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A Night of Awards at Fall Conference

Rockville Sail and Power Squadron took home the coveted Prince Henry Award for squadron achievement in celestial navigation (Junior Navigation and Navigation), while Virginia Beach Sail and Power Squadron took home the Caravelle Award for squadron achievement in Seamanship, Piloting and Advanced Piloting at the Fall Conference. Both awards were presented by P/C/C Ernie Marshburn, SN, and Capt Carlos Nelson Lopes da Costa, the Portugese Attache. Cambridge Sail & Power Squadron won the Commander's Trophy for Advanced Grades and Northern Virginia Power Squadron won the Commander's Trophy for Elective Courses. Delsea Sail and Power Squadron won the Excellence in Boating Education Award from the National Boating Federation for public boating education.

Rockville and Northern Neck Sail and Power Squadrons then "duked it out" for the rest of the awards with Rockville winning the Kenneth Smith Lighthouse Trophy for achievement in Seamanship, second place in the Caravelle competition, third place in the squadron Henry Sweet competition, and five educational proficiency awards. Northern Neck took home second place in the Prince Henry competition, the Henry Sweet Award for squadrons, two individual Henry Sweet awards, and one educational proficiency award. Robert Stammerjohn from Patuxent River Sail and Power Squadron is the District nominee for the national Henry Sweet Award for excellence in teaching, and Jim Spaulding won Best in Show for teaching aids.

A full list of winners of educational awards is on page four.



P/C/C Ernie Marshburn, SN with Cdr Joseph A. McKinney, JN, Capt Costa, Lt Alan Karpas, AP and D/C J. Brian Becker, AP



P/C/C Marshburn, Capt Costa and D/C Becker present the Caravelle Award to Cdr Emmitt E. Hampton, AP

Commander's Message

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The summer is just about over. The *Pride* has been busy. The Sail Regatta and Fall Festival weekend was fantastic. Kudos to the planners at Hampton Roads and Delhigh squadrons. The weather person did exceptionally well with great weather except for the morning of the sail regatta. The large USPS flag flying at the entrance to Haven Harbour Marina was at full extension just about all day Friday and Saturday. Then Sunday morning - the challenge event for the 5 boats entered - all the flags were drooping. Winds came in time to run a complete race. Between the games, the poker run, the fishing tournament, and the Kirts' RV - it was a busy, fun-filled kickoff to this expanded event.



I had the honor and pleasure of attending the Charter meeting of the Colonial (Provisional) Sail & Power Squadron just prior to the Sail Regatta. After some refreshments and an excellent buffet meal, incoming Cdr Kenneth Lavoie completed the list of tasks to be accomplished in good order. The sole remaining detail has been completed, and we are anticipating the Charter will be issued at Anaheim. Thanks to the hard work by many folks in getting the Squadron up and running.

Getting all of our "gear" into the Fall Governing Board meeting was a challenge. Several items had to be repacked and take ingenious routes to provide for the well-known *D/5 Meet & Greet* activities, but they were successful thanks to the diligence and ingenuity of the Aides Team. The two remarkable happenings were 1) the Governing Board was completed by noon! A first in my years attending the national events; and 2) District 5 won all three categories in the Kids Poster Contest!! I am told this is a first in USPS history. Bravo Zulu to our Chair, D/Lt Guy Thompson, AP. We received several awards that were presented at our Fall Conference and are reported in this issue. Congratulations to Northern Neck Sail & Power for the winning of the Carl C. Mahnken Commanders Cup for the 1st Place National Public Relations Award, produced by D/Lt Ray Reuter, AP.

D/5 had another first when we took part in the *Trawlerfest* at Solomons in late September. The capabilities of the Events trailer and Seavester were expanded when the show management assigned a booth space on the pier in order for us to have a presence during the ever constant rain. Members from several squadrons responded to the call and spent hours talking and tying knots. While the weather was poor, our results were not. Three couples - from Vermont, New Hampshire, and Missouri - all asked for application forms and left with the names of the squadron commander in their area. At least four other couples will be joining D/5 Squadrons. We were invited back next year - be sure to sign on. Our events have been FUN. Attendance was good overall, but there is always room for more.

As one squadron commander put it recently in his squadron newsletter, "OUR squadron is only as good—as "U" make it. Answer the nominating committee's call and show you are willing to share your talent and your time. If you won't, why should anyone?"

My job is to remain "up beat" and positive, and you can see that other commanders in the District have the same mission. I am convinced the answer to member growth IS member retention. I am convinced that IF YOU—"U" - sign on to share some task with fellow members, you will enjoy it, improve your squadron,



Commander's Message (cont.)

stay with your squadron, and invite –ASK – others to join in also. FUN. EDUCATION. CAMARADERIE. Probably worn out words but endearing to those who share our events.

We miss you. But, be careful. Once you join in, you will join in because there are many great experiences of which to be a part.

Tell me what you would like to do for your squadron or our District. Or, tell me why you do not volunteer. Both are important. I was going to say we will change what we can, but that probably is not the proper comment in these times. We will act on your positive and negative comments. My email is a simple one. jbbecker@comcast.net. (You will do better with that than the phone numbers, as many will tell you.)

This is your District, made up in part by your squadron and you. Where we go from here begins with each of you individually. I hope to see as many as can join us when the *Pride* cruises to Anaheim. It should be a different experience way out there on the fault.... But certainly, I look forward to welcoming you aboard as the *Pride* returns to home port in Ocean City; a sad day for the current crew when the Gold crew comes aboard.

~ D/C J. Brian Becker, AP



Colonial Squadron Installs First Bridge

Members of the Colonial Provisional Sail and Power Squadron held their Charter Meeting and first election of officers on 9 October 2008. This monumental evening in Williamsburg, Virginia, was the next step toward gaining their Charter as a Squadron of the United States Power Squadrons. In attendance were D/C J. Brian Becker, AP, and D/5 Educational Officer D/Lt/C Robert R. Palmer, SN.

Elected as acting officers of the new Squadron were Acting Cdr Kenneth Lavoie, Acting Lt/C Dal Bailey, Executive Officer, Acting Lt/C Jean Lockett, Administrative Officer, Acting Lt/C Winnie Bragg, AP, Educational Officer, Acting 1st/Lt Doug Mistler, Asst Educational Officer, Acting Lt/C Linda Jennings, Secretary, and Acting Lt/C Cathy Hudson, Treasurer.



Acting Cdr Kenneth Lavoie swears in new members at Charter Meeting of Colonial Provisional Sail and Power Squadron

P/D/C W. Norman Franck, Jr. SN Lifesaving Award

Rebecca S. Colaw, Lori A. Holm, Lisa A. Cumming, and Jean V. Gunwald of the Hampton Roads Sail and Power Squadron were jointly awarded the P/D/C W. Norman Franck, Jr., SN, Lifesaving Award for saving the lives of a fisherman and his young son. The four were cruising near the Bay Bridge Tunnel around sunset when they came upon an unoccupied fishing boat running in circles. A closer look revealed two people in the water. The crew pulled both people from the water and stayed on location until the Coast Guard arrived, stopped the circling boat, and took over the rescue. Their quick thinking and skills saved the lives of two people.



Lisa Cumming and Jean Gunwald accept the Lifesaving Award from P/C Marshburn and P/D/C Franck

2008 Awards for Educational Achievement

Prince Henry Award

- 1st Rockville
- 2nd Northern Neck
- 3rd Cambridge

Caravelle Award

- 1st Virginia Beach
- 2nd Rockville
- 3rd Delaware River

Seamanship - Kenneth Smith Lighthouse Trophy

- 1st Rockville

Henry Sweet Individual Awards

- | | |
|---------------|---------------------------|
| Cambridge | George L. Seifert, Jr. SN |
| Northern Neck | David B. Cook, SN |
| | William T. Williams, SN |
| Susquehannock | Kathleen C. Mebus, SN |

Educational Proficiency Awards

- | | |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Absecon Island | Roberta L. Dougherty, AP |
| Dundalk | William P. Carter, III, AP |
| | Harry M. Robinson, III, AP |
| | Frank A. Tedeschi, AP |
| Hampton Roads | Robert A. Beltz, JN |
| Kent Narrows | James M. Wimsatt, Jr., AP |
| | John H. Yeigh, AP |
| Mid-Potomac | Robert H. Sims, AP |
| Northern Neck | Nancy P. Williams, AP |
| Northern Virginia | Paul Andrew Baartz, JN |
| | John J. Fitzgerald, JN |
| | J. Shawn Gregor, JN |
| | Andrew Scheuermann, AP |
| | Peter W. Soballe, AP |
| | Martin J. Suydam, AP |
| | John C. VonSenden, AP |
| Patuxent River | Wes Gleason, AP |
| | Diare V. Huges, AP |
| | Wayne M. Rogers, JN |
| Potomac River | James A. Gorman, Jr., AP |
| Rockville | Denise Allen, JN |
| | James A. Brown, JN |
| | Larry Ray Hixson, AP |
| | Paul D. Mermelstein, AP |
| | Charles F. Yost, AP |
| Susquehannock | Robert F. Hall, AP |
| | Hal G. McClure, N |
| | Ted Tayler, AP |
| Wilmington | Harry Sutton Anderson, II, JN |
| | Jay Greene, AP |
| | Charles R. Stadler, AP |

Charles F. Chapman Award for Excellence in Teaching

- | | |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Absecon Island | S. Ronald Kline, SN |
| Annapolis | William J. Klepczynsk, P |
| Cambridge | George L. Seifert, Jr., SN |
| Delhigh | Robert T. Hannabery, AP |
| Delsea | Charles D. Henderson, P |
| Dundalk | Raymond M. Schiff, P |
| Hampton Roads | W. Gaylord Lockett, AP |
| Kent Narrows | Edward H. Reiss, Jr., AP |
| Kingsway | Pennington J. Hess, AP |
| Main Line | William R. Jones, AP |
| Mid-Potomac | Rick Marinelli, AP |
| Nansemond River | Fletcher Beadles, AP |
| Northeast River | Robert L. Turner, SN |
| Northern Neck | John D. Mill, N |
| Northern Virginia | Robert E. Cox Jr., JN |
| Ocean City | James E. Bergold, AP |
| Patapsco River | Thomas C. Schatz, P |
| Patuxent River | Robert G. Stammerjohn, SN |
| Richmond | Dallas W. Wampler, SN |
| Rockville | Joseph P. Gibson, AP |
| Smith Mtn Lake | Peter C. Lewis |
| Sue Island | Joseph A. Revak, SN |
| Susquehannock | Debbie L. Weaver, SN and |
| | Ken M Weaver, SN |
| Virginia Beach | William J. Schwieder, III, AP |
| York | Milton J. Menchey, JN |

District Winner of Chapman Plaque

- Robert G. Stammerjohn, SN - Patuxent River

Henry Sweet Squadron Award

- 1st Northern Neck
- 2nd Cambridge
- 3rd Rockville

D/5 Commander's Trophy for Advanced Grades

- 1st Cambridge
- 2nd Northern Virginia
- 3rd Northern Neck

D/5 Commander's Trophy for Elective Courses

- 1st Northern Virginia
- 2nd Patuxent River
- 3rd Pennsway

Teaching Aids - Computer Assisted Instruction

- Jim Spaulding - PALA Rules of the Road - Main Line

Teaching Aids - Traditional

- Hal Willard - 7 Knots - Patuxent River

Best in Show

- Jim Spaulding - PALA Rules of the Road - Main Line



Membership Awards

Ten Squadrons were recognized for achieving real growth from May 2007 to May 2008, and are listed with their percent of growth below:

Kent Narrows	37.1%
Smith Mountain Lake	14.3%
Patuxent River	9.2%
Cambridge	6.3%
Mid-Potomac	5.8%
Sue Island	3.8%
Susquehannock	3.7%
Dundalk	3.0%
Kingsway	2.3%
Northeast River	1.1%

Hampton Roads, Main Line, and Northern Neck received Honorable Mention for retaining their membership numbers at the previous year's level.

Membership Involvement Retention Awards (MIRA)

Absecon Island
Delhigh
Hampton Roads
Kent Narrows
Northern Virginia
Patapsco River
Rockville

Power of One Awards

Absecon Island	David R. Bernard Thomas Dougherty (2)
Annapolis	Lyle J. Millan
Dundalk	Richard D. Bussey (2)
Hampton Roads	Norma J Parrish
Mid-Potomac	John Malatak
Nansemond River	Drex Bradshaw (2)
Northern Virginia	Richard J. Baker
Patuxent River	Kay Simkins
Richmond	Irene Chamberlin Christopher D. Tulip



Robert Stammerjohn, SN, is the D/5 nominee for the national Henry Sweet Award in teaching. He is flanked by P/C/C Marshburn and D/C Becker



P/C John H. Yeigh, P, and Cdr Arthur J. Worns, P accept the membership growth award from P/C/C Marshburn and D/C Becker.



P/C Frank Leone, AP, accepts the National Boating Federation for Delsea



Hal Willard created the best traditional teaching aid

2008 D/5 Sail Regatta and Fall Festival

This year we tried something different and combined the Sail Regatta with a Fall Festival to encourage more of our members to participate by land or by sea. Members attended in sail boats, power boats, cars, and motor homes.

The Sail Regatta, chaired by D/Lt F. Stewart Myers, Jr., AP, was traditional in nature. Although wind conditions were not great, five sailboats participated in a race around a prepared course. Results were:

- 1st Scandia - Rolf Stuenes
- 2nd Whisper - Terry Slattery
- 3rd Moonshadow - Paul Geppert
- 4th Tuesday's Child - Jim Semmler
- Ret Ruggala - Lou Kates

Our new Fishing Tournament, chaired by D/1st/Lt Bernard Karpers, JN, drew four skippers and twelve competitors. The fish caught were cleaned, filleted, fried and served at breakfast and lunch. It was a real treat for everyone in attendance.

And, we had a Poker Run set up by D/Lt Richard C. Norris, JN. Thirty-two members participated, with D/Lt Sharen Reichard, P, taking first place, F/Lt Josh Reichard won second place, and D/Lt Barbara J. Walter, AP, won third place.

D/Lt Virginia H. Brown, P, organized yard games for the weekend. Members had fun playing shuffleboard and croquet. I understand rematches are in the works, as D/Lt/C Ralph Bernard, P, and D/Lt Kathleen Karpers defeated D/Lt Nance J. Bernard and D/Lt Gary K. Kirts, AP, in shuffleboard. Gary placed first in croquet.

The fifty-plus people who attended had a great time. If you missed it, you missed a great time!. Plan to be with us in 2009.

~D/Lt Gary K Kirts, AP
Chairman



Catch of the day!

Pitch-in breakfast - includes fish.



Flyin' 'em up!



You catch 'em - you clean 'em





Rockhall welcomes District 5



A little something to do on land



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Lots of good food

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Cruisin' With Education

“Excited” is the best word to describe my feelings hearing the messages from the Educational Department at the recent Governing Board meetings. We had seen the beginnings of the USPS University program during the past year with a few short, single-topic seminars and revised courses. Now the Educational Department is shifting gears to increase the momentum. Much of this information was shared during the Best Ever Educational Conference, but I want to share that excitement with everyone here.

America’s Boating Course 3d Edition (ABC3):

This single manual for both the Basic Safety and Seamanship (8hr) and the Introduction to Navigation (12hr) course versions will also be used for the Internet course. The student gets a CD with animation and narration plus a MapTech charting software CD. This package will get the full extent of our offering into the hands of a student and potential member. This top notch manual has a professional layout and new graphics in high quality color printing, with a membership application in the back.



Seminars:

New USPS Seminars continue to be produced and available for members and the public. There are currently eleven, but six or more will be added by year’s end, and about six more are slated for early next year. Home study, boat shows, yacht clubs, member meetings and National Safe Boating Week events are all excellent forums to learn or refresh your knowledge. Your SEO has all the details and can assist in getting them for you. Three seminars were presented during the recent TrawlerFest at Solomons and received wonderful comments – so we know we are on target – and some of our Squadrons will get new members from it.

Tradeshow Display Unit:

We have another exciting new PR and marketing tool that will make D/5 more visible and connect better with the boating community – both members and the public. D/5’s own new 10-ft long tradeshow display unit was shown at Fall Conference. It



can be easily set up and customized for your event with display material attached using Velcro dots and strips. It was purchased with funds from the Golden Rule Fund and is available for squadron use by scheduling with the DEO.

Boat Operator Certification:

R/C Jack Fletcher, the program chair, conducted the first three-hour Boat Operator Certification seminar, so a number of D/5 squadron members are ready to support those entering the program at the Inland Navigator level. An “IN Starter Kit” is available through the SEO’s and guides the member in documenting progress on an individual Passport. Once completed, individual certificates and wallet cards will be issued by National. With these two now in place, this program is really going to move forward.

Thanks to all our instructors!

Recognizing those who teach us is vital to the success of our educational endeavors, so I hope you will frequently find a way of showing your gratitude and saying “Thank You!” When we think about all the new materials – courses and seminars – we know that even more of our qualified members will need to teach. This winter would be an excellent time to take the Instructor Development course. D/5 Chair, Arlene Karpas, is ready to use all the modern materials and tools available, so when you study, prepare and instruct, the students **learn**. It would be great if all our instructors were listed as “Certified Instructors” whether they teach America’s Boating Course 3d Ed. or any seminar or member course.

By the time you read this, you may be starting to plan for the cruising you want to do next season. But first, take a few minutes to decide how you can communicate all the exciting things that our USPS Educational Program has to offer. Join with friends or members who have been out of school for a while and form a group to take advantage of the seminars or knowledge refreshing courses early in the spring. There is something exciting about getting this accomplished – rekindle interest in boating knowledge and fire up the brain cells again.

Just cruise on in to the dock with your friendly SEO and ask to make it happen for **you!**

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

Co-Operative Charting Awards - 2008

Banquet at Fall Conference

Honor Roll/Squadrons

Roll	2008 Rank	Years on Honor
Miles River	7	21
Richmond	11	32
Cambridge	46	10
Kent Narrows	401	14

Honor Roll/Members

Elvin E. Cordle (Richmond)	6	13
Gail O'Donnell (Miles River)	10	3
Tom O'Donnell (Miles River)	11	3
James Shelton (Richmond)	28	4
Daniel A. Patke (Patuxent River)	38	9
Robert W. Costner (Richmond)	43	10
Arthur J. Worms (Kent Narrows)	78	1
Larry Lindsley (Miles River)	84	1
Lois Lindsley (Miles River)	85	1
Alan D. Holmes (Miles River)	96	3
Kenneth Perigo (Patuxent River)	98	1
George A. Bruner, Jr. (Richmond)	102	1
William C. Poole (Richmond)	103	1
Donald Urie (Miles River)	107	2
Kathryn Urie (Miles River)	108	2
Thomas P. Farrar (Patuxent River)	124	9
Kevin M. Digan (Miles River)	140	2
Carmen Perry (Miles River)	209	1
Lawrence G. Davies (Cambridge)	234	2
Robert Hammerton (Cambridge)	235	3
Harley S. Hammond (Richmond)	293	13
Andrew Barr (Patuxent River)	306	1
James M. Wimsatt (Kent Narrows)	307	10
Karen L. Wimsatt (Kent Narrows)	308	10

CC Holmes Award

Gail O'Donnell (Miles River)



A happy raffle winner!



Capt Carlos Nelson Lopes da Costa, Defence, Military, Naval and Air Attache from the Embassy of Portugal talks about Portugal's history of navigation.



D/Lt Tracey Steunes, P, and D/Lt Howard F. Manley, AP



Gail and D/C Brian Becker enjoy the cocktail party

Coming Attractions - Spring 2009

Spring Conference 2009 and Incoming Bridge Officer Training

Ahh, spring, that magical time of year when all boaters' fancies turn to ... Spring Conference! 27 - 29 March 2009 at the Princess Royale Hotel in Ocean City, Maryland.

The conference will be full of training for the new squadron bridge officers coming aboard. All new officers need to take advantage of this important source of information. Anyone who has aspirations of joining their squadron's bridge should attend one or more of those sessions.

Friday is Squadron Hospitality Suite night, a premier event which is always a boatload of fun. If your squadron can't support a hospitality suite on its

New Cooperative Charting Program for 2009 NOAA-USPS D/5 Workshop



The 2009 workshop at the Atlantic Marine Center, Norfolk, VA, on 1-2 May will feature a dual track training approach wherein one track will emphasize the non-technical cooperative charting activities and the second track will emphasize depth surveys. Both tracks will cover planning, data gathering requirements, data collection, and submission of a report using CCWeb (Cooperative Charting Website).

When asked about the value of USPS cooperative charting efforts, Douglas Harpine, Senior Cartographer, Nautical Chart Branch, NOAA, said that, "If USPS didn't do the work, the work would not get done." Cooperative Charting is an area where USPS can make a difference for the safety of all recreational boaters.

Cooperative Charting is fun! It is a squadron activity you can do immediately after becoming a USPS member. Hope to see you 1-2 May 2009 at the NOAA - USPS D/5 workshop.

~P/R/C Stephen Leishman, SN
D/5 Co-op Charting Chairman

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Kids' Korner

Clean Sweep for D/5 Artists!

Remember the posters shown in the September *Kids' Korner*? They were all well done and they showed a lot of hard work. They were the District's first place winners in the 2008 Youth Poster Contest.

Surprise, surprise ... they are also the national first place winners of the 2008 Youth Poster Contest! Yes, District 5 took first place in all three age categories at the National judging in Detroit. There were a lot of posters entered and all of them looked good, but District 5 prevailed.

Congratulations to our three heroes: Lane Sweaney in the 6-8 year-old age group, sponsored by Virginia Beach Sail and Power Squadron; Matthew Walker in the 9-11 year-old age group, sponsored by Northern Neck; and Kathleen Murray in the 12-14 year-old group, sponsored by Patapsco River. All three attended Fall Conference to receive their blue ribbons, plaques and checks as winners.

The bar has been set really, really high for 2009, but we obviously have the talent. Next year's contest promises to be quite a competition.



P/C/C Ernie Marshburn, with Lane Sweaney, Matthew Walker, and Kathleen Murray as D/C Brian Becker presents committee chairman D/Lt Guy Thompson with a broom honoring D/5's "clean sweep" in the poster contest.

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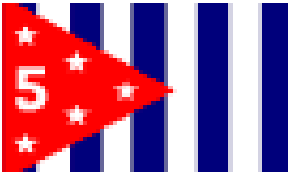
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25 - 29 March 2009
Spring Conference and Officer Training
Ocean City, Maryland

1 - 2 May 2009
NOAA - USPS D/5 Workshop
Norfolk, Virginia

