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Be a Part of D/5 History Learn and Have Fun in the Process

By Cdr Dick Radlinski, AP – Kent Narrows Sail & Power Squadron

The D/5 Spring Conference in Ocean City, Maryland, 27-30 March at the Princess Royale Hotel and Conference Center is going to be a very special event this year. We are celebrating D/5's 75th birthday in 2014 and this Spring Conference is where the festivities begin. National USPS® Secretary V/C Peter Mitchelson, SN will be coming to help us kickoff the year-long Birthday Party with special events to commemorate our history.

We have listened to your inputs and ideas throughout the year and have made some changes to make this the best D/5 Spring Conference ever. For example, instead of the Commander’s Cocktail Reception being in a cramped room that is hard to find (and served by slow elevators), we will hold it in the large, spacious atrium by the pool. This should make it a more pleasant experience and enable you to visit and network with people instead of waiting in line.

The luncheon and banquet prices have been reduced to make your meals more affordable and coffee will be available free throughout the conference.

The Awards Ceremony will be streamlined. The number and significance of the awards will not be reduced but the process and time required to present them will be much improved.

We also listened to the input that we received from many of you at the recent Winter Training Session in Linthicum, MD. Attendees expressed a clear need for help in increasing and retaining membership and we have designed a special Member Growth Strategies session to address the specific ideas and issues you raised.

Besides many new sessions and events, too numerous to mention here, we have not forgotten to include those things that we all enjoy year after year such as the Friday Night Hospitality Suites. You have to come just to see what Richmond has in store for us this year.

The “Ask the Doctor” series continues this year with our own resident doctor, P/D/C Bernie Karpers Jr., N, educating us about the heart and cardiac health issues.

And of course, there will be committee meetings, showcases, exhibitors, spouse crafts and social time, religious services, the auction and other events that form the core of our Spring Conferences year after year.

See you there!

2013- 2014 District 5 Bridge

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Commander's Message

Cdr Marty Lafferty, AP

As we embark upon USPS® District 5's historic 75th Anniversary Year, it's interesting to contemplate the state of the union that we entered back in 1939.

Franklin D. Roosevelt was president; the US population was 131 million; federal spending was \$9.14 billion; unemployment stood at 17.2%; and postage stamps cost \$0.03. After Germany invaded Poland, occupied Bohemia, and renounced its pact with England, World War II began.

Closer to home on the Chesapeake Bay, the need for safe boating education was underscored. On 3 February 1939, a fast-moving squall swept up the Choptank River catching the oyster-dredging fleet unaware, leaving nine watermen dead, and sending several skipjacks and bugeyes to the bottom.

Also in D/5's inaugural year, Hewlett-Packard was founded; the CBS Television Network began transmission; and GM introduced the first fully automatic transmission. The NY Yankees won the World Series; Lou Gehrig retired. "Gone with the Wind" and "The Wizard of Oz" premiered; and the "Batman" comic book debuted.

As fascinating as looking back seventy-five years can be, the primary purpose of this message is to address current events in District 5.

We are very grateful to Dundalk Squadron P/C Tracey Stuenes, P for spearheading our participation in the Baltimore Boat Show. Thanks to her leadership, more than fifty prospective member leads were generated.

As reported elsewhere in this edition of Mark 5, both the National Annual Meeting & Celebration of the USPS® 100th Anniversary in Jacksonville, FL and the Centennial Cruise through the Eastern Caribbean that followed it were well represented by District 5 in attendance and appreciation.

Your District was proud to be among the eighteen whose Commanders sponsored Friday night "Yachty Gras" festivities that concluded with a Centennial Boat Parade and Fireworks.

It was enormously stimulating and inspirational to participate in the Saturday morning Opening Ceremony with 33 Districts presenting their Centennial Ensigns adorned with ribbons from some 400 Squadrons.

And it was deeply motivational to witness the USPS® proclamation from President Barack Obama and the strong endorsements of USPS® from numerous outside speakers representing all aspects of boating and water safety.

At this meeting, our D/5 Resolution regarding national meeting schedules was approved by a nearly unanimous vote of the Membership. The election of National Bridge Officers, Change of Watch Ceremony, and Mardi Gras Banquet completed the memorable highlights of this spectacular event.

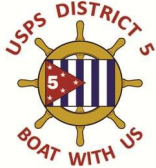
Although winter storm "Pax" threatened the D/5 Winter Training Session, we persevered and trained incoming squadron bridge officers at the Maritime Institute in Linthicum, MD. We owe a debt of gratitude to the trustees of the Henry E. Sweet Trust for generously underwriting the registration fees for Squadron Bridge Officers to be able to attend. Please see separate coverage of WTS in this edition of Mark 5.



And finally, thank you to the Kent Narrows Sail & Power Squadron for hosting our D/5 Spring Conference from 28 to 30 March at the Princess Royale Hotel in Ocean City, MD.

Conference Chair and Kent Narrows Cdr Dick Radlinski, AP is leading a top-rate team of Conference Committee Chairs including D/Lt Sandy Beane, P; incoming Cdr Howard Bernstein, AP; D/Lt Kathy Burke, S; Lt/C John Locke, AP; 1st Lt Marie Murphy, S; D/Lt Julie Tompkins, S; and D/Lt Carole Tulip, JN.

On a personal note, Sari and I would like to express our sincere gratitude to everyone throughout the District who has extended such warm and generous hospitality during our visits this fall and winter.



We look forward to seeing you at Spring Conference, and above all to de-winterizing and re-commissioning Pier-To-Pier, so that once again we will be able to invite you to come boat with us!

USPS® D/5 SUMMER COUNCIL & RENDEZVOUS

Come one; come all to the D5 Summer Council & Rendezvous at Crisfield, MD 31 July – 3 August, 2014. Come by car, boat or RV. Park the RV at the Marina Parking Lot; water and electric only, or stay at the Janes Island State Park with transportation provided to and from the marina. Select your accommodations from B & B, condo or motel.

Somers Cove Marina slips are \$1.00 a foot with 10 cents per gallon off on gas or diesel for your boat. Friday morning's golf tournament at Great Hope Golf Course opens at 0730. \$45 per person fee includes transportation from the marina to the golf course and return; greens fee; cart; box lunch with beverage; golf towel and a sleeve of golf balls.

Take the Friday cruise to Tangier Island on the Chesapeake Bay Cruise Boat the "Steven Thomas." The cruise departs Crisfield at 1230 and arrives at Tangier Island at 1345. The boat departs Tangier Island at 1600 and arrives at Crisfield 1715: plenty of time to relax and explore the island.

We'll enjoy great Eastern Shore food with two buffets Friday and Saturday night and breakfast both Saturday and Sunday. There will be games for adults and kids, so bring the family, children and grandchildren.

A Navigation Contest is planned for Saturday afternoon. Flag Raising and Council Meeting take place on Saturday.

Check the D/5 website for more information (www.uspsd5.org.) or Miles River Sail & Power Squadron (www.mrsps.org).

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Miles River Sail & Power Squadron



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.

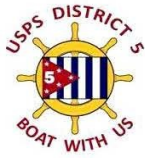
Reservation ID code: "USPS D5"

- 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"
In SQUADRON HOSPITALITY SUITES on Friday 28 March 2014**

**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-knsp@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: _____

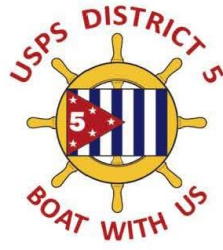
Squadron _____

Name of Responsible Party _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____





**D/5 SPRING CONFERENCE
PRINCESS ROYALE HOTEL
OCEAN CITY, MD**

FRIDAY 28 MARCH

0800 CPR & FIRST-AID FOR BOATERS IN BARBADOS ROOM

Registration – Silent Auction & Raffle – Plus Ship's Store

1200 EXHIBIT HALL GRAND OPENING

Buffet Lunch – Exhibits – Topical Seminars – Plus First-Timers' Meeting

1900 HOSPITALITY SUITES IN THE POOL ATRIUM

Legendary FUN for ALL

SATURDAY 29 MARCH

0830 COUNCIL IN THE CARIBE BALLROOM

National Rep Town Hall – Plus NOAA Special Presentation & Membership Growth Session

1000 NETWORKING BREAK

Refreshments in the Exhibit Hall – Plus Spouse Social & Craft Time

1030 BREAKOUT SESSIONS IN ARUBA, BARBADOS, AND THE CARIBE BALLROOM

Special Focus Workshops & Meetings – Plus New FAST Program & "ASK THE DOCTOR - Cardiac"

1200 LUNCHEON BUFFET IN THE EXHIBIT HALL

Network with Old Friends & Meet New Ones

1300 DIVISION SHOWCASES IN THE CARIBE BALLROOM

Committee Updates – Plus Award Presentations & Photo Opps

1430 NETWORKING BREAK

1500 CONFERENCE IN THE CARIBE BALLROOM

Election – Elevation of New Bridge Officers – Plus 2014-15 Events

1730 DISTRICT COMMANDER RECEPTION IN THE POOL ATRIUM

1900 BANQUET IN THE PALMETTO BALLROOM

Year-in-Review Show – Top Awards – Change-of-Watch Ceremony – Plus Music & Dancing

SUNDAY 30 MARCH

0900 2014-15 DISTRICT COMMANDER RECEPTION IN THE POOL ATRIUM



TO: All District 5 Members
FROM: P/D/C L. Chris Brown, JN,
Chair Nominating Committee
SUBJECT: Report of the District 5
Nominating Committee
DATE: Spring Conference, 29 March
2014

In accordance with Article VI, Section 6.1 of the District 5 By-Laws, the following USPS members have been nominated by the District 5 Nominating Committee to serve in the below listed positions in the coming year.

Commander: James V. Colston, AP
Executive Officer: Katharine J. Jones, S
Educational Officer: Walter K. Neese, SN
Admin. Officer: Randolph W. Stow, AP
Secretary: Kenneth T. Perigo, SN
Treasurer: Michael Lebeduik III, JN
Asst. Adm Officer: Clarence M. Kohlenberg, S
Asst. Edu Officer: Joseph P. Gibson, AP
Asst. Sec: Beth Anne Thompson, JN
Asst. Treasurer: James H. Redding, P

Planning Committee:
3 years John W. O'Reilly, AP
3 years Ralph A. Bernard, AP

Rules Committee:
1 years F. Stewart Myers, Jr., AP

Auditing Committee:
3 years Mary Fisher, AP

Nominating Committee:
3 years Martin C. Lafferty, AP
3 years Albert J. Ponzio, AP

Respectfully Submitted,

P/D/C L. Chris Brown, JN - Chairman
D/Lt Anthony G. Brown, P
D/Lt Rosa H. Gibson, AP
P/D/C Bernie S. Karpers, N
P/D/C Joseph J. McKinney, JN
D/Lt Leona S. Myers, AP
D/Lt Guy B. Thompson, JN



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443-270 4349
Bob Allen Gen Mgr.

USPS District 5 Annual Meeting
Princess Royale Hotel
CPR/First Aid Registration Form
Course Date & Time: 28 March 2014 0800 - 1700

Name: _____ Date: _____
(As you wish to have it appear on your card)
Nick or Preferred Name: _____ Squadron: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
Email Address: _____

CPR

New Certification: Renewal: (Please attach a copy of your current card)
Expired Certification: Date of last class: _____

First Aid

New Certification: Renewal: (Please attach a copy of your current card)
Expired Certification: Date of last class: _____

Fees

CPR & First Aid - \$75.00 _____
Mask (Required for CPR) - \$15.00 * _____
Will Share a Workbook (Deduct \$10.00) ** _____
Total: _____

* Each student must have their own mask. If you have one from previous training, you do not need to purchase a new one.

** Name of family member sharing book (one credit per family): _____

Cutoff date for registration/cancelation is: 21 March 2014

Please mail completed registration form with your check to:

Safety Institute of Maryland (SIMD)
8800 Earl Court
Bethesda, MD 20817

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USPS® National Annual Meeting & Centennial Celebration

The National Annual Meeting and Celebration of the USPS® 100th Anniversary in Jacksonville, FL from 26 January to 2 February was well represented by District 5 in both attendance and appreciation.

National recognition to the District, our Squadrons, and our members began with Life Members (those members who have received 25 Merit Marks). See a complete listing on page 23.

Finley Sea Scout Service Awards went to P/D/C Brian Becker, AP; P/D/C Drex Bradshaw, AP; D/Lt Art Cournoyer, S; P/C James Gorman, AP; and Cdr Guy Thompson, JN.

2013 Squadron Membership Growth Awards ranged from Wilmington in the top two large squadrons nationally to Nanticoke River in the top three small squadrons nationally.

The Patuxent River Squadron received the Doing It Right Award.

Smith Mountain Lake ranked in the top five US Squadrons for Vessel Safety Checks (VSCs); and Art Cournoyer, S once again retained his membership in the Century Club for VSCs.

The BoatUS Distinguished Civic Service Award for Squadrons was accepted by Cdr Bill Schwieder, AP for Virginia Beach; and with D/5 placing in the top two Districts nationwide, P/D/C Brian Becker, AP accepted the District Award.

P/R/C Warren Stevens, SN was recognized for his major gift to the USPS® Century Fund.

1st/Lt Rolf Stuenes, JN of the Dundalk Squadron was named a Member Emeritus of the USPS® Governing Board upon earning 50 Merit Marks.

The D/5 Resolution opposing national meetings being scheduled on major religious holidays, as a result of extended negotiations with the National Board of Directors following the Governing Board meeting, was approved almost unanimously by the Membership in this amended version:

“NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the policy of the Governing Board of the United States Power Squadrons shall be not to schedule meetings, programs, events, or other activities on any dates that conflict with major religious observances.”

After the election of National Bridge Officers, Change of Watch Ceremony, and festive Mardi Gras banquet in honor of our new National Chief Commander Robert Baldrige, SN, 350 members continued on to the Centennial Cruise aboard Holland America's MS Nieuw Amsterdam.

35 members and guests from ten D/5 Squadrons accounted for 10% of the USPS® guests aboard the ship, which cruised the eastern Caribbean with stops for celebratory activities conducted by District 33 in San Juan, Puerto Rico and the St. Thomas Sail & Power Squadron on that island. See pictures on page 17.

A highlight of the cruise was a VSC of the Nieuw Amsterdam performed by D/5's Century Club member Art Cournoyer and presented to the ship's Captain Edward Van Zaane in a special ceremony attended by the current and immediate past National Chief Commanders before leaving port in St. Thomas. See the article and pictures on pages 18 & 19.

Cdr Marty Lafferty, AP

Jacksonville - Thursday



Jacksonville - Friday



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Cooperative Charting
D/Lt Robert Beltz, JN

District 5 has maintained a unique, first class Cooperative Charting Workshop for years. While individual programs have come and gone, our dedication to bringing you the best has continued.

Sometimes it is easy to think we have seen or done it all and there is nothing new. That was said back in the early 1900s too and every day we have new exciting things happening.

This spring we will introduce some new ideas for you and your squadron. Not only will you be able to participate in maintaining and updating Navigation Charts for recreational boaters – you will be able to learn ways to help our environment. Intrigued? We recently met with Staff at Virginia Institute of Marine Science – not only one of the Country's leaders in educating future scientists, but in finding answers to the cause, effect and solutions to things that are destroying the Bay.

Initial information was provided at Fall Conference. Spring Conference will provide phase two.

Don't forget dinner at Bowman's Garden Center, please register for NOAA workshop and dinner at Bowman's Garden Center. See the registration form on page 14.


Educational Cruise on the Delaware River
sponsored by Delaware River Sail & Power Squadron

Wednesday, 21 May, 2014

Boarding 1730 - Departure 1800

Rain or Shine

Contact Doris Brecht for details - brechtd@aol.com or 267-738-7183

Co-op Charting Workshop National Ocean Service Atlantic Marine Center 439 West York Street Norfolk, VA 23510		Date: 2 May – 3 May 2014 Registration (PLEASE PRINT) Deadline: Registration - 25 April 2014
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Rank/Name	Certificate #	Squadron
Spouse	Certificate #	Squadron
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
E-Mail:	Home Telephone:	

Special Dietary Needs

Activity:	Number	Cost	Subtotal
Workshop & Cocktail Parties (Fri&Sat)		@ \$10.00	\$
Saturday Lunch at AMC		@ \$13.00	\$
Saturday Dinner Dinner at Bowmans		@ \$31.00	\$
Payable to D/5 Cooperative Charting		Total	\$

NEW – GEODETICS TRAINING SESSION – I WILL ATTEND YES ___ NO ___

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: D/5 COOPERATIVE CHARTING

Mail to: P/R/C Norma J. Parrish, AP, 1024 Porte Harbour Arch, #201, Hampton VA 23664
 Phone: 757-224-4302 e-mail normaparrish@cox.net

Schedule: (Tear off at above line and keep)

Friday 1400 – 1700 – CHECK-IN & REGISTRATION – HOTEL LOBBY
 2 May 2014 1730 – 1830 – COCKTAIL HOUR (included in Workshop registration)

Saturday 0745 – 0810 – COFFEE & DONUTS
 3 May 2014 0810 – 0830 – INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS
 0830 – 1200 – WORKSHOP
 1200 – 1230 – LUNCH
 1230 – 1600 – WORKSHOP
 1800 – 1900 – COCKTAIL HOUR AT HOTEL (included in Workshop registration)
 1915 – 2115 - DINNER – BOWMAN’S GARDEN CENTER

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: **Comfort Inn Olde Towne, 347 Effingham Street**
Portsmouth, Va. 23704 www.choicehotels.com
 HOTEL ROOM RATES: \$87.00 SINGLE OR DOUBLE PLUS TAX

TELEPHONE: **757-397-7788** (SPECIFY GROUP: D/5, USPS) **DEADLINE 4/25/2013**

Please note telephone number change

ACTIVITY REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS 25 APRIL 2014 – NO ACTIVITY REFUNDS ATER THAT DATE



Jacksonville - Saturday Meeting



Jacksonville - Saturday Evening



2014 Centennial Cruise



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D/5 VSE Star Inspects USPS Centennial Cruise Ship

There's a reason Smith Mt. Lake Squadron Member Art Cournoyer, S is perennially elected to The Century Club for star Vessel Safety Examiners (VSEs) and is regularly ranked nationally among the handful of top performers in US Power Squadrons. The man breathes, eats, and dreams doing Vessel Safety Checks (VSCs). So it was not entirely unexpected that once aboard Holland America's MS Nieuw Amsterdam, as one of 350 USPS Members celebrating the 100th Anniversary of USPS on a fabulous Western Caribbean cruise, Art began to envision a glorious moment:

Completing a VSC of the 935-foot Signature Class Cruise Ship and presenting its Captain with a VSE form and decal, accompanied by newly installed National Chief Commander Robert Baldrige, SN and the immediate Past Chief John Alter, SN. Among the 35 District 5 Members aboard ship, it fell upon the shoulders of the D/C to provide Art with reality therapy so that if his aspirational dream could not be realized, he would not enter into clinical depression.

There were a number of hurdles to overcome – convincing the crew to even approach the rather intimidating Captain with this request, defining the scope of this inspection (how real versus how ceremonial), enlisting the support of the Chiefs, addressing logistics, etc. Instead of being dissuaded, Art handily recruited the D/C to serve as his enthusiastic assistant and, after two days of socializing, evangelizing, and selling the concept to the Ship Hotel Director, Chief Safety Officer, and others, amazingly, Art got the green light. The Captain would grant Art a fifteen-minute audience immediately prior to departure from port in St. Thomas. And the USPS National Chiefs would make themselves available.

For the subsequent two days, Art actually inspected the Nieuw Amsterdam: checking PFDs, navigation lights, and fire extinguishers; touring the galley that serves 3,000+ people daily; the six diesel generators and Azipod propulsion system; checking out the anchor, the links of rode chain for which are larger than most recreational boat anchors; etc. When the moment for the presentation finally came, the crew couldn't be more gracious and hospitable to their USPS visitors. By then, Art's entourage had expanded to also include fellow Smith Mt. Lake and Miles River Squadron Members and three photographers.

The Chief Operations Officer conducted a fascinating tour of the large-scale Navigation Bridge and its state-of-the-art equipment. Then, Captain Edward Van Zaane appeared on deck. Art reviewed the findings from his inspection, point by point by point. The rest of the USPS group present gazed attentively at the Captain to gauge his reaction. He volunteered some information about a government health inspection that ranked the ship very highly, and he asked Art about our conducting this service for recreational vessels.

When Art presented the completed VSC form – there was a momentary pause – then Captain Van Zaane signed it! Art presented the Captain with his decal, and the photo opp proceeded smoothly thereafter. The ceremony concluded with the Captain, in a lighthearted tone, inviting Art also to inspect the 22 lifeboats aboard the ship, time permitting.



Vessel Safety Check



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

2014 WINTER TRAINING SESSION

By D/C Marty Lafferty, AP & D/Lt/C Jim Colston, AP

2014-15 Commanders, Executive Officers, Educational Officers, Administrative Officers, Secretaries, Treasurers, Past Commanders, and other squadron leaders; the 2014-15 USPS® District 5 Bridge; and Past District Commanders hailing from eighteen D/5 Squadrons braved the winter storm "Pax" to attend the Winter Training Session at the Maritime Institute over the weekend of 14-16 February.

24 Members arrived early for the outgoing and incoming D/5 Bridge Summit Meeting, Commanders Cocktail Party, Dinner, and motion-picture screening on Friday.

85 were present on Saturday for the full-day of training sessions. Registrar P/C Carole Tulip, JN operated a smooth registration process at the facility on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. Miles River Sail & Power Squadron also staffed a table promoting the 2014 Summer Council & Rendezvous, being held 1-3 August at Somers Cove Marina in Crisfield, MD.

The Winter Training Session commenced with a Year-in-Review slide-show movie narrated by D/C Marty Lafferty, AP.

After this opening plenary session, 2014-15 immediate P/Cs remained with Marty for training related to their upcoming roles. Squadron Commanders attended training facilitated by D/Lt/C Jim Colston, AP. Squadron X/Os were trained by D/Lt/C Fuzzy Jones, S. Squadron administrative officers were trained by D/1st/Lt Randy Stow, AP, SEOs received training from Stf/C Walter Neese, SN. Secretaries attended training from D/Lt/C Kenny Perigo, SN, and Treasurers were trained by D/Lt/C Mike Lebeduik, JN.

D/Lt/C Bill McManimen, SN conducted a general session focusing on the Squadron Officers' Tool Box of information technology (IT) and other resources that are offered by USPS® and D/5 to help leaders fulfill their duties. Special attention was given to the relational database tool DB-2000.

After a buffet lunch, P/D/C Jeff McKinney, JN conducted a Leadership Development session zeroing in on attributes and skills of successful leaders and the differences between leadership and management.

Afternoon breakouts followed along the lines of the morning sessions with individual squadron bridge officers, their corresponding 2014-15 D/5 Bridge Officers, and District Department Showcases.

The final general session on Membership Development had three sections. The first was a role-play where some attendees portrayed four different classic personality types of prospective members and other attendees performed roles as squadron membership recruiters in four settings: boat show, cocktail party, squadron class, and marina encounter.

This was followed by a presentation by P/C Paul Mermelstein, SN on Marketing & PR, defining and underscoring the differences of these two functions, debunking myths, challenging the status quo, and updating attendees on significant changes now underway at National USPS®.

The closing general session was facilitated by Lt/C Jay Goldsberry, P, distinguishing between the urgency of our need for internal change with respect to Membership Development; the importance of serving the needs of prospective members as essential to success; and on key aspects of Squadron Planning for Membership Development.

A number of valuable action items were developed in the sessions for additional follow-up.

A Commander's Cocktail Party for all attendees followed the day of training, and 29 members stayed at the Institute for Saturday Dinner.



2014 Winter Training



Colorado on the Chesapeake

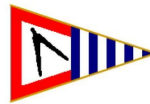
This Spring the members of the Boulder Valley Sail and Power Squadron (District 30) will cruise on the Chesapeake Bay.

In an effort to help them have the best experience possible, District 5 will assist them with their planning. This cruise is an unique opportunity to meet fellow USPS® boaters from outside the D/5 region.

The schedule is still in the planning phase, but it will be focused on destinations around the central Chesapeake Bay area. Squadrons in those areas will host welcome receptions for the cruisers and give them some local information.

More details will be published at the Spring Conference in Ocean City, MD.

Any squadron or member of D/5 that wishes to participate in the cruise or the receptions, please contact P/D/C Bernie Karpers, N (410-825-6829) or Cdr John O'Reilly, AP (410-228-1856).



D/5 Summer Rendezvous
Crisfield MD



GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, August 1, 2014



This is a FUN tournament which has been organized for players of all skill levels. Join fellow Squadron members for 18 Holes on a beautifully designed course. Great Hope GC is known for its fast greens which roll true to the golfer's line.

- Check in at Great Hope GC opens at 7:30 AM.
- Shotgun start for all golfers is at 9:00 AM.
- Scramble format with 3 drive minimum required for each player.
- Beat-The-Pro contest.
- Closest-To-The-Pin Prize.

Entry fee is \$45 per player. This fee includes transportation from the marina to the golf course and return; greens fee; cart; box lunch with beverage; golf towel and a sleeve of golf balls. What a great deal!!!

Please mark the number of golfers who will be playing on the D/5 Registration form and return it as soon as possible. If you are playing in a foursome, attach a note indicating the names of all players so that the appropriate pairing can be made. If you do not have a foursome, we will arrange for you to play with another group.

Questions? Please call Sue or Chuck Gardner, Tournament Hosts at (410) 820-4486.

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District 5 Members receive Lifetime and Member Awards

Among all the awards culled by D/5 at the Annual Meeting, the most impressive was collected by D/Lt Rolf Stuenes, JN, of Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron. Rolf earned his 50th Merit Mark! Four other gentlemen were with him, adding up to 250 years of contribution to the Power Squadrons. Rolf and the others are now Emeritus Members of the Governing Board.

Twelve members of D/5 earned their 25th Merit Mark and Life Membership.

They are:

Cambridge, George Seifert, SN
Delaware River, Mollie Fimmano, P, and
Alex Reilley, AP
Delhigh, George Kelchner, SN
Main Line, Robert Heyser, SN
Nansemond River, Cecil Chapman, SN
Northern Virginia, Ronald Larson, P,
(deceased) and Manette Lazear, AP
Potomac River, Patricia Dillon and Cleve-
land Leggett, S
Smith Mountain Lake, Katherine Chilton,
P
Wilmington, D. Jeffrey Russell, AP.

All of these recipients are to be heartily
congratulated for their efforts!

D/Lt Micky McNelis, P



D/Lt Rolf Stuenes, JN receives his 50th Merit Mark

UPCOMING EVENTS

28-30 Mar	Spring Conference & Annual Meeting	Princess Royale Hotel Ocean City MD
11-13 April	Bay Bridge Boat Show	Stevensville, 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
19 July	Colonial World's Biggest Little Poker Run	Yorktown, VA
26-July-1 Aug	District Cruise	Chesapeake
1-3 August	Summer Council	Crisfield, MD
7-14 Sept	USPS® Governing Board Meeting	Crystal City, VA
TBA Sept	Trawler Festival	Baltimore, MD
11-13 October	Sail Regatta/Fishing Tourn.	
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
TBA	Delhigh Land Navigation Contest	Bethlehem, PA
18-25 Jan 2015	USPS® Annual Meeting	Jacksonville, FL



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