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P/C Lois Nehmer, SN with her boat, *Grumpy*





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## USPS NATIONAL COMMANDER TO ATTEND DUNDALK'S CHANGE OF WATCH CEREMONIES

### Dundalk's Change of Watch is always the squadron's

biggest event of the year, but this year's will be really special. A guest for the evening will be the USPS National Commander, CC Ernie Marshburn, SN. It is very rare that a National Commander can make it even to district events, let alone a squadron function. Somehow, Dundalk's Commander Bernie Karpers, N got it to happen.

Marshburn presides over all of the 50,000+ members that makeup USPS.

After becoming a member of the Greenville, NC Tar River Power Squadron in 1983 and later moving through the bridge, Marshburn continued on regional assignments for several years. In 1994, he was elected commander of District 27, which boasted twenty squadrons in the Carolinas. He later served on several national committee assignments before election to the national bridge as National Secretary in 1999.

In his professional life, Marshburn has a Master's Degree in Science, an extensive background in information technology and high performance,



academic and research computing. Currently, he is Director of Strategic Initiatives for Research and Graduate Studies at East Carolina University. Collectively, he has almost 30 years of experience in higher education.

A dedicated sailor, CC Marshburn began boating in a Sunfish and Flying Scotts during the summer while working as a camp counselor. He and his wife, Dianne, owned and sailed a Canadian Sailcraft 36 for 13 years. He raced for many years, winning the North Carolina Sailing Championship in 1994. Together, studying and improving themselves, Ernie and Diane obtained their U.S. Coast Guard Masters licenses for 100 Ton vessels with sailing and towing endorsements in 2000.

When not inundated with USPS activities, Ernie and his wife enjoy cruising and scuba diving the waters of North Carolina and southern Chesapeake. In his community, he has been involved with the Children's Miracle Network Telethon, Literacy Volunteers, United Way, and the East Carolina University Pirate Club.

## Dundalk SPS to Support Boat Show

Dundalk SPS will man the Power Squadron booth at the Baltimore Boat Show at the Convention Center in late January. Many members have already signed up, ensuring a strong presence. The show attracts thousands of current or future boaters and presents a great opportunity to interest them in taking courses or becoming members.

Dundalk shares the booth responsibilities with two other Baltimore area squadrons. The times assigned to Dundalk are as follows:

Saturday	20, Jan	2 pm to 5 pm
Sunday	21, Jan	11 pm to 5 pm
Monday	22, Jan	Noon to 8 pm
Saturday	27, Jan	5 pm to 8 pm

District 5's robotic mascot Seavester may be participating at various times. He is guaranteed to draw large crowds.

While many slots have been filled, there always room to double up. The more the merrier as they say.

Call P/C Ken Finck if you'd like to participate or email him at:  
[www.cankenhelp@juno.com](mailto:www.cankenhelp@juno.com).

*Signing up for as little as an hour gets you into the show for free-- quite a bargain.*



This is the second of a series of three columns about the USPS. Last month I discussed the squadron relationship with the national organization and presented examples of the impending effects of rules and by-laws changes upon our squadron. This month I want to discuss the relationship of the individual to the squadron.

Our by-laws are the agreed upon procedures for operation of the squadron. This agreement extends from the squadron to the members and to our parent organization. Our rules are established by local precedent interpretations of our by-laws. As such these two documents constitute a mutual agreement between the members and the organization for procedure of operation.

Our Bridge and elective members of the Executive Committee conduct the operation of the squadron. This body conducts the needed business to support the squadron. The Bridge operates with the various departments and standing committees. The committees assist the bridge in the management of squadron activities.

Our members derive benefits from this operation. These benefits are education in boating and lead to enjoyment of and efficient pursuit of our goal of safety in boating. The membership supports the squadron by participating in various activities of our standing and operating committees. For example, we provide opportunity for education of the members. This education is conducted through our Education Department. Our courses are available to all active members and any other class of member who has passed the Basic Boating Course. This is where the membership enters the

picture. The membership supports the Education Department and the Executive Committee by participating in the courses available. Our Education Department, along with the executive department meet the civic need for boating education when we instruct the general public with our public Basic Boating Course. We also contribute to the general public with our Vessel Safety Check program. Again all of this is directed to our principal interest, safe boating.

During the summer months we have the opportunity to test the result of our education in the boating season. This squadron is particularly active in cruising and your participation adds to the enthusiasm of the squadron.

As a result of participation in various squadron activities new friendships develop. This completes the triangle of education, public service and fraternal friendships.

So much for squadron activity. How does the cycle continue? Again this is where the individual enters the operation of the squadron. Now is the time we are seeking candidates for elected office or committee membership. This is the time you can volunteer for squadron service, or respond to the request for service to the squadron.

Also at this time of the year the squadron recognizes service rendered by members to the squadron. The reward is a merit mark but more important for those who have earned one is knowledge and experience gained through boating with other members of the squadron. Together we can all go beyond the horizon and enjoy boating together safely.

## Change Your Calendar

The March general meeting, which features the elections of Dundalk Sail & Power Squadrons Bridge and other officers for the coming year, has been changed. It is now slated for March 14<sup>th</sup>, which is the second Wednesday of the month rather than the third. The meeting will be at the usual place and time – Boulevard Diner in Dundalk at 1830 for optional dinner and 2000 for the meeting.

The Change of Watch date has also been moved, and is now scheduled for Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. The big dinner/dance, which marks the change of leaders for the squadron, will be held at the Sparrows Point Country Club.

It has been another great year for the Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron. For us the boating season is officially over. However next season is right around the corner. Even though we are a boating organization we have things happening all year round. The winter months are a great time to go to some of the meetings. Normally we meet every third Wednesday of the month. However in March we will be meeting on the second Wednesday because of scheduling conflicts. I'm sure you will hear about this change dozens of times but we want to make sure everybody gets the message since old habits are hard to break.

## Cruise Planning Meeting

Our first meeting of the year kicks off on Sunday January 7<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm. This is the cruise planning meeting hosted by Mary and myself at our house. If the Ravens somehow don't get a bye that week the party will start at 1 pm and we'll work it in around the Ravens win! This party is always a lot of fun and the rumor is that Mary's award winning chili will be in plentiful supply. Make sure you bring your calendars, day planners, palm pilots and whatever else you need so we can set the schedule.

The cruise weekends are a lot of fun. Some members come by car just to join in the fun. Others come by boat but stay in a bed and breakfast. Either way I want to see more of our members participate. Where would you like to go? When can you make it? Together we try to set the schedule that will best accommodate our members. The Commander's Cruise for this year may be a surprise. It should be a lot of fun. We won't be going too far but its someplace even the Top Gun Cruisers haven't been yet. The Top Gun cruise is there for those who want to challenge their knowledge, crews and boats. I can't say where it's going either because we haven't decided yet. Rumor has it we may follow up the Pirates of the Chesapeake theme from the crab feast last year

and head down south to Ocracoke Island or north to the Big Apple.

If you have suggestions where you would like to go then please bring them up at the meeting. Even better let me know ahead of time and I will make sure they are discussed. We would like to have everyone with a boat make it to at least one rendezvous. I am also looking for people to help organize and run some of these events. It's not that much work and there is always someone to guide you through it.

## Boat Show

The Baltimore Boat Show is coming and Ken Fink is doing a great job as boat show chairman. Please contact him if you wish to volunteer. We also need electronic wizards to help run the video presentation. For volunteers the dress code is Blue blazers with gray slacks/skirt. We want to look professional. Please stop by the booth when you are at the boat show even if you did not sign up. Sometimes we are busy and could use the help. Other times it is slow and we could use the company. With the booth we are trying to promote boating safety along with all the other benefits of the power squadron. We share the booth with three other squadrons so this is about education, community service and fellowship of all the power squadrons.

## Spring Conference

I'm actively looking for help with the hospitality suite for the spring conference in Ocean City. This is probably the most fun you can have without being on your boat. The last couple of years Dundalk has had winning presentations. I'm not sure if its possible to three-peat but we're going to give it our best shot. We've got the outlines for something big planned. We need some creative thinkers to make it work. Please give me a call if you'd like to help out.



Camera shots of the festivities at our annual holiday party meeting taken by LT/C John Hall.



# EDUCATION OFFICER

P/C WALTER K. NEESE, SN

**Public Courses** - All 14 basic students who enrolled in our Squadron Boating Courses during the fall passed with flying colors. We are running a special GPS seminar for the majority of those students on January 9 and 16. We remain convinced that the Squadron Boating Course is the best way of attracting members, since it distinguishes us as serious boating educators and enthusiasts. So far five of the fourteen have joined, and we're working on others.

Dundalk's public course schedule for 2007 is now being distributed to boat stores and area publications, and is available on our website. The first class to be offered is scheduled for February 6, immediately after the Baltimore Boat Show. We have listed the all the classes through June 30 at [www.usps.org](http://www.usps.org), from which District 5 compiles the class list for distribution at the boat show. New this year with the advent of the USPS University program, its seminars are listed at the national website: we have now listed our Using GPS classes

with national visibility – hopefully that will improve enrollment. From our surveys last year, we understand most of our enrollment comes from the internet.

**Member courses** - We encourage all new members to enroll in the Seamanship class to be instructed by P/C Read van Zile. Just show up at the first class on January 30, 2007 at 7:30pm at St. John's Lutheran Church.

Lois Nehmer's Weather and Max Robinson's Marine Electronics have both completed the respective 101 module exams, and will continue with subsequent modules. Engine Maintenance classes with instructor Fred Schwing is expected to complete this month; Cdr Karpers' Navigation class is ongoing.

Best wishes for a prosperous and instructive new year!

## Official Notice of Nominations

The Nominating Committee of the Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron, having met in accordance with the by-laws, recommends the following members in good standing for the Bridge and Executive Committee:

**Commander**  
**Executive Officer**  
**Administrative Officer**  
**Squadron Education Officer**  
**Treasurer**  
**Secretary**

Lt/C John Hall, AP  
Lt/C Tracey Stuenes, P  
Lt/C David Seidenman, S  
P/C Walter Neese, SN  
P/C Richard Bussey, P  
Lt/C Stuart Newborn

**Asst. SEO**  
**Asst. Secretary**  
**Asst. Treasurer**

P/C Lois Nehmer, SN  
1st/Lt Joanne Day, SN  
1st/Lt William Norris

### For the Executive Committee:

Dianne Newborn  
Robert Porak  
Tom Clark  
Bobbie Blaker  
Ray Schiff

This slate was submitted by this years Nominating Committee Chair, P/C Brooks Riley, AP. The elections will be held at the squadron's annual meeting on Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at the Boulevard Diner in Dundalk. The new officers will be sworn in the following Friday night at the Sparrows Point Country Club at the Change of Watch Dinner/Dance.

## BULL AND OYSTER ROAST

To Benefit William James Becker IV

(nephew of Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron's Treasurer Dick Bussey)

Sunday, January 28, 2007

1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

\$35.00 per person

Hot and Cold Buffet, Desserts, Beer, Soda

Food served 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

TALL CEDARS HALL

PUTTY HILL AVE & OLD HARFORD ROAD

SILENT AUCTION - WHEELS - RAFFLES

Music from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

THE GROUPS:

Norm and Carlos  
Straight Ahead  
The Playboys  
Legacy

Plus many surprises!

FEATURING:

Al Baitch, Al Rossi  
Bobby Bassitt, Norm Seifert  
Carlos Olague, Johnny Walker  
Greg Moxley, Bill Mojhika  
Timmy Tamassia, Mike Mathias  
Dennis Cashmyer  
Dennis and Joyce Fox

Master of Ceremonies

Paulie Alberta

FOR TICKETS CALL:

Norm or Kim Siefert: 410-388-2249  
Sue or Dick Bussey: 410-803-7111  
Kim or Pat Perkins: 410-836-2730  
Jen or Jeff Perkins: 410-688-9698

James, age 15, suffered a heart attack and nearly drowned on July 29, 2006 in a swimming accident. He will require extensive medical attention and rehabilitation as a result. Won't you join us in this worthwhile fundraiser?

Please make checks payable to: Friends of William James Becker IV  
1410 D. Bonnett Place Bel Air, Maryland 21015

Sincerely,  
The Busseys

Dec. 2006

It's getting cold out there. Whose boat is still in the water? I heard that some members are still fishing! I hope everyone is ready for the winter that is rapidly moving in on us. Any boats decorated with lights?

This past fall, Lt. Kathy Karpers asked our squadron to get involved in a community outreach program. Community service is highly recognized by District and National. Kathy asked for hats and gloves to be donated to a local shelter in Baltimore City. There was a great response from the squadron members. Thank you so very much for caring for the homeless men and women at the Oasis Shelter.

January is just around the corner. Our annual Cruise Planning Party is at Lt/C John & Mary Hall's home. They graciously host this meeting each year. If you want to share some of your ideas on where to cruise next summer, plan to attend. We are meeting on Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, at 2 pm. Mary always makes a hearty stew or chili, and if you could bring an appetizer or dessert, it would be greatly appreciated.

Here's wishing each member a beautiful holiday with their friends and family. May we all have a happy and healthy New Year as we wait for warmer days and another boating season together.

• • • Dundalk SPS Continues Growth • • •

Five new members bring the total for the year to 15. A special welcome to:

Susan A. Reed of Baltimore  
Mary Strother of Annapolis  
Robert and Julie Waples of Jarrettsville  
Craig M Vingsen of Kingsville

RESERVATION FORM  
USPS D/5 OFFICER TRAINING & SPRING CONFERENCE

29 March – 1 April 2007  
Ocean City, Maryland

MEMBER: Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

SQUADRON: \_\_\_\_\_ POSITION: \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST TIMER? \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE/OTHER ATTENDEES:

Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ First Timer? \_\_\_\_\_

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ACTIVITIES SELECTIONS

SATURDAY LUNCHEON CHOICES:

Chef's Salad, with Ham, Turkey and Swiss Cheese # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$16.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Overstuffed Turkey and Swiss Sandwich  
With Homemade Potato Chips and Slaw # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$16.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SATURDAY BANQUET ENTREE CHOICES:

New York Strip Steak # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$35.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Broiled Filet of Salmon # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$35.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

OPTIONAL:

Room raffle ONE FREE NIGHT (1 October 2007 to 30 April 2008) "2 WINNERS"

1 ticket for \$5.00 or 3 tickets for \$10.00 # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5 or \$10 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Uniform – Thursday/Friday/Saturday – USPS/Squadron shirts. Banquet – Uniform A with bowtie.

Princess Royale Hotel

9100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, Maryland  
Non-smoking & Handicapped Rooms available on a request basis.

CALL Reservations Dept at 1-800-476-9253  
Use the Reservation ID Code: U. S. Power Squadron, District 5

Rates:

Oceanview or Poolview Suite - \$99.00 per night Friday/Saturday  
Oceanfront Suite - \$129.00 per night  
2BR/2BA Oceanfront Condo - \$219.00 per night

Make Checks Payable to:

2007 D/5 Spring Conference  
SEND TO: P/C Barbara Walter, AP  
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Mechanicsville, MD 20659-6118  
Phone: 301 884-4696  
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last-chance@comcast.net

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY 8 MARCH 2007 TO ENSURE USPS RATES

Meal Reservations must be received by 12 March 2007

Directions: From RT 90, turn left onto Coastal Hwy. Hotel will be on the right.

# From the Change of Watch Committee

The Change of Watch Committee is asking that everyone get their reservations in early for the big event on Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. This is the time we honor our outgoing officers in appreciation for all their hard work and job well done, present awards for special accomplishments and welcome the new Bridge Officers who will lead us through the next year.

This year we have the special privilege of having the Chief Commander of United States Power Squadrons, C/C Ernest C. Marshburn, SN as the officiating M.C. for the change of officers. The event will take place at Sparrows Point Country Club with plenty of free parking. We will have music for your dancing pleasure after the dinner and a brief Change of Watch ceremony. Fund raising through other activities has contributed to this function and is again keeping tickets at bargain prices.



You do not have to be a squadron member to attend this affair. Line up a table (8 to a table) of personal friends, squadron friends or come by yourself. The main thing is to "be there" and enjoy a fabulous evening. The sign up sheet is elsewhere in this *Horizon*. Mark the date now and send your reservation in as early as possible.

## PLEASE NOTE

All Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron members, especially incoming officers and committee chairmen are encouraged to sign up for the District 5 Spring Conference in Ocean City on Thursday, March 29th to Sunday April 1<sup>st</sup> at the Princess Royale Hotel.

Officer training will be provided for all incoming officers of the D5 Squadrons. The District says that it's important that all personnel on the Bridges come and learn from their talented instructors and gain knowledge that is needed to become better stewards for the upcoming year. A "First Timer's" session will be put on for those non-bridge members making their first visit to a Spring Conference or first USPS gathering.

Leadership training, parliamentary procedures and many other educational opportunities will be available.

The spring conference is also where each squadron's incoming commander puts on a magnificent hospitality suite. There's a competition for the best on and Dundalk has won it the last two years. Will presumed incoming Commander John Hall keep up the tradition?

The conference also serves as the District's Change of Watch. A great banquet is in store as new officers are installed and most deserving awards presented.

→ A sign-up form for the conference is contained in this issue.

## CALENDAR 2007

January 7

### Cruise Planning Meeting

Come to John and Mary Hall's house to help lay out the cruising calendar for the coming season. Good company, good food, good planning.

January 17

### General Membership Meeting

At the Boulevard Diner. Corner of Merritt and Holabird in Dundalk. Dinner and/or Drinks optional at 6:30 p.m. Meeting begins at 8:00 p.m. The food is good and the camaraderie is even better.

January 20 -27

### Baltimore Boat Show

Sign up to man the USPS booth for a while and get in free to see all the new boats and marine products and services.

February 21

### General Membership Meeting

Usual time and place. But this time it's Founders Day when we salute our ancestors and eldest members.

March 14

### General Membership Meeting

It's week early this time due to COW scheduling issues. It's also when we elect our new officers, committee chairs, Executive Committee. Come so you can vote for the "good guys". Besides, we can't rope you into anything if you're not there!

March 16

### Change of Watch Dinner/Dance

In any year It's Dundalk's most glamorous night. But this time we will be honored by the presence of USPS's National Commander, CC Ernie Marshburn SN. Make note that it's a Friday evening this time. 1800 at the Sparrows Point Country Club.

March 29 - April 1

### D5 Spring Conference & Officer Training

If you only come to one District event make it this one in Ocean City. You can help our new commander with his hospitality suite, learn a lot and have a blast.