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General Membership Meeting Engine Maintenance Q&A Led By Fred Schwing

Wednesday, October 17, 2007

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

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

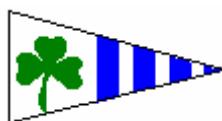
Lt. Fred Schwing, P, who has been teaching USPS Engine Maintenance courses for 10 years, will lead a discussion on "ENGINE MAINTENANCE". Do you have a problem area you would like discussed? Email it to: Stuart.Newborn@uspsdundalk.org, and Fred just might pick out your topic to discuss.

Mark your calendars for the November 21st meeting with Steve Heiger on "Fall Prep & Winterization".

HALLOWEEN PARTY AT BYC REPLACES FROSTBITE CRUISE TO KENTMOOR — SEE ENCLOSED FLYER FOR DETAILS!

The Frostbite Cruise to Kentmoor Marina, scheduled for October 19-21, has been cancelled.

To stay informed of new Squadron activities, as well as changes and cancellations to events and courses, join our Discussion Group. Go to www.uspsdundalk.org, scroll down the page and click on "Join Our Discussion Group". Just send the email that comes up and you will be added to the group.



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COMMANDER

Greetings from your Commander. It's been a busy month. The Commander's Cruise was quite interesting. Joanne Day and her pooch (Abby) were along for the ride. I had arranged to have a new buggy top installed on my boat in Lewes Delaware and we headed there first. The wind was blowing 20+ knots down the Delaware Bay. If you're wondering if the Delaware is really as rough as people say it is, just ask Joanne. She says that was the roughest water she has ever seen in a private boat. Maybe she shouldn't have brought bananas along on this trip!

At Summit Marina we saw the results of cutting across the jetty at the C&D canal and the Delaware Bay. A fifty-two foot cabin cruiser tried to take a shortcut and ripped a hole in the bottom of the boat. SeaTow had just brought the boat into the marina after taking three days to refloat it. For dinner that night we had Philly cheese steak's to get us ready for Philadelphia. Somehow when we got to Philly the calendar had jumped forward a couple of months. It was COLD and RAINY. The high temperature stayed in the 60's the whole time and we had over three inches of rain. Why did Joanne bring bananas? Despite the November weather we did manage to get out and tour the town. It had been more than a few years since I had been to Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell. It was still quite interesting. One night a large contingent of Delaware River Power Squadron members drove in and met us for dinner. It was nice to meet up with them. Traveling by boat to Philadelphia makes you appreciate what a great resource we have in the Chesapeake Bay. There are very few marine facilities up there. There was almost no place to go by water except up or down the river. But MOST importantly the pump out cost for a boat over 40 foot was \$50. It was do-it-yourself to boot! From Philly we went to Georgetown. Mary and I took the dinghy with Michelle, Eric, and Ryan Seidenman to the headwaters of the Sassafras River. As it grew wilder and wilder we saw water snakes and possibly even an alligator! Please keep all hands and feet in the boat at all times! Finally it was too narrow and we had to turn back. It was still cool and the sun still hidden when I discovered that Joanne had left one of her bananas on the boat. Oh no! Once I disposed of that last banana the sun came out that afternoon. In fact the sun stayed out the rest of the cruise! Friday night was the Elvis party. Mrs. Commander and I led the way with some fantastic karaoke of Elvis tunes. It turned out to be a warm-up for the crab feast.

District Commander Arlene Anderson chose our crab feast to announce the revised results of the navigation contest were going to be awarded. We were no longer the winners of Sourpuss! Very disappointing, but we sent him out with a flourish. As I presented him to Arlene the entire squadron serenaded him with "So Long – Its Been Good to know ya". Arlene loved it. There's even talk of an encore performance at the D5 Fall Conference in Ocean City.

The national meeting in Norfolk was well attended by Dundalk. I'd like to thank everybody who attended and helped out. At the national meeting in Norfolk, Dundalk was asked to give two presentations. The first one was on our squadron and how we promote it with the Top Gun Cruise. The second was on fishing for Rockfish in the Chesapeake. P/C Bernie Karpers did a wonderful job with both. We even picked up new associate members from as far away as Oregon. You can be proud of your squadron. As a result of all the hard work we have been doing over the past few years the Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron is well known on the national level.

One important notice. The Frostbite Cruise to Kentmoor is being rescheduled due to technical difficulties.

Respectfully submitted,
CDR John Hall, AP

CRAB FEAST August 25, 2007



Another crab feast and an extremely hot weekend. Did you know that when it's extremely hot like the day of our crab feast, people drink less beer rather than more? Did you know that when it's brutally hot, people eat less hamburgers and hotdogs – but more crabs? Have you figured out by now that they drink more soft drinks when it's really, really hot? We had a suggestion last year to include bottled water with the soft drinks. So, we started out with a case. Well, the entire case was gone in less than 5 minutes. I guess we get more next year!

I'm looking for Jimmy and Shelly! They promised me that they would be at the crab feast reporting on activities, but they haven't contacted me yet. I still have the same address, phone #, cell # and email address so if you see them, please have them contact me – I'm waiting for their report (and maybe some gossip). In the meantime, I want to thank a lot of people who helped to make this a success. I hope I haven't missed anyone because this is the list I will work from when preparing Merit Mark data.

Tracey and Roy Stuenes for putting on the great Friday night Elvis/Clambake party. They did a great job. And speaking of Tracey and Roy, they both worked really hard flipping burgers and dogs on Saturday (with an assist from Dianne Newborn & granddaughter Sydni). Joanne Day for helping me all year organizing the event, making 3 trips to Rock Hall to confirm our plans, cutting up tomatoes, dishing up crabs and corn and doing the shopping – at many stores looking for the best possible prices on the many supplies we have to buy. And especially for finding and buying those great little desserts! Weren't they neat? Fuzzy Jones for getting the rolls, and hauling the soft drinks, passing out desserts and keeping the D/5 Bridge members happy. Brian Hall, the "ice man" – the marina gives him the key to the ice machine and he gets the ice for the soft drinks and beer and keeps track how much we use. Connie Barry, Bobby Blaker, Stuart Newborn [and our friends Carole Reilley, Doris Brecht and Betty Schmitt from Delaware River] for putting tables cloths on all the tables, then putting out the paper towels, spray butter and salt and pepper shakers on each table. Bill Dahle, Howard Barry, Rolf Stuenes, Lane Letsch for moving tables off the brick patio and into the shade. Bill Dahle also took lots of pictures. We can't forget Freddy Shallcross, also from Delaware River who gets us that great corn and tomatoes each year. I guess we also need to thank Ford's Seafood for the crabs. Absolutely everyone I talked to said that the crabs were outstanding. And, how could we have a crab feast with out der beermeister, Herbie Jones?

And on Sunday morning, Sue Bussey and Susan Hines and crew for the great breakfast. Especially Sue Bussey's family who all chipped in to help – and cook! She even had Dick working! Not to mention Dick worked writing checks all weekend. We also had the Seidenman family working – including the kids helping to dish out crabs. Also thanks to my friends Brent and Carolyn McCully who come each year and who chipped in with the dishing out the crabs when Joanne had to take a break and cool off.

Oh, and how could we ever do the limbo without Walter Neese? And this is a good time to thank Al Dyer and Johnnie Mathis for bringing such a large contingent of their friends from Pleasant Yacht Club. It's always nice to have them. Finally, our Cdr, John Hall who graciously – though with **extreme** reluctance – returned Sourpuss – followed by a rousing chorus of "So Long, It's Been Good to Know You"

As you know, Dave Brand, our intended musician fell and broke his wrist and hand – a real tough blow for an organist. We got "Palmtree Charlie" on short notice and I hope you all enjoyed him.

If I missed any names, I'm sorry, but PLEASE let me know. I don't want to overlook anything or anybody when it comes to Merit Mark data.

A few statistics for those of you who like such things. We had: 205 people, 36 boats, ALL of Dundalk's Bridge, 6 out of 10 members of D/5 Bridge including the Cdr., 15 bushels Crabs, 40 doz. ears of corn, 2 kegs of beer, 225 desserts.

Again, an enormous thanks to ALL who made the crab feast a success - P/C Read Van Zile



EXECUTIVE OFFICER

It's hard to believe the sun is setting on our 2007 cruising season. The fun and laughs we have had together are priceless. From the raft outs, to the cruises across the bay, we couldn't have asked for a more beautiful summer. But now that fall is upon us, our fishermen will be donning their wind breakers, hats and gloves to catch those notorious rockfish. There's nothing stopping our squadron from spinning those props. We are the cruising Squadron!

Mark your calendars because just around the corner is the Baltimore Boat Show. P/C Ken Finck, P is chairing this event and will be more than happy for members to volunteer their time to help man the booth. What a great opportunity to reach the public by striking up conversations about our great squadron and the fun we have boating together. We can share the importance of basic boating education to new boaters, and continued education to seasoned boaters. There will be a special visitor from D/5, yes; Sea Vester and the D/5 Education trailer will be attending the boat show. Children and adults are attracted to him, and what a terrific way to promote USPS and safe boating. Hope to see you there.

SHOWTIMES AND DATES — Baltimore Convention Center 1/23/2008 - 1/27/2008

Wednesday, January 23, 2008	6pm - 9pm
Thursday, January 24, 2008	11am - 9pm
Friday, January 25, 2008	11am - 9pm
Saturday, January 26, 2008	10am - 9pm
Sunday, January 27, 2008	10am - 6pm

Admission is FREE if you volunteer some time at the USPS booth

Adults \$10.00 Youth (13-15) \$5.00

FREE Parking available at Camden Yards, Lot C.

FREE Shuttle Bus Pick-up and Drop-off at Pratt Street Lobby, Charles Street Lobby entrance and Lot C

Respectfully submitted,
Lt/C Tracey Stuenes, P

NEWS and VIEWS

Your On the Horizon Editor brings you important (and not so important) boating related stories from around the globe.



A Collision at Sea Can Ruin Your Whole Day!

Near Bay Bridge Marina on Kent Island: Just before 2 a.m., a 38-ft. Fountain power boat slammed into a fixed, channel marker, ripping a 17-ft. gash in the forward hull & becoming impaled on the steel piling holding the channel marker. A passenger suffered a broken arm & lacerations; a passing boater rescued the two men. DNR police cited the skipper, who "claimed to have been blinded by the lights of a sailboat", for negligence, traveling at an unsafe speed, & failure to maintain a proper lookout.

"Float Plan" Saves A Life - 9/19/2007

"*Float Plan*", *Lifejacket and Worried Wife Save Ex-Marine Off Paris Island*". This near tragedy is a great example of how a float plan, which tells where you're going and when you will return and left with a loved one, allows us to quickly develop a good search area and expedite a rescue of Mr. Ernest Wright,." said Coast Guard Lt. Commander Eric King. "Mrs. Wright knew what kind of boat her husband had, when he departed, when he was supposed to return and what general area he was going to be fishing," said King, the chief of the Sector Charleston, S.C. Operations Center.

The Coast Guard and the Beaufort Marine Rescue Squadron from Port Royal, S.C., rescued the overdue fisherman on the Broad River between Paris Island, S.C., and Hilton Head, S.C., at about 1:45 AM on Saturday September 8, 2007. "When we spotted Mr. Wright, he was still with his overturned vessel," said Lt. Jim Boger, a member of the helicopter rescue crew that located Wright. "Any time a person goes in the water they should stay with their boat. A boat is an easier target for an aircrew or surface asset to spot.".

EDUCATION OFFICER

Public Courses:

A Squadron Boating Course is underway as of this writing on Tuesday evenings at Anchorage Marina with P/Lt/C Ray Schiff instructing. Two others are planned: for September 27 at Dundalk High School and October 9 at St. John's Lutheran Church.

Our GPS course in three three-hour sessions will launch at Dundalk High School on Tuesday, September 25, continuing Thursday September 27, and concluding Tuesday October 2. Similar three-session sequences start on October 23 and November 13. All three-hour sessions begin at 6:30pm.

Member Courses:

Piloting has started on Tuesday evenings at Maryland Presbyterian Church, Lt Streett Broadbent, AP instructing. Engine Maintenance is underway Thursday evenings at Maryland Presbyterian Church, Lt Fred Schwing instructing. If you missed the registration for these classes, please contact me as soon as possible and we'll decide how to catch you up. As I write in late September, the catch-up would be no problem; but don't wait. Dennis Henderson has one student for Junior Navigation, and is instructing at his home.

If you are looking for courses not listed above, please contact me: other courses we offer are: weather, sail, marine electronics, cruise planning, instructor development, seamanship, advanced piloting, navigation. As of this writing members have expressed interest in weather, marine electronics and instructor development; we usually wait until five students are interested to run a course.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Neese, Education Officer
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COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

P/C Ken Finck, P is Chair of the new Communications Committee. Please email Ken at cankenhel@juno.com if you would like him to send a card from the Squadron for illness or deaths of Squadron members and their families.

D/5 Happenings

2007 Fall Education Conference — November 1-4 at the Princess Royale Hotel in Ocean City, MD

Discover what cruisin' is all about as you take a two or three-night sail on board the USPS Cruise Ship *Arlene* for a scholarly voyage through USPS University.

Mix and mingle at Friday's social and swing to the music of the "Smooth Sound" Dance Band, recreating the sounds of the 30's and 40's. Saturday's traditional Educational Expo is giving way to an On-Board Open House with opportunities to explore more of the new USPS University offerings and get some hands-on computer skill-building.

You'll want to be there!

For more information and registration forms, visit the D/5 web site:

www.uspsd5.org

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Well, the boating season is coming to a close . . . IN MAINE, maybe!!! We've still got several more weeks of great boating to do, so put away that shrink wrap and cast off those lines. Even if it's just a short cruise for lunch somewhere, get out there and keep your skills current for as long as you can.

Our web site should be getting some updates shortly with pictures from recent events. The Crab Feast, Clambake, and Worton Creek cruise – all terrific. If you haven't been to an event recently, it's not too late.

Our September membership meeting was truly memorable. If you missed it, you missed our Commander's video presentation, (with live narration), of the Top Gun cruise to Okrakoke, NC, including the now infamous "Duck attack" incident. Curious? Then drag yourself, and a friend or two, out in October and come to the next Membership Meeting where you can not only ask John about it, but you can also hear Fred Schwing talk about engine maintenance and maybe help you fix that nagging problem that's been keeping you from enjoying the Bay this Summer. Mark your calendars for October now. As always, if any of you have any ideas or suggestions for a speaker and/or topic for an upcoming membership meeting, be sure to let me know. You can also contact Dianne Newborn, Meetings and Programs chair.

The Administrative Department has been doing a great job, but there's always room for improvement. So, if you have any questions or concerns, suggestions or complaints, please let me know. I can be contacted by email at ao@uspsdundalk.org , or by cell phone at 410-456-5854. Please leave me a message if I am not able to answer.

Respectfully submitted,

Lt/C David Seidenman, AP



Commander's Cruise

August 18-24, 2007



Schooner Sultana - Downrigging Weekend

November 2nd – 4th 2007 at The Chestertown Waterfront

<http://www.sultanaprojects.org/downrigging.htm>

Friday, November 2

5:00-8:00pm: The Tall Ships Illuminated at the Chestertown Waterfront

5:00-7:30pm: Downrigging Weekend Cocktail Party—Under the Tent at the Foot of Cannon Street
\$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, 410.778.5954 for tickets

8:00pm: The Concert for Sultana. The Prince Theatre featuring Chester River Runoff
\$10 per person, 410.778.5954 for tickets

Saturday, November 3

10am-12:30pm: Sail on the Ships Departing from Chestertown

Vessel Pricing

Kalmar Nyckel	\$55 / 30 under 12
Pride of Baltimore, II	\$45 per person
Schooner Virginia	\$45 / \$30 under 12
Lady Maryland	\$35 / \$20 under 12
Schooner Sultana	\$35 / \$20 under 12
Stanley Norman	\$25 / \$15 under 12
Elsworth	\$25 / \$15 under 12
Mildred Belle	\$15 per person
Annie D.	\$15 per person
Mr. Jim	\$15 per person

2:00pm-4:30pm: Sail on the Ships. Departing from Chestertown - pricing same as above

Sunday, November 4

Noon-5:00pm: Dockside Tours of the Ships at the Chestertown Waterfront

\$8 adults/\$2 children under 12 years of age.

Tickets available at the Chestertown waterfront on the day of the event.

Chestertown Marina has slips available. 410-778-3616

<http://www.chestertown.com/chestertownmarina/>

Steve Dalgarno is coordinating Dundalk's participation in the event. Contact Steve at 410-374-9794 if you have any questions

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November 1-4	D/5 Fall Education Conference—Ocean City MD
November 2-4	Tall Ships at Chestertown Waterfront
November 21	General Membership Meeting—Boulevard Diner