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DISTRICT 5 FALL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE



This year's Fall Educational Conference will be held 22-24 November at the gorgeous Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay in Cambridge, MD. This resort is situated on the Choptank River and boasts a 150 slip marina, 18 hole golf course, tennis courts, a massive glass-enclosed heated pool, and a world class full-service spa. In addition to these features, there are three restaurants on site to give you a multitude of dining options. Starting on 22 November is "Oyster Week at the Hyatt," where they will be showcasing oyster tastings and wine pairings, oyster menu specials, and cooking demonstrations. The Hyatt also offers activities for children, including a game room and a life-sized chess board. At night, you can make s'mores at the outside fire-place to warm yourself up.

If that isn't enough, there are lots of activities to do in the surrounding area. Downtown Cambridge is filled with locally owned restaurants and shops where you can get a head start on holiday shopping. While in Cambridge, you can visit the Choptank River Lighthouse, Skipjack Nathan of Dorchester, Richardson Maritime Museum, Historic Downtown Cambridge tours, Dorchester Heritage Museum, and the Harriet Tubman Museum and Educational Center. Dorchester County is also home to Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge, a 27,000-acre refuge that is home to one of the largest populations of bald eagles on the East Coast. Also located in Dorchester County are Layton's Chance Winery and Breckenridge Farms, which operates a corn maze (weather permitting).

As a special incentive to arrive early, there will be a murder mystery dinner at a local restaurant on Thursday, 21 November. Please sign up early for this event as seating is limited. Your host for the conference is the Cambridge Sail and Power Squadron. **Room Reservations are due by Friday 25 October.** Please contact Commander John O'Reilly (410-228-1856) if you have any questions.



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Commander's Message

Cdr Marty Lafferty, AP

There are so many Members to thank for their leadership and support of Crossing Paths Reunion, District 5's highly successful **2013 Summer Council & Rendezvous** with District 27 in Cape Charles, VA. See the report on page 7.

Thanks also to District Executive Officer Jim Colston, AP, who led our contingent at the USPS® National Governing Board Meeting in San Antonio, TX, along with fellow Bridge Officers; District Administrative Officer Fuzzy Jones, S, District Secretary Kenny Perigo, SN, Assistant District Education Officer Joe Gibson, AP and Assistant District Secretary Beth Thompson, JN, as well as Chief Aides Alex & Carole Reilley and fourteen D/C Aides.

District 5 received national recognition at the Governing Board with First Place in the prestigious P/C/C William D. Selden, IV, SN Membership Involvement & Retention Award (MIRA). Every Member of D/5 shares in that honor. See more in the articles on page 24.

Above all, please check throughout this edition of Mark 5 for detailed information about the **USPS® District 5 Fall Educational Conference**.

DEO Bill McManimen, SN and D/F/Lt & Cdr John O'Reilly, AP of our host Cambridge Squadron have teamed closely in planning what promises to be a spectacular event at the magnificent Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay in Cambridge, MD.

The 2013 Fall Educational Conference, scheduled for 22-24 November, will continue to celebrate the upcoming US Power Squadrons Centennial with an array of very special events.

There will be Boat Operator Certification (BOC) training, major course updates, seminars, workshops, special topic sessions, demos, awards, cocktail parties, excellent cuisine, and more!

Joining us will be USPS® National Education Officer V/C Bob Brandenstein, SN and Portuguese Defense Military, Navy, and Air Attaché Colonel Jorge da Silva.

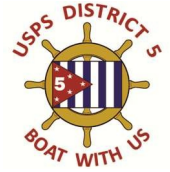
Come by boat or by car. The resort offers especially attractive off-season rates for boaters at its own marina. Or take advantage of exceptional sleeping room discounts available exclusively to D/5 Members.

This will be **the** highlight of the season. Come enjoy fun with friends and celebrate the best of United States Power Squadrons®.

A special salute goes to host Patuxent River Sail & Power Squadron. Cdr Wayne Rogers, SN and his team performed extraordinary work in overseeing the preparation and execution of the 2013 D/5 Sail Regatta, Fishing Tournament, & Fall Festival 27-29 September at Zahniser's Marina in Solomons Island, MD. A recap and pictures will be in the Winter issue of the Mark 5.



The Patuxent River group partnered particularly well with Sail Race Chair D/Lt Jon Van Winkle, SN of the Rockville Sail & Power Squadron and Fishing Competition Chair P/D/C Bernie Karpers, JN of Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron.



Host squadron activity leaders of note included Cheryl Speer, who directed the Weekend Poker Run and obtained discounts for attendees at local shops and restaurants; Lt/C Patricia Wagner, S and Lt/C Susan Moenssens, who organized the delicious and hearty breakfasts for participants; Mary McConnell, S and R/C Kay Simkins, AP who arranged for the Awards Banquet -- plus Hal Willard who provided fabulous centerpieces.

Kudos also to Lt/C Scott McConnell, S for wrangling dock-hands, leading VSCs, and setting up the boating safety display; Abdel Ismael for handling registrations; and Lt/C Al Simkins, JN for serving as event treasurer.

We're also very grateful to P/D/C Bill Selden, AP and his CP Dean company for providing Awards for Regatta and Tournament Winners, and to Patapsco River Sail & Power Squadron Commander & Chesapeake Cruisers Association (CCA) Commodore Guy Thompson, JN for partnering with us on this year's event and providing Saturday's lunches. And finally, Sari & I wish to thank Delhigh Squadron's Brent & Jane Rhoads for hosting us aboard "Copacetic" at Rock Hall, MD for the Dundalk Crab Feast.

Please put Saturday 2 November on your calendar for the D/5-Delhigh Land Navigation Contest in Bethlehem, PA. If you've never participated in this uniquely squadron road rally, this is your chance to find out what you're missing. It's enormously fun and provides a great opportunity to connect with friends throughout the District. See more info on pages 25-27.

Meanwhile, it's still very much the season...come boat with us!

DISTRICT 5 WINTER TRAINING SESSION

The 2014 D/5 Winter Training Session (WTS) will be held 14-16 February 2014 at the Maritime Institute in Linthicum Heights, MD centrally located in District 5. This event provides updated Officer Training, Leadership Development, Team Building, District and Departmental Showcases built from and improving upon the 2013 offerings. New for 2014 is a special session for outgoing Squadron Commanders.

WTS was created in response to two concerns voiced by Members: 1) having to take a day off work for officer training; and 2) getting trained too late in the year.

All incoming Squadron Bridge Officers, Executive Committee Members, and Squadron leaders in other key roles (e.g., Membership, VSCs, Communications), plus current Commanders, should attend WTS.

The schedule will allow those who don't wish to stay overnight to attend just for Saturday 15 February. But for those who do stay over, there will be Friday and Saturday networking cocktail receptions, buffet dinners catered by award-winning chefs, and entertainment – including a special Valentine's Day event on Friday evening. The Maritime Institute's cuisine truly is excellent.

In fact, this nautically-oriented facility, which hosts training for a broad spectrum of professionals in the maritime industries, is unlike any other conference center. From onsite simulators and marine computer labs to high-speed Internet and video-conferencing to a spacious dining room and comfortable hotel guest accommodations, the Maritime Institute offers the perfect mix of professional staff, equipment, and conference space to very affordably meet our needs.

It also boasts an indoor pool, fitness center, and very comfortably appointed meeting rooms for our use.

The schedule and registration forms will be made available on the District 5 website shortly.

For questions or to help-out with this event, please contact D/Lt/C Jim Colston, AP. We look forward to seeing you in Linthicum.

District 5 Summer Cruise

The Southbound Cruise for District 5 started at Herrington North with 11 boats. There was an outstanding dock party, and even though the dock was narrow no one fell into the water. We had a little rain, but our spirits were not dampened at all.

The next day we left for the Solomons and all docked at the large floating dock at the Calvert Marina, which put all the boats together. Another dock party was held where members enjoyed great friendship.

The Cruise left early the next morning for Point Lookout Marina, which was an in-between stop from the Solomons to the Tides on the Rappahannock River. For all the boats the trip was uneventful. At Point Lookout, the restaurant opened especially for us, and most if not all the cruisers took part in eating there. The food was good, but the company was even better.

In looking at the weather on the Bay, leaving Point Lookout did not look bad, but when the boats got out there, it was not as advertised by the Weather Channel. The forecast told us it would be 3 footers on the Bay, but when we got out there we faced 6 footers with a little larger ones every once in a while. To make it worse, our course went right into the "teeth" of the waves which did not allow for any type of speed. Some boats went to the lee of the land mass, others plowed onward, one went behind a bigger boat and let them cut the waves down, and some turned back to Point Lookout. Not only was it very windy, but the rain came down in buckets which made visibility low. Docking in the wind would have made excellent videos as USPS® members showed how well we handle our vessels. The dock master thought he would have some cheap entertainment, but he was disappointed as all Captains and crews did an outstanding job. As able bodied sea people of USPS®, most made it to the Tides where we all had a good time playing golf or riding bicycles.

After two days, or in some cases one day, we went across the Bay to Cape Charles for the Summer Rendezvous. It was a little rough but nothing compared to the trip from Point Lookout. All boats made the trip without any problems. The Summer Rendezvous with District 27 was excellent, and so were the three days we spent at Kings Creek.

Our next stop was Somers Cove in Crisfield, and we were happy to have great weather there. The next day some boats went up the Nanticoke River and some went back to Calvert. After two days in Calvert we traveled to Tilghman Island, and again it was a little rough but again not bad. Two days at Tilghman on the Chesapeake was great. Eating at Harrison's is always a treat. We then all went our own way home.

All in all we had 15 boats at different times for the Cruise. This speaks volumes about how active District 5 is and how the members support the D/5 activities.

P/D/C Ralph Bernard, AP



D/5 Summer Cruise



Circumnavigating the Delmarva Peninsula

Stf/C Alan Karpas, SN



The sailing vessels Hideaway, skippered by Stf/C Alan Karpas, JN and Event Horizon skippered by P/D/C Jeff McKinney, JN, sailed around the Delmarva Peninsula in route to the D/5 Summer Rendezvous. The crew on Hideaway included National BOC Chairman, R/C Chris Windeler, SN, and Rockville members; Neal White, S and Patricia Peter, AP. Event Horizon's crew included Rockville members P/C Jon Van Winkle, SN, Paul Ostrye, JN and Jon Griffin, JN.

The crews for the trip met at Maryland Yacht Club on Sunday 4 August for a crew meeting to review the course and establish communication and safety procedures. The cruise started at 0500 on Monday 5 August. The first leg of 55 nautical miles took them up the Bay and through the C&D Canal. They arrived at the Delaware City Marina in Delaware City at 1600. The narrow entrance to the Delaware City Marina, with a current of 2 knots, provided their first real interesting experience. Due to the narrow channel, they could not turn around and had to dock with the current. Once at dock, the experienced marina crew turned them around so they could leave in the morning. After a great dinner at a local pub they all got a good night's sleep in preparation for another early departure on Tuesday.

As planned, the two boats got underway at 0500 with the help of the dock master. After squeezing out of very tight slips, they headed for the Delaware River and the Delaware Bay. Using good piloting practices, the crews kept a log of the trip, plotting their position every hour. Since Hideaway was equipped with radar, a chart plotter, a navigation computer and Class "B" AIS, she lead the way keeping Event Horizon informed of concerning traffic. This 193 nautical miles, 36 hour leg of the trip took the boats south in the Atlantic Ocean before turning north into the Chesapeake Bay to the Kings Creek Marina. Since they were sailing nonstop, the boat captains set up watches so that no one person would be at the helm alone. A minimum of two crew members were standing watch at all times. When possible, they sailed but, when due to wind (or the lack of it), it became impossible to maintain a positive VMG toward their waypoints, they went under power. Entering Kings Creek was another challenge as the water in the creek is very shallow. Since they were arriving at low tide and anticipating a problem with the thin water, Alan made arrangements with the dock master at Kings Creek Marina to call him when they were within range of the creek. The dock master came out to meet them and guided them into the marina. The guide boat had a 10' pole that they used to check the depths as Hideaway and Event Horizon followed their lead. They took a couple of green buoys to starboard as they were lead safely into the marina. Local knowledge was absolutely required to get in to the harbor.



For those of you who have never sailed overnight in the ocean, it is quite different than in the Bay. There are no land targets and very few lights. You must watch your charts and compass to maintain your course. Each hour they consulted their paper charts and plotted their position to double check their progress.

The return trip started on Sunday at 1200 at high tide! This 126 nautical mile leg was an overnight sail up the Bay. The challenges cruising overnight on the Bay are significantly different than in the open ocean. Lights are everywhere! At night, the watches were particularly observant to assure they were heading to the appropriate mark. Commercial vessels were frequent targets. The AIS proved to be a very helpful tool to identify the commercial vessels and allowed for good communications with them to discuss passing or meeting procedures. Unfortunately, the wind from the south did not allow them to sail as much as they would have liked and had to motor most of the way north. The two vessels arrived back at the Maryland Yacht Club at 0830 on 12 August.

The experience was a lot of fun and provided a valuable education for the crews of both boats. If there are members who would like to make this trip next year, Alan said he would be happy to lead it again. D/5 could make circumnavigating the Delmarva an annual event.



CROSSING PATHS REUNION

By D/C Marty Lafferty, AP

We begin by thanking Meetings and Rendezvous (M&R) Chair P/D/C Arlene Anderson, AP who had the idea for CROSSING PATHS REUNION two years ago and since then has worked tirelessly on planning every aspect of this tremendous undertaking, teaming very effectively with her counterpart, P/R/C Sarah McCurry, AP of District 27.

Arlene's work was completed by P/C Mary Fisher, P (Nansemond River), who started out heading reservations, but ended up doing much, much more than that. We all owe Mary a huge debt of gratitude.

Sari & I are especially grateful to Stu & Lee Myers for graciously hosting us aboard "Aisling" during the 2013 District 5 Summer Cruise, Council, and Rendezvous.

This year, District 5 offered our boaters two options: the District Summer Southbound Cruise, chaired by P/D/C Ralph Bernard, AP (Absecon Island), which attracted 15 boats; and Sail Around DelMarVa, chaired by Stf/C Alan Karpas, JN (Rockville), which in its first year had two boats. Both provided phenomenal experiences for all who had the privilege of taking part in these very memorable on-the-water activities.

The Summer Rendezvous at Kings Creek Marina in Cape Charles, VA attracted seventy-two boats in all. Early arrivals on Thursday evening enjoyed a chili dinner hosted by DAO Fuzzy Jones, S (Dundalk), with desserts provided by District 27.

There were numerous special activities on Friday, including the latest installment of D/5's *Ask The Doctor* series, featuring Howard Cupples, MD (Annapolis). The Friday evening Block Party was enormously entertaining thanks to the efforts of activity Chair Jim Ziegler, SN and the talented P/C Dave Teets, AP (both Richmond).

Saturday morning's Flag Raising Ceremony, we were honored by the presence of USPS® C/C John Alter, SN; National Treasurer V/C Gary Cheney, SN; and ANEO R/C Bob Palmer, SN; plus Cape Charles Mayor Dora Sullivan. D/5 P/D/C Bill Selden, AP (Richmond) and P/C/C & D/27 P/D/C Ernie Marshburn, SN shared duties as emcees.

The Squadron Centennial Ribbons Ceremony had 100% participation of District 5 Squadrons, and our Past District Commanders contributed an additional ribbon in honor of all P/D/Cs who have come before. The solemn Bell Tolling Ceremony was led by Chaplain Lois Nehmer-Schiff, SN (Dundalk).

At our Council Meeting, USPS® C/C John Alter, SN served as our National Representative. Nominating Committee Chair P/D/C Chris Brown, JN (Delhigh) obtained approval for new D/5 Governing Board Members; the 2014-15 Budget was approved for submission to Conference; the Patuxent River Squadron received an advance for the 2013 Sail Regatta; and the Rockville Sail & Power Squadron paid the District our 20% share of the 2013 Spring Conference surplus plus a separate additional \$750 contribution for D/5 Marketing.

The District Commanders' Cocktail Party was a real highlight thanks to Co-Chairs Ginny Brown (Delhigh) & Kathy Karpers (Dundalk) and the contributions of more than two-dozen phenomenally gifted D/C Aides. Ralph & Dave Bernard and Tony Carugno (Absecon Island) did a great job bartending.

The Southern Style Dinner/Awards Presentations were emceed by R/C Kay Simkins, AP (Patuxent River) and D/27's R/C Jamie McCurry, SN.

Kids Games were ably and very FUN-ly chaired by D/Lt Maryellen Colston, AP (Mid-Potomac). Awards went to participating children Kirsten Butte (Miles River), Matthew & Ralph Carugno (Absecon Island).

The Corn Hole Tournament, chaired by P/C Tony Carugno, AP (Absecon Island), was won this year by Dt/L Jim Gorman, AP (Potomac River) and P/C Dave Bernard, AP (Absecon Island).

The Potato Cannon Competition, chaired by D/27, finished up with Norman Fisher in First Place (Nansemond River) and Gary Corcoran in Second Place (Delhigh).

The Small Boat Poker Run, co-chaired by P/D/C Dick Nitschke, SN & Cdr Bill Schwieder, AP (Virginia Beach), was won by Cdr Cyrus Nowroozani, JN (Delhigh), Lt/C Gary Corcoran, S (Delhigh); and also Jamie Switzer (Virginia Beach) and a prospective member guest.

The Centennial Boat Parade, expertly created and implemented by Chair D/Lt Frank Brown, AP (Nansemond River), had as Creativity Winner Butch Baxter, S (Nansemond River) on "Mar-Sue," Original Concept Winner P/C Jack Eure, AP (Nansemond River) on "Surprise," Respectful of Squadron Traditions Winner P/C Jack Eure, AP on "Surprise," Exemplary of Best of USPS® Winner P/C John Wilmot, AP (Potomac River) on "Lady J," and Overall First Place Winner P/C Jack Eure, AP on "Surprise." P/D/C Jeff McKinney, SN (Rockville) on "Event Horizon," P/D/C Bernie Karpers, JN (Dundalk) on "After Hours II," and Stf/C Alan Karpas, SN (Rockville) on "Hideaway" also participated.

The Silent Auction Raffle chaired by D/27 sold 22 Items for \$1,200, and the 50/50 Raffle grossed \$580. Finally, the hotly contested and much celebrated Navigation Contest, chaired once again by Dt/L Mel Shralow, AP (Delaware River) and supported with ADEO Joe Gibson, AP (Rockville) captaining the Committee Boat "Surprise" (Rockville) along with P/C John Wilmot, AP captaining the Review Boat "Lady J" (Potomac River), had as the Individual and Overall Winner P/C Richard Zahn, AP (Virginia Beach) on "Following Zs." The First Place Team Winners were Stf/C Walter Neese, SN on "Rat Ark" and Lt John Hall, AP on "Battle Wagon" (Dundalk); and the Second Place Team included P/D/C Bernie Karpers, JN on "After Hours II" and Cdr Steve DelGarno, N on "Jenny Lyn" (Dundalk).

This year's Navigation Contest truly was one of those "Only in America" stories of a new participant overcoming all odds to go all the way to the top. A real Cinderella story, and very inspirational! See the article later in this issue.

An additional feature of the 2013 Homebound Cruise was a special excursion to visit and celebrate USPS® the most recently USPS® chartered squadron, Nanticoke River, co-chaired by P/D/C Bernie Karpers, JN (Dundalk) and D/Lt Stu Myers, AP (Annapolis). Six participating boats were treated to wonderful hospitality by Nanticoke River Squadron Cdr CM Kohlenberg, S and NRSPS Members.

Everyone who had the opportunity to enjoy the Cape Charles experience looks forward to next year's Summer Council & Rendezvous, which will be hosted by the Miles River Sail & Power Squadron at Somers Cove Marina 1-3 August in Crisfield, MD. We hope even more D/5 members will join us.



2013 D/5& D/27 NAVIGATION CONTEST

The 2013 Navigation Contest was held on Saturday, 10 August, under fair skies and lovely weather. Five boats participated, four from Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron and one new entrant from Virginia Beach Sail & Power Squadron.

Proving that new participants can handle the load, "Following Z's," of Virginia Beach, skippered by P/C Dick Zahn, AP with Joe Bradley and Graham Fox navigating, came in first place with the shortest elapsed time variance, followed by "Rat Ark," "Battle Wagon," "Jenny Lynn Too," and "After Hours II," all of Dundalk, in that order of elapsed time variance.

Many thanks are extended to D/1st/Lt Joe Gibson, AP for providing the committee boat and to P/D/C Brian Becker, AP, and D/Lt Rhoda Shralow, S, for crewing the committee boat and keeping the records of the competition. Thanks also to D/Lt John Wilmot, JN, for providing the review boat. It is an inspiring part of the tradition surrounding the navigation contest to have the boats that have completed the course pass in review and be saluted by, and in turn salute to, the entire district bridge, all in uniform and arrayed along the deck of the review boat. Our thanks also to the volunteers who acted as observers on each of the entrant boats.

As the winning boat and a novice entry, "Following Z's" captured a truckload of trophies, including the DuPont Trophy as the first place boat, and the Robert E. Hale Award for the novice boat having the lowest finish time error. Virginia Beach SPS won the Commander's Trophy and the WJZ-TV Award as the squadron with the lowest finish time error. P/C Dick Zahn, AP, helmsman of "Following Z's" and a member of Old Point Comfort Yacht Club, won the CBYCA Trophy.

"Sour Puss" was retained by Dundalk SPS.

The contest was run this year under revised rules that allowed the crews of the boats entered in the contest to plot their courses a day in advance of running the course, and permitted GPS readings of latitude and longitude throughout the run. These changes were designed to remove the pressures on navigators to plot their courses in a short interval immediately before the start of the contest, and to make the event a learning experience in which the skills learned in the Boating, Piloting and Advanced Piloting courses are applied with whatever assistance is needed from the course materials and other members of the boat's squadron. From the comments received after the contest, these changes were greeted with approval by all.

As in past years, all of the participants, boats, crews, observers, committee members and bridge members expressed pleasure at the experience of participating in an ongoing tradition of D/5, joined now by D/27. We hope that more boats will be encouraged to participate next year and join in the delight navigating the waters of Chesapeake Bay.

D/Lt M. Melvin "Mel" Shralow, JN
Chair, D/5 Navigation Contest Committee



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D/5 Summer Council Thursday Early Arrivals



D/5 Summer Council Friday Activities



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Cooperative Charting

The Cooperative Charting year began on 1 April and ends next 31 March. We are therefore approximately one-third of the way into another year. With two or three months remaining in the boating season of good cruising weather, there is still time to participate in USPS® Cooperative Charting program.

Using the Internet you can find the latest updated edition of the Cooperative Charting Manual available online at <http://www.usps.org/national/coch/>. In the manual you'll find a number of non-technical programs available in which to choose. See which program best suits your interests. All reports must be made using Cooperative Charting Website (CCWEB). To get full credit all reports must be submitted within four weeks of the investigation date.

There has been much talk over the years about restarting the very popular Geodetic Recovery program. At the Governing Board meeting earlier this month, this subject was discussed in the Coop Charting Committee. Details have to be worked out with NOAA National Geodetic Survey office and approved by USPS®. Look for more information on this at the 100th Anniversary Annual Meeting in Jacksonville beginning in late January 2014.

FIFTY YEARS OF COOPERATIVE CHARTING

In addition to this being the 100th anniversary of USPS®, it is also the 50th anniversary of the Cooperative Charting program. The agreement of cooperation between NOAA's Office of the Coast Survey and USPS® makes our cooperative charting program possible. It was first signed in 1963 and has been continuously renewed, most recently by Rear Admiral Glang and Chief Commander Alter at the annual meeting in 2013.



To commemorate this anniversary year, D/5 will be awarding a special 50th year patch to the top 75 participants in the program and adding a "50 Years of Cooperative Charting" citation to their award certificates. This will be for the charting year 4/01/2013 to 3/31/2014. The awards will be mailed to the Districts for presentation at the fall 2014 district Conferences. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity, so plan now to chart early and chart often in the upcoming year.

The 2014 NOAA-USPS® Cooperative Charting workshop will be held at the Atlantic Marine Center in Norfolk, Va., from 2 to 3 May.

The workshop covers planning, data gathering requirements, data collection and report submission using **CCWeb**, the Cooperative Charting website.

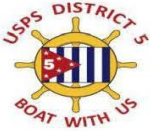
The traditional Cooperative Charting activities includes small-craft facility updates as well as updates to Coast Pilot books, nautical charts and small-craft charts. The workshop emphasizes the ease of entering reports into CCWeb.

The workshop also has hands-on experience using DepthWiz and entering data into CCWeb. The DepthWiz track includes planning a route, running the route in a boat (weather permitting), recording the data and preparing the data for submission using CCWeb.

Participants will meet on Friday evening at the Governor Dinwiddie Hotel in Portsmouth for an informal welcome reception. On Saturday, coffee and donuts will be provided at the Atlantic Marine Center. The workshop closes on Saturday evening with a dinner at the hotel featuring a guest speaker.

Through Cooperative Charting, USPS® members can make a difference in the safety of all recreational boaters.

D/Lt Robert Beltz, JN
D5/Squadron Cooperative Charting Chairman



D5 2013 FALL CONFERENCE RESERVATION FORM
22-24 NOVEMBER 2013, HYATT REGENCY, CAMBRIDGE, MD

Member Rank _____ Name _____ Member Grade _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Squadron _____ Position _____ First Timer? _____ E-Mail _____
Phone _____

Spouse or Other Attendee
Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____ First Timer? _____

Meal Services – Optional

Breakfast - discount available at time of room reservation

Thursday 21 November

Murder Mystery Dinner – Please choose of the following:

Crab cake # _____ @ \$32.00 \$ _____
Chicken Cordon Bleu # _____ @ \$32.00 \$ _____
Steak # _____ @ \$32.00 \$ _____

Saturday 23 November

Optional Saturday Lunch

All meals come with Baked Potato Soup and dessert of Apple Galette

Choice of:

Local Harvest Chicken Breast, Wild Mushroom Stuffing, Pan Juices # _____ @ \$30.00 \$ _____
Amish Style Meat Loaf, Tomato and Brown Sugar Glaze # _____ @ \$30.00 \$ _____
Vegetarian Penne Pasta, Fresh Pesto, Wild Mushrooms, Freshly Grated Reggiano # _____ @ \$30.00 \$ _____

Recommended Saturday Dinner

All meals come with Caesar Salad and a dessert of Pumpkin Cheesecake

Choice of:

Natural Harvest Chicken Breast Stuffed with Dried Fruits & Wild Rice # _____ @ \$45.00 \$ _____
Seasonal Fish with Local Garnishes # _____ @ \$45.00 \$ _____
Gnocchi Alla Romana, Sun-Dried Tomatoes, Tender Spinach and Parmesan # _____ @ \$45.00 \$ _____

Please specify any dietary needs.

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Reservations must be placed by Friday 25 October 2013

Hosted by the Cambridge Sail and Power Squadron
Make checks payable to "2013 D5 Fall Educational Conference"
Send to:

P/C Robert Hammerton, AP
9 Shawnee Rd, Cambridge, MD 21613-1017
bobhamm1@verizon.net
410 228-7682

If you have questions, please contact:
Cdr John O'Reilly, AP at 410-228-1856 or john@yellowsunfish.net

Room Reservations must be made by Friday 25 October 2013 to obtain USPS® discounted rate of \$129.00 plus tax

Reserve your room directly with the Hyatt by visiting the website
https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=10346838
Or by calling 1(888) 421-1442 and mention **US Power Squadrons- District 5 conference**



2013 D5 Fall Educational Conference Schedule

21-24 November, 2013

Thursday, November 21, 2013

1400-1600 Registration
1400-1600 Secretary's Table

Friday, November 22, 2013

0800-1600 Registration Desk Open
0800-1600 Vendor Tables Open
0800-1600 2014 Spring Conference Information
0800-1600 Secretary's Table
0930-1200 Seminars
 Instructor Recertification
 Basic Weather and Forecasting
 VHF/DSC
1200-1330 LUNCH ON YOUR OWN
1330-1430 Committee Meetings & Seminars BOC
 Certifiers
 Closed Meeting Vessel Safety Check
 Workshop
1430-1600 Seminars and Workshops
 BOC Certifier Seminar - 2013 Updated
 HQ-800 Update and Workshop
1615-1715 Jewish Services
1830 DINNER ON YOUR OWN

Saturday, November 23, 2013

0800-1400 Teaching Aids
0800-1400 Parade of Publications
0800-1500 Vendor Tables Open
0800-1200 Registration Desk Open
0800-1200 Secretary's Table
0800-0815 Fall Council Convenes - All Hands
0815-0900 Town Hall Meeting
0915-1030 Member recruitment workshop
1000-1200 Spouse crafts and social time

0915-1030 Educational Dept. Breakouts
 Electro-Mechanical Committee
 Inland Navigation Committee
 Offshore Navigation Committee
1040-1200 Educational Dept. Breakouts
 Instructor Development - new course review
 Boat Handling Committee
 Basic Boating Education Committee
 Boat Operator Certification Committee
1130-1230 Cash Bar
1200-1320 LUNCHEON
1330-1500 Cooperative Charting Open Meeting
1330-1500 Paddle Smart Seminar
1330-1500 Marine Environment Committee
1330-1430 SEO and General Education Meeting
1430-1530 SEO/ASEO Roundtable
1430-1530 See Something Say Something -
 Fight Terrorism on the Water
1540-1645 Ask the Doctor - Part 4
1540-1630 Budget & Finance Open Meeting
1700-1800 Catholic Services
1700-1800 Protestant Services
1800-1900 District Commander's Reception
1900-2200 Cash Bar
1930-2200 Banquet and Awards Ceremony

Sunday, November 24, 2013

0830-1100 Secretary's Table
0900-1100 Fall Conference Convenes

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2014 D/5 SPRING CONFERENCE
By Cdr Carl Larsen, Kent Narrows Sail & Power Squadron

The 2014 D/5 Spring Conference at the Princess Royale Hotel in Ocean City, MD is already on the horizon. It will take place on the weekend of 28-30 March.

A number of FUN new events and special activities are being added to the schedule, which will be brimming with workshops, seminars, awards presentations, meetings, parties, and more.

Plan now to enjoy the camaraderie of legendary Friday night hospitality suites, celebrate the successes and accomplishments of fellow D/5 Members and Squadrons, learn what's new for District 5 in the year ahead, and be pleasantly surprised with some exciting enhancements.

Spring Conference is the one sure cure for cabin fever after the coming winter season, and it's the best way we know to welcome the start of our 2014 boating season!

Hope to see you there!

D/5 Squadron Centennial Banners



D/5 Summer Council Flag Raising Ceremony



Kids' Korner....

D/Lt Beatrice Norris, P



Last Chance!

USPS 2013 YOUTH POSTER CONTEST SUBMISSION FORM

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY		
Artist Name:		Age*: <input type="checkbox"/> 6-8; <input type="checkbox"/> 9-11; <input type="checkbox"/> 12-14
Home Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Telephone: ()	Email:	
IS THIS A SCHOOL/ORGANIZATION ENTRY? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, enter organization information		
School/Organization Name:		
School Address:		
School City:		
Teacher's Name:		
Squadron Name:		
Contact Name:		
Contact Telephone: ()	Email:	
District Number:		
Contact Telephone: ()	Email:	
Name of District Contact:		

2013 Boarman Youth Poster Contest Instructions

Neatly fill in as much of the above form as possible – remembering that if we can't read your name, we can't make out the check. Unreadable forms will be disqualified. (Squadrons and Districts, please make sure to complete your part of the form.) Adhere the form to the back of the poster, but do not saturate with glue as it will destroy the artwork on the front. (Only place the top half of this paper on the poster.)

Posters will be picked up by the Squadron's designated poster contest chairman. Squadrons will choose the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each age category for submission to the District contest. Squadron and District Deadlines are set by the squadron and district based on their area needs

The applicable district will choose 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each age category. Only the First Place posters should be retained by the Poster Chairman for submission to National at the next Annual Meeting in January. The chairman is responsible for making sure that the list of winners is sent to national at youth@usps.org by 1 January and then delivered to the National Annual Meeting for judging. Return the remainder of the posters to the squadrons.

All National entries become the property of USPS, which reserves the right to display or otherwise use the submission. If the posters are not used by USPS, they may be returned to the squadrons.

Further information on the USPS National Competition can be found at:
<http://www.usps.org/national/membership/youth/poster.htm>

*Age: The age of the child on the day poster is submitted to organization or squadron.

Please submit to Bea Norris by 1 November



D5 2014 WINTER TRAINING SESSION RESERVATION FORM
14-16 FEBRUARY 2014, MARITIME INSTITUTE, LINTHICUM, MD

Member Rank _____ Name _____ Member Grade _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Squadron _____ Position _____ First Timer? _____
 E-Mail _____ Phone _____

Spouse or Other Attendee
 Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____ First Timer? _____

ACTIVITIES SELECTIONS

Registration Fee – Required of all Attendees (Assuming \$20 squadron tuition payment; the registration fee covers attendee parking, Saturday morning assorted juices, coffee, and tea; soft-drinks and water during the day; plus continental breakfast including pastries and fruit; morning and afternoon snack services with brownies, cookies, fruit, and additional chef's choices; hand-out materials; guest speaker fees; conference A/V services; use of indoor pool, fitness center, and game-room, etc.)

Required Registration Fee # _____ @ \$15.00 \$ _____

Meal Services – Optional (The Maritime Institute provides delicious and varied cuisine buffet-style for all meals in its Dining Hall. The facility has an excellent food-service rating, and offers a very wide selection of choices for each meal.)

Friday 14 February

Optional Friday Dinner # _____ @ \$29.00 \$ _____

Saturday 15 February

Optional Saturday Breakfast # _____ @ \$12.00 \$ _____
Recommended Saturday Lunch # _____ @ \$18.00 \$ _____
Optional Saturday Dinner # _____ @ \$29.00 \$ _____

Sunday 16 February

Optional Sunday Breakfast # _____ @ \$12.00 \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Required Registration Fee & Optional Meal Reservations must be placed by Friday 31 January 2014

Make checks payable to "2014 D5 WINTER TRAINING SESSION"
 D/Lt/C Jim Colston, AP
 P.O. BOX 219
 Colonial Beach, VA 22443
 E-mail: jimvcolston@gmail.com
 If you have questions, please contact Jim at 703-926-8690 or jimvcolston@gmail.com.

Room Reservations must be made by Friday 31 January 2014 to obtain USPS discounted rate of \$101.00 plus tax

Reserve your room directly with Maritime Institute, 692 Maritime Boulevard, Linthicum Heights, MD 21090
 Please call 410-859-5700 and use reservation code "USPS D5."

D/5 Summer Council Meeting



Follow us on
twitter



You may know that District 5 has a Facebook page, but we also have a twitter account @uspsdistrict5. You don't need to have a twitter account to see the posts--just go to <https://twitter.com/USPSDistrict5>.

If you are on twitter, just follow us. We will be posting realtime updates as District and Squadron events are happening as well as related boating topics.

Boat Parade/Navigation Contest



Clarks Landing is the Choice for All Boat Owners!

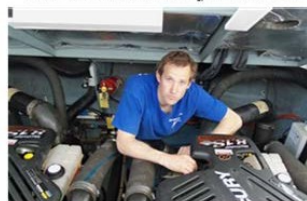
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Commanders' Reception



Saturday Night Dinner/Awards



Governing Board, San Antonio, TX

Perspective #1 D/Lt/C Jim Colson, AP

When we arrived on Saturday and stepped out of the terminal, it was a cool 105 degrees. While that was the high for the week, it never was below 100 degrees during the day-time hours. We elected to spend a few extra days sightseeing, and it was most pleasant. If you have never visited the Museum of the Pacific War, it is well worth your time should you be anywhere near Fredericksburg, TX. A side trip to Austin to see the Capital, dinner and the bats leaving the Lady Bird Johnson Bridge concluded our outing of San Antonio visits.

Monday and Tuesday were in town for sightseeing and eating! There are some really great places to eat, and we took advantage of it.

Wednesday began the meetings with the all-day Leadership Development 103. This is a three-part course starting with 101, 102 and concluding with 103. CEU's are available so this can be a help to your working life as well as USPS® life.

Thursday started in earnest with the meetings for DC/DXO, which I attended. R/C Louie Ojeda, SN presented his "Grip and Grin" philosophy which stresses the need for personal one-on-one contact. Thursday night was a Meet and Greet dinner with a western theme. There was music for dancing from a very good band.

Friday, it was off to meetings again. The day began with a breakfast meeting with Col Story Musgrave. His life story is surprising. He has seven advanced degrees without graduating from high school. He served as an astronaut and physician and now does motivational speaking. His power point presentation is online at his web site. What a great way to start the day, with a positive and upbeat message. The most memorable meeting was the meeting on the function of the Nominating Committee. There are copies of notes and the power point on the membership web site.

Friday evening was the Meet and Greet room hopping night. D/5 shared a suite with D/27. Carole and Alex Reilly worked out a balance hors d'oeuvres table with the D/27 rep, Linda. For a while the room was so packed, it was hard to move around. The hallway then became the place to be. From all that I could hear, a good time was had by all.

The Governing Board officially started on Saturday. The only contentious item was the reinstatement of a onetime \$20 administrative fee for new members (one per family unit). There was a hand count for the vote as the cards held up looked too close to declare. The motion did carry. The major excitement of the day was the awarding of the MIRA to D/5 for its 1st place. Only through the combined efforts of all squadrons allowed us to win this.

In the evening, we had a dinner and dancing. Again the band was very good and played music from my generation.

These meetings are a great way to meet new people from other parts of the country and learn how they cope with trying to teach classes and recruit members. It also gives you an opportunity to see the bigger picture of USPS®. Next year's governing board will be in our backyard, at Crystal City, VA. Put it on your calendar to spend some time there.

Perspective #2 - Stf/C Micky McNelis, S

D/5 took first place in Membership and Retention, winning the William D. Selden IV MIRA award presented at the Governing Board meeting in San Antonio on 7 September. That was easily the highlight of the weekend for the D/5ers who attended, although there were many other things that were educational, entertaining and fun.

Members attended meetings, seminars, a breakfast with a guest speaker (something new added this year), a Thursday night Mexican fiesta (also a new addition) and the usual Friday night Hospitality Suite which we shared with D/27. It was very pleasant joining with them, seeing how another district "does it" and meeting new friends. Some went on tours of San Antonio, to shops, missions and other places of interest in the area.

Out of town meetings are always an adventure. Members who have not attended one should look to Jacksonville in January, where the one hundredth anniversary of USPS® will be celebrated with parties, dinners and a boat parade. Instead of Hospitality Suites, districts will be able to reserve tables on the patio of the hotel, order hors d'oeuvres and watch a predicted one and a half hour boat parade. This is besides all the seminars and meetings that will be available on a variety of topics.

Jacksonville is too far? In September 2014, the meeting will be in Crystal City, which is between Washington, DC, and Arlington, VA. Just a hop, skip and a jump will put you at the Governing Board meeting – and some members will be close enough to commute. For future planning, the GB voted to go to San Diego in September of 2015. The zoo there alone is worth the trip!

Attending a national meeting extends the understanding of what this organization does for the public and for its members. It allows questions to be answered, discussions to take place and friendships to be furthered.

Think about it! It will work for you!





“PLEASE KEEP THIS DATE OPEN”

D5 Delhigh Land Navigation Contest

The 18th Annual Fall Road Rally

02 November 2013

---Rain or Shine---

Come one, Come all!!!!!!!!!!!!

Please set this date aside to attend the 2013 Annual Road Rally.

If you have never been on one of our “Road Rallies” before, you have no idea what you have been missing. Attendance of the Rally keeps growing.

This it is not a race.

It is a day spent making new friends, family, a spouse, or a companion, for a drive on roads that you would probably never think to travel.

Please invite your friends. The more entries we have makes for a more enjoyable day.

The objective is to follow the directions, look for the pictures enclosed along the way, answer a few questions and just enjoy the day and the scenery.

It will start at the Starlite Diner, 233 North Rt. 100, Allentown, PA., 18106, (on Rt. 100 just south of Rt. I-78), phone number – (610) - 395-4031. We will meet for breakfast to get our instructions. (Breakfast is on your own or just be there before the instruction time.) Breakfast will begin at 9:45 AM, instructions will start at 10:00 AM. PLEASE be at the diner by 10:00 am before the instructions start. First car out will start approximately 10:30 AM

Find your way to the half way point, turn in your first set of instructions and receive your second half of instructions to get you to the final destination for dinner.

It will end at a place to enjoy good food, have fun, and share good fellowship.

There will be a Family Style dinner ending the rally!
I’m positive everyone will be pleased.

All of our past rallies have proven to be a world of fun, enjoyment, and a challenge for the driver and his partner, called the Navigator. Communication between driver and navigator is a plus. (Ask any anyone who has attended.) It’s simple. **Follow the directions; know right, left and how to count! Just enjoy!!!**

Please send in your reservation form by 25 October, 2013.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone again.

*Chairman P/C Michael Lebeduik, III, JN
Co- Chair, Nikki Lebeduik
and Your Road Rally Committee*



Reservations Form



Reservations Form MUST be returned by 25 October 2013

Send a completed form and check made payable to:

Delhigh Power Squadron

Send to:
P/C Michael Lebeduik, III, JN
3925 Carter Road
Bethlehem, PA 18020

Questions:
Home Phone: (610) - 691-3348
Cell Phone: (610) - 730-2798
Email: TJA.ML3@verizon.net

Of people attending: _____

Of children under 10 years old: _____
(Children under 10 yrs. old -- \$10.00)

Of cars participating: _____

Is this your first "Road Rally" with Delhigh? YES _____ NO _____ (Attended how many? _____)

If a USPS®

Phone #: _____

Member: Squadron _____

Email Address: _____

NAME of individuals in car: Driver: _____

Navigator: _____

Crew: _____

Menu will be:

Family Style Dinner (All you can eat)

Tossed Garden Salad with Balsamic Vinaigrette, Ranch, and 'Hot Bacon Dressing',
Honey Dipped Fried Chicken
Pennsylvania Dutch Baked Ham
Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Potato Filing, Buttered Corn, Green Beans
Rolls with Butter Regular and Decaf Coffee and Soda Cake for Dessert
*(Alcoholic Beverages are on your own tab.)

Car Registration: \$5.00 per car _____ x 5.00 = \$ _____

Number of people attending 'Full Event' _____ x 35.00 = \$ _____

Number of people attending Dinner' Only _____ x 30.00 = \$ _____

(If attending dinner only, I will contact you with the location)

Total: \$ _____

COME AND ENJOY THE DAY!!!!

"Only YOU can help make this another successful Event!"



Road Rally Over night Accommodations

Hilton Garden Inn Allentown West

230 Sycamore Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031 ~ Web: www.allentownwest.hgi.com

Main Hotel Phone: 610-398-6686 ~ Main Fax: 610-398-6645

The Hilton Garden Inn has given us a special rate of \$89.00 per night plus Pennsylvania State and local lodging taxes.

Reservations may be made by calling the hotel at 610-398-6686. Simply request the **"Road Rally"** rate. Should you need to cancel a confirmed reservation, you must call the hotel directly at 610-398-6686 and obtain a cancellation number. Failure to cancel a guaranteed reservation prior to 4:00pm on the arrival date will result in a charge of one night's room and tax.

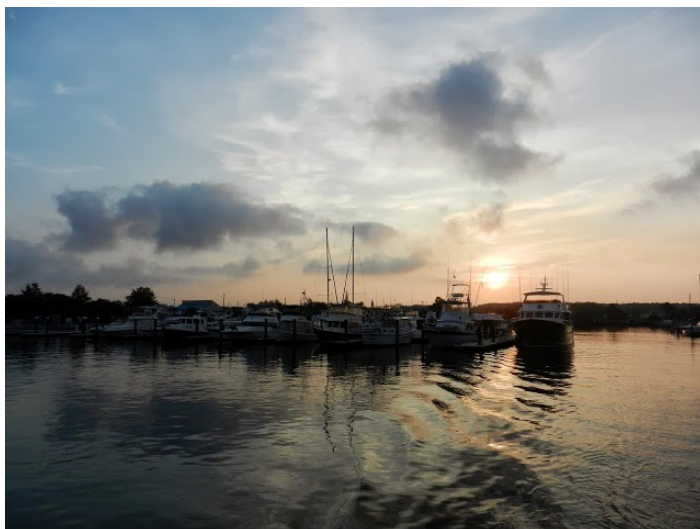
***** Some of our Delhigh Members have opened their homes to accommodate out of town guests participating in the Road Rally.**

Before making your reservations please contact P/C Michael Lebeduik to find out if there is a Delhigh home available. This will be on a first come, first served basis.

P/C Michael Lebeduik contact information:

Home Phone: (610)-691-3348 Cell: (610) 730-2798 or Email: TJA.ML3@verizon.net

A special thanks to Wilmington Sail & Power Squadron Commander Donald Engler, P for his outstanding photographs of the District Bridge and others on Saturday night at the D/5 Spring Conference published in the Mark 5 Summer issue.





USPS 100th Anniversary Gala Celebration

As you arrive in Jacksonville, you'll notice welcome signs at the airport, on posts near the Hyatt Hotel and in the hotel lobby. Here's a brief preview of what you can expect from this gala celebration. Watch your email for further updates.

- All week** Explore Jacksonville! (Tours to be announced.)
- Wed., 29 Jan.** Evening Entertainment at Jacksonville Landing
- Thurs., 30 Jan.** Awards Ceremony and Dinner
- Fri., 31 Jan.** "Yachty Gras" Lighted Boat Parade and Reception/Cocktail Party
Sponsored by the Hyatt Hotel and District Commanders
- Sat., 1 Feb.** Annual Meeting With a Special Flag Ceremony Uniting Squadron Banners and District Anniversary Ensigns, and Evening Mardi Gras Ball and Banquet

Come join the fun, and reserve your **hotel room** at the low rate of \$139 today!
Laissez les bon temps rouler! (Let the good times roll!)

United States Power Squadrons

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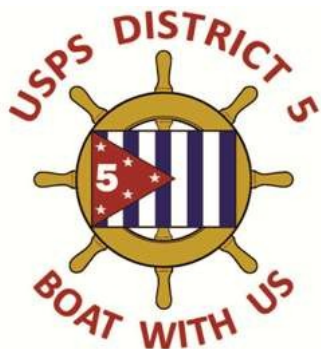
1504 Blue Ridge Road | Raleigh, NC 27607 US

2013 Trawlerfest



UPCOMING EVENTS

3-6 Oct 2013	US Powerboat Show	Annapolis, MD
10-13 Oct 2013	US Sailboat Show	Annapolis, MD
2 Nov 2013	Land Navigation Contest	Delhigh Bethlehem, PA
22-24 Nov 2013	Fall Conference	Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Cambridge, MD
26 Jan-2 Feb 2014	USPS® Annual Meeting	Hyatt Regency Jacksonville, FL
14-16 Feb 2014	Winter Training Session	Maritime Institute Linthicum, MD
28-30 Mar 2014	Spring Conference & Annual Meeting	Princess Royale Hotel Ocean City MD
2-3 May 2014	NOAA Workshop	Atlantic Marine Ctr Norfolk, VA
1-3 August 2014	Summer Council	Crisfield, MD
7-14 Sept 2014	USPS® Governing Board Meeting	Crystal City, VA



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