven't taken a CPR course in a while, Delhigh is scheduling a 2 hour course for November at the Church, and D-5 is planning a day long CPR and First Aid course at the Fall Conference, with the First Aid section focused primarily on typical injuries sustained while boating.

Take a look at the Course offering we're planning this fall and winter. Many of these classes haven't been given in several years, and Delhigh is excited to offer them in 2010-11.

Whether you come to every meeting, or have found it hard to fit Squadron activities into your schedule, I promise it will not be difficult to come join us for any event. Our Chair people will gladly fill you in on the details of each event, and answer any questions you have, in addition to helping you get reacquainted with everyone if you can make it.

So look at your calendars and join us for something this fall. We'd love to have our newest members see what Delhigh is all about, and our older members share their stories about the Squadron's past. Our 50th celebration in 2011 is only possible because of the wonderful involvement we've had for fifty years. With continued member participation and commitment, I'm convinced Delhigh will have a strong start on its second fifty.

As you already know, Delhigh has enjoyed a close relationship with Peters Marine in Allentown. They have graciously allowed us to use their excellent classroom facilities to present the USPS Seminars and have extended an open invitation to Delhigh members to attend the PA Safe Boating classes that they teach and to encourage the students to become Delhigh Members.

Recently Peters has asked Delhigh if we would be willing to take over the instruction of the PA Safe Boating Course. After careful consideration, Delhigh has agreed to accept this offer. Doug McKenzie has agreed to coordinate this project and has already scheduled instructors to teach the course on Thursday evenings, 16 & 23 September. Courses are also scheduled for Saturdays, 16 & 23 October and 13 & 20 November.

You may be asking yourself, "Why, what's in it for Delhigh?" The answer is quite simple – membership. We need to encourage new boaters to become Delhigh members. Without a steady stream of new members, Delhigh will cease to exist. It is for this reason that I ask you, the members of Delhigh, to assist us in recruiting new members by coming to these classes, greeting the students, and share with them the many advantages of membership in USPS and Delhigh Squadron.

As boating season comes to an end, a boater's fancy turns to . . . EDUCATION!

Fortunately, the Delhigh Education Department is up to the task. Check out the great lineup on page 14.

Seamanship, Engine Maintenance and Marine Electrical Systems are required for the USPS "Inland Navigator" Boat Operator Certification level. If you'd like to achieve that certification, this is a great opportunity to get the courses you'll need.

The USPS Seminar Series will be offered again this year at Peters. Jeanette Meisner is working on scheduling dates with Peters.

I hope you will take advantage of these opportunities.

Boating is fun . . . We'll show you how!

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

P/C ROBERT RENDISH, P

What a great summer of boating it has been. I've been down on the Chesapeake Bay boating with friends and Delhigh members several times so far, and there is plenty of boating time still to come. This year I've had the opportunity to attend the start of the D/5 Summer Cruise from Great Oak Landing at Fairlee Creek. This is a beautiful marina with a golf course, motel, restaurant, and the famous Jellyfish Joel's Tiki Br. I've been there several times over the years, a very active marina, and always an interesting event to drop anchor in the basin for a night or two, surrounded by so many boats of all styles and sizes.

Also, had the experience of bringing my own boat to this year's Delhigh PS Chesapeake Bay Rendezvous at the very nice Skipjack Marina. We rafted out with several other boats, the Fontanas and Meisners made lunch for all of us, and had a wonderful afternoon on the Sassafra River.

Just this past Labor Day weekend, I was invited to boat with my good friends Jeanette & Randy Meisner, and spent Sunday & Monday at historical Annapolis, MD. Even my brother Mark came for the weekend, and had a great time. He's been waiting to cruise on their new boat for awhile.

I was fortunate enough to have some vacation time this year, and we had our annual Lake Raystown boating and camping weekend. If you've never been there, this is a huge Army Corp of Engineer built lake, which is 27 miles long, and meanders through the hills and mountains of Hunterdon county. Known for its great fishing, camping, and boating, this lake boasts the largest marina in Pennsylvania.

We also spent a great fun filled boating week at Lake Wallenpaupack this July. This year we timed our arrival with the annual Tafton Outing. This is a well organized fundraiser for the Tafton Volunteer Fire Company and Lake Search and Rescue. There is rides for the kids, plenty of food stands, games of chance, and live entertainment, not to mention lots of beer, all to benefit this worthwhile organization. The weather for the week was good, got in a lot of boating, and met up with friends for a terrific vacation.

So, get down to the Bay, or out to your favorite lake or river, and stretch this summer boating season as long as you can! Enjoy!!

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Upcoming Delhigh Power Squadron events this fall and winter include:

The Octoberfest Covered Dish Dinner and Membership meeting Wednesday, 6 October at the church.

The Past Commander's Road Rally & Land Navigation Contest Saturday, 13 November.

Our annual Christmas Party being held at the Lehigh Valley Hotel and Conference Center Saturday, 18 December.

Look for further details and information for all these great events and more in this issue of the *Delhighlights*.

MINUTES
DELHIGH POWER SQUADRON
4 AUGUST 2010

Meeting was called to order at 1910 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church by Commander Jim Ziegenfuss, 11 members present. Invocation by Commander Ziegenfuss. Reading of June minutes by Tom Oberdoester.

Unofficial reading of Treasurer's Report by Commander Ziegenfuss. Approved as read pending end of year audit.

SEO Report by Bob Hannabery: Education planning meeting was held 16 June as scheduled. Bob summarized the course dates and course descriptions for 2010-2011. The dates and details can be found in the August-September 2010 issue of the *Delhighlights*.

Jeanette Meisner stated that the GPS Class was held on 8 July with 7 students and the Trailering Class was held 29 July with 6 students both at Peters Marine. Peters Marine would like Delhigh to take-over their Safe Boating Class. Details to be addressed at a future meeting.

Administrative Officer Report by Robert Rendish: Thanks to all who helped plan and execute The Chesapeake Bay Rendezvous that was held 25 to 27 June on the Sassafra River.

October 6 will be our Octoberfest Family Covered Dish and Membership Meeting at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 1800.

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A great night at the Iron Pigs game. 29 people attended.

Trailer Boat Rendezvous will be held 25 September at Blue Marsh Lake. We will meet at the Dry Brooks area with a dinner after. Contact Ron Laudenslager or Bob Rendish for details.

6 October will be our Octoberfest Family Covered Dish and Membership Meeting at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 1800.

13 November will be our Delhigh Road Rally and 18 December our Christmas party. More details to follow.

Executive Officer Report by Russ Fontana: Vessel safety inspections are still available. Thank you to all vessel safety inspectors

New Business: Delhigh won 2nd place in the Navigation Contest at Rock Hall.

Commander's Report by Jim Ziegenfuss:
Community Project: We are going to donate the balance of the community project funds to the family of SPC Jesse Reed, who was killed in action while serving in Afghanistan.

Next year is Delhigh's 50th anniversary and we will need a chairperson and participants to plan the events.

Next meeting 1 September at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

Motion to Adjourn by Randy Meisner. Second by Jeanette Meisner. Meeting adjourned 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Oberdoester,
Secretary



SPC Jesse D. Reed, USAR

On 2 September, Cdr Jim Ziegenfuss met with Jan Schisler of the Schisler Funeral Homes to present a check for \$215.00 for the Jesse Reed Children Education Fund. SPC Jesse D. Reed, USAR a native of Whitehall and 2002 graduate of Whitehall High School, was killed in action at Zabul Province, Afghanistan, on July 14th of wounds sustained when insurgents attacked his military vehicle with an improvised explosive device. SPC Reed was married with a son Dylan, and a step-daughter Brianna. His wife Heather was pregnant with their second son, Jesse, Jr. due in August.

Commented Jan Schisler when presented with the check: "Delhigh and its members are doing a wonderful thing, and the family truly appreciates it. This has been a sad experience for our entire community. The education fund established in Jesse's name will be very important to his children and their future".

The contribution by Delhigh was possible because of the "Family in Need" program initiated by the Squadron in 2009. Contributions are still being accepted for this fund. If interested, please send your contributions to: Schisler Funeral Homes, Inc. Attn: Jan Schisler, 2119 Washington Ave. Northampton, PA 18067. Make checks payable to Jesse Reed Children Education Fund.



The following companies were omitted in the last issue as among those who contributed prizes for Delhigh's 2010 Rendezvous.

Armetta's Restaurant, Emmaus

Shangy's Beverage, Emmaus



VSC Corner

P/C Michael Lebeduik, AP

The boating season is soon coming to a close. While you are winterizing your vessel take the time to look over your safety equipment. Make a list of items you may need to replace in spring that do not meet the VSC requirements. If you had a VSC completed on your vessel, take a look at the completed form given to you by the Vessel Examiner. If you have not had a VSC completed, give one of our Vessel Examiners a call and we will send you a copy of the requirements. Just a few items to check:

- ◇ Are the words "Approved by the US Coast Guard" readable on your life jackets?
- ◇ Are your VDS (flares) out of date? (Purchase new in spring)
- ◇ Are your fire extinguishers full and the needle in the 'Green' area of the gage? (Are they USCG approved?)
- ◇ Do your navigation lights work?

In spring we will list the VSC requirements to help everyone be in compliance.

Thank you to all who have participated in the VSC program.



Vessel Examiners, please send your completed forms in to the VSC Chairman so we are able to bring our squadron records up to date. The deadline for all your VSC forms to be turned in is 11 December 2010. Thank you for all you are doing to make this program a success and keeping the public informed.



Swinging the Lamp

Ahoy there once again!!! Where'd it go??? Summer, I mean! Can't believe it's September already. But you know what, I LOVE boating in September and October! To me, they're the best!

After Labor Day, the kids go back to school and the waterways and marinas get much quieter and less busy. And with October comes fall color. The bay, lakes, and rivers are never prettier! Nothing better than a long slow cruise with the trees looking beautiful AND WITH NO RUG RATS to worry about. Awe, kids are alright I guess. It's just so peaceful when they're not around! Guess I'm getting old 'n grumpy.

Before you put that boat away, may I suggest a trip to Kent Narrows? The D/5 Fall Festival, Sail Regatta, and Fishing Tournament are at Mears Point Marina 1 – 3 October. A bit early for the fall color, but always fun. For ten bucks, you can join in on fishing or help out on a sailboat for free... If you don't have a boat or would rather not run down to Kent Narrows by boat, there are three hotels close by.

We were at the Summer Council in Solomons last month. I'm happy to say Delhigh had a large contingent in attendance... It made us all proud!!! If you missed it, you missed out on a fun poker run, a very interesting tour of a local plantation, and a lot of laughs, not to mention great crab soup I had in town and of course the friendship! Oh, and I almost forgot the raffle... I know for a fact, one of our own walked away with a hand-held Garmin GPS!!! AND, another walked away with a few hundred bucks from the 50-50! Either one (or one of the other 50 or so prizes) could have been yours.

Now don't you just sit there and wait for my next article to find out how much fun the Fall Festival was! Git your butt outta that chair and find out for yourself, you, you, uh, oh, I'd better be nice... Just get yourselves there and join in the fun!!

Happy fall boating everybody!!! Bye fur now!!!

The Lampmaster

Road Rally Reservations Form
Please return form by 5 November 2010

Send a completed form and check made payable to:
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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? _____)

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

NAME (s) of individuals in car:

Menu

Individual Platter – Sit down Dinner

(Children Menu Available)

Chicken Noodle Soup, Tossed Salad, Bread or Rolls, Vegetable,

Coffee, Tea, and Dessert *(Alcoholic Beverages are on your own tab)

Please choose one per person:

Yankee Pot Roast: (Cubed Beef with Gravy and Filling) ...	_____	x 17.00 = \$	_____
Stuffed Chicken Breast: (Stuffed with Filling)	_____	x 17.00 = \$	_____
Car Registration	\$ 5.00	= \$	<u>5.00</u>

Total: \$ _____

COME AND ENJOY THE DAY!!!!

Only YOU can help make this another successful event!



Boating Safety

Jason Gaydos, P
Delhigh Safety Officer

Ahoy Mates,

I hope all have had a wonderful and safe boating summer! I know I did (time permitting). I'm fortunate that I work for a major forklift manufacturer that enables me to stay on top of the latest trends in designer fuels as I call them. I won't go into an argument on whether or not the efforts placed into these new fuel blends is actually green in the long run, but one thing is for sure in my 20 years in the business, Ethanol can be very problematic if not understood. I have compiled so much information and I'm sure you have read an article or two as well, but I understand my limits of space here, so here it is in a small bobber! Gasoline contains MTBE, an additive which controls the octane properties. This additive is being phased out, and now much of the nation's fuel supply is a blend of 10% ethanol and 90% gasoline, or known as E-10 fuel. A decal on the fuel pump will state this info by law if it's blended.

Ethanol presents several problems for us. The first is a loss of horsepower and fuel economy. Early indications from tests have shown a drop of 3-5 % in of both categories. The loss of range sounds small, but adds up on boats that are already pushing the limit in terms of fuel requirements.

Second (which is my big issue); Ethanol is good at being a solvent. It has a tendency to dissolve old coatings of varnish and dirt in existing fuel systems. This can lead to plugged fuel filters, and other mechanical problems. The corrosive nature of ethanol can affect fuel lines and other components, causing them to crack and fail. Many older boats will require replacement of all fuel hoses and possibly other system components. Especially affected are boats equipped with fiberglass tanks. Many older vessels should have the fiberglass tanks replaced prior to using E-10 fuels, or can face certain engine failures.

The added amounts of particles associated with ethanol fuel may require upgrading filter systems. Many boat & engine manufacturers are now recommending that boats using ethanol fuel need to use 10 micron filters. Pre-E-10 systems will likely be using 28 micron filters.

Third, water in E-10 fuel is another problem that we must deal with. The introduction of water on E-10 fuel can be disastrous. E-10 can hold up to four teaspoons of water in suspension per gallon. Once this saturation point is exceeded, the solution separates and the gas floats on top while the ethanol and water mix on the bottom. This event is called "phase separation." Ethanol fuel can absorb enough water to reach its phase separation point in just over 3 months at 70% humidity.

While the phase separation sludge in itself can cause problems by clogging fuel systems, the more immediate problem is that the remaining gasoline has now lost its original octane value which can cause poor running and in some cases engine damage. If phase separation occurs, the fuel should be drained and replaced.

Fuel storage and winterization has to be handled differently when using E-10 fuels. Some manufacturers are warning that fuels need to be stabilized if un-used for as little as 2 weeks. Not all stabilizers are known to be E-10 compatible, so please read the fine print. Non-alcohol based fuel stabilizer additives are a must for ethanol fuel.

So please keep this in mind when storing away that boat, especially those with inboard tanks that may have no choice but to leave those 20 to 50 gallons or more of fuel in there for the next six months. Finally, I know this is not a promotional article, but Star-Brite Star Tron® or Sta-Bil® are just a few good additives to maybe look into when considering.

Thanks again and may your babies sleep well this winter!





Membership Meeting
& Activity Schedule

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

October Membership Meeting

6 October 2010
October Fest Covered Dish
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
1800

November Membership Meeting

3 November 2010
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
1900

Past Commander's Road Rally & Land Navigation Contest

Saturday
13 November 2010
Details in Delhighlights

Delhigh Holiday Party

Lehigh Valley Hotel and Conference Center
Saturday
18 December 2010

January, 2011 Membership Meeting

Wednesday
5 January 2011
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
1900



**District-5
&
USPS National
Events**

(Mark your Calendars Now)

Sail Regatta and Fall Festival

Mears Marina
Kent Island, MD
1-3 Oct

Fall Educational Conference

Rockville Hilton
Rockville, MD
5-7 Nov

USPS Annual Meeting

Disney's Coronado Spring Resort, FL
31 Jan – 5 Feb 2011

District 5 Spring Conference

Princess Royale Hotel
Ocean City, MD
24-27 March 2011



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