

ON THE HORIZON

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Don't Miss Our Next Membership Meeting November 19, 2014 at 1930 (7:30 PM)

Admin Officer Douglas Riley has promised us a great surprise speaker. At BYC—This will be a pitch-in meeting so please bring something to share.

COMMANDER



Since we went to the presses for the October issue a lot has happened. Our "Last Cruise of the Summer" to Georgetown was a huge success. It had been a few years since we cruised up to Georgetown. We had a lovely trip up the bay and on up the Sassafrass river. The weather was perfect with warm days and beautiful sunrises and sunsets. What made it all the better was enjoying it with our friends from the squadron.

In what is becoming a regular occurrence we left our larger boats for kayaks and explored the river up past the marina. Having burned sufficient calories in the kayaks we set about replenishing our energy at the dockside cocktail party.

After a wonderful dinner for 25 at the Granary we returned to the marina for a sing-a-long with Brooks Riley and the Dundalk Quartet. Sunday morning the other Brooks (Doug) Riley treated us to a pier side pancake breakfast with all the fixins. Many thanks to our Admin officer Doug Riley who really did a great job in organizing and hosting our rendezvous this year.

Next up was the D5 Fall Festival, Sailing Regatta and fishing tournament. This event was held at BYC.

Bernie and Kathy Karpers chaired this event and really did a great job. See Kathy's report in this issue.

I had the pleasure of having Stu and Dianne Newborn and their grandson Justin on my boat for the fishing tournament. We all had a great time and Justin was my first mate. He learned quickly and was in charge of rigging the live eels for the boat.

Fishing for rockfish was a little slow and though we were pulling in a fair amount of perch I was worried about why we weren't doing better. That is until Dianne offered me a BANANA! No, no NO!

After a moments pause I decided it wouldn't look good if the Commander set her adrift for the remainder of the contest and we would have to overcome the handicap. Don't worry we would have picked her up afterwards.

In the end we got no rockfish but first mate Justin brought in the most fish for the day and won the contest!

Respectfully submitted,
Commander John L. Hall, AP

The Squadron's annual Holiday Party will be on Wednesday December 17th at Baltimore Yacht Club. This is technically the December membership meeting that starts at 7:30 but we will usually open with a motion to adjourn. The Party should begin at 7:31 or so. This is a pitch in meeting and we encourage everyone to bring food and/or desserts. A lot of food and desserts !

The highlight of the evening is the Pirate's gift exchange. Everyone who wants to play brings a wrapped gift of \$10-\$15 in value. We'll draw numbers and each person will get a chance to take a new gift or "pirate" one from someone else. Once a gift has been pirated 3 times it becomes buried treasure and cannot be touched. This meeting is all about the fun.

Bring your family and friends and join us for some Holiday Cheer.



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EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Greetings, folks!

The year is coming to an end, and gone too the summer. My "to do" list is still undone. (So, what's new!?)

Next comes the time for our winter check lists. Get your vessel ready for the cold weather, i.e., drain all water items, check the date on battery replacement, clean and coat all electrical connections, and make yourself a spring "to do" list, i.e., new bulbs, charts, fuses, and so on. Maintenance is important, as we all know.

I was sorry to hear our baseball team lost. Maybe the football team can do better!

Let's all look forward to the upcoming holidays and right behind them comes the Baltimore Boat Show. P/C Tracey Stuenes has always done an outstanding job there. Let's hope she volunteers to be our Boat Show Chair again! Thank you, Tracey!

Then comes the Change of Watch. Commander John Hall has done so very well.

Best wishes to all the members of the Squadron, and the best of health to you.

Respectfully Submitted,
P/C Ken Finck, AP
Executive Officer

TREASURER'S REPORT



The squadrons finances are in good shape. We have made our annual contribution of one dollar per member to the USPS Education Fund. This fund is used to help develop new and improved educational courses and materials for USPS.

All bills have been paid and we have more cash in the bank than at this time last year. Part of this increase is due to well run and well attended squadron fund raising events like the Wurst cookout and the Crab feast. Please

Respectfully submitted,
Lt/C Richard D. Bussey,
Treasurer

EDUCATIONAL OFFICER



Classrooms Needed:

We desperately need to find alternate places to hold Advance Classes – preferably for free!

Please check places you go (churches, etc.) and look around your communities to seek out possibilities.

MELP - 2015:

The Rectory School in Pomfret, CT has received to “Go Ahead” their 2015 “March Experimental Learning Program”. They will be offering ABC to a group of 12-15 middle school aged children (and 2 chaperones).

We will be teaching 2 classes covering 2 chapters a class, with the final exam at the end of the second class.

Classes will be held at the Holiday Inn in the Inner Harbor - 301 W Lombard St, Baltimore, MD 21201. They have 5 days, so they are hoping to include a day at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum and another at the National Aquarium.

Please contact me if you would like to participate and help.

Respectfully submitted,

Lt/C J. Streett Broadbent, AP – SEO



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USPS Member Benefits Overview

Our benefit package is growing rapidly. The following are structured to the USPS MEMBER, and can only be obtained by a person with a current membership card. Below is an overview of benefits, go to www.usps.org for more details.

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- Sea Tow offers discounts to USPS members.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



Speakers Galore!

As the November *On the Horizon* goes to press, we are still awaiting confirmation from several speakers to whom invitations have been sent.

At our next meeting on November 19, 2014, we may hear all about the *USS Constellation* in dry dock and the challenges of preserving this historic treasure moored in the murky waters of the Inner Harbor. Considering what we fiberglass boaters spend to keep our boats afloat, the costs of maintaining the *Constellation's* wooden hull are simply unfathomable!

We might also hear from the publisher of *Chesapeake Bay Magazine* about the challenges of finding new and interesting articles every month, enhancing them with beautiful photographs and artwork, and then soliciting advertiser and subscribers to keep afloat a specialty magazine of this caliber.

We have also invited the Sea Scouts to tell us all about their activities. It is always fun to hear from enthу-

siastic young sailors who, if only one appeared, would lower the average age at our meetings by decades!

And, finally, I want to thank October's speaker, Captain John Hamill of The Association of Maryland Pilots, who gave a wonderful presentation about the history and fascinating life of a Chesapeake Bay pilot. For those who missed Captain Hamill's talk, be sure to read all about Bay Pilots in the November edition of Chesapeake Bay Magazine.

As a squadron, we strive to have great monthly meetings, so I hope you'll make every effort to attend and, more so, to bring along a new boating friend!

Respectfully submitted,

Lt/C Douglas B. Riley, AP

Administrative Officer



SECRETARY'S REPORT



First of all, thanks to all who responded to my request for changes and updates to your membership information. If anyone knows of any others, please send them along as Administrative Officer Doug Riley and I will incorporate them into the new Squadron roster and distribute them soon.

This boating season has been one of many adventures and surprises. Most have been quite enjoyable and of the type we have come to expect through the planning we do before a trip, and the safe manner with which we always try to conduct our cruising. One thing that we have learned throughout our training and conversations with other experienced boaters is to expect the unexpected. I mentioned one such experience in my last column- a pop up storm that gave us a few exciting minutes. Another occurred on our way to the District 5 Sail Regatta and Fall Festival when we were confronted with an on the water situation of a different sort. I won't go into detail as we have been asked to write an article recounting it for a future edition of On the Horizon, but suffice it to say we are very grateful for the training and experience we have received through the Squadron and a few other avenues.

Speaking of the Sail Regatta and Fall Festival, we

did, though a little delayed and by "land yacht" (also known as our Buick), make it to Baltimore Yacht Club on Saturday in time for the afternoon and evening festivities. Spending time with our old friends from Dundalk Squadron and new friends from other D5 Squadrons is always enjoyable whether arriving by boat or car. Fortunately we live not too far from the BYC and were able to return by boat on Sunday, getting in some sailing in spite of the fickle winds that day. We also had a great time at the Last Cruise of Summer at the Georgetown Yacht Basin.

We are looking forward to what remains of this boating season, though the time is quickly approaching when we will have to winterize Tiphs and have her moved to the hard for another winter. It seems like we just had her launched for the season, but as the old saying goes, time flies when you're having fun! Fun it has been and we are most definitely looking forward to next season.

Respectfully submitted,

Lt/C David Blades, AP

Secretary



THE 2014 DISTRICT 5 SAIL REGATTA AND FALL FESTIVAL

By Kathy Karpers, S

The members of the Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron hosted the District Five Sail Regatta and Fall Festival on October 11, 12 and 13, 2014.

We appreciate the members who attended the various functions of sailing, fishing, the cocktail party, pizza party, local historic tours, awards dinner and participants at the breakfasts, boat visits, dinner guests and all our helpers of Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron.

Susan Rudy and David Blades attended the event by sailing aboard their boat Tiphs. They arrived one day later

than scheduled because on the first day of the event while on their trip they encountered a capsized boat. They were able to rescue the crew and tow the boat to a marina.

Their report at the awards dinner brought a rousing round of applause and thank you for their job well done. Yes, truly because of this singular event the weekend was a success. This was an unusual ending to our annual weekend event encouraging use of your boat.

Bernie joins with me to thank everyone who assisted with and or attended the event. It was a pleasant weekend with camaraderie shared by all power squadron members registered from eight squadrons of District 5.



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Calendar

November 19	Membership Meeting—BYC. Pitch in meeting.
December 17	Annual Holiday Party / Meeting—BYC. Pitch in meeting.
January 10	Cruise Planning Party—At the Halls
January 21	Membership Meeting—BYC. Pitch in meeting.
January 18-25	USPS Annual meeting in Jacksonville FL.
February 18	Membership Meeting—BYC. Pitch in Meeting.
March 18	Membership Meeting—BYC. Squadron Elections. Pitch in
March 21	Change of Watch—BYC.



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