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D/5 FALL CONFERENCE

30 October - 1 November

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Cherry Hill, NJ

Get ready for a ghoulish weekend 30 October to 1 November at the District 5 Fall Conference. Absecon Island with help from Kingsway & Delsea are planning a ghostly experience beginning with the Friday night Halloween Party. There will be non-stop dancing. Get your costumes ready as prizes will be given in several categories (to be named later).

On the serious side the Educational Conference at Cherry Hill will begin a new look. Yes, we will continue to focus on our educational activities. However, we will introduce several new topics to help SEO's, instructors, and other interested squadron members promote boating education.

First, we are going to have an all hands' session to highlight important information and provide tools and techniques to help squadrons educate. For example, we will present updates to the educational program, courses and seminars in one session open to all that were introduced last fall. Want to learn more about marketing our courses? D/Lt Paul Mermelstein, SN of the national marketing committee will give you many ideas and thoughts how to do it better.

Next, we will present topics and seminars on familiar subjects, but with a different perspective. Are your seminars not delivering the right information? Come learn what makes a good seminar for your audience. Cdr Mike King, AP of the Wilmington squadron will tell you how to combine education with your summer cruising. These topics and others will be introduced for the first time at this conference.

Come to Cherry Hill this Halloween to learn and socialize with your United States Power Squadrons® family from District 5!

D/Lt/C Chuck Wells, SN & Cdr Apryl Bernard, P



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Commander's Message

Cdr Katherine (Fuzzy) Jones, AP



D/5 recently held our Summer Rendezvous and Council meeting in Solomons, MD. The week prior to the event was our wonderful southbound cruise named "Fuzzy's Fantaseas" which was headed up by P/D/C Bernie Karpers, N. P/D/C Bernie & his committee really outdid themselves with lots of fun & educational opportunities during the week. Also, a special thank you to D/Lt John O'Reilly, JN for putting together such great tours in Cambridge.

Thank you D/Lt/C C. M. Kohlenberg, S and the members of Nanticoke River Sail & Power Squadron for chairing the event in Solomons. The weather was great, food was delicious, and we all had a lot of fun. I would also like to thank everyone who participated in making this such a success.

There are many events coming up for The United States Power Squadrons & District 5. The last week in August is the National Governing Board meeting in San Diego, CA. Then, D/5 will be holding our Fall Sail Regatta & Festival the weekend of 11 September hosted by Patapsco River Power Squadron at Maryland Yacht Club. Information for both of these events can be found on the D/5 web site and in this issue of the Mark 5.

From 29 September through 4 October the Passagemaker/Trawlerfest will be held at the Bay Bridge Marina, Stevensville (Kent Island). Please let P/R/C Bob Palmer, SN know if you will be able to help with this event. His e-mail is r2pmhp@mindspring.com.

The weekend of 1 October will be the US Sailboat Show followed by the US Powerboat Show the next weekend. Please let Cdr John W. Nash, JN of the Annapolis Sail & Power Squadron at jwnash@commeng.com if you will be able to help out with these events.

The Fall Educational Conference will be held in Cherry Hill, NJ the weekend of Halloween, hosted by Absecon Island Power Squadron with assistance from Delsea & Kingsway squadrons. Please check the D/5 website and this issue of the Mark 5 for information on this great event. Our D/E/O, D/Lt/C Chuck Wells, SN has several new sessions in the offing, so make your plans to attend and see what's new.

After much deliberation, it was decided at the Bridge meeting held in Solomons, that we will not hold a separate Officer's Training session this year. Instead, we will hold it in combination with the Spring Council & Conference in Ocean City as we did this past year. The educational portion will be held beginning at 1000 that Friday.

Always remember: "District 5, Education & Fun". The entire Bridge and I thank you for your support and look forward to seeing all of you soon. In the mean time, have a safe boating season.

Fuzzy



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D/5 2015 FALL CONFERENCE RESERVATION FORM

**30 OCTOBER - 1 NOVEMBER 2015,
CROWNE PLAZA, CHERRY HILL, NJ**



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

Spouse or Other Attendees

Rank/Name	Grade	First Timer?
Rank/Name	Grade	First Timer?
Rank/Name	Grade	First Timer?

ACTIVITIES SELECTION:

Friday, 30 October

Halloween Costume Party # _____ @ \$10.00 \$ _____

Saturday, 31 October

Members' Luncheon

Chicken Fiesta Salad # _____ @ \$24.00 \$ _____

King of Turkey Club/Chips # _____ @ \$24.00 \$ _____

(includes Sliced Fruit, Carrot Cake, Coffee Tea)

Banquet

Chicken Madeira w/Mushrooms # _____ @ \$40.00 \$ _____

Grilled Tilapia # _____ @ \$40.00 \$ _____

(includes Chef's Salad, Potato, Vegetables,
Cheesecake, Coffee, Tea)

All events include Cash Bar Total \$ _____

Reservations must be placed by Friday 09 October 2015

Make checks payable to "Absecon Island Power Squadron"

Send to:

1st/Lt Lynn Graiser, 1013 Riverside Drive, Mays Landing, NJ 08330

lynn39@verizon.net (609) 625-1536

If you have questions, please contact:

Stf/C Ralph Bernard, AP at rb3513@comcast.net

Room Reservations must be made by Friday 09 October 2015 to obtain discounted rate of \$129.00 plus tax.

Reserve your room directly with the Crowne Plaza by clicking on the link below or copy & paste:

<http://manage.passkey.com/Tracking/track.do?token=bGlua2lkPTcyNzk4OTU2MX5+fnRya2lkPTgwNjA4MDc0fn5+bWV0aG9kPWxpbmt+fn51cmw9aHROcHM6Ly9yZXN3ZWlucGFzc2tleS5jb20vUmVzd2VlMmRvP21vZGU9d2VsY29tZV9laV9uZXcmZXZlbnRJRD0xMjY3OTQyNCZ1dG1fc291cmNIPTU1NDEyJnV0bV9tZWVpdW09ZW1haWwmdXRtX2NhbnBhaWduPTQ2NTU1NDQ1&hash=E2606993529461F42B06A74D0A229B32>

Or by calling (1 888 233 9527) and mention **Absecon Island Power Squadron, three-letter code - AIZ**



ANNOUNCING THE



WHAT ?

D/5 SAIL REGATTA & FALL FESTIVAL 2015

WHERE ?

MARYLAND YACHT CLUB, Rock Creek

WHEN ?

11 - 13 SEPTEMBER 2015

HOW ?

**HOSTED BY: PATAPSCO RIVER POWER SQUADRON
D/5 AIDES, ESTEEMED POTOMAC RIVER PERSONNEL
BOAT, SAIL - BOAT, POWER, CAR**



SAIL REGATTA JUST OFF ROCK CREEK

FISHING TOURNAMENT PATAPSCO RIVER



FRIDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

HOSPITALITY HOUR BY DISTRICT 5 **COMMANDER FUZZY JONES, AP**

COME ENJOY A DELICIOUS BAR-B-QUE WITH HAMBURGERS,
HOT DOGS, PULLED PORK, BAKED BEANS & ASSORTED SALADS...
THEN TOAST A MARSHMALLOW AT THE CAMPFIRE

BLUE HERONS ON TAP

SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST **THEN**

SAILING REGATTA / OR / FISH !!

FOLLOWED BY THE BANQUET --

FIRST THE AWARDS --- then SERVED DINNER

- HOUSE SALAD

"Surf & Turf" - BEEF SHORT RIB & CRAB

CHEF'S VEGETABLE AND A STARCH



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SLIPS WILL BE AVAILABLE

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By SEA close to 39°10' W Lo, 76°09' N L bear SW from G7, Brewerton Channel



see yah' there...

contact jbrianbecker@verizon.net for details



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D/5 2015 SAIL REGATTA & FALL FESTIVAL

11 - 13 September 2015

Maryland Yacht Club, Rock Creek, MD

HOSTED BY: PATAPSCO RIVER POWER SQUADRON



Name: _____ Squadron: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ e-mail: _____

	Number		Total
Event registration fee:	_____	@ \$10.00	\$ _____
Friday evening Bar-B-Que at the Pavilion	_____	@ \$18.00	\$ _____
Saturday continental breakfast:	_____	@ \$ 5.00	\$ _____
Saturday banquet & awards presentations			
Adults	_____	@ \$35.00	\$ _____
Children 10 & under	_____	@ \$10.00	\$ _____
Regatta entrance fee (per boat)		@ \$10.00	\$ _____
Fishing tournament entrance fee (per fisherman)		@ \$10.00	\$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$ _____

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, Patapsco River Power Squadron, the Maryland Yacht Club, 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 Maryland Yacht Club (410) 255-4444

Deadline for event registration is 1 September 2015

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

P/D/C J. Brian Becker, AP

11120 Douglas Avenue

Marriottsville, MD 21104-1622

For additional information, e-mail jbrianbecker@verizon.net



Maryland Yacht Club info:

1500 Fairview Beach Road
Pasadena, MD 21122
(410) 255-4444

Contact person: whoever answers the phone-- extension 2 [General Manager]

Slip charges: \$ 1.50 per foot single 30 amp \$10.00 (2) 30 amp \$20.00
Single 50 amp \$15.00 (2) 50 amp \$30.00

Slip reservations must be made no later than 1 September 2015 and you must make your own slip arrangements. Make sure you tell them you are with D/5 USPS.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, 11 September

1300 – ? Arrive by land or sea Friday afternoon.
1700-1800 Commander's cocktail party @ the Pavilion
1730 +/- Bar-B-Que Beans and stuff
Campfire at the Pavilion

Saturday, 12 September

Fishing tournament (time to be determined by Captains)
0800 Continental Breakfast @ the Pavilion
0830 Skipper's meeting for sail race
1100 First signal for race
1730-1830 Cocktail party (cash bar)
1800-2100 Banquet & awards presentations
Dancing to the music of *Shift Work*

Sunday, 13 September

0930 Pitch-in breakfast (and maybe fish?)
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!

Patapsco River gratefully acknowledges the permission by the **Rock Creek Racing Association** for the use of their pre-set courses.



NEARBY HOTELS are primarily located in the Glen Burnie Area.



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SOUTHBOUND CRUISE 2015 FUZZY'S FANTASEAS

By P/D/C Bernie Karpers, M.D., N

This report covers the Southbound Cruise 2015 which started 17 July 2015 at Rock Hall Maryland, the Sailing Emporium and terminated on 23 July at Solomons, Maryland with boats staying at Spring Cove Marina and Holiday Inn Marina and Conference Center, the site of the District 5 Summer Rendezvous 2015.

The demographics of the cruise had 17 boats participating with 14 power and 3 sail. Seventy percent of the boats had diesel engines. Thirteen squadrons participated. They were Absecon Island, Annapolis, Cambridge, Delhigh, Delaware River, Dundalk, Kent Narrows, Kingsway, Mid Potomac, Miles River, Potomac River, Smith Mountain Lake and Wilmington. Forty-four persons participated in the cruise.

There were stops at Herrington Harbour South, Friendship Maryland, Cambridge Yacht Club and Municipal Yacht Basin, Cambridge, Maryland and Tilghman on the Chesapeake on Tilghman Island Maryland.

Each afternoon at 1700 dock parties were held and hosted by the following: D/C Fuzzy and Andrew Petruska, Kathy and John Nash with Kathy and Bernie Karpers, P/R/C Warren Stevens assisted by Dot and Bob Frenz, Isobel Krause and Pat Smith, Peggy and Terry Slattery with Kathy and John Nash and Howard Cupples with visiting guests Marianne and Al Ponzio. Thank you to all who participated.

Faithfully Jim Gorman reminded us each afternoon at 1700 of the daily dock parties when he fired the salute cannon which proclaimed to everyone in the vicinity it was five o'clock here and now!

A welcome reception was provided by Cambridge Sail and Power Squadron upon our arrival at that destination. Thank you to squadron Commander Nancy Lee Harvey for that warm and friendly reception held under the Gazebo at the Yacht Club and Municipal Yacht Basin.

D/Lt John O'Reilly was of great assistance, and "the go to" person at Cambridge. He arranged our tour of Cambridge Historic District, the University of Maryland Science and Environmental Science Center, The Ruark Boat Works, The Richardson Museum and the cruise aboard the skipjack, *Nathan of Dorchester*. He also arranged transportation to and from all of these sites.

During our trip transportation via land vehicle was provided by D/C Fuzzy Jones, Read Van Zile, Warren Marton, Chris Brown and Marty Lafferty.

The last day of the cruise, 23 July 2015, the daily 1700 party was hosted by Betty and John Wilmot and featured the Wild Hat Contest and an appearance by the Kazoo Ensemble. This party was immediately followed by a buffet style supper hosted by Patuxent River Sail and Power Squadron. A sincere and most appreciated thank you to squadron Commander Bob Blevins and his squadron for hosting the welcome dinner for the Southbound Cruise 2015. During the seven days of the cruise Nancy Gorman organized the poker hand game. A sincere thank you to Nancy Gorman for again organizing the poker game.

Thank you to all who participated, and we hope you will join the cruise next year. We hope to see you at the Sail Regatta and Fall Festival in September 2015. Come and sail or fish with the 2015 Southbound Cruisers of Fuzzy's Fantaseas.



Fuzzy's Fantaseas #1



Fuzzy's Fantaseas #2





18TH BOARMAN NATIONAL USPS YOUTH POSTER CONTEST



“When you boat be ready to float.....Wear It!”

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Entry Rules

- 1) May be vertical or horizontal
- 2) Must be on 15 x 20 or 14 x 22 inch poster paper
- 3) Professional illustrations, photos, copyrighted material or computer generated art may NOT be used
- 4) Poster must not be folded
- 5) Posters will be judged for the idea presented more than artistic ability
- 6) One entry per person
- 7) All entries become property of USPS©
- 8) The contest entry form must be completed in full, legibly printed and adhered to the back of the poster.



REMINDER



18TH BOARMAN NATIONAL UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS® YOUTH POSTER CONTEST

“When you boat be ready to float.....Wear It!”

District 5 judging will take place at Fall Conference. Please either take your squadron's winning entries to the Conference or mail by 30 September to:

D/Lt Bea Norris, P
6769 Windermere Ct.
Allentown, PA 18104

FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING CONTEST RULES CAN BE FOUND AT
[HTTP://WWW.USPS.ORG/NATIONAL/MEMBERSHIP/YOUTH/POSTER.HTM](http://www.usps.org/national/membership/youth/poster.htm)





2016 D/5 SPRING CONFERENCE – SAVE THE DATE

“EDUCATION AND FUN”

By P/C Steven Dalgarno, N, Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron

The 2016 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 31 March – 3 April 2016.

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 2016.

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, obviously fellow boaters, that you will ever have, and better yet, gives you the absolutely best place to start your planning for the 2016 boating season.

Please mark 31 March – 3 April 2016 on your calendars, and we’ll see you there!



Honoring the Captain and Crew of the USCS Robert J. Walker

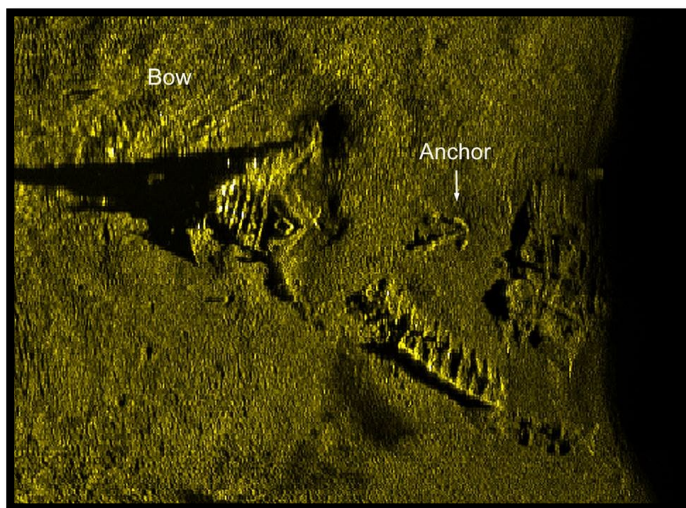


On 21 June a group of dedicated divers, US Coast Guard Honor Guard, Captain Steve Nagiewicz, co-director of the Robert J. Walker Mapping Project, Inlet Public/Private Association (IPPA) Executive Director Jean Muchanic, NOAA Rear Admiral Gerd Glang, a group of onlookers including United States Power Squadrons members Betty Byerly, Britne Bernard, & David & Nancy Bernard, and Master of Ceremonies Dr. James P. Delgado, director of maritime heritage for NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries,

gathered to honor the captain and crew members who perished off the coast of New Jersey on USCS ship Robert J. Walker.

The Walker, after taking over a million depth soundings (all by hand with a lead line) in the Gulf of Mexico in the Florida and Louisiana area, studying the movements of the gulf stream on the east coast was enroute to New York from Norfolk, VA when on the night of 21 June, 1860 in heavy weather it collided with the schooner, Fanny, about 16 miles off of Atlantic City. The Walker managed to get four miles closer to land guided by the newly constructed Absecon Light before succumbing to wind, waves and damage from the collision. Twenty-one hands were lost with the ship. One crew member who made it to shore died the next day due to injuries. The loss of the Walker was the single largest loss of life in the history of the United States Coast Survey and its successor NOAA. Her loss was overshadowed by the coming conflict that would tear our country in half for the next five years and was lost to history. The fate of the schooner, Fanny, is unknown.

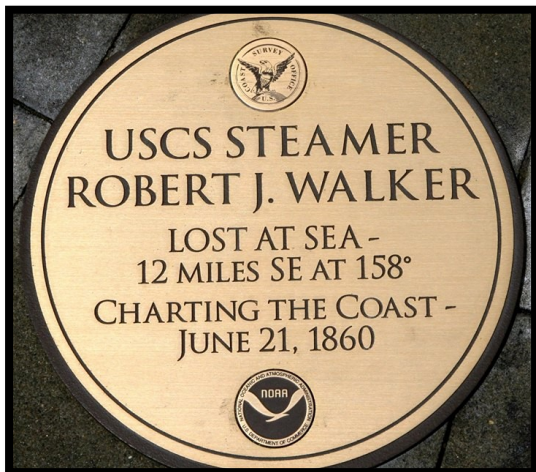
The Walker was discovered by a group of hard-core divers, but was listed as an unknown wreck until some interested people from NOAA started to do research, including interviewing local divers and diving at the site of the wreck itself. Through this research it was determined that the wreck was indeed the Robert J. Walker. It was identified by its unique Lighthalls lever half beam condensing steam engines and several other artifacts from local divers.



The Walker was built in Pittsburgh, PA 27 November 1847 by the Strackhouse and Tomlinson shipyard for the US Revenue service but was transferred to the Coast Survey. She was 125' long and

had a beam of 26'. Her hull was made of iron and grossed 358 tons and was a side wheeler. She was one of the first US government's iron-hulled ships. She was captained by Lt. John J. Guthrie. The crew lost were Marcus (or Marquis) Buoneventa, ward-room steward; Michael M. Lee, ship's cook, (colored); James Patterson, ward-room cook, (colored); Henry Reed, second mate; Timothy O'Connor, second gunner; John Driscoll, seaman; Michael Olman, seaman; George W. Johnson, son of Mr. Johnson, the actor; Charles Miller, ordinary seaman; Robert Wilson, seaman; John M. Brown, captain of after guard; Jeremiah Coffee, cooper; Cornelius Crow, landsman; John Farren, fireman; James Farren, fireman; Samuel Sizer, fireman; George Price, fireman; Joseph Bache, fireman; Daniel Smith, fireman; Peter Conway, fireman. They all gave their lives in the service of their country.

Rear Admiral Glang gave a moving eulogy commemorating the captain and crew lost in the tragedy and a bell was tolled for each crewman. He also described the importance of the work performed by the ship and crew for commerce and future boaters plying these waters.



The Memorial Dedication was held at the Absecon Lighthouse whose beacon guided the Walker on the fateful night and was emceed by Dr. Delgado with several divers speaking as well as other contributors. A compass rose and plaque were dedicated at the event. The dedication was coincidentally held on Father's Day reminding us that so many fathers went to sea never to be seen again by their sons and daughters.

Today the Walker can be dived upon by all recreational divers, however, no artifacts may be taken.

Respectfully submitted,

D/Lt David R. Bernard, AP





D/5 Summer Council/Rendezvous Wrap-up D/Lt/C C.M. Kohlenberg, S

I would like to extend a thank you for all of the great e-mails, letters/cards, and phone calls I have received since the Summer Council/Rendezvous as well as the positive comments made during the event. There were also some lessons learned, and I have noted them as a pass down item for future Summer Council/Rendezvous events. A thanks to those thoughtful members who noticed and pointed out area(s) that are candidates for improvement.

The plan was to have a relaxed and casual D/5 event where our members could enjoy a weekend of D/5 comradery. Seeing members and their families enjoying the pools or sitting in a comfortable chair with a "comfortable" drink talking about boating may indicate that goal was reached. The tone was set on Thursday night when Team Pax (Patuxent Squadron) hosted the get together at Spring Cove Marina.

Members attending the luau on Friday night under the Drum Point Lighthouse at the Calvert Marine Museum experienced an Aloha Solomons event with pleasant weather and great food provided by the professional staff from Bailey's Catering. The luau atmosphere was enhanced by Briana and Ralphie (Ralph & Nance Bernard's grandchildren) passing out leis. It is refreshing to see children having fun at our events.

Saturday morning started at the Calvert Marine Museum with the Flag Raising Ceremony followed by the Summer Council meeting. Laura Magdeburger from Patuxent River was a super star in coordinating the events at the Calvert Marine Museum including behind the scenes tour of the Museum where she also works. The tour was so popular that Laura graciously conducted a second tour. Thanks to Barbara Walter from Patuxent River for arranging the hands on operation of the model boats plus her accomplishments in pre-event coordination and sage advice.

The weekend wrapped up at the Holiday Inn with a buffet. The Holiday Inn proved to be very accommodating with our requests.

In addition to those D/5 members already mentioned, I would like to say thank you to members of Patuxent River: Bob & Lenore Blevins, Craig Bretz, Kay Simkins; Nanticoke River: Judy Kohlenberg, Peter & Natasha Singleton, Judy Martin; Rockville: Chuck Wells; Dundalk: John Hall, Bernie Karpers for a memorable D/5 Southbound Cruise (**FUZZY'S FANTASEAS**).

If you did not mark your calendar for the Summer Council for 23-26 July 2015 and missed Aloha Solomons, we will issue you a rain check for next year. We plan on seeing you all at next year's Summer Council/Rendezvous and hopefully sooner at upcoming D/5 events.

The More the Merrier.



Summer Council - Thursday





Summer Council - Boat Cruise



Summer Council - Friday Cocktails/Luau





Summer Council - Saturday Flag Raising



Summer Council - Saturday Dinner



UPCOMING EVENTS

11-13 Sept	Sail Regatta/Fishing	MD Yacht Club, Rock Creek
1-4 Oct	Trawler Festival	Harborview Marina Baltimore, MD
1-4 Oct	Atlantic City In-Water Boat Show	Farley State Marine Atlantic City, NJ
8-12 Oct	US Sailboat Show	Annapolis, MD
15-18 Oct	US Powerboat Show	Annapolis, MD
30 Oct-1 Nov	District 5 Fall Conference	Cherry Hill, NJ
14 Nov	20th Annual Land Navigation Delhigh PS Contest	
14 Feb 2016	United States Power Squadrons Annual Meeting	Orlando, FL



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