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D5 Sail Regatta and Fall Festival

Mark 2, 3 and 4 October 2009 on your calendar, make your reservations and plan to attend the Sail Regatta and Fall Festival at Herrington Harbour South. Limited accommodations for RVs, with hotel/motel space nearby. As the summer fades the cool, crisp and bright blue days of October will be a welcome relief to the hazy, hot and humid days of summer. The event will feature activity for the sailors, anglers and those who just want to be away for a weekend of fun and fellowship with District 5.

With a mid bay location, and approaching fall weather, the cool days should provide a comfortable environment for the sailors. Early arrivals on Thursday afternoon, or early Friday morning can take advantage of the expected excellent early fall fishing. As the water of the Chesapeake begins to cool the fish begin to school. This makes for some fun time fishing for rock fish. This is when the bait fish school, the sea gulls gather over them, as the rock and blue fish feed upon the bait fish. Come in early and perhaps you can snag a trip with one of the early arrivals, as they try to get a hint where the fish will be on the day of the fishing tournament.

Saturday, October 3rd, the BIG DAY! After breakfast the fisherman will depart. About two hours later the sailors leave for the regatta race. Those not participating can attend Trawler Fest in nearby

Solomons, Maryland or join the lawn games and poker run. Our day will conclude with the awards banquet where you can listen to the stories of the sail boat race, the fish tales and find out who has the best poker hand.

If all goes well with the fisherman there will be fresh fried fish available for breakfast on Sunday. Following the breakfast there will be a presentation on techniques of anchoring. At the conclusion we will have time to depart and travel home.

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Commanders Message

D/C Ralph A. Bernard, P

Hello to everyone. My family and I have just returned from the District 5 Southbound Cruise which culminated in Cape Charles as a joint rendezvous with members from both District 5 and 27. This was the first joint event for D-5 and we could not have asked for a more fabulous turnout for boaters, as well as those members attending by land. It was exhilarating to say the least! The Southbound Commanders Cruise, headed by John Wilmot, Scott McLellan and Chip Hoiler, was excellent. We gathered more boaters as we visited each marina along the way to Cape Charles.

I would like to personally and publicly thank P/D/C Arlene Anderson, AP, and P/D/C Dick Nitschke, SN, and their committees for the absolutely wonderful planning and ultimate rendezvous for not only D-5, but D-27 as well. Their tireless efforts and commitment in making this event memorable did not go without notice by everyone in attendance.

Our reception at Bay Creek Marina was outstanding. The Friday night dinner sponsored by the Cape Charles Volunteer Fire Department was fantastic and certainly enjoyed by everyone attending. Saturday was filled with many D-27 activities and games for all to enjoy, along with our annual navigation contest. Although I was disappointed with the number of boats entered, it was still an adventure on the waters for those participating.

Our District Education Officer, Walter Neese, organized a Boater's Operator Certificate opportunity and we had a great number of squadron members taking the course. Congratulations to all. There were 34 members from both districts who passed.

Many thanks to our friends from District 27. I know a number of District 5 members made lasting friends this past weekend, but isn't that what USPS is all about — education and fun?

Maybe next year we can combine squadron cruises with the District cruise to Solomons, Maryland.

Nance and I are looking forward to visiting more squadrons in the near future and encourage all to attend the National meeting in Kansas City, the Sail Regatta and Fall Festival, and also the Fall Educational Conference which Rockville Sail and Power Squadron is hosting.



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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

P/R/C Steve Leishman



The 2009 workshop was held at the Atlantic Marine Center, Norfolk, VA, on May 1 and 2. This was the 32nd annual workshop. It featured a dual track training approach wherein one track will emphasize the non-technical

cooperative charting activities and the second track will emphasize depth surveys. Both tracks covered planning, data gathering requirements, data collection, and submission of a report using CCWeb (Cooperative Charting Website).



Left to Right: P/R/C Steve Leishman, SN, D/5 CoOp Chairman, Joe N. Clark, Jr., Royal S. Evans, Jr., R/C Horst Bottege, SN - National CoOp Chairman



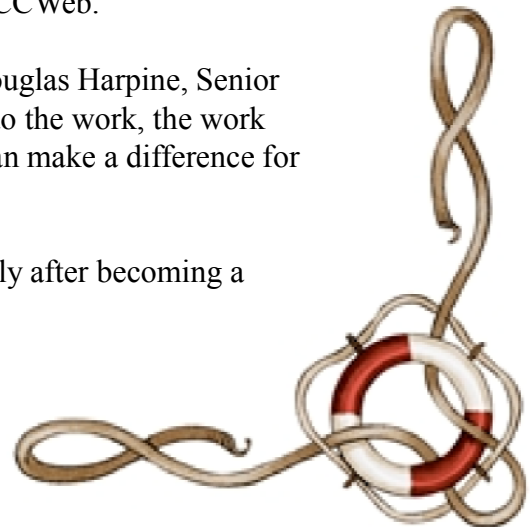
For the non-technical or traditional cooperative charting activities, the workshop covered all the tasks required for updates to Coast Pilot books, nautical charts, small craft charts and facility updates. Emphasis was on entering the reports into CCWeb.

For those wanting a more dedicated and hands-on experience in using Depth-wiz and entering the data in CCWeb, the Depth-wiz track hands-on experience on route planning, and preparing the data for submission using CCWeb.

When asked about the value of USPS cooperative charting efforts, Douglas Harpine, Senior Cartographer, Nautical Chart Branch, NOAA, said that 'if we didn't do the work, the work would not get done.' Cooperative Charting is an area where USPS can make a difference for the safety of all recreational boaters.

Cooperative Charting is a squadron activity anyone can do immediately after becoming a USPS member.

Steve Leishman
Wilmington Power Squadron
D/5 Coop Charting Chairman



2009 Summer Rendezvous, Cape Charles Virginia

A Review in Pictures

CROSSING PATHS

SUMMER RENDEZVOUS

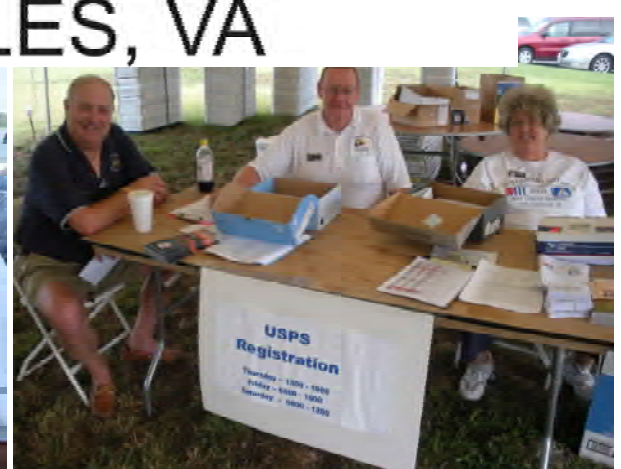


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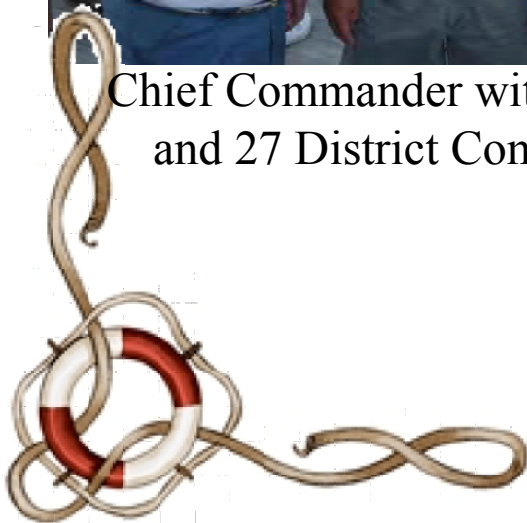


BAY CREEK MARINA

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Chief Commander with District 5 and 27 District Commanders





Friday Night Firemans Seafood Festival

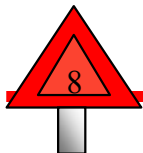




Dinghy Poker Run



Potato Cannon Competition





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2009 Commanders Cruise

D/Lt John Wilmont, AP



B. L. A. S. T. Bernard's Lets All go Southbound Trip

Yes, we had a Blast! Thirty-two boats, 78 boaters, great weather, and a lot of food, fun, and friends. It doesn't get much better than that. Not sure how many came from D 27, but there were

88 boats at Cape Charles.

The first stop was the Annapolis Yacht Basin. There were 7 boats registered, so Chip Hoiler arranged the Cocktail party at the Fleet Reserve Club for about 20 people- over 40 showed up. Chip quickly made some adjustments with the Club, so good food and spirits made up a super party. Saturday we all motored for the Solomons, and 24

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powerboats and one sailboat tied up at Calvert Marina. We started a new custom by firing the 10 gauge-saluting canon promptly at 1700 to signal the

start of the Cocktail Party. Let the record show that sure woke everybody up! At 1800, Pat Farrar and the Patuxent River Power Squadron showed us how to put on a party. The food was great and of course we had a few sodas to go with it. On Sunday there was time to relax until the canon went off at 1700. Another great Cocktail Party by AS&PS and Miles River PS.

Monday we cruised up the Potomac River to St Mary's Yachting Center. Barbara and Warren Stevens volunteered to give the Cocktail Party on their new 94' Yacht, Real Escape, but 70 people would not quite fit. St Mary's put up a large tent, so cocktails and dinner was served under the tent, and Barbara gave tours of the boat later. What a magnificent yacht! The catered dinner by Ray Bailey was excellent.

Tuesday we cruised up the Rappahannock River to The Tides for our two-day stay. All of the 28 boats were docked around the salt-water pool and the Gazebo. The setting was perfect for a Cocktail party by Helen Kelley's Northern Neck Sail and Power Squadron and dinner catered by Willaby's. I went into panic mode when I couldn't

find Willaby's catering truck somewhere between The Tides Inn and the Tides Lodge, but by 1830, I located the truck, and we carried the food to the Gazebo for serving. I think finding that truck probably saved me from a long walk on a short pier. Wednesday we had another great party by Delaware River Power Squadron. By this time, we all had so much good food that I'm afraid The Tides Inn special dining room didn't get much business. Also I must thank Carole Reilley and Doris Brecht- they always had some clever games to play at each cocktail party. Nancy Gorman organized the poker run- \$2 per card at each of the 5 stops. 3 people divided \$420 dollars up.



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Finally by Thursday morning it was time to cruise to the Bay Creek Marina at Cape Charles. We got a rain shower and skirted a thunderstorm, but the sun was out when we got to Cape Charles. At this point, P/D/C Arlene Anderson was in charge and did a great job in organizing the D5 and D27 Summer Rendezvous. I really enjoyed the boating, the old and new friends, and so I think this may go down in the record book as one of the best Cruises.



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Kennersley Marine Center is a simplified boating retreat located on seven beautifully landscaped acres, complete with a sparkling pool, large playgrounds and picnic areas. The marina is protected from NE winds by its location on Island Creek off of the Chester River. It's just a short ride to the historic towns of Chestertown and Centreville, MD. Kennersley has an unusually strong sense of community and is a tranquil change from the fast pace of the routine marina on the Bay.

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TOPGUN Cruisers

At first light on the Sunday of the 2009 Summer Rendezvous and Council meeting the Top Gun Cruise started. After Hours II (Kathy (Cannon Ball) and Bernie (Viper) Karpers), Battle Wagon (John (Mavrick) and Mary Hall with children Brian, (Mustang) Michelle and Eric), Blue Heron (Al (Pretty Boy) and Marianne Ponzio) and Jenny Lynn Too (Steve and Jenny (Shutterbug) Dalgarno) headed to Norfolk with South West winds of 15 to 20 knots. The crossing took nearly three hours, but was uneventful. By 1530 that day they had reached Coinjock North Carolina. The Midway Marina pool gave a quick relief to the heat of that day. That night the wind picked up and continued. In spite of warnings by returning boats we continued on and by 1330 on Monday the cruise arrived at Pirates Cove Marina, Manteo, North Carolina. The marina staff did not expect we would travel under such conditions. As soon as we arrived a Margarita party broke out! This was followed by a dip in the pool. The next day Captain Steve Dalgarno of Jenny Lynn Too invited those interested in fishing to try their luck in off shore fishing. We entered the ocean via Oregon Inlet Corps of Engineers maintained channel. Our spotters noticed a few local boats returning and thought it would be good to take the local cut. Who knew they would leave us in their wake at 35 knots? We returned by way of the local channel, marked by the locals with their aids to navigation. The local channel ended at two nun bouys marked 2 and a day beacon marked 53. With a conference of the captains, the correct decision was made. We returned with no fish, no incidents and learned that bananas were aboard our boat so the brief nap by our rod watcher really did not change the outcome. In the quaint and charming town of Manteo we were able to swim, walk around and see the sights, bicycle ride, fish, shop or talk with the friendly residents of the area. Some of our eating sites were Big Al's, Tale of the Whale, Fisherman's Warf and Hurricane Moe's. The youngsters on our trip enjoyed all of these sites. There are activities available for all age groups here including a visit to nearby lighthouses.



We visited Wanchese, the site of the factories that construct the custom Carolina style sport fishing boats on our final day. At that time small craft warnings were flying at the local Coast Guard Station. Early on Thursday morning our happy cruisers departed, lead by fleet Captain John Hall aboard Battlewagon. We made a crossing of Albemarle Sound with 15 plus knot wind at an average speed of 17 knots. With some luck we were able to negotiate the 12 bridges and 1 lock required to reach Norfolk. Our planned arrival was 1700, but early bridge openings allowed us to arrive by 1330. After clean up and rest a final night pitch in dinner was presented by the Mary, Jennifer, Marieanne and Cannon Ball. The last day of the cruise presented the challenge to travel from Norfolk, to Baltimore, nonstop. The boats departed at 0630 with south southwest winds, 15 to 20 knots with gusts over 25. The first boat home arrived at 1430 and by 1530 all were in safely, under threat and exposure to severe thunderstorms. This trip added adventure, challenge and excitement from the very first few moments, with a soft grounding at Cape Charles, to the very last with the last boat arriving during a blinding summer thunder storm.

Top Gun Cruise is a fun cruise and not a pleasure cruise, with planned parties and meal functions. The program is a personal challenge to apply your knowledge, skill and enthusiasm for the sport of boating. The emphasis is on the operation of your boat with your family or selected crew. The fun is the enjoyment of your experience with your boat. This is enriched with the enthusiasm of comparing experiences under the same circumstance with other members of the group activity. A bonus is the friendships that develop between the families of the participants.

If you are interested in this program, contact the Administrative Officer of District 5. The long range goal is to prepare a group of enthusiastic and skillful boat operators to represent D 5 on the water.



Safety Officers Report

D/Lt Dwain Rodman, AP

The idea of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) allowing the introduction of a fuel that has never been independently tested for use with marine engines has Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatU.S. and the National Marine Manufacturers Association (www.BoatUS.com/news/reports urging every boater in America to speak out on the issue before the July 20 federal comment period closes).

In March, Growth Energy, a pro-ethanol lobbying organization, and 54 ethanol producers petitioned the EPA to allow an increase in the amount of ethanol in gasoline from 10 percent (E10) to 15 percent (E15). After an initial comment period that drew nearly 30,000 comments from concerned boaters, the marine industry, marina operators and many other boating groups, the agency extended the comment deadline to July 20.

BoatU.S. and the NMMA are concerned because boat engines are not designed, calibrated or certified for use with gasoline containing more than 10 percent ethanol. Recreational boat warranty documents and manufacturers owner's manuals currently advise boaters not to use gasoline containing more than 10 percent ethanol, and therefore, the use of E15 in marine engines could void engine warranties and damage motors and fuel systems.

"This is not about growing renewable energy," says BoatU.S. Vice President of Government Affairs Margaret Podlich. "This is really about a group of investors attempting to profit at the expense of 13 million recreational boat owners. We had significant problems with the nationwide roll-out of E10 a few years ago, and without further independent testing of E15 with marine engines we are very likely to see similar issues." Podlich is referring to the widely known problems with ethanol's ability to attract water into gasoline or "phase separate" which has led to boat engine failures and major repair or replacement costs for boaters. It also degrades fiberglass boat gas tank walls.

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- Always agree, and that is refreshing!
- Always win, and that is humbling!
- Always lose, and that is heartening!
- Always do what is right, and that is human!
- Always believe, and that is a failure to understand!
- Always understand, and that is life!

However, USPS will always be a source of opportunity for personal growth, a means of banding together, and a receptacle for memories, and the best option for boaters everywhere!

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Submitted by: Kenneth Hesterberg

If the ethanol lobby's petition is approved it would also affect other gasoline powered products. "There are an estimated 500 million gasoline powered engines in the U.S., from boats and autos to chainsaws, lawn mowers and ATVs, so this issue not only severely impacts the recreational boating industry but many others as well," said NMMA Legislative Director Mathew Dunn. "We have a very simple position on this matter. Science — not politics — should ultimately determine EPA's decision on whether to allow the sale of any increased ethanol blend that's more than 10 percent. At present, it is clear there is insufficient scientific and technical data to justify granting the increase, and EPA should therefore deny it outright," he added.

Boaters can go to <http://www.BoatUS.com/gov> or <http://capwiz.com/nmma/home/> before the federally mandated comment period ends on July 20 to learn more and send EPA an email asking them to deny the petition for a waiver for the use of E15 fuel until more testing is done on marine engines and fuel systems.



Sail Regatta

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FRIDAY

Pitch In Cocktail Party



SATURDAY

Awards Buffet Dinner



SUNDAY

Pitch In Breakfast

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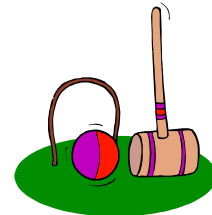
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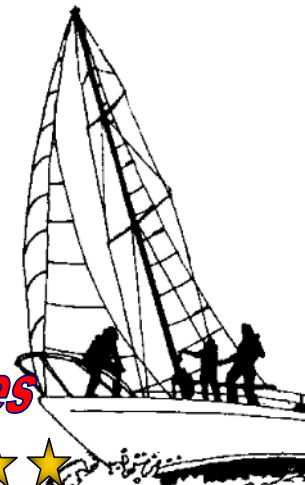
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Bring your Sail Team

Registration Fee \$20 per boat
Sign up to Crew on a Boat.
Power Boats needed for committee vessels
Volunteers needed to man committee boats

Poker Run and Lawn Games



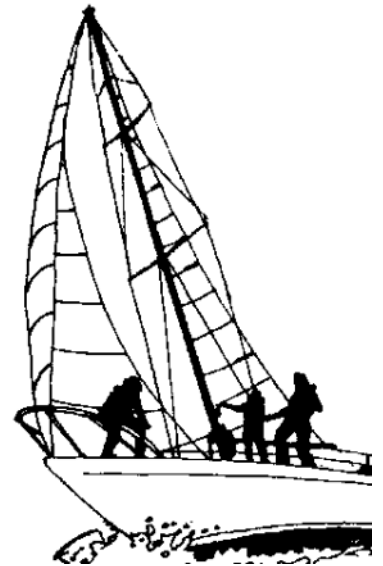
So ya want to be in a regatta, do ya?

The 2009 D5 Sail Regatta will be held on Saturday, October 3rd during the Fall Festival at Herrington Harbor South. The regatta is open to all sailboats, regardless of make, vintage, size or experience.

Entry Fee is \$20.00 per boat. Registration deadline is September 25th, 2009. Check in on Friday (10/2) when you arrive for the Festival.

Handicapping will be done using PHRF ratings, and boats will be assigned to divisions as needed. This will be a 2 sail event (standard headsail and mainsail ONLY). No spinnakers, asymmetrics, staysails or whisker poles will be permitted. Assorted prizes will be awarded to the top finishers, with bragging rights and fun assured for all.

A skipper's briefing will be held the morning of the race. Start time for the first division is 1000, finishing time for all no later than 1500. The race committee may modify the




course or event duration depending on conditions during the regatta.

Do you need some extra crewmembers or want to be part of a crew? Let us know and we'll try to help out.

Don't want to sail but still want to participate? We need committee boats and volunteers to staff them. For additional information, comments and questions please contact P/C Jeff McKinney, JN at

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FRIDAY - 2 October

1700 Anglers Boat Assignment
1730 Pitchin Cocktail Party (BYOB)
1900 Dinner on your own

SATURDAY - 3 October

0800 Fisherman Depart
0800 Sail Captains Meeting
1000 Sail Regatta

Non-Sailors or Fisherman Activities
Depart for Trawler Fest @ Solomons
Lawn games
Poker Run

1400 Fisherman Return
1500 Sailors Return
1930 Award Banquet / Buffet Dinner

SUNDAY - 4 October

0800 Pitchin Breakfast
0930 Seminar on anchoring
 presented by: P/D/Lt/C Carole Tulip, JN
1200 Depart for Home



USPS D/5 SAIL REGATTA AND FALL FESTIVAL
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ACTIVITIES SELECTIONS

Registration Fee (Per adult, includes Coffee Bar, Games, Awards) # _____ @ \$5.00 \$ _____

Sail Regatta Registration - \$20.00 per boat # _____ @ \$20.00 \$ _____

Regatta Volunteers (circle one): I'm interested in: Being a race crew member. / Helping on committee boat

Anglers Registration - \$10.00 per person # _____ @ \$10.00 \$ _____

FRIDAY NIGHT PITCH IN COCKTAIL PARTY - 1730 _____ BYOB
Will contribute soda, water, wine, or case of beer to Ice Chest _____

SATURDAY AWARD BANQUET DINNER: # _____ @ \$38.00 \$ _____
Roasted Salmon, BBQ Chicken Buffet – Cash Bar

SUNDAY PITCH IN BREAKFAST # _____ @ pot luck Your choice
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Seminar on anchoring by P/D/Lt/C Carole Tulip, JN
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Navigation Contest Wrap Up

D/Lt Robert (Bob) Beltz, JN



United States Power Squadrons®
D5 Navigation Contest Team Results



District 5 Navigation Contest Commander's Trophy

Dundalk 04:31 Early

Team 2 Battlewagon
Rat Ark

Dupont Trophy

Battlewagon 00:16 Early

CBYCA Winner

Battlewagon 00:16 Early

Novice Winner

Job Site 05:23 Late

WJZ Trophy

Dundalk 02:16

Squadron With Most Boats

Dundalk 4

SourPuss

Dundalk
Team 1 Consiglia
Jenny Lynn Too

Richardson

Dundalk





The United States Power Squadrons® D5 Navigation Contest Results



Place	Wave	Boat Name	Error	
1	W-1	Battlewagon	00:16	Early
2	Y-2	Rat ARK	01:37	Early
3	Y-3	Consiglia	03:32	Early
4	W-2	Jenny Lynn Too	03:40	Early
5	Y-1	Comfort Zone	04:52	Early
6	W-3	Job Site	05:23	Late

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2009 Governing Board

Kansas City here we come

Join your fellow USPS members as we head to wonderful Kansas City, Mo., for the 2009 USPS Governing Board Meeting. In Kansas City, you'll find everything from jazz to juicy barbecue. So clear your calendar for the second week of September and join the fun.

Getting There & Getting around

When flying in to Kansas City for the 2009 USPS Governing Board from 9 to 13 Sept., you can take the SuperShuttle to the Hyatt for the USPS rate of \$29 round trip. Hotel self-parking is \$8 a day for USPS members.

Museums galore

Kansas City has an abundance of art galleries and museums. The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, which has the world's third-largest oriental art collection, also hosts a large Thomas Hart Benton collection. Admission is free, but the museum does charge for parking.

The Toy & Miniature Museum has a huge collection of toys, including more than 100 antique dollhouses with furnishings, cast iron and tin toys, and trains. At the Steamboat Arabia Museum you'll find more than 200 tons of artifacts from the sunken steamboat. The American Jazz Museum at 18th and Vine is just a short bus or taxi ride from the hotel. A recent addition to Kansas City, the National World War I Museum under the Liberty Memorial should not be missed. Union Station, which is connected to the Hyatt by a series of covered walkways, has a huge display of working model trains as well as the Irish Museum and various changing attractions in its large halls.

You should definitely find time to visit the Truman Library and Museum in Independence, Mo. You can also visit the Truman Home while you're in Independence.

Shop 'til you drop

You'll find shopping within easy reach at the Crown Center, which is connected to the hotel by covered, climate-controlled walkways that are also handicapped accessible.

Another prime shopping and dining area, Country Club Plaza has more than 180 shops and restaurants, so you'll be certain to find something of interest. Even if you're not in the buying mood, take a stroll and enjoy the artwork, fountains, sculptures and mosaics.

Go Irish

Come early and attend the famous Kansas City Irish Fest from 4 to 6 Sept. at the Crown Center Square located between the Hyatt and Westin hotels. Festival admission is \$10 a day.



Dine with friends

Start your day on a high note by attending the USPS Continental Breakfast Buffet from 0600 to 0900 on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Reserve your room

Our meeting hotel is the Hyatt Regency Crown Center at 2345 McGee St. Reserve online or call 800-233-1234; be sure to request the Power Squadrons rate of \$124 a night. –Rosemary Bialecke

Dress Code

Sunday–Tuesday, 6–8 Sept. 2009

USPS casual or other appropriate attire.

Wednesday–Thursday, 9–10 Sept.

USPS polo or other appropriate attire.

Friday, 11 Sept.

USPS polo or dress shirt and tie with blazer or other appropriate attire.

Saturday, 12 Sept.

Daytime

Uniform F. Men: Regulation long-sleeved white shirt with black four-in-hand tie; regulation black uniform trousers; black belt (if worn); black socks; black shoes; cap or other appropriate attire. Ladies: Regulation long-sleeved white shirt; black skirt or slacks; black crossover tie; black shoes; cap; black purse (if carried) or other appropriate attire.

Evening

USPS blazer, gray slacks, white shirt and tie or other appropriate attire. Uniforms





Vessel Safety Check Committee

MILESTONE REACHED

Submitted by: Fred Stiehl

Bill Neubrand, AP, Past Commander of the Peekskill Power Squadron and currently a member of the Ocean City Power Squadron has reached the 500 mark! Bill has conducted more than 500 vessel safety checks for the Ocean City Power Squadron since the program was started in 2001. Bill was in the first class of examiners authorized by OCPS and has been working each year since then to assure that boaters in the Ocean City area are operating

their vessels in a safe manner. He shows no sign of letting up and the Squadron and the public have benefitted greatly from his dedicated work in this area.

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Kids' Korner....

D/Lt Carole Reilley, AP



At the District 5 Summer Council in Cape Charles, Virginia there were 18 posters on display for the Boarman National USPS Youth Poster Contest. The theme was "Boating is Fun". There were some great ideas depicting this theme and very good art work. In the 6 to 8 year age group there

were four submitted, in the 9 to 11 age group there were eleven, and three in the 12-14 age group. These posters had been previously judged at squadron level and the top ones were brought to the district meeting. Everyone present at the meeting was given the opportunity to vote for one poster in each age group. The three winning posters from this voting will be taken to Kansas City in September at the National Governing Board Meeting where they will be judged with other districts submissions. The Grand National winner in each age category will receive \$150; first runners-up will receive \$100 and \$75 to second runners-up in each division.



Congratulations to first place winners in District 5

6-8 year age group:

Lane Sweaney, 8 years old

Submitted by:

Virginia Beach Sail and Power Squadron

9-11 year age group:

Sophia Talese, 11 years old

Submitted by:

Delsea Power Squadron

12-14 year age group:

Kathleen Murray, 13 years old

Submitted by:

Patapsco River Power Squadron

Thank you to all participants and the squadrons that sponsored this event.

D/Lt Carole Reilley, AP Chairperson of Youth Poster Contest



Too cold to go boating? Come to the D/5 Fall Education Conference and heat up your brain!

D/Lt Jeff McKinney, JN

Everyone says November is a lousy time to go boating in the bay. Why not put your “down-time” to good use and come to the 2009 Fall Education Conference? **Rockville Sail & Power Squadron** is your host this year, and they are working hard with the D/5 Bridge to make this a memorable event.

The conference will be held at the gorgeous Rockville Hilton (1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD) on November 5-7. This location has nearly everything you could want on-site or within a short distance. There is a first-rate Conference Center, plenty of space, and an expert hotel staff to assist you. As previously mentioned in the last Mark 5, there is a METRO station just a short walk that provides quick access to the many sights in the Maryland, Washington D.C., and Northern Virginia region.

The D/5 Bridge is working hard to finalize the agenda, and I’ll post the details as soon as they become available. Among the topics to be presented are the latest information on the Boat Operators Certification (BOC), the many new USPS seminars, and round-tables on the current course offerings.

Other highlights will include plenty of time to catch up with old friends, make some new ones, and swap tales of the past boating season’s adventures. Have a favorite teaching aid? Bring it along to share with your fellow instructors. The big night will be at the grand banquet on Saturday, when all the awards are presented to the various squadrons and individual winners.

Are you a presenter? Rockville has assembled a *Speaker Support Team* to take care of your specific needs. Once the agenda is announced they will contact the speakers to help

make their job as easy as possible. They have some other new things in the works, but you’ll need to check back in the next edition for details. In the meantime, why not save some time and get that registration form (in this issue) in the mail today?

Mark 5 needs your HELP

By: D/Lt/C Guy B. Thompson, AP D/5 Secretary

You know U.S. Postage is getting more and more expensive; you know that one of the cost factors involved in producing the Mark 5 is postage; you know money is getting harder to come by. So, here is the problem; too many copies of the Mark 5 are being returned, “Postage Due”, because of both temporary and permanent moves, just plain bad addresses on file, and even because some of our members have joined the Eternal Cruise, all without providing the proper change of address. How can you help? Keep District informed of changes in your squadron rosters by keeping DB2000 up-to-date.. The District really needs the individual squadrons help with this. The total postage spent on non-deliverable issues during the last mailing is now up to \$30.00. Doesn’t sound like much but it could certainly be used for a better purpose than supporting that “other” USPS.

For right now please advise the District Secretary, D/Lt/C Guy Thompson, AP, 14226-11 Jib St, Laurel, MD 20707 – or gbthompson@verizon.net, of address or roster changes that will affect District mailings to your squadron members.

RESERVATION FORM
USPS D/5 FALL EDUCATION CONFERENCE
5 – 9 NOVEMBER 2009
Rockville, Maryland

MEMBER: Rank _____ Name: _____ Grade: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

SQUADRON: _____ POSITION: _____ FIRST TIMER? _____

E-mail: _____ PHONE: _____

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ACTIVITIES SELECTIONS

(Cost includes tax and gratuity for each meal)

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SATURDAY AUXILIARY LUNCHEON

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_____ @ \$35.00 \$ _____

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1 ticket for \$2.00 or 3 tickets for \$5.00 # _____ @ \$2 or \$5 \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to: 2009 D/5 Fall Conference

Meal Reservations must be received by 15 October 2009

SEND TO: Lt/C Denise Allen, JN
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Uniform – Thursday/Friday – USPS/Squadron shirts. Saturday – USPS Blazer w/grey slacks, Banquet – Uniform A with bowtie.

Rockville Hilton Hotel

Website: <http://www.rockvillehotel.com>

1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852

Reservations 1-301-468-1100 Reservation ID Code: U. S. Power Squadrons

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY 15 OCTOBER 2009 TO ENSURE USPS RATES

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Directions: From I 495 (Capital Beltway), take exit 34, Wisconsin Ave./Rockville Pike north on route 355. Go about 4 miles, to just past intersection with Twinbrook Parkway. Hotel will be on the right. Parking is free in the garage.

Fall Conference 2009 Educational Program Preview

Rockville Hilton; 5-8 November, 2009

Educational Officer, D/Lt/C Walter K. Neese, SN

Bring your bridge and squadron education team, including all your instructors and their winning entries for the teaching aids competition. All squadron members will be glad they came to see and hear the latest at the Education Conference for 2009.

A New USPS University Seminar – we will present one of the hot, new seminar topics released this year. Those who attend will receive credit for attending in HQ database.

Train the Trainer: Presenting Seminars – useful information for those giving USPS University Seminars – both in scheduling and targeting audiences, and for instructors in presenting the material. Thanks to your national educational department.

Subject Group Focus Sessions – short presentations will be made by invited speakers of general interest to each of eight subject groups of classes and seminars, separated according to the national educational committees. District representatives for the included courses and seminars will introduce themselves and their courses, take questions, and identify issues for further discussion offline. Everybody should be able to attend two of these sessions.

SEO/ASEO Training – roundtable sessions to share ideas and successes among squadron educational teams and explore ways to support and benefit one another.

Education General Session – a chance to find out about the latest developments with USPS University offerings from national education team as presented at the Fall Governing Board meeting in September.

Another Instructor Recertification Seminar – attend the 2-hour refresher presentation to renew your certification status for another four years – a must for instructors; mandatory for those who teach USPS public boating courses for state certificate (such as ABC3), before the date your certification expires.

Teaching Aids Competition – all squadrons are invited to participate in this annual event; entries will be judged using the “You Be the Judge” format, where exhibit attendees will be invited to pick the best. Categories are: electronic teaching aid, traditional teaching aid, and best-in-show. Recognitions for the educational achievements over the 2008-2009 year will be awarded – some at the Saturday evening banquet, and others in the Sunday morning Conference session. Particularly, the very special **Prince Henry the Navigator Award** and **Caravelle Trophy** will be presented by the Naval Attaché of the Embassy of Portugal. Further the **Charles F. Chapman Award** for the year’s most outstanding teacher in D5 will be awarded.

Watch for the Fall Conference schedule to be published in the weeks to come on the D5 website, www.uspsd5.org.

Notes and News from the D5 LAW COMMITTEE

WHAT TO DO . . . When someone makes a personal injury claim against your squadron.

Specifically, what do you do when your squadron receives a letter from a lawyer claiming that his/her client was injured on a squadron event and the client is seeking damages from the squadron.

One of our squadrons recently was faced with that problem, complicated by the fact that there was no squadron event on the date and at the place of the alleged injury, and that the claimant was not a person known to the squadron.

The squadron Executive Officer contacted the D5 Law Officer, who attempted to get more information from the attorney and to explain that the squadron could not have been involved in the situation on which the claim allegedly was based. Not surprisingly, the attorney did not return the several voice mail messages and did not provide any information that would connect his client to the squadron or any of its events.

The squadron also was advised to contact the insurance agent for USPS, because squadron events generally are covered by USPS insurance. Who to contact was the issue, the answer to which now is on the USPS website under "Member Stuff,"

District and Squadron Event Insurance." At that site you will find a summary of the liability insurance coverage provided for squadrons. The program is underwritten by the Chubb Group of Insurance Companies, and USPS's insurance broker is Gowrie Barden & Brett. The contact people are Mr. Steve Prime, tel 401.846.5130, email stevep@gowrie.com, and Ms. Mary Diaz, tel 800.262.8911, email maryd@gowrie.com.

Once contact was made with the brokers, they took over sending notices to the attorney denying involvement by the squadron and seeking to have the demand notice withdrawn. Whatever the attorney chooses to do, the insurance companies will handle the case and the squadron will be protected.

Two important lessons came out of this situation. The first was prompt action was crucial in notifying D5 so that the squadron could get the advice

P/D/C Alfred "Bud" Holmes, SN,

passed away on 2 June 2009. Bud was D/C in 1984, after coming up the bridge in Virginia Beach Power Squadron and then in the district. He is most remembered for his dedication to the Cooperative Charting program, born of his years as a Naval pilot, an employee of NOAA and an aerial pilot flying U.S. Coast Guard aircraft. He also flew FAA planes for NOAA.

A major contribution of Bud's to the district was to begin the Co-op charting workshops for D/5 and D/27. These workshops are still in existence as a tribute to his leadership.

Bud was a retired Rear Admiral. His career included being a torpedo plane pilot in the Pacific in World War II, being chosen to join NOAA, where he served for years at sea on its hydrographic survey vessels and being a member of field parties conducting geodetic triangulation. He received numerous medals and awards during his lifetime, including the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal and a Presidential Unit Citation. He is survived by his wife, Ingeborg, three daughters, a stepson, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, to whom we extend our sympathy on the loss of this extraordinary man.

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on how to deal with the attorney's notice letter, in particular to get the squadron in touch with the insurance broker without delay.

Equally instructional is the need for careful record keeping with regard to squadron

events. The claim in this case related to a squadron outing on a chartered boat on the Delaware River. The claimant alleges that she was injured while boarding the same boat as that chartered by the squadron, but on a different date and obviously on a different occasion. The squadron has records to show the date of its event, and has a record of the persons who attended their cruise, both of which contradict any involvement with the claimant. While it may appear to be a simple thing that such records exist, that is not always the case if a squadron does not pay attention to such details. Just as a ship's log is an important legal document if a boating event creates an issue of legal responsibility, so also squadron records of its activities and the participants may become important if a dispute arises, even one that appears to be lacking in merit.

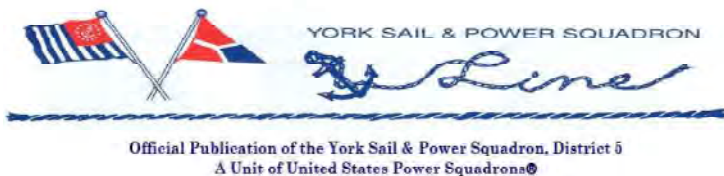
The matter is still open at the moment. We will follow it and report on the outcome. In the meantime, every squadron should note the contact information above for the USPS insurance broker and should review the summary of insurance coverage in the USPS website. And always feel free to contact the D5 Law Committee for advice and assistance in dealing with any situation that you believe may involve a legal issue. If you are not sure, contact us. The sooner the better.

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Squadron Snippets

(Happenings from around the District)



Five reasons to take a close look at your boat propeller

Selecting the right propeller for your boat's motor is sometimes as much art as it is science. That's because every boater uses their boat in different ways and under different conditions. The January 2009 issue of *Seaworthy* from BoatU.S. Marine Insurance recently looked at why you may want to take a closer look at your prop this winter and ask yourself these five questions:

1. Is your boat slow to come onto plane? Pitch is the theoretical distance a prop makes though the water in one revolution. If a prop has too much pitch the boat will have a lousy "hole shot" — meaning its ability to get on plane quickly will suffer, similar to trying to start a car from a stop in third gear. Your tachometer can also indicate potential problems with pitch. Assuming you have a clean, well-maintained boat, your boat's engine should reach within 100-200 revolutions per minute of its rated wide open throttle (WOT). If not, a prop shop may need to adjust pitch.
2. Does your engine over-rev and boat seem slow? If there is too little pitch in the prop, the engine will over-rev and go past its redline at WOT. A prop shop can also add more pitch or recommend a new prop. Both under and over-reving can seriously damage an engine.
3. Did you run over a log, hit a sandbar or stump? You may have forgotten about that little bump that happened last summer, but your prop hasn't and it could affect performance when you launch in the spring. One prop shop proprietor reported to *Seaworthy* that 80% of the damaged propellers that come in to his repair facility look healthy at first glance — until they are reviewed with computerized repair equipment.
4. Do you want to go faster? The first place to look is the prop. Stainless-steel props, with thinner and stronger blades,

AIS (Automated Identification System)

Here is a web site I thought all the ASPS members might find interesting. The following link will take you to a web site which shows all commercial maritime traffic in real time. It uses the new AIS (Automatic Identification System). It was forwarded to me by a friend who obtained the link while at SOS (Singles on Sailboats) Spring training. I've been monitoring ships traveling up and down the Chesapeake Bay for the past few days and it's amazing how much traffic is out there on any given day. By hovering your mouse pointer over the ship, you can display its name, heading and speed. You can also see a number of ships currently at anchor below the Bay bridge (which was the subject of the main page of *The Capital* newspaper this past weekend). Select a gray area of coverage to zoom in, use the hand pointer to slide the map to the area you want to see and then start zooming in more (which may require you to reposition the map).

<http://www.marinetraffic.com/ais/>

Submitted by:
John Deutsch
On board Odyssey

allow slightly more speed. However, the trade-off is that they are also more costly to purchase and repair, and should you strike a submerged object a stainless prop has the potential to cause greater lower unit damage than an aluminum prop.

5. Using too much fuel? It's a good idea to monitor fuel flow, either with a fuel flow meter or by doing the math. When fuel economy starts to suffer the first thing to check is for propeller damage as a dinged prop can easily rob you up to 10% in fuel costs.



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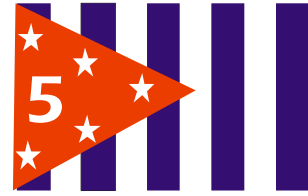
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