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2019 D/5 Fall Conference

The District 5 Fall Conference Planning Committee has been hard at work and most of the planning has been completed for the District 5 Fall Conference at the Fredericksburg Hospitality House and Conference Center. The facility offers lots of space, convenient parking and all the meeting and banquet rooms are centrally located. D/Lt/C Joe Gibson is working hard to make sure that our time together is used smartly.

The conference center is located in Fredericksburg's Central Park which is the major shopping and restaurant center for the region. Nearby are the Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Wilderness, and Spotsylvania Civil War Battlefields.

The registration form has been posted to the D/5 website and distributed to all newsletter editors. You can also register online. Please fill out the forms and make your reservations at the conference center. Below this article is the link for making room reservations. The cost is \$99.00 for single or double. Coming to this Fredericksburg fall conference will ensure that your boat remains safely moored at your dock, and not subject to any failures.

Cdr Art Walz, AP
Fall Conference Chairperson

Hotel Reservations:
<https://reservations.travelclick.com/15003?groupID=2503864> .



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Commander's Message

D/C Walter K. Neese, SN



As my year serving as your district commander continues, I am delighted to see that this year's tag line, "D5 WORKS!" is being proven out in many ways. Getting together with friends from all over the district has been a pleasure.

Special thanks go to John and Betty Wilmot who arranged and ran the District Southbound Cruise in advance of the Summer Council at Crisfield. It followed a leisurely schedule through the July heat from Kent Narrows to Knapps Narrows to Solomons and then on to Crisfield. Ten boats joined the cruise in all.

More thanks go to all the district commander's aides headed up again by John and Betty who hosted the commander's receptions Friday and Saturday evening at the Summer Council & Rendezvous. We enjoyed quite a spread of delicious nibbles thanks to everyone's hard work.

And finally, thanks to John O'Reilly and his team for organizing and pulling off a great Summer Council/Rendezvous with the help of the citizens of Crisfield who had an amazing array of activities to keep everybody busy and having fun. Most popular was the tour boat to Tangier Island which took some sixty members. We are making a tradition out of having Summer Council include a boat ride even for those attending by car.

As of this writing, many members of District 5 are planning to attend the National Governing Board meeting in Louisville, KY. We are asked to comment by 1 September, ahead of the meeting, on the recently issued draft of plans to transition to the new America's Boating Club®. Dramatic changes are proposed with the goal of making the organization friendlier and easier to deal with, for a new generation of members. Also, with our membership dwindling, it seeks to streamline operations at squadron, district and national levels to make operating easier.

There are many details and I recommend you examine for yourself what's being proposed. I issued an email broadcast to all district members with a message to that effect, with links to the plan document and to an online dialog where you can post your reactions. Let me know if you need that again.

I have heard back many reactions from you already, some rejecting the changes wholesale and others enthusiastic to adopt them. My sense is that the details are a stumbling block for many even though the goals make sense. One simplification suggests that district operations be severely cut back, and all district meetings eliminated. Many districts do report that they are struggling to get people to run and attend meetings. But I will make the position of D/5 clear in Louisville. As a group of many squadrons, our cohesiveness stems from the large network of friends that gets together when we meet, and that's what makes the organization fun. "D5 WORKS!" I had no idea how applicable that would become.

In closing I would like to encourage everyone to join us in Fredericksburg, Va. for the District 5 Fall Educational Conference on the weekend of 7 - 10 November. Conveniently positioned in the middle of the district it will give us a chance to catch up with old friends, to make new friends, and to recognize educational accomplishments over the past year.

Walter

DISTRICT 5



2019 America's Boating Club Mid-Atlantic District 5 Fall Conference

8-10 November 2019 * Fredericksburg Hospitality House
Hotel and Conference Center, Fredericksburg, VA

MEMBER

Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____ Squadron _____

SPOUSE/OTHER ATTENDEES

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SATURDAY LUNCHEON

Bistro Select Sandwich Board

A classic display of sandwich favorites such as: Italian cold cuts,
turkey bacon ranch and chicken salad; Served with condiments
and toppings: Mayo, mustard, lettuce, onion, tomatoes;
Garden green salad with assorted dressings; Potato salad
and classic coleslaw; Chef's Choice of Desserts;
Iced tea and freshly-brewed coffee

_____ @ \$25.00 \$ _____

SATURDAY NIGHT George Washington's Feast Buffett

Mixed field greens: Iceberg, romaine, radicchio and leaf lettuce
Topped with cherry tomato, cucumber and julienne carrots
Served with assorted dressings; Chef's choice of starch and vegetables;
Chicken Champagne, Salmon with tomato shallot relish, Slow-roasted
Sliced London Broil au jus

_____ @ \$39.00 \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Meal Reservations must be submitted by 27 October 2019.

Make checks payable to: Mid-Potomac Sail & Power Squadron

PLEASE SEND RESERVATIONS WITH CHECKS TO:

**Ed Overton P.O. Box 335, King George, VA 22485
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Hotel Reservations:

Fredericksburg Hospitality House Hotel & Conference Center

2801 Plank Road, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

(540) 208-4746 Room Rate: \$99.00 Single/Double Occupancy

<https://reservations.travelclick.com/15003?groupID=2503864>

D/5 Southbound Cruise to Crisfield

The Summer cruise to Crisfield, MD was a great event. My committee, including Jim and Nancy Gorman selected three marinas for stops along the way. These included Saturday and Sunday at Mears Marina on Kent Island, Monday and Tuesday at Knapps Narrows Marina on Tilghman Island, and Wednesday at Zahniser's Marina in the Solomons.

During a meeting with all of our Commander's aides, it was voted to call this cruise the "Rat Patrol", named after our leader's boat, the "Rat Ark." My logo design seemed appropriate for the Cruise. We had fun making bright yellow pennant flags that included this logo. We had ten boats, including three sailboats starting at Kent Island. The boats included "Rat Ark," with D/C Walter Neese and Fuzzy Jones; "Nanseas Gale" with Jim & Nancy Gorman; "Four Play" with Ralph & Nance Bernard and crew Randy and Judy Stow, "Lady J" with John & Betty Wilmot, and crew Tony and Noreen Martin; "Repoort" with Tony & Jacki Carugno and kids; "Moon Song 2" with John & Pat Paris; "Nauti Frog" with Sam & Hilda Freeman; and "Wanderlust" with Captain Ron Ricketts. Sailboats included "Lux" with Terry & Peggy Slattery and crew of Georgiana and Mike Maszczenski, Carol Rechner and Susan Gilbert; "Mystic Traveler" with Joe & Kathy Burke and crew of John Locke; and "Sans Souci" with John O'Reilly and his nephew, Brandon. Our leader, D/C Walter Neese was having trouble with one engine, but he still managed to arrive at all marinas on one engine. Walter finally had to leave the "Rat Ark" at Crisfield for repairs. Nancy Gorman offered the Poker Run cards on each of five days for \$2/card and the winner got half the pot. Nance Bernard won \$85, Walter Neese won \$45, and Hilda \$40.

We set a record for temperature on Saturday and Sunday (100°) at Kent Island, but everyone survived. Some of cruisers went over to watch the Cocktail Class boat races behind Kent Island Yacht Club. Thanks to John Locke of KNSPS we had a ride to KIYC. My grandkids' team won a first and second prize with my race boat, the "Pink Lady." Due to the heat, the Saturday and Sunday cocktail parties were held on the docks and hosted by Nancy Gorman, Betty Wilmot and others. Sunday's activity included a visit to the Blackwater Distillery on Kent Island. The tour started in their old location with the owner giving a talk on the process, and then on to the tasting room in the new location. Of course, we had to taste their vodka and rum. The distillery has eight different liquors that they produce, but the leading product is vodka, called "Sloop Betty" vodka. After the distillery visit, we all met at Fisherman's Inn for a great dinner. Thanks so much to several members of the KNSPS for the taxi service around Kent Island. With 100° temperatures, you just couldn't walk very far in the heat.

Monday's temperatures were quite nice in the mid-eighties for our cruise to Knapps Narrows Marina. We had nine boats all docked along their extended pier. This channel has been totally dredged, so there were no problems. Some of the crew used the marina's bicycles to ride down Tilghman Island and back, and some went to the pool. The cocktail party was held at the large marina lounge and hosted by Ralph & Nance Bernard and Randy & Judy Stow. Tuesday night was another great cocktail party hosted by Pat & John Paris. They are new to the summer cruise, but quickly learned how to put on a great party with fabulous appetizers. Each day of the cruise, Betty Wilmot provided a sheet with puzzles and crosswords. Answers and a prize were given each night at the cocktail party. Do you think Randy Stow looks good with a beard? We had one rainy day on Tuesday, and everyone had time to relax. Our stay ended with a beautiful sunset.

Wednesday was our trip to Zahniser's at the Solomons. The weather was perfect and the 30-mile cruise was good. After bike rides and a trip to the swimming pool, the usual cocktail party was turned into a birthday party for Betty Wilmot. She is 88 and still goes water skiing every day at her lake house.

Thursday morning, we all cruised to Somers Cove Marina at Crisfield, MD. We were met by D/Lt John O'Reilly and D/Lt Apryl Bernard, who organized a great Summer Council & Rendezvous at Crisfield. Thanks to all of you who made the D/5 Southbound Cruise a great success and a fun event.

P/C John Wilmot, JN



A collage of 20 photographs capturing various moments from the Knapp's Narrows Marina & Inn Crabfest. The images show people socializing, boats in the harbor, the marina sign, a 'Sloop Betty' sign, a crab-themed sign, a 'Crab Patrol' logo, and groups of people posing for photos.

2019 D/5 Summer Council

The 2019 Summer Council Meeting in Crisfield had a lot going on every day. We had a cruise to Tangier Island, a golf outing, a visit from the Coast Guard, and an Icebreaker boat, and that was just the first day!

The following day we had the Flag Raising, D/5 Summer Council meeting, RC boat races, Extreme Boat docking demo (and a few members got to ride along), a craft session and a crab net making demonstration. Not to mention all of the food, raffle prizes, and socializing that happened.

Events like this can only happen when many people get together to make it happen. Each section of the weekend was thought out by the lead members, and that is what made it such a success. Many thanks to Apryl Bernard, Megan Humphrey, George and Arla Stroup, Chip Hoiler, Lee Myers, Joe Gibson, my nephew Brendan Grable and the man with the checkbook Nick Montalto. I also have to thank the employees of the Somers Cove Marina for going the extra mile, especially Mary Taylor and Tom Schisler. Mary and Tom were the ones who coordinated all of the ships that visited us during the weekend and rearranged the DJ to show up a night earlier than normal.

We also had excellent food provided by Fire Wagon BBQ, which was well worth the wait! All in all the weekend was a success due to the efforts of many of our members. Thank you to all who helped and attended the weekend.

P/C John O'Reilly, JN
Chairperson D/5 Summer Council/Rendezvous



2019 D/5 Summer Council Tanger Island Cruise



2019 D/5 Summer Council Friday Cdr Cocktail Party



2019 D/5 Summer Council Flag Raising Ceremony



2019 D/5 Summer Council Flag Raising



2019 D/5 Summer Council Meeting



2019 D/5 Summer Council Sat Cdr Cocktail Party



2019 D/5 Summer Council Dinner

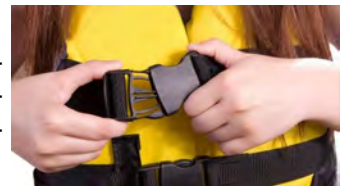




America's Boating Channel's Fourth Season

America's Boating Channel™, which debuted in 2016 as the United States Power Squadrons'® (USPS) Digital Media Library (DML), is now developing scripts and planning field production for its newest series of safe boating videos. Here are this year's topics:

- ✱ **Boater Education** will show how boater education makes people safer and better boaters. In addition to illustrating benefits from learning boating skills, it will also demonstrate how boater education is not just for novices.
- ✱ **Engine Cut-Off Devices** will depict the dangers of runaway boats and the value of engine shut-down mechanisms, outline the related new federal law, and present options for retrofitting boats with lanyard or wireless devices, as well as usage and testing tips.
- ✱ **Life Jacket Care** will provide safety pointers for foam and inflatable life jacket care including cleaning and serviceability testing, maintenance, and discarding non-serviceable life jackets.
- ✱ **Cold Weather Boating** will cover the dangers of boating in cold weather and offer preparedness tips. Included will be steps to ensure vessel readiness and crew preparation, conservative running techniques, and handling special circumstances.
- ✱ **Behavioral Consequences** will reveal how irresponsible behavior on the water is dangerous and can lead to catastrophic results, serious legal penalties, and adverse financial outcomes. Understanding and applying the Nav Rules will be emphasized.
- ✱ **Introducing ATONS** will introduce the U.S. Aids to Navigation System as the waterway equivalent of road signs and explain ATON types. Usage of marks in conjunction with nautical charts will be presented.
- ✱ **Dispelling BUI Myths** will renounce common misperceptions regarding alcohol or drug use on the water. The increased impact of BUI while boating, comparisons with car driving, and penalties will be covered.
- ✱ **Life Jacket Labels** will alert boaters to new classifications and clarify usability of traditionally labeled life jackets. Background for the change and reasons for it, new label symbols, buoyancy performance levels, and the implementation schedule will be covered.
- ✱



America's Boating Channel serves as an audio/video resource for our instructors to enhance classroom offerings with original multimedia content and concept animations. It also promotes USPS educational program participation with end-tags and links at the closing of each video: "Learn more at bit.ly/BoatingEd" and "Join USPS at bit.ly/JoinUSPS." Four sequential United States Coast Guard (USCG) grants provide financial support for America's Boating Channel. Beginning in spring 2019, viewership development expanded from one-time-only new title launch promotions to year-round marketing and provision of Video Resources for Boat Live 365.

USPS members can preview and download America's Boating Channel videos and compilations in advance of their public release at bit.ly/USPSABC. Members and their boats also have the opportunity to be featured in on-camera roles. To participate, contact America's Boating Channel Grant Program Manager P/D/C Marty Lafferty, AP at 410-725-7820 or marty.lafferty@americasboatingchannel.com.

P/D/C Marty Lafferty, AP

Smith Mountain S&PS members received Coast Guard award

Mr. Bruce Dungan of Smith Mountain Lake Sail & Power Squadron was presented the Distinguished Public Service Award by the United States Coast Guard and Sector Hampton Roads. His support (& yours) are the backbone that supports the active duty force and keeps our boating public safe.

Now a little more about how this award came about. About 8-9 years ago Bruce, a retired attorney, and another members, Pete Lewis, successfully lobbied the Virginia Legislators to enact a boating law requiring Boater Certification to operate a boat in our state.



Since that time Bruce has continued to work with both the State and the Coast Guard in promoting boating safety.



The above award is the highest award the Coast Guard gives to civilian recipients.





2019 Youth Poster Contest

Sponsored by the National Membership Committee
(Remember new contest deadline: **September 12, 2019!**)

The USPS Youth Poster Contest awards promote youth appreciation and respect for recreational boating and the message that safe boating is always fun boating.

The contest is open to all children ages 6-14, divided into three age groups:

1) Ages 6-8 2) Ages 9-11 3) Ages 12-14

Squadrons should conduct local contests and submit winning posters to their respective District for judging. Posters submitted to National for judging must be submitted by the District.

The 2019 Poster Theme:

America's Boating Club Saves Lives

Artwork should illustrate how safe boating through education, on the water skills, and proper use of equipment saves lives.

Rules

- Entry must be submitted on poster board or heavy drawing paper: 15"x20" or 14"x22".
- Posters must be drawn by the individual child.
- Posters must include the theme, hand lettered.
- Drawings may be lightly sketched. Markers are preferred to crayons.
- Professional illustrations, photos, copyrighted or trademark material, purchased or computer generated are not allowed and will disqualify the entry.
- Only one entry per person each year. Entries become the property of United States Power Squadrons, which reserves the right to display or reproduce.
- Entry forms must be complete, legible and firmly attached to the back of the poster. No name should be on the front of the poster.
- Squadrons and Districts will set their own deadlines for judging prior to National. Squadrons may forward up to three posters in each age category to the District judging.
- Only District first place winners in each age group progress to National judging at Governing Board.
- Judging will be on the theme, message, and lastly artistic representation.
- Posters are not to be folded, but may be rolled for mailing.
- Annual contest entries must be delivered to **Fall Governing Board** by 3 PM on Thursday, **September 12**.
- National First, Second and Third place winners in the three age categories will be announced on Saturday of Governing Board.

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2019 Youth Poster Contest Submission Form

(Firmly attach to back



of Poster)

Artist Age Category: 6-8 ☐ 9-11 ☐ 12-14 ☐

Artist Age is determined to be the
the poster is submitted for local judg

Artist Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code _____

Was this a School/Group Entry? Yes ☐ No ☐ (If Yes, enter School/Group Info Below)

School/Group Name:	
School/Group Address:	
School City:	Teacher Name:

MANDATORY SQUADRON & DISTRICT INFORMATION

Squadron Name:	District Number:
Squadron Contact Name:	
Contact Telephone #:	Email:
District Contact Name:	
Contact Telephone #:	Email:

- Please complete submission forms as neatly as possible.
- Unreadable and incomplete forms will be disqualified.
- Firmly attach all completed submission forms to the back of each poster entry.
- Squadrons must work with their respective Districts to determine District submissions to National Contest.
- District 1st place winners in each age category should be submitted for National Judging.
- The District Poster Contact/Chairperson is responsible for delivering all 1st Place winners to the National Annual meeting and returning awards to respective winners. Contact information must be provided.
- National submissions become the property of USPS, which reserves the right to display or otherwise use the submission.
- Further information on the National Competition will be posted on the National Membership pages of www.USPS.org.

• All submissions are due to Governing Board by September 12, 2019.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

3-8 Sep	Atlantic City In-Water Boat Show	Atlantic City, NJ
8-15 Sep	USPS Governing Board	Louisville, KY
3-6 Oct	US Power Boat Show	Annapolis, MD
10-13 Oct	US Sailboat Show	Annapolis, MD
8-10 Nov	District 5 Fall Conference	Fredericksburg, VA

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9-16 Feb	USPS Annual Meeting	Ponte Verda, FL
26 Feb-1Mar	Atlantic City Indoor Boat Show	Atlantic City, NJ.
25-29 Mar	D/5 Spring Conference	Ocean City, MD



Beautiful sunset in Crisfield, MD

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