

ON THE HORIZON

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Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron



DSPS Starts the First “SERAT” Team in District 5 Squadron Emergency Response Assistance Team

At the October 3rd, 2018 Executive Meeting, a motion was made and passed to form and operate a Squadron Emergency Response Assistance Team within the Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron.

Their Mission: Render voluntary assistance to the Local Fire and Rescue Department, Police Department and other Agencies in the event of a water-related emergency.

Patrick Welsh (DSPS Member) will be the Team Leader, and P/C Ron Basener will be heavily involved with moving this forward.

Patrick gave a Great presentation to the members at the October 17th membership meeting.

What They Do: Provide a Team of qualified and experienced boaters with knowledge of local waters to perform assistance; such as: water rescue, water search and rescue, water related patrols, securing an area in case of a water-related emergency. SERAT units also provide volunteer services at public on the water events. These services may include perimeter safety patrols, directing vessels to staging areas, etc.

History: As all USPS members know assisting vessels in distress is nothing new to the United States Power Squadrons. In fact the rescue of sailing vessels by power boats in 1914 played a major role in the formation of USPS. Approximately 9 years ago at a Squadron Safe Boating Course, Captain Tim Barrett of the Sanibel Fire/Rescue District approached Course Instructor Jim Strothers with a concern. His concern was “What if there was a plane crash in our area and what types of resources are available?” This vision occurred a few years later in the crash landing of the US Airways jet on the Hudson River. After many years of planning by members of the Sanibel Captiva Sail and Power Squadron along with Sanibel Fire/Rescue District, SERAT was officially presented to the public in September 2005 as the Sanibel Emergency Response Assistance Team. Since its beginning the dedicated members of the Team have developed a highly organized response unit that incorporates many of the programs within USPS bringing the original rescue of vessels in distress into the 21st Century.

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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 Plan to arrive around 6:00 p.m. and we'll enjoy “happy hour” and then order dinner 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.

COMMANDER
J. STRETT BROADBENT, AP



Membership, Commitment & Getting Involved

Yes there is still progress!! So far we have added 17 new members this year, thanks to your efforts.



Strett, Susan and all the members taking the Pledge. Please welcome our new members, Brian Lembach, Damian Ambrozewicz & Stacy Spalding!



Rayned Wiles, Doug Riley & Barbara Lash, receiving Shamrock Pins for bringing in new members

Remember, if you bring in 5 or more new members, there is an additional award of up to a \$50 Dinner at one of our GMM (General Membership Meetings).

We are now in the Holiday Season with all the festivities being planned. If you haven't been to a meeting recently, you really should consider it!! The next meeting is December 19th—our "Traditional **Holiday Party**". (See the attached flyer.) We would all love to see you there!!!!!!!!!!!!

We also have the **Baltimore Boat Show** rapidly approaching. Dundalk, with the help of surrounding squadrons, will be hosting the booth for D-5 - "America's Boating Club". The show will again be held at the Baltimore Convention Center during January 24th through the 27th. We need all hands on deck to support this event. This is a great way to see the show for free, work with your fellow members and help our boating friends with questions and concerns. It also goes toward earning Merit Marks for the 2019 year.



Respectfully submitted,
CDR, J. Strett Broadbent, AP

EXECUTIVE OFFICER
LT/C GLENN HALDEMAN, JN



"The boat is safer anchored at the port; but that's not the aim of boats." - Paulo Coelho

I visit my boat as often as possible. Although I am within walking distance, sometimes I say hello only every 10 days. I'd like to honor my "Kokopelli" more often, but you know, life happens.

Using your boat as your home is very different from weekend cruising. We don't talk much about living aboard. There are very few among us who do. I am acquainted with many liveaboards but none within our squadron. Having no experience, I feel lacking in this aspect of boating.

A recent fire on a liveaboard boat in my marina brings this topic to mind. The most likely cause is suspected to be electrical in nature. The owner and dog did escape unharmed. The boat provided a magnificent 4am bonfire, and by 5 was a smoldering waste heap. A fast response and favorable winds prevented a marina disaster.

PORTLAND, Maine – The Coast Guard, the Portland Fire Department, and the Portland Harbormaster are joining forces to educate the public of the hazards of living aboard boats during the winter.

The Coast Guard stresses that the dangers of living aboard boats during the winter are real. "But if you take time now to prepare, you can safely enjoy the winter on the water."

The primary dangers include carbon monoxide poisoning and fires from using small heaters in confined spaces. "The likelihood of carbon monoxide poisoning is greater during the winter because the boats will be covered in shrink wrap to protect them from the winter elements."

The Portland Fire Chief expressed concern for live-aboard residents this winter. "We want to make sure people are aware of the extra precautions they need to take once their boats are winterized." Liveaboards should make sure they have working carbon monoxide detectors installed. Fire extinguishers should be positioned throughout the boats and easily accessible in an emergency. Liveaboard residents should file emergency response plans with the marina and their local response agency.

The Portland's Harbor Master said that although living on the water in Maine is enjoyable, it is especially challenging during the winter. "By taking the time now to talk about some of the specific challenges that winter brings, we hope to make everyone as prepared as possible."

Just an introduction for now. I'll continue this thought in the future.



EDUCATIONAL OFFICER

John L. Hall, AP



The education department sends its greetings this Holiday Season. Santa has brought us two new educational opportunities this year. I'm pleased to announce the Electronic Navigation Course will be offered in Towson starting Monday January 14th at 7pm. The course will be taught by P/C Steven Dalgarno, N. We're also offering a basic boating / ABC course at Bush River Yacht Club. Its been quite some time since any power squadron has offered a course up there. This course will feature an extra class at the end on knot tying.

**** SAVE THE DATE **** As many of you know Mary and I host the Cruise planning party at our house. We're excited to announce it will be on Saturday January 5th from 2 pm -6 pm. This is the big party of the winter season. All members are invited to the party.

The required basic boating / ABC course has been scheduled for the spring at West Marine in Rosedale. Each course will run four consecutive Tuesdays with the exam on the fourth class. Cost is \$32 per person. \$42 for two sharing one book. \$20 for Sea Scouts who are Power Squadron Members.

1st course starts Tuesday April 2nd 6 pm – 8 pm. April 9th, April 16th, April 23rd

2nd course starts Tuesday April 30th 6pm- 8 pm. May 7th, May 14th, May 21st

3rd course starts Tuesday June 4th 6 pm – 8 pm. June 11th, June 18th, June 25th.

Basic boating / ABC at Bush River Yacht Club

Monday February 4th, 11th, 25th, March 4th (Exam), March 11th (Knot tying Class) 7 PM to 9 PM

Electronic Navigation, Towson. Monday January 14th. Cost is \$75 for members / \$115 for nonmembers. Space is limited. so register early. 7 PM to 9 PM

Please contact me at SEO@uspsdundalk.org. I'm building a matrix of courses and would like to have the schedule updated soon.

You can find out more information about all of our education opportunities at

<https://americasboatingclub.org/>

Stay safe out there and keep learning.

Respectfully submitted,

Lt/C John L. Hall, AP – SEO

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Sail & Power
Squadron**

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BY BOATERS, FOR BOATERS

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Ken H. W. Finck, AP

Administrative Officer's Report.

Greetings one and all! The D-5 Fall Education Conference has come and gone. There were 3 full days of instruction, and seminars. Two sessions covered the use of the trade name America Boating Club (ABC). District 5 has decided to use the trade name America's Boating Club - Mid Atlantic. As you know, we will be using the trade name America's Boating Club - Baltimore. The trade name application was sent into the Dept. of Assessments and Taxation around the middle of November.

Another topic covered the importance of the individual squadrons being incorporated - which we are. Our full name is "Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron, Inc." In these days with all the lawsuits, we need to make sure that all of our members are protected. This is especially important as we incorporate more on the water training into our educational classes.

Dundalk did super well for educational awards, as you will saw in the November "Horizon".. As a bridge member, I want to "Thank" all of the Educational Department staff for their hard work. Dundalk has a truly wonderful, dedicated Team that made these awards possible.

This is not leave behind the 5 person Vessel Safety Check Team. They completed 105 Vessel Safety Checks this year. This is a first for Dundalk since 2008. Outstanding job for Dundalk and the Team!!

Last but not least, I want to wish everyone a very Safe and Happy Holiday Season!

Respectfully submitted,
Lt/C Kenneth H. W. Finck, AP

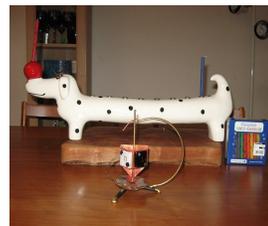
SERAT PROGRAM (CONTIUED FROM PAGE 1)

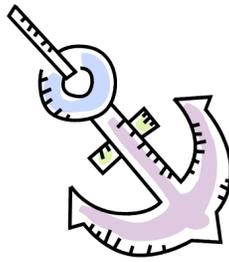
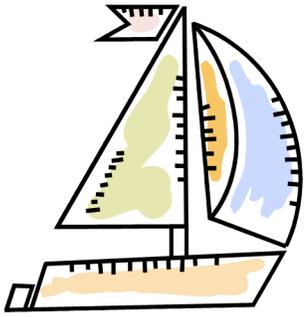
Benefits: The benefits of a Squadron having a SERAT program are many. While the Squadron may be known for its Boating Education and Safety programs, they may not be recognized as a community service group. There may be many people who are not specifically interested in USPS but may have an interest in performing this type of community service. Providing this community service the Squadron's name becomes highly visible to other areas of the public thus increasing the potential for additional members. SERAT also provides a mechanism to promote Advanced Educational Courses as part of the membership level requirements as well as a means for its members to practice and hone their boating skills.

The community will benefit by knowing that they have a highly trained and skilled group of volunteers that are able to provide assistance for on water emergencies. Local fire departments may not have water rescue assets or may be very limited in the ability to handle a large emergency. Knowing they can rely on SERAT to assist is very important.



The holidays are here.





CRUISE PLANNING PARTY!

Come one, come all. You are hereby invited to a Cruise Planning Party for the Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron at the Halls. Bring your calendars and ideas for a great boating season. We will be serving chili and cornbread (and who knows what else).

When: Saturday January 5th 2:00 to 6:00 (and beyond).

Where: At the Halls

702 Stone Barn Rd

Towson Md, 21286

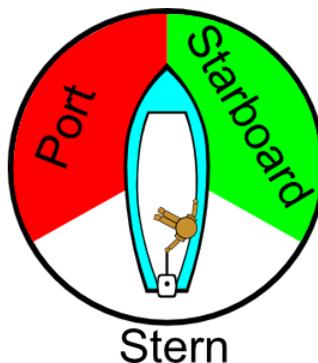
410-823-5698

What to Bring: Good cheer, Calendars, Cruising Guides, Ideas and maybe some good eats.

R.S.V.P to jhall767@gmail.com or 410-823-5698

If you'd like to bring a dish please indicate what you are bringing.

If you can't make it please send us your ideas.



SECRETARY *Lt/C Ned Dexter, P*



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

Well, the boating season is winding down, and we have done most of our preparations for the coming cold weather. Boat cleaning and maintenance can generate wastes that require proper management. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has a helpful webpage with a variety of .pdf documents providing "clean boating" tips to help protect the Bay while doing these chores. They even have a "Clean Boating Lesson Plan" for responsible marine waste management, including slides and handouts. It can be found at <http://dnr.maryland.gov/boating/Pages/cleanmarina/resources.aspx> .

The Natural Resources Police (NRP) training program just graduated a class, and 44 new NRP officers have been sworn in to their ranks. NRP notes that their training is even longer than the Maryland State Police, because of their need to master seamanship and navigation as well as other environmental regulations. You can read more about NRP activities on their page at <https://news.maryland.gov/dnr/category/nrp-news/> .

When you are hibernating in your cave this winter, you may want to peruse the U.S. Coast Guard's website, which has many informative pages. For example, they have a page on safety recalls for marine products that includes things like hull cracks and fuel leaks that could spoil a nice outing on the water (I hate fuel/air explosions). Here's the recall page: <http://uscgboating.org/content/recalls.php> - but they have lots of other interesting things, like the Safety Alerts and Lessons Learned at <https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Assistant-Commandant-for-Prevention-Policy-CG-5P/Inspections-Compliance-CG-5PC-/Office-of-Investigations-Casualty-Analysis/Safety-Alerts/> .

On a personal note, we took old S/V Certainty out for a final sail for the season, before tucking her back onto her trailer on Sunday 11/4. It was so calm we had her giant 170% furling genoa out all the way – haven't done that in a couple of years, it can overpower the boat quickly in most conditions – but we needed it to keep any kind of reasonable way on. Hah, we were having shouted conversations with other sailors going the other way for five minutes, because that's how long it took for the boats to pass! So, we didn't feel too bad, as even large sailboats with lots more sail area were giving up before we had to – that's one nice thing about a little boat. When the sun started to settle we cranked up the Aluminum Genny and flew to Maryland Marina, where we take her out, and where she'll overwinter now. We dropped the mast, drained all her fluids, and tarped her for awhile, til it's time to do some work on the interior. Here's Jeannie, preparing to gibe (not enough wind to tack – look at the water!)



The Skipper at the helm of her Rhodes 22.

Stay warm and dry, and watch out for the folks that DON'T take our classes.

Your humble scribe,

Ned Dexter, P, Secretary



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Price includes taxes and gratuity. Cash bar available.*

PIRATE GIFT EXCHANGE

Please bring a wrapped gift valued around \$15.00 to swap and exchange—like Pirates!

TOYS FOR KIDS

The Sea Scouts will be collecting new, unwrapped toys for kids in several ministries in Harford County

Be sure to let us know you'll be attending!

Names: _____

Address: _____

Adults at \$25 each _____ Children at \$15 _____ Total enclosed \$ _____

Please send us this form and your check made payable to DSPS by
December 13th to:

Lt/C Glenn Haldeman, JN
1212 Anchorage Court, Baltimore, MD 21224



**DUNDALK SAIL & POWER SQUADRON'S
CRUISE & EVENTS SCHEDULE FOR
2018-19**

You may want to invite all of your families & friends to attend/participate in any/all of our events. Please contact the Cruise Master for the event you are interested in. This is all part of the "FUN" that our Commander is referring to.

14 November General Membership Meeting—The Bownan—1800 (6PM) for meet & greet prior to dinner & meeting

19 December Holiday Party & brief meeting—The Bowman (see flyer enclosed for more details)

5 January 2019 Cruise planning party John & Mary Hall's home 2-6pm (see flyer enclosed for more details)



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ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE
DUNDALK SAIL & POWER SQUADRON
BRIDGE, WE WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY A
VERY HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!!!!





2018-2019 BRIDGE

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 * MEETINGS, SO, COME EARLY AND *
 * ENJOY SOCIALIZING WITH YOUR FRIENDS!!!! *

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