

A Unit of United States Power Squadrons® District 5

#### Inside this issue:

Annual Meeting Photos	3
Iron Pigs Reservation Form	6
Beltzville Clean-up	8
Commander's Deck	9
2010 Merit Marks	12
Activities Schedules	15



Delhighlights is the official publication of the Delhigh Power Squadron, a unit of United States Power Squadrons®, District 5, and is published bi-monthly.

Editor: Lt Bea Norris, P editor@delhigh.org 610-366-0475

Squadron meeting are held monthly at :

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 514 3rd Avenue Bethlehem, PA 18018

Delhigh website:http:// www.uspsd5.org/squadrons/ Delhigh.html



Thanks to the generosity of the Delhigh members who contributed to the Holiday Giving Project in December, Cdr Jim Ziegenfuss and Lt/ C Russell Fontana presented a gift of \$400.00 on 21 January to Adam and Rosie Keys of Whitehall, PA. SPC Adam Keys, of the United States Army, was severely wounded last July while serving with his unit in Afghanistan.

**Holiday Giving Project Gift Presented** 

On 14 July 2010 Adam was riding in a tank with his high school friend, SPC Jesse Reed, and three others, when a roadside bomb hit their vehicle. Everyone in the tank died accept Adam, who subsequently lost both legs and his left hand. Since then, he has been recuperating in various military hospitals in the Maryland area.

While the recovery has been difficult, Adam is beginning to rebound. In January, he was moved from an infection unit where he had been since August to a rehabilitation facility for further treatments.

Rosie and their son, Evan, still reside in Whitehall, which makes seeing Adam difficult. Between work, raising Evan, and commuting to Maryland, Rosie's schedule is full.

"Russ and I felt that the money collected by Delhigh for the Holiday Giving Project should be given to the Keys' family. The sacrifices they have made for all of us are beyond description. In our eyes, every member of this family is a true hero to us," commented Cdr Jim, "and we salute them all."

Rosie Keys was genuinely thankful to Delhigh. After presenting her with the check, and with tears in her eyes, she said repeatedly "You didn't have to do this."

Our members can be proud that we did.

1

See page 2 for photo

Lt/C Russ Fontana and Cdr Jim Ziegenfuss present the Holiday Giving Project Gift to Rosie Keys on 21 January at the Palace Pizza in Whitehall, where Rosie works.

#### APRIL

Linda	Steckel	April 14
Ronald R.	Laudenslager	April 16
Robert	Muir	April 18
Kathy	McKenzie	April 23
Chris	Fegely	April 24
Russell	Fontana	April 24
Walter O.	Groth	April 27
Robert C.	Rourke	April 28





# USPS Annual Meeting Orlando, Fla 31 January- 5 Feb 2011













## A Visit with Delhigh Friends in Florida

by Michael Lebeduik, III



Delhigh's Past Commanders Rick and Linda Nicholas at their home in Punta Gorda, Florida.

The Orlando Conference was over 6 February and I decided to spend a few days traveling around Florida. I was fortunate to be able to spend time with Rick and Linda.

P/C Rick was commander of Delhigh 1993 – 1994 and P/C Linda was commander 1994 – 1995. Even though they have made their home in Florida for some years now, they keep in contact with Delhigh members.

They are active in the Peace River Squadron, District 22. Linda teaches the JN and N course and is on the Executive Committee. Rick is giving guidance and support to the squadron.

Rick and Linda send their '<u>warm</u>' wishes to all from Florida. They do not miss the snow, ice, shoveling and cold weather. When I talked to Rick, 6 March; the temperature was 80 degrees and sunny; a far cry from our 40 degrees, overcast and damp.

Thank you Rick and Linda, for your great hospitality. We wish you well and, as always, keep in touch.



#### DELHIGH POWER SQUADRON BRIDGE 2010-2011

COMMANDER Cdr James Ziegenfuss, JN 5175 Depues Road Bangor, PA 18013 610-498-3742 commander@delhigh.org

#### EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Russell Fontana, P 672 Metz Street Phillipsburg, NJ 08865 908-454-7432 xo@delhigh.org

### EDUCATIONAL OFFICER

Lt/C Robert Hannabery, AP 629 Terrance Avenue Bethlehem, PA 18018 610-867-7282 seo@delhigh.org

> ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER P/C Robert Rendish, P 527 Elm Street Emmaus, Pa 18049 610-967-2210 ao@delhigh.org

SECRETARY Lt/C Tom Oberdoester 2298 Mountain Park Road Allentown, PA 18103 secretary@delhigh.org

TREASURER Lt/C Jenny Jacobs 4353 First Terrace Bangor, PA 18013 610-250-1971 treasurer@delhigh.org

## **Delhigh Plans 3rd Outing With**



September's monthly meeting will be held in Allentown at Coca Cola Park, where we will be cheering on the Lehigh Valley Iron-Pigs as they take on the Rochester Red Wings. Bring some guests, friends and family are all welcome!

When: 17 August 2011 Buffet: 1805 – 1905 Game: 1905 Cost: \$25.00 each Contact: Kathleen Nowroozani

NOTE: Rain Date: The buffet will be served rain or shine. If the game is called off, the buffet WILL STILL BE SERVED. Plan to come rain or shine. We will eat and meet regardless of the whether the game is played.

To get a count-----E-mail or call Kathleen Nowroozani if you'd like to go. Payment due NO LATER THAN: 11 July 2011 Kathleen Nowroozani : k.now@mac.com (610) 351-5192

See You at the Ball Park!



### Ironpigs Baseball Game

17 August 2011

**Reservation Form** 

We plan to attend the Ironpigs Baseball Game on 17 August 2011 Please respond / commit by: 20 June 2011

Payment due by: 11 July 2011

Name (s)\_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 = \$\_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed

(Checks payable to: Delhigh Power Squadron)

Send to:

Kathleen Nowroozani 6951 Sunflower Lane Macungie, PA 18062 610-351-5192 k.now@mac.com





## Cooperative Charting Workshop

National Ocean Service Atlantic Marine Center 439 West York Street Norfolk, VA 23510 Date: 29 April – 30 April 2011

Registration Deadline: 22 April 2011

See Spring 2011 issue of MARK 5 for additional information and registration form.



### In Search of Sites

In September 2010, for the first time in many years, Delhigh's Educational Department offered the JN Course, and nine of our members signed up. I fell behind after a few classes and thought about doing my sites in Florida after the National Conference. It would be so much nicer to do them in 74 to 80 degree weather than here in PA where the temperature was in the mid teens.

Two weeks before going to the conference I contacted District 22, Venice Squadron, for guidance. I received a return call from Susan Parrish, the Assistant Education Officer. We chatted awhile and I asked if anyone would be able to guide me to a good location to take sites and would be available to assist me. Immediately she offered the services of her husband, Don Parrish, the SEO of their squadron. Before ending our conversation I learned that Venice Squadron's, Lt/C Don Parrish, SN, is also the 2010 – 2011 District 22, Administrative Officer, and Susan is a D/Lt.

Don and I made arrangements to meet at the Orlando Conference and set a date for Tuesday morning after the conference to meet in Venice. I met with D/Lt/C Parrish and followed him to Manasota Beach outside of Venice. It was a windy day, 72 degrees, sun with a few clouds. Don got out his beach chairs ( a great idea for taking sites), we went over some calculations at the park pavilion and then went to the beach to set up for taking sites. After last minute instructions on the use of the sextant, we are set --- oh no --- the sun is now in and out of the cloud cover. We sat and talked for awhile hoping the sun would reappear long enough to take good sites, but mothernature had other plans. The sun disappeared.

Don and I packed up, mission for the day, scrubbed. We left the beach area and went looking for a good place for lunch, by this time it was 1:30 in the afternoon and yes, we were hungry.

We had a great lunch and great conversation. Don is a retired architect and is enjoying his retirement in Venice. I enjoyed the time we spent together. Wednesday turned out over cast, cloudy, with possible rain --- no sun and 70 degrees --- another day scrubbed. We can't always count on mother-nature to work in our favor.

As we went our separate ways, Don's parting words to me were, "Promise me you won't give up on JN." I did make that promise ---- -- no matter how many times I have to take the course over.

It is amazing how belonging to an organization like the United States Power Squadron allows us to get acquainted with individuals from other Districts and Squadrons throughout the country. Individuals with a diversity of backgrounds, professions and skills; working or retired. All have the common interest of the water, boating and boating education.

#### P/C Michael Lebeduik, III

I would like to take this opportunity to thank D/Lt/C Don Parrish and his lovely wife D/Lt Susan Parrish for the guidance, support and hospitality they extended to me. I would also like to wish Don much success as the incoming 2011 -2012 District Executive Officer of District 22.



## DELHIGH POWER SQUADRON

### BELTZVILLE LAKE CLEAN-UP AND VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS

SATURDAY, 21 MAY 2011

0900

LAKE BELTZVILLE, main ramp and parking area

We will gather at the parking area w here we will set up for Vessel Safety Checks and pass out USPS info to all interested boaters. We will then depart on boats and on foot to provide an environmental clean-up of the shoreline of the lake as well as foot paths and trails.

Around 1200, we will retrieve our boats and gather in the park for lunch. We ask that you bring something to share: salads, condiments, snacks, dessert, etc.

We will provide lunch of hot dogs, soda, etc. to all those who participate.

This is a traditional event for the squadron, and it's something we do for the good of the lake, the community and the environment; for the people who enjoy the park as well as the boaters who enjoy the water.

If you haven't received a Vessel Safety Check, now is a great time to bring your boat out and get checked by one of our examiners. This is a volunteer pass/fail safety check and if you complete and pass, you'll receive a sticker to indicate your boat complies with the basic safety requirements.

Contact:

P/C Bob Rendish

610-967-2210 (C) 610-973-4660

e-mail: rrendish@ cartridgeonwheels.com

Beltzville

State

Park





## The Commander's Deck

Cdr Jim Ziegenfuss, JN

The past two years have been exciting, busy, and rewarding. Our squadron organized and held some new and exciting events, planned and supported District 5 Conferences and functions, and implemented civic activities that offered help to people in need. We taught safe boating to many new boaters, held seminars to advance specialized knowledge, and had members take advanced and elective courses taught by our squadron instructors.

Our parties were outstanding.....Our rendezvous' unique.....And our meetings timely and informative.

Thanks to everyone who helped to make the past two years a success, especially the Bridge, who did the work of the Squadron without wavering. I'm proud to say that in this  $50^{th}$  year, we still have a solid foundation, both culturally and financially, from which to work.

Don't give up on this ship! We do a lot. We help many people. Our roots go deep into the community. With your continued commitment, we're positioned well for the future.

Thank you for the support you gave me during the past two years. It has been a privilege to serve you all as Delhigh's 43rd Commander.

Jim

(610) 498-3742





### **SEO**

Lt/C Bob Hannabery, AP

Three Delhigh members successfully completed the Engine Maintenance class. Congratulations to Dean Clark, Gary Corcoran and Joe Stemrich, and thanks to P/Cdr George Kelchner for teaching the class.

The JN class (finally) came to an end and, with a collective sigh of relief, the four surviving . . . er . . . I mean remaining, students handed in their exams to our instructor, Cdr Jim Ziegenfuss. Personally, I found the course to be quite interesting and, at the same time, grueling! There were times when murmurings like "Why did I ever sign up for this course?", and "When am I ever going to use this?!" were heard from various students (whose names shall not be revealed!). Nonetheless, Commander Jim encouraged us to persevere and finish the course. New JNs or still APs? The answer to that question rests with an unknown exam grader at USPS headquarters.

The USPS seminar Using GPS was presented at Peter's Marine on 5 March. There were five students in attendance.

The USPS Marine Electrical Systems course will be offered this spring, beginning on 31 March. This 8-week course, instructed by Bob Hannabery, covers basic AC and DC electrical systems, galvanic and stray current corrosion, lightening protection and troubleshooting of boat electrical problems.

The final ABC class for this education year is scheduled to begin on 21 April. Please spread the word to your boating friends and contact Doug McKenzie or Ed Muschlitz (boatingcourse@delhigh.org) for more information.

This will be the last report that I give as your SEO. Thank you to all of the Delhigh members who have worked so hard in the education department to enable us to accomplish so much, and to the many students who have participated in the many educational offerings. Although there are too many names to mention individually, I want to especially thank Jeanette Meisner for serving as my assistant. It's been an honor serving with you.

### ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

### P/C ROBERT RENDISH, P

I can feel it. The likelihood of snow falling anymore grows less and less as we get closer to spring. Yes, spring is in the air and summer is just down the road and to the right. I've already started thinking about de-winterizing my boat and the items I want to clean, repair, and prepare for this summer's boating season.

I probably won't have the tarps off the boat before the end of March, but I'm mentally preparing the preboating checklist. I know where all the seat tops, equipment and accessories are located. The trailer tires are stored in the basement, readily available to be cleaned and detailed. The seat tops are stored there too, and will be cleaned and prepared as well. Soon, warm weather permitting, we will wash and wax the boat, vacuum the carpeting and clean the interior.

Believe it or not, all this work and preparation is fun, building the anticipation for when we take the boat out for the first time this season for its shakedown run.

This year's boating season will be full of changes, and yet I'm looking forward to the traditional trips and excursions to familiar places and marinas with old friends. Perhaps we'll find new friends to share our adventures at all the boating locations.

I hope this boating season for you is full of adventures and experiences at familiar places as well as new destinations; with old friends and new ones.



### MINUTES DELHIGH POWER SQUADRON

### 9 FEBRUARY 2011

Meeting was called to order at 1935 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church by Commander Jim Ziegenfuss, 10 members and guests present. Invocation by Commander Ziegenfuss.

Reading of January Minutes by Tom Oberdoester.

SEO Report:

-Ed Muschlitz reported five people attended our ABC class on 29 January. Three students will complete the class which qualifies us to continue additional classes.

Jeanette Meisner reported Boat Trailering class is scheduled for 12 February and our GPS class is scheduled for 5 March, both to be held at Peter's Marine.

-The Engine Maintenance class exams have been ordered, and the JN class is going well and near-ing completion.

Administrative Report by Robert Rendish:

Nominations have been made for 2011-2012 Bridge but we are still in need of an Executive Officer, Secretary and Treasurer.

In an effort for Delhigh's survival, Past Commanders made the following suggestions to the current Bridge and Executive Committee for consideration:

Option #1: Past Commander Rich Norris will take on the Commander slot, on a part time basis, but only with a full Bridge.

Option #2: We will take on and make available temporary new positions of Assistant Commander and Assistant Executive Officer to be mentored for these positions next year. This option will make it easily available for them to assume these roles in the future.

Spring Conference will be held 25-27 March in Ocean City, MD.

9 April COW at Lehigh Valley Conference Center.

CONTINUED ON PAGE 13



### VESSEL SAFETY CORNER

P/C Michael Lebeduik III, AP

DID YOU KNOW .....

That the USCG penalty for not having on board an approved PFD for each person is ...

\$100

That the USCG penalty for not having an approved fire extinguisher on board is .. \$100

That the USCG penalty for not having

lights displayed (on a power driven

vehicle) when underway is..

\$100.

That if you request a Vessel Safety Check,

a USPS Vessel Safety Examiner will

check all of these items and more, FOR FREE.

Why take a chance? Talk to one of our highly qualified Vessel Safety Examiners and schedule your VSC today!!!







### Happy Spring Everybody!

It saddens me to tell ya'll that this looks to be the last article I'll be writing for *Delhighlights*. Scuttlebutt has it that I'm getting fired! Can you believe it?

This is Delhigh's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, so your bridge will be making plans to determine how to celebrate this huge milestone. Hey, it's YOUR squadron, too; e-mail the commander or editor with your thoughts and ideas

(editor@delhigh.org or commander@delhigh.org.)

Enough about that, let's talk about getting our boats ready for "splash down."

I'm sure that after the D/5 Spring Conference, ya'll will be washing, waxing, sanding, and painting bottoms (of boats of course) directly afterwards. It's a labor of love, no?

Heck, the way things go, it seems like forever before they go splash, but only days before we're all getting the boats winterized again.

So, mates, in my last words; have a first-rate spring, summer, and fall. Enjoy your family and friends and always love them dearly.

Fair winds and following seas.....

### **The Lampmaster**



**P.S.** Have ya heard about the D/5 Summer Cruise 23 – 28 July, ending at Crisfield, MD at the Summer Counsel and Rendezvous. We hear both are gonna be a blast!!



## 2010 Merit Mark Recipients

Delhigh Power Squadron salutes the following members who earned a Merit Mark in 2010.

> Chris Brown Ginny Brown Gary Corcoran Russell Fontana Amy Fontana **Dick Garnjost** Jason Gaydos Jane Grande **Bob Hannabery** George Jacobs Jennie Jacobs Kim Karaman George Kelchner Keith Knoblach John Kudera Ron Laudenslager Michael Lebeduik Donald Ludwig Marilyn Ludwig Don Ludwig, Jr. Joe Marakovits Greg Mayer Doug McKenzie Kathy McKenzie Jeanette Meisner Randy Meisner Nikki Miranda Fran Montuori **Brendan Morrow** Ed Muschlitz **Bruce Nodine** Bea Norris **Rich Norris** Cyrus Nowroozani Kathleen Nowroozani Tom Oberdoester **Bob Rendish** Brent Rhoads **Charles Rush** Camilla Stemrich Joe Stemrich Jr. Joe Stemrich Sr. Jim Ziegenfuss

Help Keep America's Waterways Safe and Secure



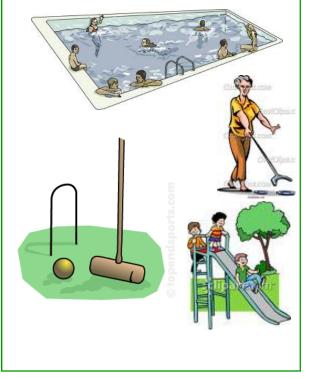
Delhigh's 50<sup>th</sup> Rendezvous/ Anniversary Celebration

## Save the Dates

Come one come all to the 50<sup>th</sup> Delhigh Rendezvous and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration! The events will take place 24 -26 June 2011 at Haven Harbour Marina in historic Rock Hall, MD. Haven Harbour has added an on-site bed & breakfast, with only 5 rooms (2 of which share a bathroom), so we suggest if they are of interest to you book fast to ensure you get the room you like best. The cost of the rooms is \$130 - \$140 (some are larger than others, plus the ones with shared bath are lower as well).

Slip fees are \$2.40 a foot and 1 30 amp electric is \$8.75 per day. The charge for 2 30 amp cables and 50 amp is \$17.50/per day.

Plans for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and rendezvous are still in the works, but save the dates.



## Any Delhighlights information should go to Bea by 15 March. Executive Officer Report by Russ Fontana: This year's vessel safety stickers are now available. Reminder: Delhigh members receive a 10% discount on all safety items at West Marine. Commander's Report by Jim Ziegenfuss: Community Project: Commander Ziegenfuss reported that all \$400.00 collected was presented to Rosie Keys on 21 January. Rosie is the wife of Adam Keys who was seriously wounded in Afghanistan and is now recuperating at Walter Reed Hospital. Thanks to all. Our (50-year) Burgee was slightly altered but approved by National. Delhigh will make a donation to the Alzheimer's Association on behalf of P/C David Evans who passed away on 1 February 2011. A brief Founders Day presentation was made. Motion to accept 2011-2012 Bridge nominations by Ed Muschlitz, seconded by Jim Ziegenfuss. Next meeting 2 March 2011 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

**CONTINUED FROM PAGE 10** 

Motion to adjourn by Ed Muschlitz, seconded by Robert Rendish. Meeting adjourned at 2106.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Oberdoester, Secretary



### Rules of the Road

Reprinted from 09-08-12 issue of Coast Guard Auxiliary NEWS

Over 125 years ago, Captain Eldridge set to poetry the most essential aspect of the Rules of the Road (COLREGs.) From this, the renowned *Eldridge Tide and Pilot Book*, the marine industry's most respected tide and current reference guide since 1874, was born. Here's what the Captain penned:

> When all three lights I see ahead, I turn to Starboard and show my Red. Green to Green, Red to Red, Perfect Safety – Go Ahead.

But if to Starboard Red appear, It is my duty to keep clear. To act as judgment says is proper, To Port or Starboard, Back or Stop her.

And if upon my Port is seen A Steamer's Starboard light of Green, I hold my course and watch to see, That Green to Port stays Clear of me.

Both in safety and in doubt Always keep a good look out. In danger, with no room to turn, Ease her, Stop her, Go Astern.



See Page 14 for the poem's "dissection"



### Continued from page 13

### **Overtaking**

Bottom line, if you are overtaking another vessel, you are the Give-Way vessel. Here are three ways to tell who is who:

1. At night, you can see a white light and no red or green side lights. The white light is either an anchor light or it is the stern light. You are overtaking that vessel. Don't hit her!

2. During the day, if at a distance you see an uninterrupted wake from one side of the boat to the other, you are overtaking her. If you see a break in the middle of the wake, you are not.

3. When in doubt, assume you are the overtaking vessel and act accordingly.

### <u>Head-On</u>

When two vessels are on opposite compass courses, this is a problem. Here are 3 ways to tell what's what:

At night, if you see three lights – red, green and a white light above them, you are definitely heading straight at each other.
During the day, if at a distance you see an interrupted wake in the middle of the boat's aspect, you are very likely heading right at each other. That break is the bow cutting through the water.

3. When in doubt, assume you are on reciprocal courses and act accordingly.

In this situation, both vessels are "Give-Way" and both are required, where conditions permit, to turn to starboard and open up a passing lane between them. Remember – take "early and substantial" action so that your maneuver is "telegraphed" to the other skipper.

### <u>Crossing</u>

When two vessels appear to be heading across each other's paths, this is by definition a crossing situation but how can you tell if you are actually on a collision course. Here are 3 ways who's who:

1. At night, if you see a red light and a white light above it and trailing behind, you are crossing each other's path and she is the Stand-On vessel (red means stop!) You are thus the Give-Way. If you see a green and a white light above it and trailing behind, you have a crossing situation where you are the Stand-On vessel – but keep an eye on her always! During the day, you can obviously see if the vessel is crossing your path on your starboard side (you are Give-Way) or on your port side (you are Stand-On.)

2. Mark the other boat's progress against something fixed on your boat – a cleat, a stanchion, the anchor – anything that is traveling with you. If the opposing boat continues to hover on or around that fixed mark as you both continue your course and speed, a collision is about to happen! If still in doubt, watch the land behind her. If she appears to be gaining on the land, she will pass ahead of you. If she seems to be falling back against the land, she will pass behind you. If the land is unchanged against her course over the water, sound collision alarm!

3. When in doubt, assume you are on a collision course and act accordingly.

In this situation, the Give-Way vessel is, by preference, to turn to starboard (towards the Stand-On boat) and go behind her (go "under her stern"). Remember – take "early and substantial" action so that your maneuver is "telegraphed" to the other skipper.

Now, granted, you can't reduce an inch of regulations to 4 stanzas of poetry, completely, but these words are key to the essential elements of what the rules are all about – avoiding a collision at sea!



## Membership Meeting & Activity Schedule

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

## **April Membership Meeting**

Wednesday, 6 April 2011 Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 1900

## 2011 Delhigh Change of Watch

Saturday, 9 April 2011 Lehigh Valley Hotel and Conference Center Time TBA

## **May Membership Meeting**

Wednesday, 4 May 2011 Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 1900

### **National Safe Boating Week**

21-27 May 2011

## **Beltzville Lake Clean-Up**

21 May 2011 0900

### Delhigh Rendezvous/50th Anniversary Celebration

Haven Harbour Marina Rock Hall, MD 24-26 June 2011

## **Iron Pigs Game**

Coca Cola Park 17 August 2011 1805





## District 5 & USPS National Events

(Mark your Calendars Now)

## **NOAA CO-OP Charting Workshop**

29 April - 1 May

Norfolk, VA

### 2011 District 5 Cruise

22 - 28 July

### 2011 D-5 Sumer Council

### & Rendezvous

29 – 31 July Crisfield, MD