



# ON THE HORIZON

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**OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD ON  
JANUARY 17, 2018**

**COMMANDER**

***David Blades, N***



It's not the "law of unintended consequences" at work but it is certainly along those lines. When Susan and I joined the Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron some 10 years ago it was done, in most part, to participate in the educational opportunities; this being a necessary step, in our view, in gaining the knowledge required to safely operate a future sailing vessel on the Chesapeake Bay. At the time, in addition to having no boat, we had no idea that someday we would actually be would be participating in the leadership of the Squadron or that we would achieve the grade of Senior Navigator, SN. These are the "unintended" parts. They have occurred only due to the facts that we kept taking classes whenever they were offered and wanted to help where we could. What an amazing journey it has been so far!

Who says December isn't a great month for boating? We recently had an opportunity to join John and Mary Hall on their beautiful new boat "At Last". What an adventure! We had to get up at 3:30 am to catch a 6:45 flight to Fort Lauderdale Florida but WOW was it worth it! Our destination was Fort Myers which is a little over 100 nautical miles to the west-north-west of Fort Lauderdale as the crow flies. Of course we aren't crows and weren't flying so we had to take a different route which included an offshore run in the Atlantic for 70 or so miles then inland through the Saint Lucie River and the Okeechobee Waterway. After one night in Stuart Florida, five canal locks, crossing Lake Okeechobee, and a bunch of bridges later and we ended up in Fort Myers. Again, reference the "unintended consequences" noted above. We never

envisioned such a trip but participating in the Squadron has made it so.

As I write this column the outside temperature is 16 degrees which, amazingly, is about 10 degrees warmer than when I checked the weather this morning. Of course this is January and it's supposed to be cold. Speaking of January there are two very important Squadron events on the calendar. First is the annual Cruise Planning Party on the 10<sup>th</sup> at the home of Mary and John Hall. Come on out and help plan our destinations for the upcoming boating season! Following that on the 25<sup>th</sup> through the 28<sup>th</sup> is the Baltimore Boat Show. This premier event gives our Squadron a chance to shine! Organizing the show this year is our Executive Officer Lt/C Streett Broadbent, AP and P/C Tracey Stuenes, P. Several volunteer opportunities are still available for staffing the booth this year. If you would like to help the Squadron and District 5 then please contact Streett at [xo@uspsdundalk.org](mailto:xo@uspsdundalk.org). Don't forget that volunteers gain FREE entry to the show on the day or days they volunteer. Also the hours spent as a volunteer count toward a Merit Mark.

Respectfully Submitted

CDR David J. Blades, SN

## 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*



#### 1. Baltimore Boat Show - 2018 **HELP!!!!**

DSPS and I need your help! If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact me.

The Show runs from Thursday, Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> to Sunday Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Please** contact me for a time slot. See sign-up sheet below.

Plenty of slots still open.

Thanks to those who already scheduled their time!!

*Thanks!!!!*

Respectfully submitted, LT/C J. Streett Broadbent, AP

SCHEDULE OF WORKERS, DATES & TIMES CAN BE FOUND ON PAGE 3



### PIRATE'S GIFT EXCHANGE AT OUR HOLIDAY PARTY!!!

**TAKE A LOOK AT PAGE 5 TO SEE THE  
MANY HAPPY FACES THANKS TO SANTA'S  
HELPERS!!!!!!**



## ***ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER***

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### Trash & Bombogenesis

***“It may not take a village, but it definitely takes a boat load.”*** – Susan Fay Rudy

My 2018 resolutions have oft been echoed: lose 2 inches, exercise more, oh hum. The decades long cold we are now enjoying brings only boat thoughts to the fore. The urge to have everything in order sets the course. This year FINALLY is the year when time on the water will not be lost to a project casually approached. Really! That's a resolution

Many months after memorizing the 5,347 boats in a favored Yachtworld search my focus returned to a model earlier discarded. With agreement reached, I am nearly the proud owner of two holes in the water in which to pour cash. Predictably, chaos has descended. Never once did I see the term “bombogenesis” in any how-to-buy a boat article. I now sacrifice old dock lines, metaphorically, to the water gods so that the Bohemia River may thaw and enable the buying process to continue with sea trial and survey. I am not whinging, I am patient.

Speaking of throwing stuff in the river, the Canton waterfront “Professor Trash Wheel” debuted in 12/16. Her brother in the inner harbor, Mr. Trash Wheel, has, in one 18 month period, removed 350 tons of garbage from the harbor. That's nearly 200,000 bottles, 173,000 potato chip bags and a whopping 6.7 million cigarettes removed from a waterway so polluted that it failed its 2014 water quality report card. The clean energy-powered wheel is equipped with a conveyer belt; as the belt moves, garbage and other debris travel up the belt and are deposited into a dumpster and disposed of accordingly. At present, Professor Trash Wheel is grounded because of the storm caused record low tides.



Most importantly, the January 17, 2018 speaker will be our huge supporter, Sam Weaver. Weavers Marina began in 1945 in one small building on the Back River, the dream of Samuel J. Weaver, Senior. It has evolved into a first class, full service marine facility. Sam Weaver grew up on the Back River and is passionately involved in its conservation through with the Save Back River Foundation. He also provides the DS&PS a very comfortable setting in which to hold classes. See <http://savebackriver.org> . His presentation will focus on conservation efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

LT/C Glenn B. Haldeman, AP

Administrative Officer





*TRIBUTE TO  
P/C CONSIGLIA "CONNIE" BARRY, JN*

Connie Barry was one of the hardest working members that Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron ever knew. When her late husband, P/C Howard Barry, JN took control of the "SAFE BOATING WEEKEND" program back in the 1980's, she jumped in to assist with whatever needed to be done.

She was leery of moving onto the Bridge as an officer in the Squadron, only taking the job after corning the Past Commanders and telling them that she expected their (our) support. And, as those of us who were around in those days remember, Connie was an outstanding Commander. Whenever and wherever the Squadron showed up, she was there with Howard. And, after his passing, she still came to Squadron functions and became active in District 5, serving as a District Lt. on several committees.

I remember one meeting when Connie was Chairman of the Nominating Committee. We were sitting in the Barry's living room debating the merits of some of the candidates. A question arose as to the suitability of one candidate (willingness to serve). She grabbed her roster and the telephone, went into the kitchen and called the candidate. After about 10 minutes, she came back to the meeting with the news that "not only will they (singular) accept the nomination of the committee, but would also like to be considered for a Bridge position". She was a force with which to be reckoned.

Connie has been missed at the meetings. I, for one, as will Beverly, miss her great warm smile, her sense of humor, and her friendship.

I know that when she "crossed the bar", Howard was waiting for her to throw that bow line and be greeted with open, loving arms. She is now in a safe harbor with Howard and all of her friends.

The Barry family and all of their friends are rejoicing at her docking.

May her family, and all that knew her, know and remember what a grand LADY Connie was.

Respectfully,

P/C W. Brooks Riley, AP

Past Commander, 1989-90 Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron



Connie escorted by  
P/R/C William D. Selden, V, AP



Connie & Howard



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



**A KINDRED SPIRIT**

Even great philosophers sometimes get it wrong. Consider, for example, these words of Henry David Thoreau:

“That man is richest

Whose pleasures are cheapest.”

Clearly, Thoreau was not a recreational boater.

To be fair, however, the first successful power boat, *The North River Steamboat of Clermont* – Robert Fulton’s craft that traveled roundtrip between New York City and Albany in just 62 hours – predated Thoreau’s birth in 1817 by only nine years. In fact, during Thoreau’s lifetime, neither Viking nor Carver had yet perfected their steam-driven motor yachts, and Symbol was still experimenting with large hamster wheels as a means of propulsion.

And still, Thoreau is our kindred spirit. In 1854, he wrote in *Walden*:

When I first paddled a boat on Walden, it was completely surrounded by thick and lofty pine and oak woods, and in some of its coves grapevines had run over the trees next the water and formed bowers under which a boat could pass. The hills which form its shores are so steep, and the woods on them were then so high, that, as you looked down from the west end, it had the appearance of an amphitheater for some kind of sylvan spectacle. I have spent many an hour, when I was younger, floating over its surface as the zephyr willed, having paddled my boat to the middle, and lying on my back across the seats, in a summer forenoon, dreaming awake, until I was aroused by the boat touching the sand, and I arose to see what shore my fates had impelled me to; days when idleness was the most attractive and productive industry.

Perhaps, in 2018, I shall not be as frequently “aroused by [my] boat touching the sand,” but I do look forward to spending with you “days when idleness is the most attractive and productive industry.”

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

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



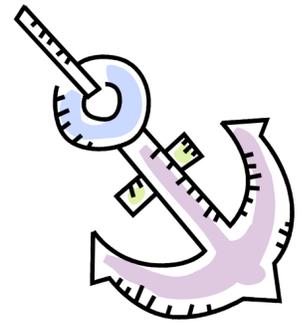
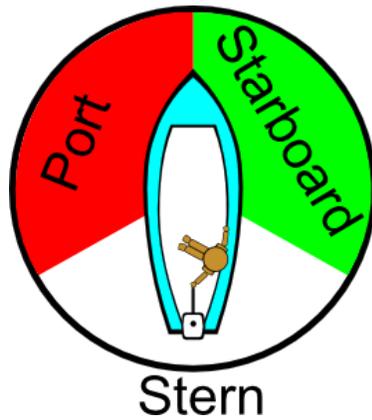
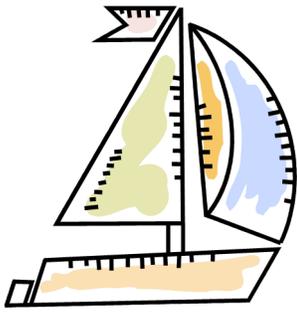
TRUFFLE, The Boating  
Safety Dog!!!!

**DUNDALK SAIL & POWER SQUADRON'S  
CRUISE & EVENTS SCHEDULE**

17 January 2018—Regular meeting—The Bowman Restaurant

20 January 2018—Cruise Planning Party at The Halls (see info in this issue)

25-28 January 2018—Baltimore Boat Show - HELP WANTED!!!!



## **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 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jhall767@gmail.com) or 410-823-5698

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





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