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HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD!

District 5 encourages all incoming squadron officers to head to Hollywood! Maryland Saturday 21 February 2015 for Incoming Officer Training! This One Day event is geared to prepare you to be a well informed squadron officer. The most difficult part of being a good officer is knowing what to do and when to do it –this event will provide the answers to You want me to do what????

No more “Why did I not know that before?” excuses. Why February? We could just add a day to Spring Conference, however, most of our squadrons have Change of Watch installing their new officers prior to the District Spring Conference. That means you are behind before you even start.

D/C Jim Colston, AP and his Bridge have worked hard to make this event affordable, accessible and well worth the drive.

The COST -\$15.00 per person includes your lunch and beverages throughout the day. The best part is, if five (5) of the incoming officers of each squadron register before the deadline they will have their registration fee paid, thanks to the Henry Sweet Fund! So hurry and get that registration in the mail (either electronically or U.S Postal Service). That means if you have 6 officers attending you need send \$15.00! If you have 7 it is only \$30.00 and so on!

Southern Maryland Higher Education Center is an up-to-date facility where many colleges and universities provide graduate courses. Plenty of parking is available within just a few steps of the facility.

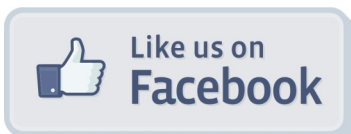
There are several major hotel chains in close proximity for those that desire to come in on Friday or stay over on Saturday night. Just check the box on the registration form and let us know. There are good restaurants and local crab houses so if you are going to make this a fun weekend we can provide information.

For further information please contact P/D/C Kay Simkins, AP (tolenut@comcast.net)

Uniform of the day Team Casual (squadron shirts) etc.

The cost per person –includes coffee, tea during the day and lunch.

A few of the Local Hotels/Motels
 Country Inn and Suites by Carlson (4.3 miles from SMHEC)
 LaQuinta Inn and Suites (5.87 miles)
 Holiday Inn and Suites Solomons Island (6.07 miles)
 Hilton Garden Inn Dowell Road (Solomons) (6.4 miles)



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Commander's Message

Cdr Jim Colston, AP

What a change in the weather we have had, leading to my least favorite time of the year, weatherizing my boats so the vessel makes it through the cold weather without damage. Many a boaters' dread is the end of the boating season while their hope is the end of winter and the return of boating.

For those of you who missed Fall Conference at Smith Mountain Lake, what a gorgeous weekend we had. The temperatures were near 70, brilliant blue skies and a great setting. This was not the 4-H camp of old, but had modern facilities that were easily accessible with limited walking. The temperature was quite chilly for our campfire and marshmallow roast, but all enjoyed the comradery and the sing along was great fun. Smith Mountain Lake SPS did an outstanding job planning and organizing the event. My congratulations and hats off to every SMLSPS member. What amazed me was the number of folks sitting outside on the verandas and talking.

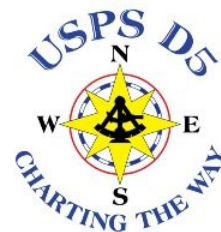
One of our guests for Fall Conference was Dave Adams and his wife, Nita. Dave is the newly elected Chief of Staff for the USCGA D/5 Southern Region. Dave has been waiting for many years to develop a closer working relationship with USPS® and D/5. We have begun to have conversations how this might happen not only with the southern region but also the northern. I would like to hear from all squadrons who have an active ongoing working relationship. Please send me your information. I will be reaching out as well to talk to the commander's. There will be more to follow.

Merit Mark season has arrived. By now you may be receiving yours. While Merit Marks may seem antiquated, they are still the only means your commander has of recognizing all your work. The recognition is not just within your own squadron, but also the district and national levels because the works represented are a very large investment in our teaching efforts that contribute to saving lives. My heartiest congratulations to each and every one who achieves a Merit Mark. Thank you for your commitment and a job well done.

My congratulations also go out to Susan Rudy and David Blades for their effort saving the lives of two boaters on the Bay while they were en route to the Sail Boat Regatta. Their story is fascinating and shows again the importance of safe boating knowledge. I will let them tell their fascinating story in the Mark 5.

It is not too late to plan to attend the Annual Meeting in Jacksonville, the 25-28th of January. See the USPS® website for more details. Officer's Training will be held in February. The Henry Sweet Foundation is offering to provide funds to cover the cost of registration for the first five officers of each squadron who attend. What a great opportunity to start your year. For more details, see the article on Officer Training.

Until next time,
Jim





Hyatt Jacksonville Riverfront

This is the main meeting Hotel

225 East Coastline Dr
Jacksonville FL 32202
Telephone: (888) 421-1442 (904) 588-1234
Rate: \$139.00

Activities

Meals Package M

Cost: \$216.00 **Discounted Price until 14 December 2014 \$165.00**

Includes: Thursday Awards Dinner, Friday Breakfast, Members Luncheon and Saturday Banquet.

Meals Package S

Cost: \$216.00 **Discounted Price until 14 December 2014 \$165.00**

Includes: Thursday Awards Dinner, Friday Breakfast,

Social Luncheon and Saturday Banquet.

Wednesday, January 21, 2015

Downtown Top to Bottom Walking Tour

Time: 0930-1130 Cost: \$28.00 **Discounted Price until 14 December 2014 \$18.00**

A professional tour guide meets you at the Hyatt to show you Jacksonville from the skyline to beneath the city's streets. The walking tour goes inside seven buildings, including secret tunnels and vaults. At one stop, we relax and watch a silent movie as we learn about Jacksonville being the first Hollywood.

Golf Course Outing

Time: 1000-1500 Cost: \$59.00 **Discounted Price until 14 December 2014 \$49.00**

A shuttle bus leaves the hotel at 0900 for a 1000 tee time at an 18-hole former PGA course 20 minutes away. Men and women are invited. Bring your own clubs or rent for an additional fee. Price includes green fees and bus transportation. Stay for a light lunch on your own at the 19th hole.

A Taste of Jacksonville Tour

Time: 1230-1630 Cost: \$53.00 **Discounted Price until 14 December 2014 \$43.00**

Tour Jacksonville's most popular factories: Peterbrooke Chocolatier and Anheuser-Busch. Discover the story behind Peterbrooke, and take a look at the Anheuser-Busch brewing process, before ending the tour in the brewery's Hospitality Room where you can relax while sampling from Anheuser-Busch's extensive product line.

Painting With a Twist

Time: 1300-1500 Cost: \$68.00 **Discounted Price until 14 December 2014 \$58.00**

A skilled artist shows you step by step how to create a preselected painting. Workshop includes canvas, paint and aprons as well as a complimentary glass of wine or champagne. Enjoy a fun afternoon in the hotel, and leave the cleanup to someone else.

Thursday, January 22, 2015

Beaches Tour & Culhane's

Time: 0900-1500 Cost: \$62.00 **Discounted Price until 14 December 2014 \$52.00**

Collectively known as The Beaches, this area of Jacksonville has its own culture: Salt Life. At lunchtime, eat and shop at The Beaches Town Center or travel to Culhane's Irish Pub, owned by four sisters from Ireland and made famous by The Food Channel.

D/C & DXO Lunch

Time: 1200-1400 Cost: \$53.00 **Discounted Price until 14 December 2014 \$43.00**

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RESERVATION FORM
USPS D/5 OFFICER TRAINING
Southern Maryland Higher Education Center
44219 Airport Road, California, MD 20619
21 February 2015

(1) MEMBER: Rank _____ Name: _____ Grade: _____

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

SQUADRON: _____ POSITION: _____ ARRIVAL: FRI///SAT CIRCLE ONE

E-mail: _____ PHONE: _____

(2) MEMBER: Rank _____ Name: _____ Grade: _____

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

SQUADRON: _____ POSITION: _____ ARRIVAL: FRI///SAT CIRCLE ONE

E-mail: _____ PHONE: _____

(3) MEMBER: Rank _____ Name: _____ Grade: _____

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

SQUADRON: _____ POSITION: _____ ARRIVAL: FRI///SAT CIRCLE ONE

E-mail: _____ PHONE: _____

Please continue members registration on second page of form

ACTIVITIES SELECTIONS

Registration opens at 0915, plan to arrive early to pick up your registration packet and enjoy a cup of coffee.

SATURDAY LUNCH

Assorted sandwiches, fruit and pasta salad, chips # _____ * @ \$0.00 \$ _____

Assorted beverages and dessert

*first 5 Officers sponsored by Henry Sweet Fund

Attendees not sponsored by Henry Sweet Fund # _____ @ \$15.00 \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to: 2015 D/5 Officer Training

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11740 Asbury Circle, Apt 1213
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Phone Cell: 240 925-2637
Phone Home: 410 394-3232
E-mail address: last-chance@comcast.net

**Reservations must be received by
5 February 2015**



RESERVATION FORM
USPS D/5 OFFICER TRAINING
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(4) MEMBER: Rank _____ Name: _____ Grade: _____
ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
SQUADRON: _____ POSITION: _____ ARRIVAL: FRI//SAT CIRCLE ONE
E-mail: _____ PHONE: _____

(5) MEMBER: Rank _____ Name: _____ Grade: _____
ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
SQUADRON: _____ POSITION: _____ ARRIVAL: FRI//SAT CIRCLE ONE
E-mail: _____ PHONE: _____

(6) MEMBER: Rank _____ Name: _____ Grade: _____
ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
SQUADRON: _____ POSITION: _____ ARRIVAL: FRI//SAT CIRCLE ONE
E-mail: _____ PHONE: _____

(7) MEMBER: Rank _____ Name: _____ Grade: _____
ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
SQUADRON: _____ POSITION: _____ ARRIVAL: FRI//SAT CIRCLE ONE
E-mail: _____ PHONE: _____

(8) MEMBER: Rank _____ Name: _____ Grade: _____
ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
SQUADRON: _____ POSITION: _____ ARRIVAL: FRI//SAT CIRCLE ONE
E-mail: _____ PHONE: _____

USPS D5 Fall Educational Conference

Hosted by Smith Mountain Lake Sail & Power Squadron

Smith Mountain Lake

24-26 October 2014

"What a great mix of our traditions and a bit of the unusual." That was the general consensus about this year's Educational Conference. It appeared that everyone truly had a great time in a relaxing atmosphere and enjoyed the conference sessions, the social events, and the general companionship with district friends during downtime.

In addition to scheduled workshops, seminars, and meetings, the Boating Skills Virtual Trainer was featured in a seminar and was then available for two days of practice and familiarization. Saturday featured an Educational Department Showcase. This was a wonderful format to allow our members to be updated or introduced to a broad range of developments and educational programs. The staff of presenters was well prepared and did an outstanding job. In summary, D/Lt/C Walter Neese, SN and the Educational Department delivered a very informative and enjoyable curriculum.

The US Coast Guard Auxiliary was represented by Dave Adams, 5th District Chief of Staff, Southern Region. He led a discussion on the practical side of cooperation between our two organizations. Beyond the MOUs at chief commander levels, he keyed in on the issues that are central to all of us: safer waterways with a more knowledgeable and skilled boating public. D/5 Cdr Jim Colston, AP and COS Adams will continue to coordinate and challenge us to find common ground and synergies.

Our conference venue of the W.E. Skelton 4-H Educational Conference Center was certainly a departure from our normal meetings, but worked out beautifully. Everything from lodging to meals to facilities were universally beyond expectations. The staff was extremely accommodating and easy to work with, supporting all of our needs. Speaking of staff, there were also the 20 volunteers from Smith Mountain Lake Sail & Power Squadron who handled the various conference duties plus those normally handled by hotels – a big thank you to each member for going above and beyond.

The 120 district attendees were treated to a lake side campfire with music, singing and being refreshed with s'mores and hot cider (with a high octane additive if desired). There were lunch presentations on the Smith Mountain Lake development and another on the area's close relationship with moonshining. Friday night there was an ice cream social along with the music of "Great Expectations." The weather could not have been better, and many enjoyed the fall colors while taking a walk or just relaxing with friends.

For those who were here, thank you for your participation and adding to the conference's success. For those who couldn't make it this year, you missed a good one but we look forward to seeing you at Spring Conference 2015.

Fair winds,
D/Lt/C Randy Stow, AP
P/C Smith Mountain Lake Sail & Power Squadron





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Fall Conference Day 2



Fall Conference Awards

During the Fall Educational Conference at Smith Mountain Lake, many individuals and squadrons were recognized for educational achievement.

Squadron Awards:

National Boating Federation Award - Most Boating Exams per member

1st place Delsea

Prince Henry Trophy - % Increase in Navigation and Junior Navigation

1st place Smith Mountain Lake
2nd place Annapolis
3rd place Delaware River

Caravelle Award - % Increase in Seamanship, Piloting and AP

1st place Kent Narrows
2nd place Cambridge
3rd place Delhigh

Seamanship Award in memory of Kenneth G. Smith
% of eligible members completing Seamanship

1st place Delhigh

Heny E. Sweet Excellence in Education Trophy
% Increase in Advanced Grades and Electives

1st place Rockville
2nd place Kent Narrows
3rd place Smith Mountain Lake

District 5 Commander's Award for Advanced Grades
% increase in Advanced Grades 1st place

Virginia Beach
2nd place Delhigh
3rd place Kent Narrows

District 5 Commander's Award for Electives
% increase in Electives

1st place Dundalk
2nd place Smith Mountain Lake
3rd place Rockville

Workboat Award (new this year)

Most completions of advanced courses in District 5

1st place Kent Narrows
2nd place Rockville
3rd place Main Line

Individual Awards:

Educational Achievement

(all Advanced Grades and six Electives):

Smith Mountain Lake Cdr David V. Eberle, SN

Educational Proficiency

(Advanced Piloting and three Electives):

Annapolis 1/Lt Anthony D. Martin, AP

Cambridge James S. L. Kidd, Jr., N
Cambridge Lt/C Julie Rosen Rigby, AP
Main Line James T. Spaulding, AP
Patapsco River P/C Guy Bowman Thompson, JN
Rockville P/C Dennis M. Krizek, AP
Rockville Jon H. Griffin, JN
Virginia Beach P/C William J. Schwieder III, AP
Wilmington Cdr Donald R. Engler, AP

Charles F. Chapman Award for Excellence in Teaching

District 5 Winner

Lt Brian Reed, JN Rockville

Squadron Winners

P/C Kenneth H. W. Finck, AP Dundalk
P/C William R. Jones, SN Main Line
P/D/C William D. Bradshaw, AP Nansemond River
Lt Wallace J. Stevenson, AP Ocean City
1/Lt Thomas C. Schatz, P Patapsco River
Lt Brian Reed, JN Rockville
P/C Thomas E. Metcalf, AP Virginia Beach

Teaching Aids Best-in-show:

Smith Mountain Lake Cdr David B. Eberle

Congratulations to all who received awards this year!

Respectfully submitted,

Walter K. Neese, D/5 Educational Officer



Fall Conference Day 3



2015 D/5 SPRING CONFERENCE REGISTER NOW

“CHARTING THE WAY”

By P/C Art Walz, Mid Potomac Sail and Power Squadron

The 2015 D/5 Spring Conference will be held at the Princess Royale Hotel in Ocean City, MD, on the weekend of 27 – 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. The Princess Royale has done some major remodeling, changing the colors and carpeting in many of the conference and dining areas. These changes have really improved the looks of those areas.

The following activities are planned:

- ◇ The world’s most famous Friday night Squadron hospitality suite, “Pub Crawl;”
- ◇ Election of the 2015 bridge and the Saturday night installation banquet;
- ◇ The outgoing Commander’s cocktail party prior to the installation banquet;
- ◇ The new District Commander’s Welcome Sunday reception.

Celebrate the successes and accomplishments of fellow D/5 and Squadron members and learn about the District’s plans for 2015. The key raffle gift is a basket of cheer (booze) provided by the past District Commanders.

The Spring Conference hits at exactly the same time that the cold and nasty weather brings cabin fever to a high pitch and offers the opportunity to break out, be in a warm environment, and have fun with the best friends you will ever have. Better yet, it gives you the absolutely best place to start planning for the 2015 boating season.

Please mark 27 – 29 March 2015 on your calendars, register at the hotel, sign up for the lunch and banquet, hospitality rooms (registration forms attached), and we’ll see you there!

RESERVATION FORM
USPS D/5 SPRING CONFERENCE
27 March – 29 March 2015
Ocean City, Maryland

MEMBER: Rank _____ Name: _____ Grade: _____

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

SQUADRON: _____ POSITION: _____ FIRST TIMER? _____

E-mail: _____ PHONE: _____

SPOUSE/OTHER ATTENDEES:

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

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

ACTIVITIES SELECTIONS

SATURDAY LUNCHEON

Trio of Salads/Chicken, Egg, Tossed Garden Plate # _____ @ \$15.00 \$ _____

Twin Hamburger Sliders w/potato salad, chips, pickle # _____ @ \$15.00 \$ _____

SATURDAY BANQUET ENTREE CHOICES:

Jumbo Lump Maryland Crab Cakes # _____ @ \$40.00 \$ _____

Beef Bourguignonne - Beef cooked with Red Wine, mushrooms, onions and carrots # _____ @ \$40.00 \$ _____

Vegetarian/gluten free Stuffed Pepper # _____ @ \$25.00 \$ _____

Dietary restrictions _____

OPTIONAL Room raffle ONE FREE NIGHT (1 October 2014 to 30 April 2015)

1 ticket for \$5.00 or 3 tickets for \$10.00 # _____ @ \$5 or \$10 \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to: 2015 D/5 Spring Conference

SEND TO: P/C Barbara Walter, AP
11740 Asbury Cir, Apt 1213
Solomons, MD 20688-3068
Phone: 410 394-3232

E-mail address: last-chance@comcast.net

Meal Reservations must be received by 25 February 2015

Uniform – Thursday/Friday/Saturday – USPS/Squadron shirts. **Banquet** – Uniform A with bowtie.

Princess Royale Hotel

9100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, Maryland

Non-smoking Venue - Handicapped Rooms available on a request basis.

CALL Reservations Dept at 1-800-476-9253

Use the Reservation ID Code: U. S. Power Squadron, District 5

Rates: Oceanview/pool view Suite - \$109.00 per night Friday/Saturday

Oceanfront Suite - \$149.00 per night 2BR/2BA Oceanfront Condo - \$239.00 per night/3BR \$269.00

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY 25 FEBRUARY 2015 TO ENSURE USPS RATES

Directions: From RT 90, turn left onto Coastal Hwy. Hotel will be on the right.



HOSPITALITY SUITE RESERVATION FORM

USPS® D/5 SPRING CONFERENCE

27 & 28 March 2015

Princess Royale Oceanfront Hotel & Conference Center

9100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD 21842

HOSPITALITY SUITES MUST be reserved for both Friday March 27 & Saturday March 28, 2015

RESERVATION DEADLINE February 27, 2015

Rooms assigned on a first come, first served basis

Normal Check-in time is after – 1600 (Early check-in dependent upon availability)

Check out time is before – 1100

COST: Cost for Suites - \$109.00 (plus tax \$11.44) - \$120.44 per day \$ _____

Addition: \$30.00 per Suite for Bed Removal (includes two 6' tables) \$ _____

\$13.00/day/per tub – Ice 2 – 20 lb bags) \$ _____

\$15.00 – Each additional table - \$2.00 each chair \$ _____

HOSPITALITY SUITE PREFERENCE

Please do not contact hotel directly regarding the Hospitality Suites

Suite locations are on the reverse side of this form. If there is a preference, please request first and second choice room number below otherwise a suite will be assigned.

First choice _____ Second Choice _____

Squadron _____

Name of Responsible Party _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

You may call me with the credit card information if you are uncomfortable mailing it!

Credit Card Number _____ Exp Date _____

Type of Card: MC VISA DISCOVER AMER EXPRESS

Mail or e-mail form to: P/C Jack Spath
2005 Stateroom Drive
Stafford, VA 22554

Phone: 540-659-7154
E-mail: MysticMood3@comcast.net

THE 2014 DISTRICT 5 SAIL REGATTA AND FALL FESTIVAL

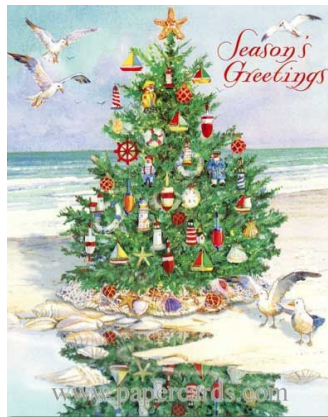
By Kathy Karpers, S

The members of the Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron hosted the District Five Sail Regatta and Fall Festival on October 11, 12 and 13, 2014.

We appreciate the members who attended the various functions of sailing, fishing, the cocktail party, pizza party, local historic tours, awards dinner and participants at the breakfasts, boat visits, dinner guests and all our helpers of Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron. Members from eight squadrons registered for this event.

Susan Rudy and David Blades attended the event by sailing aboard their boat Tiphys. They arrived one day later than scheduled because on the first day of the event while on their trip, they encountered a capsized boat. They were able to rescue the crew and tow the boat to a marina. Their report at the awards dinner brought a rousing round of applause and thank you for their job well done. Yes, truly because of this singular event the weekend was a success. This was an unusual ending to our annual weekend event encouraging use of your boat. A report of their experience will follow either in Mark V or the Ensign. The fishing tournament saw Squadron Commander John Hall capture first place for catching the most fish. Jason Newborn caught the largest fish, while Mel Shralow told the best fish story! This was not your usual Fall Festival, but it was interesting and presented the usual challenge to those participating with their boats.

We wish to thank everyone who assisted with and or attended the event. It was a pleasant weekend with camaraderie shared by all power squadron members. Until we see you again we will be planning the South Bound Cruise for District 5 in 2015. Send in your recommendations for stops along the way. At this point we are going somewhere south of the Patapsco River and on the Chesapeake Bay!



Sail Regatta/Fishing Tournament



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Delhigh Road Rally



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Department Lunch - Administrative

Time: 1215-1345 Cost: \$48.00 **Discounted Price until 14 December 2014 \$38.00**

Department Lunch - Educational

Time: 1215-1345 Cost: \$48.00 **Discounted Price until 14 December 2014 \$38.00**

Department Lunch - Secretary

Time: 1215-1345 Cost: \$48.00 **Discounted Price until 14 December 2014 \$38.00**

Department Lunch - Treasurer

Time: 1215-1345 Cost: \$48.00 **Discounted Price until 14 December 2014 \$38.00**

New Life Member Reception and Awards Dinner

Time: 1830-2230 Cost: \$58.00 **Discounted Price until 14 December 2014 \$48.00**

The New Life Member Reception and Awards Ceremony is free and open to all. Life Members get two free cocktails at the reception. An optional traditional sit-down dinner with cash bar follows. Squadron and district awards are presented after dinner. There will be extra seating for non-dining patrons after dinner is served.

Friday, January 23, 2015

Keynote Breakfast

Time: 0730-0900 Cost: \$42.00 **Discounted Price until 14 December 2014 \$32.00**

Kick-off the meeting with breakfast and a keynote address.

LD101 - Formerly Administrative Officer Leadership Training

Time: 0800-1600 Cost: \$99.00 Special discounted price in effect.

Nautical Card Making

Time: 1000-1200 Cost: \$35.00 **Discounted Price until 14 December 2014 \$25.00**

Do you ever have trouble finding nautical cards? Come and join us as we create four maritime cards. Our nautical cards are perfect for any occasion. Grab a friend and enjoy two hours of crafting. Once you see how these are done you can make your own at home. The class is open to forty participants and the cost covers the materials required.

Department Lunch - Executive

Time: 1215-1345 Cost: \$48.00 **Discounted Price until 14 December 2014 \$38.00**

Saturday, January 24, 2015

Social Reception and Luncheon

Time: 1130-1400 Cost: \$48.00 **Discounted Price until 14 December 2014 \$38.00**

As USPS embarks upon its second 100 years, let's come together as Friends Across USPS as we widen our circle of friendship.

Members Reception and Luncheon (cash bar)

Time: 1200-1400 Cost: \$48.00 **Discounted Price until 14 December 2014 \$38.00**

Reception and Banquet

Time: 1830-2200 Cost: \$68.00 **Discounted Price until 14 December 2014 \$58.00**

Get ready to rock around the clock to the music of the Now and Then Band. Our theme is USPS in the 101st year. Come enjoy a wonderful meal and fellowship with USPS members and guests.

USPS® Youth Activities Team

17th Boarman National USPS Youth Annual Poster Contest

D/5 Winners

District 5 congratulates sisters, Olivia (age group 6-8) and Elizabeth (age group 9-11) Zukauskas for placing first in their respective age groups in the 2014 Youth Poster Contest. Olivia and Elizabeth are from Rockaway Park, NY and submitted their entries on behalf of Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron.

Both entries will be taken to Jacksonville in January to compete with other squadrons' winners at the USPS National Meeting.

There were no entries in the 12-14 age group.



17 TH BOARMAN NATIONAL USPS
YOUTH POSTER CONTEST

OPEN TO ALL CHILDREN AGES 6-14 AWARDS GIVEN IN THREE AGE GROUPS

6 to 8 Years--9 to 11 Years--12 to 14 Years



“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



Boating Skills Virtual Trainer - Fall Conference 2014

P/C Barbara Walter, AP

Fall conference, hosted by Smith Mountain Lake Squadron (SML), was quite a treat. It was held at the W.E. Skelton 4-H Educational Conference Center at Smith Mountain Lake... beautiful. A bit rustic, but none the less very relaxing and enjoyable. Food was outstanding, just like down-home, right down to the ice cream social. We were out in the country with not much around and the fall foliage was just starting to peak. SML did a super job, and the rest of the District got a taste of the long drive that they endure to events.



The highlight of the conference was the newly acquired Boating Skills Virtual Trainer (BSVT), which like Sea Vester, can be used at our local boating events. Take note of the photo of P/C Mike Walter, AP, instructing a member on the operation of the BSVT unit.

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BSVT units and began loaning them out July 1. An additional 10 units are expected to be on hand by the end of next year. Squadrons are asked only to pay shipping costs as the program currently runs. If you go to <http://www.usps.org/national/eddept/> the main body of the page under News and Announcements has a link to the presentation on BSVT that was given at the Governing Board meeting in Crystal City, and another link to a fact sheet that goes over the details in greater depth.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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
20 May	Delaware River Cruise	Philadelphia, PA
TBA	Summer Council	Baltimore, MD
TBA	Sail Regatta/Fishing	
30 Oct-1 Nov	District 5 Fall Conference	Cherry Hill, NJ



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