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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 allows those who don't wish to stay overnight to attend just for Saturday 15 February. 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.

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.

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Commander's Message

Cdr Marty Lafferty, AP

We are blessed in District 5 with many great members at multiple levels of the organization. At this holiday season, I'd like to recognize just a few whose exemplary service in recent months has been especially noteworthy.

First, District Educational Officer Bill McManimen, SN, and District Flag Lieutenant and 2013 Fall Educational Conference host Cambridge Squadron Commander John O'Reilly, AP: Thank you for teaming to lead the planning and implementation of a phenomenal event.

You should take great pride in this major accomplishment, which was not only a privilege and pleasure to attend, but also a terrific source of fresh and genuine learning for all who invested their time to do so.

Next, Past District Commanders Brian Becker, AP; Ralph Bernard, AP; Chris Brown, JN; Bernie Karpers, N; and Dick Nitschke, SN: Many thanks for your proactive involvement throughout the second half of 2013.

Brian, for overcoming the combined obstacles of new rules, forms, and procedures – as well as medical concerns – to once again prevail in your leadership of our Community Outreach and Civic Affairs programs, we salute you.

Ralph, one more time for Fleet Captaining the at-times challenging but ultimately very successful 2013 District Summer Cruise, as well as for your consistently active participation in District affairs ranging from bartending to visiting Squadrons to leading the VHF/DSC Seminar to commanding your home Squadron to ensuring budget approval at Fall Conference, we salute you.

Chris, for your perseverance in what is arguably the most difficult leadership role as Chairman of the Nominating Committee, we salute you.

Bernie, for leading a Top Gun cruise up the Nanticoke River to celebrate the newest Squadron in USPS®, for pioneering the development of a recreational boating simulator, and for your continued dedication to District 5's Ask-the-Doctor special event series, we salute you.

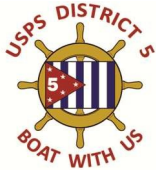
And Dick, for shepherding the enormous effort associated with preparing District and D/5 Squadron Merit Marks and providing guidance throughout this process – from the strategic to the editorial, while also serving as SEO of your home Squadron, we salute you.

Finally, District Lieutenant Frank Brown, AP; Patuxent River Commander Wayne Rogers, SN; and District Lieutenant Commander Mike Lebeduik, JN: You also deserve special recognition.

First, kudos to Frank for starting with a clean sheet of paper and creating a highly stimulating and very memorable Centennial Boat Parade at our Crossing Paths Reunion Summer Rendezvous in Cape Charles.

Second, congratulations to Wayne for inspiring his team to raise the bar higher than even the level of the Hyatt Regency's culinary excellence with the power breakfasts – and overall planning and execution – of this year's Sail Regatta, Fishing Tournament and Fall Festival at Solomon's Island.





And third, thank you to Mike for making the 18th annual Land Navigation Contest and Road Rally a truly remarkable event with a surprise train-ride aboard an antique locomotive, and combining a challenging event with great camaraderie in a uniquely squadron way.

On a personal note, Sari and I thank everyone throughout the District who has extended such warm and generous hospitality during our visits this summer and fall.

Our special thanks to Stu & Lee Myers for graciously hosting us aboard "AISLING" for the District 5 Summer Cruise, and to Brent Rhoads and Jane for hosting us aboard "COPACETIC" at the Dundalk Crabfeast.

To all who have enjoyed this year's boating season – rife with so many wonderful opportunities – thank you for coming to boat with us.

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THE 2014 D/5 SPRING CONFERENCE By Cdr Dick Radlinski, AP - Kent Narrows Sail & Power Squadron

The 2014 D/5 Spring Conference will be here before we know it. It will take place over the weekend of 28-30 March at the Princess Royale Hotel in Ocean City, MD.

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.

First-timers will be greeted at a special session Friday afternoon, energetically led by some of the prominent Members of District 5.

Saturday morning, Co-Op Charting, Meetings & Rendezvous, Operations Training, Publications, Squadron Programs, and Vessel Safety Check Workshops, among others, will provide enormous value to delegates along with the Educational Department Break-Out.

Main-stage Presentations will feature Committee Chairs and Department Showcases, as well as stimulating and carefully chosen Outside Speakers like NOAA Lt Cdr Denise Gruccio. A/V will be new-and-improved, with more viewing screens for all attendees at the Banquet.

The Expo will feature many fresh exhibitors offering a variety of products and services appealing to diverse aspects of the boating lifestyle.

Attractively priced buffet luncheons – for just \$15 – will be offered conveniently in the Exhibit Hall on both Friday and Saturday, helping to create a lively venue for networking.

There will be a special seminar to explain the District's new FAST program.

The do-it-yourself crafts and spouses' social session will be brought back by popular demand.

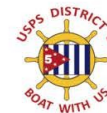
A round-table discussion on Membership Growth – both Recruitment and Retention – will feature an idea exchange on what's working and what's not, and where help is needed.

National Member Benefits will be reviewed, and there will be plenty of time to talk things out.

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 party at the Commander's Reception and Change-of-Watch Banquet – with music-and-dancing – and be pleasantly surprised with additional exciting enhancements.

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

Hope to see you there!



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 **FEE WAIVED***

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 \$ _____

* - THANKS TO A GRANT FROM THE HENRY E. SWEET TRUST, PAYMENT OF THE \$35 REGISTRATION FEE, WHICH IS REQUIRED BY THE MARITIME INSTITUTE, WILL BE WAIVED FOR THE FIRST 120 SQUADRON BRIDGE OFFICERS TO SIGN-UP FOR THE 2014 WINTER TRAINING SESSION.

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

Make checks payable to “2014 D5 WINTER TRAINING SESSION”

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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.”





D5 2014 WINTER TRAINING SESSION EVENT SCHEDULE
14-16 FEBRUARY 2014, MARITIME INSTITUTE, LINTHICUM, MD



**TRAINING FOR INCOMING SQUADRON BRIDGE OFFICERS
AND OTHER USPS DISTRICT 5 SQUADRON LEADERS**

Schedule of Events

Friday 14 February

- 1500 – D/5 Bridge Meeting
- 1730 – Welcome Reception
- 1830 – Buffet Dinner

Saturday 15 February

- 0830 – Buffet Breakfast
- 0930 – Opening Plenary
- 1000 – Officer Training
P/Cs, Cdrs, XOs, SEOs,
AOs, Secs, Treas, Other
Leadership Roles
- 1100 – Squadron Operations
- 1230 – Buffet Lunch
- 1330 – Leadership Development
- 1430 – D/5 Dept Showcases
Cdr, Exec, Educ,
Admin, Sec, Treas,
Gen & Stdg Comms
- 1530 – Membership Growth
- 1730 – Reception
- 1830 – Buffet Dinner

Sunday 16 February

- 0830 – Buffet Breakfast
- 0930 – Departure



The Conference Center
at the Maritime Institute

2013 Fall Conference Awards

MIRA Award presented to D/Lt Jack Yeigh, AP
MIRA Certificate of Participation; Annapolis, Kent Narrows, Patapsco River, and Smith Mountain Lake.

Prince Henry Trophy;

1st Place; Annapolis
2nd Place; Smith Mountain Lake
3rd Place; Delhigh

Caravelle Trophy;

1st Place; Rockville
2nd Place; Virginia Beach
3rd Place; Main Line.

D/5 Ken Smith Seamanship Award; Rockville.

Henry E. Sweet Teaching Aid award;

Traditional; Joe Ritts, Main Line
Best in Show; Wayne Rigby, Cambridge.

Henry E. Sweet Individual Educational Award;

Susan Friedrichs Main Line
Laura Magedburger Patuxent River
Halden McClure Susquehannock

USPS® Educational Proficiency Awards;

Annapolis Howard Cupples, Albert Ponzio,
John Nash
Cambridge John O'Reilly, Wayne Rigby, Nile
Simpson
Delhigh Kathleen Nowroozani,
Dundalk David Blades, John Hall, Susan
Rudy
Main Line Michael Gibson
Mid Potomac Edward Overton
Miles River Steven Gregory, Mark Newman III,
Mary Shannahan
Northern Neck Walter Jachimski
Ocean City Warren G. Hamstead
Rockville Bachir Souhlal
Smith Mtn Lake Bing Higgins, Randy Stow
Va Beach John Harris Jr., Mark Stanley

D/5 Charles F. Chapman Award Winner
Richard Radlinski

Nominees: Delsea, Ed McGarvey
Ocean City, Wallace Stevens
Virginia Beach, Richard Nitschke.

Henry E. Sweet Excellence in Education Trophy;

1st Place; Nansemond River
2nd Place; Mid Potomac
3rd Place; Cambridge

D/5 Commanders Trophy for Advanced Grades;

1st Place; Virginia Beach
2nd Place; Main Line
3rd Place; Kent Narrows

D/5 Commanders Trophy for Elective Courses;

1st Place; Mid Potomac
2nd Place; Cambridge
3rd Place; Nansemond River

Coop Charting Award;

1st Place; Delhigh
2nd Place; Smith Mountain Lake.

50 Year Member Awards;

George Baker – Delaware River (0 MM)
Robert Ballard – Nansemond River (39 MM)
James Bounds – Annapolis (6 MM)
Richard Cohen – Northern Virginia (0 MM)
Irwin Courtney – Annapolis (20 MM)
Harley Hammond – Richmond (48 MM)
Carl Johnson – Delsea (11 MM)
Edwin Jordan – Rockville (25 MM)
Edward Muschlitz – Delhigh (45 MM)
Russell Scott – Richmond (28 MM)

Civic Service Awards;

1st place; Miles River
2nd place; Ocean City
3rd place tie; Annapolis and Colonial

Certificates of Participation;

Mid Potomac, Nansemond River, Nanticoke
River, Patapsco River, Patuxent River, Smith
Mountain Lake, and Virginia Beach

Honorable Mention; Delhigh.



YOUTH POSTER CONTEST

District 5 judging for the 16th Boarman Annual Youth Poster Contest was held at Fall Conference in Cambridge, MD. This year's Poster Contest theme, "100 Years of Wearing It" was illustrated beautifully on posters by six participants, ranging in ages from 6 to 12. There was a great deal of discussion among D/5 members who found it difficult to choose first place winners from among the very attractive posters.

Those chosen as first place winners are:

6 - 8 year old category: Jillian Reilley of Lansdale, PA representing Delaware River Squadron

9 -11 year old category: Sean Sengpiel of Yardley, PA representing Delaware River Squadron

12 -14 year old category: Dorothy Morgan of Burgess, VA representing Northern Neck Squadron

Congratulations to the first place winners and our thanks and appreciation to all who participated.

The posters will be entered in the USPS[®] National Youth Poster Contest in Jacksonville, FLA, during the USPS[®] Annual Meeting in January, 2014.



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2013 D/5 SAIL REGATTA, FISHING TOURNAMENT AND FALL FESTIVAL

By Patuxent River Squadron Commander Wayne Rogers, SN

The 2013 D/5 Sail Regatta, Fishing Tournament, and Fall Festival, hosted by the Patuxent River Squadron at Zahniser's Marina, took place the weekend of 27-29 September with astonishing but not altogether surprising outcomes. The highly festive event attracted Members hailing from 11 Squadrons.

The Squadron thanks the Chesapeake Cruisers Association (CCA), where Patapsco River Squadron Cdr Guy Thompson serves as Commodore, for providing Saturday Box Lunches to Captains, Crews, and Observers of Regatta Sailing Vessels and Tournament Fishing Boats in an unparalleled act of good will between the venerated boating organizations.

Planning for this event, the District's most FUN activity, was masterfully orchestrated by Pax River Members with exceptional thoroughness and attention to detail. P/Lt/C Abdel Ismael's steadfast dedication to the Registration Process was matched by Lt/C Scott McConnell's work as Dockmaster, Safety Table Executor, and VSC Leader; among many examples of high-performance teamwork involving multiple Squadron Members in a variety of roles.

Susan Moenssens and Lt/C Patricia Wagner, consistently supported by "Flapjack Karl," not only raised the bar on the sumptuousness, heartiness, and sheer wonderfulness of Saturday and Sunday Breakfasts under the Tent, but also set a standard that will be next to impossible to meet going forward. An absolute highlight of the weekend!

P/D/C & R/C Kay Simkins and Lt/C Mary McConnell partnered to deliver an Awards Banquet, complete with centerpieces contributed by D/Lt Hal Willard, which was as delicious as it was flawlessly served, starting with the best crab-dip appetizer attendees had ever enjoyed, and continuing all the way through delectable dessert choices of cheesecake and bread pudding.

The District and Squadron owe a huge debt of gratitude to Jim Brueggemann, not only for overseeing the Weekend Poker Walk for Land Lubbers, but also – in a sail-race-saving gesture of largesse – for captaining his marvelous "InsTgator" as the Race Committee Boat.

At the Banquet, D/5 Sail Regatta Chair D/Lt Jon Van Winkle (Rockville), supported by D/Lt/Cs Jim Colston & Fuzzy Jones as Race Committee Members, awarded Third Place to P/C Captain Howard Cupples and "Asclepius" (Annapolis), Second Place to first-timer Captain Bob Blevins and "Sinbad" (Patuxent River), and First Place to Captain Terry Slattery and "Lux" (Annapolis).

In an unprecedented turnabout, mutinous Race Captains and Crews unanimously awarded the infamous Broken Mast Award to the Race Committee for a series of infractions and inexplicable irregularities cited in detail during the Banquet by Captain Slattery. D/Lt/C Colston was quick to note in defense of Chairman Van Winkle that, "There will be no irregularity of any kind next year;" and D/Lt/C Jones added, "Neither irregularity nor incontinence – these simply will not be tolerated."

D/5 Fishing Tournament Chair P/D/C Bernie Karpers (Dundalk), who also Captained "After Hours II,"



presented the District "Tony" Awards after much deliberation and a level of audience interaction and involvement never before seen at this event. Susan Moenssens (Patuxent River), aboard "Rat Ark" Captained by Stf/C Walter Neese (Dundalk), received the Largest Fish Award; D/Lt Rolf Stuenes (Dundalk) the Most Fish Award; and D/Lt Rich Norris (Delhigh) the Best Fish Story Award. A live Blue Crab and nearly live Spot played pivotal roles in the ceremony.

D/Lt/C Mike Lebeduik wrapped up the festivities by extending an invitation – to attendees and non-participants alike – to sign-up for the District's next event, the D/5-Delhigh Land Navigation Contest and 18th Annual Road Rally taking place in Allentown PA on Saturday 2 November.



D/5 Fall Conference in Cambridge, Maryland

This year's Fall Educational Conference was held at the beautiful Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay in Cambridge, MD. The conference was well attended by people from throughout the District. There were many great educational sessions in addition to sessions about membership growth and "Ask the Doctor." Many of the sessions were filled, with some of them at standing room only. Beyond the classes, there were many entertainment options including a murder mystery dinner, a poolside showing of the movie "Captain Ron," local historic tours, and the Saturday Banquet. The food at this event was exceptional with amazing quantities and varieties, and that was just during the hospitality suite gatherings!

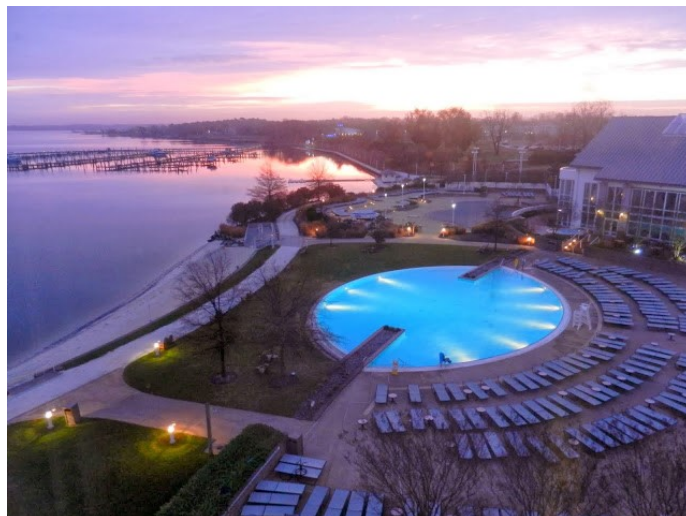
This year we had the honor of hosting the National Educational Officer V/C Bob Brandenstein, SN and his wife, Cdr Jane S. Brandenstein, SN from the Pittsburgh Power Squadron in District 7. Bob and Jane attended all four days of the conference enjoying the events and greeting everyone with a welcoming smile. The highlight of the conference was the Saturday evening banquet where a few of the top awards were presented, including the Caravelle Award and the Prince Henry. The following morning, after we made the P/D/Cs comfortable, we presented many other awards including the Chapman Award which was presented to Richard Radlinski, AP from Kent Narrows Sail and Power Squadron.

Overall, this was a successful event, which was made possible by several members of the Cambridge Sail and Power Squadron. I would especially like to thank P/C Robert Hammerton, AP and Lt. Erna Hammerton, AP for leading the registration effort and coordinating the meals and the many volunteers. I would also like to thank 1st Lt. Julie Rigby, AP, P/C Dan Cada, AP, and Lt/C Nancy Harvey, P for organizing the vendors and raffle items for the conference. Their many hours of work resulted in a well organized and smooth running operation. In addition to these members, I would also like to thank P/C George McComas, Jr., AP for his work as treasurer during this conference and keeping track of the constantly changing account balances. Lastly, I would like to thank the members of my Squadron who volunteered their time at the registration and vendor tables.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this event, and I hope to see you all soon.

Sincerely,

Cdr John O'Reilly, AP
Cambridge Sail & Power Squadron





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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. Even though the weather outside is frightful, 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 in September, 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

Fall Conference - Friday



Fall Conference - Saturday



Fall Conference - Saturday Evening



Fall Conference - Sunday





D/5 2014 SPRING CONFERENCE
28-30 MARCH 2014
PRINCESS ROYALE HOTEL
OCEAN CITY, MD



Member Rank _____ Name _____ Member Grade _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Squadron _____ Position _____ First Timer? _____
 Email _____ Phone _____

Spouse or Other Attendee

Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____ First Timer? _____
 Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____ First Timer? _____

Meals			
Friday 28 March	Friday Lunch Buffet	# _____ @ \$15.00	\$ _____
Saturday 29 March	Complimentary Coffee and Tea Service during Morning Break.		
	Saturday Lunch Buffet	# _____ @ \$15.00	\$ _____
Saturday 29 March	Banquet & Change of Watch		
	Chicken Marsala	# _____ @ \$30.00	\$ _____
	Salmon w/ Champagne Sauce	# _____ @ \$30.00	\$ _____
Dinner selections come with Caesar Salad; Fresh Garden Vegetables; Parsley Buttered Potato; Assorted Rolls with Butter; Coffee, Hot Tea, and Ice Tea; Chef's Dessert Selections.			
Please let us know of any special dietary needs.		TOTAL ENCLOSED	\$ _____

Reservations must be received by Monday 24 February 2014

Please make checks payable to "D5 2014 SPRING CONFERENCE"

Send to: USPS D5
 c/o Kathy Burke
 705 Harvest Run Drive
 Unit 202
 Odenton, MD 21113
 Email: kburke-knsps@comcast.net
 Phone: 410-279-0818

Hotel Reservations

Please reserve your room directly with the Princess Royale Hotel.
 Reservations 1-800-476-9253.
 Hotel address is 9100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD 21842.
 Handicapped rooms are available upon request. Entire facility is non-smoking.

Room Reservations must be made by 24 February 2014 to obtain discounted rates.

Reservation ID code: "USPS D5"

- Oceanview/Poolview Suite \$105.00 per night plus tax
- Oceanfront Suite \$139.00 per night plus tax
- Oceanfront Condo 2BR/2BA \$229.00 per night plus tax
- Oceanfront Condo 3BR/3BA \$259.00 per night plus tax

Dress Code:
 Friday – Squadron Shirt
 Saturday – Navy Blazer w /Gray Slacks or Skirt
 Banquet – USPS Uniform A or Formal Attire





HOSPITALITY SUITE
REGISTRATION FORM



And Non-Transferable License to "Unleash the FUN"
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D/5 SPRING CONFERENCE
28-30 March 2014

Princess Royale Oceanfront Hotel & Conference Center
9100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD 21842

RESERVATION DEADLINE 28 February 2014

INSTRUCTIONS

Step 1: Call the hotel at 410-524-7777 to reserve your suite(s), arrange payment, and provide your tax exempt number. Say that this suite will be part of the USPS Hospitality Suite Block and not part of the regular USPS Room Block. The hotel will assign your specific suite number after you complete Step 2:

Step 2: Email this form to Kathy Burke at:
kburke-knsps@comcast.net
Or mail it to Kathy at:
705 Harvest Run Drive
Unit 202
Odenton, MD 21113

Suite Rental Cost: \$105.00 per day

Optional Additions: \$30.00 to replace bed with two 6' tables
\$13.00 per tub of ice (Two 20 lb bags)
\$15.00 for each additional table
\$2.00 for each additional chair

Yes _____ No _____
Yes _____ No _____
Number needed: _____
Number needed: _____

SUITES ASSIGNED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS

If you have a particular suite preference, please request first and second choice room number below.

First choice _____ Second Choice _____

Do you also want the 2nd floor suite directly above your hospitality suite? _____ Yes _____ No

Special requirements: _____

Squadron _____

Name of Responsible Party _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Delhigh's 18th / D5 1st Annual Land Navigation Contest

By P/C Michael Lebeduik, III JN

This year's 69.9 mile road rally was held Saturday, 2 November, and included 58 participants in 15 vehicles, representing 9 squadrons from as far away as Smith Mountain Lake, VA. The participating squadrons included Annapolis, Cambridge, Delaware River, Delhigh, Dundalk, Kent Narrows, Mid-Potomac, Patapsco River and Smith Mountain Lake.

The Road Rally unofficially started on Friday night with Rich and Bea Norris hosting a get together at their home for the out-of-town individuals getting in the night before the event. It was a great evening. Everyone had a chance to mingle and get to talk with people from other squadrons.

As usual we start at a place for breakfast where we receive our instructions. Then it was off on a journey of the unknown. Follow the directions, answer a few questions and find a few pictures, said the Rally Master, as we hope all the turns are correct. To make it short, there were a few bumps in the road, like left at 5th light (really the 4th light), luckily the road name was put with this turn, acute right at 2nd stop sign (really third stop sign). You get the picture, just a few bumps.

We were taken over six covered bridges, saw historic homes, churches and land marks dating back to the 1750's as we answered questions and looked for pictures. The weather was awesome, and the scenery was beautiful for a day spent on back country roads of Berks and Lehigh Counties in Pennsylvania.

This year a Special Event was planned on the second half of the Road Rally, a coach ride on the Old Wanamaker, Kempton, & Southern Railroad. The coach car built in 1850 still used the pot-belly stove to heat the car in the winter. The train left Kempton and half hour later you were in Wanamaker. The conductor did an excellent job giving us the history of the towns and train as we enjoyed the scenery. The brakeman had to get off the train to switch the tracks by hand. Then there was the ride back to Kempton. Now it was time to go to the Virginville Hotel for dinner and awards.

The Virginville Hotel was established in 1885. The food was wonderful as well as plentiful. The winners, second and third place were announced and awarded their prizes. First place went to Randy & Jeanette Meisner of Delhigh and Jim and Maryellen Colston of Mid-Potomac; 2nd place went to Kevin and Michelle Minnich and Marty & Laura Hegyi of the Allentown Corvette Club; 3rd place went to Al & Marianne Ponzio and John and Kathy Nash from Annapolis. The consolation prize went to Al and Carole Reilley of Delaware River.

Sunday morning P/D/C Chris and P/C Ginny Brown hosted a brunch which was excellent. Different versions of the previous day were shared, and a good time was had by everyone.

A Job Well Done goes out to everyone that participated, and thank you for making this another successful event.

For another version of this event go to the Delhigh website, *Delhighlights* Issue December 2013-January 2014, <http://www.uspsd5.org/squadrons/Delhigh.html>



Delhigh Land Navigation Contest



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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!)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

26 Jan-2 Feb	USPS® Annual Meeting	Hyatt Regency Jacksonville, FL
14-16 Feb	Winter Training Session	Maritime Institute Linthicum, MD
28-30 Mar	Spring Conference & Annual Meeting	Princess Royale Hotel Ocean City MD
2-3 May	NOAA Workshop	Atlantic Marine Ctr Norfolk, VA
17-23 May	National Safe Boating Week	
21 May	Educational Cruise	Delaware River, PA
26-July-1 Aug	District Cruise	Chesapeake
1-3 August 2014	Summer Council	Crisfield, MD
7-14 Sept 2014	USPS® Governing Board Meeting	Crystal City, VA
11-13 October	Sail Regatta/Fishing Tourn.	
24-26 October	Fall Conference	Smith Mountain Lake



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