



# ON THE HORIZON

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**OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY,  
NOVEMBER 15 , 2017.**

## COMMANDER

*David Blades, N*



This is the time of year when a Commanders attention turns to a topic of great importance to our Squadron; that of Merit Marks. Merit Marks are the official recognition from our national organization directly to the members of the local Squadrons who actually do the work of ensuring the successful operation of the Squadron in all of its various undertakings. This is a topic that is not taken lightly. I am currently working to compile as complete a list as I can to ensure that all of the member of the Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron who have contributed volunteer hours receive this recognition that is so richly deserved. If anyone reading this has volunteer hours to report please send them, either through a Committee Chair, another Bridge member or directly to me, so that they may be compiled and a Merit Mark awarded.

Last month I wrote about sailing on the Bay during the fall months with the crisp winds, beautiful colors and the sound of geese flying south for the winter. Susan and I did indeed get to enjoy the better part of a week on the Bay at the beginning of October and did enjoy that of which I had written. A full day traveling between the Patapsco River and Knapps Narrows. Another night spent on anchor in a cove on Trippe Creek near Oxford, complete with the aforementioned geese. One of the best days of sailing we have encountered in recent memory with 15 - 20 knot winds all the way from the mouth of the Tred Avon River to Galesville on the West River with a night at a new-to-us marina. What great experiences!

It is interesting to note that quite possibly none of what I wrote in the preceding paragraph would have been

possible without the training we have received through the United States Power Squadrons. The ability to safely navigate a vessel, of any size, relies on several factors, many of which are outside of the control of those onboard. Weather being a prime example. Prior to our departure from our anchorage on Trippe Creek a check of the weather revealed the possibility of evening thunderstorms and high winds. This led us to a decision to stay in a marina slip in Galesville for an evening which seemed more prudent than anchoring out. Much the same was projected for the following day making a second night at Pirates Cove a distinct possibility. This all changed early the next morning. The storms were now absent from the forecast having been replaced by reasonable winds and light rain. Mondays forecast was now for gale conditions across much of the Bay. We made our decision quickly and readied the boat and ourselves for a quick departure for safe trip home. I believe we owe much to the Weather course we took with P/C Tony Van de Wal a few years back. We have learned to develop and keep a "weather eye" for current conditions and those that change outside of official forecasts. An invaluable skill that we continually work at developing.

That's all for now. I hope see everyone soon and, as always, remember: Safety First!

Respectfully submitted,

CDR David Blades, N

## Our Meeting Place

The Bowman Restaurant on Harford Road. 410-665-8600. Our regular meetings are on the third Wednesday of each month (except July) and start at 7:30 Those of us planning to eat should plan to arrive around 6:15 p.m. and we'll order from the menu. Those not planning on eating may arrive at any time but the meeting will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. The best parking is on the left of the building and then enter through the double doors on the side.

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## EXECUTIVE OFFICER

*J. Streett Broadbent, AP*



### Vessel Safety Checks:

DSPS: 87VSC's; Passed 62 (71%); by 6 VE's (14.5 VSC's per VE)

District 5 Statistics: 2,593 VSC's; Passed 2,328 (89%); by 150 VE's (17.3 VSC's per VE)

National Statistics: 25,546 VSC's; Passed 23,461 (91%); by 1,506 VE's (16.9 VSC's per VE)

Final entries for Awards must be made by **Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>**.

Squadron Tallies (Not all Tallied Yet)

TOTALS Dundalk Sail &	6	87	62
Last Year (2016)	6	39	25
<b>Difference</b>	<b>Same</b>	<b>+48</b>	<b>+37</b>

A big **“Thank You”** to all our VE's!!!!!!!!!!!!

(Especially to Ken Finck who did more individually than we did last year!!!!!!!!!!!!)

Respectfully submitted,

LT/C J. Streett Broadbent, AP

OUR VE'S MINUS CONNIE



***EDUCATIONAL OFFICER***  
***John L. Hall, AP***



Congratulations to our newest SN. P/D/C Bernard S. Karpers, SN. This is the highest level of educational recognition given by the United States Power Squadrons. This means the individual has completed all the advanced grade courses (Seamanship, Piloting, Advanced Piloting, Junior Navigation and Navigation). In addition they have completed six of the elective courses. The elective courses include; Sailing, Engine Maintenance, Weather, Marine Electrical Systems, Marine Communication Systems, Instructor Development and Cruise and Cruise Planning.

Obtaining your SN grade is not as easy as you might think. Bernie joins these few Dundalk members who have also attained that grade;

D/Lt Ronald V. Basener, SN

Lt Joanne Day, SN

Gary Hutson, SN

D/Lt/C Walter K. Neese, SN

D/LtLois M. Nehmer-Schiff, SN

As SEO I'm working to provide everyone in the squadron the educational opportunities they are looking for. Please contact me to let me know what you are interested in taking and I'll try to get scheduled for you. See below for the currently scheduled courses. Contact me and sign up!

Stay safe out there and keep learning.

***Calendar of Pending Courses:***

<u>Course</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Member / Non Member</u>
Cruise Planning	Towson	In progress	5 weeks	\$49/\$79
Seamanship	Anchorage	In progress.	Exam Nov 7	\$52 / \$100
Advanced Piloting	Weavers	In progress	Eight Weeks	\$72//\$117
Junior Navigation	TBD	4:00 PM 11/5/17	Ten Weeks	\$72//\$117
Piloting	Essex	7:00 PM 2/1/18	Eight weeks	\$65 / \$113

Respectfully submitted,

Lt/C John L. Hall, AP - SEO



**BALTIMORE YACHT CLUB  
COMMODORE'S BALL HONOR GUARD**

P/C Doug Riley, Lt/C John Hall  
P/C Steve Dalgarno, Commander Dave Blades

**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**  
**Glenn Haldeman, AP**



A Fishy Puzzle

“A countryman between two lawyers is like a fish between two cats.”

-Benjamin Franklin

**A FISHY PUZZLE FOR FUN!**

Find and circle all of the fish that are hidden in the grid. The remaining letters spell a secret message-a Benjamin Franklin quotation.

AMBERJACK GOLDFISH SHAD BASS GROUPER SHEEFISH BLUEGILL HADDOCK SNAPPER BONITO  
 HOUNDFISH SOLE BOWFIN LINGCOD SPEARFISH BUFFALO  
 MARLIN STEELHEAD BURBOT PERCH TARPON CARP PICKEREL TROUT  
 CHAR PIKE TUNNY CISCO POLLOCK WALLEYE COBIA PORGY WEAKFISH  
 CROAKER PUMPKINSEED WHITEFISH DOLPHIN ROCKFISH YELLOWTAIL  
 FLOUNDER SAILFISH

C	S	A	Y	G	R	O	P	C	R	O	C	K	F	I	S	H	O
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Presenting in November will be Captain Jan Miles of the PRIDE OF BALTIMORE II. Captain Miles is a licensed ship's master who has been with the Pride of Baltimore organization since 1981, when he joined as one of three rotating captains on the original *Pride of Baltimore*. He is a tall ship master with more than 35 years of experience as a professional sailor. His voyages have included five Atlantic Ocean crossings, as well as three Pacific voyages of 5,000 miles, each taking about 25 days. See the website [www.pride2.org](http://www.pride2.org) for so much more information.

Respectfully submitted,  
 LT/C Glenn B. Haldeman, AP

**SECRETARY** Lt/C Ned Dexter, P



TRUFFLE, The Boating Safety Dog!!!!

Greetings, boaters! No breaking news in the world of note-taking, thankfully, so here's a check of the newswires:

A new mobile app feature is available from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources to alert boaters of speed limits and zones on state waterways. The new service on the department's free AccessDNR app covers the Chesapeake Bay, coastal bays west of Ocean City, Potomac River and Deep Creek Lake. You can search for speed zones by river system and zoom in to highlight an area of interest. A click on a shaded area of the map accesses the appropriate state regulation and shows the type of speed restriction governing that area. Boaters can print a map or link the app to the GPS on their vessel to track their route and signal when they are approaching a speed zone.

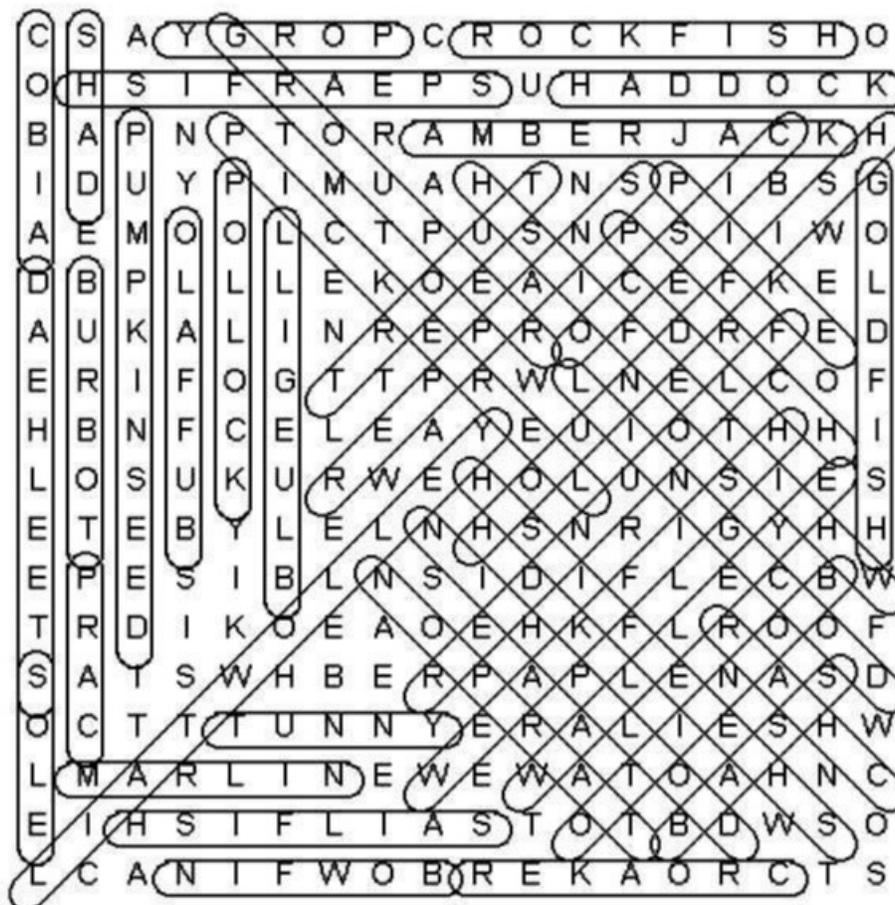
- Excessive speed and boat wakes were responsible for 56 accidents in 2016. Last year, the Maryland Natural Resources Police issued 489 speeding tickets and written warnings. Tickets typically carry a fine of \$85. (We aspire to the day when we can get a speeding ticket in old S/V Certainty!)
- The AccessDNR app can be downloaded from the iPhone App Store or Google Play. It is the official app from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

That's all from your humble scribe,

Lt./Cdr Edward M. Dexter, P

Secretary

Fishy Puzzle Answer:



**TREASURER**  
*Lt/C Douglas B. Riley, AP*



**THE ELECTRONIC AGE**

With all our modern marine technology, from GPS navigation to IPS joy-stick control, it was only a matter of time before the Squadron's information system would also go "electronic."

In the face of rising costs to print and mail *On the Horizon* to 130 households every month, the Squadron's Executive Committee voted at its October meeting to discontinue a paper newsletter and, instead, to publish only an electronic version of *On the Horizon*. Starting in January 2018, the Squadron's newsletter – in full color – will be delivered to your email address as set forth in the Squadron Roster or as updated in the Email Correction and Opt-Out Form, included in this edition of *On the Horizon*.

We recognize that a few Squadron members do not have email addresses or easy access to a computer. If receiving an electronic version of *On the Horizon* is impossible for you, or a hardship, or even merely difficult, please complete the form below, and return it to me. As it is important that no one be left in the dark, several members of the Bridge and Executive Committee have volunteered to "adopt" others without easy email access, and to print and mail from their computers a hard copy of *On the Horizon* every month.

Please also complete the Email Correction and Opt-Out Form if (1) your email address has changed or (2) your email address is not listed at all in the Squadron's 2016-2018 Roster.

Finally, we shall also be voting at our December meeting on a by-law revision, consistent with the model By-laws of the United States Power Squadrons, that allows official Squadron notices, such as those required for our annual meeting and elections, to be delivered by email.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lt/C Douglas B. Riley, AP,  
Treasurer

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROPOSED BY-LAW AMENDMENTS**

At the General Membership Meeting of the Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron scheduled for Wednesday, November 15, 2017, proposed amendments to the By-laws will be presented for discussion and a vote. Copies of both the old and the proposed By-Laws, approved by the Executive Committee and submitted to the USPS Committee on Rules, will be available to the membership for review at the general membership meetings on October 18, 2017 and November 15, 2017. They are also available for review on the Squadron's website.

The proposed amendments are presented to bring the Squadron's By-laws, last revised in 2006, into compliance with the USPS Model By-laws for Squadrons. Among the changes is to allow electronic notice, instead of mailed notice, of the annual meeting, special meetings, and elections. Please direct any inquiries about the proposed By-laws to the Squadron's legal officer, Lt/C Douglas B. Riley, AP.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
Lt/C Edward M. Dexter, P  
Secretary

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**Note:** Starting in January 2018, the Squadron's monthly newsletter and other Squadron notices will be delivered by email. Please complete this form if you do not have easy-access to email and need a paper copy or if you have not provided or need to update your email address as printed in the Squadron Roster.

I do not have easy-access to email and would like to receive a paper copy of *On the Horizon* and other Squadron notices by regular first-class mail.

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Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return this form by December 31, 2017 to:* Lt/C Douglas B. Riley, AP,  
Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron, 500 York Road, Towson, Maryland 21204.



### **DUNDALK SAIL & POWER SQUADRON'S CRUISE & EVENTS & D/5 SCHEDULE 2017**

October 27-29, 2017—D/5 Fall Educational Conference—King of Prussia, PA  
November 15, 2017— General Meeting—Bowman Restaurant—By-Laws vote  
INFORMATION ON THE UPCOMING HOLIDAY PARTY IN DECEMBER WILL BE  
IN THE NEXT ISSUE AND ON THE WEB.



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