

District 5



Reaching for the Stars



Thank you so much for stepping up to serve
“your Club” !



Cdr. & Exec. Officer Orientation

Joseph (Joe) Gibson –
Robert (Bob) Blevins –

District Commander Elect
District Executive Officer Elect



United States Power Squadrons® District 5

is becoming

America's Boating Club® Mid-Atlantic

Cdr. & Exec. Orientation - A Session to:

- Understand who we are
- Identify our issues
- Learn a little about our job
- Kick-off the 2023 / 2024 Year
- Establish Communications
 - Contact data sent to commanders
- Discuss plans for the coming year

Housekeeping



Icebreaker

- Name, Squadron & Job
- One issue that we should understand and improve
- Hobby or interest outside of boating

America's Boating Club® - Our new name

Goals

- More relaxed, more fun
- Less structure
- We don't stop teaching & serving our communities

Traditional Squadron & District Organization

- Commander – Manages all Departments
 - Treasurer – Handles \$
 - Secretary – Manages Records and Communications
 - Administrative – Plans and executes all internal activities
 - Educational – Develop & Deliver Training Classes to members & public
 - Executive – Coordinates all external activities
 - Standing committees as needed
- General Committees – Elected to monitor ...

Bylaws may be rewritten to require – at a Minimum:

- Commander
 - Educational Officer
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
- May be same Member!

USPS to America's Boating Club®

Guidelines – Documents that are Evolving

- USPS Bylaws – <https://usps.org/national/rules/Files/USPS%20National%20Bylaws%20March%202023.pdf>
 - 38 pages – rewritten in 2021! Amended in 2023!
- Operations Manual – <https://usps.org/images/secretary/opman/opsman.pdf>
 - 296 pages – rewritten in January 2023
- Many Documents that help explain – W
 - Squadron Job Descriptions – (today's handout) – Written in Prior Years
https://usps.org/images/secretary/heritageanddocuments/documentslibrary/LeadershipDev/Job_Descriptions/Revised_Squadron_Jobs_-_May_2018.pdf
 - District Job Descriptions -
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Ad-Hock Reorganization Committee

- An informal committee initiated by then CC Mary Page Abbott
- Working independent from other structured committees
 - With some level of coordination or opposition
- Some Wild Recommendations – “Eliminate Districts”
- Some sound Recommendations
- On-going - May lead to significant changes

Squadron Cdr. (sub-set) Job Description

(List continues in “Squadron Job Descriptions” document!)

- Preside at all Club Membership and ExecCom Mtgs
 - Be familiar with Robert’s Rules of Order
- A Member of District Executive Dept., Council and Conference; and a Member of USPS Governing Board
- Attend National, District meetings or assign a rep
- Appoint delegates to the Conferences of the District and to the Governing Board and special meetings of USPS
- Submit Merit-Marks

Squadron XO. (sub-set) Job Description

(List continues in “Squadron Job Descriptions” document!)

- Assist the Commander & Act in the position when needed
 - Be familiar with Roberts Rules of Order
- Supervise Squadron Exec. Dept.
 - Boat Shows
 - Vessel Safety Checks
 - Liaison Cmte.
 - ...
- Market (Advertise) your squadron within the community
- Know the jobs of the other departments and assist when needed...?

Commanders' Kit

A service of the Administrative Dept.

- <https://www.usps.org/index.php/departments/14000/14600/758-commanders-kits>
- A list of links. (Intended as a one-stop to find needed data.) To provide:
 - Documents
 - Forms (Alphabet Soup) - OD-2 , ED-1, etc...
 - Information
 - Manuals
- Many broken links . . .

Commander's Job

- What am I supposed to be doing?
 - Organize to serve your members & community
 - Work to satisfy your Squadron's Members
 - Understand our organization & how it is changing
- Progress can be defined by circumstance
 - Bite off the part you can do well
 - Temper expectations
- Success stories

Help is Available

- Squadron Members – Many work in District or National Jobs
- District Bridge – We are members of a squadron
- District Squadron Development Committee – A set of Past D/Cs

D/5 and The Squadrons

- Our missions are similar. We have the same goals!
- The district can:
 - Call resources to help when needed
 - Cross promote events
 - Advertise your events

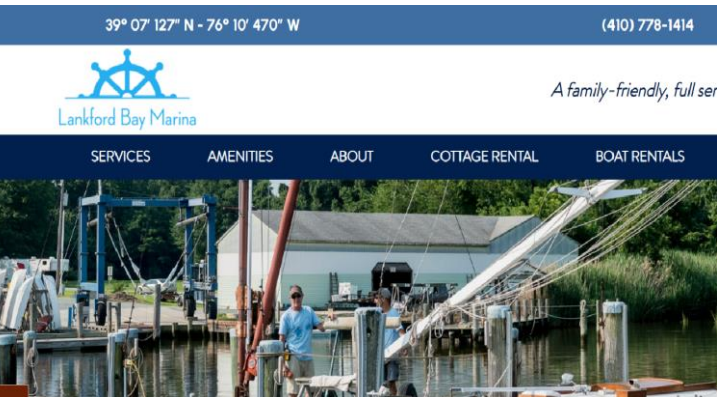
Your Mission

- Get involved
- Invite others to assist
- Leverage technology and media
- Seek locations where boaters are
- Don't limit it to boating
- Have fun!

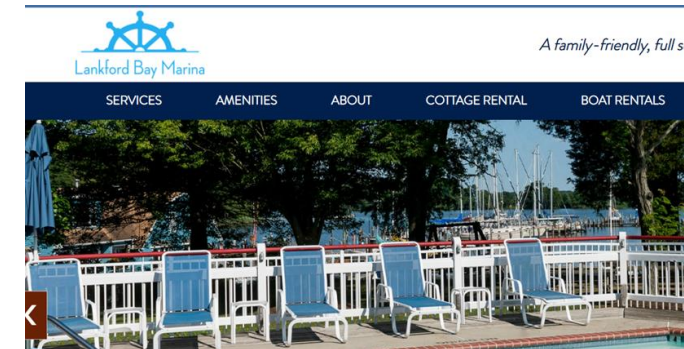


What's in it for Me

- Sense of Accomplishment
- New friends
- Merit Mark
- Highly Visible



D5 Summer Conference & Rendezvous Lankford Bay Marina July 27-31



Cruise to Lankford Bay Marina

- Multi-stop cruise
- Led by R. Bernard
- Power & Sail Friendly
- Details TBA

Rendezvous & maybe a conference

- ABC Annapolis Sponsored
- Seminars
- Games
- Navigation Contest
- Details TBA



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Fall Educational Conference

November 2-5, 2023



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Don't forget this a volunteer
organization
Have fun!

Let me know if you have questions.
Best of luck for a wonderful year ahead!

Lets “BUILD FOR THE FUTURE”

