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USPS D5 Fall Educational Conference Hosted by Smith Mountain Lake Sail & Power Squadron

If this conference is not on your schedule yet, it's time to put it there! Take a look at the conference material on the District 5 Website, pull up the registration form, fill it out and send it in. You'll be on your way to an excellent event with your friends from all the district squadrons. Remember that the costs are all inclusive.. **no extra taxes, fees or tips.**

An exciting event schedule is coming together. Everyone will be interested to try their hand at the latest high-tech instructional tool, known as Boating Safety Virtual Trainer, newly made available to USPS in 2014 and featured throughout the conference weekend for demonstration. This is a realistic boat handling experience without endangering gel coat, paint or varnish.

Members are invited to attend USPS University Seminars offered each afternoon on Friday and Saturday. Additionally, Instructors and interested members will be invited to share notes on USPS University's course and seminar offerings under each of the educational areas: Basic Boating, Inland Navigation, Offshore Navigation, Boat Handling, Marine Environment, Electro-Mechanical Systems, Instructor Development, and Boat Operator Certification / On-The-Water Training.

Squadron instructors are encouraged to bring along Teaching Aids to enter in this year's district competition; The Best-in-Show Aid will be entered into the national competition at USPS Annual Meeting in January. This is a great opportunity to share our good ideas and tools. Certified Instructors can also earn a four-year renewal of their credential by attending the 90-minute Re-certification Seminar.

The coveted Prince Henry and Caravel awards are conferred at the Saturday Evening Banquet & Awards Ceremony. Individual and squadron educational achievements will be recognized at an abbreviated conference meeting on Sunday morning along with Chapman Award instructors recognized for excellence in teaching.

As you plan your travel to and from southwest Virginia there are some attractions that you might want to include. The National D-Day Memorial in Bedford is highly recommended. You may want to stop by Thomas Jefferson's Monticello near Charlottesville or his Poplar Forest retreat. Natural Bridge can be an interesting stop. For any Civil War buffs there are battlefield parks for the Wilderness Campaign, Manassas (Bull Run), Cedar Creek & Belle Grove, Petersburg, Richmond and Appomattox Court House that may be along your route.

The District 5 Website is the information source. The registration material is there and the schedule of events will be coming soon. Keep a sharp lookout as additional information continues to be posted.

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Commander's Message

Cdr Jim Colston, AP

As I write this in mid-August with beautiful blue skies and great boating waters, I am grateful for the opportunity to represent D/5 and USPS® over this year. We have exciting and challenging times to demonstrate boating safety, whether doing VSC, teaching classes or community involvement. I read the monthly publications and am amazed at all the wonderful ideas that express each squadron's individuality. Thank you for all your dedication.

We are heading into the busier time for the District. Maryellen and I had a great time on the summer cruise. If you have never spent a week or more on the Bay, you've missed a relaxing time as well as seeing the land from the view point of boating. While I might see an area by car; for example, when I then view by water, I am fascinated by how different it looks. Summer Council was successful in spite of the downpour of rain that occurred during the nights. I believe everyone who attended had a great time. Miles River did an outstanding job at organizing and conducting Summer Council.

Next up is Governing Board to be held in Crystal City. D/5 is the hosting district. Check out the USPS® website for details. D/5 is arranging the entertainment for both Thursday and Saturday night dinners. Cdr. John Wilmot, JN, from Potomac River PS has booked some wonderful musicians for both nights. Donna Seldon from Richmond SPS is organizing the Social luncheon for Saturday. It is not too late to make reservations! Friday night is room hopping night where we get the chance to meet others from all over the country. If you have never attended, it is a unique and informative time. Come out and support D/5 and learn how USPS® functions as an organization.

At the end of September, I will have the opportunity to spend the weekend at the Coast Guard District 5 meetings. In the next newsletter, I will give a report of this. The Sail Regatta will be at Baltimore on Columbus Day Weekend. There is an extra day for sailors to travel, so come one and all. Even if you don't own a sailboat, come and enjoy the activities.

Begin to make plans for Fall Conference, 24-26 October to be held at Smith Mountain Lake and hosted by Smith Mountain SPS. Come spend a weekend at the 4-H conference during the fall color change. Smith Mountain is planning an exciting weekend including an evening around the fire pit making s'mores. More information is on the D/5 website as well as reservation forms.

While it seems like only yesterday that we were getting our boats ready for the season, it is now, for many, coming to an end. With the land events on the horizon, stretch out your boating activities and join us as we participate in the various functions. Until next time, may you have fair winds and following seas.

Jim



DISTRICT 5 SAIL REGATTA AND FALL FESTIVAL

By P/D/C Bernie Karpers, N

The 2014 District 5 Sail Regatta and Fall Festival will take place 11 - 13 October. Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron will host the event which will take place at Baltimore Yacht Club located on Sue Creek just off of Middle River.

The Sail Regatta will take place on Sunday, 12 October in the nearby waters of Hawk Cove and the entrance to the Gunpowder River, just to the south of Poole's Island. The fishing derby will run on the same day with choice of trolling or live lining in the upper and middle bay areas. That day will conclude with the traditional awards dinner where tales of sailing sagas and excuses for not having fish will be presented.

At this time plans for those interested in land based activity on Sunday are in the tentative stage. Nearby are the Glen L. Martin Maryland Airport Air Museum, historic Ballstone Mansion and the Rocky Point Baltimore County golf course. Martin State Airport is the home of the 175 Tactical Air Wing of the Maryland Air National Guard. Baltimore Yacht Club is also close to Ballstone Mansion, a preserved farm dating to the 17th century. Both sites are within a five mile drive of our event. Golf is also available to those who like to play at the public course operated by Baltimore County. The golf course is located at Rocky Point Park just down the road from the Ballstone Mansion. As arrangements are made final, they will be posted on the web site. Included in this posting will be motel accommodations at nearby White Marsh Mall.

White Marsh Mall is about 15 minutes drive from BYC and has a variety of large chain stores and several moderately priced motels and hotels for those who wish to attend by driving to the event. The registration form for this event is in this issue and will function as a summary of this article.

Incentive Reminder

During the District 5 Spring Conference held in Ocean City, the Trustees of the Henry E. Sweet Trust announced \$5 incentive program to help encourage District 5 squadrons to increase their membership with new members while maintaining their current membership through member involvement activities. The trustees have increased this offer and are now offering a \$10 incentive to each District 5 squadron for each net member increase in the squadron from January 1, 2014 through December 15, 2014. You may have already earned an incentive. The trustees will give an interim report at the Fall Conference at Smith Mountain Lake. We plan on hosting a breakout session at the conference where we can share success stories and prepare for the final membership "push" before the December deadline. Any questions, comments, or ideas can be directed to any of the Henry E. Sweet Trustees list on page 8 of the current District Directory.

Henry E. Sweet Trustees,
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P/R/C William J. McManimen, SN-CN
P/D/C William D. Selden, V, AP

D/5 SAIL REGATTA & FALL FESTIVAL 2014
11, 12 & 13 OCTOBER 2014
BALTIMORE YACHT CLUB 800 BALTIMORE YACHT CLUB RD ESSEX, MD 21221
HOSTED BY: Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron

Rank: _____ Name: _____ Grade: _____

Squadron: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ e-mail: _____

	Number		Total
Event registration fee:	_____	@ \$10.00	\$ _____
Saturday Pizza Party With complimentary beer & wine	_____	@ \$10.00	\$ _____
Sunday continental breakfast	_____	@ \$7.00	\$ _____
Sunday banquet & Awards presentations			
Adults (FRIED CHICKEN)	_____	@ \$28.00	\$ _____
(SLICED ROAST BEEF)	_____	@ \$28.00	\$ _____
Children 10 & under	_____	@ \$15.00	\$ _____
Regatta entrance fee (per boat)		@ \$20.00	\$ _____
Fishing tournament entrance fee (per fisherman)	_____	@ \$10.00	\$ _____
Monday continental breakfast	_____	@ \$7.00	\$ _____
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:			\$ _____

Special dietary requirements: _____

If you are planning on competing in the race, please furnish all of the following information:

Skipper's name: _____ Yacht name: _____

Sail number: _____ PHRF rating, if known: _____ Squadron: _____

Boat make, model, size & color: _____

Class, circle one: Single-hull Multi-hull

I agree to abide by the regulations and sailing instructions governing this event. I agree that it is solely my responsibility to decide whether to start or to continue to race. I voluntarily assume the risk of participation in this event and release the United States Power Squadrons, District 5, Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron or Annapolis Sail & power Squadron and those conducting this event from all liability for any injury or damage that may occur.

Signature of Owner/Skipper: _____ Date: _____



Make your own slip reservations directly with BYC Dockmaster 410 682 2310

Deadline for event registration is 3 October 2014

Send your completed registration form & check made payable to D/5 Sail Regatta & Fall Festival to:

**D/Lt Bobbie Blaker, AP
91 Blondell Ct
Timonium, MD 21093**

For additional information call (410) 456 5534 or e-mail kskbskok@verizon.net

***D/5 Sail Regatta & Fall Festival 2014
11-13 October 2014
Baltimore Yacht Club Essex, MD***

Hotel available nearby:

**Reservation contact: Jessica 410 933 0281 Room rates: \$99.00 after
10 September 2014**

**Fairfield Inn & Suites
8477 Cordon Way
White Marsh, MD**

Baltimore Yacht Club info:

**Scott Lockwood, General Manager/Dockmaster
BYC
800 Yacht Club Rd
Essex, MD 21221
410 682 2310**

Slip reservations must be made no later than 1 October 2014 and you must make your own slip arrangements. Make sure you tell them you are with D/5 USPS

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, 11 October

1100 – 1700: Arrive by land or sea Saturday afternoon. & registration (pavilion)
1700-1800: Pitch-in welcome cocktail party at the Pavilion
1800-1930: Pizza party with complimentary soda, beer & wine (pavilion)

Sunday, 12 October

0800-1100: Registration (pavilion)
0830-0915 Continental Breakfast in the Island View Room in BYC club house
0915-0945: Skipper's meeting for sail race & fishing boat captains & anglers (pavilion)
1000 Sail & fishing boats depart
1300-1630 Land lubbers fun (for those who are not sailing or fishing) see attached
1800-1830 Cocktail party (cash bar) BYC lounge
1830-2015 Banquet & awards presentations

Monday, 13 October

0830: Continental breakfast (and maybe fish?) at the pavilion
SAFE VOYAGE TO HOME PORT

**COME BY LAND OR SEA AND HAVE A GREAT TIME WITH
D/5 RACING, FISHING OR JUST VISITING WITH
EVERYONE!**

BOATING IS FUN... WE'LL SHOW YOU HOW!

SAIL REGATTA AND FALL FESTIVAL ON SHORE ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE

LODGING: Fairfield Inn and Suites Baltimore located in White Marsh at 8477 Cordon Way in subdivision of Nottingham. Reservations through Jessica at 410 933 0281. Check in 1500 (3:00 PM). Check out is 1200 (Noon). Room rate \$99.00 after 10 September, 2014. A complimentary breakfast is provided. Shopping is available at the nearly new White Marsh Mall located within sight of the hotel.

DIRECTIONS TO BYC FROM LODGING: North on Cordon Way to Honeygo Blvd, 482 feet. Right turn on to Honeygo Blvd., go 338 feet. Take first right onto Whitemarsh Blvd 0.2 miles. Take I 95 S to Baltimore 0.4 miles. Merge into I 95 S and go 2.0 miles. Take exit 64 for I 695 East toward Essex go 1.5 miles. Merge onto I 695 E go 1.2 miles. Stay in extreme left hand lane and continue to merge onto MD 702 S. At the traffic circle take second exit which will put you onto SE Blvd. After traffic circle is a **SPEED TRAP!** Continue 0.7 miles and the road will narrow and merge with Back River Neck Road go another 0.8 miles. Turn left onto Holly Neck Road for next 1.9 miles. Turn left onto Baltimore Yacht Club Road and continue 0.3 miles to entrance gate of Baltimore Yacht Club.

SUNDAY ACTIVITY:

1300 TO 1430: GUIDED TOUR OF BALLSTONE-STANSBURY HOUSE. The land-grant upon which this historic farm house stands dates to 1671. Come and enjoy the docent guided tour of this furnished house listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The tour begins on Sunday 12 October at 1300 (1:00 PM). Admission fee is \$5.00. Respond to Kathy at 410 825 6829 by 10 September for reservations.

1500 TO 1630: GUIDED TOUR OF GLEN L. MARTIN, MARYLAND AVIATION MUSEUM. Visit the web site in preparation for this tour at: marylandaviationmuseum.org. Visit this museum and see the planes which made history in WW II. This guided tour will feature visits to the cockpits of famous airplanes. You will learn of Glen L. Martin's early flight plans dating to 1910. At this plant more than 11,000 planes used in WW II were produced. You will enter the museum through the large doors of hanger 5. The tour will feature a movie about the development of Lockheed Martin Corporation. Admission is \$3.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children. Reservations through Kathy at 410 825 6829. Respond by 10 September 2014.

0900 TO 1600: GOLF IS AVAILABLE AT ROCKY POINT GOLF COURSE. THIS IS ABOUT A TEN MINUTE DRIVE FROM BALTIMORE YACHT CLUB. FOR DETAILS FEES AND TEE TIME RESERVATIONS SEE THE WEBSITE AT: ROCKYPOINTGOLFCOURSE.COM.

D/5 SAIL REGATTA & FALL FESTIVAL 2014 ON SHORE ACTIVITIES RESERVATION FORM

RETURN TO KATHY KARPERS, 1209 BROOKVIEW ROAD, TOWSON, MD 21286, NO LATER THAN 10 SEPTEMBER

NAME _____

CIRCLE YOUR CHOICE OF TOURS:

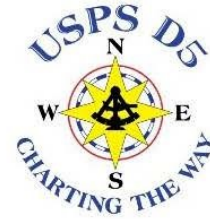
BALLSTONE MANSION AND FARM TOUR	# _____ @ \$5.00	\$ _____
GLEN L MARTIN MD AIR MUSEUM TOUR (adults)	# _____ @ \$3.00	\$ _____
(children)	# _____ @ \$1.00	\$ _____

TOTAL: \$ _____





USPS D5 Fall Educational Conference
Hosted by Smith Mountain Lake Sail & Power Squadron
W.E.Skelton 4-H Educational Conference Center
Smith Mountain Lake
775 Hermitage Road - Wirtz, Virginia 24184
24-26 October 2014



Member **PLEASE NOTE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS FRIDAY 3 OCT**

Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ eMail _____

Squadron _____ First Time _____

Spouse / Other Attendees

Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____

Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____

Special Needs: *To ensure maximum comfort, make sure to complete the appropriate sections of the registration form noting any mobility or dietary restrictions that apply to you or your guests. The 4-H Center and the hosting squadron will endeavor to accommodate everyone. Advance notice of special needs will assist us in this effort.*

Lodging: Arriving _____ Departing _____ Number of Nights _____

Type of Room and Occupancy

Hotel Single \$90 / Night Nights _____ @ \$90 \$ _____

Hotel Double \$45 / Night / Person Nights _____ @ \$90 \$ _____

Hotel 3 People \$32 / Night / Person Nights _____ @ \$96 \$ _____

Hotel 4 People \$25 / Night / Person Nights _____ @ \$100 \$ _____

Dorm Single \$56 / Night / Person Nights _____ @ \$ _____ * \$ _____

Dorm Double \$31 / Night / Person Nights _____ @ \$ _____ * \$ _____

Dorm 3 People \$23 / Night / Person Nights _____ @ \$ _____ * \$ _____

Dorm rooms can accept up to 6 people using top bunks, call if more than 3 people per room is desired.

* If sharing a Dorm Room, pay only the portion you are responsible for and list room mates here to assist in room assignments. _____

Lodging Total \$ _____

Includes all taxes and fees

Special Room Requirements (special access, etc.) _____

Meal Selections

Thursday

Dinner Buffet with salad, entree, sides, desserts and beverages followed by an evening of s'mores and music by firelight # _____ @ \$25 \$ _____

Friday

Breakfast Eggs, sausage, homemade biscuits, hashbrowns, muffins, oatmeal, cold cereals, juices, coffee, tea # _____ @ \$12 \$ _____

Lunch Deli buffet lunch with Jesse Tate, Special Agent Bureau of Law Enforcement, VA ABC – local history. Deli meats and cheeses with condiments, home made vegetable soup, dessert and beverages # _____ @ \$15 \$ _____

Dinner Buffet with salad, broccoli & cheese filled chicken breast and pot roast, sides, desserts and beverages followed by an evening social event # _____ @ \$30 \$ _____

Saturday

Breakfast Hot buttermilk pancakes, bacon, apples with cinnamon & sugar, danish, cold cereals, juices, coffee, tea, milk # _____ @ \$12 \$ _____

Lunch All-you-can-eat salad bar. Chicken, tuna, pasta and potato salads and all the usual salad accompaniments. Desserts and beverages. Guest speaker. # _____ @ \$15 \$ _____

Dinner Banquet buffet with salad, apple-almond filled chicken breast, roast beef, vegetables, baked and sweet potatoes, desserts and beverages. # _____ @ \$35 \$ _____

Sunday

Breakfast Eggs, sausage, homemade biscuits, hashbrowns, muffins, oat meal, cold cereals, juices, coffee, tea, milk # _____ @ \$12 \$ _____

Meals Total \$ _____

Lodging Total \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Special Deitary Restrictions: _____

PLEASE NOTE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS FRIDAY 3 OCT

Make checks payable to: 2014 D5 FALL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

SEND RESERVATIONS WITH CHECKS TO:

Debra Simmons, 1479 Lipscomb Rd, Moneta, VA, 24121

Phone: 540 297-2886 eMail: boatsml67@gmail.com FAX: 540-297-4440

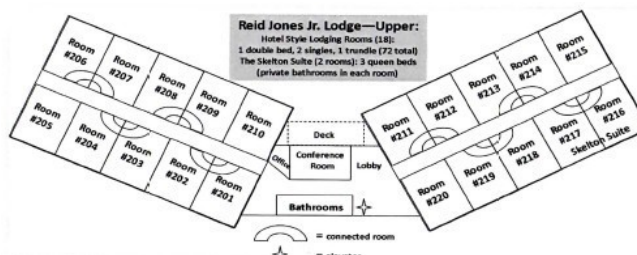


Lodging

Lodging at the conference center is comfortable and both heated and air conditioned. There are no in-room TVs but there is free high speed wireless internet throughout the complex. All lodges are located with easy access to the Central Activities Building and class rooms. There are two basic types of lodging available to meet your preferences. There are hotel and dormitory style rooms as described below.

Hotel Style Lodging

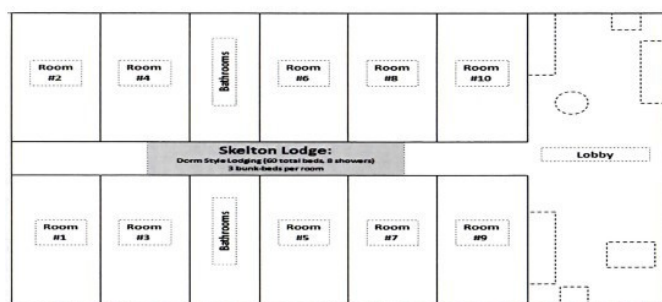
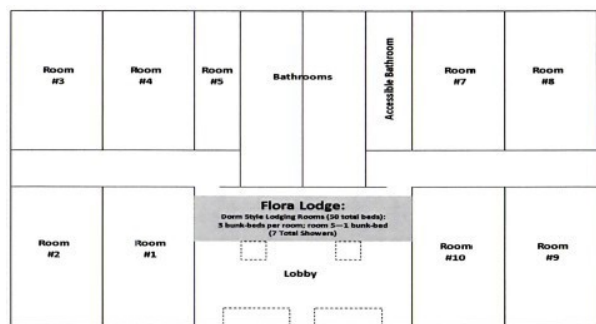
The hotel style lodges have rooms with private baths and are configured with either 2 twin beds and 1 full bed or 2 twin beds and 1 set of bunk beds.



Dormitory Style Lodging

The dorms may appeal to those attending alone or perhaps to squadron groups that would enjoy the camaraderie and atmosphere. These lodges have rooms equipped with 3 sets of bunk beds. The separate men's and women's bath facilities are conveniently located in each lodge and are spacious and clean. Use of the dorm rooms does not require filling all the beds. This means that one person can have a room to him/her self or it can be shared by up to 3 people without needing to use top bunks.

These lodges also have lobby areas suitable for social activities. Using the Flora & Skelton style lodges, we can provide wings of men, women or co-ed rooms as desired.



OCEAN CITY POWER SQUADRON CELEBRATES USPS® 100TH ANNIVERSARY

On 26 July 2014 the Ocean City Power Squadron participated in the Annual Ocean Pines Boat Parade. Our theme was a celebration of the USPS®'s 100th Birthday.



The Commander, Sterling Wyand, the Administrative Officer, Linda Hess, and several Past Commanders and members crewed the boat.

The parade route took 16

boats throughout the canals of Ocean Pines, Maryland and past the judging stand where OCPS collected a second place award for best design.

Our efforts were directed towards advertising the long and storied history of the USPS® and having fun. We were able to accomplish both goals.



Co-OP Charting

The Coop Charting year is about half over. Many thanks to the several Squadron's that already have turned in reports. Humans & nature make continuous changes in the information shown on nautical charts - these changes occur so frequently that the National Ocean Service (NOS) relies upon groups such as USPS® to keep this information up-to-date and accurate. If your squadron has given it some thought but don't know where to start, how about keep it simple by doing a Coast Pilot update or inspection report? Everything on a nautical chart should have the right information, but needs verifying. You even get credit if everything is right and there is nothing to report. That's called an inspection report and is worth credits for you. Still have problems with a report contact me, Bob Beltz (beltzb@cox.net).

Giving back to our communities, updating NOS Navigational Charts

Squadron members throughout USPS® take part in Cooperative Charting. Through this effort, we work in conjunction with the National Ocean Service to update nautical charts and save taxpayers millions of dollars by reporting corrections. We observe and document errors in charts as we navigate the country's waterways, and send in reports so that the corrections may be confirmed and included in the next printing of the charts, as well as posted in Notices to Mariners, where applicable.

D/Lt Bob Beltz, JN

Please Keep this Date Open!!!

Saturday, November 15, 2014

Plan to Attend the:

Delhigh Land Navigation Contest"!!!

Delhigh's 19th Annual Fall Road Rally

Spotted at the FAMOUS Delhigh Road Rally

'Delhigh's Committee Car'



More Information to Follow!!

If you know of someone that would like to be placed on our Road Rally Email List,
Please email me at:

TJA.ML3@verizon.net and in the Subject of the email type: ROAD RALLY 2014

***** REMEMBER** --- If you change your email address please notify me of the
change so we can update our records we would hate to lose you.

THIS NOT A RACE!!!!!!

JIMMY'S JOURNEY

D/5 SUMMER CRUISE 2014

The 2014 Summer Cruise started out at Tilghman on the Chesapeake with 18 boats. It is a very nice marina and even with a little wind, no one had any problems getting in or getting out. A great cocktail party was given by the Potomac River gang where we celebrated Betty Rouse's birthday with a delicious piece of cake for all.

A couple boats, Four Play and Repoort were not able to continue due to football and coaching commitments, but the rest of the group went to Calvert Marina in the Solomons. Penn Hess of Kingsway Power Squadron took over the duties as cruise chairperson. The weather did not look the best, but as usual the forecasters were wrong. 16 boats arrived at the Solomons with a bit a trouble, Aisling and After Hours, but all was fixed and they could continue on the cruise.

Point Lookout was the next stop with 18 boats. A few boats arrived from the south including District Commander Jim Colston with First Lady, Mary Ellen, and Howard Gassaway arrived via the Potomac River. With the new dock and more electric all were accommodated and the restaurant opened for our cruise and the food was good. After two days, it was off to Crisfield and the summer rendezvous.

For those who did not go on the cruise, look to join next year. It is great to boat with friends and to be with fellow squadron members.

Stf/C Ralph Bernard, AP



JIMMY'S JOURNEY



D/5 Navigation Contest
Crisfield, MD – 2 August 2014

The current slogan on the USPS national web site is "Come for the boating education – stay for the friends." This year's navigation contest featured a completely new set of rules which reflect those core values of USPS. These rules encourage the use of all available technology. Both old and new. Also we encourage you to bring along your fellow boaters for the ride.

Most boaters today have multiple GPS's, smart phones, iPads, tablets and the like aboard. They are incredibly accurate and very reliable. However we all know about Murphy's law. The quantized revision of that law is "Everything goes wrong all at once!" So during the contest we allow you to use everything on the first four legs. After the fourth turn all use of electronic aids to navigation is stopped. We make a few exceptions for safety but we basically send you back to the days of pencil and paper. Do you remember how to plot a DR?

In previous contests all passengers on the boat were required to be members of your squadron. Under the new rules you are encouraged to bring friends, fellow boaters and really anyone you like. The contest is about having a good time out on the water while you are learning something.

On Friday night D/Lt/C Walter Neese, SN and myself hosted a short seminar on the Navigation contest rules and expectations. I have to give a special thank you to the manager of the marina and the Town of Crisfield. When told that we needed a screen for our presentation they managed to "borrow" one from the high school. An expanded version of the seminar will be coming to a District 5 event near you soon. Don't miss it. We'll go over the new rules and give a refresher course on plotting as well as share some of the fun stories of past contests.

This year's contest was threatened by the weather. On Friday there was much speculation as to how bad the weather might be and would everyone or anyone be daring enough to run the contest. . Would we hold the contest in the rain? Maybe it was a little too windy? Saturday morning dawned gray and rainy and maybe just a little windy. Would those brave captains and crew still venture out? Well by the time of the contest the wind had died down to less than 10 knots and the sun was starting to peak out. In short a perfect day on the water.

A special thanks to a select few who went above and beyond working on the navigation contests this year. My wife Mary Hall who put up with endless piles of paperwork, hours of discussion and "stuff" in her dining room and on her boat. She also did a wonderful job on the helm of Battlewagon. Joe Gibson for graciously providing Surprise as the committee boat for the contest and the watering hole afterwards. Mel Shralow for all his help both this year and in laying the groundwork for the new contest in prior years. Walter Neese for all the work on the Navigation Contest Seminar. John Wilmont was gracious enough to provide the Pass in Review boat despite his engine troubles the day before. Finally to the captains and crew who went out on the water, had fun and maybe even learned something.

Navigation Contest Results

Boat	Error	Captain	Navigator
Following Z's	1:17 late	Dick Zahn	Mark Stanley
Lady Jean	2:01 early	Andy Petruska	Ben Wright
Battlewagon	2:56 early	Mary Hall	John Hall
After Hours II	3:37 early	Bernie Karpers	Rolf Stuenes
Rat Ark	5:18 late	Walter Neese	Lois Nehmer-Schiff

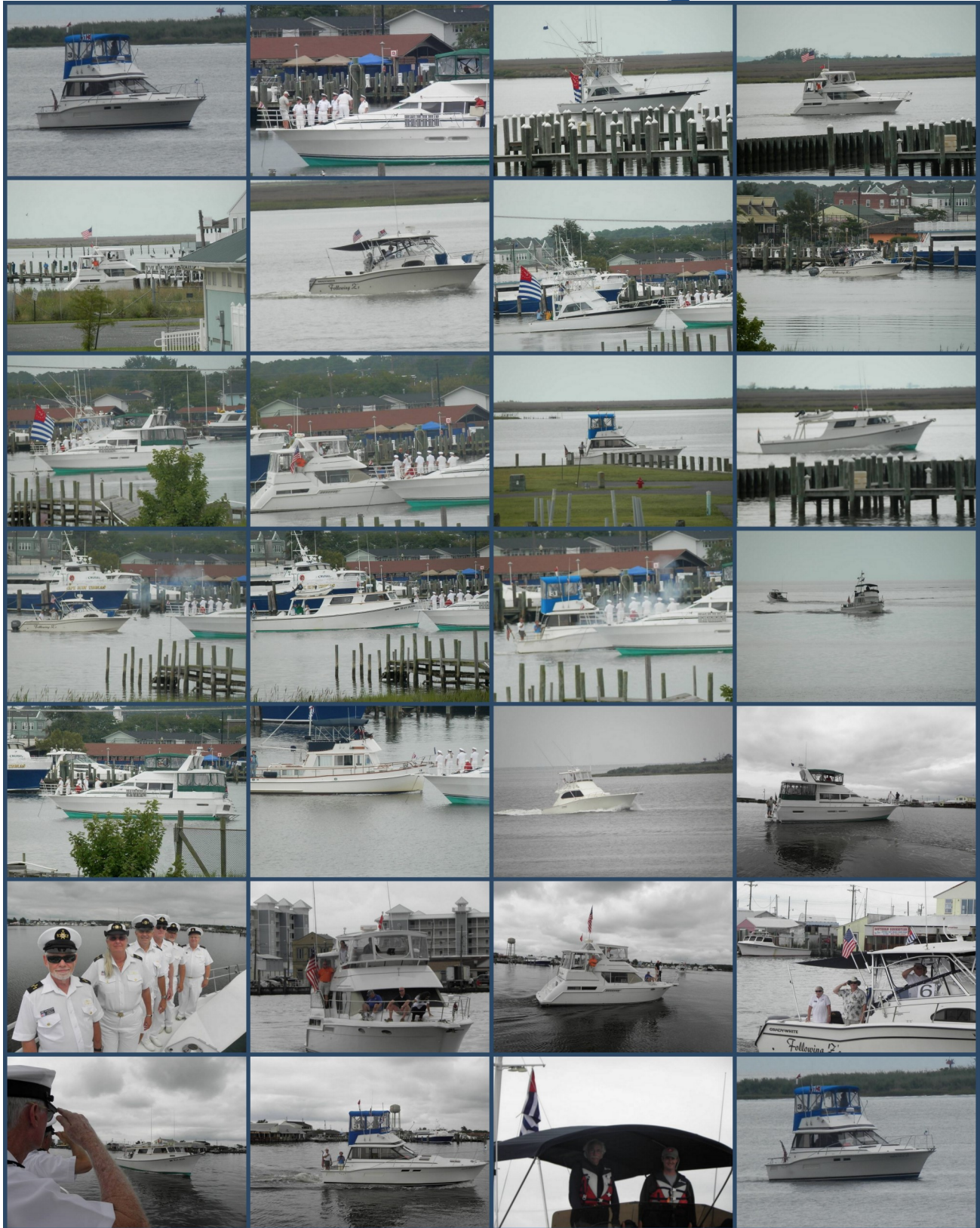
Trophies Awarded

WJZ Trophy	Virginia Beach Sail and Power Squadron
Dupont Trophy	Following Z's
Commander's Trophy	Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron
CBYCA Trophy	Battlewagon

Respectfully submitted,
Cdr John L. Hall, AP



2014 Summer Council - Navigation Contest



D/5 Summer Council, Crisfield, MD

"How did you pull this off?" "It was great having Miles River help us dock." "The Tangier Cruise was wonderful." "The food was much better than last year!" "Everyone from Miles River wearing the same color shirts was great. We knew where and who our hosts were." These were some of the comments we heard at Crisfield.

How did we pull this off? Simply, we had the support of our squadron and we started **LAST** year. We made lots of phone calls and four trips to Crisfield to arrange everything. Yes, Crisfield is hurting, but they did everything and anything to help us. The marina gave us special rates on slips and gas. Mary, the manager, also personally made three sets of corn hole games for us and nothing was too much to ask for.

Valerie, at the Chamber of Commerce, was very helpful also. She got things together to put in "welcome bags" and on Wednesday before the Summer Council, several of us got together to fill them. She also helped us with housing.

The caterer, Billie, was wonderful to work with. She made suggestions and kept her prices down. Again, anything we asked for was not a problem. Need a ride to the golf course or to the Tangier Cruise Boat? Not a problem and no charge!

MRSPS planned several events for you to learn and have fun. We had a "Safe Boating Challenge Course" set up to see if our adult boaters could pass it. This was a miniature version of our national award winning "Kids Safe Boating Course" we have been doing for the seventh graders in Easton and St. Michaels for the past ten years.

We also had a DSC radio hands-on demonstration. There was a golf tournament, corn hole and ladder ball games, raffle, 50/50 and a navigation contest and a cruise to Tangier Island. There were vessel safety inspectors standing by to inspect your boats for free.

Our team consisted of the following committees: publicity, registration, welcome, meals, food operations, raffle 50/50, golf outing, kids games, adult games, VSC inspection, DSC radio and the boating challenge. It was also very helpful to have a liaison to the D/5 Bridge, P/D/C Norm Franck and a detail person in Marian Franck.

However, the real success came because we had thirty members from the Miles River Sail and Power Squadron willing to give of their time, experience and pay their own way to be hosts and make your experience a positive one.

So, where were you? Did you not get the memo? Everyone who was there enjoyed their time in Crisfield. We are sorry you missed it.

Susan L. Newnam, Co-Chair



2014 Summer Council - Friday



2014 Summer Council - Meeting



2014 Summer Council - Commander Cocktail Party



2014 Summer Council - Saturday Dinner



Officers Training February 2015

D/C Jim Colston, AP

This year's officers training will be in a new location. The event will be held at Southern Maryland Higher Education Center 44219 Airport Road, California, MD. The date is 21 February 2015.

This year we are adjusting the schedule to make this truly a one day event for most. Instruction will begin at 1000 and conclude at 1600.

Please mark your calendar and stay tuned for more information.



2015 D/5 SPRING CONFERENCE – SAVE THE DATE

"CHARTING THE WAY"

By P/C Art Walz, AP

Mid Potomac Sail and Power Squadron

The 2015 D/5 Spring Conference will again be held at the Princes Royale Hotel in Ocean City, MD, and will take place on the weekend of 26 – 29 March 2015.

A number of exciting events and special activities are being planned, along with lots of workshops, seminars, awards presentation, meetings, cocktail parties, and more. Did I mention the cocktail parties?

Please plan to join us for the world's most famous Friday night Squadron hospitality suite, "Pub Crawl." Celebrate the successes and accomplishments of fellow D/5 and Squadron members, and learn about what's being planned for the District for 2015.

USPS® Youth Activities Team

17th Boarman National USPS Youth Annual Poster Contest

It's not too late for any child between the ages of 6 and 14 to complete a poster for the 17th Boarman National USPS® Youth Annual Poster Contest. Rules can be found at: [www.usps.org/national/membership/youth/pictures/The Youth Poster Contest Awards.pdf](http://www.usps.org/national/membership/youth/pictures/TheYouthPosterContestAwards.pdf)

The poster contest deadline, 30 September, is fast approaching and I hope every squadron will be submitting at least one entry.

The D/5 judging will be held at Fall Conference in Smith Mountain Lake. If a poster is to be submitted from your squadron and a representative will be at Fall Conference, save some postage and have them take it along. Please e-mail me (wind6769@aol.com) with the number of posters being submitted by your squadron so an appropriate area can be found to display them. If no one from your squadron plans to attend, please mail the posters before the deadline date to:

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“W’s of Wear It!”

WHO, WHEN, WHERE, or WHY

Artists should answer one of the “W’s of Wear It”:

who wears it?,

when do you wear it?,

where do you wear it?

or

For details check out: http://www.usps.org/membership/memcom/awards_index.html



D/5 Education Department
D/Lt/C Walter Neese, SN

Everyone will be interested to try their hand on the latest high-tech instructional tool, known as Boating Safety Virtual Trainer, newly made available in USPS® in 2014, and featured throughout the conference weekend for demonstration.

Members are invited to attend USPS® University Seminars offered each afternoon on Friday and Saturday.

Instructors are encouraged to bring along Teaching Aids to enter in this year's district competition; the best-in-show aid will be entered into the national competition at USPS® Annual Meeting in January.

Certified Instructors can earn a four-year renewal of their credential by attending the 90-minute Recertification Seminar.

Instructors and interested members will be invited to share notes on USPS® University's course and seminar offerings under each of the educational areas, Basic Boating, Inland Navigation, Offshore Navigation, Boat Handling, Marine Environment, Electro-Mechanical Systems, Instructor Development, and Boat Operator Certification / On-The-Water Training.

The coveted Prince Henry and Caravel awards are conferred at the Saturday Evening Banquet and Awards Ceremony. Individual and squadron educational achievements will be recognized at an abbreviated conference meeting on Sunday morning, along with Chapman Award instructors, recognized for excellence in teaching.

Keep a sharp lookout for the schedule of events, to be posted shortly on the District 5 Website.

UPCOMING EVENTS

23 Sept	Trawler Festival	Baltimore, MD
11-13 October	Sail Regatta/Fishing Tourn.	Baltimore Yacht Club
9-13 Sept	United States Boat Show	Annapolis, MD
16-19 October	United States Boat Show	Annapolis, MD
24-26 October	Fall Conference	Smith Mountain Lake
14 November	Delhigh Land Navigation Contest	Bethlehem, PA
18-25 Jan 2015	USPS® Annual Meeting	Jacksonville, FL
17 Feb	Winter Training	California, MD
27-29 March	District 5 Spring Conf.	Ocean City, MD
1-2 May	Cooperative Charting Workshop	Norfolk, VA
TBA	Delaware River Cruise	Philadelphia, PA
TBA	Summer Council	Baltimore, MD



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