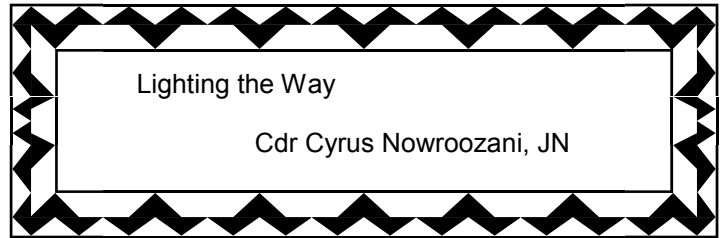




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Happy summer! Now with boating season in full swing, I hope that you have already had many memorable days out on the water. I wanted to share a quick story that reminded me why we originally joined and have stayed with USPS®. While traveling for work in CT, a friend of ours bought his first boat. He also selected his first marina, living only a ten minute drive to the Long Island Sound.

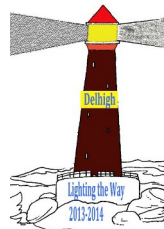
He, his wife, and thirteen year old son took our ABC class. I went with them to close on their boat and then drive down to see their future home away from home at their new marina. As we had lunch they had a thousand questions, with the clip of excitement that only a first time boater can relate to.

They wanted to know everything about boating, they wanted to learn the right way, and they wanted to have fun doing so as a family. A lot of their questions were answered in part from the ABC course once I jogged their memory. It was the perfect transition to tell them about our seamanship course. They are in District 4 and are signed up for the next class this fall, all three of them as a family.

I remember when Kathy and I purchased our boat from Peter's and took the ABC course. We went through the same experience; we wanted to know everything about boating. Not just from the classes, yet also from those that have shared our passion first hand for many years.

Even though our friends were over 200 miles away, USPS is going to make an impact on how they boat and the many memorable experiences they have as a family. It feels great to be part of a great organization like USPS not just helping educate, but giving the foundation for a way of life, and in our case, a way to pay it forward.

Lighting the way,



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Photos in this issued provided by P/C Michael Lebeduik, III, JN



Musikfest Mania

Begins for **Delhigh Power Squadron**

Thursday, 7 August 2014

Main Street, Bethlehem

Meeting in front of Hotel Bethlehem
at
1800



Come join Delhigh at Musikfest!

Eat some food,
Enjoy some music,
Hang out with **friends!**



RSVP to k.now@mac.com

Call or Text 956-240-5553 if you are
running late



Weeknight Social Hour

with **Delhigh Power Squadron**

Wednesday, 20 August 2014 at
1800

The Botelho's are going to be
hosting a social hour (or two) at
their residence.

Please bring an appetizer and a
bottle!

RSVP to Michelle at

michelle4735@yahoo.com

and let her know if you need the
address and/or directions.



Join Delhigh for our

September

Meeting and Chili Cook-off!

Wednesday, 3 September 2014

1830 at Holy Trinity Church in Beth-
lehem

Commander Cyrus Nowroozani will
be judging 1st, 2nd and 3rd best!

Executive Officer Kathleen will be
providing garlic bread so bring your
favorite chili recipe or find a new
one and bring it on by!



Please Keep this Date Open!!!

Saturday, 15 November 2014

Plan to Attend the:

Delhigh Land Navigation Contest"!!!

Delhigh's 19th Annual Fall Road Rally

Delhigh's Committee Car



More Information to Follow!!

If you know someone that would like to be placed on our Road Rally E-mail List, Please e-mail me at:

TJA.ML3@verizon.net and in the Subject of the email type: ROAD RALLY 2014

***** REMEMBER** --- If you change your email address please notify me of the change so we can update our records we would hate to lose you.

THIS NOT A RACE!!!!!!

Delhigh's July Meeting

By Sarah Nowroozani Martin

It was such a pleasure experiencing my first Delhigh Power Squadron meeting. I was greeted and introduced to such a wonderful crowd of people that welcomed me with open arms. It was quite entertaining to watch the ceremony as the meeting opened with the invocation, pledging our allegiance and then the Delhigh bridge reports and recaps. Kathy did an amazing job of leading this meeting from head to toe. I especially enjoyed meeting and talking to Fran & Diane and Ed & Eileen. We had some good conversations getting to know each other. This squadron seems like family and I loved being a part of this night and I was especially excited to make the group picture. Thank you Delhigh Power Squadron for such a fun night! I can't wait to do it again.

See PHOTOS ON PAGE 4

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Jason	Gaydos	4
Jeanette	Meisner	8
Edward	Muschlitz	11
Lloyd C.	Brown	16
Amy A.	Fontana	20
James	Dotterer	21
Donald	Ludwig	27

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Eileen M	Muschlitz	1
Richard	Norris	6
Greg	Mayer	16
Virginia	Brown	20
Michael	Lebeduik	23

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL

DELHIGH JULY MEETING



Delhigh's 2014 Rendezvous

BY P/C RICHARD C. NORRIS, JN

Some may think I'm slightly biased, but think what you must; in my opinion Haven Harbour is the best venue for our annual rendezvous! Anyway it was 19 – 22 June, and that's where we were for this year's event.

For the most part, excepting only Saturday, the weather cooperated nicely. We started out Thursday evening with a simple casual dinner out front (or back depending on how you look at it) at the pavilion area. Everyone brought an appetizer to share with the main course of fried chicken from Bayshore. Of course, all were accompanied by a cocktail (or two, or who's counting). The number in attendance varied as the days went on, beginning with around 18 on Thursday and ending up around 25 by Saturday.

Friday was a free day and everyone did their own thing with the Commander and Gary heading out to explore and play on the Bay, which they don't get to do very often. Both boats had a boatload (literally) of fun on the water. Then that evening, we gathered for our traditional Past Commanders' cookout. We had hot dogs and hamburgers, potato salad and all the fixins, but the star of this show was the pretzel hamburger buns (just ask Jane)!

P/C Michael made reservations for lunch for Saturday at the Kent Narrows Yacht Club. He made this reservation back in March so we would be sure to have a spot. The plan was to boat over, eat our lunches and motor on back. The P/C's Brown and Bea and I were all going to take P/C Rhoads boat for its initial shake-down cruise. The Yacht Club, however, had a different plan. At some point earlier in the week the Yacht Club called Michael, cancelling our slot! I don't think we'll be making any plans with them again in the future.

Not wanting to deter from the idea of Bay "tripping" given the aforementioned rarity for so many present, we put our heads together and decided on the Channel Restaurant at Tolchester Marina. We woke up Saturday morning only to find storms moving in to the area, and shortly afterwards we got the word from Jane that P/C Rhoads wasn't taking the boat out in the rain. For those of you who might not be aware, we were poured on during our trip back from Knaps Narrows last year, so Brent didn't want to go through that again. The Browns' and us were invited onto the Meisner's boat, but declined and decided to make the brutal 10 minute drive instead.

Anyway, we arrived at the marina just in time to help those boats who weathered the storm tie up in their slips. The restaurant was ready for us and seated everyone at various tables of 4 to 6. In all the years Bea and I have spent on the Bay, we had never eaten at the Channel Restaurant. Even though it was our first time, it definitely will not be our last! The lunch was wonderful – thank you very much KNYC!

Saturday night we had reservations at the Bay Wolf Restaurant, in downtown Rock Hall. You haven't lived if you've never visited downtown Rock Hall! And guess what, they didn't cancel us like KNYC! We had a choice of one of three entrée's. From what I heard, everyone thoroughly enjoyed their meals. I know Bea and I did. The Commander and Kathleen had purchased door prizes for every couple which were handed out in a Polly Anna fashion and all were very well themed.

We wound it down in our usual fashion on Sunday morning, with a pitch in breakfast, which included mimosas and Bloody Mary's and boy did we have food. Sausage, eggs, pastries, fruit, scrapple (I hope my cardiologist doesn't read this), bagels, you name it. Our contribution was the eggs, from free range chickens. We brought 4 dozen and I think Oliver ate at least one dozen!

And that's where it all wrapped up as everyone (most everyone) headed for home. As I always say, if you weren't there, you missed a good time with good friends!

Some photos of the fun are on Page 6

DELHIGH 2014 RENDEZVOUS



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Boating Safety



HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

While only nine named storms might be predicted this Atlantic hurricane season, boaters should avoid becoming complacent in case the season is more active than forecast. Prepare by following these five tips.

Check your insurance. A boat damaged by a hurricane can wind up costing far more to fix than a marine insurance policy costs annually. Review your boat policy's requirements, and comply with them. Boat owners whose insurance requires them to relocate their vessels out of a hurricane zone should do so by the date specified in their policy.

Make a plan. Most insurance providers require a formal written storm plan detailing where and how your boat must be secured during a major storm. Designate a responsible person to execute the plan if you are out of town when a hurricane threatens.

Secure your boat. Check with your marina, storage facility or the owner of the private dock where your boat is moored to be sure the vessel can remain there during a hurricane. If it can stay, know the procedure for securing not only your boat but those docked around it as well. A boat that breaks loose in a hurricane can wind up damaging your boat.

Decide where you have to store your boat. If you have to move your boat from its current slip in the event of a storm, decide where you are going to have it hauled before a hurricane is forecast. Check with your local Sea Tow operator to see what pre-storm haul-out services are offered in your area.

Take stock of your boat. Make an inventory, preferably by video, of all valuable fixed items such as marine electronics that you cannot remove from your boat. Store all the boat's documents, including your marine insurance policy, in a secure place off the vessel.

Lastly, keep an eye to the sky, and closely monitor local and national weather services, including NOAA Weather Radio and **the National Weather Service's National Hurricane Center.** –*Sea Tow Services International*



EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Lt/C Kathleen Nowroozani, JN

EDUCATIONAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Lt/C Doug Mckenzie, JN

D/5 Calendar

26 Jul-1 Aug	District Cruise Chesapeake
1-3 Aug	Summer Council & Rendezvous Crisfield, MD
7-14 Sept	National Gov Board Crystal City, VA
23-27 Sept	Baltimore Trawler Fest Baltimore, MD
9-13 Oct	US Sailboat Show Annapolis, MD
11-13 Oct	Sail Regatta and Fish Tourney Baltimore Yacht Club
16-19 Oct	US Powerboat Show Annapolis, MD
24-26 Oct	Fall Education Conference Smith Mountain Lake
15 Nov	Delhigh Road Rally/Land Navigation Contest Bethlehem, PA

Summer Rendezvous

The June Summer Rendezvous at Haven Harbour was attended by 25 members and friends. A few other members, cousins and other D/5 squadron members also stopped by! The weather was fantastic and everything ran smoothly! Fun was had by all! A big THANK YOU to all members who pitched in and helped out with preparation and clean up and especially P/Cs Chris and Rich and Brent and Michael for going out of their way to help me with the planning and preparation!

Vessel Safety Check

Our Vessel Safety Examiners have officially logged in 29 examinations so far for 2014. Any boaters that still need a safety check can ask any one of us and we will come out to perform your exam! (For examiners, if you need more forms or stickers, please see D/Lt/C Michael Lebeduik, III.)

Ahoy Mates! It's been a great summer of boating for me so far; I hope it has been with you as well!

All our classes are done for now, but the learning and applying what we've learned never stops. I've had the chance to talk about USPS with some friends at my marina and I'm amazed at how many people take the bare minimum in courses and head out on the water. I'm getting good at explaining the 'Rules of the Road' on the fly!

As responsible boaters, we should all take some time to share what we've learned with others who don't have the knowledge we have. Sometimes learning doesn't have to be in the classroom, but at the dock, anchorage, or anywhere you meet up with others on their boats! In fact, I'm thinking of getting a bull horn so I can explain about boats going with the current having the right of way through narrow passages!

I don't know about you, but I love to go on trips on my boat, away from familiar waters, and knowing how to navigate with charts, compass, and GPS is essential for safe travels.

Join us this fall as we start our educational classes again!



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT
Lt/C Keith Knoblach



Vessel Safety Corner
P/C Michael Lebeduik, III, JN

We want to thank all who joined us for the Ice Cream Social on 4 June at the Nowroozani residence. We had 15 members and 8 family members totaling 23, and a wide variety of ice creams and toppings. Special thanks to the Nowroozani's for hosting the activity.

The July monthly meeting and BBQ was held poolside at the Nowroozani residence and was attended by 15 members and 10 family, friends, and guests. Thank you to all for attending.

Delhigh Night at the Ball Park for the Iron Pigs Game is 23 July, 1800 at Coca Cola Park, Allentown, Pa. Hope to see you there.

Musikfest Mania is 7 August 2014 at 1800. We will meet in front of Hotel Bethlehem and proceed to Musikfest. Call Keith Knoblach at 610-509-3526 if interested in attending.

Our Weeknight Social Hour is 20 August 2014, 1800 at the Botelho residence. Bring your favorite wine and sit back and relax.

The September Monthly Meeting and Chili Cook Off is 3 September 2014, 1830 at Holy Trinity Church Bethlehem, Pa. Bring your chili for all try and be judged.

The Kingsway-Delhigh Fall Trailerboat Rendezvous is 5-7 September 2014 at Lake Wallenpack Pa. More details to come.

The Sporting Clay Outing, Saturday, 27 September 2014 is at Lehigh Sporting Clays at 1000. More details to follow.

Once again a bowling outing is being planned for 11 October 2014. Details will be announced.

Another great Oktoberfest Social is scheduled for Saturday, 18 October 2014, at the Lebeduik residence at 1700. Please bring a side dish or desert to share with all.

Our November Monthly Meeting, Wednesday, 5 November 2014 is at 1800 at The Tilted Kilt, Allentown, Pa.

I'm sure many of you wonder where VSE's get their information to keep up-to-date with all the changes for a Vessel Safety check and what is done with the information once we pass or fail a vessel.

On the VSC Homepage there are questions and answers as well as new and future changes in policy or regulations.

An example is this article taken from the VSC Homepage, "Important Items," and will also inform you of what is done with the information collected:

Examiners:

DON'T FORGET TO REPORT YOUR ACTIVITIES

Once a VSC has been completed, U.S.P.S. needs your assistance in reporting your activities. Reporting your activities serves multiple purposes. The first is that it proves to the U.S. Coast Guard that the U.S.P.S. is actually doing the examinations, and failure data is used by the Office of Boating Safety to direct efforts to reduce boating accidents and fatalities.

The second is our decal sponsor uses this data to determine the quantity of VSC decals to print for the following year. The more VSC visits that are reported using this system the better case we have to justify the quantity of decals we request.

Lastly, it determines qualifications for the following year. If you do not report your VSC examinations, even if you participate in the program, next year you will be listed as a non qualified examiner.

As a reminder, this data is in no way shape or form reported to any National, State, or Local Law Enforcement entity. The data collected here is strictly for statistical purposes.

We hope you are enjoying a safe boating season.

USPS® NATIONAL NEWS



DISTRICT 5 NEWS



Sea Tow and the Sea Tow Foundation Form Partnership With United States Power Squadrons

Boaters to Benefit from Enhanced Safety Resources and Membership Discounts

Sea Tow and USPS signed a Memorandum of Understanding at the Annual Meeting 2014.

The value of a Sea Tow membership starts when you sign up and feel the distinct peace of mind of knowing you're backed by the country's premier on-water assistance fleet. From recreational power boaters, sailors, fishermen and water sports enthusiasts to professional mariners, there is a membership option for everyone.

Sea Tow is offering the following:

Students: Any student taking a USPS course can receive 60 free days of Sea Tow Membership. (Cards to hand out at the courses are available from headquarters.)

USPS Members: When a USPS member joins Sea Tow or if already a Sea Tow member, they can receive \$10 off their membership.

Be sure and check out their new Radio Check program! at

<http://www.seatow.com/boating-safety/automated-radio-checks>

Posted 12 May 2014

News from the D/5 Website:

UNIFORM EXCHANGE

Welcome

Ahoy USPS Member! Welcome to our Uniform Exchange Service. We provide a list of USPS Uniform or other personal items our members no longer need.

Just scroll the pictures of available items. Most are in very good condition, much too good to discard, and the owners desire that they be reused. Additional details are available on each item. Click on any picture to display the additional data. Our goal is to provide sufficient data where you can contact the member to arrange a transfer.

We hope you'll be pleased with this service. And if you have items you no longer need, you may list them here. Just go the USPSd5.org Members Only page and select the 'Setup Uniform Exchange Item' tool. The form displayed provided guidance on the data needed for a listing.



***Come for the boating education.....
stay for the friends***

SINKING PREVENTION

Repairs on a sunken boat often cost more than the boat's actual value. To prevent a sinking, boaters can follow these 10 tips:

1. For inboard-outboard-powered boats, inspect stern-drive bellows annually and replace them every three to five years. The shift bellows is usually the first to fail.
2. For inboard-powered boats, check the stuffing box every time you visit the boat, and repack it, rather than simply tightening down the nut every spring.
3. For engines with raw water hoses, replace them the moment they indicate wear, such as when small cracks appear or the hoses feel spongy when squeezed. Rusty hose clamps should also be replaced.
4. Replace the engine cooling system impeller every two to three years.
5. Inspect the boat's cockpit and live well plumbing; look at hoses, clamps, and cracked or broken fittings. Make sure you can inspect all such plumbing, and if you can't, install inspection ports to make the task easier.
6. Each season take a hard look at all below-waterline fittings, hoses and clamps.
7. Don't forget to secure the drain plug.
8. Keep a good lookout, and ask guests to keep their eyes peeled for deadheads. If you're grounded or hit something, consider a short-haul to inspect the bottom or drive gear.
9. Always pull trailerable boats from the water when storms are forecast. These boats generally have too little freeboard to stand up to any kind of wave action.
10. Dock line management systems that keep the boat centered in its slip can prevent snags that sometimes lead to a sinking. *—BoatUS*



2014 USPS® Governing Board

Arlington, VA

7 Sep-14 Sep, 2014

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Being on a boat that's moving through water, it's so clear. Everything falls into place in terms of what's important and what's not.

James Taylor



2014-2015 DELHIGH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>2014</u>	2014 cont'd	2015 cont'd
<p>Musikfest Mania Thursday, 7 August Main Street, Bethlehem 1800</p> <p>Weeknight Social Hour Wednesday, 20 August Botelho Residence 1800</p> <p>September Monthly Meeting and Chili Cook Off Wednesday, 3 September Holy Trinity Church 1830</p> <p>Kingsway-Delhigh Fall Trailerboat Rendezvous 5-7 September Lake Wallenpaupack</p> <p>2014 USPS Governing Board 7-14 September Arlington, VA</p> <p>Sporting Clay Outing Saturday, 27 September Lehigh Valley Sporting Clays 1000</p> <p>Bowling Saturday, 11 October TBA</p> <p>Oktoberfest Social Saturday, 18 October Lebeduik Residence 1700</p>	<p>November Monthly Meeting Wednesday, 5 November Tilted Kilt, Allentown 1800</p> <p>Delhigh Road Rally Saturday, 15 November TBA</p> <p>Christmas Party Saturday, 13 December TBA</p> <p align="center"><u>2015</u></p> <p>January Monthly Meeting and Ethnic Foods Potluck Wednesday, 7 January 2015 Holy Trinity Church 1830</p> <p>2nd Annual Game Night Saturday, 10 January 2015 Brown Residence 1700</p> <p>Executive Committee Meeting Sunday, 11 January 2015 TBA</p> <p>2015 USPS Annual Mtg. 18-25 January 2015 Jacksonville, FL</p> <p>Founder's Day Meeting Wednesday, 4 February TBA</p>	<p>Delhigh Change-of-Watch Saturday, 21 March Bear Creek Ski Resort</p> <p>All Calendar events are subject to change as the bridge sees fit. Please contact Kathleen at xo@delhigh.org for more information on any scheduled event.</p> <div align="center">  </div>