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## D/5 2008 Sail Regatta and Fall Festival

Our Sail Regatta and Fall Festival will be held Columbus Day weekend 10-13 October at Haven Harbour Marina in Rock Hall, Maryland. Activities are planned for all members - sailors, power and trailer boaters, as well as highway mariner RV'ers. Those who wish to come by car may stay at many local bed and breakfast inns and motels in Rock Hall and nearby Chestertown. A limited number of RV's may stay in the marina; contact D/Lt Gary Kirts for the specifics. A very good state ramp is available for trailer boats in Rock Hall Harbour. Good anchorages in Swan Creek can make the event more cost attractive. So come in any manner, on any days, to enjoy the many fun and educational activities planned for this four-day fall weekend. The highlight of the weekend will be the annual Sail Regatta and awards banquet on Sunday. See pages 4-5 for information and registration form.

## D/5 Fall Conference

Bring your Bridge, your instructors, your whole squadron, and your entry for the Teaching Aids Competition to the D/5 Fall Conference and Feather Your Nest with Education from Thursday, 6 November to Sunday, 9 November, at the Holiday Inn Solomons. Come take advantage of this education-packed weekend.

There are a number of new programs that will be offered this year. They include the Boat Operator Certification (BOC) Certifier Seminar. Completion of BOC certifies members at various levels of recreational boating proficiency. This session will train a member of your squadron who has been nominated by your SEO to be a Squadron Certifier for BOC. ED Boat Operator Certification – An overview of the new program. Playful Adult Learning Activity (PALA) Overview and Program Enlistment – Presented by Jim Spaulding. Are your seminars dull and dreary – stop by the PALA workshop and gain fresh ideas to spice up your classes. Get tips on how to keep your students engaged.

P/C/C/ Ernie Marshburn will be here as the Chief Commander's Representative and will bring us the latest on USPS University. The Auxiliary Committee will have a crafts workshop.

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The first voyage of the *Pride of District 5* was a success. The cruise was filled with memorable sights and events... watching Capt. P/D/C Warren Stevens bring the *Real Escape* into Fairlee Creek with just a foot or two clearance, on only one engine, was a sight to behold. The raft-up ranged from 6 to 10 boats arranged stern to stern forming the patio of fun. The stop-over at Pleasure Cove in Bodkins Creek was equally challenging, but the *Real Escape* made it in and nestled next to the marina owner's 84-foot yellow and red "go fast" boat for a photo shoot. We had 15 boats at anchor when the little chopper came over and hovered taking pictures for publicity of the marina. Tony Carguno had a huge USPS banner laying across the top of his flying bridge – a good chance for our name to be promoted.



The run into the Baltimore Harbor was great !! The dynamic trio of Tony, Russ and Bob who organized the cruise lined up calm seas and beautiful skies. Meeting as pre-arranged just off Fort McHenry National Shrine and Historical Place, fifteen boats lined up to follow *One Moor Time* into the marina. It was an impressive sight as the boats moved in full squadron regalia.

The Friday evening Mardi Gras seemed to never end – and the weather was true to the theme... hot, humid, and fun. I was quick to remind all that there was no snow to contend with. The event of a lifetime was Saturday morning for the flag raising at Fort McHenry. We shared the fort that morning with some non-members who were in attendance, and who were gracious in accepting our service. Many of us held the flag as it was unfolded - an event to be remembered for years to come. I do not have words to thank the Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron, Commander Tracey Stuenes, and her team for a job well done. Thanks, too, to those skippers and members who went the extra mile in these current times of high cost for making the Summer Council and Rendezvous a success.

No commander's report is complete without another call to continue your efforts at recruiting and retention. This is a never-ending goal for us all. To add an additional approach to your individual efforts, we are planning to hold a "Public Relations Expo" at our Fall Conference at Solomons in November. We will invite all squadrons to bring their publications, gimmicks, or whatever tools they think are effective in advertising and raising interest in their squadrons. These will be on display for all to see – any squadron that likes what is presented will be directed by a small placard to the person at the conference who can provide information on how to reproduce that tool for their own use.

Thanks all those commanders and members who have been gracious hosts to Gail and me as we travel the district. As I tell everyone, meeting with you is the best part of this job. I am looking forward to the remaining months. I am here, with your Bridge, to assist in any way. Proud to be District 5.

~D/C J. Brian Becker, AP



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# Results from the Summer Navigation Contest

## Individual Awards

1. Lady J – Potomac River (0:05 Late)  
Captain John Wilmot  
Navigator Joan Wilmot  
Observer Read Van Zile
2. Kokomo – Delhigh – Novice (0:21 Late)  
Captain Bob Hannabery  
Navigator Bob Hannabery  
Observer Ann Baily
3. Roman V – Dundalk (1:01 Late)  
Captain Stuart Newborn  
Navigator Joanne Day  
Observer Con McGinley

Twelve boats entered the Summer Navigation Contest from six squadrons, including three novice boats, two of which finished in the top five. Individual times ranged from five seconds late to seven minutes 28 seconds late. Thanks to the team for the contest: Herb Rambow, Rich Norris, Art Worns, Pat Worns, Jan Rambow, Connie Beltz and Josh Reichard.

## Commander's Trophy

- 1<sup>st</sup> Delhigh (3:05)  
Kokomo, Angel Anne III
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dundalk (3:24)  
After Hours II, Battlewagon, and Rat Ark
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dundalk (4:24)  
Consiglia, Roman V, and Jenny Lynn II



Rat Ark crew

## Sourpuss

Dundalk Sail and Power

## Dupont Trophy

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Individual  
Lady J – Potomac River  
Captain – John Wilmot  
Navigator – Joan Wilmot  
Observer – Read Van Zile

## The squadron with the most boats running.

Dundalk with six boats

## The WJZ Trophy

Potomac River

## The CBYCA Trophy

Roman V – Dundalk



D/C Brian Becker presents the DuPont Trophy to John Wilmot

## Schedule of Activities

### Friday, 10 October 2008

- 1300 on - Arrivals
- 1400-1600 Registration – Haven Harbour Reception Center
- 1500 Ice down weekend coolers with your beverage donations
- 1630-1730 Cocktail Get-Together – BYOB Reception Center- Lower Level
- 1730 Dinner Activities – Reception Center for cookout on marina grills or carpool to local restaurants

### Saturday, 11 October 2008

- 0700-1200 Fishing Derby- Red Dock (Four Boats)
- 1200-1400 Registration- Reception Center
- 1400 - Sunday 1800 – Poker Hunt
- 1400 -1600 Lawn Games-Picnic Gazebos
- 1700 -1730 Captains Meeting Sail Regatta – Reception Center Lower Level
- 1730 -1800 Cocktail Get-Together – BYOB or Cash Bar Reception Center
- 1800 -2000 Catered Buffet Dinner- Reception Center- Upper Level

### Sunday, 12 October 2008

- 0800-0930 Fish Fry & Pitch-in Breakfast – Reception Center Lower Level
- 0900-0930 Captains Meeting for Late Comers
- 1000-1400 Sail Regatta Race
- 1430-1600 Second Round Lawn Games- Picnic Gazebo
- 1800-2100 Dinner Banquet-Pruitt's Swan Point Inn
- 2100-2200 Awards Presentations Weekend Activities

### Monday, 13 October 2008

- 0830-1000 Pitch-in Breakfast- Reception Center Lower Level
- 1100 Depart for Home

## Sail Regatta and Fall Festival

On Friday we will gather for the first social get-to-know-you party at the Reception Center. Bring YOBB and hors d'oeuvres to share. Coolers will be iced to provide cold drinks for your beverage donations. Dinner will be on your own. Grills are available to cookout in the picnic area. Those who wish to go to dinner may assemble and carpool to many good local restaurants.

Early Saturday morning is the fishing derby. Our fish expert D/1<sup>st</sup>/Lt Bernie Karpers and friends will have boats available to go fishing in the Rock Hall vicinity. If fish are out there Bernie will catch 'em; otherwise you will drink a lot of beer. Saturday also brings the start of a two-day Poker Hunt on land in the Rock Hall community. Use the Green Trolley, or whatever means you can find, to follow the clues and collect your winning poker hands while seeing the interesting attractions around the town. D/Lt Rich Norris will play the poker hands Sunday night at the banquet, so you have two days to complete the adventure. Saturday afternoon will also be day one of "Lawn Games in the Gazebo" area. D/Lt Ginny Brown and friends will have challenges ready for all willing to participate, including croquet, shuffleboard, horseshoes, and bocci ball. Captains will meet late Saturday afternoon for instructions for the sailboat races on Sunday. Anyone wishing to ride a sailboat during the race will be welcome and added to the crews.

Saturday night enjoy our second cocktail get-together and talk about the day's fun. Enjoy beverages from our iced coolers, BYOB or purchase at the cash bar from Paradise Bar and Grill. A hearty buffet prepared by Pruitt's Swan Point Inn will provide dinner on the upper deck of the reception center.

Sunday morning arise to a "pitch-in" breakfast and Fish Fry....maybe. A coffee and juice bar will be provided and a last minute captains meeting will be held, as post time for the sailboat race nears. D/Lt Stu Myers and friends have prepared this year's race and will captain the committee boat to the start line. The 2008 Sail Regatta begins at 1000. After the race ends, day two of the lawn games will commence and champions will be determined.

Come Sunday night for the big finale, which will be held as a sit-down dinner at Pruitt's Swan Point Inn - a quarter mile walk from the marina. You will have reserved your dinner, but there will also be a sumptuous variety of hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar during our third cocktail get-together at the restaurant. This will be a great evening filled with good times, good food and great awards for racing and lawn games. The Poker Hand winner will be determined Monday morning at a second Pitch-in Breakfast with coffee and juice bar. Everyone will be tired and ready to depart for home.

So make your plans to join in the fun for the Sail Regatta and first annual Fall Festival at Rock Hall. This weekend will be long remembered.....Don't miss it this year!

Make your own reservation with the Marina (410) 778-6697 or (800) 506-6697



HAVEN HARBOUR MARINA – ROCK HALL, MD

Registration Form – District 5 Sail Regatta and Fall Festival  
10 - 13 October 2008

Co-Hosts: Delhigh and Susquehannock Power Squadrons  
Welcome Power & Sail, Trailer Boats and RV's

MEMBER: Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS: Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 SQUADRON: \_\_\_\_\_ Pos. \_\_\_\_\_  
 CONTACT: E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 BOAT INFO: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_ Beam \_\_\_\_\_  
 RV INFO : Length \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/other attendees:  
 Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Will contribute case of beer, soda, water, or wine to Ice Chest Yes \_\_\_\_\_ (circle one)

Catered Swan Point Inn Dinner Buffet - Saturday # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$19 = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Children (6-12) # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5 = \_\_\_\_\_

Pruitt's Swan Point Inn Banquet Dinner- Sunday  
 Steak and Crab Cake # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$32 = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chicken Marsala # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$32 = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fried Shrimp # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$32 = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chicken Chesapeake # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$32 = \_\_\_\_\_

(Children's Menu Available @ Dinner)  
 Fishing Derby - Four Hours (Bait, Beer, and Soda) # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5 = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Registration Fee # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5 = \_\_\_\_\_

(Per Adult, includes Coffee Bar, Poker, Games, Awards)

TOTALS \_\_\_\_\_

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 Moonlight Bay (410) 639-2660

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All reservations must be guaranteed by 6 October 2008

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**DIRECTIONS:** From Washington Capital Beltway take Exit 11A, Route 4 to Solomons. Left at Solomons Landing and immediate right onto Service Road, left onto Holiday Drive. From Richmond take US 301 N across Governor Nice Memorial Bridge to right on Route 234, Right onto Route 5 through Leonardtown to left on Route 4 across Governor Thomas Johnson Bridge. Take first right off bridge; left onto Service Road, make right on Holiday Drive.

**Uniform of the Day**

Friday - USPS/Squadron shirts.  
 Saturday – Team casual.  
 Banquet – Uniform A with bowtie.  
 Sunday Conference – Blue blazer.

**D/5 Fall Conference 2008 Agenda**

**Thursday, 6 November**

1500-1800 Early Registration  
 1500-1800 Ship's Store Open  
 1500-1800 Raffle Ticket Sales  
 1500-1800 Information

**Friday, 7 November**

0800-1700 Registration Open  
 0800-1700 Ship's Store Open  
 0800-1700 Raffle Ticket Sales  
 0800-1700 Information  
 0800-1200 Validate DB2000  
 0800-1130 DB2000-Opening and Using the Tools  
 0800-0945 Digital Charting and Navigation  
 0800-0900 Boat Shows  
 0800-1145 Boat Operator Certification (BOC) Certifier Seminar (NEW)  
 0800-1100 Seavester Training  
 0900-1200 DB2000 MM Training CDRs & EXECs  
 0930-1130 Playful Adult Learning Activity (PALA) Overview and Program Enlistment Tips (NEW)  
 0945-1045 Safety  
 1000-1115 Vessel Safety Check  
 1000-1100 Admin Roundtable  
 1000-1700 Squadron PR & Marketing EXPO  
 1200-1330 Lunch on your own  
 1300-1400 Co-op Charting  
 1330-1430 Treasurers  
 1330-1515 Boating Course Reporting & Excel Training  
 1330-1430 VHF-DSC Hands-on  
 1330-1545 Instr. Recertification  
 1330-1500 Cdr/Exec/Admin/AAO Joint Session  
 1430-1530 Community Affairs  
 1430-1530 Boat Operator Cert.  
 1500-1600 First Timers  
 1530-1730 Leadership Developmt.  
 1645-1745 Jewish Service  
 1700-1900 Dinner on your own  
 1930-2200 D/5 Mix and Mingle – Games Galore

**Saturday, 8 November**

0800-1600 Squadron PR and Marketing Expo  
 0800-0830 Fall Council Convenes  
 0800-1300 Registration Open  
 0800-1600 Ship's Store Open  
 0800-1700 Raffle Ticket Sales  
 0800-1500 Teaching Aids Display  
 0845-0945 USPS University - ALL HANDS – P/C/C Marshburn  
 0830-0915 Historians  
 0915-1015 SEOs & ASEOs  
 0945-1145 Navigation Contest  
 0945-1045 PR & Marketing  
 1000-1130 Squadron Auxilliary Secretaries  
 1015-1115 Membership Programs  
 1045-1145 Tips on bulk mailing  
 1115-1200 Cash Bar - Cove Point Luncheon  
 1130-1200 Genl Educ Meeting  
 1200-1300 USPS UNIVERSITY  
 1300-1400 Weather  
 1400-1615 Engine Maintenance  
 1400-1500 Instructor Developmt  
 1400-1615 Seamanship  
 1400-1500 Advanced Pilot  
 1430-1530 Navigation  
 1430-1530 Junior Navigation  
 1500-1600 Cruise Planning  
 1500-1600 Sail  
 1500-1600 Marine Electronics  
 1530-1630 Piloting  
 1530-1630 Boating  
 1600-1700 Catholic Services  
 1700-1800 Protestant Services  
 1700-1800 District Commander's Reception for all  
 1730-1830 Cash Bar  
 1900-2200 Banquet & Awards  
 1930-2200

**Sunday, 9 November**

0730-0845 Breakfast  
 0900-1100 Conf. Reconvenes  
 1100 - ??? Have a Safe trip to Home Ports!



**USPS D/5 FALL CONFERENCE RESERVATION FORM  
6-9 November 2008 - Solomons, Maryland**

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

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

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

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

**SPOUSE/OTHER ATTENDEES:**

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

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

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

**ACTIVITIES SELECTIONS**

FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL - 1930 - 2130 # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**SATURDAY LUNCHEON**

Turkey Wrap with potato salad and cole slaw # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$18.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetable Wrap with potato salad and cole slaw # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$18.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**SATURDAY BANQUET ENTREE CHOICES:**

USDA Choice Prime Rib of Beef # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$35.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Grouper Au Poivre Grilled to perfection # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$35.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**OPTIONAL**

**Room raffle TWO FREE NIGHTS**

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

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

Make Checks Payable to: 2008 D/5 Fall Conference

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# Raising Old Glory at Ft. McHenry



The Honor Guard enters Ft. McHenry



Squadron members helped unfold the storm flag



Protecting Baltimore's inner harbor



Bus loads from the marina to Ft. McHenry for the flag raising



Cdr and Gail Becker arrive with grandson Cameron

"in triumph shall wave..."





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## *Cruisin' With Education*

During our recent summer cruise, I had the chance to talk to one who was unfamiliar with our boating terms and operational modes. As all of us helped her become more comfortable with our “on-the-water” plans, it became clear (again) that as we learn more about the “why?” and “how?”, the more we are able to have real fun! In each of our courses, classes and seminars we must make the extra effort to instill that the prospect of having fun is what it is all about – more than just dry information. We must make knowledge exciting and anticipation of the next step; make students eager to come back and to participate. Many of our members think they have taken all of the educational courses that they need, but the world keeps advancing and technology is helping us to be able to do more - even later in life. Bite-sized single-topic specific seminars offer a way to stay caught up. There are now 11 available and more on the way. Refocused and updated course materials are also being constantly published. Taking one is a good way to update your knowledge and skills, and to help a less experienced member learn for the first time. For those who would worry, the course sticker you earned originally cannot be cancelled or revoked when you take the course over again! Grab your SEO and let ‘em know what you’d like to take!!!

During the early summer every SEO was provided 100 copies of the new D/5 educational promotion brochure. This new trifold will help communicate across the boating community that we have a lot to offer, no matter what kind of boating you want to do. The theme is “Education, Safety and Fun”. Every member knows of at least one person who needs to hear that message – so get a copy and hand it to them, bring them to a class or meeting and show them how to have fun with us.

### **Get your MMSI Here!**

As part of an expanded safety role, the United States Power Squadrons is authorized by the Federal Communications Commission and the US Coast Guard to issue MMSIs to US-flagged vessels not subject to Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) Convention requirements. This includes almost all recreational boats with new DSC-capable VHF radios.

The USPS MMSI web site ([www.usps.org/php/mmsi/home.php](http://www.usps.org/php/mmsi/home.php)) will be your portal to obtaining an MMSI for your vessel at no charge. The issued MMSI will be unique to your boat and must be programmed into all equipment capable of

transmitting and receiving digital signals.

Vessels required to have FCC ship station licenses, including US flagged pleasure craft making international voyages, must obtain their MMSIs directly from the Federal Communications Commission.

### **Fall Conference**

The Fall Conference has been moved to 6-9 Nov to avoid conflicts with Halloween and to secure the best hotel arrangements. It is being held in Solomon’s Holiday Inn Select – nearer the center of the district making travel more convenient for many. This is the place to showcase your favorite teaching aid, share successes and challenges with others and learn more about what is coming soon in education. We will present all the educational awards earned over the past year. You’ll want to be part of the fun for Friday night and share the recognitions on Saturday and Sunday. You will notice that the schedule has been staggered and moved around to allow squadrons with fewer participants to attend more of the key sessions, and several new items are included to meet targeted audience needs.

P/C/C Ernie Marshburn will kick off the event with an “All Hands” town meeting session on the vision and value of the USPS University concept in supporting our growth opportunities.

One special session is included as a result of comments from the Regional Workshops. We will have a “hands-on” computer session to extend the work begun in the workshops. Another special session will be the training seminar for those who desire to be qualified/nominated for the position of Squadron Certifier in the Boat Operator Certification program. Those who are nominated by the Squadron SEO are invited to participate and help get this new program underway.

You will want to be part of this Best Ever Educational Conference (BEEK). Registration and schedule information are found on pages 6 and 7 See you in Solomons!!

Still Cruisin’ with Education,  
D/Lt/C Robert Palmer, SN  
District Educational Officer

## Summer Council and Rendezvous



D/5 boats follow One Moor Time into Baltimore Harbor



## Cruising to Summer Council



They came from the south...



and they came from the north.



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## 2008 Co-Op Charting Workshop

The first weekend in May 2008 squadron members from three districts on the East Coast gathered in Norfolk, Virginia, to participate in the Cooperative Charting initiative between The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the United States Power Squadrons. The workshop taught squadron members the correct ways to submit chart corrections, facility reports and coast pilot corrections.

This year we had a great cadre of instructors, behind the scenes workers, and a good turnout that made the weekend a success. The attendees were broken up into groups and had specialized instructors teach them the ins and outs of gathering and submitting information to the folks at NOAA. Classroom sessions included route planning, taking soundings, downloading the information, Coast Pilot and a demonstration by NOAA on one of their launches. This was a fun weekend with just a little work to get away in the early spring and see some new places and meet some new faces.

Thanks to Steve Leishman, Norma Parrish, Ken Perigo, Bob and Connie Beltz, Dan Patke, Howard Manley, Ralph and Nance Bernard, Tony Carugno, Ashle and Britne Bernard and Nancy Bernard for all the work they did to make the everything run like clockwork. The folks from NOAA also did more than their part to make the weekend a success.

Start planning now for next year. Contact next year's chairman Steve Leishman, or Norma Parrish. Mark your calendars for the first weekend in May 2009 and join the fun.

~Cdr. David R. Bernard AP  
Absecon Island



**D/C Brian Becker addresses the Co-op Charting workshop in Norfolk**



**Relaxing at the end of the day**



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# Kids' Korner .....

## Artists All

The District portion of the 2008 Youth Poster Contest has come to an end; the winners have been selected and their posters will be sent on to Detroit for the National contest. Although everyone couldn't win, all the posters were excellent and a lot of work was evident in their preparation. There were 24 entries this year - very good participation. The 6-8 age group was won by Lane Sweaney, sponsored by Virginia Beach Sail and Power Squadron; 9-11 was won by Matthew Walker, sponsored by Northern Neck; the 12-14 group was won by Kathleen Murray, sponsored by Patapsco River. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all who entered.



Lane Sweaney 6 - 8



Kathleen Murray 12 - 14



Matthew Walker 9 - 11

## 2008 Clean Boating Act - No New Permit Required for Boats

In a remarkable display of bipartisan support for recreational boating, both the House and Senate passed S. 2766, "The Clean Boating Act of 2008" on 22 July 2008, which will permanently restore a long-standing exemption for recreational boats from permitting requirements under the Clean Water Act. The legislation has now been signed by the President.

Congressional action was spawned by a U.S. District Court decision in September 2006 under which an estimated 17 million recreational boats would have fallen under Clean Water Act permit requirements effective September 30, 2008. The permit would have dictated maintenance and operation procedures and potentially subjected boaters to citizen lawsuits as well as a penalty system designed for industrial polluters.

Squadron Safety Reports were due in on 1 August 2008. If you have not sent your squadron's report in, please send it immediately.

~D/Lt Dwain Rodman, AP  
District Squadron Officer



### *Are you Safe & Secure Enough?*

The Chesapeake Bay is a very busy and important maritime body with many critical infrastructures along its shorelines. Most traffic involves legitimate boaters and commercial operators. But all too often it also involves those engaged in illegal activities such as drug and migrant smuggling, thefts, and potential acts of terrorism. Because there are so many boaters using our waters, it is extremely difficult to precisely identify and distinguish legitimate users from those intent on doing harm.

Several years ago the USCG announced a new communication system to replace the traditional Search and Rescue (SAR) capability. The new RESCUE 21 system has become fully operational in both Hampton Roads Sector and Baltimore Sector. This new VHF-based system eliminates the "holes" that plagued existing systems and provides greatly improved coverage to 20 nautical miles off our coast. While it will operate with all current VHF radios and support traditional uses of Channel 16 for Hailing and Distress Calling, the capabilities of the new Digital Selective Calling (DSC) feature on the newer VHF's will help provide reliable automatic connections over Channel 70.

The RESCUE 21 system and implementation of the America's Waterway Watch provide each of us with the tools to help law enforcement perform the task of making our waters safe and secure. What are you willing to do to let them know what is going on and where they need to respond?

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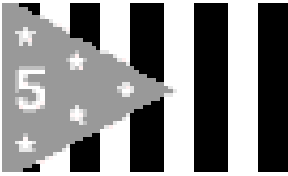
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Solomons, Maryland

12 - 22 February 2009  
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Anaheim, California

25 - 29 March 2009  
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Ocean City, Maryland

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