



# ON THE HORIZON

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**WE WILL NOT BE HOLDING A GENERAL MEETING IN JULY.  
ALSO NO EXECUTIVE MEETING IN AUGUST.**

**COMMANDER**

*David Blades, N*



I recently heard a quote, attributed to an Admiral from World War II named Ernest King, stating that “the mark of a great ship handler is never getting in a situation that requires great ship handling skills”. This gave me pause to think about our own experiences on the water and the relatively few times we have had to get ourselves out of a jam. Certainly part of this is due to good fortune. I do believe, however, that to a much larger degree it is attributable to the classes and training that we have received through the Power Squadrons, other avenues and also just by associating and hanging out with other boaters and learning through their experiences.

I often become engaged in conversation with others in the various boating communities to which we belong. When talking with people, some USPS members and some not, if the topic comes to training I cannot recall anyone who has taken a class with one of the various Squadrons having a negative opinion of their experience. It seems universally accepted that our training is second to none. I am amazed at the quality of not only the course material, but also of the instructors. In obtaining the grade of Navigator I have taken most of my classes with our own Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron but also a couple through another local Squadron. They have all been very good experiences.

Our SEO, P/C John Hall, has begun instituting the practice of including on-the-water training with some of the classes we teach, the first being the recent Piloting class, and from all reports the experience was invaluable to those attending. It is precisely this type of experience that will set us apart from other entities that teach similar content. I will

make sure that when I am talking with other boaters that I mention this on the water aspect of our curriculum. I believe that it will help others to achieve what Admiral King so eloquently stated. Kudos to Past Commander Hall for his vision and organizational skills in bringing this very practical training to our Squadron, to Past Commander Steve Dalgarno for teaching the Piloting Class and to Past Commander Doug Riley for volunteering his wonderful boat Lorenzo on which this training was held.

I would also like to extend an additional “well done” to Executive Officer Lt/C Streett Broadbent and the entire Vessel Examiner Team. Streett has taken on the duties of chair of the Vessel Safety Check Committee and has overseen the recruiting and training of 4 new examiners. The entire team is out there looking to set a new Squadron record. I’m sure that if anyone else would like to join the team, and get a GREAT shirt in the deal, that Streett would very much appreciate the assistance. What a great way to not only contribute to the Squadron, earn hours toward a merit mark and to also promote safe boating.

Remember: Safety First and I hope to see everyone soon either on the water or at our meetings!

Respectfully Submitted

CDR David J. Blades, N

## Our Meeting Place

The Bowman Restaurant on Harford Road. 410-665-8600. Our regular meetings are on the third Wednesday of each month (except July) and start at 7:30 Those of us planning to eat should plan to arrive around 6:15 p.m. and we'll order from the menu. Those not planning on eating may arrive at any time but the meeting will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. The best parking is on the left of the building and then enter through the double doors on the side.



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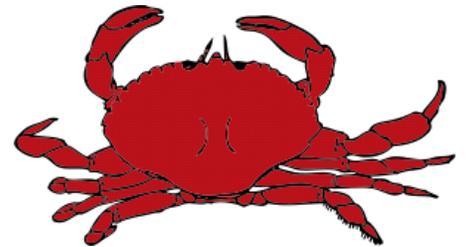
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## EXECUTIVE OFFICER

*J. Streett Broadbent, AP*



### Vessel Safety Checks:

To Date 55 VSC's have been recorded, 41 Decals have been awarded. We are ahead of what we did last year. Let's keep this momentum going! Many of these occurred at the WURST Cookout. Thanks to all of our VE's!!!!!!!!!!!!

**Please consider becoming a VE & proudly wear one of these**



(Add"/Shirts paid for by DSPS) Sign up in the next 48 hours and receive one of these free. Gratis - me.

(Just kidding on the 48 hours.)

Please contact me at: [Streett@EasyStreett.com](mailto:Streett@EasyStreett.com) or by phone 410-598-0833.

### Safety Alert from the US Coast Guard

This Safety Alert reminds all operators of power-driven, sail, and human propelled vessels of the importance of maintaining a sharp look-out while on a shared waterway and recommends that all recreational boaters carry a DSC-VHF marine radio in order to communicate with other vessels.

Recently a catamaran type passenger ferry collided with a group of kayakers on a busy metropolitan waterway. The incident occurred during late afternoon while the sun was low on the horizon with an angle of about 15 degrees and the ferry was heading westerly into the sun's glare. The ferry had just begun its voyage and was operating at about 20 knots across the waterway while a group of kayakers was ahead of the ferry and heading south. The low angle of the sun created significant glare on the water, obstructing the ferry operator's view of the kayakers who were within the reflected light. The kayakers did not have a DSC-VHF marine radio with them and they were unable to hail the ferry. The ferry subsequently collided with multiple kayaks resulting in two serious injuries.

Respectfully submitted,

P/LT/C J. Streett Broadbent, AP

# **EDUCATIONAL OFFICER**

*John L. Hall, AP*



One of the three main tenants of the United States Power Squadrons is education. Through education we learn safety and with education and safety we can have fun on the water. The squadron education courses help prepare you for everything from planning cruises to weather forecasting to lifeboat navigation. We offer skipper saver courses in case the primary boat operator is incapacitated. Perhaps you even practice man overboard maneuvers.

But how prepared are you for the completely unexpected? The other night I enlisted P/C Doug Riley to help me take my boat over to Bear Creek for a new coat of bottom paint. Doug brought a longtime friend of his along for the ride. Just a picnic run over. No big deal. The plan was to meet my son Eric for dinner at the Hard Yacht Café. We had a nice ride over and all was going well as we approached the Peninsula Expressway Bridge. We hailed the bridge operator, exchanged pleasantries and requested an opening. All was going well with a normal opening. One long blast from the bridge. The gates go down. The spans start opening. We're moving towards the bridge so we'll be able to pass under as soon as it is fully open.

WHAM, BANG, BANG, BANG!!! What was that? Did you just see what I think I saw - a couple of hub caps and a rear bumper hit the water? WOW! A car had run the gates and jumped the bridge opening of about 5 feet. We backed off and collected our thoughts. Several people ran to the railing on the launch side, panicked as they thought the car went into the water. It made the jump and the occupants were shaken but not seriously hurt.

A second or two later and that car would have ended up in the water. What would we have done? Did our power squadron training prepare us for a water extraction from a submerged car? There were no other boats on the water and no way down from the bridge. If that car went in and they didn't get out either we would have to save them or no-one would. I will usually give a safety brief about the boat to new passengers. Flares, lifejackets, docking procedures, etc. I can honestly say I never told anybody where they might find a seatbelt cutter or glass break tool.

Thankfully the worst that happened was we had to wait an hour and a half for them to clear the wrecked car from the bridge. But what would we have done? Do we approach and attempt rescue or stand off? Who would run the boat in close quarters to the bridge and people in the water? Does anybody go in the water? Attempt to launch the dinghy or Kayak?

The first assessment would be what could we do with the crew on board? It is important that we do not create additional victims to be rescued. The first responsibility of the captain is to the passengers and vessel. Rendering assistance would be secondary. With the potential loss of life for action or in-action any decision would have serious consequences.

What could be done differently? I was prepared. My vessel was prepared. My crew was prepared. However we were not prepared to use all our knowledge and equipment at the same time. Next time out consider the skills of your crew and how you would use them in an emergency. Even the completely unexpected. Let's talk about it at our next get together.

Respectfully submitted, Lt/C John L. Hall, AP - SEO

## **CALENDAR OF PENDING COURSES**

<b>Course</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Member/non-member</b>
Piloting	Essex	in progress	8 weeks	\$65/\$113
Cruise Planning	BYC	9/23/17 12:00 pm		
Basic Boating (DNR)	West Marine	6/6/17 6:00 pm	4 weeks	\$45
Seamanship	Essex	9/21/17 7:00 pm	7 weeks	\$52/\$100
Piloting	Essex	2/1/18 7:00 pm	8 weeks	\$65/\$113
Advanced Piloting	TBD	Fall 2017		\$70/\$115

## **ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

**Glenn Haldeman, AP**



### Boating Activities

**“Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.”**

**- Mark Twain**

From Operations Training: The Admin Officer is responsible for “internal affairs”. This includes Membership, Membership Involvement, Boating Activities, Meetings & Programs, Entertainment, Operations Training and Leadership Training. Our squadron is blessed with a group of boaters that step up and perform the myriad of tasks needed to run our group. On my own, I'd find my position overwhelming. The CORE according to me, Boating Activities, Programs and Entertainment, is the most fun. To address my AO job, it is a relief to conclude that all of my past articles were on point and relevant. At least I hope they had some entertainment value.

There are lots of boating activities. Actually getting out on the water, Squadron courses, reading magazines, talking with other boaters, working on the boat (I'm not sure cleaning is that much fun), planning the next project, walking into the West Marine, browsing the ads and lusting after that next boat. These all enhance my hobby. The proportion of total boating time that each activity occupies is evolving. I sincerely believe and hope that project time will diminish and morph into on-the-water time.

I recently became a Vessel Safety Examiner which really torques up the list. I help fellow boaters become a bit safer and get aboard all manner of boats. My first was a beautifully restored 1973 53' Hatteras. The owners were very patient as I muddled through the process with 3 Sea Scouts and a VSE supervisor in tow. They passed, were awarded the coveted sticker and still say hi on the docks.

I sometimes take spontaneous, unplanned and impulsive actions based on that next clever idea. I really thought a central vacuum system on my 34 footer would be quite functional with a “cool” factor. After due consideration, the cord on my portable does reach everywhere and a storage area has been saved for another use. Perhaps the purchased system will go on the next boat. Anyone need a central vac?

Our presenter for June will be Sgt. Cameron Brown of the Maryland DNR Boating and Safety Education Unit. The Maryland DNR is one of several organizations you might encounter on the water. Others include local, county and state police and the U.S. Coast Guard.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Haldeman, AP

Administrative Officer



**SECRETARY Lt/C Ned Dexter, S**

G'day', sailors! Lots happening in the dark and glamorous world of minutes-taking! However, I am sworn to secrecy so I can't tell you all of the scintillating tales of splendor and woe that I could relate (hah, we do hear EVERYTHING). However, I am working diligently trying to keep pace with the amount y'all talk. So, in lieu of the mysteries of record-keeping, here are some items from my boating and Homeland Security Committee agenda:

- **DNR has awarded \$10.5 Million for boating-related projects in 18 Counties.** Funded projects include the dredging of local navigation channels, maintaining public boating access facilities, improving parking and upgrading existing infrastructure such as bulkheads, piers and ramps. Funding is also provided to local first responders to enhance water rescue operations. Among the numerous projects are:

<u>County</u>	<u>Project Location</u>	<u>Project Description</u>
Anne Arundel	Broadwater & Carrs Creeks, Deale	Main channel dredging to restore boating access
Anne Arundel	Citywide Annapolis	Public boating facilities improvements
Baltimore	Bird River and Railroad Creek, White Marsh	Main channel dredging to restore boating access in Bird River and Railroad Creek
Baltimore	Dundee Creek Marina, Middle River	Dredge material placement site restoration (can't dredge a channel without some place to put the muck)
Baltimore	Middle River Volunteer Fire Company	Purchase of fire/rescue boat and trailer
Harford	City Yacht Basin, Havre de Grace	Dredging fairways, marina basin and approach channel
Kent	Chestertown Marina	Replace bulkheads and piers at Chestertown Marina
Queen Anne's	Kent Narrows, Grasonville	Maintenance dredge the north side Kent Narrows, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' channel
Statewide	Replace Ice-breaker	Replace M/V Tawes ice-breaking buoy tender

• Also, DNR has a few days set aside for fishing without needing a license. By the time this comes out, two will be past, but there's still one more on July 4. We'll probably be out, I'll have to trail a line! Here's the link: <http://news.maryland.gov/dnr/2017/05/15/maryland-free-fishing-days-set-june-and-july/>.

- So, keep an eye on the weather, and be safe boating!!!

Your humble scribe, Lt/C Ned Dexter, S, Secretary

**TREASURER'**  
**Lt/C Douglas B. Riley, AP**



All deposits are made, all bills are paid, and we are in sound financial shape.

About 30 Squadron members, their friends and family attended the Wurst Cookout Ever at Red Eye Yacht Club on Saturday, June 10, 2017. The weather was perfect, and thanks to the grilling expertise of Commander David Blades and Ryan Dalgarno, everyone enjoyed a delicious selection of Bratwurst, Bregenwurst, and Weisswurst, along with red cabbage, sauerkraut, German potato salad, and German Chocolate cake (baked by our own Joanne Day, SN). Although tickets were modestly priced at \$15.00, the Treasury was enhanced, so I deem the event a success. Many thanks to Past Commander (and SEO) John Lewis Hall, AP for again chairing this event and doing the lion's share of the work!

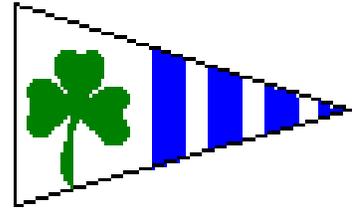
Our next fundraiser will be the Squadron's 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Crab Feast at Baltimore Yacht Club on Saturday, September 23, 2017. After 26 years, we have moved this event from the Eastern Shore to Baltimore Yacht Club in hopes of increasing attendance. Last year, we had about 80 people take part; this year our goal is 120. We need all Squadron members to add the Crab Feast to their calendars, and to invite your family and friends to join us. The Crab Feast is always a great time, but it also ensures the Squadron has the resources needed to fulfill our principal missions of Boater Education and Boating Safety. A flyer with all the details is found in this edition of *On the Horizon*.

By the way, the adjective for a treasurer is "tresorial." This differs from the adjective "treasorial," which pertains to the treasury itself, rather than to the treasurer. Just thought you'd like to know!

Tresorially yours, Lt/C Douglas B. Riley, AP, Treasurer



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July 21-23, 2017 → Rock Hall Crab Dinner Cruise, Sailing Emporium, 21144 Green Lane, Rock Hall, Maryland 21661, 410-778-1342

July 23-28, 2017 → District 5 Southbound Cruise, Rock Hall to Norfolk, Virginia

July 28-30 District 5 Summer Council, Tidewater Yacht Marina and Renaissance Hotel, Norfolk, Virginia

July 30 - August 4, 2017 → Top Gun Cruise, Norfolk to Baltimore via James River, York River, Yorktown, Williamsburg, and Tilghman Island

August 18-20, 2017 → Sassafras River Cruise, Georgetown Yacht Basin, Augustine Herman Highway, Georgetown, Maryland 21930, 410- 648-5112

September 22-24, 2017 → Crab Feast Cruise & Crab Feast, Baltimore Yacht Club, 800 Baltimore Yacht Club Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21221 410-682-2310

September 29-October 1, 2017 → NAV E Celestial Navigation Cruise, North Point Marina, 5639 Walnut Street, Rock Hall, Maryland 21661 410-639-2907

October 20-22, 2017 → Squadron Raft-Out & Frostbite Cruise, Strawberry Point, Frog Mortar Creek, Middle River, Maryland





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