

# ON THE HORIZON

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## General Membership Meeting History of Dundalk by Bob Staab

**Wednesday, August 15, 2007**

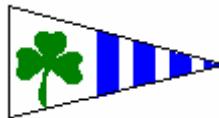
**8:00 PM at the Boulevard Diner, 1660 Merritt Blvd**

Dinner/Drinks/Social optional at 6:30 PM.

Bob Staab is a lifelong Dundalkian who served in the House of Delegates from 1978 to 1988. He was Director of the Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks until 1991, and then a land planning consultant for several years. Before retiring in 1999, he was Director of the Harford County Department of Recreation and Parks, worked as an administrative officer to then-Baltimore County Executive C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger and was Director of Golf Operations for the Baltimore County Revenue Authority. And now the 68-year-old Robinwood Road resident has embarked on a new career, as an author.

Bob's recently self-published 357-page book, 'Growing up in Dundalk: Precious Memories', is an affectionate illustrated history of the Dundalk he knew intimately growing up during the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s. "Dundalk is special, with special people, special places and special memories unlike any other community," he writes in the book's introduction. "The Dundalk community has also been special to me, and I wouldn't have traded it for growing up in any other place on earth."

Bob, who likes to eat breakfast at the Boulevard Diner on Merritt Boulevard, was inspired to write about Dundalk while gazing out the diner's windows and letting his mind wander back 60 years ago, to a time when truck farms and pastures mixed in with nearby heavy industry. Bob tells his story through his recollections and those of other area families. There is plenty of text about and photos of the old No. 26 "Red Rocket" streetcar and local businesses -- some gone and others still flourishing. Bob combed family archives and those of the Dundalk-Patapsco Neck Historical Society to come up with a stunning photographic history of the area.



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## LAST HORIZON

### Former Administrative Officer Fran Koukias

Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron members were shocked to hear of the sudden passing of P/Lt/C Fran Ellen Koukias, S on July 10 at Greater Baltimore Washington Medical Center. Fran had been ailing for some time, but most members were unaware of the serious nature of her illness. After being recruited by her good friend P/C Ken Finck, Fran started with the Power Squadron by taking a Basic Boating Course at St. John's Church in March of 1996. She passed the test with a score of 100% and soon joined the Squadron. During her time with the Squadron, Fran worked with many committees, and chaired the Co-Op Charting Committee. In that capacity she traveled to Portsmouth, Va for the NOAA Co-Op Charting course.

In 2002 Fran became the Squadron Secretary and held that position one year and the beginning of a second. At that time, she stepped in to fill the uncompleted term of Administrative Officer, which had been vacated due to illness. P/C Rick Boardman, AP was commander during that time and says he will be ever grateful that Fran was willing to help the Squadron out during that critical time. Because of her heavy work load, she declined to continue on up the Bridge as many had hoped she would.

Fran also participated in Squadron boating activities and many other events. CDR John Hall, AP recalls that she acted as his observer at a recent District 5 Navigation Contest. "Fran wasn't sure what she was supposed to check for," says John, "so I told her just have a notepad and take notes every so often, making a few 'knowing' comments as she went. Well she did such a good job that the boat she was on came in last place!"

Many Dundalk members wrote to the email discussion list to say how much they will miss Fran's good nature, warm smile and sense of humor.

A contingent of twelve Squadron members formed an Honor Guard to present a memorial service for Fran at Stallings Funeral Home in Pasadena. The service was led by P/C Lois Nehmer, SN, whose moving remarks conveyed to Fran's family how much she had meant to the members of Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron. Following the remarks, each member of the Honor Guard filed past the casket and gave their former officer a last salute.

Fran is survived by a son, Ronald P. Andrews, three brothers, two sisters and one grandchild. Education and Survivor funds have been established in Fran's memory, and those interested may contact Lori Lee at 301-498-0746.

Respectfully submitted,

P/C Rick Boardman, AP

(P/C Ken Finck, AP and many other Dundalk members contributed to this story.)

# COMMANDER COMMANDER

Greetings from your Commander. It's summer time and the height of the boating season. But even with everything else going on, the Bridge and I have been working hard to keep the Squadron moving forward. The new roster is out and we are working on a new staff for On the Horizon. Stu and Dianne Newborn have really stepped up to the plate to help get this vital communication out. If you have a good story to tell, be sure and send it in to Stu.

Speaking of a good story to tell, you might just have heard that Dundalk won the Practice Navigation Contest. On my crew's first contest on Battlewagon, they came through with flying colors. Battlewagon came in first place overall with only a nine second error. This was despite the fact that my navigator, Roy Stuenes had to use a bank give-away calculator that has no extra functions at all. I haven't decided if I'm going to let him use a real calculator or to stick with the lucky one.

We've had some successful cruises this year, but there are many more to come. Don't miss the Commander's Cruise to Philadelphia. It's going to be a lot of fun. Even if you can't make the whole cruise, join us for part of it. Philadelphia is not that far, but it will be a new destination for many of us. Fast boats can make it in a day. If that's too far then join us in Georgetown at the head of the Sassafras River. The Commander's cruise ends at the Crab Feast in Rock Hall, and I just know everybody is going to be at that!

The Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron's Texas Hold 'em Poker Run is in full swing. To enter you just need to attend one of our rendezvous. The winning prize is already over \$200 and we're only halfway through the game. You can look up 'check your hand' on Dundalk's web site. Right now Joanne Day is in the lead but don't let that stop you. We will draw the last card at the crab feast and it will be wild. Everything could change then!

I want to say a few words on safety. Most of you heard about the three people who were killed by carbon monoxide poisoning on Middle River. They apparently ran the generator even though they were on shore power. Obviously they didn't know what they were doing, but do you know all you need to know about carbon monoxide? Many people come back from a boating trip with a headache or a mild case of motion sickness not realizing their symptoms may be low level CO poisoning. Make sure your detectors are working and up to date. You can learn more on-line through our web site or BoatUS.

Respectfully submitted,

CDR John Hall, AP

## Fairlee Creek Raft Out

Isn't this what it's all about? Make sure you join us at our next event!



# EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Once again we have embarked on another beautiful summer here on the Chesapeake Bay. I'm sure by now all of our members have their boats in the water and have been enjoying them with their families and friends. Along with all the fun, I hope all of our members have had their vessels inspected for updated safety equipment. We have a great team of Inspectors, under the direction of P/C Connie Barry, JN, who are willing to meet you at your pier or at one of our rendezvous. Take some time to look over your vessel, and if you haven't had an inspection, it's not too late. Just give us a call, and we will be more than happy to accommodate you. By the way, we have completed 47 vessel safety inspections this year. Way to go team!

Last Sunday Roy and I took a short cruise up Bodkin Creek. We docked at Pleasure Cove Marina and had lunch at "Props" formally known as "Cheshire Crab." Our meal was fantastic. After lunch, we walked around the facility, and thought it would be a great place to have a rendezvous. We asked to speak to the manager, gathered additional information about the marina, told him about our squadron, and thanked him for the tour. When we parted ways, I handed him one of the Squadron's business cards. Our business cards are great tools to introduce the squadron. If you don't carry any, maybe you should reconsider and pick up a few at the next membership meeting. They have all the information anyone would need to contact us. We need to continue to share who and what our Squadron is all about with simple public relations.



Respectfully submitted,

Lt/C Tracey Stuenes, P

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## PRACTICE NAV CONTEST

The Practice Nav Contest for 2007 is now history. I would like to thank all the captains, the navigators, the time keepers, other crew members, guests and participants for signing up and making this a successful event. With your support the Delaware River and Dundalk Squadrons have jointly been able to make this an annual event. Few Squadrons in our district have been able to do that. Special thanks goes to Connie Barry for making the slip and dinner arrangements at Maryland Yacht Club, to John James (a non-member) for furnishing the Committee boat, and Bill Dahle for timing and running the contest.

The weather was great, the Maryland Yacht Club was very accommodating, and everyone seemed to have a great time. We had 7 boats in the contest, and 37 people attended the Saturday dinner at Maryland Yacht Club. The contest results:

#1	Battlewagon	9 sec. late
#2	Rat Ark	36 sec. late
#3	Jr.'s Toy	1 min. 23 sec. early
#4	Lady Jean	2 min. 10 sec. early
#5	Carale IV	2 min. 57 sec. early
#6	Consiglia	2 min. 58 sec. late
#7	After Hours II	3 min. 17 sec. late

Respectfully submitted,

P/Lt/C Rolf Stuenes, JN

# EDUCATION OFFICER

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As of this writing all items are current. There is no further education activity this boating season. Except the education you get when you spend time operating, maintaining, and just hanging out on a boat.

This article is submitted from the chart table aboard Rat Ark. She is swaying gently in the usual boat wash in Long Haul Creek that punctuates a night tied up at Miles River Yacht Club. What a charming place this is. I've never been here before,

Rat Ark joined the District 5 Southbound Cruise today – Saturday, July 14. Some 19 boats of our fellow District 5 members have rendezvous' for a week-long run together from the various Northern Chesapeake Bay Squadrons to our USPS District 5 Summer Council held this year in Crisfield, Maryland. Rat Ark parts company with the cruise tomorrow; she heads straight for Somers Cove Marina in Crisfield. Her captain is to return at week's end for the Summer Council and navigation contest.

From the cruise to the navigation contest, all is a chance to apply the skills we teach in the classroom: weather, cruise planning, seamanship, and all levels of piloting and navigation. What makes you a better boater is practice, practice, practice.

#### About Education.

If you are an Instructor (and you know who you are), your Education Department expects to fill a member course in the following subjects this fall:

Piloting  
Marine Electronics  
Engine Maintenance  
Junior Navigation

Instructors, classrooms and times will be arranged and announced for publication in the September newsletter, classes to be launched at the end of September.

If you are a member who recently joined, welcome to the Squadron! You are encouraged to enroll in the Piloting course we are planning for the fall. Tuesday evenings are normally used for these classes. If Tuesdays don't work for you, please contact me, and we'll see what alternative can work.

If you are looking for courses not listed above, please contact me. Other courses we offer are: Weather, Sail, Cruise Planning, Instructor Development, Seamanship, Advanced Piloting, Navigation.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Find fun, education and fellowship at the 2007 Governing Board in Norfolk, VA, 5-9 Sept.**

United States Power Squadrons proudly invites USPS members and members of the Greater Norfolk Community to attend a series of USPS University Seminars and VIP Seminars that will be presented at our Norfolk Governing Board Meeting. The USPS University Seminars are short, informative programs designed to get you up to speed on a key topic in the quickest time possible. You get excellent instruction and great take-away materials. This is an opportunity to learn from experts. VIP Seminars feature prominent leaders of government, the boating industry, and well known USPS speakers. For more information, go to [www.usps.org](http://www.usps.org).

# ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Well here we are almost half way through our 2007 season. So far we've enjoyed raft-outs, fireworks and the D/5 Rendezvous with the Top Gun Cruise "chaser". Though not yet completed at the time of this writing, we wish all of our Top Gunners a safe voyage.

Coming up in August, we have our Commander's Cruise to Philadelphia. It's sure to be a fantastic and challenging trip. Dundalk has several slips reserved at Summit Marina on the C & D Canal and at the Philadelphia Marine Center. Make your reservations early and don't forget about Georgetown on the Sassafrass River on the way home. But wait – don't even think of going home before the annual Crab Feast in Rock Hall on 25 August. We'll finally get to find out the winner of our Poker Run. Again, make your reservations at Haven Harbour early.

On a brighter note, our very own Lois Nehmer became a Great Grandmother – AGAIN! Congratulations to Lois and her family.

Finally, if you haven't been to a membership meeting in a while, or if you've NEVER been to one, why not come to the next meeting in August. We'll be at the Boulevard Diner on Wednesday, 15 August. Dinner is at 6:30 and the meeting starts at 8:00. Come on out and have some fun.

Respectfully submitted,

Lt/C David Seidenman, AP

As always, if anyone has any questions, comments or concerns, I can be contacted by email at [ao@uspsdundalk.org](mailto:ao@uspsdundalk.org) , or by cell phone at 410-456-5854. Please leave me a message if I am not able to answer.

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## Clambake Beach Party

### Elvis Style - Music, Dancing & Grilling

There will be a little Elvis Trivia & Lip-synching contest

**Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup> 6 -9 PM**

**Haven Harbour Marina**

Bring your favorite seafood to throw on the fire & your favorite cocktails to share.

Or a picnic dinner for your family. Wear your bathing suits, and flip-flops.

Or come dressed as the King for a costume contest.

Tie up and enjoy a relaxed evening with your friends.

Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron will provide cups, plates, utensils, chips, & pasta salad.

**2007 Squadron / Commanders Cruise**  
**August 18 to August 24**

**This year the cruise will start at Summit Marina on the C&D Canal  
on Saturday August 18**

We will depart Summit Marina for Philadelphia Marine Center  
on Sunday August 19

Spend Sunday, Monday and Tuesday in Philadelphia.

Depart for Georgetown on Wednesday August 22

Spend Wednesday and Thursday in Georgetown

Depart for Rock Hall on Friday August 24

**Arrive in Rock Hall on Friday August 24  
for the Clambake Party Friday Night and our  
Annual Crab Feast on Saturday August 25**

**You must register at:**

**Summit North Marina - (301) 836-1800**

**Philadelphia Marina Center - (215) 931-1000**

**Georgetown Yacht Basin - (410) 648-5112**

**Haven Harbor Marina – (410) 778-6697**

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If you want to go on this cruise, please also register with the Commander by returning this form .

Cdr John Hall

702 Stone Barn Rd

Towson, MD 21286

410-823-5698

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Boat Name \_\_\_\_\_

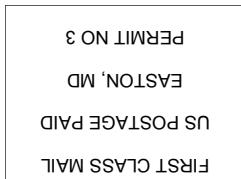
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## August—September 2007 Calendar

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| August 15       | General Membership Meeting—Boulevard Diner  |
| August 18-24    | Commander's Cruise to Philadelphia          |
| August 24-26    | Crab Feast in Rock Hall—Haven Harbour       |
| September 5-9   | USPS Governing Board—Norfolk, VA            |
| September 14-16 | Last Cruise of Summer to Whorton Creek      |
| September 19    | General Membership Meeting —Boulevard Diner |

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