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We Face More Than A Name Issue!

The name issue was raised by P/C Bill Rose in the spring 2007 *Mark 5*. His comment made as part of the debate on how to reverse the decline in membership in USPS®. Cdr Rose is right, of course. But the name is not the only issue.

We've long been struggling with declining membership. Years ago an association expert told us we needed to reinvent our organization - change it radically from the model developed in the early 1900's to a new style that meets the expectations of the younger generations of boaters. Despite the hard work of successive bridges and squadrons, I believe we are well on our way to proving that major organizations rarely adapt to the changing environment. They die and are replaced by newer ones more attuned to the changing tastes of their potential clientele

The major change we have made is to open the door wider by simplifying the requirements for joining, and now by eliminating our pre-admission course. It hasn't worked, and it's time we face the hard fact that taking the front door off entirely won't create a flow of new recruits - there is nobody at the gates!

It's time we face the fact that the paramilitary style and rigid processes that characterize our organization are not attractive to young boaters who get into boating to relax and have fun. It's time we face the fact that one-on-one recruiting does not work in this era of mass marketing. **It's time we really reinvent the squadrons.**

Change is disquieting and it's not easy to abandon our dear traditions. But if we don't change, we die. Do we love USPS enough to accept major changes for its survival? We must embark in a mass marketing endeavor to raise our profile, change our reputation by developing a more relaxed and salty image and offer "products and services" that will attract a wider spectrum of boaters.

How? By returning to our roots. The core objective of the first squadron was knowledge in how to operate the new "powered vessels". **We must recast ourselves as a boating knowledge organization.** We have the best and most comprehensive set of boating courses. We must also become the best source of information on boating, boating issues, boat repair, etc.; a hotbed of knowledge where newer boaters benefit from the experience of older boaters; an organization that supports and assists those actively engaged in boating and cruising with up-to-date information and communications. Our meetings must be about boating, not organizational processes. Our national meeting must become a high profile boating event. Our name must say what we are and be widely recognized among boaters. Let's become ***The Academy of Pleasure Boating!*** and bring boaters back to our currently deserted gates.



~J. Louis Arcand, AP (jlarcand@att.net)

Commander's Message

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I want to thank the D/5 membership for having the confidence to elect me to this distinguished position in USPS®. The nominating committee has done an outstanding job of putting together a great team of bridge officers, who are dedicated to serving the District 5 membership in all aspects of USPS involvement. All you need to do is contact any bridge member and he or she will be there to assist.



At Spring Conference I asked all members to go back and assess their squadrons and work to set reasonable goals. There are 38 squadrons and one provisional squadron in District 5 - each unique in its own way - some are land-locked, while others sit right on major waterways; some have squadrons next door, and others are isolated; while some are small, others are large.

I ask each District 5 member to stop and to retrace your tracks and evaluate why you joined USPS. Yes, for those long time members maybe those reasons have changed through the years. But after thinking for a moment about why you joined, now ask yourself, "**What am I doing for USPS?**" — "Am I just paying my dues?" As members of USPS we each have an obligation to be involved and especially to motivate those members who are not involved, to get involved.

An evolution is happening right now in USPS. The new USPS University educational seminars are available to the membership and to the public. A great way to be involved is by taking one of the seminars and then assisting in your squadron's educational department to conduct one of the classes out in the community. If you like to meet and greet people, then there is the vessel safety examiner program. All USPS members are on the membership committee and with the new educational waiver in place for the next three years – now is the time to get out and recruit members who don't really want to take the boating course, but want to be members. In D/5 we have a great opportunity to get first-hand information to work the Co-Op Charting program. The NOAA Workshop held each year gives us a great opportunity to get hands-on experience and to go home and get involved. Stop and think about the many venues in your community where you can market USPS! The opportunities are out there. You just need to take the step to be involved.

"An involved member is a happy member and a happy member will renew his/her membership." Take the challenge and step up to the plate and be a part of keeping District 5 on course with the USPS mission. Don't say, "I've done that. I'm tired." Instead, move on up. Say yes, get involved. Mentor the youth. Don't just recruit the youth, but mentor them and help them step up and hit the ball and see what they too can do for the organization. Take a look at your squadron – don't take it for granted that someone else will make it happen.

Together we can do it. Take the challenge to get on course with District 5 and make USPS the best boating organization in America. Boat safely and have **fun** being a member of USPS.

~ D/C Arlene M. Anderson, AP



D/LT/C Ralph A. Bernard, AP, Administrative Officer

Ralph's journey to the D/5 Bridge, as District Administrative Officer, began at birth when his dad took him boating on his double-ended Admiral Barge. He was seven when his dad became Cdr of Absecon Island Squadron. Twenty-three years later Ralph became the Cdr of Absecon for the first time; he repeated the command in 1996. He has taught the public boating, seamanship and piloting courses and has chaired many weekend boating seminars. In 2004 he achieved USPS Life Membership status upon attaining his 25th Merit Mark.

Somehow he still found time for other hobbies: coaching girl's softball, snow skiing, scuba diving, and becoming one of the Jaycee's Outstanding Young Men of America. He also had time for his career in law enforcement as a New Jersey State policeman. Ralph earned his Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice degree from Richard Stockton State College and his Master of Arts in Education degree from Seton Hall University.

In the early 80's he might have pulled you over for speeding on the Garden State Parkway, but for the last 20 years his career has centered on training and education, not only at the NJ State Police Academy but also designing and executing anti-crime, anti-drug, and alcohol use and abuse programs for schools and the general public. Prior to becoming a state police officer, he served four years in the US Air Force as a Law Enforcement Specialist.

He and his wife Nance live in May's Landing, New Jersey, and have been married for 27 years. They have two daughters, Jaclyn and Kristin, and two grandsons, Matthew and Ralph. Their daughters were aboard the boat within a few weeks of birth. Daughter Jaclyn Bernard Carugno, S, is the immediate P/C of Absecon Island and her husband Anthony, S, is the incoming commander.

Ralph and Nance's current boat is a 40' Silverton, named Four Play. They boat in NJ and all over the Chesapeake. So if you see them out there, give them a Hail and Hello.

1048

What's in a number? The number "1048" was posted all over the place at the D/5 spring conference, but when the general conference convened only a few people knew what it meant.

Northern Neck Sail & Power presents a Boating Safety for Kids Program - a hands-on learning center program presented in local classrooms. When we finished at Chesapeake Academy in Irvington, Virginia, this spring we exceeded 1,000 student participants. Chartered in 2003, we have 52 members - more than half of whom have actively participated.

Because of our squadron's efforts, and with support from the community and schools, we are proud to say:

- 1048 kids know how to fit a life jacket and wear it,
- 1048 kids know how to use a fire extinguisher,
- 1048 kids know how to use the VHF radio to make a call,
- 1048 kids know about the effects of hypothermia on the body,
- 1048 kids know the importance of the watershed of the Chesapeake Bay, and
- 1048 kids know the effects of an oil spill on the Bay and how to clean it up properly.

What a squadron achievement!

~Anne P. Wolski, P, Kids Program Chair

WILMINGTON WINS SNYDER AWARD

Once again, Wilmington Power Squadron won the first place Snyder Award for Publications. It was presented at the banquet at Spring Conference in Ocean City on 31 March.

Kent Narrows received the second place plaque and Ocean City, the third. Others in the Top Ten were: Main Line, Miles River, Northern Virginia, Patuxent River, Potomac River, Richmond and Virginia Beach. Patapsco River was judged Most Improved, York had the best black and white pictures and Patuxent River had the best in color.

A special award was also given to Northern Virginia whose Commander wrote an excellent article on the use of ethanol.

The Committee tries to honor those publications that do things well. Committee members would love to be able to give an award to each squadron every year!



Cdr Jay Greene, AP, accepts the Snyder Award from V/C Creighton Maynard, SN.

Awards Presented at Spring Conference 2007

NATIONAL PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE AWARDS

Membership Growth Awards

Large Squadrons
1st Northern Virginia

Medium Squadrons
1st Miles River
2nd Patuxent River
3rd Absecon Island

Small Squadrons
1st Smith Mountain Lake
2nd Pennsway
3rd Northern Neck

Vessel Safety Check Awards

Squadron Awards
1st Va. Beach with 365
2nd Richmond with 281
3rd Ocean City with 243

Individual Awards

1st Ralph Sangata
113 - Absecon Island
2nd Fred W. Pflum
71 - Va Beach
3rd R.W. Neubrand
58 - Ocean City

Web Design Awards

Absecon Island
Mid Potomac
Miles River
Nansemond River
Ocean City
Wilmington
District 5



Chapman Scrapbook award

1st Patuxent River
2nd Virginia Beach

Carl Mahnken Commanders Cup (for excellence in Power Point)

1st Virginia Beach



Education Fund Honor Roll

Blue Hen Sail 12th Award
Bush River 19th Award
Delaware River 6th Award
Delsea 26th Award
Dundalk 12th Award
Hampton Roads 8th Award
Lancaster 34th Award
Main Line 10th Award
Mid-Potomac 4th Award
Ocean City 16th Award
Patuxent River 17th Award
Virginia Beach 15th Award

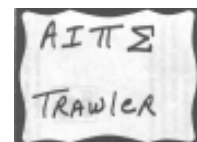


The following publications have received the Distinction in Journalism Award for 2006 from the National Publications Committee.

Absecon Island - *Absecon Light*
Annapolis - *Anchor Watch*
Bush River - *The Bush River Bitts*
Cambridge - *Choptank Currents*
Delaware River - *The Barometer*
Delhigh - *Delhigh Lights*
Dundalk - *On The Horizon*
Hampton Roads - *The Landfall*
Kent Narrows -
Kent Narrows Tidelines
Lancaster - *Lancaster Scuttlebutt*
Main Line - *The Pilot*
Mid-Potomac - *The River View*
Miles River - *Miles Lines*
Nansemond River - *Nansemond Light*
Northern Neck - *The Lighthouse*
Northern Virginia - *Of Tars and Terns*
Ocean City - *Sandbar Soundings*
Patapsco River - *Bilgewater*
Patuxent River - *True Readings*
Potomac River - *Potomac Ribber*
Rappahannock - *Chessie's Chatter*
Richmond - *The Bullhorn*
Rockville - *The Skipjack*
Sue Island - *The Islander*
Trenton Falls - *Range Lights*
Virginia Beach - *Cape Henry Flashes*
Wilmington - *The Lubber's Line*
York - *Anchorline*

District 5 - *Mark 5*

Congratulations to all of these editors.



Spring Conference 2007

Seminars, officer training sessions, Council Meeting, conference sessions, awards, and fun were all in abundance at the recent D/5 Spring Conference in Ocean City, Maryland. More than 400 members and friends gathered for the training sessions to hear about new courses and marketing techniques that will help their squadrons. V/ C Creighton Maynard, SN, National Executive Officer, started our weekend with a PowerPoint presentation about the new governance proposals for USPS. Other seminars included parliamentary procedure, leadership development, electronic merit mark submission, and a special "First Timer" event for those members and their families who had never attended a District 5 conference.

Visitors to the Atrium on Friday evening were accosted by pirates of the Chesapeake, challenged to a Jeopardy competition, swatted by toga-wearing troops, and quizzed about history around the Bay. We had senors and senioritas, margaritas, chowder, gun powder and so much more. If you could identify lighthouses and knew basic boating, then you were bound to be successful. Richmond Sail and Power Squadron presented the Best Hospitality Suite award to Potomac River Power Squadron. Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron was in second place.

There were small signs posted throughout the hotel, all bearing the number 1048. Someone knew what it meant but was not telling. Finally, Saturday afternoon 1st Lt Anne Wolski of Northern Neck was called to the microphone to provide details of their squadron teaching safe boating to 1,048 children. A major part of the conference was the election of our new Bridge. D/Lt/C Arlene Anderson, AP, was elected D/C.

In addition to installation of the Bridge, the banquet also featured a performance by the P/D/C's burying outgoing D/C Simkins' beloved Frog, who was so "Alive with D/5" all year. He probably died from over exposure. With much weeping and wailing, he was laid to rest. But not to fear. D/5 is still "On Course" - incoming D/C Anderson's theme for the year.

Guests from other districts and National included D/27 P/R/C Ken Link, SN, and D/8 R/C Robert Keller, SN. P/R/C Link, former chair of the National PR/Marketing Committee, participated in the D/5 public relations seminar. R/C Keller is chairman of the National Meetings Committee. He was here to observe how D/5 works and plays in preparation for the USPS 2007 Fall Governing Board in Norfolk in September.

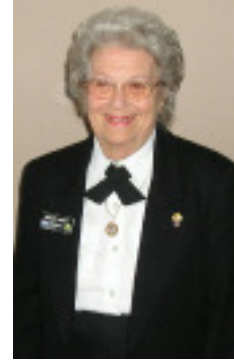
If you didn't attend, you really missed an opportunity to learn and you missed a



fun-filled time with many wonderful USPS people.

2006 D/5 Life Members

P/C Marilyn P. Wright, JN, is the first woman in D/5 to attain Life Member status. Her certificate was presented at the banquet on Saturday, 31 March 2007 in Ocean City.



The following members of D/5 received their twenty-fifth merit mark in 2006 and have been awarded Life Membership in USPS. Congratulations to all!

Absecon Island Power Squadron
George S. Austin, AP
Annapolis Sail & Power Squadron
William J. Museler, AP
Delaware River Power Squadron
P/C Marilyn P. Wright, JN
Delhigh Power Squadron
Robert R. Dales, AP
Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron
P/C William B. Riley, AP
Ocean City Power Squadron
Stf/C Louis M. Reitz, AP
Patapsco River Power Squadron
William R. Parson, AP
Richmond Sail and Power Squadron
Malcolm R. Baker, SN
P/C David R. Teets, AP
Schuylkill River Power Squadron
Donald D. DeMuzio, SN
Sue Island Power Squadron
Jack A. Freistat Sr., N
Susquehannock Power Squadron
P/C Allen L. Capron, SN

2007 D/5 Summer Rendezvous and Council

Preliminary Schedule of Events and Activities

Slip Reservations:

Call Dockmaster at Somer's Cove Marina (410) 968-0925.

Motel rooms:

Somer's Cove Best Value Inn
(410) 968-1900 and
Paddlewheel Motel
(410) 968-2220.

Identify yourself as a D/5 USPS member for special rates at the motels and marina.

Uniform of the Day:

Friday - Squadron shirts
Saturday -
Uniform E for flag raising and Council Meeting.
Saturday dinner - Squadron shirts

19 - 22 July

Friday 20 July

0900-1700	Registration (final schedule available)	Pavilion
1200-1600	Dinghy Poker Run	Marina Dock
1500-1730	Children's Activity	Open Area
1600	Captains' Meeting/ Observers' Meeting	Pavilion
1800-1900	Cocktail Party	Pavilion
1900-2100	Dinner	Pavilion

Saturday 21 July

0700-0830	Breakfast	Pavilion
0900-1200	Registration	Pavilion
0830-1600	Children's Activity	Open Area
0800-0845	Captains' Meeting	Pavilion
0900	Flag Raising	Flag Area
0930-1100	Council Meeting	Pavilion
1300-1600	Navigation Contest	Marina Dock
1630	Catholic Service	Pavilion
1830-2030	Dinner/Awards	Pavilion

Sunday 22 July

0700-0830	Breakfast	Pavilion
0830	Non-Denominational Service	Pavilion

What's for breakfast and dinner?

Friday Social/Dinner buffet: Hamburgers and hot-dogs, pasta salad, baked beans, pickle spears, potato salad, condiments, dessert, iced tea, coffee, lemonade, and soda. Beer/wine provided for adults.

Breakfast Saturday & Sunday buffet: Sausage and egg casserole, Danish pastries, muffins, donuts, bagels and cream cheeses, cold cereal w/milk, fresh fruit, coffee, tea, & orange juice.

Saturday Night Dinner Buffet Feast: Four crabs (#1 – big jimmies), two pieces of chicken, corn on the cob, hush puppies, fresh sliced tomatoes, potato salad, cole slaw, sliced watermelon, dessert (assortment of cakes and pies), condiments, tea, coffee, lemonade, soda. Bring your own crab knife if desired. Beer/Wine provided for adults.

Children's Activities Are Planned!

Questions:

Call Cdr Fred Stiehl, P, at (410) 641-6535 or
P/C Joan Watt, AP, at (410) 208-2747

Not in the Nav Contest or Dinghy Poker Run and want to know what to do in Crisfield? There's the J. Millard Tawes Museum, a Walking Tour of Crisfield, and the Smith Island or Tangier Island Tour. Information is available at the Marina and the J. Millard Tawes Museum.



OCEAN CITY POWER SQUADRON

D/5 SUMMER RENDEZVOUS RESERVATION FORM

20-22 JULY 2007

THE CRAB CAPITAL OF THE WORLD - CRISFIELD, MARYLAND

Rank/ Name/ Grade: _____

Mate's Rank/ Name/ Grade: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Squadron Name: _____ Telephone No: _____ E-mail: _____

Boat Name: _____ Length: _____ Beam: _____ Arrival Date/Time: _____

Depart Date/Time: _____

D/5 SUMMER RENDEZVOUS ACTIVITY FEE:

Total Attending	Adults	No. _____	@	\$10.00	\$ _____
Total Attending	Children < 12	No. _____	@	\$ 2.00	\$ _____

MEAL SELECTIONS

Friday Dinner	Adults	No. _____	@	\$13.00	\$ _____
	Children < 12	No. _____	@	\$ 6.50	\$ _____

Saturday Breakfast:	Adults	No. _____	@	\$ 7.00	\$ _____
	Children < 12	No. _____	@	\$ 3.50	\$ _____

Saturday Night Feast:	Adults	No. _____	@	\$25.00	\$ _____
	Children < 12	No. _____	@	\$12.50	\$ _____

Sunday Breakfast:	Adults	No. _____	@	\$ 7.00	\$ _____
	Children < 12	No. _____	@	\$ 3.50	\$ _____

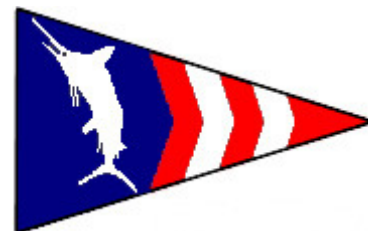
BOATING CONTESTS

Navigation Contest	Per Boat	No. _____	@	\$20.00	\$ _____
Dinghy Poker Run:	Per Dinghy	No. _____	@	\$20.00	\$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

RESERVATIONS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN 30 JUNE 2007.

Make check to OCPS and mail with registration form to:
Linda Matricciani,
1218 Carrollton Lane, Ocean Pines, MD 21811



D/5 Commander's Summer Cruise to Crisfield, Md.

Greetings from the South:

Well, winter is finally over, although I don't believe it ever really came to us in the southern end of the Bay. Now is the time to start planning and preparing the boat for the 2007 Commander's Cruise. This year the "Northbound Commander's Cruise" to the Summer Rendezvous is going to begin in Hampton, Virginia, at Salt Ponds Marina and Southall Landings Marina. The cruise will begin on 14 July when P/C Bill Walsh and his wife Bobbie will host a covered dish dinner for cruise participants. Any power squadron member who would like can come out for an evening of fun and food, and the opportunity to meet other local squadron members.

On 15 July we will depart Hampton, Virginia, and head north to Deltaville, where we will stay until the 17th at Dozier's Yachting Center.

Departing Dozier's on 17 July, we will head farther up the Bay to Calvert's Marina in Solomons, where we are scheduled to meet the southbound cruisers on the 18th. That evening a dinner is being planned for the two groups. This will give everyone a chance to meet and mingle before heading off to the Summer Rendezvous and Council.

On the morning of the 19th the entire fleet will depart for Crisfield and will arrive at Somers Cove Thursday afternoon. This should give us plenty of time to taste the first Maryland crabs of the summer season. The Summer Rendezvous will run from Friday, 20 July thru Sunday, 22 July.

On the 22nd, we will make a run south to Cape Charles and stop for the evening to grab dinner and play some dominoes before heading for home on the 23rd.

All this information and more is easily accessible on the 2007 Commander's Cruise website. The website is easily accessible from the D/5 homepage, or you can go to:

members.cox.net/commanders_cruise_2007/

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Hampton Roads Power Squadron

Greetings from the North:

Let's hope winter is over, since it is time to put the boat in the water. February and most of March have been cold and very windy. My team of Scott McLellan, Chip Hoiler, and I has been planning the 2007 Southbound Commander's Cruise, and most of the arrangements have been made. Since we wanted to start in Annapolis on Friday, 13 July, we've been having a bit of trouble finding enough slips there, so we are still working on that location.

We plan to leave on Saturday 14 July, for a two-day stay at St. Michaels and the Miles River Yacht Club. We have a cookout scheduled for Saturday night and dinner at the Yacht Club on Sunday night.

Monday morning 16 July, we will cruise to the new Hyatt Marina at Cambridge. This is a great facility and it includes three swimming pools. On Tuesday we're planning breakfast on the dock, a tour or shopping in town, and dinner at the Marina Restaurant. Of course we will raise that certain flag at 1730 each day, so bring your favorite soda pop or other selected beverage and an extra box of crackers.

On Wednesday morning we will cruise over to Solomons for a one-night stay at Calvert Marina. We will meet the Northbound Cruise there. We hope to have a crab feast dinner if we can make arrangements for 70 to 80 people.

On Thursday, 19 July, our whole fleet will cruise to Crisfield and Somers Cove Marina. With a little help, I'm sure we can round up a cocktail party there.

The D/5 Summer Council and Rendezvous will be held on Friday and Saturday. All of you might practice a bit, since I hear that Potomac River will be pretty tough in the navigation contest this year.

Give us a call and sign up. I'm sure this cruise will be a blast! Most of us will make a stop at Herrington Harbor South on Sunday night, then home on Monday.

D/Lt John Wilmot, JN
JohnCWilmot@msn.com
(410) 798-5102
Potomac River Power Squadron

For more information contact the Cruise Chairmen.



D/5 Southbound Commanders Cruise Registration Form

Note: A \$35 deposit to fund set-ups and houdouts is required with your reservation for the southbound D/5 Cruise to Crisfield. Captains make your own dock reservations. Don't miss this cruise of a lifetime!

Check the options that apply:

Cruise info can be found online at members.cox.net/commanders_cruise_2007/index.htm

D/5 Southbound Cruise to Crisfield, Somers Cove Marina: 14 July to 19 July 2007.

I will be joining

the Fleet at (check all that apply, be sure to indicate your arrival date and time)

<input type="checkbox"/> 14 - 15 July	Miles River Yacht Club, St. Michaels, Md. (410) 745-9511	Cook out on 14 July at MRYC - burgers and dogs - BYOB - Dinner at MRYC 15 July
<input type="checkbox"/> 16 - 17 July	Hyatt Chesapeake Resort, Cambridge, Md. (410) 901-1234	17 July breakfast on the dock, tour of town
<input type="checkbox"/> 18 - 19 July	Calvert Marina, Solomons, Md. (410) 326-4251	Meet up with northbound fleet, Dinner and party at Calvert Marnia
<input type="checkbox"/> 19 - 22 July	Somer's Cove Marina, Crisfield, MD (410) 968-0925	Travel to Summer Rendezvous as a district fleet

D/5 Return Cruise South: 22 July to 23 July 2007.

I will be joining the Fleet at

<input type="checkbox"/> 22 July	Herrington Harbor (800) 231-9438	Sunday night rest before returning home
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Name: _____ Squadron: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Contact Information: E-mail: _____
Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Adults: _____ # Persons under 12: _____

Boat Name: _____ List names of all Individuals (include children's ages):
Crew _____

Home Port: _____ Guests _____

Length: _____ Beam: _____ Draft: _____ Power: _____ Sail: _____ Gas: _____ Diesel _____
Diesel: _____

Power Requirements: _____ Cruising speed: _____ (kts) Range: _____ (nm)

Return your registration and deposit to:

D/Lt John Wilmot, JN, 3301 Leritz Lane, Edgewater, Md 21037
JohnCWilmot@msn.com - 410-798-5102 (fax same as phone, so call first)

Make check payable to: "D/5 Southbound Cruise"



Cruisin' With Education

Education is on the move!

That was the message from the sessions at Spring Conference. D/5 has eleven new Squadron Educational Officers, new courses for JN and Engine Maintenance are on the shelves at headquarters, and additional two-hour seminars will be here before the summer gets too hot. But we also have a key role in the membership department, and we must rev up our engines. We must all tell the USPS story with excitement - using the new materials as a prompt - to get our boating friends and neighbors interested. With summer under way, what better way than to invite them to go with you on your boat, or cruise with you so you can demonstrate the skills you've learned and the special fellowship that comes with being a part of the best kept secret - the members of USPS!

Boat Operator Certification

This new program is now officially underway. Criteria for the Inland Navigation (IN) certification credential have been established. It covers daytime operation of vessels up to 26 ft., within two nautical miles of shore and in waves less than one meter (three feet). Many members will already be qualified with courses they've taken and their on-the-water experiences. Each of the other levels will build progressively on the demonstrated skills of the lower levels. Credential criteria for the Coastal Navigation (CN), Advanced Coastal Navigation (ACN), and Offshore Navigation (ON) certifications are being developed and will be issued over time. The tentative chart of requirements is posted on the D/5 webpage. Take a look and see what might be missing from your list of accomplishments. This summer might be a good time to work on getting any missing items completed.

Instructor Certification

The Instructor Recertification Seminar held in Ocean City resulted in setting March 2011 as the expiration date for twenty-seven of our best instructors. Several of these participants were very near to the expiration dates of their certifications. Attending this two-hour seminar before the expiration date provides continuing certification. If you don't recertify prior to your expiration date, you may have to take the ID course to get recertified. So it is very important for all instructors to know when their expirations will occur. Your SEO can assist in getting your date from DB2000, and also help arrange for the seminar to insure we do not lose any of our great certified instructors.

Cruisin' with Education on the Water,

~ D/Lt/C Robert R. Palmer, SN

YOU'RE INVITED

Next September squadron members from all over the country will be visiting our D/5 home for the 2007 Governing Board in Norfolk. Though hosting 500 people for five days is a daunting task, our District is up to the challenge. This will be a great opportunity for you to attend a national meeting and get the latest information on the future of our organization. You'll hear squadron success stories and take back new ideas and plans to boost your squadron's activities. We rarely have an opportunity to attend a meeting in our own backyard, so mark your calendar now and don't miss out.

As we approach September you'll hear more about many opportunities to volunteer a small amount of time to help your fellow D/5ers make this the best Governing Board ever. Be a part of the excitement!

~ P/D/C Bill Selden, AP
~ P/R/C Tom Dougherty, SN
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Fall Conference is On the Horizon

Almost everyone is plotting courses and checking tides for local favorite boating spots. Some are also making plans to soak up some sun. **Now** is the time to post the Fall Conference (1-4 Nov) into your PDA or on your calendar so you will not have to miss out because you made another commitment.

Planning for the event is well underway and you will have **fun**. Friday events will make you smile and laugh and Saturday might even feel like a "Back To School" celebration when we hold the USPS University Open House. Plus Bob Sweet, Assistant National Educational Officer, author, and navigator, will be our National Rep so we will get the very latest educational thinking and activity from the highest level.

Forms and schedule updates are on the D/5 webpage www.uspsd5.org. Come hear the ocean roar from the veranda of the Princess Royale Hotel.

**HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING IN
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THE FUN AND EDUCATION**

Rockville 23-May-07 Fire Fighting and Flare Training
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(301) 977-2334

Rockville 26-May-07 Memorial Day Raftup, Mill Creek, Patuxant
Lt Brian Reed reedbr@erols.com
(301) 977-2334

NorthEast River 2-Jun-07 Safe Boating Expo- SassafraHarbor Marina
P/C June Cooper
wilmcoop@comcast.net (302) 456-3445

Patapsco 24-Jun-07 Nav Contest & Rendezvous, Bodkins Yacht Club
Cdr Guy Thompson
gbthompson@verizon.net (301) 498-6653

District 5 13-Jul-07 Commander's Cruise-Southbound
johncwilmont@msn.com (757) 465-1531

District 5 13-Jul-07 Commander's Cruise - Northbound
tsjosh@cox.net (757) 465-1531

District 5 20-Jul-07 Summer Council & Rendezvous
stiehl@mchsi.com
(410) 641-6535

Patapsco 28-Jul-07 Nav Contest & Rendezvous, Pasadena Yacht
Yard - Cdr Guy Thompson
gbthompson@verizon.net (301) 498-6653

District 4 4-Aug-07 Atlantic City Rendezvous (D/4 Meets D/5)
D/F/Lt Harry Wagner
hgwpdd97@hotmail.com (732) 255-3573

Trenton Falls 11-Aug-07 Raft Up at Silver Bay, NJ
D/Lt Joe Zindulis jzindulis@optonline.net
(609) 586-3968

Patapsco 18-Aug-07 Predicted Log & Crab Feast, Pasadena Yacht
Yard - Cdr Guy Thompson
gbthompson@verizon.net (301) 498-6653

Delhigh 1-Sep-07 Labor Day Raftup Fairlee Creek, Chesapeake
D/Lt Rich Norris rcna@erols.com
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Delhigh 17-Nov-07 Land Navigation Contest (Road Rally)
Cdr Michael Lebeduik tja.ml3@verizon.net
(610) 691-3348

Trenton Falls 2-Dec-07 Holiday Event Peddler's Village,
Lahaska, PA - D/Lt Peggy Kane
pjkquilts@comcast.net (215) 369-9860

National Safe Boating Week

I hope your squadron participated in the National Safe Boating Week in May. That was the time to coordinate your safe boating promotional efforts and provide boaters with the latest safety tools and information. Did you do that? If not, we recommend that all squadrons plan these types of safety events throughout the rest of the year. Every squadron Safety Officer is encouraged to submit a safety report to the appropriate district representative no later than 1 August 2007. This allows us to collect the information and submit the safety form to National by October.

On a safety note: have you purchased a VHF radio equipped with a DSC button? This would be a button marked "Distress". If so, you need to register for a MMSI (Maritime Mobile Service Identity) number. You can obtain this number through the BoatUS or West Marine websites free of charge. This number is assigned to your vessel, which allows you to program it into your DSC-equipped marine radio. The US Coast Guard stated that only 20% of the DSC marine radios have been programmed. Don't leave your dock without programming your radio!

Here are the District 5 safety representatives:

Pennsylvania and New Jersey squadrons:

D/Lt Edward (Chuck) Pellegrini, AP
chuck.pellegrini@comcast.net or (610) 247-1992

Maryland and Delaware squadrons:

D/Lt James Gorman, AP
jagng4@aol.com or (240) 308-0389

Virginia squadrons:

D/Lt Dwain Rodman, AP
rodman5@cox.net or (757) 810-7862

~D/Lt Dwain Rodman, AP
D/5 Safety Chairman



A Bright and Fuzzy Spot at the Eastern Sports and Outdoor Show

Combine - under one 28-acre roof - the contents of both the Cabella's and Bass Pro catalogs. Mix in the aromas of various animals. Throw in thousands of vendors selling everything from deer jerky to zebra hides to full safaris (120 vendors from South Africa alone) in an event where fly casting and owl hooting contests were featured. Add a virtual 3D archery range where you could slay everything from a pheasant to a grizzly bear using digital arrows. Drape it all in enough camouflage and blaze orange fabric to conceal or clothe the entire population of Pennsylvania, and you have the Eastern Sports and Outdoor Show. Amid the cacophony of colors, odors and noise was a fuzzy golden Sea Eagle with a big beak



and a helium accent. Riding his P W C, SeaVester shone like an amber beacon against the mossy oak backdrop of the show - to the delight of everyone who visited him.

I'm sure it seemed odd at first to show-goers who passed aisles of stuffed creatures of every description from all continents to discover one the taxidermist missed. An alien! But his gentle manner and elevated voice soon convinced passers- by that he was no threat, and really just a kid at heart who was concerned about their safety. Skillfully manipulated from not so far away and masked by nothing more than a microphone, his operators used SeaVester to entice people into conversations about safe boating. The kids were delighted with him.

Some of the younger ones would stare slack-jawed, while other less timid ones petted him - only to discover to their amusement that he was quite ticklish. However, most would gleefully converse with him as if they were speaking to a playground buddy with whom they had just shared a ride on the teeter-totter. "Hi, what's your name?" Sea Vester would inquire of his new playmate. Then other high pitched questions would follow. "I'm SeaVester and I'm two fingers old." "How many fingers are you?"

"Do you have a boat?" Nods were sometimes the only responses from the children, but those really shy ones would have their answers provided by hovering siblings or parents.

"Do you wear a life jacket when you're on your boat?" "Does your daddy?" His questions would continue. At his side dotting attendants would remind SeaVester to mind his manners and ensure the children's meek voices were heard by his distant operators.



While their children were engaged, parents could try on the latest PFD designs displayed in and around our new District 5 Boating Safety Display Trailer. It was a big hit with them. They were intrigued by the variety of designs available and glad to have the opportunity to discuss the pros and cons of each one with someone knowledgeable and who was not intent on selling them. They could also explore the interior of the trailer to discover a display of various boating safety equipment and inquire about our boating courses. As the families departed the parents were handed pamphlets on boating safety and a card with a link to SeaVester's web site. The kids would receive an activities book about boating safety and a sticker to entertain them on the ride back home.

As a result of their volunteer efforts, our boating safety message got out in a venue where boating safety may have been otherwise overlooked, and SeaVester got invited back for next year.

~Ray Reuter, AP



Trailer Training at Fall Conference

There will be a training session at the Fall Conference for members of District 5 whose squadrons plan to schedule SeaVester and/or the educational/events trailer. The setup and use of these public relations/marketing assets is not complicated. However, couple an investment approaching \$20,000 (before the generous labor contributed by the Richmond Sail and Power Squadron), with the fact that there will be multiple users, and you have an absolute requirement that each user follow a set procedure.

The training for the trailer will center around reading and understanding the first draft Standard Operating Procedure for the unit. This will include the equipment in the trailer, where and how to properly store the equipment, the makeup of the trailer, and some general ideas on setting up the displays.

There will be another instruction session on the setup and operation of SeaVester.

In order to ensure the continued availability of the trailer and SeaVester(s) in good working order, members demonstrating understanding of the procedures will receive priority over non-trained members in reserving either one. Squadrons without trained users may still request use of equipment, but use will be approved based upon the availability of trained members to assist and a consideration for the cost of providing the service. Here is your opportunity to have several squadron members trained so that your squadron will have priority in reserving either for use in your area.

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2007 Mac Events Philadelphia Boat Show

Delaware River Power Squadron was the lead squadron coordinating efforts by five Northern Delaware Valley squadrons at the 2007 Mac Events Philadelphia Boat Show. Held at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in central Philadelphia, the show featured a wide array of power boats, accessories, fishing tackle, and other water activity displays.


A new display for the squadron booth at such shows was purchased jointly by the Delaware River, Kingsway, Main Line, Pennsway, and Trenton Falls squadrons. Members of Main Line and Pennsway Power Squadrons joined those of Delaware River in distributing hundreds of squadron boating class schedules and USPS brochures.



Featured at the show was SeaVester, shown in the accompanying photo with, left to right, Delaware River SEO Lt/C Alexander M. Reilley, AP, P/C Carole A. Reilley, AP, Rhoda Shralow, and Cdr M. Melvin Shralow, P. SeaVester was a big hit with the attendees, both children and adults alike, many of whom stopped to have their picture taken with him.

The booth at the show was generously contributed by the event's sponsor, Mac Events Boat Shows.

~D/Lt Mel Shralow, P




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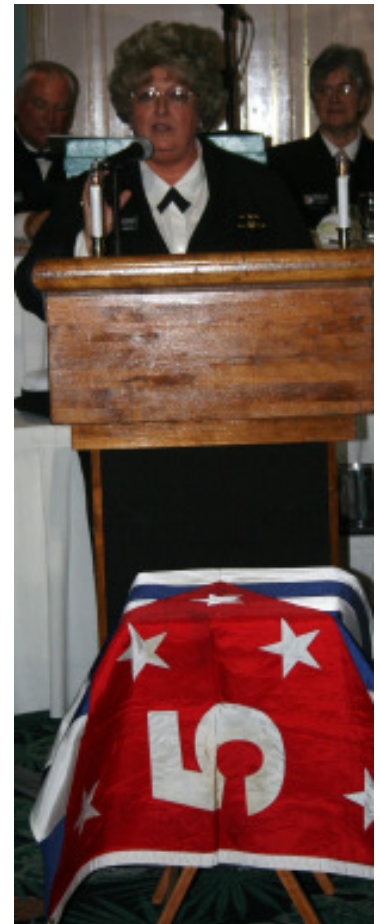


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Spring Conference and Change-of-Watch - April 2007



Newly sworn-in D/C Arlene M. Anderson, AP, addresses the Change-of-Watch dinner.



Cdr George Painter, P, of Mainline accepts the Hospitality Award (and some ribbing) from P/C Dave Teets, AP, and Cdr Gerry Cooper, AP, of Richmond.



P/D/C Kathryn J. Simkins, AP, mourns the death of Frog.



Stf/C Louis M. Reitz, AP, (Ocean City) accepts his Life Membership certificate.



V/C Creighton Maynard, SN, and the crew of the Black Pearl.



D/Lt Micky McNelis, AP, presents awards for outstanding photographs in the squadron newsletters.



D/Lt Dwain Rodman, AP (Virginia Beach) accepts the W. Norman Franck, Jr., SN, award for Lifesaving from P/D/C Drex Bradshaw, AP.



The out-going and in-coming Commanders share a minute before the Change-of-Watch.

D/5 SAIL REGATTA
5 - 7 OCTOBER, 2007 - Cambridge Yacht Club, Choptank River
Hosted by Cambridge Sail and Power Squadron

Name: _____ Squadron: _____

Address: _____

Phone and/or e-mail: _____

	Number		Total
Saturday evening picnic	_____	\$18.00	_____
Sunday evening Awards Banquet			
Adults	_____	\$28.00	_____
Children 10 and under	_____	\$18.00	_____
Entree choice: Chicken _____ Seafood _____ London Broil _____			
Regatta entrance fee		\$20.00	_____
Dockage per day	_____ feet @ \$1.50/foot _____ x # days _____ = total		_____
Electric:	_____ 30A@ \$7.50 _____ 50A@\$10		_____
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If you are planning to compete in the race, please furnish all of the following information:

Skipper's name: _____ Yacht name: _____

Sail number: _____ PHRF rating, if known: _____ Squadron: _____

Boat make, model, size and color: _____

Class, circle one: Spinnaker Non-spinnaker

I agree to abide by the regulations and sailing instructions governing this event. I agree that it is solely my responsibility to decide whether to start or to continue to race. I voluntarily assume the risk of participation in this event and release the United States Power Squadrons, District 5, Cambridge Sail and Power Squadron and those conducting this event from all liability for any injury or damage that may occur.

Signature of Owner/Skipper _____ Date _____

Make your reservations early - Deadline for reservations is 29 September 2007
No refunds after 29 September 2007

Send your completed registration form and check made payable to D/5 Sail Regatta to:

P/C Robert Hammerton, AP
 9 Shawnee Road
 Cambridge, MD 21613
 For additional information call (410) 228-7682 or bobhamm@verizon.net



D/5 Sail Regatta Weekend

Hotels available nearby:

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Route 50 to Maryland Avenue in Cambridge. Continue on Maryland Ave. over the drawbridge and bear right to Gay St., signal. Proceed to the next signal - High Street and turn right. Follow Historic High St. to the end and turn left onto Water St. Follow Water St. to Yacht Club Road, turn right and you are there.

Schedule

Friday, 6 October

Early bird arrivals Friday afternoon dinner on your own

Saturday, 7 October

1200-1600 Check in Cambridge Yacht Club
1700 Picnic Cambridge Yacht Club

Sunday, 8 October

0800 Continental breakfast - Gazebo
0830 Skippers meeting
1000 First signal for race
1700 Cash bar
1830 Awards dinner - Cambridge Yacht Club

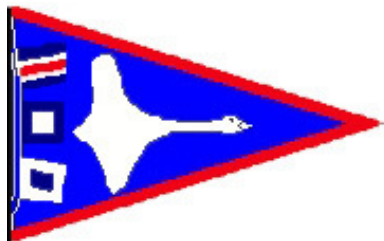
Monday, 9 October

All scheduled activities - Cambridge Yacht Club

A visit to the Richardson Maritime Museum will be arranged as well as a tour of Historic High Street. The Raingutter Regatta will be available for entertainment.

The deadline for registration is 29 September 2007.

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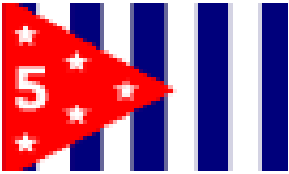
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Marriott Downtown, Norfolk, Virginia

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