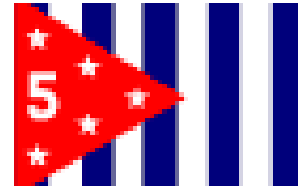




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Here's a sure bet: The D/5 Fall Conference

Are you ready to stretch your brain, make new friends, and do some sightseeing? Then mark your calendar for the United States Power Squadrons' D/5 Fall Conference!



This educational conference, from 26-29 October, will be at the Valley Forge Casino Resort/Radisson Hotel in King of Prussia, PA. It combines educational sessions, social opportunities and USPS® initiatives. At the same time, you'll be able to use the hotel as a base to explore the history and culture of Philadelphia and the Delaware Valley area.

The hotel has free shuttle service within five miles. (This includes Valley Forge National Park and the King of Prussia Mall.) Plus, when you stay at the Radisson, you'll get a free pass to the adjacent casino. Deal 'em!

If you have not attended a District 5 conference, become a First Timer! You'll meet USPS members from 31 squadrons who work tirelessly to promote the organization's goals. Their enthusiasm is infectious! You'll leave knowing more ways to enjoy boating and to contribute to your squadron.

Conference Events:

- **Presentations** on recent squadron, D/5, and National programs and activities.
- **Discussions** of opportunities, issues and controversial topics.
- **Voting** by squadron representatives to provide direction to the D/5 leadership.
- **Seminars** on boating education and the duties of squadron and district officers.
- **Social events**, including the legendary (and free) Commander's Cocktail Party on Friday, and lunch with a speaker and an evening banquet on Saturday

Many opportunities to make new friends and to have fun!

See a detailed schedule and abstracts of the major events on the D/5 Website (USPSD5.org)

To register for the conference:

First, click [here](http://USPSD5.org) and follow the instructions or go to the D/5 website home page [HTTP://USPSD5.org](http://USPSD5.org) and click on the Fall Conference registration button. You will be given the option of submitting the registration form electronically or mailing a printed version to Doris Brecht. In either case, you'll get an email confirmation.

Second, whether you submit the registration electronically or by mail, write a check payable to **D/5 Fall Conference 2017** to:

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Commander's Message

Cdr C. M. Kohlenberg



The Spring Festival was held in Solomons and Team Pax (Patuxent River Sail & Power Squadron) were gracious hosts and put forth a fantastic effort as did Walt Neese (D/5 Administrative Officer) with the planning of events including the Poker Run. **The keyword for the Spring Festival was casual and it was.** Having this as one of the D/5 events held in a different location each year, the Spring Festival has the potential to be a premier casual event filled with fun for all ages of boaters in D/5 of the United States Power Squadrons, America's Boating Club.

The Summer Council/Rendezvous was a D/5 Flagship event thanks to the detailed and follow up effort spearheaded by the GOCRACE Team and hosted by the Nansemond River Power Squadron, co-hosted by Virginia Beach Sail & Power Squadron with the support of Colonial Sail & Power Squadron. This year was a highlight for Judy and me as we were invited to join Kathy and Bernie Karpers on their boat and participate in the South-bound Cruise.

Additionally, I applaud the efforts of Alan Karpas and others in their effort to conduct a DELMARVA Circumnavigation event in conjunction with the Summer Council/Rendezvous. Personally as D/C I would like to see an event of this nature take place. Sailing is an integral part of our organization and there are more options that can be considered in the future. In view of this, I have asked the Sail Advisory-Boating Activities Chair, Jeff McKinney to look at potential areas and times for a "local" sailing event. If you are interested in participating or help organize an event, contact Jeff, Walt Neese or myself. We may have the makings of an Ad Hoc Committee.

If you missed the Summer Council/Rendezvous, you have the opportunity to attend another Flagship event, the Fall Conference in King of Prussia. Lance's Lancers in coordination with Chuck Wells (D/5 DEO) are organizing an amazing sequence of presentations laced with fun activities.

Squadron "neighborhood parties" are taking place and it's a great way to participate in a fun activity and meet new friends. You do not have to be geographically close to have a neighborhood party. Have boat will travel, by water or trailer or just travel by car. Judy and I have done both and we thoroughly enjoyed each activity.

Speaking of activity and neighborhood parties, Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron has organized a Celestial Navigation Rendezvous at Rock Hall, 8-10 September 2017 with 15-17 September as rain dates. Flyer and schedule on the internet. Points of contact: **Event**, David Blades (Dundalk Squadron Commander), Susan Rudy (Dundalk Membership Chair); **For Rooms and/or slips**, North Point Marina.

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To reserve a room:

Reserve your room directly with the Valley Forge Casino Resort / Radisson Hotel. The conference room rate is \$134 per night, plus tax. The deadline for the \$134 USPS rate is 3 October.

Click [here](#) to reserve a room. Use the promotional code: **USPS** to get the \$134 rate. Or call the hotel at 610-337-2000 and ask for Radisson Reservations for **US Power Squadrons**.

Conference shirts: Watch for an email soon about how to buy Fall Conference shirts with the new America's Boating Club logo/slogan. You can pick up your shirt(s) at the registration desk.

The Radisson:
1160 1st Ave.
King of Prussia, PA
19406

Free wi-fi
 Free casino entry
 Free local shuttles
 And more!

Recommended dress: Thursday/Friday/Saturday – USPS/Squadron shirts. Saturday banquet – Uniform A with bowtie or appropriate attire

Questions: Contact P/C Lance Parry at lapnews@gmail.com.

Before and after the conference: The King of Prussia area is rich in history and attractions. Consider arriving early or staying after the conference. Here are some options and their distances from the hotel:

VALLEY FORGE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK https://www.nps.gov/vafo/index.htm	* 0.6 miles	Washington's Headquarters, soldiers' huts, Artillery Park, walking trails, visitors' center
KING OF PRUSSIA MALL http://www.simon.com/mall/king-of-prussia	* 2 miles	The nation's largest retail complex; has 8 department stores, 361 specialty stores
MILL GROVE http://johnjames.audubon.org/	* 3 miles	Built in 1762, the home of John James Audubon
HISTORIC PHILADELPHIA http://www.historicphiladelphia.org/	20 miles	Liberty Bell, Declaration of Independence, Barnes Foundation Museum, Philadelphia Museum of Art
PETER WENTZ FARMSTEAD http://www.peterwentzfarmsteadsociety.org/	20 miles	George Washington planned the Battle of Germantown here. See antiques and unique wall decorations
LONGWOOD GARDENS https://longwoodgardens.org/	30 miles	Spectacular gardens and landscapes, fall mum festival, newly renovated fountains
*The hotel has a free shuttle to destinations within 5 miles of the hotel. Want more? Click here for information about more tourist attractions.		

Conference hosts: Main Line Sail and Power Squadron,
 assisted by Delaware River Sail and Power Squadron and Delhigh Power Squadron

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THE MORE THE MERRIER

Referring to ourselves as the United States Power Squadrons, America's Boating Club is not a single source for success; however, it is a tool we can use to explain and relate to potential members who we are. Now we have a logo to go with the slogan. This is not a name change. Several members from our district and other districts have made positive comments. I have also heard questions of why. One thing for certain, we need to support this effort by National and lead the way by our actions and inputs to National to help refine this concept. The reason: this is who we have been for a long time in D/5.

As we continue "UNDERWAY" for 2017-2018, I see enjoyable and exciting events and successes on the horizon. Judy and I wish each of you fair winds and following seas.

Take Care, C.M.



United States Power Squadrons® District 5 Fall Conference, 26-29 October Valley Forge Casino Resort / Radisson Hotel **REGISTRATION FORM**



CERTIFICATE #: _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State ____ ZIP _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____

Squadron _____ First Timer? (Y, N)

SPOUSE / OTHER ATTENDEES:

Name _____ E-mail _____ Member (Y, N) First Timer? (Y, N)

Name _____ E-mail _____ Member (Y, N) First Timer? (Y, N)

Name _____ E-mail _____ Member (Y, N) First Timer? (Y, N)

Friday Evening: Commander's Cocktail Party	FREE – FREE – FREE – # attending: _____
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Saturday Lunch Buffet with presentation about the wreck of the <i>Andrea Doria</i>	
Soup, coleslaw, pasta salad, garden salad, fresh fruit, baked ham, roast beef, turkey breast, three types of cheeses, bread and rolls, desserts, coffee, tea, iced tea	# attending ___ @ \$ 24 / per person = \$ _____
Saturday Night Banquet	
Chicken marsala	# entrees ___ @ \$ 39 / per person = \$ _____
Herb roasted salmon with tomato caper relish	# entrees ___ @ \$ 39 / per person = \$ _____
Herb roasted pork loin with mustard sauce	# entrees ___ @ \$ 39 / per person = \$ _____
Pasta primavera	# entrees ___ @ \$ 39 / per person = \$ _____
Served with seasonal salad, bread and rolls, coffee, tea, iced tea, chocolate fudge cake	Subtotal: \$ _____
	Total: \$ _____

Conference Registration:

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Second: Write a check to **D/5 Fall Conference 2017** and postmark it by **16 October** to:

Doris Brecht, 401 Ryers Ave., Cheltenham, PA 19012-2115

You'll receive an email confirmation of your registration.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION:
Submit reservation electronically or by mail.
– In either case, mail a check payable to “D/5 Fall Conference 2017” -- by 16 October
YOU MUST MAIL THE CHECK!
IN EITHER CASE.

Hotel Reservations: Reserve your room directly with the Radisson by clicking on this [link](#) and using the Promotional Code: **USPS** or by calling 610-337-2000 and asking for Radisson Reservations for **US Power Squadrons**.

Room Rate: \$134 / night (*rate does not include taxes*) You must use the promotional code to get this rate.

HOTEL REGISTRATION:
Reserve your room by 3 October to get the \$134 per night USPS rate.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Doris Brecht, brechtd@aol.com, or Lance Parry, lap-news@gmail.com





District 5 Southbound Cruise to Portsmouth

R/C Ralph Bernard, AP

District 5 has another successful cruise to our Summer Rendezvous. P/D/C Bernie Karpers did an outstanding job of picking marinas on the way south to make it very comfortable for everyone involved. The cruise started in Rock Hall at the Sailing Emporium. We had After Hours II, Nansea Gale, Belle Linda and Lorenzo. There were two outstanding cocktail parties for everyone to enjoy. It was here we had our first two problems: John Wilmot and his crew could not attend due to health issues and we hope all is well with John. Things did not end here as on the day the cruise was leaving for the Solomons, Jim Gorman had a gall bladder attack. Thanks to a fantastic diagnosis by Dr. Karpers and after some type of pain, Jim and Nancy were able to get back to Baltimore and to the doctor. Ultimately, Jim had surgery and is on the mend.

The next stop was Spring Cove in the Solomons where we pick up Marinellis and Spaths and another great cocktail party. We spent only one night in the Solomons. The trip from the Solomons to the Tides was fantastic as we had a following sea, the wind and tide with us.

Our next stop was the Tides in Virginia where they have built a new marina which is much better than where the cruise stopped the last time we went to Cape Charles. The cruise spent two wonderful days there and everyone had a wonderful time. Golfing, riding bicycles and spending time in the pool were what the cruisers did to pass the time. We added John & Mary Hall (Battlewagon), John & Barbara Locke (Blue Moon) and Walter Neese (Rat Ark) to the cruise. As the captains were busy watching the weather, plans were made to go up the Elizabeth River at the same time. Boats left at various times but wanted to meet at the entrance at 1400 hours.

Although our plans to meet and go in together did not come to fruition, the cruise arrived at Tidewater Marina in Portsmouth intact. The going south was exactly the opposite of the trip to the Tides in that we bucked the wind, waves and the tide. Another problem surfaced with the Spath's having a vibration problem and they found out their shafts had a crack in them. They were getting fixed in Portsmouth and I hope all went well and they are back on the water. The Halls and Rileys left on Saturday as the forecast for Sunday was not good and made it to Crisfield. Sunday was very nasty and almost everyone stayed in Portsmouth until the next day or even afterwards.

All in all, the cruise was fantastic. Bernie Karpers did the itinerary with Ralph Bernard compiling all the information and cocktail parties. Apryl Bernard put together the cruise booklet which was outstanding and an immense help to the cruisers.

If you have not taken part in one of the D/5 Cruises, then you are really missing an exciting time. The friendship and mixing of members of D/5 makes it such a wonderful experience. For my part, "Four Play" traveled 375 nautical miles during the cruise. It is rumored that the Summer Rendezvous in 2018 will be in Cape May, NJ which will be an adventure. We have not gone that far north in a very long time so I encourage everyone to plan right now and make this trip an experience. Talking to my crew, Randy and Judy Stow, Matt and Rally Carugno and of course, my Admiral, Nance, we are really looking forward to something very different and exciting.

DON'T MISS A DISTRICT 5 CRUISE!!!!





District 5 Summer Council Rendezvous at Tidewater Yacht, 27-29 July 2017

Despite storms, rains and high winds, the 2017 D/5 Summer Council Rendezvous in Portsmouth, VA was a great success. Temperatures were low so we didn't have to be concerned with extreme heat. But the bottom line was that over 120 members came from over 20 different power squadrons. It was a good thing that we had access to the large upstairs conference room at Tidewater Yacht as many of our functions were driven indoors. We ran games (and it was decided that booze bingo should be a standard at all D/5 summer functions!) and crafts at the same time, with people on chairs, at tables and sitting on the floor! The room also served well for the Nominating Committee meeting and the Bridge Meeting, as well as the Commander's Reception.

The flag raising ceremony went off without a hitch and the rain held off till after the Council meeting was conducted under the big tent. The Commander's Reception flowing into the Meet and Greet Docktail party went very well, members mingled and met, until the rain came back.

The Renaissance hotel outdid themselves, with fabulous service to those staying and for the awards dinner Saturday night. The buffet spread was fabulous, and the bartender was kept busy.

Special thanks to all the members of Nansemond River Power Squadron for tackling the job as host squadron, and to Virginia Beach Sail & Power for co-hosting the event, providing manpower, tents, food and chairing the games and activities. Even though the rain prohibited many of the outdoor functions (hard to put up a badminton net in wind and rain!), the rubber ducky grab in The Renaissance pool was great fun for everyone! Likewise, kudo's to Colonial Sail & Power for chairing the Silent Auction and 50/50 raffles and sending in volunteers to man the various areas as well as providing food for the dock party.

The bottom line? Everyone seemed to have a good time, meetings were held, games were played, and good meals were eaten. Receiving the dock slips at a lower rates (minus sales tax) was a plus for those boating, and The Renaissance (once we got the bugs worked out!) gave us a good rate both on rooms and the dinner Saturday Night. We are still tabulating income and expenses as of this writing...but we know the entire weekend was a success!

D/Lt Grace E. Brown P
Host Chair, Nansemond River Power Squadron





Thursday Arrivals





Friday Day & Night





Commander's Cocktail Party





Friday Night Docktails



DML Video Shoot





2017 Summer Council Flag Raising Ceremony





2017 Summer Council - Council Meeting





2017 Summer Council Crafts & Games





2017 Summer Council Dinner





District 5 Spring Festival, Fishing Tournament & Sail Regatta
F/Lt Bob Blevins, AP

The D/5 Spring Festival held 23-25 June at Solomon's Island, MD, hosted by the Patuxent River Sail and Power Squadron, was a resounding success with members and boats from eight squadrons attending.

D/Lt/C Walt Neese, JN did an outstanding job of organizing events including the Poker Run for the smaller boats within the Solomon's Island area and the navigations contest, which was cancelled because of high winds, as was the sail contest.

P/D/C Bernie Karpers, N hosted the fishing tournament. Fortunately, the fish heard them coming and refused to take their bait. However Megan Humphrey won the applause for the best fish story ever told at the Awards ceremony.

Many thanks to all who attended and our bartenders who kept us all liquidated.

Attention D/5 Members:

The editor of the Mark 5 is in need of proofreaders for each edition of the Mark 5. If you are good at catching typos, grammatical errors, this is the job for you. Please contact Apryl Bernard: aprylber@msn.com.

Thanks.

Apryl

UPCOMING EVENTS

10-17 Sep	USPS Governing Board	Dallas, TX
5-9 Oct	Annapolis Sailboat Show	Annapolis, MD
12-15 Oct	Annapolis Powerboat Show	Annapolis, MD
27-29 Oct	District 5 Fall Conference	King of Prussia, PA
18-25 Feb 2018	USPS Annual Meeting	Orlando, FL
5-8 April	District 5 Spring Conference	Ocean City, MD

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