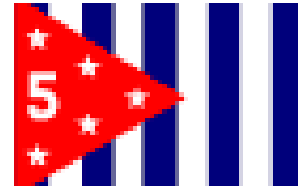




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2018 District 5 Fall
Conference 26-28 October
Doubletree by Hilton,
Annapolis, MD



Get ready for a fun-filled weekend at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel in Annapolis, MD. The D/5 Meetings & Rendezvous Committee is hard at work preparing for an educational and fun weekend. We are offering new meal options as well as informative seminars and meetings. DEO Robert Palmer and Assistant DEO Joe Gibson are preparing a jam-packed agenda for Friday and Saturday along with the conference meeting on Sunday.

As usual we are teaming with the Portuguese Embassy honoring our long-term alliance with them. The commander's cocktail party will definitely reflect the Portuguese alliance.

Along with the seminars and panel discussions, there are many places to visit in the city of Annapolis, including the harbor, Naval Academy and many interesting shops and restaurants.

Check out the registration form on page 3. There is also an online registration. Online registration instructions are on page 12. Keep checking the district webpage, www.uspsd5.org for more information; schedule, registration (paper and online).

Anyone interested in helping out with the registration desk or raffles, please contact me via email, aprylber@msn.com or phone, (609) 432-7449.

Hope to see you there!

D/Lt Apryl Bernard, P
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Commander's Message

D/C Bradley Humphrey, JN



"It's gone! Turn around. I'll work the sail, you turn the boat around, keep an eye on it." These were the words exclaimed by my friend as we recently went sailing. A seat cushion had blown overboard and he was intent on recovering it. It was gray in color and not easily discernable against the dark murky bay water. By the time we set a course for the presumed cushion location, we lost track of it. It was never recovered.

Conduct overboard drills with various items at any given time. When is the last time you performed a hat overboard or fender overboard drill? How long does it take for you to turn the boat around? Did you assign a lookout? Your performance during these type of drills is important. It will prepare you for a very dangerous man overboard contingency. Is your crew wearing life jackets? Are they brightly colored?

We have the unique expertise to perform many types of drills for a variety of scenarios.

Decide if and when Sécurité calls should be employed. It's common for the Coast Guard to announce a Sécurité briefing on Channel 16, then switch to a working channel to broadcast the details of the message. These are appropriate to report lost or missing ATONS, adverse weather conditions, tidal drops, obstructions, or abnormal vessel maneuvers.

Do you have a pre-departure checklist or is it mental? I make sure that I run my boat with the battery switch set to 1 or 2 and not to both. On my other boat, I turned the battery charger off when running the generator and main engines. This way, I could ensure that the alternators were charging the batteries absent the generator. Are you wearing your lifejackets?

Do you have an arrival checklist? Every boat is different. Customize your list accordingly.

I realize in the midst of an unexpected item overboard or grounding, you're not going to use a list and methodically check the boxes. However, mentally plan and practice for a variety of situations. What is on your lee should you lose power? How fast is that ship going? Is that vessel on a constant bearing and decreasing range? Am I the stand-on or give-way vessel? Does the other vessel understand my course, speed, and intentions? How will I dock in a cross current?

While we're in the prime boating season, think of what scenarios you want to practice or teach.

Yours in safe boating,

Brad



DISTRICT 5



D/5 2018 FALL CONFERENCE RESERVATION FORM

26 - 28 OCTOBER 2018

DOUBLETREE BY HILTON HOTEL, ANNAPOLIS, MD



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?
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

ACTIVITIES SELECTION:

Continental Breakfast Coffee, Tea, Juices, Pastries, Muffins. Friday Saturday (Circle days wanted)	# _____ @ \$10.00 \$ _____
Continental Breakfast with Scrambled Eggs/Bacon Sunday	# _____ @ \$15.00 \$ _____
Friday Boxed Lunch Sandwich (Turkey, Ham or Veggie Wrap), Chips, Fruit, Cookies, Soda or Bottled Water (Please circle type of sandwich and beverage desired)	# _____ @ \$20.00 \$ _____
Saturday Luncheon Italian Buffet (Caesar Salad, Stuffed Shells w/Marinara Sauce, Linguini w/Alfredo Sauce, Mediterranean Style Grilled Chicken, Garlic Bread, Fresh Vegetable Medley, Chef's Selection of Desserts, Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea	# _____ @ \$26.00 \$ _____
Saturday Awards Banquet Admiral Buffet: Carved Top Round of Beef, Grilled Salmon, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Fresh Vegetable Medley, Chef's Selection of Desserts, Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea	# _____ @ \$36.00 \$ _____
	Total: \$ _____

Reservations must be placed by Friday 12 October 2018

Make checks payable to "USPS District 5"

Send to: D/Lt Barbara Blaker, 91 Blondell Court, Timonium, MD 21093-2006 (410) 308-2148

If you have questions, please contact: D/Lt Apryl Bernard (609) 432-7449, aprylber@msn.com.

Room Reservations must be made by Friday 04 October 2018 to obtain discounted rate of \$130.00 plus tax.

Reserve room at DoubleTree by Hilton Annapolis:

<http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/A/ANPDTDT-USP-20181025/index.jhtml?WT.mc.id=POG>

Group Name: USPS DISTRICT 5 2018 Fall Educational Conference
Group Code: USP
Hotel Name: [DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Annapolis](#)
Hotel Address: 210 Holiday Court
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
Phone Number: 410.224.3150

See instructions for online registration on page 12.



2018 District 5 Summer Cruise

The District 5 Summer Cruise, "Bradley's Boaters," started with the boats in the Solomons, La Dolce Vita (Rick and Lisa Marinelli with Marty and Sari Lafferty as crew); Lady J, (John and Betty Wilmot with Jim and Nancy Gorman as crew); and Mystic Mood III, (Jack and Marla Spath with D/C Brad and Meg Humphrey as crew) traveled to Baltimore and stayed at the Anchorage Marina. They joined Four Play, (Ralph and Nance Bernard with Randy and Judy Stow as crew). On Saturday, John Wilmot very graciously offered his boat to take a group of 16 members to the Inner Harbor and then we walked to the Orioles baseball game, which they won by a score of 1-0. Everyone had a wonderful time except for Jack Spath who received more information that he would ever want to know about soccer from the loud talking person behind him. Sunday's cocktail party was hosted by the Wilmot's and Gorman's; they always do a fantastic job.

On Monday the cruise left for Mears Great Oak on Fairlee Creek for a two day stay. The first day was filled with sunshine and everyone enjoyed the pool and a cocktail party was hosted by La Dolce Vita and Mystic Mood III in the air-conditioned structure at the marina. On the second day, the cocktail party, hosted by Four Play, started out with fine preparation but a rain slicked dock provided a surface not conducive to stepping from the boat. Poor Judy Stow slipped and the bag of goodies for the cocktail party went into the water. Unfortunately, Nance Bernard's cell phone was also in the bag and now some rockfish are looking at all the Bernard photos on her phone. Judy had some bumps and bruises, but thankfully she was not seriously hurt as that could have been the case. The cell phone was a small price to pay for Judy's health. With all that, all the food in the bag did not get damaged and the cocktail party went on as scheduled.

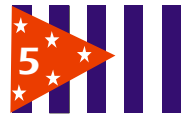
On Wednesday, we started out for Summit North on the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal and even though the walk from the boats was far the sports at the pool gave our members quite the experience. After Hours II, Bernie and Kathy Karpers and Belle Linda, Penn and Linda Hess, joined the cruise here. As a reward, they were allowed to host the cocktail party. Wow, what a wonderful job they did. Apryl Bernard also joined the crew of Four Play for the ride down the Delaware. The talk of the dock was the time of departure for the final leg of our journey to Cape May. It was decided that all of us were going to leave early, of course, some earlier than others and so some of the boats hit the Canal at approximately 0530 in the morning.

All had a great run down the Delaware River and Bay and arrived safely at the Canyon Club in Cape May. We were met in Cape May by John and Mary Hall on their new boat; Doug and Eileen Riley with daughter Anne Moffat on Lorenzo; Joel Hilden & Sandrine Letendre on Sway; Dave and Nancy Bernard & Britne & Doug Field & Betty Byerly on Breezin'; Doug and Kathy McKenzie on Happy Ours and Jared and Ashle Cocca on Coccamo.

It was a little sad to see so few boats making the trip to Cape May after such a successful cruise to Portsmouth at last year's Summer Rendezvous. Speaking for all who made the trip, the journey to Cape May was fantastic and the stops along the way really built up the fraternity of District 5. The location of next year's rendezvous has not been announced, look for the date and plan to cruise with your District 5 members to where ever it is. It is not the destination, but the ride!

R/C Ralph Bernard, AP





2018 Summer Cruise





2018 District 5 Summer Council & Rendezvous

On 19 July members from the northbound cruise started to trickle in to the Canyon Club Marina in Cape May NJ from the long trip down the Unpredictable Delaware River & Bay. Most accounts had the bay as "not bad" so the rides down were uneventful; just like we like them.

Those that came by boat included: David & Nancy Bernard (Breezin' with Mr. Breeze); Ashle & Jared Cocca (Coccamo); Ralph & Nancy Bernard with Randy & Judy Stow and Apryl Bernard (Four Play); Rick & Lisa Marinelli and Marty & Sari Lafferty (La Dolce Vita); Jack & Marla Spath and Brad & Megan Humphrey (Mystic Mood III); John & Betty Wilmot and Jim & Nancy Gorman (Lady J); Berny & Kathy Karpers (Happy Hours II); Doug & Kathy McKenzie (Happy Ours); Penn & Linda Hess (Belle Linda); Joel Hilden and Sandrine Letendre (Sway); Doug & Eileen Riley and Anne Moffat (Lorenzo); and John & Mary Hall in his new 60' boat.

Thursday evening started out with a karaoke party on the dock. Many attended but only a few brave souls sang. It was enough to chase a potential slip holder away from the T pier. Thursday night members dined on their own and or had snacks on the fantails of their boats and invited other members to join them.

Friday afternoon, members were treated to a ride upon a Coast Guard Motor 47 Lifeboat. Doug and Kathy McKenzie's son, Matt McKenzie, a member of the Coast Guard and his crew took six members at a time on a cruise around the Cape May Harbor. We even went out the inlet to a brief stay in the ocean. What a great time! Thanks so much to the Coast Guard and Matt! Due to a last-minute booking by the marina of another group, we faced a few challenges in preparing for the Commander's Cocktail Party. Thanks to the district aides who stepped up to the plate and made it as seamless as possible. The food spread was great, the bartenders kept everyone hydrated. Many, many thanks to the aides who brought food and drink and made the event, by all accounts, a success.

Saturday dawned with the specter of rain shadowing us. The flag raising had a few sprinkles, but we got through without any showers. Next came the Council Meeting. Thanks to expedited reports the meeting was adjourned in record time just as the rain descended on us. During the day, many members took advantage of the free shuttle that took them into Cape May to shop and sightsee. For the dinner cruise we were met with pouring rain and flooded parking lots that greeted the members as they boarded the "Spirit of Cape May." The food was delicious, the captain narrated the history of the area and provided an opportunity to see some dolphins in the rips off Cape May Point. Luckily, the rain stopped for the duration of the ride, so people could step out on the spacious decks to see the sights. Most folks did not see any dolphins and got free passes to try again. On the ride a number of members were on the bow looking for marine life when Sari Lafferty had her "Marilyn Monroe" moment. She learned to keep one hand on her dress and one on her camera. When we returned from the cruise the rain started up again with a vengeance. It was a dark and stormy night! This made it very difficult for members to mingle and talk boating. Most were prepping for the trip back up the Bay checking weather windows for the best time to leave in the morning.

Many thanks to the folks who brought items for the raffle table. The raffles were first rate items prompting high ticket sales, and it was a great success. Thanks to Linda Hess and all the committee members who helped set up and man the raffle table.

The committee overcame many challenges to make the Summer Council a success. Everyone seemed to have a good time, and I'm sure it would have been better had the weather cooperated. Thanks again to all the aides for their dishes, and help and to the Rendezvous Committee for a great weekend. Let us all strive to "Build Better Boaters!"

Respectfully submitted
P/C David R. Bernard AP
Committee Chair





2018 Summer Council Thursday





2018 Summer Council Friday





2018 Summer Council Commander's Reception





2018 Summer Council Saturday





2018 Summer Council Dinner Cruise





District 5 Fall Conference

Online Registration Instruction

Instructions: Click on Member Registration on the home page of uspsd5.org. You will have to give your membership number and password. This will then take you to the registration page. Follow instructions below.

1. The **Member** section provides data from your membership record. See the Registration Instructions document linked below if there are issues.
 2. Use the tools in the **Spouse / Other Attendees** section to add other members or guests.
 - a. Select name of an additional member from your squadron. Use the **Add Additional Member** button to add a select box.
 - b. Use the **Add Guest Fields** to add controls where you can type the names of other people who will attend.
 - 2a. Enter the number of entrees of each meal type you wish to purchase. Total cost will be automatically computed.
 - a. Click on the button **Automatically submit form to conference organizers** to save registration to conference database. You may make changes to your registration as needed (At any time, up to the registration deadline (October 26), you may make changes to your registration as needed. Of course this may change the amount you owe.)
 - b. After submittal, send a check to **Barbara A. Blaker** at the address provided below.

Use the hotel link or phone number listed below to reserve a room. Be sure the USP code is visible in the reservation page Promotional Code field or is used by the hotel's reservation agent.

Doubletree by Hilton - Annapolis

210 Holiday Court

Annapolis,, 21401

Conference Room Rate: \$130 / night (rate does not include taxes)

Reserve your Doubletree by Hilton - Annapolis room directly using the link. [Hotel Reservations](#)

Make sure the 'Promotional Code' field in the reservation form has the code USP

or by calling **410 224-3150** and asking for **Promotional Code of 'USP'** to obtain the **\$130 Room Rate**.

DISTRICT 5 SPRING CONFERENCE AND CHANGE OF WATCH

Preparations for the 2019 District 5 Spring Conference are officially underway. Next year's conference will be at the Princess Royale in Ocean City Maryland on 28-31 March. Our theme will be Building Better Boaters as we celebrate the year of our current D/C Brad Humphrey and all that District 5 has accomplished under his command.

More information will be available in the winter issue of the Mark 5 and on the District 5 website as the date approaches.



DISTRICT 5



FRANKLIN P. WRIGHT
MAY 25, 1925 - AUGUST 5, 2018



Franklin Pierce Wright, age 94, died peacefully on Sunday, August 5, 2018 at Springhouse Estates in Lower Gwynedd, PA.

A lifelong resident of Ambler, Frank was the son of the late Thurman Michael Wright and Edith (Davies) Wright. He is the brother of the late Thurman Michael Wright, Jr. and the late Wanda (Wright) (Focht) Roeger.

Frank served his country during WW II as a Lieutenant J.G. in the US Navy. While stationed in San Francisco, he met and married his wife of 63 years, Marilyn Peterson of Eureka, CA.

The newlyweds settled in Ambler where Frank took ownership, from his father, of "Wright's Corner Store" on Church Street at the intersection of Bannockburn Avenue.

While running the grocery store, Frank began his career with the Robert Wooler Company, a metal heat treating plant in Dresher, PA. Hired as a laborer on the evening shift in 1959, he worked his way up to become President of the company. He retired in 1981.

Frank and his late wife Marilyn were active Life Members of the United States Power Squadrons, an organization promoting safe boating through education. Frank was a devoted member of the national organization receiving 44 merit marks and holding the titles of Delaware River Sail and Power Squadron Commander; District 5 Commander; and eventually National Rear Commander. He achieved the title of Senior Navigator and taught boating courses ranging from basic boating to advanced celestial navigation. Frank was also one of the top competitors in the District's navigation contests. For more than 40 years the couple spent their summers on their trawler "GAFIA" berthed in Rock Hall, Maryland, on the Chesapeake Bay.

At Gwynedd Estates, his final residence, Frank, an avid pool player, started a class for women interested in learning how to play pool. He was also a participant in the ACT's communities fun spirited pool player's Olympics.

After Marilyn passed away in 2009, Frank was fortunate enough to have had the companionship of a dear friend, Mary McHugh of Fallston, Maryland. For almost a decade, the couple took turns driving the two hours between their residences and enjoyed socializing with friends and family, traveling, comparing tomato plants, and playing cribbage.

Frank was preceded in death by his beloved wife Marilyn and dear son, Donald Joseph Wright. He is survived by his daughters, Sharon Downs (Janet Helms) of Wayne, PA; Dr. Bonnie Wright of Cheltenham, PA; daughter-in-law Claire Wright of Douglassville, PA; and sons Franklin P. Wright, Jr. (Sheila) of Cumming GA; and Dennis Wright (Wayne Wagner) of Philadelphia, PA; his grandchildren Daphne (Downs) Tanouye (Alex); Franklin P. Wright, III (Kristen); Elizabeth (Wright) Kahan (Jacob); Benjamin Wright-Rowan (Laura McDavid); and Christopher Wright; and great-grandchildren Gabriel and Abigail Kahan; and Otis and August Tanouye.

Friends and relatives are invited to call on Saturday September 22 after 9:30 AM at the Anton B. Urban Funeral Home, 1111 S. Bethlehem Pike, Ambler, PA. Frank's funeral service will begin at 11:00 AM.

Donations in Frank's memory may be made to Disabled American Veterans (dav.org/pp), WoundedWarriorProject.org or to the charity of your choice and are appreciated by the family.



Around the District

Nanticoke River Sail and Power Squadron (NRSPS) News

Our Squadron has been really active during the month of June. We began the boating season with our first Delaware safe boating class on Saturday 9 June we had 10 students who have become better boaters because of taking our class. The students also had a chance to practice with our fire extinguisher simulator.

On Friday 15 June our Squadron co-sponsored along with our local Kiwanis Club a picnic/boat outing for veterans from the Milford Veterans Home. The veterans really enjoyed the experience.

On Monday 18 June we had our monthly meeting on the road, at a restaurant in St. Michael's, MD followed by a tour of the St. Michael's Maritime Museum. We gained lots of knowledge about boats, boating and the watermen that worked the Chesapeake Bay.

On Tuesday 26 June our members took a boat cruise from Tilghman Island, to tour Popular Island out in the Chesapeake Bay. Our Nanticoke Paddles, which is an activity of our Squadron, have also been busy. They had a paddle on Sunday 10 June to Deep Creek Lake. They always have fun because they always stop at a member of the group's home for refreshments after the paddle.

Our Squadron has been really active during the month of June. **Check out our photos below, from some of the events.** We will keep everyone tuned in for the month of July events. **As one of our members always says "The More the Merrier."**



UPCOMING EVENTS

25-29 September	Trawlerfest Baltimore	Baltimore, MD
4-8 October	United States Sailboat Show	Annapolis, MD
11-14 October	United States Powerboat Show	Annapolis, MD
26-28 October	District 5 Fall Conference	Annapolis, MD
24-27 January	Baltimore Boat Show	Baltimore, MD
17-23 February	USPS Annual Meeting	Orlando, FL
27 Feb - 3 March	Atlantic City Boat Show	Atlantic City, NJ
8-10 March	Greater Philadelphia Boat Show	Philadelphia, PA
29-31 March	District 5 Spring Conference	Ocean City, MD
	District 5 Summer Council	TBA
	District 5 Fall Conference	TBA

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