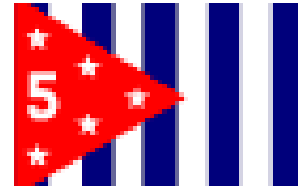




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JOIN US FOR AN EDUCATIONAL CRUISE ON THE DELAWARE RIVER



Enjoy a Free Narrated Cruise and
Buffet Dinner Aboard the Benjamin Franklin Yacht

Wednesday, July 15, 2026
Boarding: 1800 (6:00 PM)
Departure: 1830 (6:30 PM)
Rain or Shine

Traditional and electronic methods of navigation will be presented.

During this trip you will enjoy a delightful dinner on the lower dining deck of the Ben Franklin. The informative and exciting narration will focus on aids to navigation, piloting, and chart work using a hand-held compass, GPS, and plotting our position on Delaware River Chart 12312. On the return trip you will see lighted aids, ranges and navigation lights on the big ships.

Bring your neighbors and friends

DRSPS has made the decision to totally subsidize this important event so that everyone can attend. Please RSVP to P/D/C Stephanie Ward, 1202 Wilmont Avenue, Somers Point, NJ 08244 (484-684-4837) or wardleap@comcast.net so we have a count of who is attending. List the name of each guest and e-mail address.

Directions: The Ben Franklin departs from 101 S. Columbus Blvd. which is just south of the Ben Franklin Bridge. South on I-95: take exit 20 for South Columbus Blvd and follow to Walnut Street. The yacht is docked slightly North of the Independence Seaport Museum.

Sponsored by Americas Boating Club --Delaware Valley

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Commander's Message

D/C Ralph Leasure, S

Now that the Spring Conference and the Change of Watch are over, it's time to start focusing on Spring things and future planning. Those of us that have boats have begun to think about Spring Commissioning and getting the boat in the water. Of course, that comes with marathon cleaning days and making sure what was to have been done, was done, and done correctly. Checking and double-checking systems, fluids, fuel, electronics and backups. Making sure all the safety equipment is functional and in date and, of course, scheduling your Vessel Safety Check.

There are so many resources in District 5 that if you need help in any area, there will be someone willing to step up and lend a hand even if it is only some good advice. Don't be afraid to ask. In fact, the role of the district is to support the squadrons. I'm looking forward to visiting as many squadrons as I can to lend support and encouragement.

As a group, we have already begun to look for potential venues for next year's Spring Conference. I will keep you informed of the progress made in this regard. Please participate in the effort. The more ideas we have the better the results will be. We want the experience to be as good as possible for our members so even more members will want to attend.

That will also be the goal for our recreational outings and anytime we get together as a group. Please communicate with Administrative Officer Lance Blevins, if you have ideas for District outings, get together, parties, picnics or whatever.

I had mentioned the boat shows becoming more of a District 5 event. No boat shows have been scheduled at this point, but still think it is a good idea to involve the district in coverage of a booth which represents the entire district as participants at the show come from various areas. If you have any ideas supporting this, please discuss it with Executive Officer Denise Robinson-Hart.

There are many things scheduled for the Spring. Check on the websites of the squadrons to see what fits for you whether it's courses you need or events you'd like to attend.

Welcome Aboard
Cdr. Ralph Leasure



Join Us at D/5 Summer Rendezvous 28-30 August 2026

America's Boating Club Mid-Atlantic

Some Key Points and Plans!

- You can register now for your marina slip. Just use the web address on this page to find Lankford Bay Marina, and register on their webpage.
- We're thinking about a pitch-in dinner on Friday night. More details to come.
- Friday night TRIVIA—it's all about boating!
- There will be games, activities, and crafts on Saturday. Or, you might decide to visit Rock Hall!
- There will be a dinner Saturday night.



Visiting Rock Hall

- Take a dip in the riverfront pool.
- Take the courtesy car into town -
 - Shop for antiques.
 - Shop for gifts—for friends or for you!
 - Dine!
 - Enjoy a cocktail by the water.
 - Indulge in ice cream!



Lankford Bay Marina

39° 07' 127" N - 76° 10' 470" W

- 108 Deep Water Slips
- Transient Dockage
- Power and Water Available at each Slip
- Fuel Dock with Gas & Diesel
- Pump Out Dock for Waste Holding Tank
- Over 200ft of Bulkhead
- Riverfront Pool
- Maintained Grounds
- Picnic Tables
- Grills
- Swings
- Pavilion (100 person capacity)
- Air-Conditioned Bath-houses
- On-Site Laundry Facilities
- Gift Shop
- Ships Store
- Ice and Soda Machines
- Courtesy car
- Pet Friendly
- Dog Park
- Concierge Service

Get your slip now.

Remember to tell them you are with D/5!

lankfordbaymarina.com



America's Boating Club – Mid-Atlantic

2026 Summer Rendezvous

RESERVATION FORM

28-30 August 2026

Lankford Bay Marina, Rock Hall, Maryland



MEMBER: Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____

ADDRESS _____

SQUADRON _____ POSITION _____ FIRST TIMER? _____

E-Mail _____ PHONE _____

SPOUSE/OTHER ATTENDEES:

Rank ____ Name _____ Grade _____ FIRST TIMER? _____

Rank ____ Name _____ Grade _____ FIRST TIMER? _____

REGISTRATION FEE # _____ @ \$10.00 = \$ _____

SATURDAY ENTRÉE CHOICES:

Chef Zach's Famous Pulled Pork w/ House Made BBQ Sauce
served with toppings/rolls to make sandwiches # _____ @ \$28.00 = \$ _____

BBQ Boneless Thighs & Breasts served with toppings/rolls
to make sandwiches # _____ @ \$28.00 = \$ _____

Portobello, Tomato, Mozzarella Sliders with
Creamy Italian Dressing # _____ @ \$28.00 = \$ _____

Selections served with Cole Slaw, Pasta Salad (tri-color pasta w/tomato, olive, feta and Italian dressing),
Market Fresh Salad with House Made Ranch or Balsamic. Dessert: Assorted cookies and brownies.
Lemonade, Tea & Water

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Dietary Restrictions: _____

**Meal Reservations must be received by 13
August 2026!**

Make Checks Payable to: ASPS

Send to:

Georgiana Maszczenski

103 Little Neck Road

Stevensville, MD 21666

E-mail: gmaszczenski@hotmail.com

Recommended Dress for Saturday Dinner: Casual

MAKE SLIP RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY WITH
MARINA – Call Candy at 410-778-1414. Please
mention that you are with the D/5 Summer
Rendezvous. Reserve early to be given a slip close
to the group.

The slip rate is \$2.75 per foot, single electric is
\$9.00 and double electric is \$17.00



D/5 Summer Rendezvous Without A Boat?

Not planning to come by boat to the D/5 Summer Rendezvous? Need a place to stay? Here are some places in Rock Hall to check out. Please keep in mind that places fill up fast in the summer!

Bay Breeze Inn II (4.7 miles from Marina)
5758 N Main St
Rock Hall, MD 21661
410-639-2061
<https://www.vrbo.com/4012590>
(old website takes you to CA)

BLACK DUCK INN (5.3 miles from Langford Marina)
21096 Chesapeake Ave.
Rock Hall, Maryland 21661
410-708-9222
<https://www.theblackduckinn.com/>

Carriage House Inn (5.9 miles from Langford Marina)
5877 Coleman Road
Rock Hall, MD 21661
410-708-0057
<https://www.carriagehousemd.com/>

Cinnamon by the Bay (4.8 miles from Langford Marina)
5750 N Main Street
Rock Hall, Maryland 21661
443-221-1175
<https://www.cinnamonbythebay.com/>

Haven Point Inn & Gallery (5.7 miles from Langford Marina)
20748 Rock Hall Avenue
Rock Hall, MD 21661
410 639-4184
<https://www.havenpointinn.com/>

Inn at Huntingfield Creek (6.2 miles from Langford Marina)
[4928 Eastern Neck Rd
Rock Hall, MD 21661](https://www.huntingfield.com/rock-hall-maryland-lodging/)
667-222-5339
<https://huntingfield.com/rock-hall-maryland-lodging/>

Osprey Point (5.8 miles from Langford Marina)
20786 Rock Hall Avenue,
Rock Hall, MD 21661
410-639-2194
<https://www.ospreypoint.com/>

Rent Rock Hall (Various Properties)
410-708-5589
<https://rentrockhall.com/>

Spring Cove Manor (5.6 miles from Langford Marina)
21060 Spring Cove Rd
Rock Hall, MD 21661
410-708-5993
<https://springcovemanor.com/>

Sunset Lodge (6.8 miles from Langford Marina)
4480 Eastern Neck Rd
Rock Hall, MD 21661
410-639-7846
<https://sunsetlodgeonthebay.com/>

The Blissful Retreat (6.5 miles from Langford Marina)
20839 Humphreys Point Rd
Rock Hall, MD 21661
410-639-7040

Leasure's Leapers



Join the Summer Cruise--Contact Ralph Bernard

rb3513@comcast.net

Saturday	August 22 nd	-----Anchorage Marina	----410.522.7200
Sunday	August 23 rd	-----Anchorage Marina	
Monday	August 24 th	-----Annapolis City Dock	---410.263.7973
Tuesday	August 25 th	-----Annapolis City Dock	
Wednesday	August 26 th	-----Kent Narrows	-----410.827.8888
Thursday	August 27 th	-----Langford Bay	-----410.778.1414
Friday	August 28 th	-----Langford Bay	
Saturday	August 29 th	-----Langford Bay	
Sunday	August 30 th	-----Home port	

Please contact me if you want to join the cruise to Langford Bay.

Spring Conference Notes

The 2026 District 5 Spring Conference held in Ocean City, Maryland 27-29 March was a wonderful event. Despite the detours to get to our meetings and sessions, we persevered and had a great time. Special thanks to Virginia Beach Sail & Power Squadron members for an exceptional event.

During the Friday seminars and training sessions, much information was given and traded from each officer position. Thank you to all members who gave their time to impart valuable information. Friday evening welcomed our annual Hospitality Night with Dundalk S&PS, the sole squadron to host a room. Their theme of the Mr. Trash Wheel who picks up trash around the Baltimore harbor was informative and fun. It reminds us all to keep our waterways clean. Thanks are given once again to Dundalk under the leadership of Barbara Lash.

Saturday brought the Council meeting with the National representative P/C/C Ralph Bernard, AP representing the Chief Commander speaking at the Town Hall. A Q&A followed the Town Hall. After a tasty luncheon, a video presentation given by a paddleboarder who traversed the entire Chesapeake Bay to bring awareness to the valuable environmental processes of the oysters in the bay area. It was informative and interesting.

The Conference meeting began after lunch with the distribution of awards given to worthy recipients. See the list on page 8 of this issue. The biggest topic of interest was the approval of the new Bylaws. The biggest change is the elimination of Council meetings with an Executive Committee replacing the Council. The bylaws were approved and have been approved by National. Thus there will not be a Council meeting at the Summer Rendezvous in August. The new bridge was nominated and approved and took their respective positions.

Saturday evening brought the installation of the new District Bridge with our new District Commander Ralph Leasure leading the pack. The new bridge is listed on the inside cover of the Mark 5. Congratulations to all. We are looking forward to a wonderful year!

Sunday was the new Commander reception and breakfast. Judging from comments, the weekend was great. It is always a good time when you can see all one's friends from D/5 near and far.

The next District event is the Summer Rendezvous at Langford Bay Marina in Rock Hall, MD. Details are elsewhere in this issue. The rendezvous is preceded by the Summer Cruise, Leasure's Leapers. Details are also listed in this issue.

Spring Conference Awards

The following D/5 squadrons received the Distinguished Communicator Award for their websites:

Absecon Island
Annapolis
Cambridge
Colonial
Delaware River
Dundalk
Northern Neck
Northern Virginia
Ocean City
Patuxent River
Wilmington
York

The following D/5 squadrons received the Distinguished Communicator Award for newsletters:

Annapolis -- Anchor Watch
Delhigh -- Delhighlights
Delaware River -- The Barometer
Northern Neck -- The Lighthouse
Smith Mountain Lake -- The Signal
Wilmington -- The Lubber Line

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The following D/5 members received their Life Membership Awards (25 Merit Marks)

Absecon Island

Nancy Byerly, P
Jaclyn Carugno, P
Ashle Cocca, P
Britne Field, P

Dundalk

Mary Lois Hall, P

Potomac River

Collesta Gaskins, S

York

Dorothy Jeanne Furst, S

National Award for Vessel Safety Checks
2nd Place District 5

National Award for Vessel Safety Checks
5th Place Nansemond River

National recognition for VSCs:
Edward P. Furst Jr., York, 4th place
Frank C. Brown, Nansemond River
3rd place
John Locke, Annapolis, for 100 VSCs

The following squadrons were awarded
D/5 Awards for VSC's:

5th Place Northern Neck 107
4th Place Annapolis 179
3rd Place Smith Mountain Lake 192
2nd Place York 216
1st Place Nansemond River 300



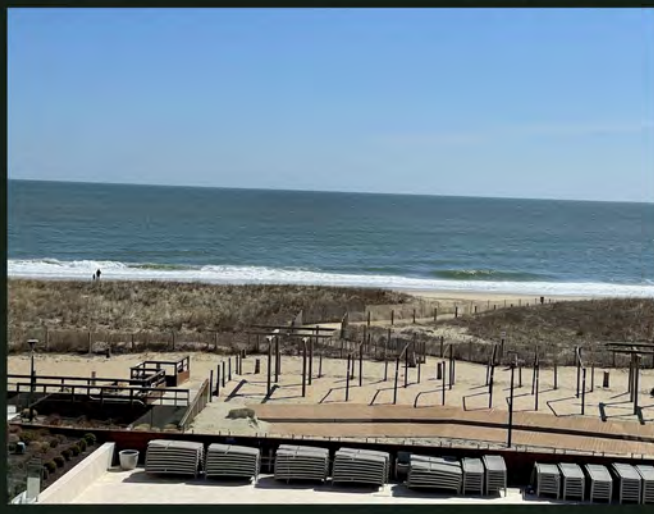
Spring Conference Awards



Spring Conference Friday



Spring Conference Saturday



Spring Conference Cocktails



Spring Conference Bridge



Spring Conference Honor Guard



Spring Conference Change of Watch



All Around the District

May - August 2026

8-10 May	Dundalk	Lunch & Learn - Guide to Cruising the ICW Shakedown Cruise Contact: John Hall jhall767@gmail.com
8 June	Patuxent River	The Great Chesapeake Bay Swim 6:30 am Contact: info@bayswim.com
14 June	Absecon Island	Benchmark Location Outing Apryl Bernard aprylber@msn.com
24 June	Ocean City	Inaugural OCPS Golf Tournament, Ocean Pines Golf Club 9:00 am Contact: Dale Christensen dchristensen@jandjconst.net
26-29 June	Dundalk	Cruise to Maryland Yacht Club Contact: jhall767@gmail.com
July Wednesdays	Absecon Island	Beach Cleanup - Brigantine Cove Contact: Nancy Bernard breezin31@comcast.net
14 August	Dundalk	Wurst Cookout - Cutter Marina Contact: John Hall jhall767@gmail.com
August Wednesdays	Absecon Island	Beach Cleanup - Brigantine Cove Contact: Nancy Bernard breezin31@comcast.net

To all Squadrons, please send me information about your events to share with all members or District 5.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2026 Events

Annapolis Spring Sailboat	Annapolis, MD	24-26 Apr
Educational Cruise	Philadelphia, PA	15 July
AC In-Water Boat Show	Atlantic City, NJ	10-13 Sep
USPS Governing Board	Cary, NC Embassy Suites	21-26 Se
Annapolis Fall Powerboat	Annapolis, MD	8-11 Oct
Annapolis Sailboat	Annapolis, MD	15-18 Oct
D/5 Fall Conference	Lancaster, PA Lancaster Doubletree	13-15 Nov

2027

USPS Annual Meeting	Tampa, FL	8-13 Feb
USPS Governing Board	Cary, NC	13-18 Sep

2026-27 Bridge



L-R: Row 1 Leanne Nitschke, Ralph Leasure, Denise Robinson-Hart, Alan Hart, Lenore Blevins, Apryl Bernard
Row 2 Jim Zeigler, Gene Danko, Lance Blevins, Mike Maszczenski, John Linsenmeyer

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